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Looking Ahead to New Year Gorham

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Staff Writer

Gorham families will begin celebrating Year's Eve at noon on December 31 with a snow sculpture contest and cap off the town-sponsored series of events with fireworks at 9 p.m. "It's all about happy at New Year Gorham," said Virginia Wilder Cross, who has chaired the celebration since its inception nine years ago, adding that "some Gorham kids have always welcomed in the new year this way." Cross, the Gorham Recreation Department, and their team of volunteers have planned a day of activities that will appeal to all ages and interests. Most will be indoors, out of the cold weather.

Robie Park, however, will be the site of the snow-sculpting contest. "Snow sculpting is free, but folks have to pre-register to reserve a "plop" of snow for sculpting, said Cindy Hazelton, Gorham Rec. Department director. If the weather cooperates, Public Works will deliver the snow. Hazelton needs to know in advance how many people plan to enter the contest. Call 222-1630 to register. The sculptures will be judged at 4 p.m. and winners will be announced just before the fireworks.

USM has again invited New Year Gorham to use its ice rink from 3-5 p.m. There is no charge for people wearing this year's lanyard, but everyone must have their own skates, as rentals are not available.

Other indoor events begin at 3:30 p.m. and will be held at Shaw Gym where the program is designed for families with young children. There will be two performances of Wildlife Adventures. Mad Science will begin at 4 p.m. in the activity room. Kids of all ages can have their faces painted too.

At 5 p.m., the Don Roy Trio will entertain at the Municipal Center and at 6 p.m. the improvisation group, Running with Scissors, will be on stage at Robie Gym. During the afternoon and early evening, Brent McCoy, will offer two juggling workshops. A physical comedian who tours as "The Real McCoy," he will perform his fast-paced show at 8:15 p.m. in the performing arts center at Gorham High School, immediately following the Gorham Community Chorus.

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Let the Festivities Begin!



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On November 27, Santa and Mrs. Claus came to Gorham during the Light Parade and Tree Lighting which was sponsored by the Gorham Recreation Department. The parade of lights preceded their entrance on a Gorham firetruck. After lighting the Christmas tree in Robie Park, Santa and Mrs. Claus spent time talking with the children of the community about their Christmas wishes.

Want to Help Others During the Holidays? Opportunities in the Gorham Community

COMPILED BY LESLIE DUPUIS
Editor

The holidays are upon us and Gorham has many families who could use a little extra help this time of year. While there are many ways to assist others in our community, a few are outlined below.

As another heating season approaches, it is expected that the demand for heating assistance will be great. The Town Clerk's Office is collecting funds for the Gorham Fuel Fund. Contributions to this fund help support the effort to keep Gorham residents warm and safe this winter.

Donations can be made in person at the Gorham Town Clerk's Office or mailed to: Gorham Fuel Fund, Gorham Town Office, 75 South Street, Gorham, Maine 04038.

The Town Clerk's office also has opportunities for a business or a family who would like to Pay It Forward by sponsoring a family in our town. Please contact the Town Clerk at 222-1670 to sign up. As applications come in from families needing help, The Town Clerk will match them with those willing to lend a hand.

The Gorham Food Pantry accepts donations of food and money. Items may be brought to the Gorham Food

Pantry at any time and left in the drop-box outside the door at 299-B Main St. The Gorham Food Pantry is currently in need of the following items: Baked Beans, Boxed Meals (Mac 'n Cheese, etc.), Canned Fruits, Canned Meals (Spaghetti O's, etc.), Canned Meats (Tuna, Chicken, etc.), Canned Soups, Canned Vegetables, Cereal, Coffee, Disposable Diapers, Feminine Hygiene Products, Jelly, Paper Towels, Pasta, Peanut Butter, Shampoo, Spaghetti Sauce, Toilet Paper, Toothbrushes and Toothpaste. Monetary donations assist the Food Pantry in filling in the gaps as needed. For more information, please call the Food Pantry at 222-4351 or email info@gorhamfoodpantry.org.

Home Instead Senior Care in Gorham has once again partnered with local non-profit and community organizations to identify seniors who might not otherwise receive gifts this holiday season. Through its "Santa for Seniors" program, community members can fulfill a wish for a senior.

This year, "Santa for Senior" trees are located at Sebago Brewing, The Blue Pig, Gorham House and Home Instead. If you'd like to be a "Santa to a Senior," simply remove an ornament from one of the trees, purchase one or more of the gifts listed and bring the ornament and gift back to the partici-

pating location. Home Instead staff and volunteers will collect the unwrapped gifts, wrap them, and deliver the gifts to the seniors. The tags have been going fast, but more are being added so continue to check the trees. Home Instead is also accepting donations of wrapping supplies/bags.

Baxter Memorial Library has a Giving Tree and will be accepting donated gifts with a focus on teens and tweens, although gifts for any age group are appreciated. The library also has a "Pet-a-Tree," which is the same idea, but for pets. Kids are encouraged to bring in a photo or drawing of their pet (or a pet that they might like to have) to hang on the tree. Donations of pet food and toys are piled under the tree and then donated to the Animal Refuge League in Westbrook. Baxter is also a drop-off location for the Gorham Food Pantry year-round so residents can continue to donate food for those in need.

Hannaford Supermarket is collecting Coats for Kids and Toys for Tots this year, and many of the Gorham schools are sponsoring food drives this time of year so non-perishable food items can be sent in with students. Be sure to check other businesses around town for holiday giving opportunities.

Holiday Break

After the December 15 edition, the Gorham Times will enjoy a short break. The next issue will be dated January 12.

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Policy on News from Augusta: The Gorham Times asked our three state legislators from Senate District 30, House District 26 and House District 27 to provide us with "News from Augusta." We publish their articles on a rotating basis. The submissions are devoted to updates of legislative and administrative news, proposed and passed bills and laws, and developments and events that are of interest and have an impact to Gorham residents. The Gorham Times reserves the right to edit the submissions and it further reserves the right to reject any submission, in its sole discretion.

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Approved Ballot Measures Present Challenges for Next Legislature

SENATOR AMY VOLK

I am thrilled and honored to once again have the opportunity to represent the people of Gorham, Scarborough and Buxton in the Maine Senate. I am sure many of you share my sense of relief that, regardless of whom you voted for, the bitter and divisive election is now behind us and we can finally look ahead.

The people of Maine have spoken and, for the second straight election cycle, have collectively told us they want divided government. When the 128th Legislature convenes next month, Republicans will once again hold the majority in the Maine Senate, and Democrats will again control the House of Representatives.

More importantly, I believe, the people of Maine told us that they want us to work together to address Maine's biggest problems. Having worked with Democrats and Independents on numerous initiatives throughout my legislative career, I am once again ready to reach across the aisle.

Two ballot initiatives passed by Maine voters, however, will be some of our most difficult challenges. Their passage puts the state in a tough spot by making it more difficult to grow our economy.

The first, Question Two, imposes a three percent income tax on Maine citizens and small businesses, the

backbone of our economy, who earn more than \$200,000 annually in order to raise funds for our public schools. I have consistently supported increased education funding as a legislator and believe education should be among our highest priorities. But this initiative, which barely passed, is deeply flawed.

While Maine consistently ranks among the highest states in the nation for quality of life, Forbes Magazine has once again named Maine as one of the worst in which to do business. Over the past six years, the Legislature has taken significant steps to lower our tax burden, but this new law will be a huge step backward, creating the second highest tax bracket in the nation. This sends the wrong message to businesses: If you come to Maine, it will be more expensive to live and work here. It seeks to penalize "the rich," but, in effect, will discourage doctors and other high in-demand professionals from coming to Maine and give incentive for those who are already here to leave. I have heard from numerous people, including physicians who can earn more in other states even before this tax increase, who are considering how soon they can change their residency. Surely there has to be a better way to increase education funding.

Question Four, which also passed, raises the minimum wage to \$9 per hour in January and to \$12 by 2020.

Once again, we have chosen to put up barriers for Maine businesses to succeed. I believe that we should periodically consider raising the minimum wage to keep pace with the cost of living (Maine's minimum wage is already higher than the federal rate). During the last legislative session, I supported a bill that would have increased the minimum wage at a more reasonable rate, but it did not pass. The measure that we just passed, by contrast, is drastic. Economists estimate the \$12 minimum wage will result in the loss of 3800 jobs in Maine. It will discourage companies, large and small, from hiring more workers, thus taking away opportunities for young people and people with disabilities who are attempting to enter the job market.

