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Industrial Park Fire Quickly Contained

GORHAM TIMES STAFF

Irwin Industrial Tool, located at 37 Bartlett Road in the Industrial Park, was the scene of a fire that started in a large rooftop heating unit and then spread below to the ceiling area of the production area and warehouse.

An employee called in the fire on January 5 at 7:09 a.m. When firefighters arrived, heavy fire was visible from the roof. The building was filled with smoke with fire noticeable in the ceiling.

The building's 13 fire sprinkler heads went off holding the fire in check until fire crews could knock it down. Because the roof had multiple layers of roofing, fire crews spent two-and-a-half hours tearing it open to completely extinguish the fire.

The building was evacuated and there were no injuries.

Fire damage was confined to the roof/ceiling and the heater unit with water and smoke damage in the warehouse. Firefighters remained on the scene to put out any hot spots. Westbrook and Windham Fire Departments assisted with Buxton and Standish covering Gorham Fire Stations while crews were at this fire.

The cause of the fire appeared to be a delayed ignition of the natural gas-supplied heating unit. The delayed ignition allowed the gas to build up and ignite rapidly once the unit started.

Fire Chief Robert Lefebvre commented, "Without the sprinkler system, this could very easily have turned into a major loss for the company as well as for the town."

Traffic Detail Stops 51 Vehicles

SHERI FABER
Staff Writer

Local communities can apply to the Bureau of Highway Safety for funds for OUI details. The funds pay the overtime costs for the officers assigned to these details. On December 19, five Gorham officers participated in a detail and stopped 51 vehicles. Sixteen drivers were issued summons for various offenses, including one for OUI. Twenty warnings were issued for various other charges.

Gorham was the Place to be on New Year's Eve

VIRGINIA WILDER CROSS

The weather was perfect, we had snow on the ground, the entertainment was top-notch, kids were everywhere, families were playing, dancing, laughing, and enjoying each other—and that just about sums up New Year's Eve in Gorham.

The only disappointment was the lack of enough snow for sculpting. However, there was just enough of the right kind of crusty snow to make for some very good sledding on the USM hill on College Avenue.

More than 100 people took advantage of the open ice skating at the USM arena. All the performances were packed to capacity and every performance went without a hitch. Little children got their faces painted, learned about science, touched some exotic animals (the white fox was a huge hit), hula-hooped, ate popcorn, made puppets, danced, and pretty much wore themselves out.

This year we added a new event at Robie Gym catering to middle school aged "tweeners" and we are pleased so many took advantage of that. "This is an age group that has been difficult to reach," commented Mike Gradone, executive director of New Year Gorham. "We hope to hear from the youngsters and their

parents about how we can continue to make this event just as much fun for them as it is for the younger children."

The Don Roy Trio continues to attract an enthusiastic audience. The Council Chambers held plenty of toes tapping to the fiddling rhythms. That crowd was truly "into the moment."

Lots of "older" children proved they had not forgotten how to use a hula-hoop, and I think they surprised some of the younger ones who struggled to get the hoop working right. The "Beach Party" was a lot of fun, especially when the hula-hoops worked their way into line dancing.

The two feature acts at the Gorham Performing Arts Center were "warmed up" by the Gorham Community Chorus. And, as the performances wound down in the other buildings, people began streaming into the theater filling the place to near capacity. The crowd laughed together through the zany "Running With Scissors" improv routines, and they were thoroughly amazed by Norman Ng's magic. How did he get that bowling ball out of a piece of paper?

Finally, it wouldn't be New Year's Eve without fireworks. And this year was no exception because the clear sky and moderate temperatures were



Photo credit Roger Marchand

A packed high school auditorium was on hand for the headliner act of New Year Gorham. Norman Ng's magic show entertained young and old alike with his original and amazing magic tricks, along with his unique style, audience interaction, and participation.

perfect for the awesome display designed especially for Gorham's celebration to welcome 2016.

Many thanks to all the generous donors, faithful volunteers, and especially the Gorham Rec. Department for making the eighth New Year Gorham the best ever. If you would like to help out next year, please let us know by calling Mike Gradone at 222-1630.

MDOT to Replace Bridge on Route 202 in 2017

SHERI FABER
Staff Writer

An aging Gorham bridge spanning the Little River is expected to be replaced next year. Located on Route 202 near the former Little Falls School on Acorn Street, the Deguio Mill Bridge was built in 1893, improved in 1930, and replaced in 1949. The travel lanes on the bridge are only 11 feet wide with five feet shoulders. The bridge is scheduled to be replaced in 2017 and will have wider shoulders making it

safer for walkers and bikers who cross the bridge.

The work is scheduled to begin in late June or early July with that section of Route 202 being closed to traffic for about 90 days. Traffic will be rerouted to Routes 25 and 237. Queen Street will remain open. Closing the road will decrease the amount of time needed for the new bridge to be built. The anticipated cost of this project is \$1.8 million and the town of Gorham will not have to contribute to the replacement cost.

Gorham Sightings



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Response to Drug Crisis Top Priority for Lawmakers

REP. ANDREW MCLEAN

The second session of the 127th Legislature is now under way in Augusta, and lawmakers are already hard at work on some of the most pressing issues our state faces. At the forefront of our agenda is the growing problem of opiate abuse and drug overdose.

According to the Maine Attorney General's office, more than 200 Mainers died of a drug overdose in 2014. In the first nine months of 2015, that number was 174, putting the state on track to reach between 230 and 250 overdose deaths last year.

There's no question that these numbers represent an addiction epidemic that's gripping our state.

Our first order of business at the State House is considering a \$4.8 million bipartisan proposal to combat substance abuse and opiate addiction. It's one of several bills on the subject and an important first step to launch a comprehensive response to this public health crisis.

Last week, the Criminal Justice and Public Safety Committee, Health and Human Services Committee and Appropriations and Financial Affairs Committee heard hours of testimony

from members of the public about the importance of boosting treatment and prevention efforts as well as law enforcement in an effort to curb addiction and save lives.

We heard from police officers, medical professionals, people recovering from substance abuse disorder and family members who have lost loved ones to the epidemic.

The proposal calls for increased funding for law enforcement with the pressing need for expanded treatment options. The addition of 10 state drug agents is included in the measure and accounts for about half the funding in the bill.

Beyond these new agents, it also includes provisions to help local law enforcement agencies and county jails facilitate pathways to community-based treatment and recovery services. Local law enforcement is engaging with this problem in our towns and cities every day, and we have heard again and again that they need more resources and coordination to effectively respond.

