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In order to allow our staff and volunteers time to enjoy the holidays, we will be taking a short break. The next edition of the Gorham Times will be dated January 12. Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year!

Cummings Installed as USM President



Photo credit Danielle Vayenas, USM Office of Public Affairs

PATRICK & CINDY O'SHEA
Contributing Writers

The formal installation of Dr. Glenn Cummings was held on Friday, December 2, at the Costello Sports Complex on the Gorham Campus. Cummings becomes the 13th President of University of Southern Maine. In a sense, Cummings was returning home as he began his teaching career at Gorham High School.

An installation ceremony is the traditional method for conferring the rights and responsibilities to the incoming president. Cummings had announced before the ceremony that this one would be less typical than most, as it would focus on stu-

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White Rock Tree Lighting



Photo credit Kathy Corbett

On November 27, nearly one hundred neighbors from the White Rock area of Gorham gathered together for the annual holiday tree lighting sponsored by the White Rock Friendship Club. A six member brass band led by John Stevens entertained with Christmas carols before everyone joined Santa Claus for refreshments in the White Rock Community Club building.

Two Fires in Two Days

SHERI FABER
Staff Writer

The Gorham Fire Department handled two multiple alarm fires during a two-day period earlier this month. An early morning fire destroyed a historic home on College Ave while a home on Spruce Lane was badly damaged by fire the following day.

A passerby noticed smoke at 8 College Ave. just before 3 a.m. on December 5 and called 911. Duane Dreger, owner of the property, was taking advantage of late night Christmas shopping at L.L. Bean in Freeport when his house caught fire.

The historic house built in 1803 may be a total loss as the fire started in the basement and went through to the attic. Due to the age of the house, there were no fire stops between the walls and because of the type of construction, it was a particularly difficult fire to fight. When firefighters arrived, flames were coming out of the second floor window and shooting past the roof.

The Fire Department was able to follow the burn pattern to determine the area of origin of the fire. Dreger had thrown some batteries in the trash and left the trash bag at the top of the cellar steps. The batteries most likely came



Photo courtesy of Gorham Fire Department

A fire on College Avenue spread quickly during the early morning hours of December 5.

into contact with discarded steel wool that was also in the bag. The steel wool heated up and ignited paper or other combustibles in the trash.

Gorham Fire Chief Robert Lefebvre suggests that if batteries are being put into the trash, they should have a piece of tape placed over the end to avoid the possibility of the battery igniting something else in the trash.

On December 6, a house fire at 6 Spruce Lane, owned by James and Marie Vollkommer, caused an estimated \$60,000 in damages, includ-

ing a car which was a total loss. James Vollkommer told the Fire Department that he had finished using his snow blower, returned it to the garage and covered it. The cover caught fire and spread to the garage, car and the house. Vollkommer was treated for minor injuries.

A Soaring Achievement

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On October 6, Theodore "Teddy" Elias Wilder Lockman passed his Eagle Scout board of review to become an Eagle Scout. Troop 73 of Gorham held a Court of Honor on December 3 at the Great Falls School to promote Lockman to the rank of Eagle Scout. Following the presentation, Senator Amy Volk and Representative Andrew McLean presented Teddy with a State Flag and an official sentiment from the combined Maine Legislature.

Lockman, the son of James and Rori Lockman of Gorham, is a senior at Falmouth High School where he is earning a STEM diploma. He is also a member of FIRST Team 172 Northern Force in Gorham and Falmouth, and is an alum and mentor of FLL team All SySTEMS Go! in Gorham.

He began as a Tiger Cub in the first grade in Pack 85 and advanced through the ranks in Cub Scouts. He was espe-



Photo credit Kimberly Rosa

U.S. Marine Corp representative Larry Chretien (right) presented Teddy Lockman with a Citizenship Award at his Eagle Scout Court of Honor.

cially fond of Pinewood Derby, and was honored one year with the Good Sportsman award, which is the highest

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Gorham Family Critically Injured in Accident

SHERI FABER
Staff Writer

Five or more inches of snow fell in Gorham in the early morning hours of December 12, leaving local roads snow covered as the plows began work to clear them. At approximately 10:15 a.m., Yvonne Piawlock, 39, of Gorham, who was driving a Jeep SUV southbound on Narragansett St. in the vicinity of Harding Road, lost control of her vehicle due to the road conditions and slid into a dump truck traveling northbound operated by Daniel Aceto, 54, of Gray. Aceto was not injured.