It is important to recognize that the people have spoken on these issues. At the same time, they present an enormous challenge to elected officials who must now find ways to offset these obstacles to job growth in Maine. I look forward to working with my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to find solutions in the upcoming legislative session.



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Around Town

David Cole issued a 35-year service pin to Detective Larry Maxfield-Fearon of the Gorham Police Department and a 5-year service pin to Christine Hyland, who is the Finance Office Manager and Bookkeeper/Accountant for the Town.

TNT on Lower Main St. has submitted plans to the Town to rebuild a car wash and convenience store utilizing the previous footprint.

Bradley and Jesse Abbott of 43 North Property Management, who are currently leasing 9 Laurence Drive in the Industrial Park from Ken Grondin, have signed a purchase and sale agreement for this currently vacant 57,768 sq. ft. building. The property had previously been leased to Porter Drywall which had vacated the premises with no warning in March 2015. Downes and Reader Hardwood Company with offices in Stoughton, MA and Milford, CT has signed a 10 year lease to rent 25,000 sq. ft. in the building. The Abbotts are meeting with other potential tenants for the property which can be divided into two or three smaller spaces.

Letters to the Editor

Letters must be less than 300 words, signed with a first and last name, typed or e-mailed and include a phone number. Letters are solely the opinion of the writer and not that of the Gorham Times. They are published at the discretion of the Gorham Times and are subject to editing.

Dear Gorham Times,

Our thoughts at this time of year focus on providing holiday meals for our clients, stocking shelves for the winter months ahead with hearty and healthy meal options, and assisting our clients as they head into cold weather with the added burden of winter fuel bills and other expenses. At the Gorham Food Pantry, individuals shop in a manner that allows them to choose the food that's appropriate for their family. This provides our community members with the respect and dignity every person deserves, especially in times of need.

The Gorham Food Pantry has been serving Gorham families for over 20 years by offering food assistance at no cost to residents in need. Many people don't realize how many of their neighbors are food insecure and need assistance on a regular basis. The Gorham Food 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. To combat our increased costs and the unending challenge of obtaining food at reduced prices, we are reaching out to the community for help in offsetting our rising expenses.

Because the Gorham Food Pantry depends entirely on the generosity of community members, we ask for your support as you consider holiday and year-end donations. 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 GFP's savings account at Gorham Savings Bank. Donations can be from \$5 per month, up to any amount. Some local businesses are even willing to match employee contributions. For more information visit www.gorham-foodpantry.org.

Diane O'Neill,
 Gorham Food Pantry

Dear Gorham Times,
 I am a patriotic American and I am deeply offended by Phil Bartlett's LTE published in your last issue. America is a Constitutional Republic

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Whale Bones Unearthed



Photo credit Becky Benson

Driving a loader, Eddie Benson of Benson Farm, excavates the right whale bones buried at his Gorham composting facility in September. Representatives from Marine Mammals of Maine were assisted by Aaron Landry, GHS biology teacher, and several students in retrieving the bones for study and possible display.

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which elects one person to be our President every four years, followed by a peaceful transition of power. Countries around the world marvel at this process. This year, over 98% of the Counties chose Donald Tump to be that person. Republicans did not denigrate Obama when he was elected eight years ago; rather they gave him a chance to succeed. He went on to become the most divisive President during our collective lifetimes. This year, voters across the country considered the Republican National and State platforms which espoused smaller government, less regulation, more individual rights and free enterprise. For Mr. Bartlett to proclaim that we are in for "four tough years", prejudging the President Elect's performance is not fair. He goes on to extol some election successes by Democrats in Maine, failing to acknowledge that Republicans picked up some seats in the House, which is now only narrowly controlled by his Party while the Senate and Governorship remain Republican. As a matter of fact, the Legislatures and Governorships across the U.S. are now 80% Republican.

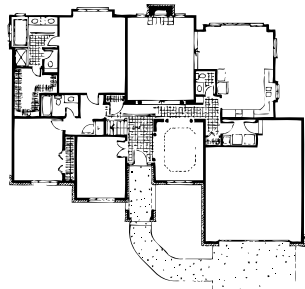
It is very disturbing that Mr. Bartlett pledges that Maine Democrats will "continue to stand

up to racism, xenophobia and misogyny". Fifty-two percent of Gorham voters favored Hillary Clinton. Does that mean the rest of us hate foreigners and women? Our immigrant parents and grandparents, along with our mothers, sisters, wives, daughters and female friends beg to differ!

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Revisiting a Favorite Author

JAN WILLIS
Contributing Writer

One criteria I use for picking my next book is to look for other books by a favorite author. A year or so ago I read and enjoyed "The Headmaster's Wife" by Thomas Christopher Greene. When I saw that he had published a new novel titled "If I Forget You," I immediately requested it from the library.

This is a romance that one can read in a single setting. Margot and Henry meet at Bannister College and fall in love, but the relationship is doomed because of her overprotective father who wants her to marry someone "of their kind." Twenty-one years later the two have a chance meeting on a New York street. The novel alternates chapters from the point of view of Henry or Margot and goes back and forth between 1991 and 2012.

When Henry first spots Margot, she flees. Henry doesn't chase after quickly enough and is left wondering, "How do you find someone who doesn't want to be found?" "Henry has never stopped looking for her. Twenty-one years and some have slid past faster than others, and in between there has been lots of living, the standard victories and defeats that constitute a life, but Margot, the idea of her, the essential memory of her, has been his one constant truth, like a poem he has committed to memory and holds always in the back

of his mind."

Henry married someone else, and now they are divorced.

In thinking about that, he believes that, "Things rise and things fall and sometimes they converge and sometimes they fall apart. The most one can hope for is that you find someone who can tolerate your flaws and your faults and see her way to loving you anyway. That maybe you figure out how to make a life together."

While in college, Henry was encouraged to pursue poetry by one of his teachers who says, "There are two reasons to teach writing, and neither of them is about teaching writing. You teach writing for a paycheck. That's first. Second, you teach writing to curate. You curate by identifying students with talent. You then encourage them to keep going." Henry "realized that Jon has given him a gift, and though it will be a while before he realizes how important a gift it is, for Henry it is as if everything is suddenly different." Henry went to college because of his baseball abilities, but he discovered his love for words. "He loves the music of words, the math of them, the logic of shifting them around



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THE ATHLETE'S CORNER

Speed is a Skill

STAN SKOLFIELD

Ask many coaches, parents and athletes and they will agree that there is a best way to hit, kick and throw. Because of this, athletes spend countless hours working on their technique or just the skill of their sport. They learn how to dribble with their left and right hand, bounce a soccer ball off their head, throw 5 different pitches, and bottle flip on every object imaginable (okay maybe that's not formally practiced). Unfortunately, athletes do not pay the same attention to their running technique, relative body strength, change of direction, flexibility or nutrition. Without a good foundation in these important components of athleticism, sport success is going to be minimized. What makes you a good athlete is not just the sport specific skill, but how athletic you really are.

Running is a skill. Before an athlete ever worries about how well they hit or throw, they need to have proper running form and adequate strength and flexibility levels. Most athletes in America skip right past this stage of development and work specifically on the techniques of their sport. Although this may pay dividends at first, prolonged success is going to rely on what type of athlete you are, not your individual sport technique. Compare two athletes who have similar levels of skill, but one athlete is much stronger. Who is going to have

the advantage? Who will have the advantage if they are faster? Have you or athletes you have coached ever competed against someone who is much faster? What was the result?

The NCAA hands out 7177 scholarships over Divisions I and II. That means about 1.3% of varsity players will have access to scholarship money over a four-year cycle. For many parents and coaches these statistics suggest that camps and single-sport focus is the way to maximize the chance of being in that 1.3%. While I am all for dedication to a personal passion, I have to respectfully disagree. This comes after years of watching coaches do things like mimic a golf swing with a 15-pound dumbbell or allow pitchers to throw year round. Collegiate sport coaches look as much for athleticism as anything else. They want their players to be athletes first and that is best developed by a wide range of sports and developing athleticism off the field. Early specialization can accomplish this but it carries the likely prices of burnout and overuse injuries.

If you were faster, stronger, more flexible and ate better, would you be better at your sport? How much better? These two questions should demonstrate how important athleticism is to your future success. These are components that you should be working on at all times during your sports career to maximize performance and decrease the chance of injury.

