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Driver Indicted, Bail Increased to \$20,000 in OUI- related Deaths

By SHERI FABER
Staff Writer

Candice Tucker has been indicted on two counts of manslaughter and two counts of OUI for a car crash in Bridgton on October 19 that killed her son Branden



Photo courtesy of Cumberland County Sheriff's Office

Denis, 16, a junior and football player at GHS, as well as her boyfriend Eric Morey.

According to the indictment, Tucker had been drinking and using prescription drugs on the day of the crash and was driving 85 mph in a 55 mph zone on Route 302 in Bridgton. Tucker, Denis and Morey had been visiting friends and relatives in Bridgton for most of the day and were driving home. Tucker told police she was distracted by her son in the back seat and drifted into an oncoming lane and then swerved back into her lane, hitting the brakes and losing control. The driver of a vehicle that passed Tucker just moments before the crash thought she was driving below the speed limit. The driver of

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Spire 29 on Ice

By JACOB ADAMS
Staff Writer

Spire 29 on the Square, located at 29 School Street in the former Methodist church, will hold their first annual Spire & Ice event on January 16 and 17. This will be their first foray into the ice bar scene, which has become very popular in throughout the country.

Attendants can expect to find music and dance floor as well as a photo booth indoors. The indoor bar will be open all night.

The big draw will be an ice bar with a dual ice luge outside the red doors on the sidewalk off of School Street. The ice bar will feature winter themed cocktails and drinks. Michel Chouinard of Spire 29 said, "We are also hoping to have some winter ski videos." He went on to say, "[We are] hoping to see familiar faces, and lots of new faces too."

Doors open at 7 p.m. and last call will be at 12 p.m. Tickets are available online at holdmyticket.com for \$15 or \$20 at the door on the day of the event.

GAA on Track for Required Code Updates

By NOAH MINER
Staff Writer

The programming at Gorham Arts Alliance (GAA), a non-profit arts organization located at 34 School Street is in full swing. The GAA has been active since 2011 when it utilized school and town facilities for its programs. Finding it harder to fill the demand for programming within the town's facilities, they leased the Odd Fellows building at 34 School Street from Jon Smith of Great Falls Construction. Prior to occupying the building, the town requested the establishment of a life/safety plan for the structure as current codes call for a sprinkler/fire alarm system. The plan, designed by architect David Mains of SMRT Architect & Engineers, was approved by the state fire marshal and Fire Chief Robert LeFebvre, and a plan of correction is now in place. The intent is to have the updates completed by July 2015, which will open up the second floor and double the available space for programming.

Fundraising is still in process and "is going well, and is really fun," said GAA board president Amy Valentine, referring to the recent "lock up" fundraiser where locals were locked up until donations or bail money was collected to free the prisoners.

SMRT Architects and Engineers produced the life/safety plan at a reduced cost. A designation as the



Photo credit Noah Miner

Located in the Odd Fellows Building on School Street, the Gorham Arts Alliance is working to raise funds to complete required updates.

Local Arts Agency by the Gorham Town Council has supported grant applications including the Maine Expansion Arts grant awarded to the GAA through the Maine Communities Foundation to support music programming.

The Gorham Arts Alliance offerings vary from session to session but have approximately 15 classes in the following art disciplines: music, theater, visual arts, 3D art, and movement. There are programs for all ages ranging from early childhood art and music, where pre-

schoolers listen to Louis Armstrong and identify with Monet, to senior clay classes, where seniors can try their hands at a potter's wheel.

The children's theater group from the alliance most recently performed The Adventures of Peter Pan. The 37-member cast of 10 to 14 year olds performed three shows in November. Plans are in the works for a spring production of Honk Jr., a spinoff of the Ugly Duckling.

For more information about the Gorham Arts Alliance, visit www.gorhamartsalliance.org.

Steps to a New Public Safety Building

By ROGER MARCHAND
Staff Writer

On November 4, Gorham voted on a referendum article to spend \$4,990,000 to build a new building for the police department, as well as to renovate, upgrade, and improve the present public safety building for the fire department, by a vote of 3588 to 3490, a difference of 98 votes.

The project will be completed in two steps. The new police department building, which will be located in front of the present public safety building, will be built first. After moving the police department into the new building, the present building will be renovated and re-modeled for the fire department.

At this time, the project is going through the next three phases before

completion of the plan. The architect is presently developing the final design plans and pricing for the project. The Town is in the process of hiring a construction manager and the architect to plan the final project. The town received five bids from parties interested in serving in this capacity. The finalist will be chosen in the near future. Besides working with the architect, the construction manager will be the general contractor during the building and renovation period.

The third phase will be the issuance of bonds for the project. The Town Council unanimously authorized bonds to be issued at their December 2 regular meeting. Finalization of the bonds will take a few months and require a good deal of preparation to secure the best interest rate. The Town has a very

high rating at this time, which should help keep the rate as low as possible.

The present goal is to start the work on the project by the spring of 2015.

Gorham Sightings



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**FOUR GHS JUNIORS EARN
ALL-STATE RECOGNITION**

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Maine Can't Wait to Address Demographic Outlook

By REP. LINDA SANBORN

With a new session just around the corner, we in the Legislature are busy developing a strategy to tackle the issues that most affect the wellbeing of Maine and Maine people. Educational forums and meetings gathered industry experts and lawmakers to discuss some potential priorities for next year.

One major theme throughout these forums was that, with an aging population and little to no population growth in Maine, employment and income growth will be stagnant going forward.

Today, 21 percent of Mainers are age 60 or above. By 2030, that number will have risen to more than 25 percent. What this means is that, in the coming decades, more people will enter retirement while fewer enter the job market, resulting in a workforce gap in the state. Even if every child born in Maine were to stay and work here, we would still have a shortage of workers.

It's imperative that we attract young and talented people to Maine. We must not only encourage them to get an education here but also to stay and work here.

There is a global talent pool that Maine can and should tap into. People travel from all over the world to earn their education in Maine. These are ambitious, motivated people with the skills businesses and entrepreneurs are looking for in their workers. What are we doing to keep them here?

A person's decision to join a local workforce is influenced by more than just the job market in that state. Affordable housing and amenities are a huge factor that, unfortunately, scares many away from taking root in Maine. That's why investing in development projects and keeping property taxes low must remain at the top of our priority list going forward.

Many young workers already have the skills they need to be an effective part of our workforce, but employers are unable to hire them as their certification and training may be from outside the United States. Making sure that no business has to compromise who it hires due to outdated and flawed policy will also be an important part in gaining and retaining those workers.

The economic development policy of attracting young talent is a tried

and tested strategy that is proven to lead to long-term success. According to University of California Economist Enrico Moretti, employing a recent college graduate eventually creates five additional jobs in that city. Young talent is the future of any economy. Without it, Maine will continue to struggle to grow and develop.

Maine's demographic future is the writing on the wall. We must start making the investments needed to not only heal the economy from the effects of the Great Recession, but also to prepare it for a prosperous future ahead.

During the coming months, I look forward to working with fellow lawmakers to address some of these concerns. Some approaches may be small and focused, others comprehensive and broad. Regardless, this is something we cannot drag our feet on. Now is the time to act.