All five occupants of the vehicle had to be extricated by Gorham firefighters. Joseph Piawlock, 45, was pronounced dead at the scene. Rescue units from Gorham, Buxton, Standish and Scarborough assisted with transporting the mother and three children to the hospital. Yvonne Piawlock suffered severe internal injuries that weren't initially apparent and was in serious condition. Three girls, who were sitting in the rear of the vehicle, were listed in critical condition at press time. The accident is being investigated by the Gorham PD with assistance from the Maine State Police Commercial Division and the Cumberland County Sheriff's Office.

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My Privilege and Honor to Serve

REP. LINDA SANBORN

It is with many mixed emotions that I retire from the Maine State Legislature after serving with pleasure for the past eight years. I am truly humbled and honored by the good folks of Gorham and Buxton who elected me to four terms. Thank you so much for giving me this amazing opportunity.

This opportunity came at a point in my life when I had the time, the passion and the commitment to try to improve the lives of Maine people. I hope that I have accomplished that goal to some extent, not just by introducing important new legislation, but also by defending worthy policies that protect our most vulnerable as well as budget initiatives with proven returns on investment.

During my two terms each on the Health and Human Services and Appropriations and Financial Affairs committees, I have focused on understanding the details of health care policies and the budget initiatives that support them.

This experience has made me a strong believer that the budget is indeed a moral document. I believe in prioritizing investments in quality childcare, early-childhood education and higher education. Prevention is another critical priority. I see health

care as a human right, not just a privilege for some. I believe it is our moral responsibility to ensure that our elderly and disabled are housed and fed and that we attend to their basic health care needs. I have fought hard to secure budgets that reflect these priorities.

Much has been written about our current substance use epidemic and the need to turn this crisis around. I would submit that we will never make adequate progress unless we treat this epidemic as the chronic medical illness that it is, emphasizing long-term treatment and above all, prevention. That prevention must start prenatally and continue to address all the adverse childhood experiences that can lead to future drug use, including hunger, poverty, domestic violence and having a parent who is incarcerated or living with untreated addiction. Incarcerating people with often co-occurring mental illness and substance use disorders only serves to cost taxpayers millions upon millions of dollars and solves nothing.

I have learned much from my legislative experience. I have found the job to be stimulating and uplifting, but also, frustrating and -- too often under the current administration -- heart-breaking. Perhaps my biggest accomplishment had to do with expanding tobacco addiction treatment to

maximize success. There is no doubt that this legislation will save the state money and lives, and it is being used as a model around the country.

The biggest failure during my tenure was in not succeeding in overriding the governor's vetoes to accept federal dollars to cover 70,000 low-income Mainers with health insurance as allowed under the Affordable Care Act. The result is that many working people are now caught in a "gap" and unable to afford health insurance or qualify for Medicaid. This bill would have been the greatest "jobs" bill Maine has seen, employing more than 3,500 Mainers in good-paying health care jobs and bringing millions of dollars into Maine's economy annually.

I have, with your blessing, done the best I knew how. Now I pass the baton to our most able newly elected Representative Mo Terry, Representative Andrew McLean and Senator Amy Volk, who will face difficult challenges in the 128th Maine Legislature. I wish them the greatest success as they serve with wisdom and integrity. God bless!



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Around Town

Shaw Brothers has cleared 28 acres off of Route 237 that will eventually be used for material stockpiles from the quarry beside it. The company will construct a tall berm along the road for approximately 1000 feet to help hide the stockpiles.

Senior citizens in Gorham needing a sand bucket delivered to their home this winter can contact the Gorham Police Department at 839-5581.

The Maine Department of Transportation has completed some of the planned improvements to make the roundabout at Route 114 and the Bernard Rines Village Bypass safer. The entire median has

been painted green and additional striping is scheduled for spring. There is now a solar light indicating rollover danger that blinks when a vehicle is approaching the roundabout. The DOT is currently studying whether or not to reduce traffic to a single lane northbound.

The Offices at 510 Main at the Old Richardson Place is pleased to announce the addition of three new businesses to its professional office building: Jamie Becksvoort, Office Manager for Empowering Parents; Deborah Devine, PsyD, Psychologist; and Leonard Scott with Assist2Sell, along with Nancy Scott, Kris Clark & John Tupper.

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,

I recently completed the Gorham Police Department's Citizen Police Academy. I relocated to Gorham a couple of years ago and saw this as an opportunity to strengthen my connection to the town. The academy provided this as well as a chance to experience a day in the life of an officer.

