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Gorham Tree Lighting



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Alison Smith and Payson Plummer enjoy the evening.



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Jayne Rowles tells Santa she wants a unicorn and a soccer ball for Christmas.



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USM athletes lead the Christmas caroling.

Armed Robbery at Ossipee Trail Lil Mart

By SHERI FABER
Staff Writer

At about 10:20 p.m. on November 17th, a man entered the Lil Mart on Ossipee Trail and demanded money from the clerk. He was brandishing a handgun and a knife. The clerk refused to open the register and picked up the phone to call police. While the clerk was making the call, the suspect tried to get into the cash register but was not able to do so. The suspect then fled on foot toward Standish. The suspect was described as being 5'4" to 5'6" with a medium build, light brown hair and light green eyes and wearing a gray hooded sweatshirt, a beanie, jeans, white sneakers and a fake beard. Anyone with any information about this crime is asked to contact Det. Maxfield-Fearon at 222-1600.

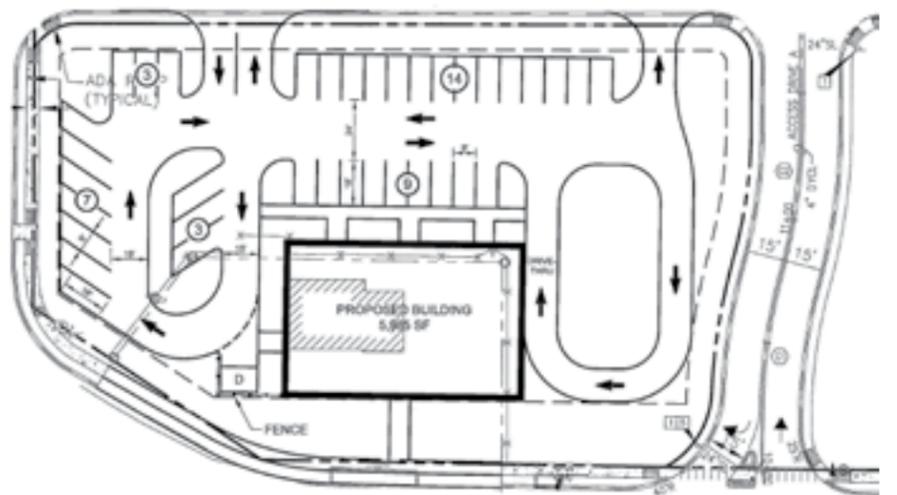
Planned Purchase of Mobil Station a Welcome Present to Town

By SHERI FABER
Staff Writer

Jon Smith of Great Falls Construction has signed a contract to purchase the Main St. property where the derelict gas station is located along with the parcel directly behind the gas station owned by Hannaford.

Announcement of this plan at a Main Street Master Plan meeting was met with cheers and applause as the gas station has long been the subject of complaints about being an eyesore on Main Street especially since so much of the rest of Main Street has been rebuilt and updated.

A previous deal between Hannaford and Loren Goodrich, owner of the local Subway franchise, fell through as they were unable to come to terms with the town over what was permitted at the site. Smith looked at those plans and presented a preliminary plan that appears to meet town codes with some minor adjustments. Access to the site will be from the existing road that comes in from Mechanic and Elm Streets. His current plan addresses the issues the town had requested when working with Hannaford on their previous plans for this site. Hannaford had wanted access from Main Street with the drive-thru parallel to Main Street. Smith's plan is to have the drive through parallel to Main Street but not



Main Street

accessible from Main Street. Zoning Administrator David Galbraith noted the town would want "great landscaping" along Main Street in order to screen the drive through. Smith has two tenants lined up for the project and is looking for a third. He plans a roughly 6,000 sq. ft. building at the site. The building will be in the area where the existing building is but will be appreciably larger. Aroma Joe's, a local coffee chain and future tenant, will use the drive-thru. Subway will relocate from their current location on Main Street to this new building.

Smith hopes to close on the property and to start construction in April.

Great Falls Construction recently completed a project to turn the closed White Rock School into twelve apartments for people 55 and older, which is scheduled to open in January 2015. Great Falls also owns the former School Street Methodist Church, now Spire 29, the former Oddfellows building on School Street, now leased to the Gorham Arts Alliance, as well as a number of other properties in the village. Great Falls also did the reconstruction of Gorham House of Pizza after their fire several years ago.

Bartlett Elected as Democratic Party Chair

By ROGER MARCHAND
Staff Writer

On November 16 Phil Bartlett of Gorham was elected as the Maine Democratic Party Chair. Bartlett is a Gorham native and graduate of Gorham High School. He served as state senator for Gorham from 2004 to 2012 and was the senate majority leader from 2008 to 2010. He was unable to run again for the senate in 2012 due to term limit legislation. In 2012 he was, however, elected to the Democratic National Committee at the Maine Democratic Convention.

According to Bartlett, the Maine Democratic Party Chair's role is to be the public face of the Maine Democratic Party and to lead the effort in electing democratic candidates throughout the

State. He said he had three goals for his new position. (1) To learn the lessons of the past election by talking to voters and analyzing the election results. This would include working with focus groups to do research in order to find answers as to why people voted the way they did. (2) To re-invigorate the grass roots voters in supporting Democratic leaders with a focus on county and local leaders. This would include helping recruit volunteers, especially in off year elections, in order to get the message of the party out to the voters. (3) To expand the party and grow the membership base, as well as being sure that the party is connecting with more voters throughout the State.

Bartlett said his early review of the statewide election results indicated a

good deal of anxiety and fear around the economy, the welfare system, health care, and even Ebola. So the party will need to focus on how their policies can support struggling families in finding ways to improve their economic security. He said "many people feel the decks are stacked against them," and the party needs to help them, "reach economic stability and achieve the American dream."



Photo credit Roger Marchand

**GHS IMPLEMENTS FOUR-YEAR
\$18,000 GRANT**

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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.

A look at the next legislative session

BY REP. ANDREW MCLEAN

With the election now behind us, the work of governing begins in Augusta. Campaigning and policy-making require two very distinct skills and I am excited to begin my work with colleagues on developing policy that helps grow opportunity in Maine.

During my first term in Augusta, I sat on the Transportation Committee where I pulled together a group of colleagues in the House and Senate as well as experts in the transportation field to figure out how to fix our broken transportation system. Over the last several weeks, I have started meeting again with my colleagues in the House and Senate, as well as experts in the transportation field to develop several bipartisan proposals to that would focus state resources on fixing our broken infrastructure after more than a decade of deferred maintenance.

Every year the State of Maine underfunds its transportation infrastructure by \$150 million. We have a lot of

catching up to do to maintain our existing infrastructure, which is necessary to move people safely from place to place and move goods to market. To support economic expansion and jobs creation, we must also modernize our funding formula by creating more equity and sustainability, which will allow us to begin meeting the needs of a 21st century economy.

The proposals that we are working on address both years of deferred maintenance and the need to modernize our transportation infrastructure to support economic development and job creation.