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Gorham Grad Turned Dentist: Kyra Chadbourne

By JACKIE FRANCIS
Staff Writer

Dr. Kyra Chadbourne has always known she wanted to be a dentist. Well, in truth, Chadbourne admits she was thirteen years old when she made that commitment. Veterinary medicine was intriguing too, but when local veterinarian Burleigh Loveitt operated on a teddy bear in her second grade classroom, Chadbourne almost fainted. A dental career appeared more reasonable.

While still in high school, Chadbourne had the opportunity to work for Dr. Ron Seekins, her family dentist. "He gave me a real taste of what it was like being a practicing dentist, allowing me to be a full-fledged dental assistant." And later while in college, Chadbourne worked for Dr. Russell Collette, an oral surgeon. "I

saw a lot more blood being his assistant," quips Chadbourne, "but before spending all that time and money on school, I wanted to be sure this was a career I really wanted." Both doctors were great role models for her, says Chadbourne, "because they really loved their jobs."

A 2000 graduate of Gorham High School, Chadbourne earned her undergraduate degree from Yale, a Doctorate in Dentistry from the University of Buffalo as well as an extra year of Advanced Education in General Dentistry. Since 2009, she has worked for Community Dental, a health center providing accessible and affordable oral health care to Maine people in geographically underserved areas.

Happily for Chadbourne, the idea of owning her own practice in Falmouth was almost foreseen. "I always knew I wanted to be in the Greater Portland area. I wanted to be part of the community that has always been so good to me." Only 20 minutes from Gorham, Chadbourne wanted to be in an area where people understood the importance of aesthetics.

As a child she understood firsthand what it was like to be insecure about her smile. "As corny as it sounds, it really was the motivation for me to become a dentist," says Chadbourne, recounting her own years with troublesome teeth. "And more than that, dentistry fits with my personality. I get to interact with people on a daily basis and problem solve which fits perfectly with my liking math and science."

From regular cleanings and examinations to advanced restorative treatments, Chadbourne does bonding, crowns, bridgework, dental implants, fillings, oral cancer screenings, orthodontic treatments, periodontal (gum) disease therapy, porcelain veneers, root canals, teeth whitening and sealants. "I'm very gentle and I want to make [going to the dentist] a comfortable experience," explains Chadbourne, who admits she is a perfectionist too.

Being a stickler for perfection is apparent in the state-of-the-art facility located at 78 Leighton Road in Falmouth. After a year's worth of renovations, Falmouth Dentistry is welcoming new patients and encourages them to explore their website and visit the office. A lift-elevator



Photo courtesy of Kyra Chadbourne

has been installed for wheelchair-bound patients as well as a bathroom with disability access. A flat screen television hangs on the freshly painted sage walls of the waiting room with new gray carpet-

"My goal and the goal of our enthusiastic team, is to work with you to create a positive experience every time you visit!"

ing, recessed lighting and large, sunny light-filtering windows. A fireplace, freshly painted white, glows with lighted candles giving the room the calming effect patients appreciate. Panoramic

digital x-ray technology delivers fast and accurate images that are transferred to a flat-screen television for both doctor and patient to examine, or, if preferred, patients may watch television while having work done on their teeth!

Falmouth Dentistry hopes you'll notice the friendly and inviting atmosphere the minute you walk in the door. "My goal," says Chadbourne, "and the goal of our enthusiastic team, is to work with you to create a positive experience every time you visit!"

Dr. Kyra Chadbourne, DDS

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The Skinny on Fats

By DR. JOSEPH M. KERWIN

The holiday season is a wonderful time for family gatherings, workplace parties, shopping excursions and holiday treats. As we indulge in holiday festivities, there is the ever-present possibility of gaining that extra 10 pounds that plague us every year. We tell ourselves to be extra careful to choose low fat options when available. But you could very well be sabotaging your health with this type of thinking.

"Fat is bad" has been the rallying cry for those who want to lose weight since Nathan Pritikin first introduced the approach in the 1950's. He advocated a no-fat diet high in carbohydrates. The "lipid hypothesis," stating that a direct relationship existed between the amount of saturated fat in the diet and the incidence of coronary heart disease, proposed by Ancel Keys at about the same time, continued the fat phobia. The famous multi-year Framingham Heart Study, began in 1948, continued the fat-is-bad thinking. We were advised to reduce our intake of fats, particularly saturated fats from animal sources.

In the 1950's, heart disease was the leading cause of death in America, and it continues to have a very high death rate today. If heart disease is caused by consumption of saturated fats, we would expect to find a corresponding increase in animal fat in the American diet. However during the 60 year period from 1910 to 1970, the percentage of animal fat in the American diet

declined over 20% and butter consumption decreased greatly as the incidence of heart disease continued to climb.

What did increase during this period was the consumption of margarine, shortening and refined oils. Americans had a 400% increase in refined oils and a 60% increase in sugar and processed foods in their diet during this time and obesity rates increased over 200%.

We need to reconsider the saturated fat issue. Breast milk contains butyric, caproic, caprylic, capric, lauric, myristic, palmitic and stearic acids—all saturated fats. Over 50% percent of the calories from mother's milk are fat. Saturated fat is an essential source of nourishment that ensures growth and development of infants and children. It is especially crucial for the healthy development of the brain.

Your diet should be at least 50% healthy fat and some authors even suggest up to 70%. Healthy fats provide building blocks for cell membranes and hormones and they act as carriers for fat soluble vitamins A, D, E, and K. Healthy fats are also needed for mineral absorption and may have a preventative effect on cancer and Alzheimer's. According to researcher Dr. Weston Price, it is possible to starve for minerals that are abundant in the foods you eat because they cannot be utilized without an adequate quantity of fat-soluble activators.

What are the good fats? Animal sources of healthy fats are butter, beef tallow, lamb tallow, lard (pork fat),

chicken, goose and duck fat. Other healthy animal sources include fish liver oils such as cod liver oil and organic pastured egg yolks. Animal sources should always be grass fed, hormone free and non-GMO. Plant sources of healthy fats are the tropical oils of coconut and palm oil, olive oil, olives and avocados.

What are the bad fats? All hydrogenated or partially hydrogenated fats (trans fats), which include margarine and shortening. Processed foods are filled with these unhealthy fats and should not be part of a healthy diet. Avoid industrially processed vegetable oils, especially soy, safflower, corn, cottonseed and canola. The process of extracting these oils uses high heat that damages the fatty acid molecules. Artificial colors and flavors are added to make margarine resemble real butter. Read the label and avoid the oils that say refined, hydrogenated or cold pressed. Look for organic, cold processed, expeller pressed, unrefined or extra virgin process.

As you enjoy holiday parties and festivities, remember that low fat, fat free, light and reduced fat foods spell trouble. Increase the good fats this holiday season and decrease the sugars, bread, soda and alcohol and you will begin the New Year without that extra ten pounds.

Dr. Kerwin is a chiropractor and nutritionist who has been practicing and living in Gorham with his wife and three daughters for 22 years.

Driver Indicted CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

a second vehicle driving in front of Tucker told police they had pulled over because Tucker was driving so fast they were afraid of being hit. Tucker's car rolled over and landed on the passenger side where both Denis and Morey were sitting.