My father was with Portland's Police Department from 1946-1973. I recall how

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Two Friends Media

Gorham Resident Creates Greeting Cards

MALLORY CAMPBELL
Contributing Writer

Putting an abstract twist on Maine's distinguished natural beauty, Two Friends Media, founded by Gorham photographer Douglas Wood and his business partner, sculptor Julia M. Doughty, is creating captivating greeting cards for all Maine admirers.

"Julia is a found object sculptor and I'm a fine art photographer," said Wood. "We first met a few years ago at a gallery in Portland that represents both of our work, and we had wanted to work on a project that incorporated Julia's sculpture with my photography. Earlier this year, we formed Two Friends Media to do just that," explained Wood.

Wood photographs Doughty's sculptures at various locations around coastal Maine. The duo produced their first set of cards, which were lobster portraits, in the summer of 2016. The portraits were printed in the summer and can be found in nearly a dozen retail stores from Portland to Bar Harbor.

Wood and his wife JoAnne have lived in Gorham for the past sixteen years. Wood's marvel for natural wonders has been evident since childhood.

"When I was 7, I shared my enthusiasm for what I was seeing by trying to drag as many people as I could over to my location," said Wood. "Today, I share these moments of joy and discov-



Photo courtesy of Two Friends Media

ery through fine art prints but the idea is exactly the same now as it was in my youth," he added.

Doughty lives in Freeport and is inspired by the organic. Having grown up in Nova Scotia and lived in Maine for many years, she focuses her work on nature. She often uses rusted iron, wood, glass, metal, and stone to make her sculptures.

"These rusty iron shapes sit patiently in my studio keeping me company until I discover their place in my art. Often, if I've had a found object for a while, and it is not speaking to me, I will turn it upside down, and suddenly, magically, it makes sense," said Doughty.

You can view their artwork or contact Wood and Doughty through their personal websites douglaswood-photography.com and www.juliam-doughty.com, as well as their shared website for Two Friends Media at www.twofriendsmedia.com.

Caring for Those with Cancer

BAILEY O'BRIEN
Staff Writer

Anne Goff, a retired nurse, a former caregiver, and a member of the Gorham Cancer Prayer and Support Group (GCPSG), has spent her recent years helping those whose lives have been touched by cancer.

The GCPSG, formed in 2010, provides those coping with cancer a place to share their stories. This group, comprised of members of all ages, "is not just for cancer patients. It's for caregivers, too," said Goff. Previously a caregiver herself, Goff looked after her mother during her fight against cancer until she lost her battle ten years ago. Since then, much of her time is spent helping those affected by the disease. "I always say that I receive so much more than I give," she said.

The group, which meets on the first Tuesday of the month at Cressey Road United Methodist Church, follows the acronymic creed "CARE," which stands for Confidentiality, no Advice, Respect for all members, and making an Effort to listen. "We are there to listen without judgment and to offer support, not advice," added Goff.

One of the group's missions is to send cancer care bags to those who have recently been diagnosed. "We try to fill it with things that will help them the most while they undergo treatment," she explained. To combat a constant chill, they stuff the bag with a fleece blanket, slipper socks, a knit hat, and microwavable comfort wraps. To



Photo courtesy Anne Goff

Anne Goff snuggles with Natalie of Fairfield, ME at the Barbara Bush Children's Hospital. Natalie refers to Goff as "Granny Annie."

help with dry mouth, a common side effect of treatment, they provide a reusable water bottle and sour or ginger candies. Lastly, to relieve some of the emotional distress of a diagnosis, they include herbal teas, a journal from the Maine Cancer Center, and note cards adorned with artwork made by one member's wife. "We've given out well over 300 of these bags since we've started," Goff said.

The group also reaches out to cancer patients near and far with thoughts and mementos of support. "We call them 'prayer angels.' We send cards and notes of encouragement to people who we've heard are diagnosed. One time we sent them to a woman in New Jersey, and she was blown away by all of the prayers and support from people she had never met," said Goff. Despite these "angels"

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As we pause and reflect this Holiday season, we realize how grateful we are for the amazing accomplishments of the Greater Gorham Community.

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Embracing Alzheimer's Disease

BILL JENKS

Grief and sadness are inherent in the process of adjustment when a spouse or parent develops Alzheimer's disease. As care partners, we grieve the loss of the person as they were, the change in our relationship, the betrayal of our dreams for what this time in our lives would be like. But if we can begin to move beyond a place of grieving "what was" to accepting "what is," it opens up new opportunities for us as care partners as well as for the person who has the disease. We can begin to not just survive, but to thrive together.