There is a best way to run, stop, land, jump, and change direction. When you are working on these areas, you have a huge advantage over all of the athletes that are skipping that step. Over the years, many people ask us how we produce so many great athletes. The answer is simple: make them faster and stronger than their competition. When you are faster and stronger, you instantly have the edge.



Stan Skolfield is a Certified Athletic Trainer and a Certified Strength and Conditioning Specialist. He is the Manager of the OA Performance Center

as well as Athletic Training Services. He has over 20 years of experience of developing athletes from 6 years old to the pros.

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Banjo player Peter Mezoin and Gorham's own singer-songwriter Dean Richardson will also perform at the high school. To finish off the night with a bang, Cross promises a "bigger than ever fabulous fireworks display" around 9 p.m. at the high school.

The Town of Gorham, local businesses and individuals have made contributions for much of the enter-

tainment, which will keep the cost of admission the same as previous years. Individuals will pay \$5 for a lanyard admitting them to all activities. The fee for families with more than two children is \$20. Lanyards and complete schedule details are available at Hannaford in Gorham. Family packages are available only at the Gorham Rec. Department. For more information, see <http://www.newyeargorham.org>.

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like numbers until they make just the right sound. Words are a way to make sense of it all."

When Margot has to return home after the break-up, her sister tries to console her, but Margot thinks, "no one will ever understand, that despite what anyone can say about heartache being universal, the truth is that it is entirely particular, too. It is entirely relative."

When they finally reconnect in 2012, Margot is thrilled with the way Henry leans in to listen to her. "And this is his gift, the gift of listening, and it reminds Margot of how plenty of people know how to talk but precious few are good at listening." Margot remembers her college experience and "part of her hates herself for always looking back, the

inability to live now or for the future, and maybe, she thinks, this is what it means to be over forty. Everything interesting is behind you and you live out the string as best you can, finding the small moments that make you happy. Either that or start over."

Henry takes Margot to a small cabin he has in Vermont. He tells her, "The cruelest thing in the world is the march of time. It just keeps going and I know we can't ever stop it. Except on days like this and in a place like this --- do you know what I mean? You can slow it down if you try and maybe it's just an illusion, but illusions are real in their own way. This afternoon, for me, felt almost like an entire lifetime."

You won't be disappointed with "If I Forget You."

GHS GRAD NEWS: If you, or your son or daughter is a GHS graduate, we would like to share your achievements in the Gorham Times Of Interest section or in a Where Are They Now feature. Submissions should include the year of GHS graduation and should be no longer than 75 words. Contact Chris Crawford at ckck5@maine.rr.com, Kathy Corbett at ktcorbett@aol.com or Cindy O'Shea at coshea2@maine.rr.com.

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Grand Jury

The Grand Jury returned the following indictments in November on charges brought by Gorham PD:

Bryan Frank 37, of Buckfield was indicted for eluding an officer, reckless conduct with a dangerous weapon, criminal OUI and operating without a license.

Patrick Mullen, 46, of Portland

was indicted for domestic violence terrorizing and violating conditions of release.

Riley Tardiff, 19, of Gorham was indicted for theft by unauthorized taking.

Jennifer Woodbury, 35, of Windham was indicted on charges of negotiating a worthless instrument.

Town Council Discusses Recreational Marijuana

BAILEY O'BRIEN
Staff Writer

On November 22, the Town Council began considering what Gorham's response will be to the statewide recreational marijuana referendum that passed earlier this month. After a public hearing, at which there was little comment, the Council voted to postpone action and table the issue.

Due to the close vote on Question 1, a referendum allowing Maine residents to

legally smoke, ingest, and possess small quantities of marijuana for recreational use, a statewide recount has been issued. Following the recount, the state will still need to put rules and regulations into place regarding recreational marijuana that currently do not exist.

"What the state decides to do will impact what Gorham needs to consider moving forward," said Town Manager David Cole.

This issue will be taken up again at the February 7, 2017 Town Council meeting.

August Arrests

The Gorham Police Department made the following arrests in August:

Cory Delisle, 24, of Hollis, was arrested for OUI (1 prior).

Sebastian Demers, 25, of Yarmouth, was arrested for failure to pay a fine.

Sean Foss, 29, of Windham, was arrested for OUI.

Miguel Hernandez-Rodriguez, 38, Portland, was arrested for violating conditions of release, operating a vehicle without a license, operating while license was suspended or revoked and OUI (1 prior).

Caleb Satterfield, 22, of Florida, was arrested for OUI, operating without a license and failure to stop for an officer.

Dean Taylor, 32, homeless, was arrested for failure to appear.

David Barr, 32, of New Hampshire, was arrested for OUI (1 prior).

Shane Dickey, 22, of Gorham, was arrested for violating conditions of release.

Rebecca Dragon, 28, of Westbrook, was arrested for unlawful possession of scheduled drugs.

John Harmon, 30, of Gorham, was arrested for OUI.

Eric Michaud, 22 of Lewiston, was arrested for OUI.

Cory Blake, 45, of Westbrook, was arrested for aggravated trafficking in scheduled drugs and illegal importation of drugs.

Mark Dimastrantonio, 41, of Gorham was arrested for operating without a license.

Ryan Kovats, 34, of Windham, was arrested for OUI (prior).

Jill Simas, 36, of Westbrook, was arrested for illegal importation of scheduled drugs and aggravated trafficking in scheduled drugs.

Michael Stevens, 40, of Windham, was arrested for OUI.

Eric Woodbury, 21, of Scarborough, was arrested for unlawful possession of

scheduled drugs and aggravated trafficking in scheduled drugs.

Daniel Berry, 25, of Windham, was arrested for OUI.

Tiffany Delisle-Watson, 21, of Gorham, was arrested for OUI.

David Kudas, 28, of Kennebunkport, was arrested for violating conditions of release.

Russell MacDougall, 28, of Gorham, was arrested and held for another agency.

Brandon Williams, 25, of Westbrook, was arrested for OUI.

Steven Williams, 35, of Old Orchard Beach, was arrested for violating conditions of release, operating without a license and unlawful possession of a scheduled drug.

Peter Wormell, Jr., 41 of Gorham, was arrested for OUI.

Wesley Childs, 31, of Gorham, was arrested and had pre-conviction bail revoked.

Angela Cloutier, 31, of Windham, was arrested for failure to appear.

Brandon Dagnese, 22, of Scarborough, was arrested for unlawful trafficking in scheduled drugs.

Mason Day, 26, of Brownfield, was arrested for violating conditions of release and unlawful possession of scheduled drugs.

Robert DiDonato, 18, of Gorham, was arrested for operating without a license and OUI.

Teresa Plummer, 66 of Limington, was arrested for OUI.

Brady Provencher, 20, of Gorham, was arrested for violating conditions of release.

Thomas Saul, 65, of Old Orchard Beach, was arrested for OUI.

Erik Smith, 29, of Portland was arrested for OUI.

Jack Tapps, 59, of West Virginia, was arrested for disorderly conduct.

Jeffrey Watson, 21, of Gorham, was arrested for OUI.

First Quarter Honor Rolls 2016-2017

GMS

Grade 6 – High Honors

Julia Altham
Hayden Anderson
Olivia Bryant
Christian Butler
Lexi Caron
Hannah Caron
Faith Connolly
Jasper Crane
Rachel Cummings
Annie Cunningham
Patrick Cyr
Angela Dellasala
Jonah Doucette
Noah Flynn
Tedi Gould
Kyra Hamblen
Josephine James
Braeden Johnson
Grace Johnson
Eden Johnson
Samantha Kovacs
Alexis Landry
Samuel Larkin
Erin Lawrence
Jacob Lehmann
Trevin Macomber
Sofia Mankin
Kaci Mollison
Isabella O'Brien
Hannah O'Reilly
Claudia Peterson
Tyler Reynolds
David Russo
Brady Smith
Alexandra Sutton
Madison Toronto
Kieran Wilkins
Hailee Willey
Peter Wu