A blood test taken two hours after the crash showed Morey with a blood alcohol count of .07, just below the legal limit of .08 for OUI. Tucker also had multiple drugs including Valium and anti-depressants in her system. Tucker told police she had consumed one beer and a shot of whiskey but dozens of small "nip" bottles of a drink called Fireball as well as empty and full beers were found at the crash scene.

Following the crash, Tucker was out of work for six weeks. She checked herself into Spring Harbor, a residential mental health facility, and sought outpatient therapy as well. Her two surviving children are staying with their father's family.

Assistant District Attorney Angela Cannon told the court that Tucker's sister had posted pictures on Facebook titled "A Last Hurrah" that were taken at a party Tucker attended where people were drinking.

Judge Mills increased bail to \$20,000 after citing a 2002 OUI conviction and concerns about Tucker's substance abuse. Manslaughter charges carry a sentence of up to 30 years and a \$50,000 fine. Criminal OUI charges are punishable by up to 10 years in prison.





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Town Council Report

BY ROBIN SOMES
Staff Writer

In a follow-up to last month's meeting that represented a new term after November's election, Ron Shepard was sworn in to the Town Council, an action that had been delayed due to obligations related to his recent retirement from the Gorham Police Department. After an official swearing-in, the Council voted him to serve on the Finance and Appointments/Personnel committees.

The Council's unanimous vote of 7-0 to authorize issuing the general obligation bonds and notes at an amount of \$4,990,000 represented a significant step towards realizing the project to renovate, upgrade, expand and equip the existing Public Safety Building located at 270 Main Street.

A meeting item to establish a reserve account for the repair of a large culvert on Buck Street and appropriate \$45,614 received from ecoMaine as a dividend into this account failed unanimously with a 0-7 vote.

Another item failed with a 2-5 vote (Councilors Michael Phinney, Bruce

Roullard, Shonn Moulton, Benjamin Hartwell, Ron Shepard), which would have authorized the Town Manager to list a tax-acquired property located on Deering Road with a real estate broker.

In other actions, the Council voted:

- To refer a request from Barry King to rezone two separate properties on County Road in South Gorham into Contract Zones to the Planning Board. (5-2; Councilors Sherrie Benner and Hartwell)
 - To refer a request from Christopher Brassbridge to rezone his property at 25 County Road into a Contract Zone to the Planning Board. (5-2; Councilors Benner and Hartwell)
 - To appropriate \$249,000 in Recreation Impact Fees to construct a multi-purpose athletic field at the Little Falls Recreation Area. (7-0)
 - To refer a proposal to amend the Land Use and Development Code to permit the sale of industrial products within areas designated as Industrial Zones. (7-0)
- Complete minutes are available on the town's website at www.gorham-me.org.

to Grondin's Industrial Park off Mosher Road. While Helical Solutions is always planning ahead to accommodate their growth, they are considering a land acquisition for future expansion.

Clerk's Corner

BY JENNIFER ELLIOTT

Dog license renewals are due January 1 of each year. If you no longer own your previously licensed dog please call the Clerk's Office to have your dog removed from the unlicensed dog list. Giving or getting a new dog during the holidays? Remember, a new dog must be licensed when it is six months of age. A neutered or spayed dog license is \$6 and an unaltered dog license is \$11. Dog licenses can be purchased in the Town Office or from the town's website, www.gorham-me.org

Still looking for holiday gifts? Hunting and fishing licenses are always popular. The 2015 licenses are now available. We also have snowmobile registration stickers.

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From all of us at the Clerk's Office, we want to wish you a happy holiday season and a happy and safe new year.



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

Sex Offenders



Photos courtesy of the Gorham Police Department

Ronald Meserve

Eric Stephenson Cadieum

Ronald Meserve, 68, is a convicted sex offender who was convicted of four counts of possessing sexually explicit material. He is currently living at 3 Dana Street in Gorham.

Eric Stephenson Cadieum, 38, is a convicted sex offender who was convicted of one count of sexual assault on an adult and one count of possession of child sexual abuse images. He is currently living at 44 Tink Drive in Gorham.

Correction

In the December 14 edition of the Gorham Times, we reported that Helical Solutions, 29 Sanford Drive, is relocating

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Grand Jury Indictments

The Grand Jury returned the following indictments in December:

Robert Falkner, 26, of Gorham was indicted for possessions of scheduled drugs on charges brought by MDEA and Portland Police Department.

Andrew Foss, 27, of Gorham was indicted on charges of burglary and theft on charges brought by Gorham Police Department.

Kathryn Peters, 40, of Gorham was indicted on charges of theft (priors), possession of burglary tools and two counts of violating conditions of release on charges brought by Scarborough Police Department.

Patricia Sandberg, 35, of Gorham was indicted on charges of burglary, theft and three counts of possession of scheduled drugs on charges brought by Portland Police Department.

Candice Tucker, 35, of Gorham was indicted on two charges of aggravated criminal OUI and two counts of manslaughter on charges brought by Bridgton Police Department.

Paul Tukey, 21, of Gorham was indicted on charges of burglary of a motor vehicle and theft on charges brought by Falmouth Police Department.

Four GHS Juniors Earn All-State Recognition



Courtesy Photos

Four GHS student-athletes were named to the Maine Sunday Telegram All-State Team in their respective sports for their superb performances during the fall athletic season. Pictured above from left to right are **Cady Houghton** (girls' soccer), **Trent Basingthwaite** (boys' soccer), **Cody Elliot** (boys' soccer) and **Jesse Southard** (boys' cross country). Houghton was a stalwart on defense, often matching up against the opponent's top scorers, and also managed to score two goals from her defender position. Basingthwaite, a goalkeeper, shutout opponents eight times and while allowing only six goals in 14 regular season games. Elliot scored nine goals and handed out six assists from his midfielder position while Southard placed sixth in the Western Maine Class A Championship race and 98th in the New England Cross Country Championships.

Past GHS Fall Sports State Champions

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Girls' Soccer: 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007

Golf: 1998, 2010, 2012

GHS Winter Sports Captains and Coaches Comments

BY JEFF PIKE
Sports Editor

and creates the same chemistry it did a year ago, we could be in contention for another Western Maine title."

Girls' Basketball: At press time, the team's record stood at 2-1 after opening the season with wins over Marshwood and Biddeford. The captains are seniors **Abby Hamilton** and **Aliza Jordan**. "We expect an up-tempo defensive team that turns defensive stops into points," said head coach Laughn Berthiaume. "We like to run and play fast, so we should be enjoyable to watch. We also have a number of skilled guards who will penetrate and kick out to teammates for open shots."

Boys' Basketball: Seniors **Nick Thibeault** and **Tyler Bernaiche** captain this year's squad, which at press time was 2-0 after opening the season with wins over Marshwood and Biddeford. "We will look to build upon a playoff appearance last year," said head coach Mark Karter. "We have depth that we will utilize in playing an up-tempo style. The conference looks to be competitive, with many teams in the hunt to secure playoff positions. We have to learn to finish games to be successful, but the players are working extremely hard and have great attitudes. Hopefully things come together for a fun and rewarding season."

Girls' Hockey: The Gorham/Bonny Eagle squad's record was 2-4 at press time, including wins over Biddeford and Portland/Deering. Seniors **Charlotte Smith**, **Meghan Demers** and **Mackenzie Collins** were elected as captains. "Our goal is to once again make the postseason with a focus on advancing beyond the first round," said head coach Nat Germond. "We have the potential to achieve a .500 or better record, but a lot will depend on the performance of our defense."