Beyond transportation, Maine faces significant challenges. Our tax system needs real reform, many Maine families are without access to a family doctor, energy costs continue to rise and there aren't enough opportunities for Maine people. We're not going to solve all of our problems tomorrow, this year or over the next four years, but we can begin to develop policy solutions that will get us on the right path.

Over the coming months, many different proposals will surface that touch on these and other important issues. We must work towards bipartisan solutions to these complex challenges. Our challenges won't be solved by raising or cutting taxes. Solutions are much more complex. Neither partisanship nor ideology will aid us in reaching our goals. It is—and has always been—my focus to bring people together, find solutions and make progress on important issues.

On December 3, Maine's 127th Legislature will be sworn in and the work will begin anew. I look forward to the work ahead, and I hope you will keep in touch with me as this next Legislature begins its work.



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Letters to the Editor

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Dear *Gorham Times* Editor:

Most parents teach their children to be kind. School systems have programs to educate our children that being mean, pushing others around is wrong. When election time of the year comes around, our children see adults do not practice what they preach. When politics gear up to elect our leaders, governors, representatives and even our school board members, all bets are off.

When I saw the campaign signs in Gorham telling me I shouldn't vote for a person because of a past offense, I was ticked off. I have lived in Gorham for 66 years and I have never seen anything as mean as the signs directed at one of the school board candidates. I thought we were above that kind of politics in my home town. Who would be so mean spirited as to make those signs and actually put them up? You can

bet they put them up during security of night.

Do these signs fit the category of moral turpitude? It seems the Gorham Town Council spent a lot of time discussing it. Remember the definition: moral turpitude is a legal concept in America that refers to "conduct that is considered contrary to community standards of good morals."

The concept of "moral turpitude" might escape precise definition, but it has been described as an "act of mean spiritedness, vileness, or depravity in the private and social duties which a person owes to their neighbors, or to society in general, contrary to the accepted and customary rule of right and duty between people." It seems to me the person who put these signs up has broken the very concept our councilors have been elected to uphold.

Dennis Morton, Gorham

around town

Helical Solutions, currently located at 29 Sanford Drive in the Industrial Park, is moving to Grondin's Industrial Park off Mosher Road, near the Shaw Brothers Construction property. Helical Solutions manufactures precision cutting tools.

USM plans to renovate the science wing on the first floor of Bailey Hall. They will convert three labs into two labs and a storage area. The work will cost approximately \$900,000 and will be done in the spring.

Town Manager David Cole presented a 10-year service pin to Officer Ted Hatch and a 10-year service pin to Town Planner Tom Poirier.

The three vacant stores on the first floor of the Masonic building on the corner of State and School Streets have been rented to a couple who plan to open a restaurant specializing in Mediterranean/new American food. They hope to open by April 1.

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Sedenka First in Series to Speak to GHS Students About Career Choices

By CHRIS CRAWFORD
Staff Writer

Chris Sedenka, a 1999 GHS graduate, will be the first speaker in a new Career Speaker Series for GHS students. The series, part of a four year, \$18,000 MELMAC "Connect Your Aspirations to a Plan" grant, focuses on helping high school students explore their post secondary options and make plans for their futures. (See related article on page 9) Sedenka will be at Gorham High School to meet with juniors and seniors who will be able to ask him questions about his experiences at GHS and about his career path choices. The public is invited to attend on December 10 from 10 to 11 a.m. All visitors must check in at the office.

Sedenka is known to many as the voice of the Maine Red Claws Play-by-Play and his WJAB sports radio talk show. After eight years with the station, he recently resigned from WJAB and has accepted a position as the Special Events Coordinator for the Alzheimer's Association, Maine chapter. He will continue his work with the Maine Red Claws for which he has called games since their inaugural season in 2009.

Sedenka attended West Virginia University, earning a Bachelor of Science in Broadcast News, minoring in English. Sedenka's decision to enter the field of sportscasting was shaped by his love of sports. He said, "I was always a listener of sports radio growing up." Originally an English major in college, he took Journalism 101 as an elective. "Someone from the college radio station came in to talk about the opportunities, including sports, and I jumped right on board and switched my major to journalism," he said. He worked at the college radio station where he was the host of an hour-long talk show and he also called baseball and women's basketball games.

After graduation, Sedenka returned to Maine and began looking for entry-level radio jobs. When asked about his decision to return to Maine, he candidly replied, "I was essentially broke after college, so the easiest thing to do was live at home, while looking for work." He continued, "I had grandiose ideas of living in a big city at first. I wouldn't trade Portland for anything now."

Sedenka interviewed for radio positions, and was picked up by Atlantic



Photo courtesy of the Alzheimer's Association

Coast Radio. "I started with morning news reports and found that going to work at 2:30 a.m. was brutal," he said. He eventually built an afternoon sports show on WJAB, sports radio. He has done freelance television for WPXT, and was also hired by the Maine Red Claws to be the voice of their Play-By-Play.

When asked about his new career direction, Sedenka felt he had come to a point where he had gone as far as he could go in the field, here in Maine. "I never had any interest in moving to a larger market, so it was a good time to start looking at new opportunities and new challenges," he said. His work with Maine Alzheimer's Association will also allow him to continue his radio work with the Maine Red Claws, something he still loves very much.

As the Special Event Coordinator for the Maine Alzheimer's Association, his primary focus is to coordinate two major fundraising events. "I will be working to

develop new relationships with companies to help with giving, volunteer recruitment and overall awareness," he said.

Sedenka loves the overall mission of his new job. "Working for an association that is trying to save millions of lives is very heavy, but very rewarding," he said. He also enjoys his highly motivated co-workers who he describes as an amazing group of individuals. Sedenka feels his social skills will transfer well to the new job. "I absolutely love the interaction that the job brings. I will also do some media projects for the association, which will make me feel very comfortable," he said.

When asked about a particular teacher from Gorham who inspired him and helped shape his path, Sedenka said, "I had many great teachers at GHS. John Drisko and Mike Carter are certainly two that stand out. Both had a teaching style that I related very well to. John Caterina taught me a lot about character and teamwork on the volleyball court. Dave Farrington taught me quite a bit about outstanding music. And of course Ray Mathieu, Chris Peterson and DJ Morrow were all tremendous to deal with in the music department."

While at GHS, Sedenka was involved in student council, jazz band, chamber singers, and numerous sports. He also was a member of Shufflin' Tremble, a local rock band. These days he loves cooking and baking and also enjoys golf, bowling and sailing.

Chris is the son of Susan and Don Sedenka. He can be reached at csedenka@alz.org.

GHS Graduate Guess Who?

1) This GHS 2002 graduate is an orthodontist in Brunswick, Maine with degrees from Springfield University, Tufts School of Dentistry and Harvard University and also teaches at the University of New England School of Dentistry.

2) This GHS 1991 graduate is the assistant athletic trainer for the Cleveland Indians, and is a graduate of Plymouth State College.

