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## Meet the New Sports Editor



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**MARTIN GAGNON**  
*Sports Editor*

Greetings. Recently I had the opportunity to join the fantastic staff at the Gorham Times and so far it has been a blast. For those who do not know me, my name is Marty Gagnon and my family has been living in Gorham for the last four years but my history with Gorham goes back even further.

As a child, my parents had a boat on Sebago Lake and my grandfather's farm still exists out on Sebago Lake Road. Many, and I mean many, of my relatives still live in Gorham and sometimes they can be heard even in Standish.

My role with the newspaper is to be the next sports editor. Jeff Pike has been a tremendous help in showing me the ropes and making the transition easier. Professionally, I work at the Auburn Public Library but my original career choice was in journalism. I have written for a daily in New Hampshire, a bi-weekly in Rangeley, Maine and done some freelance work for the Sun Journal.

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## Council Limits Parking Time on College Ave. & State St.

**SHERI FABER**  
*Staff Writer*

At their December meeting, the Town Council voted to restrict parking on both College Avenue and State Street to two-hour blocks between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m., Monday through Saturday. It will not apply on Sundays and holidays.

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## A Wonderful 11 Years

JEFF PIKE

As I have begun the process to move back to Massachusetts (where I'm originally from) after nearly 12 years in Gorham, it is with a tinge of sadness that I turn over the reins as Sports Editor of the Gorham Times. But I also know that it will be in capable hands as Martin Gagnon takes over—with his many years of journalism experience and his strong passion for sports.

I first volunteered to help with the paper in 2004 after moving to Gorham, seeing it as a great way to get to know people and to get involved in the community. Boy was I right. The Gorham Times staff is one of the best teams I've been ever been part of, and it has been with a lot of pride that I've helped—along with our many other team members—crank out and deliver the paper 24 times every year. The paper has benefited from the contributions of many wonderful individuals past and present.

I enjoyed my role as School News Editor for nearly three years and then as Sports Editor for the past eight plus years—always trying to get as many

names and pictures of Gorham residents into the paper as I possibly could. I've also thoroughly enjoyed my role as a Gorham Times "Paper Boy," delivering the paper to many businesses in the downtown area. Everyone always smiles when they see a new Gorham Times hot off the press.

For those of you looking to help out in the community, I strongly recommend considering the Gorham Times. It's a great way to meet people around town, and there are many roles to fill for many types of skills. And you don't necessarily have to put in a ton of time.

In addition to the Gorham Times, I will also miss the town. There's a strong spirit among Gorham citizens, the businesses, the schools and the sport teams—a spirit that I think is a lot stronger than many other towns. I've come to identify with that town spirit more so than any other town I've lived in as an adult.

I'm not sure exactly when I'll be gone—I still have to sell my house! So you just might see me around for a bit more. I'm hoping to keep my "Paper Boy" job as long as I can.



File photo

Jeff Pike, prior Sports Editor and School News Coordinator

Editor's Note: Jeff Pike has been dependable, thorough, and a genuine pleasure with whom to have on staff. On behalf of the staff and volunteers of the Gorham Times, we wish Jeff luck in his move and in life. We will miss working with him, but look forward to a long working relationship with Martin Gagnon.

## Changes on Main Street



Photo courtesy of Aispect LLC

It's easy to forget what was standing at 109 Main Street just last year. On land housing the old decrepit Mobil Station now stands this building containing Aroma Joe's and Subway.

*In order to allow our staff and volunteers time to enjoy the holidays, we will be taking a short break. The next edition of the Gorham Times will be dated January 14.*

## Winter Farmers Market Comes to Gorham

**ELLE SPURR**  
*GHS Student Intern*

Half craft fair, half farmers' market, the Winter Farmers Market at the Gorham Arts Alliance has extended the Gorham Farmers Market into the cold season. This event developed when the Gorham Arts Alliance noticed the void that existed after the end the Gorham Farmers Market. After the success of the Arts Alliance's Artoberfest, they decided to extend the farmers market, adding in a craft fair element.

Vendors will sell winter vegetables such as squash, meat, old-fashioned canned goods and baked goods; however, this market will not just be for quality, fresh vegetables and grass-fed meats. There will also be an arts element. Fine goods such as jewelry, silk scarves, soaps, cards, and silver goods will be sold by various vendors. Vendors will include Findview Farms, Simply Soap, Fat Pants Bakery,

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# Addressing Student Hunger

REP. LINDA SANBORN

The holiday season is here and with it, many opportunities to gather with friends and family and eat delicious food. While some of us struggle not to overindulge during this time of year, too many of our neighbors are facing a more serious challenge: they don't have enough to eat.

Maine has one of the highest rates of food insecurity in the country, meaning that thousands of families can't afford to maintain regular eating patterns, are forced to skip meals or only have access to unhealthy food.

The experience of hunger and poor nutrition disproportionately impacts seniors and children. Twenty-three percent of seniors in Maine do not have consistent access to food, and about one in four Maine children lives with hunger.

In a previous column, I wrote about my bill to expand the successful Meals on Wheels program for seniors and disabled Mainers. In this column, I want to focus on addressing hunger among children.

For kids, not having enough to eat results in more than just a growling stomach. Students without regular, healthy meals struggle academically as their ability to concentrate and learn suffers.

And the impact extends far beyond the school day. Kids without enough food are less likely to graduate from high school. They may never be able to achieve their full potential because their plates were empty when it mattered most.

In Cumberland County, more than a third of students qualify for free or reduced lunch, according to the Maine Children's Alliance. Statewide, over 86,000 kids are eligible to receive free meals because they don't have access to enough food at home.

My colleagues and I have been working to address this serious issue that affects our most vulnerable citizens. Last year, lawmakers formed a bipartisan task force that created a five-year plan to end student hunger. The report emphasized the importance of a collaborative approach among school districts, non-profits, state and federal programs.

One crucial part of the solution is ensuring that kids who qualify actually receive the meals they need. The stigma associated with needing help can cause students or parents not to sign up for the program.

The Legislature also passed a measure to serve healthy lunches to kids who do not have reliable access to food during the summer months through the federal Summer Food Services Program.

In the upcoming session, we will consider bills to give schools more tools to ensure eligible students receive meals, and help after-school programs participate in federal anti-hunger initiatives.

Childhood hunger is a quiet problem that can easily go unnoticed. It is critical that the Legislature continues to find effective ways to put a stop to it.

Finally, there are ways each of us can help.

The Gorham Food Pantry is always seeking donations and volunteers. If you are interested in helping, call Fran Doucette at 222-4351 or email [info@gorhamfoodpantry.org](mailto:info@gorhamfoodpantry.org). Preble Street in Portland is an excellent organization serving the homeless population in Cumberland County. They can be reached at 775-0026, or visit [www.preblestreet.org](http://www.preblestreet.org) to learn about volunteer opportunities.

The holiday spirit of generosity can inspire us to help out now and commit to being aware of this problem throughout the year.



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Dear *Gorham Times*,

We would like to thank our very generous community in helping again this year, our sixth annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner. We had enough food for 100 people and served 92 community folks and six volunteers. We ran out after 131 pounds of turkey! We also had numerous volunteers in the kitchen and on the roads delivering 78 meals to six towns. Many huge thanks to our generous financial contributors, newspapers & news teams for helping to spread the word. We could not accomplish such a feat as this meal without all the 35-40 volunteers in their various capacities.

We are also very proud to say we are donating \$1,200 to the Gorham Ecumenical Food Pantry.

All of us involved share of ourselves with open hearts and give thanks for our own blessings.

Much gratefulness,

Thad & Roxanne (Hanscom) Moody

Dear *Gorham Times*,

Approximately two-and-a-half years ago, Perry Durgin of Grondin Construction approached me. He said the long-anticipated River Road project had gone out to bid and various companies would wait for the Maine Department of Transportation (MDOT) to make their decision as to who would get the work. If they

won the bid, Grondin was interested in possibly using our property at St. Ann's Episcopal Church on the corner of River Rd. and Windham Ctr. Rd. as a staging area for their equipment during the project. They also hoped to install a temporary trailer for use by the MDOT as an office throughout the project. After winning the bid, a new professional relationship had begun.


In return Grondin would add fill to our parking area to create a new pad for the MDOT trailer; bring clean fill to our lowlands; install drainage and a new entrance to our facility; pay our electric bill; pack, grade, loam and hydro-seed the new area; and clean up any remaining areas after the MDOT trailer has been removed. Recently the company said, "If the grass seed doesn't take this November,

we will come back and take care of it in the spring."

We are filled with gratitude here at St. Ann's for the privilege it has been to work with Ken, Bob, Perry, Ray, Abraham, and others. They are truly a company of their word and they employ a staff of hard working, conscientious, and dedicated men and women. All our interactions with their employees have been professional, informative and honest. The landscape at St. Ann's has improved dramatically and we owe Grondin a debt of gratitude. Thank you so much!

As the project winds down, I can't say enough about our interaction with Grondin Construction and its employees--an agreement consummated with a handshake and a smile.