Grade 6 – Honors

Waeil Ahmed
Brady Alexander
Benjamin Allison
Avery Andrews
Anthony Arsenault
Emelia Bailey
Hayden Battaglia
Lucien Beardesley
Julia Bell
Ella Bethany
Ava Bryant
Kiarha Cajuste
Ryley Cash
Miranda Chasse
Junbei Chen
Alaina Christy
Ryan Collier
Amelia Connor-McCoy
Ryan Cooper
Makenna Delaney
Quinn Dillon
Devin Dobson-Jacques
Maeve Donnelly
Madeline Downey
Katherine Dugal
Owen Dugas
Holly Dupra
Annika Edgar
Julia Edgar
Sadie Fiore
Abby Fiore
John Frank
Ty Gammon
Andrew Gaudreau
Brooke Gerry
Brooke Gordon
Marin Graham
Alexander Griffin
Corinna Hahn
Owen Harmon
Matthew Harmon
Graham Henderson
Olivia Hopkins
Jude Huckaby
Aryahna Hulit
Lucy Hyde
Kelsey Jalbert
Jada Kenzie
Ella Kitchen
Kevin Luo
Savannah Lyon
Kate Martin
Griffin Moccicola
Ella Novak
Lucas Ouillette
Cameron Parker
Kate Pelletier
Nicholas Phinney
Qasim Rabbani
Jayden Racine
Sarah Rathbun
John Reidy
Lauren Rioux
Keira Rosario
Abigail Rosingana
Chloe Ruane
Lillian Ruane
Emma Sands
Kate Sands
Christopher Sargent
Andrew Scribner
Cody Sellick
Eli Sjostedt
Joshua Sparrow
Trent Stevens
Damien Taylor
Rylee Tenuta
Wyatt Thomas

Megan Wentworth
Elizabeth Willette
Madison Woodcock
Wyatt Woodsum
Delaney Wright
Lillian Zidle

Grade 7 – High Honors

Colin Albert
Drew Baber
Lauren Bachner
Noah Badeau
Curan Bassingthwaite
Gavin Begonia
Mallorie Bergquist
Landon Bickford
Allison Bishop
Brylee Bishop
Caroline Bishop
Robert Boylen
Connor Callahan
Erin Castonguay
Morgan Chapman
Nathan Chase
Ainsley Christianson
Kayleigh Cloutier
Sydney Connolly
Hunter Connors
Nathan Corey
Calvin Cummings
Kaitlyn Cushing
Samuel D'Amico
Mary DeWitt
Alden Dimick
Nathan Doane
Katherine Dupuis
Hailey Edwards
Abigail Emerson
Asa Farley
Andrew Farr
Samuel Farr
Annie Frey
Elizabeth Frey
Charles Gay
Ainsley Gray
Rachel Gross
Bryce Gunn
Sydney Haskell
Madisson Hatch
Ethan Ho
Kiara Hodge
Abigail Houpp
Lucien Kratzer
Stephanie Labrie
Kyle Landry
Alexandra Light
Elisabeth Loranger
Ian Luciano
Bryce Lumbert
Annika Mankin
Mikayla Martorano
Anyia Mazaris-Atkinson
Madison Michaud
Sophia Michaud
Andrea Mitchell
Annikka Moccicola
Dylan Morrell
Isabella Morrell
Emma Mullin
Alexandra Myles
Anna Nelson
Cassara Novak
Julia Ordway
Cheyanne Osmond
Hunter Pellerin
Albert Plummer
Phoebe Richards
Quentin Riiska
Brandon Sadowski
Brady Sawyer
Thaddeus Shain
Devan Sherry
Benjamin Shields
Clara Shvets
John Sutton
Nicole Walker
Caleb Waterman
Alexandra Waterman
Megan Wentworth
Quentin Wise
Elijah Wyatt
Megan Young

Grade 7 – Honors

George Allison
Natalya Asali
Ryan Bechtel
Trevor Bennett
Gisele Berry
Sean Boylen
Aaja Breton-Jalbert
Alyvia Caruso
Bode Coleman
Kiah Curtis
Jayden Racine
Sarah Rathbun
John Reidy
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Joshua Sparrow
Trent Stevens
Damien Taylor
Rylee Tenuta
Wyatt Thomas

Riley Griffin
Brooke Guimond
Caleb Hendrix
Kylee Keene
Killian Kolb
Gannon Kuntz
Nathan Ladd
Mason Landre
Ava Lever
Keagan Lindsay
Shantearra Ly
Paige Marchand
Curan Bassingthwaite
Owen McCaffrey
Jaekup McCluskey
Colin McDonald
Ella McDonald
Daniel McKeage
Aidan Meredith
Maceen Mitchell
Ambrosia Moore
Jillian Morrill
Liam Moss
Anyia Nagle
Abigail Ouellette
Hunter Pelletier
Grace Perreault
Ellie Perry
William Perry
Madison Philbrick
Nelly Popov
Luc Puglionesi
Casey Rancourt
Shannon Randall
Courtney Rent
Tristan Rideout
McKenna Roberts
Maksim Roewer
Emily Roy
Evan Russo
Thomas Sallinen
Arzou Sayed
Kaden Shaw
Kyle Skolfield
Jackson Smith
Hannah Spickel
William Stein
Emma Stevens
Makayla Summerson
William Thompson
Ashley Thurston
Nola TRUE
Colby Tucker
Sarah Valeriani
Brandon Verrill
Izzabella Verrill
Asa Wareham
Bradley Weed
Jacob Weisman
Emily Wilcox
Leah Woodbury

Grade 8 – High Honors

Madeline Berry
Jordan Blakeslee
Grace Bradshaw
Anneka Bryant
Beck Carrier
Lily Courtney
Samuel Pritchard
Caitlin Randall
Molly Rathbun
Braedyn Richardson
Morgan Roast
Devin Robichaud
Garrett Rodgers
Sophiah Rodrigue
Anthony Romero
Erin Sands
Garrett Smith
Hannah Smith
Michaela Taiani
Madigan Thibodeau
Madison Tryon
Benjamin Tukey
Julia Yager
Wesley Young

GHS

Grade 9 – High Honors

Carson Battaglia
Elizabeth Blanchard
Laura Bolduc
Anthony Booth
Haley Burns
Brandon Chhoeung
Kaitlyn Crockett
Madison Firmin
Erin Hume
Paige Hume
Noah Jalbert
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Grade 9 – Honors

Ethan Allen
Grace Andrews
Joshua Ball
Patrick Bishop
Jordan Bretton
Westley Brinegar
Jessica Burgess
Lucia Burke
Emma Callahan
Margaret Caruso
Evan Chambers
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Colby Christakis
Gisele Cologna
Julie Cooper
Emily Crepeau
Garrett Devoe
Lauren DiDonato
Faith Dillon
Mackenzie Dix
Meredith Donisi
Connor Donnelly
Mia Donnelly
Ryan Doughty
Lydia Drew
Jeremy Duncan
Molly Eaton
Raechel Edwards
Isabelle Emerson
Tyler Farris
Sawyer Gagnon
Kevin Goodnow
Meghan Gray
Lauren Green
Bryce Gurney
Kyle Hamblen
Jacqueline Hamilton
Benjamin Hansen
Maeve Higgins
Ashleigh Hotham
Charles Hubbard
Makenzie Huntington
Nolan Irish
Katarina Jenkins
Cortnie Jones
Brady King
Iris Kitchen
Cassandra Kovacs
Brittney Landry
Emma Linkiewicz
Haley Lowell
Travis Matheson
Nolan McCullough
Bode Meader
Kaylyn Migliorini
Oliver Milliken
Gwendolyn Miramontes
Neveah Moore
Claire Munkacsi
Ryan Murray
Grant Nadeau
Emmeline Nelson
Liam Nickerson
Ian Obrey
Jarrett Ocegueda
Brooke Phillips
Daniel Popov
Samuel Pritchard
Caitlin Randall
Molly Rathbun
Braedyn Richardson
Morgan Roast
Devin Robichaud
Garrett Rodgers
Sophiah Rodrigue
Anthony Romero
Erin Sands
Garrett Smith
Hannah Smith
Michaela Taiani
Madigan Thibodeau
Madison Tryon
Benjamin Tukey
Julia Yager
Wesley Young

Grade 10 – High Honors

Kyren Bettencourt
Brandon Cummings
Emma Fergues
Jeremy Harris
Ella LeBlanc
Lila Lovley
Matilda McColl
Libby Mitchell
Katherine O'Donnell
Olivia Paruk
Anna Rathbun
Simon Roussel
Leah Scontras
Kaitlyn Smith
Sarah Stevens
Haley Thompson
Sarah Walker
Erin Wentworth
Bruce Wyatt