Swim: **Timmer Sposato** captains the boys' team, which started the season 0-2, while **Blanca Monsen** and **Alicia Robins** captain the girls' team, which started out 1-1. **Morgan Dorsey** enters her first year as the head coach of both teams after coaching as an assistant for the past two years at Portland High School. Her portfolio also includes swimming for Clark University in Massachusetts after competing for Hebron Academy in Maine. "I love the sport and working with high school kids," Dorsey said. "Gorham is a great program to come into with solid support from the parents. We have a lot of experienced swimmers as well as a lot of swimmers that are new to the sport. They are coming together to form a solid team, and I'm excited to see what they can do this season."

Boys' Hockey: Seniors **Jordan Ward**, **Matt Hooker** and **Andrew Schmidt** lead the way for the Rams as captains, and the team was 1-1 at press time. As the defending Western Maine Class B Champion, head coach **Jon Portwine** expects the team to be near the top again this year. "Graduation claimed five of our six starters, but there is a solid group of returning players that will keep the team in contention," Portwine said. "There will be some new faces, but four lettermen return on defense, which should be a strength for the team. We need to work out early who's on our new lines on offense, but if the offense gels

Look for coverage of boys' and girls' indoor track as well as boys' and girls' skiing in the next issue of the *Gorham Times*.

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Sport Created by Gorham Boy Makes News in Estonia

By GRIFFIN GERMOND
Gorham High School Intern

After 10-year-old Ian Luciano of Gorham posted a video on YouTube in May of 2013 about a new sport he invented called "bootball," he probably never dreamed it would eventually attract attention in far-away Estonia.



Ten-year-old Ian Luciano, the inventor of "Bootball."

But that's what happened after Tom Russotti of the Institute for Aesthetics happened to see the video.

Estonia is a country in the Baltic region of Northern Europe. "We weren't even sure where Estonia was when we first heard about the game being played over there," said Peter Luciano, Ian's father.

The Institute for Aesthetics promotes sport as an artistic practice. Russotti was impressed with the creativity of bootball and originally planned to debut the sport during a festival in the Bronx. But Russotti ended up going to Estonia for an art



Athletes from Estonia enjoying the game of "Bootball" that was invented by 10-year-old Ian Luciano of Gorham

residency, which is where he put bootball into action. He trained kids on the sport, and they presented it at a festival. The game was a success and continues to be a success. The sport was even featured on a national news report via Eesti Televisioon, the public television station of Estonia.

Believe it or not, the idea of Ian's new sport was inspired by YouTube videos showing other innovative sports that Ian had not seen before. Bootball is a simple game to understand—once you know how to play.

The objective is to score points by hitting certain balls with the game ball. The game is made up of eight players on each team. Four offensive players stand between the middle line and the foul line on either side. One defensive player stands in a small box in the mid-

dle, between the foul lines, and defends the center ball, which is worth one point when hit with the game ball.

Another defender is positioned on either side of the middle line. The three goalkeepers stand beyond each foul line and try to protect the net and the goal balls. The goal balls are worth two points when scored on.

When a person is shoved, hit or pushed, a foul occurs. From there, a foul shot is given to the team fouled, and they attempt to hit one of the goal balls. According to Ian, his favorite part of bootball is that "there are more goalies in this game, and the fact that goals are only scored when the 'goal balls' are hit is a new concept."

In a brief question-and-answer session with Ian and his father, Peter, they explained something amazing. When asked how long he needed to create and develop his sport, Ian's answer was unexpected: "Believe it or not, the initial format and rules of the sport were developed in less than one hour."

Figure this: An hour of creative thinking led to the creation of a sport that debuted internationally in approximately one year's time. Despite being an Estonian celebrity, Ian still finds time to play travel basketball, watch the Celtics, and play Velocity Soccer as the ten-year-old-boy that he is.

In the Zone

Lindsey Thomsen (GHS '13), a sophomore swimmer at the University of New England in Biddeford, was named the university's Athlete of the Month for November. Thomsen helped the women's swim team to a 3-1 record last month by winning seven individual events over four meets. In the team's victory over UMass Dartmouth, she earned wins in the 50-yard breaststroke, 50-yard freestyle and 100-yard breaststroke while also swimming a leg in the team's victorious 200-yard medley relay. Against Simmons College, Thomsen established both team and pool records by clocking 32.35 in the 50-yard breaststroke.

Upcoming GHS Varsity Sports Events

Friday, December 19

3:30 p.m. Girls' Hockey vs. Biddeford @ USM
4:00 p.m. Boys' Swimming vs. Massabesic @ Sanford YMCA
4:00 p.m. Girls' Swimming vs. Massabesic @ Sanford YMCA
6:00 p.m. Girls' Basketball @ Windham
7:30 p.m. Boys' Basketball @ Windham

Saturday, December 20

2:00 p.m. Boys' Track Multi-Team Meet @ USM
2:00 p.m. Girls' Track Multi-Team Meet @ TBD
6:10 p.m. Boys' Hockey vs. Cape Elizabeth @ USM

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



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Honors from Westbrook Regional Vocational Program



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Pictured (left to right) are Gorham students selected as Students of the First Quarter at Westbrook Regional Vocational Program: **Matthias Kasjanov**, electricity; **Amber Cavarretta**, medical occupations; **Lindsay Wilcox**, culinary arts; **Renee Deering**, public safety. Missing: **Gunder Sandeno**, heavy equipment operations.

Peter Pan Performance Proves Magical



Photo credit Becky Merriman

The 37 children from the greater Gorham area that participated in the Gorham Arts Alliance's "The Adventures of Peter Pan," an adaptation written by a local teacher Joyce Whitten.

By **MATILDA McCOLL**
Gorham Middle School
Intern

The Gorham Arts Alliance (GAA) hosted three performances of "The Adventures of Peter Pan" last month at the Gorham Middle School Auditorium. Mary Wassick directed the musical, along with the help of Gorham High School freshman Nathan Bachner as assistant director.

The production showcased many young Gorham actors and from the opening scene there were many entertaining characters.

Peter Pan, played by 11-year-old Mason Hawkes, not only had a lovely singing voice but wonderful acting abilities.

Mr. Darling, played by seventh-grader A.J. Booth, is the father of Wendy, John and Michael. Booth's comedic timing and strong presence delivered many moments in the scene that had the audience laughing.

The Lost Boys also stood out in the performance; Tootles, played by fifth-

grader Andrea Mitchell, and Curley, played seventh-grader Lauren Preis. These two actors should be noted for their comedic abilities.

The nonspeaking, yet very expressive, Tinker Bell was played by fifth-grader Alyvia Caruso. From her dislike towards Wendy and admiration towards Peter, Caruso definitely pulled off the role.

Caruso, who has played other speaking roles such as Chip in "Beauty and the Beast" and Annie in "Annie" said, "This role was my most difficult yet as timing was everything."

From pirates to mermaids, the show was certainly a magical and entertaining experience for not only those in the crowd, but seemingly for the actors on stage as well.