Rev. Tim Higgins, Rector, St. Ann's Episcopal Church

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# Jonny Morrow: Bass Guitars and Broadway Experiences



Courtesy Brian Li Photography

Jonny with Morrow Basses #0004.

GAIL AMBROSE

Jonny Morrow (GHS '98) is the son of Darrell and Susan Morrow. His father, now retired, was a Gorham High School Music educator and encouraged Morrow's musical interests. Morrow studied piano, sax and bass guitar from an early age. Morrow credits his parents with stepping up and supporting him in his career choices. After high school he attended and graduated from Berklee College of Music in Boston with a degree in Music Production and Engineering in 2002. Currently Morrow is playing bass guitar in the pit for an Off Broadway musical "Invisible Thread" and building custom bass guitars.

**Gorham Times (GT):** What was your high school experience like?

**Jonny Morrow (JM):** I was involved in all the music programs. I even had a successful original band with my friends called Shufflin' Tremble. Gorham was not only a wonderful community to grow up in but also had all the tools and support

I needed to become the musician I wanted to be.

**GT:** Were any Gorham teachers big influences on you?

**JM:** Kim and Ray Mathieu and Chris Peterson were all instrumental mentors. Plus it didn't hurt that my dad was one of the state's best music educators. He is most of the reason I am the musician I am today.

**GT:** How did you get interested in the bass guitar?

**JM:** I'll never forget picking up the Fender Jazz bass that Dad brought home and knowing it was the instrument I'd focus on the rest of my life. It spoke to me and somehow I was

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## correction

In the December 3 article titled "Main Street Construction Project Through Gorham Village," the word "rubberize" should have been "rubbelize." Rubblizing is the process of fracturing existing concrete pavement into pieces for direct overlay.

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# New Year Gorham Flashing Lanyards Now Available

VIRGINIA WILDER CROSS  
*New Year Gorham*

The New Year Gorham flashing lanyards, required for entry into the events, are now available.

"The lanyards ran out last year, so folks should line up early to make sure they are wearing one on New Year's Eve this year," advised Mike Gradone at the Gorham Rec. Dept. "We purchased twice as many as last year, but it is always hard to predict the numbers. We just want everyone to get one!"

Weather permitting, the event will begin at noon on December 31, with sledding and snow sculpting at the USM hill on College Ave. And, it will continue with lots of fun activities until the finale fireworks at 9 p.m. at Gorham High School.

Lanyards (\$5 each) and complete schedule details are available at Hannaford in Gorham and \$20 family packages are available only at the Gorham Rec. Dept.

Additional information is available on Facebook and at [www.newyear-gorham.org](http://www.newyear-gorham.org).

## Winter Farmers Market CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

Seasonal Corner, Autumn Originals, Kelley's Beaded Treasures, and Quilled Creation.

The Winter Farmers Market will continue through the winter on the second Saturday of each month, and there will be two additional markets in December and April. The market will continue through April, until the Gorham Farmers Market comes back to its outside venue on South Street in May.

The next Winter Farmers Market will be held December 19 from 8:30 to noon. The Gorham High School's Chamber Singers will offer live enter-

tainment and Patrick Martin will sing holiday chorales. Introductory art classes will be offered during this market as well, with the first class doing stained glass making. Future classes may involve pottery making, printmaking, and quilled paper classes. Visit the Gorham Arts Alliance Facebook page for upcoming classes and to sign up.

Come support local vendors and the Gorham Chamber Singers or learn about stained glass making. The Gorham Arts Alliance is located in the former Odd Fellow Building at 34 School Street, near the center of town.



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# Lose Weight Without Exercise

STACEY COLEMAN

I sell fitness for a living and I am telling you that you can lose weight without exercise. So, why am I still in business? Here is the catch: yes, technically you can “lose weight” without exercise, but what kind of weight?

Everyday I correct people who tell me, “I want to lose weight.” Well then,” I say, “Let’s cut off a limb or remove those quads. You will certainly lose weight, right?” I usually receive an amused smile and then clients go on to re-state their goal as, “I want to lose body fat.”

Nobody comes to me and says “I just carry too much muscle,” or “My bones are just too heavy.” That would be silly. So if you want to lose weight, you want it to be body fat... am I right? So the question is, can we lose body fat without exercise?

Sure we can! It is just science. We could dramatically deplete your calorie intake and let the pounds start falling off. There are 3,500 calories in a pound of fat, so a 1,000-calorie deficit/day equals a one-pound loss in a week. However, without exercise you will also lose muscle mass and you will not get that toned, lean healthy look that we all desire.

The myth that muscle weighs more than fat is patently not true. One pound of muscle weighs exactly the same as one pound of fat. A pound is a pound but here is the catch: one pound of fat is really soft, takes up a lot more space, and makes it uncomfortable to move, while a pound of muscle is compact, tight and turns you into a calorie burning, metabolism cranking, firm body machine.

So the choice becomes what do you want your skin wrapped around? Soft and squishy, or firm and strong? Let’s maximize your results and focus

your efforts on what you really want. Here are a few tips for losing body fat and retaining that all-important muscle mass at the same time.

- Don’t over restrict your diet. A slight calorie deficit of 500 calories per day, combined with an additional exercise expenditure of 500 calories per day will equate to two pounds per week of weight loss. Any more that this has been proven to have many negative and potentially unhealthy consequences.

- Do combine regular strength training as part of your action plan. Not only do you gain the immediate benefits of great caloric burn, you also get the lasting effects of an elevated metabolism from increased muscle mass for up to 48 hours afterwards.

- Don’t overdo it. Forty-five minutes of quality exercise four to five days per week will give you a great balance of work and rest to help your body change in a healthy, sustainable way.

- Do mix up your workouts. It takes your body about four to six weeks to adapt to any one given workout. After that, it stops adapting to what it is being exposed to. Having a fresh new exercise plan at the right time can really keep your body changing.

So, yes, you can lose weight without exercise, but I do not think that is really what you want. If your goal is to firm up, energize your body, and become a healthy fat burning machine, I can help you develop healthy meal plans and design a custom fitness program that includes strength training, metabolic workouts, steady state cardio and flexibility to help you reach your goals.

Happy, healthy holidays.

*Coach Stacey Coleman is founder/executive director/fitness coach of My-FIT-24. She has a B.S. in Health and Fitness and 15 years of professional field experience.*

## Hannaford Helping Hands Boxes



Photo credit Jen Banks

The next time you are in a local Hannaford store, it will be hard not to notice the Helping Hands Boxes stacked near the checkout lines. These boxes contain nonperishable food items for local families in need. At the Gorham Hannaford store, all boxes are donated to the Gorham Food Pantry (GFP) for distribution to area churches and civic organizations for families in need throughout the holiday season and into the winter months. The boxes contain a far greater value of grocery items than the \$10 purchase price, and to make this donation especially easy the boxes are delivered by volunteers directly from Hannaford to the Food Pantry. “Hundreds of boxes are purchased each year by area residents making this partnership with Hannaford a vital and very important part of our holiday giving,” said Diane O’Neill, GFP board president. Featured (from left to right) with the Hannaford Helping Hands Boxes are two new GFP board of directors members Dick Peterson and Audrey Laskey.



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JAMES RATHBUN  
Public Services Librarian,  
Baxter Memorial Library

The Baxter Memorial Library hosts a variety of ongoing programs that utilize donations from the community to further our development here and to help others locally that are in need. Each year, during the month of December, we add two programs to the list: our annual Giving Tree and Pet-A-Tree!

New, unwrapped gift donations for the Giving Tree may be dropped off through Friday, December 20 during our regular hours. At the library, our focus has always been on gifts for the underserved teen and 'tween age groups--items like clothing, books, movie tickets, and gift certificates. However, all gifts are welcomed, particularly now that we are partnering with the Gorham Town Clerk's office, combining our efforts to help Gorham families in the most need.

In addition to the Giving Tree, our Youth Services department is hosting their annual Pet-A-Tree to support our furry friends. Children

are encouraged to draw or bring in a picture of their pet, or one they are wishing for, to decorate the tree. Donations of pet food and toys placed under the tree will benefit the Animal Refuge League in Westbrook.

These are just two donation programs the library adds during the holiday season; we have many others that take place year-round. Baxter Memorial Library is a donation site for the Gorham Food Pantry. Just inside our lobby is a grocery cart where non-perishable food and personal hygiene products like disposable diapers, toothpaste, and shampoo can be dropped off. Every month we focus on something new, for December the call is for canned tomato products, but all donations are welcomed. We also host a box from the Lions Club for donations of used eyeglasses.

Finally, we would like to thank the community, the Trustees, and the Friends of Baxter Memorial Library for all the donations--both monetary and otherwise--that help us directly. Donations of books

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## Council Limits Parking Time CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

Local businesses have long been concerned about the lack of parking in the village, particularly on the north side of the intersection with Route 114. By limiting the amount of time a vehicle can park on those two streets to two hours at a time, the Council believes this will reduce all day parking and make more parking spaces available to the general public who wish to park and shop at local stores.