3) This GHS 2001 graduate lives and works in Gorham and is developer and owner of Finn & Co., which specializes in natural, luxurious candles, fragrance oils and lotions. The products of the three-year-old company are sold in 100 stores nationwide and online. After attending Manhattanville College, this graduate also became a licensed pilates and gyrotonics instructor.

4) After graduating from Denison University, this GHS 1991 graduate was the events coordinator for The Timberland Co. in San Francisco, then returned to Maine to work in advertising for WCSH TV and now owns B Merry Events, which specializes in weddings and event planning.

5) This GHS 2000 graduate is senior designer in graphics, branding, packaging and production whose clients have included Proctor & Gamble, Belvedere Vodka, Pepsi, and Gucci and is a graduate of Fashion Institute of Technology.

We would like to showcase the career achievements of any GHS graduate in future columns. If you, or your son or daughter would like to be included, please contact Cindy O'Shea at coshea2@yahoo.com.

The answers appear on page 9.



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'Tis the Season...

BY BILL JENKS

This is the time of year when families traditionally gather; when we take time to reflect on all we have to be grateful for as we celebrate a variety of religious and secular holidays. We tend to be more generous and open to others during this season, and we also feel more keenly the pain of missing those who are no longer with us. A powerful confluence of darkness and light; of pain and joy; of outer exuberance and inner contemplation often takes hold, which can make it both magical and difficult to navigate the season. As the year winds down, we turn inward to assess where we are in life's journey, and to make resolutions about how we intend to move into the future.

This time of year can provide a natural context to start a very important conversation with those who matter most: the conversation about the kind of care you would like at the end of your life. If this sounds morbid, consider these statistics:

- In a 2013 survey of 2,000 Americans, 94% of the respondents said it is important to have such a conversation, but only 27% have discussed their end of life care wishes with their family.

- Fully 70% of Americans say they prefer to die at home, yet 70% die in a hospital, nursing home, or other facility, most often because they have not made their end of life wishes known.

- 80% say that if they become seriously ill, they would want to talk to their doctor about end of life care, but only 7% have had such a conversation.

- Finally, although 82% say it is important to put their wishes in writing, only 23% have done so.

This time of year can provide a natural context to start a very important conversation with those who matter most: the conversation about the kind of care you would like at the end of your life.

These statistics tell a story about a significant gap between what people say they want regarding end of life care and what they actually receive. Most of that gap exists because of lack of knowledge of the dying person's values and wishes, or a lack of clear documentation of them. And that lack of knowledge exists because most people find expressing their wishes regarding their own death to be difficult. Too many of us wait for someone else to start the conversation, so it never happens. The real tragedy is that the difference between a good death

and a difficult death probably has more to do with whether the dying person's wishes are known to and respected by those caring for them than with any other factor.

Pulitzer-Prize-winning columnist and author Ellen Goodman who, incidentally, has summered on Chebeague Island for 30 years, founded an organization called The Conversation Project, after her own mother's death in 2010. Goodman wanted to share her own experience and help others have the conversation with their loved ones that she wishes she had had with her mother. She assembled a group of colleagues and concerned media, clergy, and medical professionals who gathered to share stories within their own circle of loved ones of "good deaths" and "bad deaths." Together, they created a website with free downloadable materials to provide some guidance on how to initiate this crucial conversation, and how to document it. Visit www.theconversationproject.org to find a wealth of helpful resources.

Although it may be difficult to imagine, having this discussion with your loved ones brings you closer together, and provides some real peace of mind. Please consider giving your family this valuable gift now, before there is a need to act on it. Happy holidays.

Bill Jenks serves on the Board of Directors of the Maine Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association, and is the owner of Home Instead Senior Care, which provides non-medical home care for seniors.

Gardening Pleasures

BY LINDA FAATZ

The bounty of fresh greens and dried material naturally available to use in your holiday decorations is endless. With clippers in hand, walk through your yard or along the roadside and prune those branches that have grown out of bounds. Combine greens with dried grasses, seedpods and drying flower heads in your favor-

"In every walk with nature one receives far more than he seeks."

JOHN MUIR

ite container, large or small. Line an old wooden bowl or low container with greens and add pine cones piled high, seedpods, red berries or fruit. Christmas balls or favorite ornaments make a handsome decoration with greens for the season. Tuck pieces of bark blown from the trees into a design.

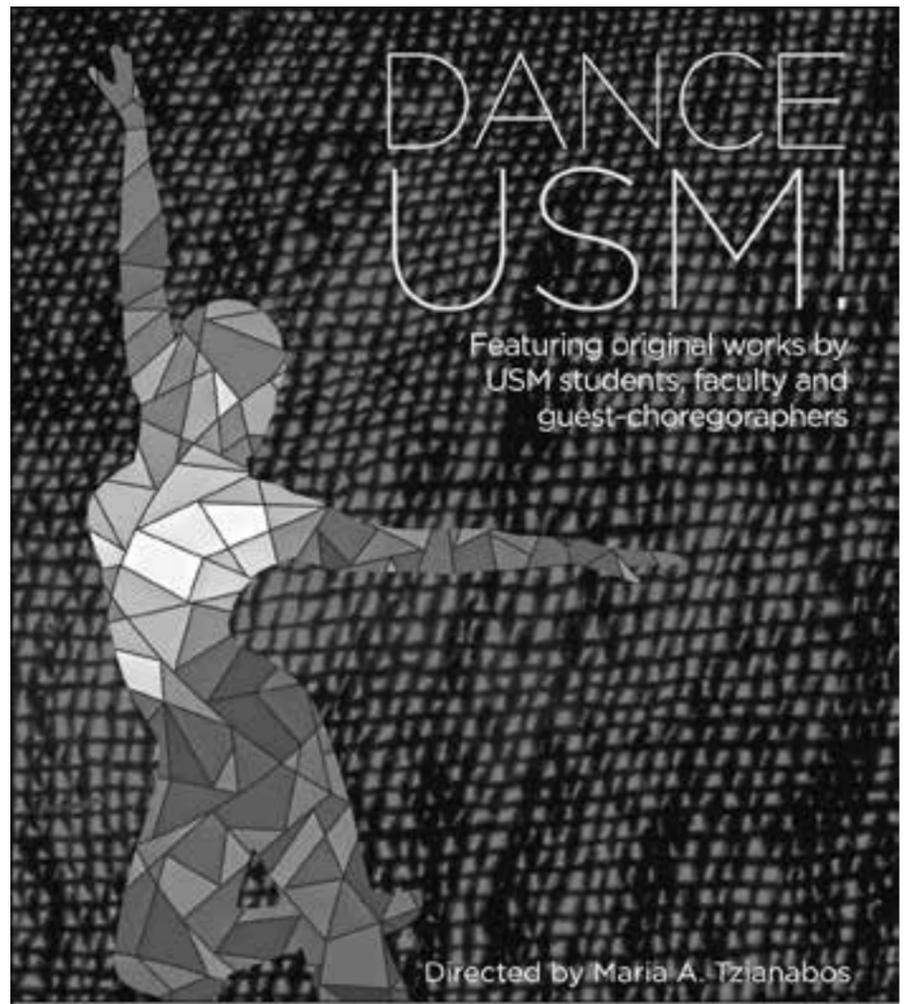
A grouping of old canning jars from the cellar, a galvanized pail from the garage, an old weathered box, even a pile of cut logs with a display of greenery on the top will add a festive

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Town Council Report

By ROBIN SOMES
Staff Writer

In a meeting that marked the results of the election earlier this month, Michael Phinney was sworn in by Deputy Clerk Laurie Nordfors to another term on the Town Council and was also unanimously supported with a 6-0 vote as chair. Councilor Bruce Roullard was also voted unanimously as vice-chair of the Council. Due to retirement details with the Maine State retirement system, newly elected Councilor Ronald Shepard will be sworn in at the Council's next meeting on December 2.