What does it mean to "embrace" the person with Alzheimer's disease? It means that we stop trying to "fix" every symptom they have. As we understand the disease process, we develop empathy for our family member who is struggling in a world that no longer makes sense to them. We recognize that forgetfulness, repetition, and many potentially annoying behaviors are really "normal," given the confusion, anxiety, and loss of control the person is experiencing. The empathy we develop for our loved one allows us to accept these symptoms and not feel compelled to correct or change them.

It also means we seek to provide an environment that promotes self-esteem and dignity. Embracing the person with dementia means that we take care not to highlight their losses by asking questions that rely on short-term memory,

or expect them to do tasks they can no longer accomplish. We speak to them as adults, avoiding a demeaning tone of voice. We find creative ways to distract and engage them rather than telling them "no," which often results in a power struggle. As much as is reasonable, we try to do tasks "with" the person rather than "for" them, recognizing that feeling productive and useful is a basic need that doesn't change just because there is a dementia diagnosis.

It means we plan daily activities in a way that can lessen anxiety and frustration. We establish a daily routine that is predictable and comforting, recognizing that our family member will function best when things are familiar and predictable. We avoid large groups or highly stimulating environments that may provoke anxiety and highlight losses. We use patience, validation strategies, and encouragement to make days go smoothly. We are sensitive to their feelings and needs, recognizing that these are often expressed behaviorally, not verbally. We understand the need for our family member to seek security and comfort, given the feelings of anxiety and loss of control that accompany the disease.

Embracing the person with Alzheimer's disease means we learn to enjoy and value them as they are now, finding time to reminisce and to laugh together about the funny things that inevitably happen. Value the beauty of the moment, even if it

is quickly forgotten. Take pleasure in simple activities together—enjoying a favorite flavor of ice cream, singing a well-known hymn, or watching ducks on a pond. Focus on remaining abilities, rather than on what has been lost, and celebrate a life well lived.

Embracing our family member does not mean that they will always be happy, or will never experience challenging behaviors or deterioration of their condition. Nor does it mean we, as care partners, will have the time, energy or patience to be our best every day. It does mean that we can be comforted by the knowledge that we have helped our family member be the best they can be and that we have stood by them to provide the most valuable gift there is—unconditional love and acceptance.

Embracing Alzheimer's is not easy. It takes enormous emotional, spiritual, and psychological commitment and effort, and is typically a halting process. But the rewards are great both for the person with the disease and for those caring for them.



Bill Jenks owns Home Instead Senior Care in Gorham and is the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Maine Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association.

Take a Hike! or a Ski or Snowshoe on Black Brook

CHRIS CRAWFORD
Staff Writer

Snow or no snow, there is still plenty to see and do this time of year in Black Brook Preserve. This 105 acre parcel of land, located in the heart of Windham, has changed very little since the town was incorporated in 1735. It will remain undeveloped and wild forever as part of the newly combined Presumpscot Regional Land Trust holdings.

Black Brook is open to the public year round for hiking, horseback riding, cross country skiing, snowshoeing, and snowmobile riding (on the designated trail). Pets on leash are welcome. In early summer there are wild blueberries to pick and in the fall, wild blackberries ripen along the trails in the woods.

The 2.4 miles of networked trails that crisscross the preserve have over 600 feet of "bog bridges" to protect the wetlands and keep hikers' feet dry. Cedar benches along the trail provide great spots to enjoy the silence or to have a snack.

Black Brook offers rolling hills, mature trees, and brooks along with a variety of wildlife and plant life. Deer, coyote, fox, porcupines, raccoons, wild turkeys, partridge, owls and skunks are among the wildlife seen here. The natural wetland is a haven for herons, ducks, egrets and songbirds, and fish. Beaver dams and lodges can easily be spotted in the center of the preserve and along

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New This Year — the New Year Gorham Café

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“We have two details to add that were not available for the previous edition of the Gorham Times,” said Virginia Wilder Cross, chairperson for New Year Gorham. “The first item is particularly exciting because it is new this year and it makes it possible for families to arrive mid afternoon to enjoy the afternoon activities, stay for a family-friendly supper, and remain at the high school for the final performances and fireworks.”

The Gorham and Falmouth High School Robotics Team (Falgor #172) will open the New Year Gorham Café in the high school cafeteria, where they will offer a family-friendly menu at a family-friendly cost. In addition, they will provide snacks during the activities at Shaw Gym and again at the high

school when the Café closes.