The Gorham Arts Alliance and the Centre of Movement, both located in the former Odd Fellows building

on the corner of College Avenue and School Street, currently use College Avenue for all day parking for their staff. Their staff members and others such as wait staff at area eateries will need to find alternate places to park.

Some vehicles parked on College Avenue may belong to students at the University of Southern Maine, but Councilor Bruce Rouillard noted there is ample parking on campus, so this new law should not impact any students.

The change goes into effect on January 1, 2016.

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# Town Council Report

JACOB ADAMS  
Staff Writer

During open communications of the December Town Council meeting, Councilor Hartwell warned citizens to keep their cars locked after a few break-ins were reported in his neighborhood. He emphasized that if you "see something, say something." Town Manager David Cole thanked the Recreation Department for the tree lighting ceremony.

In new business, the following items were voted on:

The Streets and Sidewalk ordinance was amended by restricting parking on State Street and College Avenue to two hours between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. This will be exempt on Sundays and public holidays. (6-0, Stelk absent)

Peter Mason, Paul Willis, and Demetria Chadborne were selected as real estate brokers to assist the town in disposing of property for a one year period from January 1, 2016 to January 1, 2017, without any guarantee that properties will be made available for disposal. (6-0, Stelk absent)

Jan Willis was appointed to the Board of Trustees of Baxter Memorial Library to fill a term that expires in 2017. (6-0, Stelk absent)

The Town Council voted 6-0 to approve the capital expenditure of a sum of money not to exceed \$600,000

for the town's share of a project to reconstruct Main Street in Gorham Village. These funds will be combined with funds from the Maine Department of Transportation and funds from the Portland Water District for a combined project estimated at \$2,200,000. The Council also approved \$1,175,500 (to combine with \$440,000 previously budgeted) for major roof, locks and hardware and mechanical equipment projects at Gorham Schools. Both of these projects were approved by voters at the November 3 election. (6-0, Stelk absent)

Town Council approved a new fee schedule for local police services: crash reports, \$17; all other offense reports, \$15; accident reconstructive report, \$150; DVD's \$20; finger prints for Gorham residents, free; finger prints for non-residents, \$20; additional charge for reports that exceed 10 pages, \$.50 per page. The new fees will become effective on January 1, 2016. (6-0, Stelk absent)

Town Council accepted Bramblewood Lane, located in Bramblewood Subdivision off of South Street (Route 114), as a Public Road. It will be locally classified as an Urban Access Road. (5-1, Hartwell; Stelk absent)

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DECEMBER 7, 2015

## Planning Board Results

In their December meeting, the Planning Board discussed the following items:

- A request by John Hawrylo to subdivide Unit 7 of Woodside condominiums off Water Street into two separate units was approved with conditions.
- The town of Gorham's request for approval to relocate the dumpster

at the new Public Safety Complex was approved with conditions.

- The Portland Cellular Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless request for approval of a wireless telecommunication facility and equipment shelter located off New Portland Road was discussed and a site walk scheduled.

## Food Pantry Reaches Out to Community for Help

### GORHAM FOOD PANTRY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

It has been eight years since the Gorham Food Pantry reached out to the Gorham community with a fundraising appeal, and at this time of year with so much generous holiday and year-end giving, it seemed like an opportune time to make a plea for assistance, says Diane O'Neill, president of the Gorham Food Pantry.

"The Pantry averages about 110 households per month, a number that has nearly doubled over the past eight years. In 2015 alone, our food costs have increased by 35 percent. In a community of Gorham's size, this information is very significant."

The GFP has been serving Gorham families since 1996 by offering food assistance at no cost to residents in need. Many people don't realize how many of their neighbors actually need food assistance on a regular basis to feed themselves and their families. The hungry are young children, they are elderly residents and veterans trying to survive on fixed incomes, they are friends and neighbors who simply cannot make ends meet with the cost of living today. And yes, they live right here in Gorham.

"The Pantry is blessed with gifts from the Gorham community

throughout the year, along with a network of community food partners and volunteers who help us unceasingly. We would like to thank our friends, neighbors, volunteers and good-hearted people everywhere, who contribute to making the lives of our clients so much better through their generosity and time. We are extremely grateful for their support all year through," said O'Neill. To combat the increased costs for food and our unending challenges of obtaining food at reduced prices, we are reaching out to the community for help in offsetting our rising costs.

If anyone would like make a contribution to the Pantry, donations can be sent to PO Box 547, Gorham, ME 04038. We also offer automatic deposits from any bank or financial institution directly into the Pantry's savings account at Gorham Savings Bank. Donations can be from \$5 per month, up to any amount; and some local businesses are even willing to match employee contributions.

The Gorham Food Pantry is located at 299B Main Street (in the Saint Anne's Church parking lot) across from Narragansett Elementary School. Hours are Thursday mornings 9 to 11 a.m., and the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month, from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. For more information call 222-4351 or visit [www.gorhamfoodpantry.org](http://www.gorhamfoodpantry.org).

## Real Estate Transfers May 2015

Address	Buyer	Seller	Price
3 Cornucopia Way	Foley Thomas J & Frances M	Carroll, Micheal	\$305,000.00
53 Weeks Road	Beardsley, Joshua A & Erin M	Rickett, Thomasine	\$234,955.00
16 Mosher Road	Digital B LLC	Nouria Energy	\$106,000.00
415 South Street	Zigler, David C & Laura A	Fuson, Susan	\$287,000.00
34 Harts Way	Jamieson, Elizabeth Allison M	Grant, Kevin	\$325,000.00
21 Whipple Road	Mason, David A & Cheryl	Anderson, James	\$308,897.00
7 Starlit Way	Drury, Sarah E & White, Jessica P	Dubail, Jennifer	\$287,000.00
24 Lawn Avenue	Brown, Roger K	Caron, Charlotte	\$191,000.00
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183 Huston Road	Barrows, Zachary T & Elizabeth R	Michaud, Karen I	\$145,000.00
4 Pioneer Circle	Wells, Adrian & Robyn	McWilliams, Marylin C & Harold	\$395,000.00
101 Plummer Road	Clark, Gina K	Aristizabal, Andrew	\$232,000.00
4 Dewayns Way	Merrow, Peter & Kate M	Shaw, Thomas P	\$430,000.00

# Burning off the Turkey



Photo courtesy of Gorham Recreation Department

Runners and walkers warm up as a group for the Burn-Off-The-Turkey 5K

MARTIN GAGNON  
Sports Editor

Clearly showing no sign of a Thanksgiving hangover, 234 runners and walkers outpaced the unlucky bird that was the centerpiece of many Thanksgiving meals. The 18th Annual Burn-Off-The-Turkey 5K Road Race, sponsored by the Gorham Recreation Department, was once again a holiday success. In the men's division, Gorham High School graduate Jesse Orach was victorious with a time of 15:45. Orach was also the overall race winner finishing over a minute faster than his nearest competitor. In the female division, Jennifer Rush of Gorham was the winner with a time of 21:07. Additional group winners from Gorham included Zack Davis, male 14 and under, and Dick Graves, male 60 to 69. In the race-walk competition, Gorham's own Jeff Lachance and Tedda Lachance won their respective male and female divisions.

Listed below are the fastest 25 runners from Gorham:

Place	Time	Name
1	15:45	Jesse Orach
2	17:05	Ben Foster
3	18:41	Sean Pratt
6	20:14	Dick Graves
8	21:04	Wil Rossignol
9	21:07	Jennifer Rush
10	21:15	Maria McInnis
11	21:15	Zack Davis
12	21:23	Garrett Higgins
19	23:57	Matt Nelson
23	24:40	Brian Penley
25	24:52	Meridith Paterson
27	25:06	Rebecca Badeau
28	25:07	Katie Bem
29	25:09	Andrew Tinkham
30	25:10	Sam Orlando
31	25:17	Mandy Murphy
35	25:32	David Farrington
37	25:41	Alyvia Caruso
38	25:42	Aryn Martin
39	25:42	Julie Martin
40	25:43	Julia Eiten
41	25:48	Dale Rines
42	25:52	Michael Knight
43	25:52	Cynthia Knight

## Meet the New Sports Editor

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I am a huge sports fan and an avid runner. The other day my dad was cleaning out his basement and found my autographed Vladimir "Rosie" Ruzicka hockey card. There's a blast from the past. My two sons are both active in sports and have introduced my wife and me to lacrosse, which has

quickly become my favorite sport to watch as a spectator.

I am looking forward to covering local sports and finding the lesser-known stories of some of the great athletes in the community.

From my family to yours, we wish you all happy holidays.

# Joanne Lannin Still a Leader in Women's Basketball

JOHN CURLEY  
Staff Writer

On December 1, Gorham author Joanne Lannin talked about her latest book entitled "Finding a Way to Play." This is her third published work on women's sports but her first foray into the self-publishing world. The book describes the pioneering spirit of women in basketball with a voice that makes the reader feel like an active participant. According to Lannin, "One of my goals was to educate the younger generation about the rich history of the women's game." Only a person with vast basketball experience and a true love for the game could make this happen.