According to the State Office of Substance Abuse, treatment admissions for heroin and morphine have steadily increased since 2010. Even so, many people who need treatment can't access it. The same

report states that in 2012 and 2013, eight percent of 18- to 25-year-old Mainers reported needing but not receiving treatment for illicit drug use.

This bipartisan measure would also fund the creation of a detox facility in the Bangor area, expand outpatient and residential treatment services for the uninsured and support recovery centers and in-school prevention efforts through the existing Maine Association of Substance Abuse Programs.

I'm proud of the way Democrats and Senate Republicans have come together to work on the most effective possible solutions to the drug crisis. Despite the governor's statement last week that he will veto the measure, I am hopeful that my colleagues in the Legislature will put politics aside and deliver solutions for the people of Maine.

As always, please feel free to contact me at andrew.mclean@legislature.maine.gov with your questions or concerns about state government.



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Dear Gorham Times,

As the sale of premium Maine-grown Balsam trees ended on December 12, 2015, the Gorham Lions reflect on the success of the sale, and the club's ability to continue to meet or exceed their charitable giving goals.

The first big thank you is for the 71 local folks who bought their trees from the Gorham Lions. With so many other places to buy trees, the Gorham Lions are most appreciative that you chose our trees and that you value our local work and charitable efforts. Besides the Gorham High School scholarship promises the Gorham Lions make every year, and the eyeglasses we provide to the needy, this year we were also able to assist the Gorham Food Pantry as they work toward meeting the nutrition needs of the local community.

The second thank you is to the Ossipee Garden Center who arranged with a grower in Searsport, Maine for a delivery of the highest quality Maine-grown trees. With the best trees possible for our customers, they sold themselves and made our selling experience a pleasant experience.

Our final thank you is to Phil Cook and his team at Cook's Hardware. Your highly visible location helped everyone find our trees.

For further information about the Gorham Lions Club activities or to learn more about membership,

contact Ken Aldrich, membership chair, at (207) 298-9182 or kenaldrich@aol.com.

Ken Aldrich

Dear Gorham Times,

Our founding fathers and mothers established majority rule as a fundamental principle of American representative democracy. According to Thomas Jefferson, "The only way a republican government can function, and the only way a people's voice can be expressed to effect a practicable control of government, is through a process in which decisions are made by the majority."

In nine of the last 11 races for Maine's governor, candidates were elected by less than half of voters. In five of those races, candidates were elected by less than 40 percent of voters. To break the gridlock and polarization in Augusta, we must change the way we elect our leaders. Ranked Choice Voting is a simple, common sense reform that we can adopt now to restore majority rule and put power back in the hands of voters, where it belongs.

Ranked Choice Voting works like actual runoff elections without requesting voters to come back to the polls to vote in another expensive, drawn-out election. If your favorite candidate can not win, your vote is instantly counted for the candidate you ranked second, so you never feel like your vote is "wasted."

Candidates are encouraged to reach beyond their bases and appeal to more voters, so politicians better represent, and are more accountable to Maine people, rather than to narrow political factions.

Voters in places that have adopted ranked choice voting have reported less negative campaigning and more civil campaigns. You are less likely to rank a candidate as your second choice if that candidate has issued personal attacks against your favorite candidate.

To learn more about Ranked Choice Voting and the citizen initiative to enact this reform, which we will vote on next November, please visit www.rcvmaine.com.

Kyle Bailey

Around Town

Jon Smith, owner of Great Falls Construction, purchased the building at 42 Main Street where The Bookworm operates. The bookstore expects to continue business at that location.

Later this month the Gorham Growl is expected to open. The new store, located at 2 Main Street in the former Tinsel Bright space, will sell food and equipment for pets.

Papa John's on lower Main Street (Rt. 25) has closed.

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Merrifield Farm



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HANNAH DOUGLAS
Student Intern

Merrifield Farm, owned by Lyle and Jo-Ann Merrifield, is a working farm locally known for its maple syrup. In fact, since 1999, maple syrup has been the biggest product at Merrifield Farm. During the sugaring season—the end of February to April—they produce maple syrup, from which they create and sell maple candy, maple needhams, and many other products. They also sell equipment and supplies for other maple enthusiasts.

The Merrifields participate in Maine Maple Sunday, which is held on the fourth Sunday in March. The farm will be open to the public on March 26 and 27 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Twenty-four people work in the sugarhouse on Maple Sunday including Lyle, Jo-Ann, their two daughters Lexi and Molly, several nephews, brothers, sisters, friends, and a lot of volunteers. Here's a sample of what you can look forward to at the event: syrup making demonstrations, sample syrup over ice cream, pancake breakfast, soft serve maple ice cream, maple cotton candy, maple

candy, maple cream available for purchase, barn tours, ox demonstrations, and a display of maple antiques. You can also visit their 1900's icehouse and more. Maine Maple Sunday a great family event.

This working farm also has oxen and two different breeds of pigs, Hereford Yorkshire and Durok Cross. The oxen work on the farm and are shown at the local area fairs, while the pigs are for meat, 4-H participation at fairs, and selling.

Sales are available year round but they recommend calling ahead.
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Fun Fact: An average 40-year-old tree will yield about 40 quarts of sap per season. Just enough to make one quart of pure maple syrup.

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Volunteering with the Police



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Pictured from left to right are VIPS Volunteer Coordinator David Wehmeyer and VIPS President Don Sedenka.

KATHY CORBETT
Staff Writer

At New Year Gorham this year, uniformed men of retirement age made traffic move efficiently through the village, just as they had at many public events in Gorham over the past four years. These dedicated volunteers, members of Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS), not only assist the Gorham Police Department and the Cumberland County Sheriff's Office by directing traffic, but they also monitor and document speeding violations, check on property for vacationing residents, and patrol neighborhoods.

Like Don Sedenka, VIPS president, none of the organization's members are retired police officers, although one is a former FBI agent. They are trained men and women who give at least eight hours a month to their communities in support of local law enforcement. According to Bob Henckel, Gorham police officer, "They are a big help with manpower." In recognition of their supportive role, the department has provided Gorham VIPS with a recycled patrol vehicle with "volunteer" clearly visible on its side. Although they have radio communication with a dispatcher, Sedenka says, "We have no arresting

power, carry no weapons, flash no blue lights, and do not get involved in reported incidents." Their main activity is traffic control at road races, festivals, parades, and other events drawing large crowds. This past fall when more than 4,000 people attended the open house for the Maine State Society for the Protection of Animals on River Road in Windham, VIPS volunteers were there to manage the heavy traffic.