The second detail confirms that lanyards are now available at Hannaford in Gorham, the Gorham Rec. Dept. and Baxter Memorial Library. The \$5 lighted flashing lanyards are the means of admission, and families with more than two children (living at the same address), can purchase a \$20 family package at the Gorham Rec. Dept.

Weather permitting, the event will begin at noon December 31, with snow sculpting in Robie Park (the green space between the high school and municipal building) and it will continue with lots of fun activities and stunning performances until the finale fireworks at 9 p.m. at Gorham High School.

The complete program with performance descriptions is available where the lanyards are sold and online at www.newyeargorham.org.

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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Planning Board Results

The Planning Board approved an amendment for James and Sharon Gregoire to relocate underground utilities for the 6 lot Wilson Field subdivision off Brackett Road and Snowberry Drive.

Sebago Brewing Company's request for approval of a facility to accommodate a brewery, tasting room, event/function center, warehousing and corporate offices on a 6.05 acre portion of the Shaw parcel on Rt. 25 was approved with findings of fact and conditions of approval.

Great Falls Construction, Inc.'s

request for site plan approval of a 5 story, 23,822 sq. ft. multi-use building at 7 Railroad Avenue with a first level bowling alley facility with food and beverage services, first level commercial/retail space, recreation space and studio, 1 and 2 bedroom apartments with associated paving was discussed and postponed pending responses to remaining issues.

Normand Berube Builders' request for a 6 lot subdivision on 17.67 acres located off County Road on Shiers Meadows Drive was given preliminary approval with findings of fact.

NOVEMBER 22, 2016

Town Council Meeting

JACOB ADAMS
Staff Writer

Town Manager David Cole, issued a 5 year service pin to Christine Hyland of the Finance Department and a 35 year service pin to Larry Fearon of the Police Department.

Town Clerk Laurie Nordfors, swore in the newly elected Town Councilors Benjamin Hartwell, James Hager and Paul Smith. Roll Call for the 2016-2017 Town Council followed: Councilor Phinney, Benner, Stelk, Shepard, Hartwell, Hager and Smith.

Mike Phinney was elected as the Chair for the 2016-2017 year.

Chairman Phinney presented Matt Robinson (15 years) and Bruce Rouillard (3 years) a plaque honoring their time on the Gorham Town Council.

Committee Appointments are as follows:

1. Finance Committee: James Hagar, Chair, Paul Smith, Marla Stelk
2. Ordinance Committee: Ben Hartwell, Chair, Ron Shepard, Sherrie Benner

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New Year's Eve Special Dinner Menu will include the following Appetizers:

Colossal Shrimp Cocktail - served in a martini glass with delicious cocktail sauce/wedge of lemon

Fresh Homemade Crabcakes - served on a bed of spring mix with spicy homemade aioli sauce

2 Grilled French Cut Lamb Chops with Mint Sauce

Cup of Lobster Stew

Cup of Seafood Chowder

Desserts:

Peanut Butter Mile High Explosion Cake

Salted Caramel Cheesecake With salted caramel drizzle

Limon Mascarpone Cake With raspberry drizzle



Join us for New Year's Eve Special Dinner Menu
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Chicken Parmigiana

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All Entrees served with soup, salad bar and fresh warm rolls

Happy Holidays!

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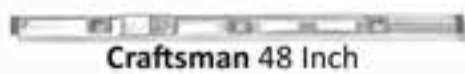
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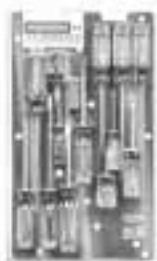
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Twelve People "Graduate" from Citizen Police Academy



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Members of Gorham's first Citizen Police Academy are (front row, left to right): Martin Emerson, Don Sedenka, Johana Hanselman, Jamie Douglass, Cynthia Grovo, John Lavin, Chris Powers, and James Robinson. Back row: Patricia Joyce, Jeffrey Douglass, Deputy Chief Chris Sanborn, Chief Dan Jones, Officer Ted Hatch, David Albrecht, and Gina Marsters.

SHERI FABER
Staff Writer

This past September, Police Chief Dan Jones instituted a Citizen Police Academy. The program was run by Officer Ted Hatch with the goal of having the public better understand the workings of the Police Department as well as having an opportunity to get to know individual officers. Twelve people signed up for the 10-week course after it was promoted on the Police Department's Facebook page.

The sessions, which covered a variety of police related topics, focused on presenting the job from an officers' perspective. The topics included dealing with OUI cases, visiting the Cumberland County Regional Communication Center which receives all the 911 calls for the county, the "ethics" of law enforcement, FATS training (Fire Arms Training Simulator) as well as the role of detectives, a class in personal safety (defensive tactics), and dealing with juveniles through a program known as restorative justice where the youth can perform community service helping those they have harmed.