Grade 10 – Honors

Maggy Aube
Fatima Batool
Lexa Bibeau
Kevin Blake
William Bunker
William Burns
Caitlin Chasse
Maiya Christiansen-Carlson
Alexa Corey
Tyler Cormier
Isabel Courtney
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Autumn Heil
Riley Jerome
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Elisabeth King
Isabelle Kolb
Kate Larkin
Abigail Leonard
Thomas Light
Thomas Locke
Griffin Lord
Kathryn Lundin
Cooper Lyons
Lydia McCrillis
Trent McLellan
Ryan Mercier
Harris Milliken
Hailey Morrill
Gretchen Muehle
Margaret Munkacsi
Kathryn Nason
Benjamin Nault
Jordan Perkins
Samuel Pockock
Alice Riiska
Samantha Rockwell
Colette Romatis
Callie Russell
Jacob Staden
Sara Slager
Cameron St. Cyr
Mariah Stout
Ian Stultz
Payton Thorpe
Quentin Volpe
Ethan White
Bryce Womack
Brooke Woodbury
Mackenzie Young

Grade 11 – High Honors

Caitlyn Beaulieu
Emily Chapin
Bennett Donohue
Aaron Farr
Kate Gilbert
Garrett Higgins
Kaitlyn Jodoin
Sydney Levesque
Grace Libby
Hannah Libby
Sierra Lambert
Emelia Nejezchleba
Benjamin Nelson
Alexander Ousback
Jonathan Scribner
Anna Slager
Josephine Smith
Isabella Solari
Abigail vanLuling

Grade 11 - Honors

Asal Bahmani
Clayton Bassingthwaite
Conor Battaglia
Jessica Bennett
Vanessa Boryll
Lindsey Bealen
Nathan Brown
Nolan Brown
Isabelle Burke
Marisa Collins
Courtney Cushing
Claudia Daigle
Michaela Desrosier
David Drew
Vy Duong
Holden Edwards
Benjamin Eichner
Lyndsey Estes
Jacob Estey
Meadow Fortier
Alexis Fother
Olivia Garand
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Brooke Greatorex
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Stefan Street
Nora Susi
Christopher Tucker
Claire Valentine
Breana Verrill
Rylie Wareham
Lily Whitten
Simeon Willey
Rosemary Wood
Madison Young

Grade 12 – High Honors

Anne Acker-Wolffhagen
Mary Adams
Avery Arena
Delaney Burns
Kathryn Christianson
Haylee Dahlborg
Abigail Flint
Emily Hayward
Thomas Macomber
Thomas Matthews
Clemence Nennen
Kyle Peoples
Samuel Roussel
Emma Smith
Blake Wallace
Emily Yager

Grade 12 – Honors

Elsa Alexandrin
Jordan Allen
Katherine Andrews
Kelly Aube
Sally Aube
Georgia Baber
Tristan Bates
Katherine Bennett
Hannah Benson
James Benson
David Blattstein
Andrew Brown
Tess Buzzell
Lindsey Caron
Jamie Carter
Nariah Cavarretta
Dennis Cloutier
Cameron Coro
Nathaniel Cupka
Kristen Curley
Jordan Currier
Brandon Desjardin
Kara Doane
Alyssa Doley
Kara Elismore
Travis Emerson
Emily Esposito
Erin Esty
Jordyn Falagario
Ryan Firmin
Joseph Fiset
Jackson Fother
Bennett Gasowski
Lucas Gironda
Sean Glasgow
Bligh Godin
Brooke Hall
Grant Hamblen
Ryan Hamblen
Rhiannon Hatch
Sophia Hendrix
Cameron Holmes
Tyler Houston
Madeline Joyal-Myers
Jamie Juskiwicz
Anne Kelly
Whitney King
Diana Kolb
Jason Komulainen
Carli Labrecque
Eric Lane
Justin Laughlin
Hannah LeBlanc
Narissa Libby
Samantha Low
Keegan Luce
Kaylea Lundin
Samanuel Martel
Fiona Nee
Bryan Nelson
Emily O'Donnell
Miles Obrey
Ethan Orach
Athena Pappalardo
Audrey Perreault
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Alex York

School Notes

During the month of December, Gorham Hannaford will have a donation box to support the Gorham High School musical, "Footloose." The box is located near the customer service check out. Donations will help to defray the costs of the annual musical at GHS. The two goals of the musical are to provide students with a professional musical theater experience and the Gorham community with quality entertainment. In February, over 60 students will appear on stage in "Footloose! The Musical!" Please help support this great cause.

Gorham High School's Key Club will host a Breakfast with Santa on December 10 from 8 to 10 a.m. at the Cressey Road Methodist Church in Gorham. All proceeds will be donated to Camp Sunshine. The cost is \$5.

GHS Incorporates Auxilium Block into Schedule

AVERY ARENA
GHS Student Intern

Students at Gorham High School have been adjusting to a new schedule this year, and with that, came a new period in the day. Everyday there is a 40-minute block of time called "Auxilium" (Latin for "help") scheduled for the students and teachers to work together to get extra help in classes, work on extensions not covered in the regular class time, or participate in enrichment opportunities.

This period has been used by many students as a way to conference with teachers on essays, prepare for tests, and review material that they are struggling with.

Several enrichment and extension options have been offered for students to take advantage of when they are caught up on school work and are doing well in all classes. Some are offered on a regular basis, such as quiet reading rooms and weekly math team practices, as well as DNA barcoding for the "barcode of life" project, and four year planning to make sure all students are prepared for their post-secondary paths.

Speakers have also been brought in to give presentations to students, including professionals to explain their career paths, and proponents and opponents to each of the five ballot questions that were voted on in November.

Future plans for Auxilium activities include alumni giving small groups of students advice for their post-secondary plans and help for seniors preparing for various applications. If you are a GHS alum who would be interested in speaking to current students, email avery.arena@gorhamschools.org.

National Honor Society Inducts New Members



Photo credit Annie Acker-Wallhagen

On November 8, 71 new members were inducted into the Gorham High School chapter of the National Honor Society. Inductees were selected based on their embodiment of the four pillars of NHS: scholarship, service, leadership, and character. The 2016 NHS inductees are: Katherine Andrews, Kelly Aube, Sally Aube, Nathan Bachner, Venessa Berrill, Lindsey Boylen, Jamie Carter, Nariah Cavarretta, Emily Chapin, Courtney Cushing, Claudia Daigle, Brandon Desjardin, Drew Eid, Travis Emerson, Aaron Farr, Gabriella Fisher, Abby Flint, Meadow Fortier, Alexis Fotter, Kate Gilbert, Bligh Godin, Emily Goriss, Brooke Greatorex, Brooke Hall, Andrew Harjula, Emily Hayward, Saoirse Herlihy, Garrett Higgins, Madison Hincer, Cameron Holmes, Kaitlyn Jodoin, Haley Keeffe, Kyle King, Erin Esty, Jason Komulainen, Justin Laughlin, Grace Libby, Hannah Libby, Sarah Lorello, Sierra Lumbert, Thomas Macomber, Grace McGouldrick, Camryn Morton, Ben Nelson, Jack Niles, Miles Obrey, Ethan Orach, Amelia Pappalardo, Kyle Peoples, Deidra Perreault, Sean Pocock, Lauren Poirier, Hunter Poitras, Tyler Richman, Madeline Rossignol, Michelle Rowe, Jonathan Scribner, Sarah Shields, Josephine Smith, Isabella Solari, Samuella Spurr, Kayla Stickney, Nora Susi, Connor Sweatt, Hallie Thomas, Christopher Tucker, Abigail vanLuling, Marie Walton, JennaMarie Webster, Lily Whitten, and Jillian Worster.

Talent on Display at GHS



Photo credit Abbie vanLuling

The Bass Lines performed "Goodnight Sweetheart" at the GHS Talent Show on November 4.

LYDIA VALENTINE
GHS Student Intern

Gorham High School held its annual talent show on November 4, bringing over 10 acts and over 40 students to perform for an almost packed auditorium. The non-auditioned show is purely for fun and lots of fun was had by performers and audience alike.

Seniors Miles Obrey and Dorothy Stickney were the masters of ceremony, calling on the acts and making lots of puns. All four of the school choirs performed, including the Bass Lines, an all boys chorus. They sang an energetic rendition of "Goodnight Sweetheart," and it was a crowd pleaser.

Both Treble 1 and Treble 2 choirs sang cover songs with Treble 1 singing "Send My Love" by Adele, and Treble 2 singing "Holding out for a Hero," from the upcoming GHS musical, "Footloose." Mr. Murray, the choral teacher at the high school, accompanied both acts on guitar.

Along with those two acts, Mr. Murray also accompanied several other acts including Phoebe Johnson and her yodeling fiddle tune, and Ann Kelly and her cover of "Ain't no Fun" by Paramore, among others. Seniors Noelle Dibiasse and Abby

Flint, along with their band, Three Pennies Worth, sang "Song of a Deadman," a perfect coffeehouse tune that received a standing ovation from the audience.