Lannin played basketball in high school and college. Her high school team from Rockland, MA was 32-0 in regular season play but was knocked out in the regional tournament both seasons so they never made it to the Boston Garden. She played "stationary forward" which meant she couldn't go over the center line. In college, she was the co-captain of her team at the University of New Hampshire for her junior and senior years. She has coached middle school, junior varsity, and varsity basketball and currently coaches the first team at Bonny Eagle. Anybody would be proud of that basketball resume, but for Lannin, it only tells part of the story.

Upon turning 50, she started playing senior ball, a three-on-three game that requires a different kind of fitness—like an aerobics class, as opposed to a long distance run. Her senior team won a gold medal in the 55+ division in 2009 and a silver in 2013. There are six teams of four to seven players in the program (Southern Maine Women's Basketball). There are also a few teams in Hollis and a couple more in Brunswick. Lannin says, "It would be great if women in Augusta and Bangor would organize themselves so we could have a state tournament someday!"

Senior basketball goes on year round, but slows a bit in December because everyone is busy with the holidays or coaching/watching basketball. Her 60+ team, the Maine



Photo credit Roger Marchand

Lannin at a recent signing at Baxter Memorial Library for her book "Finding a Way to Play."

Flashes, is looking forward to the trip to Birmingham, Alabama in June of 2017. Like all Nationals, it gives them a chance to face different competition (there are usually about 20 teams in each age division) and visit parts of the country they have not visited before. It also gives them a chance to renew acquaintances with women they have met over the years.

The Maine teams brought home three medals from the 2015 Games and hope to improve upon that result in 2017. The Flashes will start preparing in earnest next summer and by the beginning of 2017 they will be practicing two to three times a week and working with volunteer coaches and trainers to get into top form.

According to Lannin, "Basketball demands so much from an athlete. You've got to be in shape, you've got to be able to pass, shoot, dribble, play defense, rebound, and box out. You have to read defenses and make split-second decisions. In a nutshell, basketball keeps your mind and body sharp and I think that's why so many senior women enjoy it."

The Flashes are currently down to three players and looking for new teammates. Who's next?

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# Recent Sports-Related Changes at USM

PATRICK O'SHEA

## USM Honors Gary Fifield with Court Dedication Ceremony



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Julie Plant, a former Gorham High School and USM basketball standout, honors Coach Fifield. Julie spoke on behalf of Coach Fifield's former players.

Prior to the Huskies women's basketball game on December 1, a ceremony was held to honor retired women's basketball coach Gary Fifield. The basketball court will forever be called the Fifield Court. The legend in women's basketball coaching was also honored by a reception following the unveiling. Many former players, friends, fans and family attended to show their appreciation for his commitment and success at USM.

"Naming the basketball court in the Warren Hill Gymnasium for long-time women's basketball coach Gary Fifield is the crowning achievement for one of the nation's most successful women's basketball coaches" said USM Director of Athletics Al Bean. "Gary's legacy at USM is marked by an amazing record of success, including multiple trips to the NCAA Final Four, countless appearances in the NCAA National

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## USM Receives a \$1.65 Million Bequest From Costellos



Photo credit Christina Cracolici

USM athletes stand behind USM president Glenn Cummings as he announces the Costello bequest.

Two of the most beloved educators in the history of the University of Southern Maine (USM) found a way to express their affection for and their belief in the university forever. On November 24 a press conference was held to announce the largest bequest in the University of Southern Maine's history from the Costello estate. The money--\$1.65 million--will help fund improvements to the Costello Sports Complex, which includes a field house, gymnasium, ice

arena, and athletic offices, as well as student academic spaces. Melissa and Dick met in 1953 at Gorham State Teachers College (now USM) when they were beginning their careers. They spent their entire careers teaching at USM and living in Gorham, first on Gray Road and later on Osborne Road. They retired together in 1990. Dick passed away in 2008 and Melissa in 2013.

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**Puppet Show and Workshop**  
3:00-5:00 PM Baxter Memorial Library

**Mad Science**  
5:00-6:00 PM Shaw Gym Activity RM 1

**WildLife Encounters**  
3:00-4:00 - Mun. Ctr. Multipurpose room  
5:00-6:00 - Mun. Ctr. Multipurpose room

**Face Painting**  
4:30-6:00 PM Shaw Gym Foyer

**Families with Older Children**

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**Cornhole & Music**  
5:00-7:00 Robie Gym

**Running With Scissors - Improv Comedy**  
6:15-7:15 Gorham High School Performing Arts Center

**Norman NG Magle**  
7:30-9:00 Gorham High School Performing Arts Center

**Fireworks Following Magic**  
9:00 PM (Approx) Gorham High School Athletic Complex

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**SLEDDING 12-4 PM**  
(College Ave. Sledding Hill)

**SNOW SCULPTING CONTEST 12-4 PM**  
(College Ave. Near Sledding Hill)

**FAMILY ICE SKATING 3:00-5:00 PM**  
at USM Ice Arena (NO Rentals available)

**GORHAM MUNICIPAL CENTER**

**Council Chambers**  
5:00-6:00 Don Roy Trio

**Foyer**  
4:30-6:00 Face Painting

**Multi Purpose Room**  
3:00-4:00 & 5:00-6:00 Wildlife Encounters

**Activity Room 1**  
5:00-6:00 Mad Science

**Shaw Gym**  
5:30-7:00 Flamin Raymin and Sizzlin Suzzin Line Dancing Fun for all ages... See it, join it, dance it!  
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**AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES**

**Snow Sculpting Contest**  
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**Ice Skating**  
3:00-5:00 USM  
Note: You must bring your own skates.

**Sledding**  
Noon-4:00 USM  
Note: You must bring your own sled.

**Peaks Island Puppets**  
3:00-5:00 Baxter Library

**Wildlife Encounters**  
3:00-4:00 Shaw Gym

**EVENING ACTIVITIES**

**Acadian Fiddling**  
Don Roy Trio  
5:00-6:00 Council Chambers Municipal Ctr.

**Choral Music**  
Gorham Community Chorus  
5:00-6:00 GHS Performing Arts Center

**Line Dancing Fun with Flamin Raymin and Sizzlin Suzzin**  
Dancing Fun for all ages... See it, join it, dance it!  
5:30-7:00 Shaw Gym

**Comedy**  
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**Cornhole and Music**  
5:00-7:00 Robie Gym

**Magic** Norman NG  
7:30-9:00 Gorham Performing Arts Center (GHS)

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4:15-5:00 PM Foyer Gorham High School

**Fireworks**  
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# Winter Sports Preview: Track and Ice Hockey

# SportsEtc

COMPILED BY MARTIN GAGNON  
Sports Editor

**Boys' Indoor Track and Field:** The team has the largest roster it has seen in many years with over 50 athletes. Coach Jason Tanguay said his team is made of a mix of veterans and newcomers with many talented and solid athletes on the roster. When asked about the outlook for the season, Tanguay said, "We are looking to be competitive in all our regular season meets with the hopes of being one of the top teams in the SMAA Championship." Team captains for the season are **Jesse Southard, Collin Jones, Tyler Bernier, Branden Kuusela, Calvin Riiska, Emerson Fox, Connor Goodall, and Robert Pellerin**. Projected top athletes on the team include **Emerson Fox** (sprints and jumps), **Connor Goodall** (pole vault), **Luke Gowen** (sprints), **Branden Kuusela** (sprints, hurdles, and jumps), **Nathaniel Nadeau** (sprints and jumps),

**Ethan Orach** (middle distance), **Alex Ousback** (middle distance), and **Jesse Southard** (distance).

**Girls' Indoor Track and Field:** Coach John Caterina reported that his squad is a very young team which may take some time to develop during the season but should still remain very competitive during the SMAA schedule. Sophomore **Anna Slager** returns as one of the top distance runners in the state. Sisters **Bridget and Maddie Rossignol** are projected to be among the leaders in the pole vault competitions. Barring further injuries, Caterina said that sophomore **Meadow Fortier** could become a top mid-distance runner. Other key returners include **Diana Albanese** (distance), **Emily Howard** (shot put), **Sarah Lorello** (sprints and jumps), **Audrey Perrault** (shot put), and **Heather Woodbury** (sprints and jumps). Top newcomers to the young squad include **Mallory Campbell** (jumps), **Erin Esty** (hurdles

and jumps), and **Grace McGouldrick** (hurdles and sprints).

**Boys' Ice Hockey:** Despite losing six key players to graduation, coach Jon Portwine said his team is "not rebuilding, but reloading." A large and talented freshman class adds promise for the future and adds some much needed depth. The goaltenders and two top goal scorers return from last year. Portwine has high hopes for the season and believes the team should be able to compete for its third straight Conference Championship. Team captains are seniors **Carl Bear** and **Willy Baxter**. Junior **Carter Landry** will be the assistant captain.