School Notes

On November 4, the National Honor Society at Gorham High School inducted 42 new members. They are: Thomas Bernier, Kailyn Bowie, Krista Boylen, Ben Bradshaw, Hailey Bryant, GraceAnn Burns, Robert Campbell, Nicole Coulliard, Jennifer Darasz, Sara Darling, Renee Deering, Coleman Dowdle, Eleanor Feinburg, Sarah Flanders, Meghan Hanley, Maeghan Higgins, Cady Houghton, Amanda James, Max Johnson, Sarah Jordan, Mia Kaufman, Muhummad Khan, Sam Kilborn, Cassidy Landry, Zoe Mattingly, Matt McCarty, Joe Moutinho, Nathaniel Nadeau, Emma Niles, Taylor Perkins, Madison Poulin, Calvin Riiska, Nathan Roberts, Spencer Ruda, Anna Smith, Julia Smith, Jesse Southard, Ciara Stillson, Cameron Tracey, Alyda Twilley, Molly VanLuling, Emilia Viernes. Congratulations!

This year's National Geographic Geography Bee for the Gorham School District will be held on Thursday, January 8 at 7 p.m. in the GMS Auditorium.

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GMS Making a Difference



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Gorham Middle School (GMS) Student Council visited the Westbrook Animal Shelter last month to drop off food, blankets, towels and toys for the animals, supplies that had been collected throughout October. Student Council Representatives also delivered a check to the shelter for \$1,000. More than 50 students on the council sold MAC's Gourmet Popcorn, a local company in Lisbon, to friends and family to raise money for the shelter, as well as for the Helping Paws organization of Gorham. Helping Paws will receive \$400 from GMS as well for their continued work with shelter dogs transported from the south and relocated in Maine. Special thanks to the Gorham community for making the fundraiser a success for GMS and especially for the animals in need. Students pictured are: **Sophie Lachance, Talia Cataggio, Dezzaray Look, Robbie Small, Devyn Harrington, Sophie Buzzell, Fatima Batool, Summer Kellher, Ava Stump, Alexandra Ferrigan, Caitlin McLellan, Emaly Howard, Tatum Philbrook, Shyan Olin**, with Student Council Advisor, **Donna Pastore**.

Food Drive at Narragansett



Photo courtesy of Narragansett staff

Narragansett Student Leaders held a food drive for the Gorham Food Pantry on November 20. Manning the table are (back row): Hailey Edwards, Alex Humiston, Libby Frey, and Annie Frey. Front row: Ambrosia Moore, Evan Russo, Izabella Densmore, Hannah Reed, and Josh Knight.

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Gorham Outing Club Receives Teens to Trails Grant

BY AVERY ARENA
Gorham High School Intern

Gorham High School (GHS) students and teachers created an outing club in September and have recently been awarded a Teens to Trails grant of \$500 to help fund their outdoor activities.

Students Ryan Bertin and Alyda Twilley along with teachers Jason Simpson, Rachael Grady, Sally Reynolds, Brigid Smith-Franey, Stacey Mulrey-Anderson, and Nan Acker-Wolfhagen started the club. They currently have 60 students signed on to participate in outings this year.

L.L. Bean Community Relations Manager and Gorham resident Janet Wyper initiated the idea of the club

by alerting GHS students about the Maine Outing Club's Teens to Trails Conference, which teachers Simpson and Grady attended.

The goal of the club is to get a whole range of kids outside having fun being active. Advisor Simpson said, "I think everyone sees the need for adventure and the outdoors to be part of a healthy, happy lifestyle."

The group is trying to go on at least one trip a month. So far they have been rock climbing at the Maine Rock Gym and hiking at Jewel Falls in the Fore River Sanctuary. In the future they are planning to go skiing, snowshoeing, and they may even get certified in first aid with GHS health teacher, Sara Drury.



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- Ice Skating**
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- Make and Take Crafts**
3:00-5:45 PM Drop-In Baxter Library
- Family Spaghetti Supper**
5:00-6:00 PM First Parish Church
(separate meal charge \$8/\$4)
- Mad Science**
6:00-7:30 PM Shaw Gym/Multi Purpose Rm
- Story Teller - Michael Parent**
6:00-7:00 Baxter Memorial Library
- WildLife Encounters**
6:00-7:45 - Shaw Gym
- Balloon Magic**
6:00-7:30 PM Shaw Gym-Activity Room
- Face Painting**
6:00-7:30 PM Shaw Gym-Activity Room

Families with Older Children
All the above and...

- Indoor 3 on 3 Contest**
3:00-5:00 PM Shaw Gym
call 222-1630 for details
- Peter Mezoian - Banjo**
6:30-7:15 Gorham High School Foyer
- Running With Scissors - Improv Comedy**
7:30-8:15 Gorham High School
Performing Arts Center
- Audio Body Techno-Physical Comedy**
8:30-9:45 Gorham High School
Performing Arts Center
- Fireworks**
10:00 PM Gorham High School
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at USM Ice Arena

FIRST PARISH CHURCH
Fellowship Hall
5:00-6:00 Family Spaghetti Supper
6:00-6:00 USM Ice Machine
Sanctuary Performances
3:00-5:45 Choral Arts Society
6:00-6:45 Gorham Community Chorus
7:00-7:45 First Parish Church Choir

GORHAM HOUSE (NEW PORTLAND ROAD)
6:00-7:30 Don Roy Trio

GORHAM MUNICIPAL CENTER & SHAW GYM
Multi Purpose Room
6:00-7:45 Mad Science
Shaw Gym
6:00-7:45 Wildlife Encounters
Activity Room
6:00-7:30 Face Painting by Gail Strout
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Gorham Performing Arts Center
Foyer
6:30-7:15 Peter Mezoian (Outgoing Banjo)
Main Stage
7:30-8:15 Running With Scissors (Improv)
8:15-8:30 Peter Mezoian (Outgoing Banjo)
8:30-9:45 Audio Body Comedy
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WHEN AND WHERE TO FIND...

AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES

- Snow Sculpting Contest Noon-4 USM
- ICE SKATING USM 3:00-5:00
- SLIDING USM NOON-4:00
- INDOOR GAMES SHAW GYM 2:30-4:00

Evening Activities

Acadian Fiddling
Don Roy Trio
6:00-7:30 Gorham House (New Portland Rd)

Balloons, Magic, and Face Painting
6:00-7:30 Shaw Gym Activities Room

Choral/Vocal/Instrumental Music

- Nate Gowen Jazz Trio
5:00-6:00 First Parish Church Fellowship Hall
- Choral Arts Society
5:00-5:45 First Parish Church Sanctuary
- Gorham Community Chorus
6:00-6:45 First Parish Church Sanctuary
- First Parish Church Choir
7:00-7:45 First Parish Church Sanctuary

Banjo Fun with Peter Mezoian
6:30-7:15 Gorham High School (GHS) Foyer
8:15-8:30 Gorham Performing Arts Center (GHS)

Comedy

- Running With Scissors - Hilarious Improv!
7:30-8:15 Gorham Performing Arts Center (GHS)
- Audio Body Techno-Physical Comedy
8:30-9:45 Gorham Performing Arts Center (GHS)

Fireworks
10:00 PM Gorham High School Athletic Complex

Food/Snacks *minimal fee charged

- Family Spaghetti Supper* at 5-6 PM at First Parish Church provided by Youth Group
- Snacks for sale at Shaw Gym
- Snacks for sale at Gorham High School