The show closed with the Chamber Singers, the highest choral group at GHS, singing "Ain't No Man" by The Avett Brothers. Two members of the group played accompaniment music, freshman Mason Hawkes on the bass guitar and senior Dorothy Stickney on drums. It was a perfect way to end the evening with spectacular harmonization and a feeling of celebration.



Photo credit Jaime Tardif

Compassion in Action

Kaylee Gonnevillie, a fifth grade student ambassador at Great Falls School, stands alongside a sampling of care packages that she diligently assembled during her recess time. The care packages will be distributed to those in need along with winter socks collected during Socktober.



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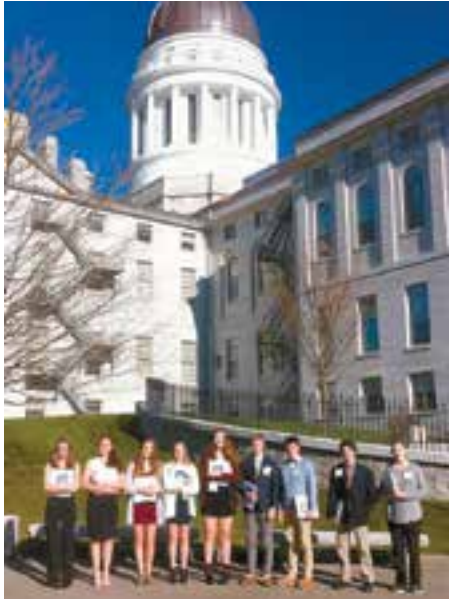


Photo credit David Farrington

Nine students from Gorham High School recently attended the annual Maine Youth in Government conference at the State House with history teacher David Farrington. Every year, students spend three days in committees and mock Senate and House sessions to debate, vote on, and eventually pass bills written by the participants. Pictured (left to right) are Avery Arena, Olivia Paruk, Isabel Courtney, Maggy Aube, Mackenzie Holmes, Ben Nault, Bruce Wyatt, Ryan DeSanctis, and Emelia Nejezchleba.

GMS Participates in Maine Bioscience Day



Photo credit Terry Bartick

Makayla Summerson (left) and Hannah Smith, seventh graders in Ms. Whitaker's science class, experiment with a Snap test, which detects the presence of worms in animal feces.

TERRY BARTICK

GMS and GHS STEM Coordinator

Do you know how to get a seventh grader interested in a career in bioscience? One way is to talk about animals and their poop.

On November 9, Gorham Middle School seventh graders took part in Maine Bioscience Day, an event sponsored by the Bioscience Association of Maine that was held at 12 middle schools around southern Maine. GMS had six special guests from IDEXX.

These bioscientists planned an engaging and informative hands-on presentation that introduced students to the profession. Students learned how much schooling you might need, and what kind of interesting projects a bioscientist might work on.

Students talked with the bioscientists about their pets and keeping their pets healthy. Students learned about parasites - how to protect pets from them, and how to determine if pets are infected. They were shown a video of a tapeworm being removed

using an endoscope, passed around a real tapeworm (in a sealed container), and used microscopes to identify specimens of parasite eggs. The bioscientists then explained how time consuming it is to identify the presence of parasites by preparing slides, which is why they engineered a better solution.

IDEXX bioscientists created a product called the Snap test, which quickly and accurately detects the presence of worms. They showed students how to run the test and evaluate the results, and then every student was given his or her own test for experimentation. With a fake sample, students followed the procedure and determined whether it indicated a healthy or infected pet.

The students and teachers at GMS were grateful to IDEXX and the Bioscience Association of Maine for arranging this informative and fun demonstration. Students wrote about the experience afterwards, expressing their thanks and even showing some interest in becoming scientists.




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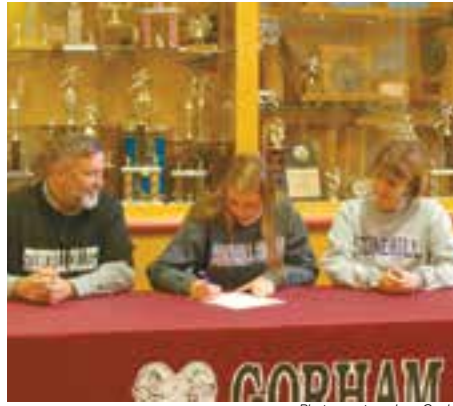


Photo courtesy Jean Gould

Emily Esposito is joined by her parents, Karen and Tony Esposito, during her November 9 signing (above left). Diana Kolb's parents, Thomas Kolb and Jean Gould, look on at her signing on November 14 (above right).

HAL D'AMICO
Sports Editor

When Emily Esposito (Villanova) and Diana Kolb (Stonehill) recently signed National Letters of Intent (NLI) in celebrations formalizing their college intentions, they joined the approximately 40,000 student-athletes who will do so this year. Does that seem like a big number? According to the NCAA website, "Only about two-percent of high school athletes are awarded athletics scholarships to compete in college."

Signings acknowledge standout performance and recognize the potential of the athlete. Typically, the athlete, family, and some combination of coaches and representatives from the high school and the college gather in the student's home community for the ceremony. While rumors, or even verbal agreements, between a college and a student-athlete may float in a sea

of public curiosity and speculation, the commitment becomes official upon the athlete and their parent(s) or legal guardian(s) signing the NLI. This binds the athlete to the school for a minimum of one academic year, while the college offers an athletics financial aid package agreed upon by the

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parties, typically also a one year commitment.

The contemporary media drama surrounding "Signing Day" has become something of a

national holiday to the sports fan. However, the reality is the vast majority of student-athletes who engage a NLI during the annual early signing period one week in November or the regular period from April through the beginning of August will not be football or basketball stars. (There are a few exceptions to these dates for football, soccer, and men's water polo.) These student-athletes will join NCAA Division I and II pro-

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Jackson Fotter Concludes Extraordinary Soccer Career

PATRICK O'SHEA
Contributing Writer

It shouldn't come as any surprise that Jackson Fotter, the son of Kim Fotter and Bob Strong, was named as a first team SMAA All Conference player and Offensive Player of the Year. He has been a four-year starter for the Gorham Rams boys' soccer team which reached the State Final match this season.

Jackson entered his senior season with a total of 34 goals. He scored 4 goals as a freshman, 15 as a sophomore, and 15 as a junior. During his senior season, he scored 31 goals for a total of 65 goals and a school record.

Several highlights from his season were: scoring his 50th goal against Massabesic in the 7th game of the season, the 3 goals he scored in the quarterfinal win over Westbrook, the goal he scored in the semifinal win over Scarborough, and the goal he scored in the State Final against Bangor.

The accomplishments and awards he has received throughout his career reflect not only his skill, but the respect he has earned throughout the state: 3 time SMAA All-Star, 2016 SMAA Player of the Year, 2015 and 2016 All-State and All Regional Team, 2015 GHS Offensive Player of the Year, 2016 GHS Outstanding Player Award and the 2016 Steven LaBrecque Award.

Jackson will be attending the All-State banquet in Bangor on December 4. At this event, four All-New England play-




Photo credit Nicole Richman

Jackson Fotter controlled the ball during the October 25 quarterfinal against Westbrook.

ers and one All-American player will be selected from the attendees.

Tim King, GHS soccer coach, said, "Jackson is a tremendously skilled player. His ability to make the ball dance at his feet is amazing. He also has fantastic field vision and is always looking the make the right pass to teammates running off the ball. Scoring 31 goals in a season in the SMAA is such a incredible accomplishment, not to mention the 65 career goals. But beyond all of the physical skills, Jackson has a burning desire to win. This is what sets him apart from most others. I feel fortunate to have coached many great players in my time at GHS, but he is at the top of the list."


Jackson plans to further his education at either Bentley or Bryant College next year.



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grams from among 650 NLI participant schools, and will compete in a variety of sports, and their scholarships may be partial.

Two points worthy of mention are: NCAA Division III colleges do not issue athletics based financial aid, though many student-athletes at these schools will receive aid for non-athletic achievements and/or financial need, and the NAIA (National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics), with approximately 250 member schools, does not have a letter of intent program as a body. NAIA member institutions may adopt their own commitment policies, and the two associations have no reciprocal arrangements.