Founded in 2009 at the behest of Cumberland County Sheriff Kevin Joyce, VIPS began in Standish, but soon included Gorham. All members work throughout the county and meet monthly at the Standish Town Hall. Each volunteer must pass a background check and take 16 hours

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Lifestyle and Worksite Inflation

RANDY DYER

Inflation is the increase in the general price level of goods and services in an economy over a period of time. As long as disposable income maintains pace with inflation, adjustments can be made to one's budget to meet financial needs and obligations. This is pretty straightforward for most people. Other forms of inflation that are not as clear and straightforward are "Lifestyle Inflation" and "Worksite Inflation." Lifestyle Inflation occurs when people increase spending when their income goes up or when they experience pressure to spend beyond their means. Worksite Inflation is the increase or shifting of costs to employees for employer sponsored benefits.

Often when someone receives a raise they will spend some, most, or all of that additional income. Financing a new car, a home equity loan for home improvements, vacations or luxury items, or making large purchases on a credit card are just a few financial choices people might make when receiving a raise. Sometimes, no consideration is given to income tax implications or other obligations such as additional insurance costs or excise taxes

prior to spending that additional income. Unfortunately, in a few months, people may feel their

It is key to review one's budget when experiencing any of these changes. Considering all financial aspects of the change will assist in making informed financial decisions and will afford the best opportunity to meet financial goals.

financial situation is no better than prior to receiving the raise.

In other instances, people may feel pressure to "keep up with the Joneses" by living a lifestyle that matches their co-workers, neighbors, or friends. Some of the more obvious examples include housing (where you live as well as the size or amenities), owning a luxury vehicle, and taking big vacations. Other less obvious examples include college choices, private primary and secondary education, children activities, phone plans, and dining out.

One may also experience inflation through workplace benefits. Each year, employees can

experience an increase in costs for employee benefits including healthcare, dental, and vision coverage through premiums, deductibles, copayments, or coinsurance. In recent years, more employers have begun shifting the costs of life and disability insurance to employees. Additionally, as employers move from traditional employer paid retirement plans to 401ks or similar plans, the cost of funding these plans has shifted to the employee. These cost shifting moves are a form of inflation to the employee that one should consider when making financial decisions.

Inflation impacts are also experienced in other areas such as insurance premiums for home, auto, life, or other personal insurance coverage, as well as increases in property and sales taxes.

It is key to review one's budget when experiencing any of these changes. Considering all financial aspects of the change will assist in making informed financial decisions and will afford the best opportunity to meet financial goals.

Randy Dyer is founder and finance coach of Financial Fitne\$\$\$. He has a B.S in accounting with 30 years experience in banking, accounting, tax and risk management.

Volunteering with the Police CONTINUED FROM PAGE 3

of initial training. Training in CPR, conducting radar surveys, and drug awareness is ongoing.

Volunteers also implement the Iris Scanning Recognition and Yellow Dot programs. The iris scan is a procedure that takes an image of a person's eye and saves it into a national database. Yellow Dot is a program designed to help first responders provide medical attention after a crash or other emergency. A yellow sticker on the driver's-side rear window of a vehicle alerts first responders that vital medical information is stored in the glove compartment.

In 2015, approximately 35 VIPS members gave over 2,000 hours of service to Cumberland County residents.

Volunteer coordinator David Wehmeyer urges other Gorham residents interested in joining VIPS to email the organization at vips@cumberlandcounty.org. "We are always looking for volunteers and we will have training for new members in the spring." He also said, "Women make one one-third of the membership, which also includes some couples." For those who resist directing traffic, there are other jobs to fill," assured Sedenka, who enjoys traffic directing, but not parking cars. As active VIPS members, Wehmeyer and Sedenka agree they have found in retirement a meaningful and enjoyable way to serve their community.

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Clerk's Corner

Laurie Nordfors
Deputy Clerk

Many businesses and residents of Gorham helped the less fortunate by adopting families for Christmas, which made their holidays special. With their contributions, the town was able to help 10 families have better holidays. If anyone would like to help next Christmas, please consider adopting a family. Look for a notice in the Times or call the Town Clerk's office for more information. The town also has an ongoing Fuel Fund to help residents having trouble

paying their fuel bills. We accept donations year round.

The deadline for registering dogs for 2016 is January 31. On February 1, the state-imposed late fee of \$25 per dog will go into effect along with the \$6 or \$11 registration fee. The late fee cannot be waived or reversed. It is a state law that dogs must be registered.

Have a safe and happy new year.



Laurie Nordfors may be reached at lnordfors@gorham.me.us or 222-1675.

JANUARY 4, 2016

Planning Board Results

The following items were approved or discussed at the January 4 Planning Board meeting:

- A request for approval of an amendment to 1996 Village Crossing Subdivision for a six-lot subdivision on a 2.17-acre lot at 12 Cumberland Lane was approved.
- A request by Jim and Sharon Gregoire for a six-lot subdivision with access from Snowberry Lane and Brackett Road was discussed.

- A request by PTG Investment Trust for a nine-unit condo, meeting the requirements of a Development Transfer Overlay District, with access from Main Street and Garden Avenue was discussed.
- A request by Phillip and Julie Marshall to rescind Marshall Way, a private way and reduce the number of lots within the Parsons Subdivision located at 169 Ossipee Trail was discussed.

Grand Jury Indictments

The Grand Jury returned the following indictments in December 2015:

- Carrie Brown, 25, of Gorham, was indicted for trafficking in prison contraband and unlawful possession of scheduled drugs on charges brought by Westbrook Police Department and the Cumberland County Sheriff's Office.
- Jerry Larrivee, 52, of Gorham, was indicted on two separate

charges of operating after license revocation with both charges brought by Gorham Police Department.

- Danielle Niles, 31, of Biddeford, was indicted for unlawful possession of scheduled drugs (heroin), reckless conduct with a dangerous weapon, criminal OUI, endangering the welfare of a child, and driving to endanger.

GORHAM SCHOOL DEPARTMENT SNP Kitchen Manager

The Gorham School Department has an immediate opening for a Kitchen Manager at Gorham High School. This is a school year position, 7 hours per day. Salary range is \$14.43 – 17.02, depending on experience. Minimum Qualifications:

- High School diploma or equivalent
- Experience in food service production
- Specialized training in sanitation, food handling, safety
- Computer proficiency required
- Prior food service experience mandatory (including online ordering)
- Catering experience preferred
- Positive attitude towards change and growth
- Ability to lift food and food (45 lbs) related supplies

If interested, please send cover letter, resume, 3 letters of reference, transcripts and a completed application to: Rhonda Warren, Superintendent's Office, 75 South St., Gorham, Maine 04038. Applications close when a suitable candidate has been selected. Application available at www.gorhamschools.org or may be picked up at the Superintendent's Office. EOE

The Muralist

JAN WILLIS

"What are you reading now?" my friend asks. The answer is "The Muralist" by B. A. Shapiro. Her previous book, "The Art Forger," was set at the Gardner Museum in Boston. Having visited there several times, I felt like I was there in person as I read the novel, which dealt with the famous theft and the possibility of one of the paintings coming to the surface. It was very good, and "The Muralist" is even better.