Councilors were appointed to committee posts following a 6-0 vote. Committee appointments included: Finance Committee: Moulton (chair), Roullard; Ordinance Committee: Robinson (Chair), Benner, Hartwell; Appointments & Personnel Committee: Roullard (chair), Robinson; Economic Development and Capital Improvements Committee: Benner (chair) Hartwell, Moulton. Roullard was appointed to serve as representative to the Greater Portland Council of Governments, while Town Manager David Cole was appointed as the ecoMaine representative, Benner as the representative to Jetport Noise Abatement and Cole as the PACTS Policy Committee Representative.

In real estate related action, the Council voted 6-0 to delay until January consideration of accepting the bid of \$15,688 from Mike Fowler for a parcel of land of some 2.9 acres off Deering Road. Town Manager Cole commented there was a concern from the bidder about whether a mortgage company had been appropriately notified.

The bid of Brian Hodgkin of \$8,000 for another parcel of land off Deering Road comprising approximately 13.9 acres was rejected (2-4) with

Councilors Benner, Roullard, Phinney and Moulton casting the negative votes. Councilor Moulton commented that a lot of this size warrants a more significant bid and suggested that Gorham keep the property. Councilor Roullard suggested to have the property assessed by a professional to ensure a full market value can be attained. Councilor Robinson suggested determining a minimum bid amount for the property. Councilor Hartwell recommended moving forward with the sale.

In other action, the Council voted:

- 6-0 to accept a proposal from Port City Architecture for architectural and engineering services as outlined in their proposal dated November 6, 2014.
- 6-0 to approve a new restaurant liquor license for Lucky Thai Restaurant.
- 6-0 to authorize the Town Manager to solicit qualifications and proposals for construction management services for the Public Safety project.

• 6-0 to appropriate \$22,800 from the contingency account to bring the Assistant Code Enforcement Officer position to regular full-time status, 40 hours per week, effective December 1.

• 6-0 to refer a request from Shaw Brothers Construction to rezone six parcels of approximately 23 acres to the Planning Board for public hearing and the board's recommendation.

• 6-0 to approve an agreement to transfer ownership of James Phinney Baxter archival materials, currently held at Baxter Memorial Library, to the Portland Public Library where it can be properly preserved, become more accessible and join the already extensive collection of James Phinney Baxter and Percival Proctor Baxter materials housed there.

Complete minutes are available on the town's website at www.gorham-me.org.

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Looking Forward @ Your Library

By PAMELA TURNER, DIRECTOR
Baxter Memorial Library

As we look forward to the holidays and a new year, the Baxter Memorial Library is excited for new things in 2015.

The Gorham Town Council, upon the recommendation of the Library Trustees, approved an updated library card policy. The Trustees are funding new library cards that we believe will make accessing the library even easier. We will also unveil a new logo.

Starting sometime in January, all library patrons will need to re-register for a library card and will get a brand new library card in the process. We have not taken this step in over a decade and we will make this as simple as possible. As part of a consortium, we are required to make sure our patron database is as current as possible. This will also help us make our patrons aware of the specifics of the updated policy. Please watch for details in January.

We have already taken steps to make accessing our public computers easier. We have discontinued the use of outdated and expensive computer management software and have established a simpler method of managing public computer usage. We appreciate your patience as we work out any kinks.

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Program in 2015. We are still working out the details but our goal is to keep students and adults in Gorham reading throughout the summer.

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Shepard Sworn in Late as Councilor

By SHERI FABER
Staff Writer

Ron Shepard was not sworn in with the new Town Council members on November 18, but was sworn in on December 2. Had he been sworn in

on November 18, the Maine State Retirement System would have considered him to still be employed by the town; therefore, he would not have been entitled to draw any retirement pay until he met the state requirements for separation of employment.

Grand Jury Indictments

Josiah Babcock, 41, of Westbrook was indicted for reckless conduct with a weapon on charges brought by Gorham Police Department.

Kayla Bacon, 26, of Gorham was indicted for theft on charges brought by Falmouth Police Department.

Nicholis Brough, 24, of Gorham was indicted on charges of eluding an officer, criminal speed, reckless conduct with a weapon and driving to endanger on charges brought by Gorham Police Department.

Andrew Leeman, 22, of Westbrook was in indicted on three charges of burglary

of a motor vehicle, two counts of theft (priors), two counts of aggravated criminal mischief, unauthorized use of a motor vehicle and misuse of ID on charges brought by Gorham Police Department.

Kathleen Libby, 48, of Gorham was indicted for trafficking in drugs and possession of drugs on charges brought by Maine Drug Enforcement Agency and Westbrook Police Department.

Dolores Stanton, 34, of Portland was indicted for theft (priors) on charges brought by Gorham Police Department.



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Controversial Election Signs

By JACOB ADAMS
Staff Writer

A few days before the elections, signs were put out featuring a pair of handcuffed wrists that read “No Phillips, Arrested for OUI, Convicted of OUI.” Suzanne Phillips, former Town Councilor, pleaded guilty to operating under the influence in 2012. The signs were in violation of state law because it was not clear who was responsible for them. The content of the signs was protected free speech but the signs were also in violation of state law because it was unclear who was responsible for them. Maine State law says that political signs must include both the name and address of whoever paid for the sign. These signs read, “Paid for by Keep Our Kids Safe from Drunk Drivers,” but did not otherwise identify who had paid for them. Matt Robinson, current Town Councilor, acknowledged he paid for and put out the signs in question.

Because of this violation, Robinson was fined \$25. The fine is lower than the maximum, which could have been up to

\$200, because Robinson was unaware of the law.

In 2013, when Robinson ran for re-election to the Town Council, signs reading “Re-elect No One” were put out and were clearly aimed at Robinson who was the only candidate running for re-election.

Following Phillips’ arrest for OUI, Robinson began looking at changing the Town Charter to make an OUI conviction grounds for stepping down from the Town Council. A second Town Councilor, Ben Hartwell, was also charged with OUI. Initially, the Town Charter specified “moral turpitude” as the only reason for a councilor being forced to step down; however, there was no definition of moral turpitude. On November 4, Gorham voters overwhelmingly (80%-20%) passed an amendment to the Town Charter that said conviction of an A, B, C or D felony, which includes OUI, would be grounds for being removed from the Council.