The Collegiate Commissioners Association oversees the governance of the NLI program, while the NCAA runs the daily operations. A student-athlete with a NLI must satisfy any and all provisions in the letter, which will include completion of the full admissions process with admission granted, and meeting specific NCAA eligibility requirements. While the financial package is often, but not necessarily, renewable annually (on or before July 1), the institution may not reduce or rescind the package during the term of the agreement due to athletic related reasons (for

instance, performance or injury). The basic penalty for a student-athlete who does not satisfy the terms of the NLI is a loss of one season of competition in all sports if the student enrolls at another NLI member institution.

The NLI has evolved from its 1964 implementation as a response to the hyper-aggressive recruiting tactics of the 1940s and '50s, especially the exploitation and distraction of high school senior football players. However, the goal remains the same: to provide relative stability and an environment conducive to the senior student-athlete's success and limited distraction as further recruitment of a signed student-athlete by another NLI institution is strictly prohibited. Recent data suggests good discernment by student-athletes and their support networks as the annual appeals for release from a NLI average about 700 from the 40,000 mentioned above.

Many student-athletes consider continued participation in college sports, and trading-in their Gorham maroon for new uniforms. Amidst the plethora of circumstances and situations of our high school student-athletes, and in light of the two Rams' signings this fall, a glimpse of the NLI process seemed worthy of explanation.

GHS Fall Sports Awards

Team Ram Awards

Girls Cross Country: Outstanding Newcomer-Iris Kitchen; Outstanding Newcomer-Kate Tugman; Most Valuable Runner-Anna Slager

Boys Cross Country: Most Valuable & Improved Runner-Anthony Chase; Coach's Award-Wil Rossignol; Coach's Award-Carlos Monsen

Football: Iron Ram Award-Hunter Poitras; Coach's Award-Matt Anderson; Scout Team Player of the Year-Devin McCaffrey; Skill Player of the Year-Jack Niles; Lineman of the Year-Ryan Norris

Golf: Leadership Award-Lucas Roop; Leadership Award-Marc Yankowsky; Leadership Award-Brandon Desjardin; Leadership Award-Ryan Kaczmarek; Leadership Award-Cam Stevens; Leadership Award-Jordan Allen; Leadership Award-Paddy Owens

Boys Soccer: Player of the Year-Jackson Fotter; Leadership Award-Ryan Firmin; Most Improved Player-Ethan Orach

Girls Soccer: Coach's Award-Emma Smith; Coach's Award-Jenna Cowan; Coach's Award-Meghan Perrin

Field Hockey: Leadership Award-Mary Adams; Most Improved Player-Grace McGouldrick; Coach's Award-Karen Stemm

Volleyball: Most Valuable Player-Diana Kolb; Coach's Award-Kathryn Christianson; Ram Award-Kristen Curley

Cheerleading: Coach's Award-Brooke Hall; Most Improved-Ally Tanguay; Senior Ram Award-Meredith Dvilinsky

Boys Soccer: Ethan Orach, Ryan Firmin, Tyler Richman, Ryan Hamblen
Girls Soccer: Emma Smith, Narissa Libby, Emily Esposito

Girls Cross Country: Audrey Perrault
Golf: Jordan Allan, Tyrstan Bates, Paddy Owens, Brady Rioux, Cameron Stevens, Marc Yankowsky

Volleyball: Diana Kolb, Kristen Curley, Kara Ellsmore, Emily Hayward, Kathryn Christianson

SMAA All-Conference

Football: Jack Niles

Volleyball: 1st Team-Diana Kolb; 2nd Team-Kristen Curley; Honorable Mention-Kathryn Christianson

Girls Soccer: 1st Team-Emma Forgues; 1st Team-Narissa Libby; 1st Team, SMAA Defensive Player of the Year-Emma Smith; 2nd Team-Hallie Shiers; 2nd Team-Tiril Wiig; 2nd Team-Meghan Perrin; 2nd Team-Maddie Hinchler; SMAA Coach of the Year-Jeanne Zirilli

Boys Cross Country: Honorable Mention-Anthony Chase

Girls Cross Country: 1st Team-Anna Slager; 1st Team-Iris Kitchen; Honorable Mention-Kate Tugman

Field Hockey: 1st Team-Erin Esty; 2nd Team-Grace McGouldrick; Honorable Mention-Mary Adams; All Rookie Team-Jessica Dusseault; SMAA Coach of the Year-Rebecca Manson-Rioux

Boys Soccer: 1st Team, SMAA Offensive Player of the Year-Jackson Fotter; 1st Team-Ethan Orach; 1st Team-Andrew Rent; 2nd Team-Kyle King; 2nd Team-Tyler Richman; 2nd Team-Alex York; Honorable Mention-Ryan Firmin

Golf: 1st Team-Lucas Roop; 1st Team-Brandon Desjardin; 2nd Team-Ryan Kaczmarek; 2nd Team-Marc Yankowsky

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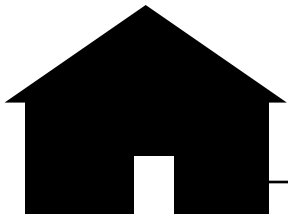
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MARRIAGES

Laura Shaw (GHS '08; Fordham University '12; Maine School of Law '15) and Joseph McDonald (Central Connecticut State University) were married on August 27 at the Harraseeket Inn in Freeport. Laura is an associate attorney at Elliott, MacLean, Gilbert & Coursey, LLP in Camden; Joseph is employed by Viking Lumber in Belfast. The couple lives in Appleton, Maine, where they reside in their tiny house with their dog and cat. Laura is the daughter of Jonathan and Donna Shaw of Gorham; Joseph is the son of Michael and Susan McDonald of Avon, Connecticut.



COLLEGE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Meghan Cushing was recently elected to Assumption College (Worcester, MA) Student Government Association. Cushing, a member of the Class of 2018, has been elected to serve as Senator during the 2016-2017 academic year.

OF INTEREST



The Community Arts Preschool had their own spin on election time where they invited the Community Arts Center community to vote on their favorite book. After the children read two books and cast their ballots, the winner was "Spoon" by Amy Krouse Rosenthal. Pictured: (front row) Jacob, Teo, Jackson, William, Lowell, Ethan; (middle row) Kayla, Isabel, Savy, Molly; (back row) Donna, Chloe, Hadley, Mae.

Jay McKenna (left) and Robert Skinner (right) of Marine Corps League presented **Heather Moody & Julie Sabasteanski** of Mister Bagel with a Certificate of Appreciation for outstanding participation on the Warm Feet for Veterans project.



Cressey Road United Methodist Church (CRUMC), 81 Cressey Road, will hold an Angel Tree Project Benefit Concert on Saturday, Dec. 3 at 7 p.m. Enjoy music by the CRUMC Choir, Fulcrum, and CRUMC Handbell Choir. A freewill offering will benefit the Angel Tree Project, helping to provide Christmas gifts for families in the community who might otherwise have none. FMI, 839-3111.

The Gorham High School Key Club will host a **Breakfast with Santa** at Cressey Road Methodist Church, 81 Cressey Road, on December 10 from 8 to 10 a.m. \$5. All proceeds will be donated to Camp Sunshine.

The Gorham Lions Club recently made a cash donation to the Gorham Food Pantry. Pictured from left to right are Gary Olsen, Club secretary; Jim Burnham, Club treasurer; and Frances Doucette, executive director of the Food Pantry.



Christmas Concert at Spire 29 on Dec. 9 and 10 at 7 p.m., 29 School Street - free admission, open to the public. In lieu of

admission, please bring an item to benefit the Gorham Food Pantry: spaghetti sauce, canned pasta, coffee, laundry detergent, toothpaste. SEE AD ON PG 9

The Gorham Ecumenical Council will sponsor a **Christmas Season of Comfort and Rest Service** for those who do not feel like celebrating. This service will offer a quiet place to be with one's own sadness and to realize no one is alone. Sunday, Dec. 4 at 2 p.m. at the West Gorham Union Church, 161 Ossipee Trail. Light refreshments will be served following the service.

White Rock Community Clubhouse, 34 Wilson Road, will hold a **Bean Supper on Saturday, December 3 from 4:30 to 6 p.m.** Homemade kidney and pea beans, hot dogs, cole slaw, potato salad, macaroni and cheese, homemade biscuits, as well as homemade pies for dessert. \$8/\$4.

Better Homes and Gardens Real Estate will be holding a **"Cookies with Mrs. Claus"** cookie decorating event on December 10 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., 341 Main Street, Gorham. FMI, Facebook.com/RealEstateGorham.