Wildlife Encounters
6:00-7:45 Shaw Gym

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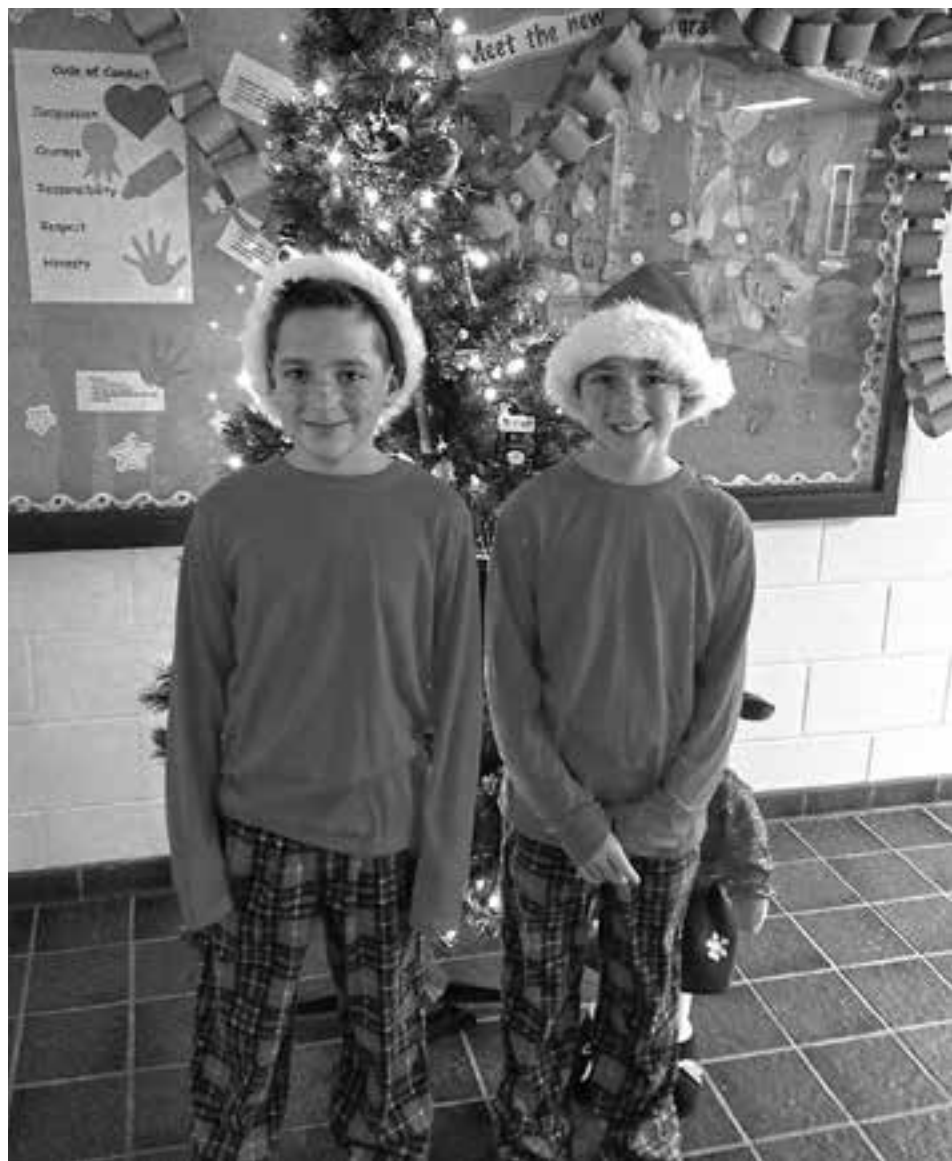


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Sean and Will Boylen recently celebrated Red and Green Spirit Day at Narragansett School.

Celebrate New Year's Eve in Gorham!

By VIRGINIA WILDER CROSS

Comedy, improv, choral music, banjo, jazz, juggling, magic, good food, fiddlers, face painting, snow sculptures, ice skating, science, unusual animals, sledding, or fireworks... New Year Gorham offers all of that and more.

The fun begins at noon with a snow-sculpting contest and sledding that will take place until 4 p.m. at USM (on College Ave at the foot of the sledding hill). The sculptures will be judged at 4 p.m., and winners will be named just before the fireworks.

"We are pleased to partner again with NYG—to offer a venue for afternoon snow sculpting and sledding, as well as family ice skating," said Joy Pufhal, USM's Dean of Students & Executive Director of Student & University Life. The skating admission is free for people wearing a New Year Gorham lanyard.

"The snow sculpting is open to individuals, families, and groups that pre-register to reserve a "plop" of snow for sculpting," said Mike Gradone, Executive Director of NYG and Director for Youth & Adult Sports /Community Events,

Gorham Rec. Department. "There is no cost to register, but we need to know how many people plan to enter the contest, so we can make sure we arrange for enough snow. We are working with Mother Nature on that."

The evening events will begin at 5 p.m. with a jazz performance and spaghetti dinner at First Parish Church, and it will end with the traditional fireworks display at 10 p.m. at Gorham High School. A wheelchair accessible van will transport folks from venue to venue and it will run throughout the evening.

"Each year we seek new entertainment to keep the program fresh and exciting," said Virginia Wilder Cross, chair of New Year Gorham. "This year we are pleased to feature "AudioBody" and "Running with Scissors" on the main stage at the Gorham High School Performing Arts Center. AudioBody is a must-see performance - the brothers are contortionists, jugglers, and they do all that with high tech help; Running with Scissors, will provide improv hilarity at

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Performance Descriptions

Audio Body - Techno Comedy!



Audio Body
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GHS 8:30-9:45
(This thrilling show features an explosive mix of circus arts, relentless comedy, full-body contortion, juggling, LED light shows, and up-beat music!)

Running with Scissors -Improv so funny it's dangerous! GHS 7:30-8:15
(With the help of its audience, this group creates a new side-splitting show every time they perform.)



Choral Art Society Carolers

First Parish Church 5:00-5:45 (Carolers—a capella, double quartet performing seasonal music and music for the New Year!)



Dennis Labbe Balloon Art and Magic

Shaw Gym 6:00-7:30 (Your child will become and feel like the star of the show as they'll perform some of the magic themselves if he or she wishes.)



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Gorham Community Chorus

FP Church 6:00-6:45
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Gorham Community Chorus
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Mad Science - Radical Reactions

Chemistry Show!
Shaw Gym, Mun. Center 6:00-7:30
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Peter Mezoian —

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GHS 7:00-8:30
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Nate Gowen Jazz Trio

FP Church 5:00-6:15
Fellowship Hall - Dinner Music
Mellow sounds of jazz standards played by USM alumni Nate Gowen, and the father-son combo of Tony Mangino on bass and Jim Mangino on guitar.



Wildlife Encounters

Shaw Gym 6:00-7:45 (Will you see a wallaby, an alligator, a very old turtle, an armadillo? Do you dare touch??)



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GHS Students Participate in Statewide Maine Youth Government Program



Pictured at the State House in Augusta are (back row) Sean Miller, Avery Arena, Sophia Hendrix, Shawn Crosby, Brianna Crockett; (front row) Austin Pomelow, Lucas Bryant, Hayley Bryant, Mia Kaufman, Emelia Nejezchleba, Sarah Bragdon

BY AVERY ARENA
Gorham High School Intern

On November 14 through 16, eleven students from Gorham High School participated in the statewide Maine Youth in Government program. Throughout the weekend, students from all over the state modeled the state legislative procedure and passed bills in the state capital building.