Both Robinson and Phillips went on to be elected to office.

Gardening Pleasures CONTINUED FROM PAGE 4

touch to your home. The hot red peppers from my garden were too hot to eat but dried a beautiful red. They are now piled in my grandmother’s mixing bowl on a bed of fresh greens.

An old sled tied with a swag of greens, dried branches and red berries will welcome guests at your doorway. Embellish with a bow for added color. A fresh pineapple tucked in with some greens suggest a traditional hearty welcome.

The look of pinecones from your backyard will be enhanced by spreading them on a parchment-covered cookie sheet and drying them in the oven at 150 to 200 degrees, long enough to open them and make the pitch glisten. Watch them while they are in the oven for approximately an hour.

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Burning Off Those Turkey Calories

COMPILED BY JEFF PIKE
Sports Editor

Under a bright sunny sky and 20-degree temperatures, 231 runners and walkers competed in the 17th Annual Burn-Off-The-Turkey 5K Road Race sponsored by the Gorham Rec. Department. **Craig Robinson** of Boston won the race with a time of 15:53 while GHS grad **Jesse Orach** was the top runner from Gorham with a time of 15:59. **Chelsea Fryberg** was the top female runner from Gorham with a time of 22:08.

In addition to Orach winning the male 20-29 gender/age group, other group winners from Gorham included **Meghan Cushing**, female 15-19; **Mandy Murphy**, female 30-39; **Greg Caiazzo**, male 30-39; **Jeff Jones**, male 40-49; **Christine Southard**, female 50-59; **Dale Rines**, male 60-69; **Elaine Richer**, female 70-79; and **Kenneth Curtis**, male 70-79.

In the race-walk competition, **Laurie Frazier** was the top finisher from Gorham and placed third overall. **Steve Caldwell** was the top male finisher from Gorham. Following are the top 25 runners from Gorham:

Place	Name	Time	Place	Name	Time
2	Jesse Orach	15:59	31	Daniel Masterson	23:11
4	Jeff Jones	16:30	36	Bruce Wyatt	23:57
5	Jesse Southard	16:49	38	Matt Nelson	24:13
7	Ben Foster	17:39	40	Mandy Murphy	24:21
11	Sean Pratt	20:03	43	Michael Cushing	24:33
13	Collin Jones	20:21	44	Christine Southard	24:42
16	Nick Porto	20:59	45	Jeffrey Monkiewicz	24:48
20	David Hine	21:32	46	Dale Rines	25:09
23	Anton Gulovson	22:06	51	Mike Burke	25:39
25	Philip Bartlett	22:06	52	Emily Southard	25:44
26	Chelsea Fryberg	22:08	54	Amelia Reese-Masterson	25:48
30	Thomas Nelson	23:02	55	Morgan Baxter	25:51
			57	Kenneth Curtis	25:58



Photo courtesy of Harding University

College All-Academic

Harding University (Arkansas) junior midfielder **Audrey Adkison** (GHS '12) received Capital One women's soccer second-team Academic All-American honors on November 24. Adkison is a health and kinesiology major with a 4.00 grade-point average and led the Harding team with seven goals and eight assists along with a game-winning goal. She is tied for eighth at Harding with 14 career assists and has 12 career goals.

Upcoming GHS Varsity Sports Events

Friday, December 5
 4:00 p.m. Boys' Swimming vs. Thornton Academy @ Daven Pool, Westbrook
 4:00 p.m. Girls' Swimming vs. Thornton Academy @ Daven Pool, Westbrook
 7:00 p.m. Boys' Basketball @ Marshwood
 7:00 p.m. Girls' Basketball vs. Marshwood @ GHS Gym

Saturday, December 6
 6:00 p.m. Boys' Hockey vs. Camden Hills @ Mid Coast Rec. Center, Rockport

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Beck Carrier
Lily Courtney
Noah Cupps
Hayden Desmond
Ava Dolley
Katherine Downey
Vinh Duong
Nathan Eichner
Danielle Eid
Alexandra Ferrigan
Gracie Forgues
Sydney Fox
Mary Gawlick
Stephen Graham
Brayden Harjula
Reed Henderson
MacKenna Homa
Amalia Ionta
Richard Jiang
Riley Johnson
Sophia Kaufman
Amelia Kratzer
Ryan Kratzer
Katherine Kutzer
Joshua Labrie
Sadie LaPierre
Shannon Lawrence
Maya Lee
Victoria Lewis
Griffin Loranger
Olivia Michaud
Molly Murray
Ryan Murray
Adele Nadeau
Grant Nadeau
Emmeline Nelson
Caleb Nichols
Alexis Ordway
Emily Paruk
Alice Peterson
Caitlin Randall
Braedyn Richardson
Delaney Seed
Kilee Sherry
Cody Smith
Bailey Wentworth
Nicholas Williams
Wesley Young

Grade 6 - Honors

Griffin Banks
Blake Berry
Tatyanna Biamby
Corey Blake
Jordan Blakeslee
Grace Bradshaw
Logan Butler
Ryan Coyne
Samantha Cummings
Tabetha Cummings
Kelly Curran
Robert Dowdle III
Anthony Dugan
Jillian Dugas
Emily Duncan
Jada Emery
Aidan Enck
Hunter Evans
Grace Flynn
Paige Fogg
Lauren Fötter
Campbell Fowler
Sophie Gagne
Lydia Gaudreau
Nolan Gava
Brandon Gordon
Andrew Goschke
Reed Henderson
Catherine Higgins
Jakub Jastrzebski
Evan Koenig
Isabelle Kovacs
Gabrielle LaBarge
Sophie Lachance
Donovan Landry
Micah LaSalle
Mason Laskey
Alexander Leary
Colby Leavitt
Joshua Lehmann
Zakaria Lembarra
Christopher Lewis
Tess Libby
Ayden Lindsay
Griffin Loranger
Lily Lovley
Natetra Ly
Oliver Milliken
Jaden Munroe
Ian Obrey
Matthew Phinney
Skylar Prince
Molly Rathbun
Cassidy Rioux
Morgan Roast
Devin Robichaud
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Nathaniel Smith
Madigan Thibodeau
Benjamin Tukey
Alison Walker
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Amelia Yahwak

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Daniel Bachner
Carson Battaglia
Mariam Beshir
Patrick Bishop

Elizabeth Blanchard
Laura Bolduc
Haley Burns
Emma Callahan
Haley Caron
Evan Chambers
Lane Charlton
Vicky Chen
Julie Cooper
Kasey Cummings
Mackenzie Dix
Meredith Donisi
Ryan Doughty
Lydia Drew
Jeremy Duncan
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Eleanor Grady
Lauren Green
Joseph Hansen
Maeve Higgins
Paige Hume
Elyssa Johnson
Aaron Jones
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Lucas LaMontagne
Emma Linkiewicz
Haley Lowell
Aaron Mains
Nolan McCullough
Ethan Mercier
Peyton Morton
Macallister Moss
Lindsey Nygren
Abigail O'Brien
Samuel Orlando
Aidan Owens
Marin Perry
Ava Pitman
Ryan Reno
Andrew Rent
Seth Richardson
Margaret Rimkunas
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Camden Sawyer
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Samuel Waggoner
Kacie Walton
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Jade Wu
Quinn Young

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Trevor Gava
Brinn Hall
Maryam Hameed
Autumn Heil
Evelin Kasjanov
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Nadia Barry
Alexis Beahm
Hunter Beleckis
Ross Bellino
Tyler Bernier
Kayleigh Bettencourt
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Jennifer Devine
Cody Elliott
Eleanor Feinberg
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Joseph Gallant
Isabella Griffin
Maeghan Higgins
Collin Jones

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Thomas Matthews
Ethan Orach
Kenneth Richard
Samuel Roussel
Emma Smith

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New Recycling Efforts at Great Falls School



Photo credit Jane Esty

Karissa LeBlanc (left) and Olivia Gobel hold collection boxes to be used to help recycling efforts at Great Falls.