**Girls' Ice Hockey:** The Gorham/Bonny Eagle/Massabesic Ice Hockey team hopes to be competitive in a tough season schedule. Goaltending and strong defensive team play will be critical to the overall win loss record of the team. **Mary Adams** will be the captain and assistant captains will be **Madison Russell** and **Emma Niles**.

The Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest will be held in the Gorham High School Gym on January 9. Registration begins at 1:30 p.m. and the contest starts at 2 p.m. Boys and girls between the ages of nine and 14 must provide proof of age at time of registration. Those with the best score out of 15 three throws will be declared the winner and will advance to the District Level Contest.

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## in the Zone

**Players to Watch:** Carl Bear and Noah Bird, members of the Gorham boys' ice hockey team, were recently named by the Portland Press Herald as two players to watch for this season. The pre-season list included a total of 25 players across the state. Bear, a senior forward, scored several big goals in the Rams' run to a second-straight regional title game last season. Bird, a junior goaltender, got hot in the postseason last year and expects to continue his strong play.

**GHS Alum Competes on National Stage in Field Hockey:** GHS alum Hannah Prince was named to the U.S. Women's National Indoor Team's roster and traveled to Durban, South Africa to compete in the SPAR 4 Nations Indoor Hockey Tournament from December 15 to 18.

**Intercollegiate Swimmer of the Week:** Lindsey Thomsen, from Gorham, was selected New England Intercollegiate Swimming and Diving Association Swimmer of the Week for the period December 6. Thomsen, a junior at the University of New England, helped the Nor'easters breeze to

the title at the Colby-Sawyer College Invitational on Saturday, winning three events individually and swimming a leg in two winning relay entries.

**Maine Sunday Telegram All-State Team:** Cady Houghton was named a Maine Sunday Telegram All-State selection for her efforts this past soccer season. In cross-country, Anna Slager and Jesse Southard were selected to the Telegram All-State Team.

**Maine Soccer Coaches All-Stars:** At the 42 Maine Soccer Coaches All-Star Banquet, Gor-

ham's Cady Houghton was named the Maine Class A Player of the Year for girls' soccer. In addition, she was named to the Southern Maine State Team and the Southern Maine Class A Regional All-Star Team. Her coach, Jeanne Zarrilli, was named the Southern Maine Coach of the Year for Girls' Soccer. Other accolades on the girls' soccer team included Narissa Libby being named to the Southern Maine Class A Regional All-Star Team. On the boys' side, Gorham's Trenton Bassingthwaite, Cody Elliot, and Jackson Fother were named to the Southern Maine State Team.

## Performance Descriptions

**The Norman Magic Experience**  
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**Running with Scissors**  
*Improv so funny it's dangerous!* GHS 6:15-7:15  
(With the help of its audience, this group creates a new side-splitting show every time they perform.)



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**Peaks Island Puppets**  
Baxter Memorial  
Library 3:00-5:00  
(Fun for younger children and their families - a puppet show and workshop where kids will learn how puppets are made and how they work.)

### Gorham Community Chorus

Gorham Community Chorus  
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GHS 5:00-6:00 (Choral music ranging from the great masters to contemporary artists as well as popular and show music.)

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**Don Roy**  
Mun. Center  
Council Chambers 5:00-6:00  
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**Mad Science!**  
Activity Rm 1  
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5:00-6:00 (A mix between fun entertainment and education. Always a favorite for kids of all ages!)

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**USM Jazz Combo**  
GHS Foyer 4:30-5:30  
(Mellow sounds of jazz performed USM Music students.)

**Wildlife Encounters**  
Multi Purpose Room Shaw Gym 3:00-4:00 and 5:00-6:00 (Will you see a wal-laby, a turtle, an armadillo?)



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## Colonial America in Third Grade



Photo credit Tracy Burns

During an instructional unit on Colonial America, third grade students at Narragansett School learned about a very different lifestyle than the one they are accustomed to (housing, food, cooking, occupations, clothing, etc.). As a culminating activity to this unit of study, students had a feast and made their own butter to spread on bread. They also made their own vegetable soup, each contributing one food item (just like the Pilgrims did at the first Thanksgiving). Students also made hats that colonial children would have worn, and set the table for their feast. Pictured (left to right): Cameron Crepeau, Haley Frie, Alivia Keniston, Hunter Keniston, Vanessa Walker, Finn Henderson, and Mina Sayed.

## Gorham Teacher Presents at National Conference



Photo credit Anna Sedenka

Great Falls School fourth grade teacher Gigi McAllister presented at the National Council of Teachers of English Annual Conference (NCTE) in Minneapolis on November 21. She presented with Cynthia Lord and other authors. A copy of the digital flyer to her session, More Alike than Different, can be found at [www.smore.com/dxq0m-more-alike-than-different](http://www.smore.com/dxq0m-more-alike-than-different).

## School Notes

Great Falls School Parent Connection will host Read Across America Planning on Wednesday, January 13 from 7 to 8 p.m. in the Great Falls School Library.

Contact Mrs. Bedrosian at [kimberly.bedrosian@gorhamschools.org](mailto:kimberly.bedrosian@gorhamschools.org) for more information on FAFSA/Financial Aid Assistance Nights with MSSI Partner & FAME in January and February.

Check out superintendent Heather Perry's latest blog at: [gorhamsuperintendent.blogspot.com](http://gorhamsuperintendent.blogspot.com).

We need your help! Do you know something really cool about a staff member at one of our five Gorham schools that you think most people don't know but should? Tell us! We are interested in creating a new column in the school section centered on those staff members who make our schools run while getting to know them a little better outside the school walls. Please send facts, photos, stories, leads--anything you think our readers would be interested in reading and learning--to staff writer Tara Benson at [gorhamtimes@gmail.com](mailto:gorhamtimes@gmail.com).



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## Girl Scouts Give Back



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Daisy Girl Scout Troop 945 made a meal for the Gorham Food Pantry to distribute to a Gorham family for Thanksgiving. Pictured from left to right (front row) are: Erica Donnelly, Jordyn Fotter, Larissa Moore, Katie Bartlett, Addy Rush, and Adrianna Russo. Back row: Kara Nygren, Audrey Livingston, Charlotte Wallace, Anna Johnson, and Aylla Vaughn.

## Mad Science Visits Great Falls



Photo credit Stacey Sawyer

Katrice Morgan, a third grader at Great Falls School, enjoyed firing the air cannon during a recent Mad Science assembly with mad scientist Taryn Dunn.



Photo credit Cristy Meacham

Seventh-grader Ashley Meacham is one of eight Gorham dancers who performed in this year's Maine State Ballet's production of "The Nutcracker."

## Gorham Dancers Take the Stage in "The Nutcracker"

ELLE SPURR  
GHS Student Intern

Maine State Ballet's "The Nutcracker" is a beloved holiday tradition. This year the classic ballet featured eight dancers from Gorham. Kicking off at Portland's Merrill Auditorium on November 28, the production lasted through December 6.

This magical Christmas event was accompanied by live music by the Maine State Ballet Orchestra, vocals by the Musica de Filia Girls Chorus, and costume and stage design by Gail Csoboth. Over 300 talented Maine dancers performed, ranging from professionals to

children just developing their passion for the art.

Estella Ballard was featured as a sugarplum in the second act. Angela Mia Dellasala and Ashley Meacham both performed as little ribbon candies alongside Mother Ginger. Meacham has been dancing for seven years at the Center of Movement in Gorham and this was her first year performing in "The Nutcracker."

Annmari Dellasala danced in both "Coffee from Arabia" and "Tea from China." Hailee Willey danced as a toy soldier in "The Battle of the Nutcracker and the Mouse King" during the first act.

Kate Larkin, a freshman at Gorham High School, danced the part of a child partygoer in the first act and was featured in "Tea from China." She has been

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# Dating Abuse Presentation Heightens Awareness

EMMA COUSINS  
GHS Student

Members of the Young Adult Abuse Prevention Program (YAAPP) recently presented a program as part the health classes at GHS. "It was pretty interesting. It's a hard subject to talk about, but I think they handled it well," said Erica Mallory, a sophomore at Gorham High School (GHS).

The presentation started off with a small performance titled "Jake and Caroline." Two speakers took on the role of a young woman named Caroline and her boyfriend Jake. The duo seemed happy at first, talking about how much they had in common, the date they had planned, and how content they were together.

However, throughout the presentation, the relationship takes a turn for the worse. Using visual metaphors such as a leash, stuffed heart,

and umbrella, the performance illustrated how abuse can inconspicuously take over a relationship. Over the course of the play, Jake slowly wore down Caroline's self-esteem, health, and trust. By the end, both Caroline and Jake's lives were deeply affected by his actions, showing the changes an abusive relationship can make to both the victim and abuser.

*"It's something that not a lot of people our age know a lot about," said sophomore Max Harvey. "I think it's really important they talked to us."*

Following the performance, YAAPP went over the different shapes abuse can take, held a question and answer session, and finally asked the class what they thought of the performance. The response was overwhelmingly positive.