There are alternating plot lines. One is about Alizee Benoit, a talented but starving artist who is employed in 1940 by the WPA along with Mark Rothko, Lee Krasner, and Jackson Pollock. The second plot line is about Danielle Abrams who is working at Christie's Auction House in 2015. Shapiro says in her author's note: "A historical novel is a work of long fiction set in a previous time period. To me, the most important word in this definition is 'fiction'. The life, art, and politics of pre-World War II New York City form the setting, but Alizee Benoit and Dani Abrams are completely imagined."

Alizee is Jewish and has family members who are still in France. She is desperately working to get them to America while creating her art.

One real character in the book is Breckinridge Long who was assistant secretary of state under Franklin Delano



Roosevelt. I had never heard of Long. Part of the truth of this novel is that in 1940 he circulated a top secret internal memorandum that said, "We can delay and effectively stop for a temporary period of indefinite length the number of immigrants into the United States. We could do this by simply advising our consuls to put every obstacle in the way and to require additional evidence and to resort to various administrative devices which would postpone and postpone and postpone the granting of the visas." I researched this and found that "90 percent of the quota places available to immigrants from countries under German and Italian control were never filled. If they had been, an additional 190,000 people could have escaped the atrocities being committed by the Nazis."

Alizee is a muralist who is trying to tell of the horrors of war through her art. Some people did

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Dr. John A. Marshall
Gorham

Dr. John A. Marshall, of Gorham died Friday, December 18 at the Gosnell Hospice House in Scarborough. He was born in Elizabeth, New Jersey on July 8, 1955 a son of Joseph and Margaret Kibbe Marshall. John was educated in Roselle schools in New Jersey and attended the College of New Jersey, graduating in 1977 with a degree in Industrial Technology. He also attended Texas A&M University obtaining a Master of Science Degree in 1978 as well as a Ph.D. in Industrial Technology in 1984. He was a tenured associate professor in East Carolina University in Greenville, North Carolina from 1984-1994. John came to the University of Southern Maine in 1996 where he was a full professor for 20 years. His enjoyments included riding his Harley motorcycle and going to Life Church in Gorham where he was a greeter. John loved helping his students and assisting others. His daughters were the love of his life. John was predeceased by his parents. Survivors include his daughters, Emily Marshall and Sarah Marshall-Poe, brothers, William Marshall and Ronald Marshall and sister, Linda Johnston. Services will be private. In lieu of flowers, donations in John's memory may be made to USM Advancement and Donor Services for the Dr. John Allen Marshall Scholarship, P.O. Box 9300, Portland, Maine 04014. Online condolences may be sent to www.dolbyfuneralchapels.com. In honor of his memory, please share a joke with family and friends.

not appreciate or understand her work. Eleanor Roosevelt, an admirer in this fictional work, says, "Alizee taught me that just because there aren't any objects in a painting, that doesn't mean there isn't a subject. She said you're not supposed to recognize what's in it as much as feel the artist's emotion."

A big part of this novel is the question of what happened to

Alizee. As far as Rothko and her friends could tell, she totally disappeared in December of 1940. Was she kidnapped, killed, or did something else happen? Danielle, living in the present time, wants to answer this question because Alizee was her great aunt. The reader does not need to know anything about art to fall in love with this book. Enjoy!

The Holidays Linger On

CHRIS CRAWFORD
Staff Writer

Most people breathe a sigh of relief when the hectic holiday season is finally over. While we can rejoice that the cold days of January are slowly getting longer, there really is not much else going on to make this oh-so-long month pass more quickly. If you are searching for ways to combat cabin fever, don't despair. Here are just a few of the wonderful and wacky holidays we still have to look forward to this month.

January 13 is supposedly International Sceptics Day, but I personally do not believe it.

January 16 is National Nothing Day. There is no evidence that this a truly a "national" day, which requires an act of Congress, and we all know that's not going to happen any time soon. So go ahead, kick back and follow the example of our representatives in Congress.

Thank goodness for January 17 which is Ditch New Year Resolutions day, and is really just another excuse to do nothing. (See Above)

Martin Luther King shares January 18 with National Thesaurus Day, truly a day to kick up your heels and rejoice, celebrate, memorialize, honor, and revere.

January 21 is Squirrel Appreciation Day and also National Hugging Day. Most people I know would rather do something a little more graphic with squirrels than hug them, especially after watching one empty \$12 worth of black oil sunflower seed out of the bird feeder in seven minutes flat.

One can only wonder who was inspired to make January 23 Measure Your Feet Day, but hey, it might be more fun than shoveling or loading the wood box.

January 25 is Bubble Wrap Appreciation Day. In my world, any

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Community Supports Young Stroke Patient

MARY JO LYONS

Twenty-three year old Jordan Shiers (GHS '10) sits at the kitchen counter with her mother, Lisa, with an electrical stimulator attached to her left arm. Her hand and fingers twitch as the pulse goes through them. This is one of the many therapies Jordan requires due to suffering a severe stroke on November 2, 2015 at her home in Gorham.

Jordan, a young, vibrant, USM student and former Miss Teen Maine, was rushed to Maine Medical Center and received TPA, the clot busting drug within 50 minutes of the first call to 911. Later that evening, Jordan underwent surgery to break up and remove a clot in her carotid artery. She was placed in intensive care and two days later underwent surgery to remove a portion of her skull to allow her brain to swell and avoid further complications. Jordan remained in intensive care for eight days.

Eventually, Jordan was transferred to New England Rehabilitation Hospital where she received intensive speech, occupational and physical therapy. She was released and returned home the day before Thanksgiving.

Jordan continues to amaze everyone with her determination, positive attitude and sense of humor exemplified by her "Princess Jordan" helmet she wears to protect her brain, until the piece of skull can be reinserted in a future surgery.

Jordan continues to make great gains and when asked how she deals with the many hurdles, she quotes Audrey Hepburn: "You never know how strong you are until being strong is the only choice you have."

Friends of Jordan and her family have planned a benefit dance and silent auction on February 13



Photo credit Stewart Smith Photography

Jordan Shiers

at The Roost in Buxton to help defray the extensive medical costs and future therapies. Tickets can be purchased at Great Falls Construction, 20 Mechanic St., and DDI, 166 Narragansett St. T-Shirts can also be purchased at Great Falls Construction. A GoFundMe account has also been established.