By JANE ESTY
Great Fall School principal

Olivia Gobel and Karissa LeBlanc, third graders at Great Falls School, are helping to launch new recycling efforts. To begin with, they are collecting empty juice pouches.

"We want to help the environment so all these juice pouches don't go to a landfill," said Gobel. "My mom and I decided to start with just our classroom for now because it's a big job. If we recycle these and other things, then it saves people from making new items from scratch, wasting lots of energy."

On a larger scale, however, Gobel and her mom, Aimee Gobel, have launched a drive to collect used markers, pens, mechanical pencils and tape dispensers - all things that are commonly used at school.

TerraCycle, a recycling company in New Jersey, will convert the empty writing instruments, packaging and dispensers into other fun and innovative products, reducing waste.

"It's important to recycle to keep all those markers and pens out of our waste. Maybe they can be turned into useful things; new objects for us to use," said LeBlanc.

Jock Robie and the Benefits of Composting

By TOM SMITH
Third grade teacher, Village Elementary School

Students at Village Elementary School have been composting and maintaining worm bins to do their part to help the environment. So far they have collected, weighed, and composted 85 pounds of kitchen waste. They hope to reach their goal of 500 pounds by the end of the school year.

Local resident Jock Robie taught the students about the essentials of starting and maintaining a worm bin. Robie not only donated his time, but also the materials for them to create their own bins. Kitchen and yard waste added to the bin is eaten and broken down by the worms. This process is also known as vermicomposting. The worms leave behind nutrient rich worm castings, which are sought after in the gardening community.

Robie first offered his services to Mr. Smith's fifth grade class two years ago. He introduced to the students the concept and benefits of vermiculture. He then showed them how to create their own worm bin using materials he brought. When he left, the students had an understanding of worm bins and a bin, complete with worms, to get started.

Throughout the school year, Robie made several visits to check the health of the bin, and to ensure things were going smoothly. He spent another day teaching students how to brew "worm tea" to help feed their plants.



Photo credit Rebecca West

Jock Robie showed students in Rebecca West's first grade class how to care for their worm bin and their environment.

NOVEMBER 12, 2014

School Committee Meeting

BY ROBIN SOMES
Staff Writer

In the first School Committee meeting since the November election, Dennis Libby and Darryl Wright were nominated and unanimously voted into the posts of chair and vice-chair respectively. Sub-committee members were also announced: Finance Committee, Darryl Wright (chair), Tim Burns and Dennis Libby; Personnel Committee: Sara Nelson (chair), Tim Burns and newly elected Committee member Suzanne Phillips; Policy Committee: John Doyle (chair), Sara Nelson and Kyle Bailey; Sebago Alliance Representative: Darryl Wright.

In what represents action toward the first phase of the extensive, long-term high school renovation and expansion project, the School Committee voted 5-0 to approve \$36,270 from the Capital Expenditure Plan to be used toward updating the existing cafeteria as recommended by the Gorham High School Building and Finance Committees. The total cost is estimated at \$46,270, but \$10,000 had already been set aside. Updates will include painting, working on a decorative feature wall, updating the lighting, and reconfiguring seating from traditional lined-up tables to a

food court style area incorporating booths.

This effort will not address the challenge of providing adequate seating for approximately 840 GHS students. As Facilities Director Norm Justice noted in his review of the plan, the existing cafeteria seats about 208 comfortably and can "very tightly squeeze in about 240." The reconfigured seating arrangement would comfortably seat about 219. There are three lunch periods to accommodate all students. Completion may happen within just a couple of months, depending on the promptness of vendors and how much can be done over the holidays. Eventually, the plan is to physically expand the high school and develop a significantly larger and more accommodating cafeteria, though there are currently no specifics on a timeframe.

Kate Rotroff presented an overview of Gorham Adult Education (GAE), for which she is the director. She first reviewed Literacy Instruction, an area that provides support for people lacking skills in English and math. The Adult Education Family Literacy Act (AEFLA) provides some financial support and GAE offers classes and tutoring in these areas. The Adult

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GHS Implements Four-Year \$18,000 Grant

BY GORHAM TIMES STAFF

In 2013, Gorham High School (GHS) pursued and was awarded a four-year MELMAC Connect Aspirations to a Plan Grant. GHS is now implementing a variety of programs supported by the grant focusing on helping students to plan their futures. The MELMAC (Maine Educational Loan Marketing Corporation) Education Foundation's goal is to improve the ability of Maine students to better understand their options for post-secondary study and to increase college enrollment of students graduating from Maine high schools. Said GHS Principal, Chris Record, "I greatly appreciate the support and advocacy of the MELMAC foundation. The financial support and constructive guidance are helping GHS better serve the students of GHS as they plan their futures."

According to Record, the grant is enabling GHS to offer a variety of proven activities to increase college and other post-secondary enrollment rates. All GHS sophomores and juniors participate in a college visit. GHS sophomores spend a day visiting the University of New England and Southern Maine Community College. GHS juniors spend a day at various schools such as University of Maine at Orono, New England School of Communications, Husson, Thomas, Central Maine Community College, University of Maine at Farmington, Bates, Colby, Bowdoin, St. Joseph's, and University of New Hampshire. Record said, "The grant also provides GHS with a 'grant coach' who supports our efforts

in guidance, works with the faculty, and supports the work of our College Access Team." The team is comprised of teachers, a student, principal and community member.

As part of the grant, on December 10, the new Career Speaker Series will be launched. Developed by Cindy O'Shea, a member of the College Access Team, its purpose is to connect GHS graduates from a variety of fields with students who can ask questions about the graduate's career path (see related article on page 3). O'Shea said, "It can be very instructive for students to hear the story about how a former GHS student got to where they wanted to be. We all take a somewhat different path but the end reward is to feel a sense of accomplishment and comfort in whatever it is you have chosen to do."

There are many other activities supported by the grant, as well. College AP nights provide help to students filling out applications. Financial Aid night provides valuable information to help students and families plan their budget. College Admissions night allows students and parents to speak to representatives from Maine schools. Another interesting piece supported by the grant is the "What Is Your Future Story?" mural painted in the gym lobby with pennants of every school and military branch that the class of 2013 and 2014 are and will be attending.