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DECEMBER 9, 2015

# School Committee Report

KATHY CORBETT  
Staff Writer

The School Committee welcomed students from Narragansett and Great Falls elementary schools to the December 9 regular meeting. They showed committee members ceramic bowls they had made for the Empty Bowls Project under the direction of art teachers Elise Bethal and Allie Rimkunas. Some had been donated to a silent auction December 3 and sold to raise funds for the Gorham Food Pantry. Students believed the project demonstrated the compassion component of the Gorham School's Code of Conduct. The Narragansett event raised \$1,263.10 from the auction and parent donations. Great Falls supporters will have an opportunity to make donations for bowls at the Family Movie Night.

Superintendent Heather Perry announced that Congress passed the Every Student Succeeds Act, a modification of No Child Left Behind. The State selected Measured Progress as vendor for statewide assessments. They promised these assessments would take one-fourth the time as last year's tests. The State has also decided to use the SAT for high school assessment and will move that April test from Saturday to a school day.

Dennis Crowe, technology director, reviewed the district's long-term purchase plan for devices used by K-12 students. He stressed keeping funding relatively stable by choosing the most appropriate device for each grade

and by maintaining a flexible phasing cycle. He is looking into acquiring some Google Chrome books for piloting in upper elementary grades. Unlike tablets, they have keyboards and can be used for online testing and other applications.

Cathy Stankard, assistant superintendent for instruction, presented a progress report on implementation of JumpRope, the online standards-based grading and reporting software that is replacing traditional grade books. Kim Fadrigon and Cheryl Fotter, co-chairs of the Gorham Elementary Schools professional development committee, demonstrated how every grade and report is tied to performance indicators. K-5 teachers have been using JumpRope to track student progress in ELA (English Language Arts) and Math this year. Mastering this has been an intensive learning experience, but one that will result in greater transparency and more meaningful assessments. The district will pilot JumpRope in seventh grade in the fourth quarter of this year and plans are underway to introduce it next year for grades six through eight.

The School Committee voted (6-0, Curran absent) to update the policy on service animals in schools, to delete the policy on video surveillance on school vehicles and replace it with a policy that covers all school property, including vehicles. They voted (6-0) to purchase two propane school buses with Maine PERS funds at a cost of no more than \$190,000. They voted (6-0) to approve the WRVC Vocational Assessment and to hire Schedule B and C personnel.

## Nutcracker CONTINUED FROM PAGE 11

dancing with Maine State Ballet and performing in "The Nutcracker" for seven years. The partygoer is her favorite role so far.

"It really does feel like I'm at a 1800's Christmas party when I'm on stage," said Larkin. "One of the best parts of the Nutcracker is just being there. Living in Maine you don't get as many opportunities so the fact that I get to dance in a ballet with George Balanchine choreographed pieces, alongside semi-professional dancers and stay in Maine, is such an amazing experience."

Another Gorham dancer, Arie Eiten, was seen as a child at the opening Christmas party and was also a mouse in the first act. In addition, he was an understudy for a soloist in "Tea from China." He has danced for four years.

"The Nutcracker" is a wonderful atmosphere for learning as well as being lots of fun," said Eiten.

The audience cheered when the reindeer, including Gorham's Lizzy Bradshaw, pulled in Santa's sleigh for the finale, ending another successful show of Maine State Ballet's "The Nutcracker."

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## Two Recommended Reads on Vietnam

JAN WILLIS

Recently I read "The Sympathizer" by Viet Thanh Nguyen. This is a novel that reads like it is non-fiction. The author was born in Vietnam and raised in America. He teaches English and American Studies at the University of Southern California.

The first person narrator of the novel is referred to as "the Captain." In the first sentence of the book, he says, "I am a spy, a sleeper, a spook, a man of two faces." He is the son of a North Vietnamese woman and a Catholic priest. At the beginning of the book he is writing his "confession" to the commandant. As the book unfolds, we realize the captain has been a prisoner for a full year. The narrator takes the reader through his difficult childhood, his recruitment as a teenager into a small "cell," his service as an infantry officer in the Army of the Republic serving as the right-hand-man to an important general, the escape to America during the fall of Saigon, and his life in America. The Captain is sent to the Philippines to be an advisor for a movie (which sounds a lot like Apocalypse Now). Finally he goes to Thailand as part of a reconnaissance mission. Senators, wealthy donors, and former military men are organizing in hopes of restarting the war, because for many people, the war is not over. Obviously, he is captured and thus, the need for a "confession." It took me a while before I realized the whole book is "the confession."

For me, this book was a challenging one that I needed to read in small segments while taking notes and reflecting on what I had just read. I would recommend this book

to people who enjoy historical fiction and have time and patience. The writing is top-notch.

On the back cover, Robert Olen Butler, Pulitzer Prize winning author of "A Good Scent from a Strange Mountain," gives praise for "The Sympathizer." I decided to check out Butler's book, which is a collection of short stories. Each story is told from the point of view of a Vietnamese person living in America after the war. Each story stands alone. My favorites are "Mid-Autumn" and "Preparation." In "Mid-Autumn" a mother-to-be speaks to her unborn child. She tells of her one great love, Bao. They met as young teenagers and fell madly in love. Their parents had agreed to let them marry. Bao was called into the Army before they could wed and died in battle. The father of her baby is "an American soldier who loved his Vietnamese woman for true and for always".

In "Preparation" a Vietnamese woman has been asked to prepare the hair of her life-long friend who is recently deceased. As she does this, she reflects on their friendship as young girls in Vietnam to when they fell for the same boy and then through their years in America. A secret is revealed at the end that makes the story very moving.

Many people have told me they want nothing to do with reading about Vietnam. Other people enjoy learning of the history of our country as it intersects with Vietnam. You choose.



## The Old Richardson Place is Under Construction



Tim and Diane O'Neill, owners of the Old Richardson Place.

Photo courtesy of Tim O'Neill

GORHAM TIMES STAFF

Adding to the many recent announcements of redevelopment on lower Main Street, Tim & Diane O'Neill, owners of the Old Richardson Place at 510 Main Street, announce a major renovation to convert 4,500 square feet into modern professional offices, all with shared common areas in the historic 19th century farmhouse.

"It's been gratifying to bring the history of the Richardson Farm to the forefront of our redesign and renovation at the Offices at 510 Main, the new offices at the Old Richardson Place," said Diane O'Neill. The contractor for the renovation project is Great Falls Construction of Gorham along with Bild Architecture of Portland.

"We've combined the charm and character of the 1808 federal style farmhouse with new updates and modern technology to create an office environment that will meet the needs of today's business professionals," said Tim O'Neill. "In total, there are 25 offices at The Old Richardson Place, with sizes to accommodate a wide variety of needs. We invite the public to visit our website at [www.510MainStreet.com](http://www.510MainStreet.com) for more information about leasing options and to share the rich history of one of Gorham's original working farms."

In addition to the newly renovated offices, Main Street Meetings is a spacious and professionally appointed conference room at 510 Main Street. The conference room, with adjoining function room, is for use by tenants and is also available for rent by local groups and organizations. The conference room seats 12+ people, while the adjoining function room has seating for small group collaboration and meetings. Together, these two rooms can accommodate up to 20 people. The Main Street Meetings conference room is located in the historic section of the building.

"Our restoration has brought the beauty and richness of this early American construction to life again. The Old Richardson Place may be the perfect location for hosting an important client meeting, board meeting or gathering that requires a professional and memorable setting," said Tim O'Neill.

## Police Called to Party at Town Councilor's Home

SHERI FABER  
Staff Writer

Gorham police received a call about underage drinking at a party at the home of Town Council Chairman Matt Robinson on Sanborn Street on October 10. Robinson and his wife, who were out for the evening, had given their 19-year-old daughter, Samantha, permission to have a few high school friends over for the evening, but did not allow alcohol. Forty or more young people showed up after information about the party was posted on social media. Three teens were issued summons, including Robinson's daughter who has since pled guilty to the charge of being a minor possessing alcohol. She was fined \$250. Tyler Bernaiche, 18, of Burnham Road, and Dylan Truong, 19, of Straw Road, were both cited for possession of alcohol by a minor.

Following the arrests of former Town Councilor Suzanne Phillips in 2012 and current Town Councilor Ben Hartwell in 2014 for OUI, Robinson pushed to change to the town's charter to spell out what constitutes "moral turpitude,"

which is the only grounds for impeaching a sitting councilor. Voters approved a charter change that defined moral turpitude as a conviction for a class A, B, C or D felony. OUI is a D felony.

Robinson has been on the Town Council for 14 years.

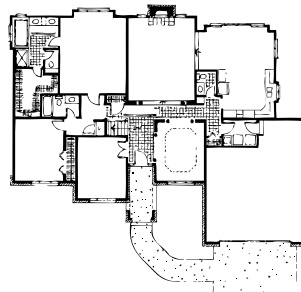
Robinson pointed out that no one at the party was arrested for OUI and his 19-year-old daughter, who was charged with having a beer and fined for underage drinking, was an athlete and honor student at Gorham High School, and is not on the Town Council.