Jordan's parents, Lisa and Darren Shiers, who have lived in Gorham all their lives, said, "We have been so fortunate to be surrounded by wonderful family, friends and community members who have reached out and embraced Jordan and our family in this very difficult time. We truly appreciate the love and support given to our family and especially Jordan. She is a fighter and her spirit inspires us each day."

For more information about the benefit dance, auction and GoFundMe account, contact Stephanie Keene at 929-4700.

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Gorham Athletic Boosters Get Monetary Lift



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Pictured from left to right are: Kelley Burghardt, Brenda Orach, Marie Rowe, Chris Gordon, Jodi Polchies, and Cindy Hazelton

MARTIN GAGNON
Sports Editor

The Gorham Recreation Department gratefully presented the Gorham Athletic Boosters with a check in the amount of \$1,902 at the Boosters monthly meeting. Exemplifying teamwork critical to success in sports, the two community organizations combined efforts to run yet another highly successful "Burn off the Turkey" 5K road race this past November. The money was the result of a split in the proceeds from the popular community event. The portion of the money received by the Boosters goes directly back to the Gorham School Department's Athletic programs and their athletes.

Recreation Director Cindy Hazelton and Kelley Burghardt, president of the Boosters, worked together with fellow volunteers behind the scenes at the annual November event. The volunteers

from the Boosters provided help in seeking donations for raffle prizes, helped with the registration check-in, getting paperwork to the timer on race day, worked the refreshment area and helped with the clean up. Booster members Kelley Burghardt, Jodi Polchies and her family, Chris Gordon, Marie Rowe, and Brenda Orach provided support in various ways for the event.

The Boosters would like to thank donors for their support with raffle prizes. They are as follows: Carter's Green Market, Arbonne-Destiny Cook, Ocean Gardens, Lucky Thai, O'Donal's Nursery, King's Farm Market, Gorham Grind, Neu-Du Salon, Carter's Auto Service, the Gorham Swim team, Gorham Ice Hockey and the Boosters. A final thank you from the Boosters would be to Cindy Hazelton and the Recreation department for their generous incentive to split the proceeds.

Preview of Girls' and Boys' Alpine Ski Season

MARTIN GAGNON
Sports Editor

With the frosty temperatures arriving throughout the state, the high school alpine skiing teams are ready to shred their competition on the slopes. Gorham High School boys' and girls' alpine ski coach Sean Munkacsi said he is confident the veterans will step it up and new team members will contribute

to a highly competitive season. In preparation the team went through a rigorous dry land training program with a focus on explosive and eccentric strength. He added that he has been impressed with the team's chemistry and the willingness of the more experienced members to help the younger skiers' progress. Senior captains for the team are Joseph Moutinho and Alyda Twilley.

Winners of the Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship Competition



Photo credit Andre Labrie.

Brooke Fraquhar, Amber Bretton, Haden Pellitier, Ian Luciano, Mason Laskey, and Armond Ouelett (as pictured from left to right) were victorious at the competition held at the Gorham High School on January 9 and will advance to the State Championship in Orono on March 12. In the back row are Knights Mark Andrews, Mike Chabot, and Paul Concannon.

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Gorham House would like to thank the staff of Home Instead Senior Services for their generosity this Christmas season.

For the second year in a row Home Instead hosted the program called "Be A Santa To A Senior". With help from local businesses like Sebago Brewing and The Blue Pig, they were able to buy 50 Gorham House residents some wonderful Christmas presents. Some of the staff had the pleasure of helping these residents open the presents on Christmas morning and were thrilled to see the pure joy in their faces just to know that they are cared about and thought of. It was a special time and we thank you with all our heart.

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Creating Unity and Understanding Diversity at GHS



Photo credit Allison Sinnott

Gorham High School participated in a Unity and Diversity Day last month designed to help students expand their knowledge of world cultures, traditions, and experiences. Pictured with the students are Mr. Simpson, Amna Beshir, and Ms. Fartun Muhammad during the Islamophobia presentation.

MALLORY CAMPBELL
GHS Student Intern

Last month, Gorham High School (GHS) participated in a day dedicated to unity and diversity. Unity and Diversity Day was led by GHS social studies teacher Rachael Grady as an opportunity for students to expand their knowledge of world cultures, traditions, and experiences.

“Through this (day) we hoped to educate students about subjects that may have never previously crossed their minds, or to give them more insight to a topic they were interested in,” said GHS senior Julia Plante, who helped organize the day.

Members of the GHS Civil Rights team, the staff at GHS, students

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Essay Writing Contest Winners



Photo credit Amanda Landry

The Gorham Republican Committee sponsored their third annual Madison Prize for Written Excellence and announced winners on December 22, 2015 at Gorham Middle School. Middle school students answering the question “Are You Free?” submitted seventy-five essays. The question led students to consider the U.S. Constitution and its first ten Amendments (Bill of Rights). Pictured (from left to right) are: guest speaker Senator Amy Volk; publicity chair Alison House; runner up Grant Nadeau (\$100 prize); first place winner Micha LaSalle (\$250 prize); runner up Sage Merriam (\$100); chairman Jim Means; and secretary John Doyle.

School Notes

Gorham Adult Education's new Winter/Spring 2016 Course Catalog is out. FMI and a complete list of all their classes, visit, www.gorham.maineadulted.org or call, 222-1095.

All three of Gorham's Elementary Schools received the highest recognition possible, the Gold Award, for the 2014-2015 school year, from “Let's Go!” Maine's childhood obesity

prevention program. “Let's Go!” annually recognizes schools that are helping students to make healthy lifestyle choices in terms of personal fitness and nutrition. Gorham Schools have been involved with “Let's Go!” for many years.

Visit Superintendent Heather Perry's latest blog where she shares her recent student shadowing experiences at GHS: <http://gorhamsuperintendent.blogspot.com>.

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'Twas the Season to Wear an Ugly Sweater



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Gorham High School (top) and Great Falls (bottom) teachers and students showed their holiday spirit by wearing their ugliest Christmas sweater before the vacation break.

Great Falls' Newest Project – One School, One Book

ANNA SEDENKA

Fourth Grade Teacher at Great Falls

During the month of January and into February, all Great Falls School classrooms will be reading and working on roughly the same book: their first One School, One Book project.

The reason for the project is because the benefits of reading aloud are remarkable. Studies have shown that reading to children helps them listen better and longer, build bigger vocabularies, understand concepts better, and feel positive about books, learning, and more.

When an entire school reads the same book, the buzz and excitement about the book increases these benefits. Joy in building community in the school family is an added benefit.