GHS Graduate Guess Who Answers from page 3
1) Meghann (Foley) Dumbronski, GHS '02
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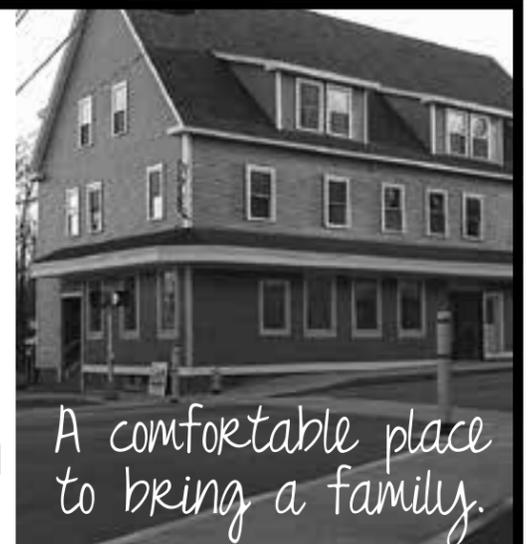
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Education's High School Completion program provides support for anyone seeking a high school diploma which could be a Gorham High School diploma or a diploma earned by taking the HiSET® (High School Equivalency Test), a relatively new high school equivalency test that has replaced the GED.

There is also Workforce Development, which provides training in a particular skill set. The primary focus is to provide nursing assistant training in partnership with Gorham House. For people trying to develop skills needed for employment opportunities, the Adult Transitions program offers training in various areas such as resume and computer skills. In addition, this program offers specialized training in conjunction with local businesses that might require a specific skill for a potential candidate or employee

who meets most requirements but lacks one or two skills that the Adult Transitions program can provide.

The Maine College Transition program serves students not interested in a formalized intensive program to get them up to speed with math, writing and reading at a college level. It replaces the remedial courses commonly offered at community colleges. This is available to any high school graduate.

Finally, the Community Enrichment program provides those offerings of which most community members are familiar. These include crafts oriented classes such as water coloring, holiday craft making and physical fitness related classes.

For more information on Gorham Adult Education, visit gorham.maineadulted.org.

Benefits of Composting CONTINUED FROM PAGE 8

Last year, Robie joined Smith's third grade class to introduce these concepts to a new group of eager learners. Robie helped them check to see how well the worms were doing after a long summer and talked to the kids about how he was able to rid a bin of a fruit fly infestation the previous year.

Students were ecstatic to continue the project they had heard so much about. Robie taught the students how to harvest the valuable castings by sifting the contents of the bin, allowing each student to participate. He showed patience and understanding as students begged for their chance to get involved.

Students made connections in science, math, reading, writing, and created a "worm-mobile" to share their new knowledge with others in the school. Each student worked collaboratively to write and give a speech, which outlined the benefits of composting and vermicomposting. Eventually, there were enough worms to share with another class. At this point Robie once again donated his time and materials, and split the worms to create a bin for another fifth grade class and Ms. West's first grade class.

This shared connection has allowed Smith's third grade class and West's first grade class to collaborate on a number of scientific experiments and to learn about the importance of the many organisms in their environment. Robie visited West's class this year to reinforce the principles of vermiculture, as well as the responsibility necessary to care for the worm bin and their own environment.

Robie has taught the students a number of lessons. By composting and participating in vermiculture, they have learned they can save money by purchasing fewer trash bags, and the environment benefits as less trash goes into landfills. They have also discovered worm castings and that compost can be a healthier and more effective fertilizer for our gardens and plants.

Students gained an understanding that as responsible citizens everyone should do their best to limit individual waste and protect the environment. Most importantly, students watch "Grandpa Robie" selflessly giving his time and materials to make learning real and fun.



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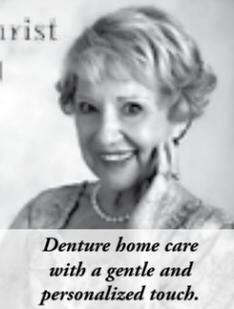
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The **North Gorham Public Library**, 2 Standish Neck Road, Gorham, will hold a **Big, Big, Book Sale** on **Saturday, Dec. 6 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.** The library is selling hundreds of older books to make room for its new computers and seating area. Crafts, silent auction and a unique edibles sale will also be available. FMI, 892-2575 or libng@north-gorham.lib.me.us

The **Sammie Francis Trio** will perform at **Spire 29** on **Friday, Dec. 19 from 8 to 10 p.m.** The trio, made up of former Gorham High School music teacher Darrell Morrow on keys, Sammie Francis (GHS '05) on vocals and Max Taylor on bass, will play a mix of jazz standards and holidays favorites. \$5 in advance, \$8 at the door, open at 7:30pm. spire29.com

The **Gorham High School Key Club** is hosting its **annual Santa Breakfast** to benefit **Operation Tribute** on **Saturday, Dec. 13 from 8 to 10 a.m.** at the Cressey Road United Methodist Church. \$5 at the door. FMI, 221-0296.

Janice Weed, a member of the **International Teacher's Sorority Alpha Delta Kappa/Beta Chapter**, packs boxed lunches as part of the sorority's major fundraiser. A total of 387 boxed lobster lunches were delivered to various schools, churches and businesses this fall. The sorority of active and retired teachers, is involved in altruistic projects throughout the year and invites new members to join. FMI, 839-3611.

Books for Christmas. Each year **The Bookworm** asks its customers to donate \$2 to purchase a gift-wrapped new book with a small toy attached, which is then donated to the town of Gorham to accompany Christmas baskets prepared for needy families in the area. The Bookworm has donated more than 100 books per year for this effort in the past 15 years and looks forward to your support again this year. FMI, 839-2665.

The **Gorham Ecumenical Council** is sponsoring the **4th Annual Christmas Season Service of Comfort and Rest** on **Wednesday, Dec. 10 at 6:30 p.m.** in the Cressey Road United Methodist Church in Gorham. This service is especially for those in need of a quiet reflective service with traditional beliefs and values supported during grieving, loss and loneliness. No one is alone; all are welcome. Light refreshments will be served after the service.

The **Boy Singers of Maine** proudly present **"Songs of the Season Holiday Concert,"** on **Sunday, Dec. 14 from 3 to 5 p.m.** at First Parish Congregational Church in Gorham. Tickets available at the door. \$10/\$5.

The **Prelude to Christmas Concert** with the **Gorham Community Chorus** and the **Gorham High School Chamber Singers**, will perform on **Sunday, Dec. 7, 3 p.m.** at the McCormack Performing Arts Center, Gorham High School. Suggested donation \$5. FMI, 839-3517.

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The **Gorham Food Pantry**, located at 299-B Main St. (parking lot of St. Anne's Catholic Church), is open every Thursday morning from 9 to 11 a.m. and the second and fourth Wednesday of every month from 6 to 7 p.m. Free for Gorham residents in need. FMI, 222-4351 or visit www.gorhamfoodpantry.org.