Former Brunswick Police Chief Jerry Hinton spoke about the ethics of the job and the need to keep one's integrity both on and off the job. And, of course,

drugs and the increase in their use and potency was discussed as it's a relevant issue for more and more people.

"The primary focus of any Citizen Police Academy is to build bridges between the Police Department and the community. The attendees get an education into what we do, but the magic happens when they see who we are. This academy was particularly successful because of the dedicated, enthusiastic and caring people we have working at GPD. I expect we will be flooded with applications for the next academy after the success of the first," said Chief Jones.

Officer Hatch has long been involved in community activities including running the Triad which supports programs for seniors in Gorham and Westbrook as well as promoting the use of yellow dot stickers on the back windows of vehicles so that if person is in an accident, the first responders will know that their medical information is in the glove compartment.

This first Citizen Police Academy was designed to be pertinent to Gorham and to let people know what types of situations officers are dealing with in our Town. The class included ride-alongs. Hatch noted that the citizens

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3. Appointments/Personnel Committee: Sherrie Benner, Chair, Marla Stelk, Ben Hartwell

4. Economic Development/Capital Improvements Committee: Ron Shepard, Chair, Paul Smith, James Hager

5. Representative to Greater Portland Council of Governments: Marla Stelk, Alternate: Paul Smith

6. Representative to Ecomaine: Sherrie Benner, Alternate: Paul Smith

7. Representative to Jetport Noise Abatement: James Hager, Alternate: Mike Phinney

8. Representative to PACTS Policy Committee: Bob Burns

9. Representative to METRO Regional Coalition: Mike Phinney, David Cole, Alternate: Paul Smith

The Town Council adopted the same rules for the 2016-2017 year as for the 2015-2016 year, however, meetings now start at 6:30 p.m. instead of 7:00 p.m.

The Town Council elected Ron Shepard as Vice Chair for the 2016-2017 year.

A Public Hearing was scheduled for December 6, 2016 on a proposal to amend the Town's Street and Sidewalks Ordinance by allowing traffic to enter Pine Street from Route 25, for the purpose of accessing parking lots that support the businesses near the entrance.

The Town Council approved an amendment to the Home Occupation code. A home occupa-

tion shall include, but not be limited to, the following: art studio, bed and breakfast, day care home, dressmaking shop, farm stands/roadside stands, hairdressing shop, teaching or tutoring facilities, office of a physician, dentist, optometrist, lawyer, engineer, architect or accountant, office of a real estate broker or agent, office of an insurance agent or broker, office of small builders, plumbers and electricians meeting particular conditions. The complete amendment is available on the town's website.

The ballot initiative to legalize, regulate and tax marijuana for non-medicinal purposes known as the "Marijuana Legalization Act" and how it will affect Gorham will be discussed at the February 7 Town Council Meeting.

The Town Council approved a Liquor License renewal for Lucky Thai Restaurant, located at 593 Main Street, Sebago Brewing Company, located at 29 Elm Street and Gorham House of Pizza, located at 2 State Street.

A request from the Presumpscot Regional Land Trust (PRLT) was approved to use the balance of funds from the McLellan/Sampson House account towards the costs associated with transferring 12 conservation lands, previously held by Gorham Trails, Inc., to PRLT after first using funds towards the transfer of properties held by Gorham Trails, Inc., should any funds

remain, the PRLT is authorized to use the residual funds for its general purpose.

The Town Council accepted a drainage easement as part of the Village Crossing Subdivision.

A bid from Nortrax was accepted for a front-end loader, with plow and wing, costing \$171,500, with trade-in. (5 years, 2 nays: Hartwell, Smith)

A proposal to amend the Land Use and Development Code to allow rotating barber poles, was referred to the Planning Board for a public hearing and recommendations.

The Town Council Staff will not develop a Wetland Conservation Ordinance and present it to the Ordinance Committee for review and reasonable modifications. (3 years, 4 nays: Phinney, Shepard, Hartwell, Smith) FAILED

The Town Council will write off the remaining taxes on a mobile home because the taxes are uncollectable and the asset has limited value.

A discussion is scheduled for the January 3 meeting to discuss the need to have more engagement between Gorham High School and USM, facilitate student internships, co-op programs and job shadowing programs with business participation and develop programs to educate teachers and other educational staff about business and invite the Superintendent of Schools and School Board to participate in the discussion.