The book Great Falls has chosen to read is "The One and Only Ivan," by Katherine Applegate. Kindergarten and first grade will be reading the nonfiction picture book version and grades two through five will read the chapter book.

The book was kept a secret from students up until the big reveal assembly on the day before the holiday break. The week leading up to the assembly the students were given daily hints about the title of the book and they were able to enter their guesses into a prize drawing. Names were



Photo courtesy Georgia Humphrey

Pictured (left to right) are: Janelle Mosey, Becky Fortier, Lincoln Gray, Anna Sedenka, and Stacey Sawyer at the reveal assembly for Great Falls School's newest project, One School, One Book.

randomly picked and one student from each grade received a copy of the book during the assembly.

The assembly was a huge success with students wildly cheering for "The One and Only Ivan" once it was revealed. The assembly consisted of a short reader's theater put on by some fifth graders, a read aloud of the first few chapters of the book, prize giveaways, a viewing of the book trailer, and ended with a song written and performed by Janelle Mosey's son, Lincoln Gray. A video of the performance can be found on YouTube

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Bowls to Fight Hunger



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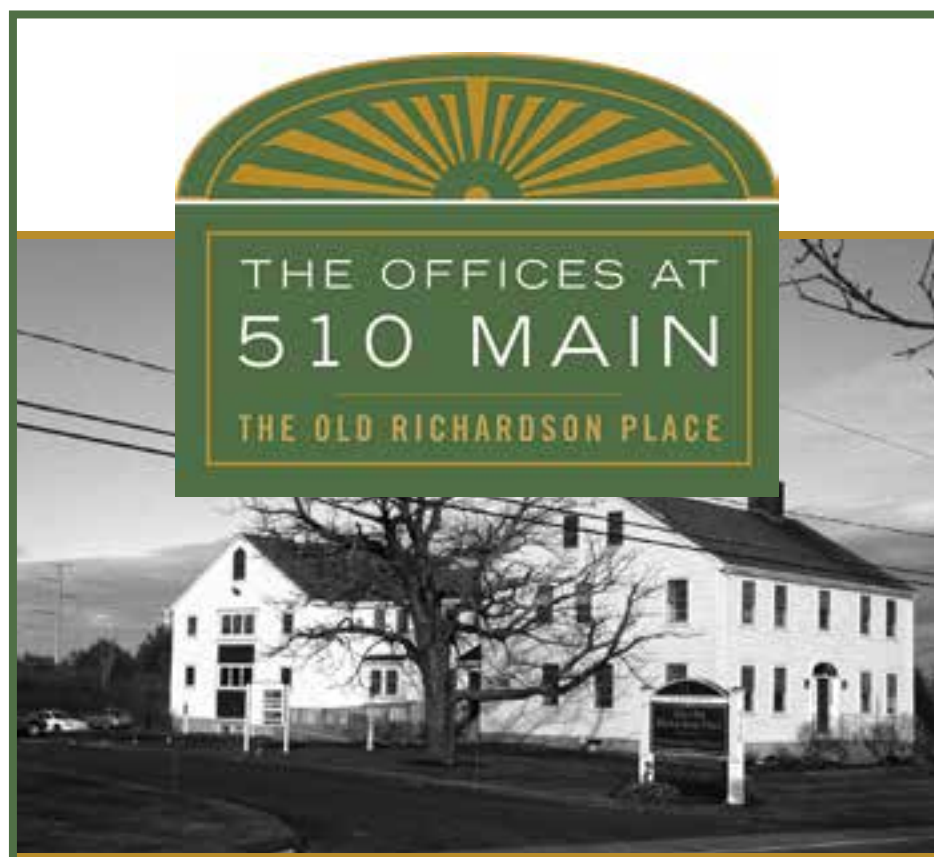
The Empty Bowls Project is a movement that uses ceramic bowls to raise awareness of, and to fight, hunger. Under the instruction of Narragansett School art teacher Elise Bothel, every Narragansett student (K-5) crafted and painted a unique ceramic bowl. Students chose to donate their bowls to a school-wide silent auction that took place on December 3, 2015. Narragansett students raised more than \$1,200 during the event. All proceeds will be donated to the Gorham Food Pantry.

Giving Back at Great Falls



Photo credit Kristina Fitzgerald

A group of Great Falls students made ornaments to sell so they could make a contribution during the holiday season. They chose to donate all their proceeds to Once Upon a Christmas, a local charity for under privileged kids. Pictured (left to right) are: Luke Moore, Luke Suleiman, River Engelter, Jafar Alhamdany, and AJ Johnston.



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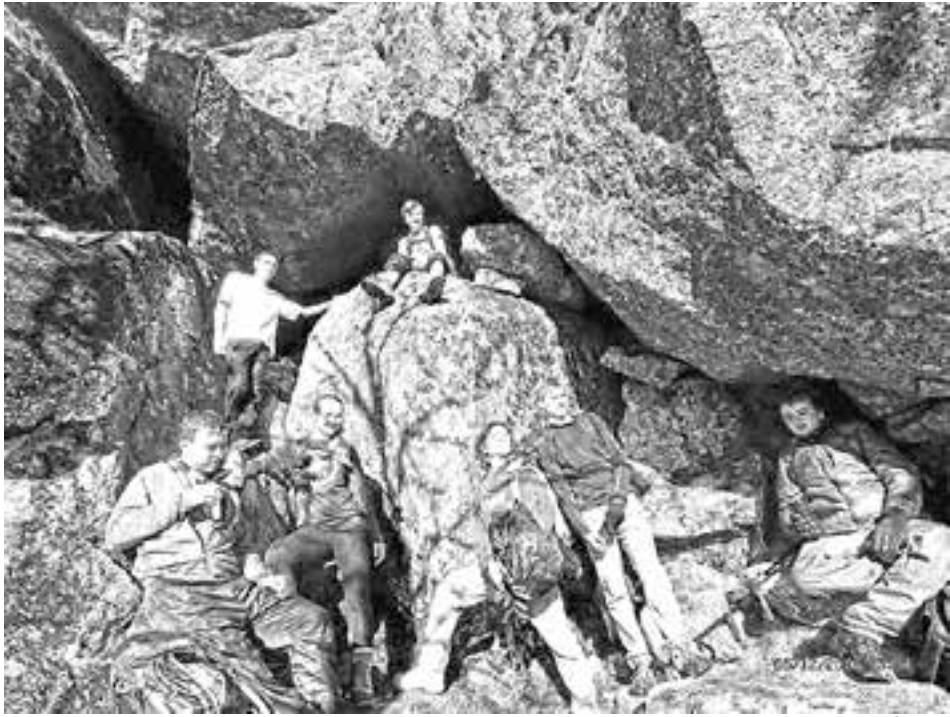


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The Gorham High School Outing Club has been very active this year. So far they have been mountain biking, kayaking, indoor rock climbing, and hiking, and providing 168 student experiences so far. They have also partnered with the Gorham Recreation Department. On the most recent outing in December, eight students and two advisors climbed Tumbledown Mountain. Pictured (left to right) are: Sam Matey, Sara Darling, Cameron Tracy, Jason Catoggio, Tyler Bernier, Benjamin Bradshaw, and Dimitri Miner. Not pictured are: Branden Kuusela and advisors, Jason Simpson and Ray Ronan.