Gorham Police Chief Daniel Jones commented that Robinson was very cooperative throughout the entire process, telling the officers, "Do whatever you need to do." Jones speculated that neighbors may have called the police with a noise complaint and one of them may also have called the press to advise them that Robinson's daughter had been involved.

According to Town Manager David Cole, "There is no requirement for a Town Councilor to report to the Council any act of malfeasance and certainly not to report a member of their family for such an act."

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## USM Honors Gary Fifield CONTINUED FROM PAGE 8

Championship Tournament, total domination of the Little East Conference, a record of consecutive 20-win seasons and national, regional and conference awards and accolades. Bean went on to say, "Gary built one the very best programs in the nation and sustained excellence over a 27 year coaching career. He left an incredible mark on USM and the women's basketball program and positively impacted the lives of countless young women along the way. Honoring Gary with the naming of Fifield Court is the right thing to do, and adds to the storied history and tradition of USM Athletics. I'm excited for Gary, his family and USM women's basketball alumni."

When asked what contributed to his success at USM Fifield said, "It's all about the people I've worked with in 27 years. You can't have the run we had without the support of assistant coaches, athletic staff, and great players." Asked to single out one moment on the court that stands out to him, he said, "It has to be when we hosted

the NCAA Final 4. The atmosphere was electric and the crowd noise was unbelievable. This has to be one of the all time greatest moments for USM."

It is not surprising that this fall Gary found his way back to the sidelines. Appalachian State University, a Division I school in North Carolina, coached by Angel Elderkin (former USM player) needed an assistant coach. She called her former coach and he accepted the job. Instead of calling the plays and making adjustments, he scouts and breaks down film and his contributions are invaluable.

Gary Fifield's career at USM 1987-2015:

- 660 wins and a career 82.8 winning percentage
- 26 NCAA tournament appearances
- 10 Elite Eights: 16 Sweet Sixteens
- 20 Little East Conference tournament championships
- 21 Little East Conference regular season championships

## USM Receives 1.65 Million Bequest CONTINUED FROM PAGE 8

Dick was USM's director of athletics, soccer coach and head coach of the men's and women's basketball teams. He is the only NCAA coach to win 200 games in both men's and women's basketball. He is also credited with establishing the first organized soccer program in Maine in 1957.

Melissa was a professor of education and the director of clinical experiences. She helped create the Partnership in Teacher Education, a cooperative venture between USM and the Kennebec schools. This partnership, the first of its kind in New England, changed the student teaching experience.

Dick and Melissa mentored countless classroom teachers throughout the state.

The Costello's will be remembered for so much more. As Al Bean, the current USM Athletic Director who succeeded Dick, said, "They cared very, very deeply for each and every student and staff member who came across this institution, and they treated them with respect and dignity. They were a couple that was absolutely revered by the students, many of whom were both athletes and aspiring teachers. They offered a home away from home to hundreds of students over the years, their commitment was amazing."

Thanks to this bequest, their caring legacy will live on, not only for USM athletes, but for the over 275,000 people who annually pass through the Costello Sports Complex as athletic participants and spectators.

## Dating Abuse Presentation CONTINUED FROM PAGE 12

Another student, Holden Edwards, thought it was "good information to know."

Sarah Drury, who teaches health education at GHS and organized the presentation to be shown in class, believes that "educating our young people about the dangers of dating abuse and unhealthy relationships is incredibly important, and having an organization like YAAPP facilitate that conversation through a powerful and engaging presentation validates the significance of that issue."

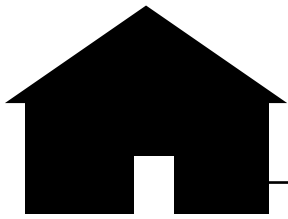
She also noted, "The YAAPP presentation helps students to understand the magnitude of this issue, while also allowing them to recognize that abuse can happen in any relationship and can present in many different ways."

Dating abuse affects one in three teen relationships. YAAPP has been using Jake and Caroline to educate students about this issue for 20 years now, and they are not stopping anytime soon. If you would like to know more about YAAPP or dating abuse, please visit their website at [www.yaapp.org](http://www.yaapp.org).



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## COMMUNITY

### ENGAGEMENTS

Jim and Stacey Sawyer of Gorham would like to announce the engagement of their daughter **Amanda Sawyer (GHS '08) to Lelyned Bowley (GHS '07)**. Sawyer, a graduate of Stony Brook University, is employed by IDEXX, and Bowley served four years in the United States Navy and works for Piedmont Service Group. The couple resides in Clayton, NC. A Maine wedding is planned for September 24, 2016.



### OF INTEREST

**An evening of music by the Cressey Road United Methodist music groups Fulcrum, Choir and Handbell Choir will be held on Friday, Dec. 18 at 7 p.m. at the Cressey Road church.** A freewill offering will be taken to benefit the Angel Tree Project, helping to provide Christmas gifts for families in the community. FMI, 839-3111.

**Army First Lieutenant Devin Pearson (GHS '06)** was recently promoted to captain at a ceremony held at Fort Gordon, Georgia. His father, retired USAF Colonel Charlie Pearson of Gorham, was present to pin his new rank on him. Pearson will transfer to Fort Lee, VA for advanced training in logistics management.



**A Mitten, Hat, & Scarf drive was held at the Lakes Region Senior Center and was a huge success.** Over 138 items, mostly handmade, were collected for this community project and delivered to Great Falls School in Gorham and the Primary School in Windham where the items were very appreciated and needed.

**Lakes Region Senior Center**, 40 Acorn Street in Gorham, will be closed Thursday & Friday, Dec. 24 & 25 for Christmas.

**The Community Winter Market**, supporting Farmers, Artisans and Craftsmen, will be held at the Community Arts Center, 34 School St., Gorham from **8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 19, 2015 and Saturday, Jan. 9, 2016.** FMI, gorhamarts@gmail.com.

**The Lake Region Senior Center, 40 Acorn Street, will hold a Pot Luck Luncheon on Monday, Jan. 11 starting at 11:30 a.m.** Bring a dish to share, or, if you prefer not to cook, \$5 for lunch. Officer Ted Hatch of the Gorham Police Dept. will speak about scams of interest to seniors. Open to the public.

### 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](http://www.gorhamfoodpantry.org).

**The Lakes Region Senior Center**, located at the Little Falls Activity Center, 40 Acorn Street in Gorham is open Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Fridays starting at 10:30 a.m. Join them daily for coffee, tea and socializing. On-Going daily activities include Mahjong on Mondays - beginners welcome. FMI, Diane 892-9529. Tuesdays include crafts, poker, cards and table games. FMI, Avis 892-0298. The Memoir Writing Group meets the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month. FMI, David 892-5604. Thursday Bingo at 10 a.m. Want to play Bocce Ball? Call David, 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.



#### Cressey Road United Methodist Church

81 Cressey Road, Gorham  
Rev. Michele Ewers, 839-3111  
Dec. 24 – Family Service of Carols, Bells & Christmas Stories, 7 p.m.; Holy Communion & Candlelight Service, 11 p.m.  
Dec. 31 – Potluck Dinner, 6 p.m., Watch Night Service, 7 p.m.

#### First Parish Congregational Church, UCC

1 Church Street, Gorham  
Rev. David Butler, 839-6751  
Dec. 20 – Christmas Sunday Service, 10 a.m.  
Dec. 24 – Service of Carols, Readings & Candle Lighting, 7 p.m.; Midnight Candlelight Service, 11:30 p.m.

#### Galilee Baptist Church

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

#### Grace Bible Church

74 Deering Road, Gorham  
Pastor Bob White, 839-8800  
Dec. 24 – Christmas Eve Service, 5 p.m.

#### LifeChurch

New Portland Road, Gorham  
Pastors Brian Undlin and Tom Pequiot, 839-6354  
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Dec. 22 – Christmas Candlelight Service and Concert, 6 p.m.  
Dec. 23 – Christmas Candlelight Service and Concert, 6 p.m.  
Dec. 24 – Christmas Eve Candlelight Service and Concert, 2 p.m. & 4 p.m.

#### Little Falls Baptist Church

749 Gray Road, Gorham  
Pastor Tony Bafiades, 892-4240  
Dec. 24 – Christmas Eve Service, 5:30 p.m.

#### Living Stone Community Church

711 Ossipee Trail West, Standish  
Pastor Jeffrey Hunt, 650-2095  
Dec. 24 – Christmas Eve Service, 7 p.m.

#### Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church

410 Main Street, Gorham  
Rev. Timothy Sandeno, 839-7100  
Dec. 24 – Christmas Eve Service, 7 p.m.  
Dec. 25 – Christmas Day Service, 10 a.m.

#### St. Ann's Episcopal Church

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

#### St. Anne's Catholic Church

299 Main Street, Gorham  
Pastor Louis Phillips & Rev. Nathan March, 839-4857  
Dec. 24 – Nativity of the Lord Mass, 4 p.m. & 7 p.m.  
Dec. 25 – Christmas Day Mass, 8 a.m.