Before the weekend started, participants were asked to write their own bills, and Gorham students wrote four bills: State Sponsored Animal Welfare Educational Programs (Avery Arena), Changing the Starting Times of Schools (Mia Kaufman), Repealing the Adult Seatbelt Law (Emelia Nejezchleba), and Reducing

the Minimum Age to Operate an Enclosed Motor Vehicle to 14 Years Old (Brianna Crockett).

Once in Augusta, students broke into six committees to give each bill a public hearing and work session, then vote on committee reports. For the next day and a half, these bills moved onto the floors of the House and the Senate, and the weekend concluded with the election of the next youth governor and the report on the passing of each of the bills.

The students learned a lot, from parliamentary procedure, drafting amendments, and even had the chance to override a few vetoes. They are already looking forward to next year, and are trying to decide what positions to run for next year.

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The *Gorham Times* is delivered to 58 cities and towns in Maine (not including Gorham) as well as 12 other states throughout the United States, and is even delivered to the United Kingdom!

Randall Orchard Project Finalized: 482 Acres Preserved for Future



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Presumpscot Regional Land Trust members: Rob Levin, attorney; Stephanie Gilbert, Maine Dept. of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry; Dick Randall, Tania Zuckerman, PRLT staff; Lance Gorham, USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service; Michael Parker, PRLT Board President; Stefan Jackson, PRLT ED, Colleen Tucker, attorney; Collin Therrien, Land for Maine's Future Program

BY TANIA NEUSCHAFER ZUCKERMAN
Presumpscot Regional Land Trust

Presumpscot Regional Land Trust (PRLT) is pleased to announce that

five years of work has culminated in the completion of the Randall Orchards Project, with the preservation of 482 acres of prime farmland and woodlands in Gorham and Standish. Richard Randall donated a conservation easement on the first 185 acres in 2012 and PRLT acquired a conservation easement on the remaining 297 acres this year. These combined agricultural conservation easements

permanently protect from development and subdivision one of the largest blocks of undeveloped land in the Greater Portland area. It will also ensure a future for farming in one of

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MICHAEL PARKER
PRLT BOARD PRESIDENT

the fastest growing areas in Maine. Randall Orchards features 100 acres of apple orchards (approximately 7,500 trees), good agricultural soils, and nearly 400 acres of woodland and streams.

Many local people know of Randall Orchards from its farm stand, the pick-your-own apples, and the delicious cider; many have grown accustomed

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to seeing Randall Orchards apples sold at Hannaford stores. Others may know and love the scenic approach to the farm off Route 25 in Standish. Randall Orchards, an iconic farm in the region, will now remain protected for future generations.

"This is a truly great event for the community," said PRLT Board President, Michael Parker. "The Land Trust appreciates the many organizations, agencies, and individual supporters who got us here with their hard work and financial support." The primary funders were the State of Maine's, Land for Maine's Future Program and the USDA's Farm and Ranch Lands Protection Program through the Natural Resources Conservation Service and, of course, landowner Dick Randall, whose vision and commitment have made this possible. "It has been a pleasure and an honor for the land trust to help ensure that this landmark remains intact and that it be conserved as farmland for generations to come," said Parker.

Four generations of the Randall family have farmed the land. The farm was purchased in 1905 by Randall's grandfather, Edgar. Since then, the Randall farm has produced a wide array of agricultural products, ranging from vegetables, wood products, and eggs, to a dairy herd, chickens and hay during WWII, to the professional apple operation of today. The easement will allow Randall to continue the family tradition of limited public access. With the landowner's permission, citizens will still be able to enjoy low impact recreational activities such as picking apples, walking, cross-country skiing, mountain biking, snowmobiling and hunting.

Founded in 1985 and committed to promoting public access on its holdings, PRLT has a growing legacy of 19 properties encompassing 1,062 acres, more than half of which are open for public use. Serving the towns of Gorham, Gray, Sebago, Standish, Westbrook and Windham, PRLT is the only conservation organization whose mission is to conserve and protect natural lands and historic landscapes for posterity in the Presumpscot River watershed and western shore area of Sebago Lake.

The PRLT Annual Fund Campaign is now underway to support 2015 conservation goals. PRLT has an ambitious work plan for 2015—and needs help from the public. Making an Annual Fund donation will help PRLT conserve additional properties, create more recreational opportunities, coordinate activities along the Sebago to the Sea Trail, facilitate the work of volunteers, and provide essential stewardship and educational opportunities in 2015.

A monetary pledge is an investment in the environment, recreation, and future generations. Donations can be made at www.prlt.org or by mailing a check to: Presumpscot Regional Land Trust, ATT: Annual Fund, PO Box 33, Gorham, ME 04038. To learn more or become a member, visit www.prlt.org or contact us at (207) 839-4633 or info@prlt.org. As a 501(c)(3), all donations to the Presumpscot Regional Land Trust are tax deductible to the full extent of the law.

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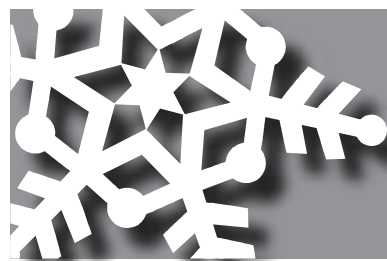
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Christmas Services 2014

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Rev. Linwood Arnold, 839-3111
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Dec. 31: Potluck Dinner, 6 p.m.; Watch Night Service, 7 p.m.

First Parish Congregational Church, UCC

One Church Street, Gorham
Rev. David Butler, 839-6751
Dec. 21: Christmas Sunday Service, 10 a.m.
Dec. 24: Service of Lessons, Carols & Candle Lighting, 7 p.m.; Midnight Candlelight Service, 11:30 p.m.

Galilee Baptist Church

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74 Deering Road, Gorham
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Gray Road, Gorham
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Dec. 21: Sunday Service, 10 a.m.
Dec. 24: Christmas Eve Service, 5:30 p.m.

Living Stone Community Church

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Orchard Community Church

1 North Street (Rt. 114), Gorham
Pastor Gary Groves, 671-3612
Dec. 21: Family Christmas Program, 6 p.m.
Dec. 24: Christmas Eve Service, 4 p.m.

Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church

410 Main Street, Gorham
Rev. Timothy Sandeno, 839-7100
Dec. 21: Sunday Service, 10:15 a.m.
Dec. 24: Christmas Eve Service, 4 p.m.
Dec. 31: Service of Prayer and Preaching, 7 p.m.

St. Ann's Episcopal Church

40 Windham Center Road (Off River Road), Windham
Rev. Tim Higgins, 892-8447
Dec. 24: Christmas Eve Service with Children's Pageant, 4 p.m.; Service with Carols and Youth Choir, 7 p.m.; Full Service with Choir, 10 p.m.

St. Anne's Catholic Church

299 Main Street, Gorham
Rev. Joseph Koury, 839-4857
Dec. 21: Sunday Service, 8 & 10 a.m.
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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
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Dec. 21: Sunday Service, 9 a.m.
Dec. 24: Christmas Eve Service of Carols & Candles, 5 p.m.