Grant for Computer Science



Photo credit Stacey Sawyer

During the Computer Science Education Week assembly at Great Falls School last month, Superintendent Heather Perry (left) presented a \$10,000 check to grant recipient librarian Meghan Oliver (middle). Principal Becky Fortier (right) gave an introduction about the importance of computer science.

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Creating Stories at Narragansett



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After completing a unit focused on "Developing the Writing Community," students in Mrs. Adolf and Ms. Smith's fourth and fifth grade classes created a class book of stories. The stories ranged from sagas about the life of a special pet, to creative and detailed works of fantasy. Students read stories aloud from an author's chair centered on a stage in the classroom. Pictured is Lucas Ouillette in Mrs. Adolf's fifth grade class.

Holidays Linger CONTINUED FROM PAGE 6

day is BWAD and a great stress reliever as those bubbles make that satisfying "pop." Rumor has it that the new generation of bubble wrap is going to be pop-less (someone actually got paid to do that?) so let's really go all out this year.

January 27, Chocolate Cake Day, is also a great stress-reliever. Thankfully someone had the foresight to make sure this is celebrated after Ditch New Years Resolutions Day and not before.

Just when you think these holidays can't get any zanier, along comes January 28, Data Privacy Day. Closely related to International Skeptic Day, does anyone seriously believe this is possible in our digital cyber world?

Celebrate January 29 with a twofer. Break out your crossword, jigsaw,

Sudoku, acrostics, cryptograms and corn chips and have a blast on National Puzzle Day and National Cornchip Day. These two holidays were just made for each other

January 30 is National Inane Answering Message Day. If anyone figures out how to celebrate this one, please keep it to yourself and don't leave a message.

Last but not least, January 31 is Backward Day or Yad Drawkcab, if you prefer. There are lots of creative ways to celebrate this one, but always remember, Tsrif Ytefas! Wear your clothes backward or eat dessert at the beginning of the meal. Go crazy. As long as we don't have to do January all over again, I'm fine with that.

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in the class "Power and Privilege," along with guest presenters, spoke and participated in activities on December 9. There were 30 presentations throughout the day that students had the opportunity to RSVP for including: Body Language; Appropriation and Appreciation – Understanding Culture is Not a Costume Gender; Money and Wage Gaps; Lesser Known Sexual and Romantic Orientations; Break the Stigma of Mental Illness; and Islamophobia.

Guest speakers included students from Lincoln Academy in Newcastle, Maine; Amy Sneirson, executive director of the Maine Human Rights

Commission; students from Windham High School; Gia Drew, program coordinator of Equality Maine; and seventh grade teacher Sarah Rubin, who spoke on the behalf of Seeds of Peace.

"The day went very smoothly," said Plante. "It was a half day, so we were able to include three 45-minute sessions for each student."

"It's important to have days like these within our communities so we can all educate ourselves while learning to be kind and respectful of one another – qualities that are encouraged every day at Gorham High School, and that should be encouraged within our everyday lives," said Plante.

Great Falls Newest Project CONTINUED FROM PAGE 9

by searching 'The One and Only Ivan Great Falls,' or you can find the link on the Great Falls homepage.

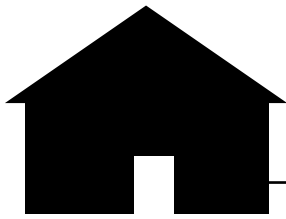
Teachers started reading the book aloud to their classrooms upon returning from the holiday break. It will take the school until February vacation to finish the book. Throughout the read aloud there will be weekly trivia questions that can be answered and entered into a weekly raffle for other book related prizes.

There will also be a One School, One Book blog set up for grades three through five to post to once they begin the read aloud in January. Students

can answer weekly comprehension questions and "talk" about the book with other Great Falls students and staff (greatfallsosob.blogspot.com).

There will also be a chance for students to create their own artwork related to the book. Some of the students' artwork will be displayed in the showcase located between the cafeteria and the gym.

Parents and family members are encouraged to talk to their child about the book, or even better, get their own copy and read it with them. The Bookworm on Main Street will be offering the book at a discounted price.



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Colin Harvey (GHS '14), Lasell College, Management
Michael Susi (GHS '15), Lasell College, Exercise Science
Joshua Wright (GHS '13), President's List, Bob Jones University

OF INTEREST



Gorham Savings Bank employees, Laura Mingione, a Data Processing Specialist, and Samantha Croteau, an Administrative Assistant, were recently presented with the 2015 Gorham's Greatest Customer Service Award. This prestigious award, now in its fourth year, is given annually to two individuals who are role models of the Bank's five Tenets of Customer Service. (L-R): Mingione, GSB President and CEO; Chris Emmons; and Croteau.

Gorham resident Heather Clark (pictured at right), marketing officer at **Saco & Biddeford Savings Institution**, has received her **Certified Financial Marketing Professional certificate** from the American Bankers Association.



The Gorham Woman's Club next meeting will be held on Thursday, Jan. 14 at the First Parish Congregational Church in Gorham. Refreshments served at 12:30 p.m. followed at 1 p.m. by speaker Jen Schrock about the Heifer International Program. All members and interested guests are welcome. FMI, JoAnn 839-8399.

The Free Community Dinner by the Gorham Ecumenical Council has been postponed until February 22.

Join PRLT for a full moon winter walk at Randall Orchard in Gorham/Standish. Participants will meet at 4:30 p.m. at the farm and then head out to explore some of the 500-acres of conserved orchard and forest, which are now protected forever, while watching the full moon rise. The hour-long guided walk will end with hot cider from apples grown and pressed onsite at the orchard. Limited space; RSVP required to info@prlt.org.

A free and open-to-the-public showing of the dramatic movie "Sarah's Choice" will begin at 7 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 22 at the Gorham Middle School Auditorium. Sponsored by The White Rock Free Baptist Church. FMI, 893-1919 or visit www.wrfbc.org.