#### South Gorham Baptist Church

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

#### United Church of Christ at North Gorham

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

#### West Gorham Union Church

190 Ossipee Trail (Rts. 25/112), Gorham  
Pastor Nathan Colson, 839-5946  
Dec. 24 – Christmas Eve Family Service, 4 p.m.

#### White Rock Free Baptist Church

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

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**Where Are They Now - John Morrow** CONTINUED FROM PAGE 3

good at it from day one.

**GT:** You were in Los Angeles from 2004 to 2014. What were your years in LA like?

**JM:** After college and doing a bit of touring, I made a move out there. I played bass for countless gigs with many artists. I was the bassist and musical director for pop superstar Taylor Dayne and a founding member of "For The Record" theater experience specializing in bringing movie soundtracks to the stage. I was also the bassist for Jake Simpson, Star Search Grand Champion, and country act Michael Austin and Austin Law.

**GT:** What prompted you to go to New York?

**JM:** As much as I love LA and California, my career had reached a plateau; it was time for a change. While in LA I had become well connected in the theater world. Almost every major player in the LA theater scene knew who I was and hired me to play their New York based productions when they were in LA. So I figured I'd give NYC a try.

**GT:** Your current job is playing in the pit for the musical "Invisible Thread." How did that come about?

**JM:** In 2009 I was fortunate to be introduced to Matt Gould and Griffin Matthews. They were working on a new musical called "Witness Uganda," a story of a struggling actor in New York who sets out to do aid work in Africa. The piece spoke to me and the music was incredible. I was brought on as the bass player and they have kept me on ever since. We

are now doing a short run under the new title "Invisible Thread" at Second Stage Theater in New York's Theater District.

**GT:** How did you get interested in building custom basses?

**JM:** Brooklyn is home to some of the finest bass builders in history. I was fortunate to take a tour of the facilities of world-class bass builder Vinny Fodera. After talking to Vinny I decided to give building a try. With a little guidance from my luthier friends, my dad, and YouTube, before I knew it I had built Morrow Basses #1. To be able to say that I made it is truly one of the highlights of my life.

**GT:** What does Maine and specifically Gorham mean to you?

**JM:** It never ceases to amaze me how much I miss Maine and Gorham. I can remember being completely ready to leave Maine, but every year that passes I find myself more in love with Maine and missing it more. Heading to Hannaford with Mom, vacationing on Sebago, or going to see Angelo and George at GHOP for chicken souvlaki--there is definitely a reason they say Maine is "the way life should be," and Gorham is truly the heart of that phrase.

**GT:** What are your future plans?

**JM:** I'm expecting just being a bass player in New York. I'm going to try to stay in the Broadway world and am always involved with singers and songwriters around town. I also anticipate building several more basses next year.



**WAS IT OPPOSITE DAY?**

**Libby Avenue resident said she put her small green pickup truck in reverse and it went forward through her garage door. She put it into neutral and then back into reverse and it went forward again.**

Wood Road man was charged with domestic violence assault (priors) and domestic violence criminal threatening (priors).

County Road woman found brass knuckles in her driveway. Officer picked them up and they were destroyed.

Narragansett Street caller said his ex-friend was threatening to post about caller's personal life on social media. Caller was advised this was not a crime but issued harassment and trespass papers.

Caller reported vehicle driving poorly on Fort Hill Road. Driver was concerned about vehicle that was following her and was trying to find her cell phone so she could call police. She pulled into the driveway of a friend's house and called police.

Woman in glass dumpster on Sanford Drive was looking for her grandmother's ring that her boyfriend had thrown in there following an argument. She told officer she was scared of boyfriend and he advised her how to get help to end an abusive relationship.

Suspicious person on Gray Road was walking her dog.

McLellan Road caller wanted to know if anyone had called the previous night to report a gunshot. No one had.

Alden Lane caller reported being harassed. He was going to let his lawyer know as he thought it was his ex trying to get him to drop pending charges.

Officer advised man his mother could make him leave the house if she wanted to as he did not pay rent and contributed nothing. She gave him until the end of the month to leave.

Suspicious people in a vehicle in Gorham Crossing were doing research on a medical issue. They were moved along.

Officer issued summons to Buck Street man who had a burn permit but was in violation based on the items he was burning and that the fire was in the woods.

Cressey Road woman got a suspicious phone call saying she had won \$8 million. She did not give them any information.

Officer spoke with a young male on Glenwood Avenue and instructed him to listen to his parents and follow the rules.

Officer saw vehicle stop and twice pull off to the side of Wood Road. Car eventually picked up a male subject on Jordan's Way. Officer stopped vehicle. Driver said she was picking up a friend and didn't really know where she was going, which was why she stopped twice.

Officers found people sleeping in the dugout at the baseball field near Shaw Park. They were told to move along.

Duchaine Drive caller reported a skunk inside a large PVC pipe on her property. Her dog had chased the skunk into the pipe. She called back to say the skunk had gotten out of the pipe.

Caller reported an intoxicated male in the parking lot on Libby Avenue "walking like a zombie." Man was arrested for a bail violation.

Intoxicated female was causing a disturbance on County Road. She was dropped off at her apartment.

Plummer Road caller had a friend living in a car with her two children. Officer gave her the emergency number for victims of domestic violence who need shelter.

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## CALENDAR

### THURSDAY, DEC. 17

- Baby and Me, ages birth-18 mos., 9:30 a.m., Baxter Memorial Library.
- Toddler Time, ages 18-36 mos., 10 a.m., Baxter Memorial Library.
- Sewing Group at Baxter Memorial Library, 2:30-4:30 p.m., Ages 7 & older. 7 & 8 year olds must be accompanied by adult.

### SATURDAY, DEC. 19

- Community Winter Market, 8:30 a.m.-12 p.m., Gorham Arts Alliance, 34 School St., Gorham.

### TUESDAY, DEC. 22

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

### WEDNESDAY, DEC. 23

- Town of Gorham Senior Lunch Program, St. Anne's Church, Gorham. Opens at 11 a.m. Lunch served promptly at 12 p.m. \$4. FMI, 839-4857.
- Christmas Vacation begins for grades K-12.
- Story Time, birth-3 yrs., 10-10:30 a.m., North Gorham Public Library.

### THURSDAY, DEC. 25

Merry Christmas!

### MONDAY, DEC. 28

- The Gorham Republican Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m. All registered Republicans are welcome. FMI, call 415-2673.

### TUESDAY, DEC. 29

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

### WEDNESDAY, DEC. 30

- Town of Gorham Senior Lunch Program, St. Anne's Church, Gorham. Opens at 11 a.m. Lunch served promptly at 12 p.m. \$4. FMI, 839-4857.

### THURSDAY, DEC. 31

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

### MONDAY, JAN. 4

- Back to School for grades K-12.

### TUESDAY, JAN. 5

- Gorham House Itsy Bitsy Store, 1:30-3:30 p.m., Gorham House lobby. FMI, 839-5757.
- The Gorham Cancer Prayer and Support Group meets the first Tuesday of every month at 6 p.m. at the Cressey Road United Methodist Church. All are welcome. FMI, 321-1390 or 839-3111.

### WEDNESDAY, JAN. 6

- Town of Gorham Senior Lunch Program, St. Anne's Church, Gorham. Opens at 11 a.m. Lunch served promptly at 12 p.m. \$4. FMI, 839-4857.

### SATURDAY, JAN. 9

- Community Winter Market, 8:30 a.m.-12 p.m., Gorham Arts Alliance, 34 School St., Gorham.

### TUESDAY, JAN. 12

- Gorham House Itsy Bitsy Store, 1:30-3:30 p.m., Gorham House lobby. FMI, 839-5757.

### WEDNESDAY, JAN. 13

- Early Release for grades K-12.

### WEDNESDAY, JAN. 20

- Town of Gorham Senior Lunch Program, St. Anne's Church, Gorham. Opens at 11 a.m. Lunch served promptly at 12 p.m. \$4. FMI, 839-4857.

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The application is for formal licensure to conduct operations as a processing facility for end-of-life vehicles, to salvage saleable parts, offer said parts in a retail operation open to the public on-premises, and to properly reclaim/recycle all other components of the original vehicle. LKQ Gorham Auto Parts Corporation has been in operation at this site, located at 192 Narragansett Street, Gorham, ME; 04038 for over 15 years. The property is owned by Mr. Shawn Moody and is operated by LKQ Gorham Auto Parts Corporation.

According to Department regulations, interested parties must be publicly notified, written comments invited, and if justified, an opportunity for public hearing given. A request for a public hearing, or that the Board of Environmental Protection assume jurisdiction of the application, must be received by the Department, in writing, no later than 20 days after the application is accepted by the Department as complete for processing.

The application and supporting documentation are available for review at the Bureau of Remediation and Waste Management (BRWM) at the appropriate DEP regional office, during normal working hours. A copy of the application and supporting documentation may also be seen at the municipal office in Gorham, Maine.

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