West Gorham Union Church

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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. 21: Sunday Service, 10:30 a.m.
Dec. 23: Tuesday Christmas Service, 7 p.m.

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USM Music Teacher Arrested for Child Pornography

By SHERI FABER
Staff Writer



Photo courtesy of Cumberland County Sheriff Office

Micah Maurio, 28, of Gray Road in Gorham was arrested December 5th and charged with disseminating child pornography. Police found hundreds of

images of child pornography on his personal computer. Police do not believe any children depicted were from Maine. Following a tip, the computer crimes unit began an investigation in October. Maurio is a musician and is a part time faculty member in the music department at USM. He has been suspended from USM without pay pending a final decision on his case. School officials said they would reach out to any of his students if they had any concerns.

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its best! Both acts are family-friendly—as is all of New Year Gorham.”

“Volunteer opportunities are still available,” according to Andrew McLean who helps coordinate the volunteers for New Year Gorham. “Most volunteers work about an hour on New Year’s Eve and they all receive a complimentary admission lanyard for their time. Anyone interested in volunteering should call Mike Gradone at 222-1630.”

The Town of Gorham, local businesses and individuals contributed generously to sponsor much of the entertainment, which keeps the cost of admission the same as previous years: \$5 for individuals and \$20 for families with more than two children. The

admission “ticket” this year is a lighted lanyard, but they are limited to the first 350 people. When they run out, they will be replaced with the traditional “button.”

Lanyards and complete schedule details are available at Hannaford in Gorham and at the Casco Federal Credit Union. The \$20 family packages are available only at the Gorham Rec. Dept. There is a nominal additional fee for the spaghetti supper.

Additional information is available on Facebook and www.newyeargorham.org.

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Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Morneault of Gorham announce the engagement of their daughter, Bethany Ann (GHS '03), to Johnny Stinchon, son of Mrs. Mary Stinchon and the late Michael Stinchon of Bristol, CT. Morneault teaches special education in Bolton, CT and Stinchon is a language arts teacher in East Hartford, CT. A wedding is planned for August 8, 2015. (1.JPEG)



OF INTEREST

Dozens of families from LifeChurch and Sunny Days Child Care came together to fill over 133 shoeboxes with gift items and basic necessities for Operation Christmas Child, a worldwide outreach that provides gifts to needy children. The Junior Coach Club, a group of 3, 4 & 5 graders, delivered the boxes to the drop off location this past November. (L-R): Bryce Pyle, Brayden Pyle, Olivia Wormell, Taylor Price, Ariana Alcide and Lucy Tidd.



There will be an Angel Tree Project Benefit Concert on Wednesday, Dec. 17 at 7 p.m. at Cressey Road United Methodist Church with Christmas music provided by the Italian Heritage Center Concert Band. A free-will offering will be taken to benefit the Angel Tree Project. FMI, 839-3111.

Gorham third grader Aiden Fortier will perform as Flick in "A Christmas Story" at Schoolhouse Arts Center in Standish. Performances will be held December 5, 6, 12, 13, 19 and 20 at 7:30 p.m. and December 7, 14 and 21 at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$14 for adults, \$12 for students and seniors.



A Blood Drive sponsored by Gorham Fire Department in Conjunction with iSpoon Frozen Yogurt will be held at the Narragansett School Gym, 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Donate and receive t-shirt, Subway coupon, and iSpoon coupon. Call American Red Cross for appointment, (800) 733-2767.

LifeChurch, off New Portland Road in Gorham, has teamed up with performing artists "Connor Garvey" and "October Road," for 4 FREE Christmas Concerts Dec. 22 & 23 at 6 p.m. and Dec. 24 at 2 & 4 p.m. Concerts are FREE to all by reserving a ticket at www.lifechurch.fm.

The Gorham Woman's Club will meet on Thursday, Jan. 8, 12:30 p.m. at the First Parish Congregational Church in Gorham. District 1 Federation president, Nancy Kenty, will speak about Federation Education. All are invited.

ON-GOING EVENTS

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.

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 Portland Water District invites preschoolers to join them for environmentally themed stories, games, and crafts at the Sebago Lake Ecology Center in Standish on Friday, Dec. 19 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. The theme will be "What Animals Eat." Snacks will be provided. Free, but donations accepted to support local loon preservation. FMI, 774-5961 x 3319 or sebago lake@pwd.org.

The Schoolhouse Arts Center in Standish is proud to present the hilarious comedy "A Christmas Story," a story of a nine-year-old boy in Holman, Indiana whose foremost desire is to receive a Red Ryder air rifle for Christmas. Performances will run through Dec. 21. \$14/\$12. FMI, 642-3743 (Standing L-R: Diane Ruecker, Jonathan Carr, Noah Anderson, and Aiden Fortier. Front L-R: Eliana White, Teresa Dyer, Tom Ferent, Arlo Stevenson, Sophie Koutalakis, and Lily Whitten)




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Officer located missing wallet on Day Road. It had been lost on Weeks Road.

Officers were called to Mosher Road for a reported sighting of a coyote but they could not find it.

Public Works cleaned up pieces of a broken sink in the road on South Street.

Officers responded to a domestic disturbance on Maple Drive. No weapon was used but the victim was injured.

Suspicious persons on Olde Canal Way were stargazing in a field.

Suspicious persons on Kemp Road were kids playing basketball as they did several times a week.

Suspicious person on Gray Road told officer he was defending his girlfriend's honor.

Police arrested Daniel Street man for domestic violence assault.

Suspicious person on Maryann Drive was someone going door-to-door and advising people where to go to vote.

Youth on a bike went over the hood of a car at Main Street and Landing Drive but sustained only minor injuries. Officer fixed his front wheel alignment and biker went on his way.

Alarm went off in Cressey Road building. People were in the building setting up a CPR dummy for a class.

Suspicious person on New Portland Road was the pastor of a church.

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CALENDAR

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.

FRIDAY, DEC. 19

- The Sammie Francis Trio, Spire 29, 8-10 p.m. Jazz standards and holidays favorites. \$5/\$8 at the door, open at 7:30 p.m.
- Peg's Itsy Bitsy Store, Gorham House, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. FMI, 839-5757.

MONDAY, DEC. 22

- Gorham Republican Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m. All registered Republicans are welcome. FMI, call 415-2673.
- School Vacation begins for grades K-12.

TUESDAY, DEC. 23

- MemoryWorks Memory Café, 1 p.m., Gorham House Sunroom. Share your memory concerns with others. FMI, 797-7891.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 24

- Blood Drive sponsored by Gorham Fire Department in Conjunction with iSpoon Frozen Yogurt. Narragansett School Gym, 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Call American Red Cross for appointment, (800) 733-2767.

SATURDAY, DEC. 27

- Super Saturday: Classic Christmas Film "Christmas in the Village," reel-to-reel projector, 11 a.m., Baxter Memorial Library. Open to all ages.

MONDAY, JAN. 5

- Back to School for grades K-12.

TUESDAY, DEC. 6

- The 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. 7

- Town of Gorham Senior Lunch Program, St. Anne's Church, Gorham. 12-1:30 p.m. \$4pp. FMI, 839-4857.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 14

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- Early Release for grades K-12.

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