The Town Council appropriated the remaining funds in the Public Safety Fiber Network Account (\$9022.97), Public Safety Building Account (\$4844.66), McLellan/Sampson House Repair Account (\$15,769) and \$1200 from the Contingency account to purchase a double-sided electronic sign for the Public Safety Complex.

Gorham's Legislative Delegation will be asked to sponsor and strongly support legislation that would allow the Maine Turnpike Authority to construct a new sustainable controlled access highway between the terminus of the Bernard P Rines Highway and the Maine Turnpike at or near Exit 45 as stipulated in the Town of Gorham's recently approved Comprehensive Plan and consistent with the recommendations of the Gorham East-West Corridor Feasibility Study.

A bid was accepted from Nortrax for a Loader Backhoe costing \$103,500, with trade-in.

The Town Council recognized that the intersection of Libby Avenue and Main Street as a high accident location and approved Maine Department of Transportation's intention to install traffic lights at this intersection as soon as sufficient funding becomes available.

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

Performance Descriptions

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GHS 8:15-9:00
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Don Roy
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(Back for their eighth year, Don Roy presents Franco American Toe-Tapping Music!)

Mad Science!
Shaw Gym
4:00-5:00 & 6:00-7:00

(A mix between fun and learning about science. Always a favorite for kids of all ages!)



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Running with Scissors
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Robie Gym 6:00-7:00
(With the help of its audience, this group of four incredibly creative comedians creates a new side-splitting show every time they perform.)



Peter Mezoian Banjo
GHS Foyer & Cafeteria
5:30-7:00

(It's the kind of music that makes you smile - no matter who you are or what your age!)

Dean Richardson
GHS Performing Arts Center
6:00-7:00

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School Note

The new Winter/Spring 2017 Course Catalog from Gorham Adult Education will be delivered Christmas weekend. Several new classes and many returning favorites will be offered. Online registration will begin Friday, December 23.

GMS Student Wins First Place in Competition

Emelia Bailey, a sixth grader at Gorham Middle School, won first place in the junior division at the Maine Association of Singing Teacher's (NATS) annual Musical Theater singing competition held on Nov. 19 at Bates College. Bailey sang two selections from the musicals Cinderella and The Phantom of the Opera. Bailey has also performed with the Port Opera Company and is a member of the University of Southern Maine Children's Choir. The goal of NATS is to encourage the highest standards of the vocal art and of ethical principles in the teaching of singing; and to promote vocal education and research at all levels, both for the enrichment of the general public and for the professional advancement of the talented.



Omission

Due to a computer error, Lauren Poirier, a senior at GHS, was omitted from the High Honors Roll list that was sent to the Gorham Times for the first quarter of the 2016-17 school year. GHS regrets the omission.

GORHAM DINING SERVICES SERIES: PART 4 – GREAT FALLS ELEMENTARY Serving More than Half of Gorham's Youth

GREAT FALLS DINNING SERVICES STAFF

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With an enrollment of 543 and growing, Great Falls has the largest enrollment of the three elementary schools in Gorham. We are currently serving lunches to over half of the student population; they serve 60-70 breakfasts a day, and also pack up 70 snacks to go for the Gorham Recreation Department.

Fortunately, we have three hard working employees that make things run smoothly and who care deeply about feeding the students. Great Falls also has some great staff members and students who pitch in when the dining staff needs an extra hand.

This school year had a busy start. There was a short informative meeting in the beginning of the year with questions and answers to help parents of incoming kindergarten parents know how the school and the lunch program operates. There was orientation in the evening as well for all grades, and the dining staff was on hand with information for parents and fresh local apples from Bracketts Orchards.



Mrs. vanLuling's Great Falls kindergarten class posed with the dining staff during their kitchen tour.

Early in October, the dining staff held its annual Maine Harvest Lunch, which featured fresh locally grown and raised vegetables, fruits, and burgers. Lunch was a big success serving a total of 348 students and staff members. We had three wonderful parent volunteers


come to help prepare for the event. Each kindergarten class also had a tour of the kitchen. The students loved walking into the big refrigerator and freezer. The tours are always great fun and followed by questions and answers, a little snack and some fun nutrition activities.



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Outstanding Students

Gorham High School students were recently recognized as outstanding students of the first quarter at the Westbrook Regional Vocational Center. Pictured (left to right) are: Derek Kuusela, Automotives I; Katherine Bennett, Social Work I; Asma Sayed, Marketing Ed. I; and Kim Slipp, Assistant Principal at GHS.