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Gorham Savings Bank helped 'raze' awareness by encouraging GSB employees to bring shaving supplies to the company's annual holiday party for the Preble Street Resource Center. Gorham Savings Bank also purchased over 100 pairs of warm winter gloves for Preble Street. Jack Lufkin, Regional Business Banking Officer at Gorham Savings Bank (left), and Ray Hepler, Resource Development Assistant for Preble Street (right) are shown with Gorham Savings Bank's donations.



Auditions for Neil Simon's "Brighton Beach Memoirs" will be held at Schoolhouse Arts Center on Monday, Jan 25 & Tuesday, Jan 26 at 6:30 p.m. with callbacks on Wednesday, Jan 27. FMI, www.schoolhousearts.org

Auditions for Schoolhouse Arts Center's "Truly Talented Kids" cabaret fundraiser will be held on January 16 & 17 from 2 to 5 p.m. for performers ages 7 to 17. Singers, magicians, joke-tellers, dancers and baton-twirlers--if you've got a talent, we want to see it! Performances will be March 18 & 19. FMI, blackboxteens@gmail.com or call 615-1626.

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, located at the Little Falls Activity Center, 40 Acorn Street in Gorham is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Join them daily for coffee, tea and socializing. Ongoing 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 second and fourth Wednesday of the month. FMI, David 892-5604. Thursday Table Games begin at 10 a.m. Friday Art Workshop begins at 9 a.m. FMI, 892-0299.

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.

USM NOTES

Pianist and USM faculty member Anastasia Antonacos kicks off the spring semester in the USM School of Music with a solo recital featuring works by Schubert, Ravel and Elena Ruehr. The concert will be held on Friday, Jan. 22 at 8 p.m. in Corthell Concert Hall on the USM Gorham campus. Tickets are \$15/\$10/\$5. Purchase online www.usm.maine.edu/music/boxoffice, or call 780-5555. (Snow date: Sat. 1/23 at 8 p.m.)

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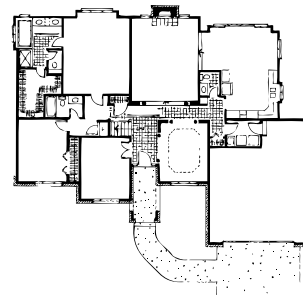
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Huston Road caller reported the theft of his mower but it turned out a friend had hidden it and caller had just found it.

Shaw's Mill Road caller reported their vehicle had been hit by a paintball. There was no damage. Officer checked area but did not find anyone.

Driver on Fort Hill Road was arrested for OUI, and operating without a license.

Brackett Road caller reported a beagle and a lab had attacked their chickens.

Ossipee Trail caller found a grenade in a stream that runs through his property. Grenade was determined to be inert, as the bottom had been hollowed out.

Olde Canal Way caller stated land had been posted but the signs had been removed. Caller did not own property but had right to post property from landowner.

Following a report of two dogs at large on Libby Avenue, officer found owner with dogs on leashes. She told officer one of her kids had failed to latch the gate properly.

Bulls were out on Main Street. Fence had been taken down and bulls and cows were being led to the barn until the fence could be fixed.

Suspicious person had parked his vehicle close to the cemetery on Fort Hill Road. Man appeared and told officer he had stopped to go to the bathroom.

Suspicious person on Ossipee Trail had pulled over to look for her house keys.

Hemlock Drive caller reported music. Officer did not find music to be loud for 7 p.m. It was a wedding reception and they advised music would end by 10 p.m.

Man on Lacey's Way was shooting an explosive target, which is permitted. Officer advised shooter to go to a pit next time and he agreed.

Suspicious persons on Main Street had purchased food and were eating behind the building. They were moved along.

Suspicious person on Woodland Road was out back with his dog working on his house.

Evergreen Drive caller reported a female had been staying at his residence and was no longer welcome. He was advised to call when female was there.

Caller reported an intoxicated woman. Officer arranged for a taxi to take her to a motel as she had driven her car to Hutcherson Drive 90 minutes earlier and had been walking around the store drinking alcoholic beverages.

Vehicle on Green Street was struck by an arrow that was stuck in the molding.

Libby Avenue caller reported a prowler. Caller had made the same report several times and all reports were unfounded.

Officer checked on man walking on Bartlett Road. He had just quit his job and was walking home to Buxton.

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THURSDAY, JAN. 14

- 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.

FRIDAY, JAN. 15

- Spire & Ice 2nd Annual Ice Bar, 7 p.m. Ice Bar outside with ice luge drinks, full bar inside. Spire 29. Tickets \$10.

SATURDAY, JAN. 16

- Spire & Ice 2nd Annual Ice Bar, 7 p.m. Ice Bar outside with ice luge drinks, full bar inside. Spire 29. Tickets \$10.

MONDAY, JAN. 18

- No School. Martin Luther King Day.

TUESDAY, JAN. 19

- Gorham House Itsy Bitsy store, 1:30-3:30 p.m., Gorham House lobby. FMI, 839-5757.
- Pre-School Story Time, 3-5 years, Baxter Memorial Library, 9:30 a.m.
- Gorham Democrats meeting, Conference Room A, Municipal Center, 6 p.m. All registered Democrats are invited to attend. FMI, Forrest Genthner, forrestgenthner@gmail.com

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 20

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

THURSDAY, JAN. 21

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FRIDAY, JAN. 22

- "Sarah's Choice," 7 p.m., Gorham Middle School Auditorium. Sponsored by White Rock Free Baptist Church. Free and open to public. FMI, 893-1919 or visit www.wrfbc.org.

SATURDAY, JAN. 23

- Dynamic folk duos Bennett & Perkins and Miss Maybell & Slim Pickin's, Spire 29, 7 p.m. Doors open at 6 p.m. Tickets \$5.

MONDAY, JAN. 25

- Free Community Roasted Turkey Dinner, 5:30 p.m., First Parish Church. All are welcome. Sponsored by Ecumenical Council.
- Gorham Republican Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m. All registered Republicans are welcome. FMI, call 415-2673.

TUESDAY, JAN. 26

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

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THURSDAY, JAN. 28

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- Sewing Group at Baxter Memorial Library, 2:30-4:30 p.m., Ages 7 & older. 7 & 8 year olds must be accompanied by adult.

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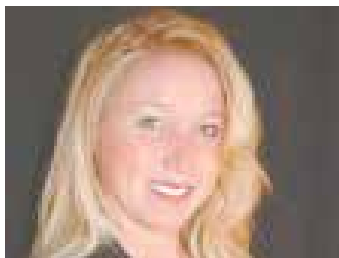


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