The **Lakes Region Senior Center**, White Rock Grange at 33 Wilson Road (off Rt. 237), is a great place for daily socializing, independent activities and good conversation. Mahjong lessons on Monday; poker, crafting and card games on Tuesday; Chair Yoga with a Nutrition and Weight Support Group on Wednesday; and Bingo on Thursday. FMI, call Cheryl 892-9879 or Blanche 892-5604.

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Willowdale Drive caller reported a suspicious person, but, based on the description, officer thought it was an animal.

Officer checked on an elderly woman who fell asleep at the wheel while stopped for a red light.

Officer responded to a car fully engulfed in flames on Ossipee Trail. A small fire had started in the console and the driver attempted to extinguish the flames but the fire got out of control.

Winslow Road caller reported a German shepherd and a mastiff grabbed one of their chickens and ran off with it.

A "ginormous" deceased raccoon in the middle of Fort Hill Road was moved to a ditch.

Officers arrested eight people for OUI in October.

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GORHAM BUSINESS EXCHANGE MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Santa for Seniors at Home Instead

BY SARAH ADAMS
Gorham Business Exchange

We have all read about the benefits of lifelong learning and the importance of trying new adventures. Bill Jenks of Home Instead Senior Care, located at 502 Main Street, has an adventurous spirit and is an example of how to face a challenge head-on, coupled with hard work. Home Instead, the largest non-medical home health provider in the world, prides itself in giving personal attention to both the families they serve, and those they employ.

Armed with a master's degree from Case Western University, Jenks started out in the music field, as an orchestra conductor. Appreciating that the physical nature of leading a symphony might be challenging with his multiple sclerosis diagnosis, he reached out to his community. While watching his children playing soccer, he met the founders of Home Instead, and entered a new chapter of his life. A New York native, Jenks and his family relocated to Gorham in 2000 and opened the first office of Home Instead in Northern New England.

The Gorham office has seven full-time employees and about 110 caregivers who share his passion for caring and promoting independence for individuals in their home, while providing peace of mind for family members. The key component in their caregivers is integrity and Jenks is proud to be a part of a privately held company with a strong commitment to education. They pay for their caregiver's

continuing education and provide them with valuable growth opportunities. As a father of three, Jenks shares his belief in a strong commitment to the community where he lives and which he shares with his employees.

"We are celebrating Home Instead's third year of our Santa for Seniors campaign to help those who may be isolated and alone for the holidays," Jenks said with pride. Working with a variety of social services, including Portland and Westbrook Housing Department and Southern Maine Agency on Aging, they anticipate delivering gifts and holiday cheer to about 210 seniors. Home Instead put up trees at area businesses for donations, got

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numerous volunteers to help with shopping and wrapping and benefited from the energy and enthusiasm from the local Girl Scout Troops for this herculean task.

Jenks takes a hands-on approach to leadership and believes that his caregivers have a true gift in sharing their personal interests, caring and thoughtful traits with the seniors they serve. Jenks takes delight in matching the desired work schedule of a caregiver who loves interacting with people, and the unique needs of a senior whose greatest desire to stay home instead.



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CALENDAR

THURSDAY, DEC. 4

- Baby and Me with books, music and movement, 9:30 a.m. ages birth-18 mos., Baxter Memorial Library.
- Toddler Time, 10 a.m., ages 18-36 mos., Baxter Memorial Library.
- Sewing Group, 2:30-4:30 p.m., ages 7 and older. Baxter Memorial Library.

FRIDAY, DEC. 5

- Peg's Itsy Bitsy Store located at Gorham House, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. FMI, 839-5757.

TUESDAY, DEC. 9

- Preschool Story Time, Snowman theme, 9:30 a.m., ages 3-5 yrs. Baxter Memorial Library.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 10

- Town of Gorham Senior Lunch Program, St. Anne's Church, Gorham. 12-1:30 p.m. Suggested donation \$4. FMI, 839-4857.
- GHS Graduate Speaker series with Chris Sedenka, GHS '99. 10-11 a.m. Gorham High School. Visitors must check in with the office first.
- Early release for grades K-12.

THURSDAY, DEC. 11

- Baby and Me with books, music and movement, 9:30 a.m. ages birth-18 mos., Baxter Memorial Library.
- Toddler Time, 10 a.m., ages 18-36 mos., Baxter Memorial Library.
- Sewing Group, 2:30-4:30 p.m., ages 7 and older. Baxter Memorial Library.

SATURDAY, DEC. 13

- Lego Club, 10 a.m.-12 p.m., Baxter Memorial Library. Open to everyone who likes to build. If you don't have your own Legos, the library has Legos to share.

TUESDAY, DEC. 16

- Preschool Story Time, Christmas and Hanukkah theme, 9:30 a.m., ages 3-5 yrs. Baxter Memorial Library.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 17

- Special Evening Story Time: The Polar Express, 6-6:30 p.m. Baxter Memorial Library. Come dressed in your pajamas! All ages. No registration required.
- Town of Gorham Senior Lunch Program, St. Anne's Church, Gorham. 12-1:30 p.m. Suggested donation \$4. FMI, 839-4857.

THURSDAY, DEC. 18

- Baby and Me with books, music and movement, 9:30 a.m. ages birth-18 mos., Baxter Memorial Library.
- Toddler Time, 10 a.m., ages 18-36 mos., Baxter Memorial Library.
- Sewing Group, 2:30-4:30 p.m., ages 7 and older. Baxter Memorial Library.

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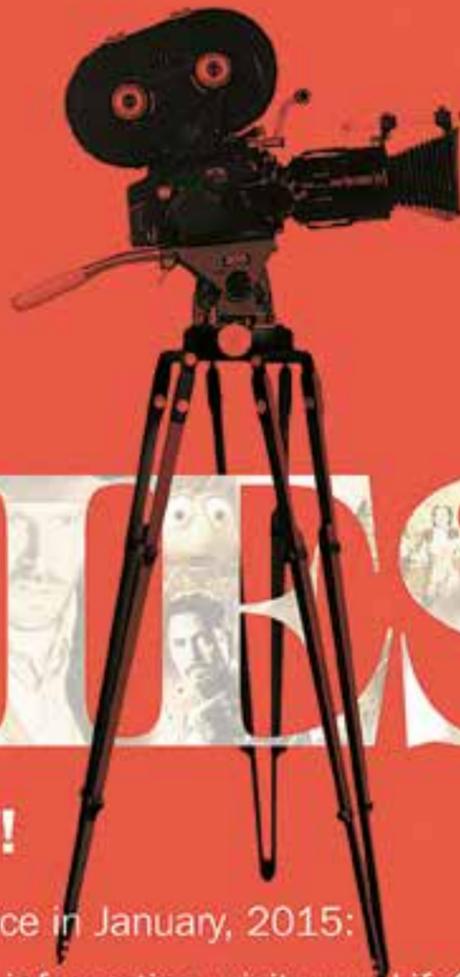
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