Gorham Adult Ed will hold their **Annual Holiday Art Show at Baxter Memorial Library** now until **December 15**. Gorham Adult Education students, taught by local artist Maddie Lou Chaplin, will present their current work.

LOCAL CRAFT FAIRS

First Parish Church, 1 Church St., will hold its **Christmas Fair on Saturday, Dec. 3, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.** Silent auction, café luncheon, dessert auction, crafts, greens, gifts and more! FMI, 839-6751.

North Gorham Public Library will host its **annual Holiday Craft Fair & Book Sale on Saturday, Dec. 3** from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 2 Standish Neck Road. FMI, libng@north-gorham.lib.me.us or 892-2575.

Cressey Road United Methodist Church, 81 Cressey Road, will hold its **Annual Cookie Fare on Saturday, Dec. 3 from 9 to 11 a.m.** Choose from thousands of home baked cookies and fill a box for \$9. Candy and fudge will also be available. Children can decorate a large sugar cookie for \$1. Proceeds from the fair go toward camperships and other outreach and mission projects supported by the United Methodist Women. FMI, 839-3111.

Spire 29, 29 School Street, will hold a **Craft Fair** on Saturday, Dec. 3 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. FMI, 222-2068.

Join Maine author Jean Bacon White on Saturday, Dec. 3 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Orchard Community Church, 1 North Street, to discuss Books 1 and 2 from a bible series All the Hope in the Bible Meet the Trinity.

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, 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; Tuesday crafts and card 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 at 10 a.m. and Friday Art Workshop 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, 839-2484 or 839-3859.

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Officer spoke with two juveniles on Main St. They were throwing Jolly Ranchers at each other but not throwing rocks as had been reported nor were they throwing anything at vehicles.

Officer stood by until manager came in to relieve an intoxicated employee on Ossipee Trail.

Suspicious person on Main St. was looking for bottles and cans.

Suspicious person walking on Sebago Lake Road told officer he was walking home from church.

Suspicious person on Laurence Drive was walking his dog.

Officer spoke to two parties on Finn Parker Road and advised dog owner to keep his dog on his property or under voice control. Man stated he was going to build a 8 foot fence.

Longmeadow Drive caller received a letter from the State of Maine that someone had attempted to file state tax form using her name.

Officer contacted Mosher Road man as sister was not able to reach him. He was alive and well. He just did not feel like talking to his sister.

Officer made contact with Annie's Way woman who advised she had not meant to call the Lincoln County Sheriff's Dept. She was fine and did not need assistance.

Suspicious person on Horseman Drive was looking for his ATV.

Glenwood Ave. caller reported a person taking out a ladder and going into a tree. Caller thought it was suspicious. Neighbor was getting their cat out of a tree.

Officer noticed someone in back of a car at South St. Park and Ride. Woman had just gotten off her shift and decided to sleep in the parking lot. She usually went to a friend's house but she had worked until close and did not want to disturb them.

County Road caller reported hearing a woman yelling for a man to get away from her or she would call the police. Neighbors were home and stated nothing had happened.

Tanglewood Drive caller reported suspicious persons. Officer located four Jehovah's witnesses going door to door. They said if they were asked to leave a property, they left. They made a note not to return to that address.

Suspicious people on Longfellow Road were looking for woman's wallet she had lost a few nights earlier when walking home while intoxicated.

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THURSDAY, DEC. 1

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- Baby & Me (birth-18 months), Baxter Memorial Library. FMI, 222-1190.
- Toddler Story Time (18-36 months), 10-10:30 a.m., Baxter Memorial Library. FMI, 222-1190.
- Sewing Group (ages 7 & up), 2:30-4:30 p.m., Baxter Memorial Library. FMI, 222-1190.

SATURDAY, DEC. 3

- Holiday Craft Fair & Book Sale, North Gorham Public Library, 2 Standish Neck Road, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. FMI, libng@north-gorham.lib.me.us or 892-2575.

SUNDAY, DEC. 4

- The Gorham Community Chorus will hold its annual Prelude to Christmas concert along with the Gorham High School Chamber Singers at 3 p.m. at the Gorham High School McCormack Performing Arts Center.

TUESDAY, DEC. 6

- Gorham House Itsy Bitsy store, 1:30-3:30 p.m., Gorham House lobby, 50 New Portland Rd. 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.
- Baxter Memorial Library will hold "Bored? Game Nights!" from 6 to 7 p.m. This program is for ages 8 and up, with adults and kids playing together or separately. Crossroad Games will introduce and teach strategy games that appeal to a wide audience. No registration required. FMI, 222-1190.
- Preschool Story Time (ages 3-5), 9:30-10:15 a.m., Baxter Memorial Library. FMI, 222-1190.
- Bored? Game Night! (ages 8 & up), 6-7:30 p.m., Baxter Memorial Library. FMI, 222-1190.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 7

- Story Time, birth-3 years old, 10-10:30 a.m., North Gorham Public Library. FMI, 892-2575.
- 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.
- Baxter Memorial Library will hold an Adult Craft Program: Eggnog & Paper Crafts at 6 p.m. Make fun and affordable decorations for the holidays with paper, re-use cards from last year, and do something with those wrapping paper leftovers! We will be making a variety of things including 3D snowflakes, wrapping paper bows, and origami gift boxes! Supplies will be provided. Registration is required. FMI, visit the circulation desk or call 222-1190.
- Toddler Story Time (18-36 months), 10-10:30 a.m., Baxter Memorial Library. FMI, 222-1190.
- Gift Making Workshop (7-18 years), 12:30-1:30 p.m., Baxter Memorial Library. FMI, 222-1190.

THURSDAY, DEC. 8

- Baby & Me (birth-18 months), 9:30-9:50 a.m., Baxter Memorial Library. FMI, 222-1190.
- Toddler Story Time (18-36 months), 10-10:30 a.m., Baxter Memorial Library. FMI, 222-1190.
- Sewing Group (ages 7 & up), 2:30-4:30 p.m., Baxter Memorial Library. FMI, 222-1190.

FRIDAY, DEC. 9

- Christmas Concert at Spire 29 at 7pm, 29 School Street - free admission, open to the public. In lieu of admission, please bring an item to benefit the Gorham Food Pantry: spaghetti sauce, canned pasta, coffee, laundry detergent, toothpaste.

SATURDAY, DEC. 10

- North Gorham Chess Club, North Gorham Public Library, 2 Standish Neck Road, Gorham, 10:15-11:30 a.m. Drop-in sessions open to players of all ages and skill levels. FMI, libng@north-gorham.lib.me.us or 892-2575.
- Lego Club, 10 a.m.-12 p.m., Baxter Memorial Library. FMI, 222-1190.
- Christmas Concert at Spire 29 at 7pm, 29 School Street - free admission, open to the public. In lieu of admission, please bring an item to benefit the Gorham Food Pantry: spaghetti sauce, canned pasta, coffee, laundry detergent, toothpaste.

TUESDAY, DEC. 13

- Gorham Lions meeting, Old School House on South Street (Rte. 114), 6:30 p.m. New members always welcome. FMI, 298-9182.
- After School Board Games with Crossroads Games: Games will be provided or bring your favorite. North Gorham Public Library, 2 Standish Neck Road, 3-4:30 p.m. Free. FMI, 892-2575 or libng@north-gorham.lib.me.us.
- Preschool Story Time (ages 3-5), 9:30-10:15 a.m., Baxter Memorial Library. FMI, 222-1190.
- Polar Express (all ages), wear your pajamas for story time with Conductor David Cole. 6-6:30 p.m., Baxter Memorial Library. FMI, 222-1190.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 14

- Story Time, birth-3 years old, 10-10:30 a.m., North Gorham Public Library. FMI, 892-2575.
- 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.
- Toddler Story Time (18-36 months) 10-10:30 a.m., Baxter Memorial Library. FMI, 222-1190.

THURSDAY, DEC. 15

- Book Group at Baxter Memorial Library will meet at 10 a.m. to discuss "My Name is Lucy Barton" by Elizabeth Strout. FMI, 222-1190.
- Baby & Me (birth-18 months), 9:30-9:50 a.m., Baxter Memorial Library. FMI, 222-1190.
- Toddler Story Time (18-36 months), 10-10:30 a.m., Baxter Memorial Library. FMI, 222-1190.
- Sewing Group (ages 7 & up), 2:30-4:30 p.m., Baxter Memorial Library. FMI, 222-1190.

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