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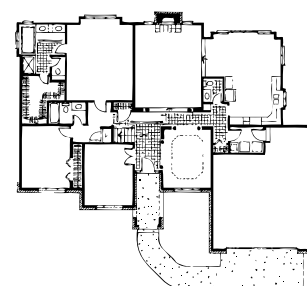
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STEAM Family Fun Night



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On October 14, Great Falls Elementary hosted a Family Fun and Steam Night. There were lots of activities for families to participate in. Students could build card bridges, play with snow, make a straw rocket, draw with parabolic curves, launch a film canister rocket and much more. Not only did families explore science, technology, engineering, art, and mathematics but everyone was also introduced to another Code of Conduct character. Kiki the Compassionate Kangaroo and her friends performed a skit about Socktober and Scientist Fortezy was there to join in on the fun and learning. Pictured is Mr. Maheu showing Denali Tetrault how to build a film canister rocket.

Ann Goff Gives Back CONTINUED FROM PAGE 3

and the prayers bookending each meeting, this group is not intended to be religious. However, “many people who are not religious have found that prayer helps them cope with their situation,” she commented.

In addition to the emotional, spiritual, and physical support the GCPSG provides its members and the greater Gorham community, the group is glad to provide financial support as well. “When someone is diagnosed, they often can’t work, and that puts a strain on family income,” said Goff. With the aid of donations, “we’ll do things like give gift certificates or pay for an oil delivery - just small things to help.”

Over the years, the group has had to part with several members. “We’ve lost close to twenty members of our group,” said Goff. One of the founding members, Martha Harris, passed away in February 2013 of cancer. “She was a close friend of mine, and she was beloved around town. Little did she know...” added Goff, trailing off for a moment. “It was around this time of year she was diagnosed. The thing about cancer is that you just never know who it will affect.”

This is perhaps echoed most clearly in her work volunteering at the Barbara Bush Children’s Hospital (“BBCH”) where she provides support and assistance for children and families grappling with cancer and other life-threatening illnesses.

“I’ll be honest. There are times when I think about them as I go to sleep and when I wake up,” she said of the closeness she can feel to a patient or a fam-

ily. “But I learned how to cope during my nursing career. You can’t get too involved - you need to have a life outside of the hospital.”

Goff and her family also volunteer for Camp Sunshine, a nationally celebrated camp in Casco, Maine for children afflicted with life-threatening illnesses. It is the only camp of this kind in the nation that also invites the child’s entire family to attend. Goff and her family experience the full spectrum of emotion at Camp each year, from scooping ice cream onto a smiling child’s waffle - “we let them have whatever they want” - to grieving with families at solemn bereavement ceremonies.

Not all her stories are sad. “That’s what I always tell people!” she said, laughing. From her involvement with the GCPSG, BBCH, and Camp Sunshine, she has her share of joyful stories: some of cancer victims healing, some of ill children enjoying a moment of normalcy, and some of courageous families finding strength after the passing of a family member.

“Many people who have lost a child to cancer volunteer at Camp Sunshine or find other ways to give back. These parents are always so generous to give to someone else going through the same thing,” she said.

Goff is similarly generous. She has found her purpose: to bring light to those whose lives cancer has darkened. “There are so many ways to give back. You just need to find your own little niche that’s meaningful to you.”

For more information about the GCPSG, visit www.cresseyrdumc.org.

A Soaring Achievement

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honor awarded at our Pinewood Derby.

As a Boy Scout, Lockman embraced outdoor activities and camping with the troop. In the summer of 2012, he went on a week-long trip with the troop along the Allagash Wilderness Waterway without a parent. As one of two lone Scouts, he was responsible to ensure that his food, clothing and gear were properly managed during the trip. His leadership on the trip and in other areas of his life led the troop to elect him to the Order of the Arrow in 2013, and he represented Maine and the Madockawanda Lodge at the National Order of the Arrow Centennial conference in the summer of 2014.

His Eagle Scout project was designed to help elementary school students better access and utilize components in their robotics classes. Before the project, the Lego pieces, on which the class is based, were stored in plastic bins on shelves higher than the students could reach presenting both a safety issue and an access issue. He designed and built two rolling open-faced shelving units on which the work surfaces for the class could be attached. He also included electric power cable management to make the chargers safer for the students.

Among many generations of Boys Scouts in the Lockman family, Teddy is the first to achieve the Eagle Scout rank. His father shared, “His accomplishment is, for us, as valuable as any awards or recognitions he may have received in school, as it recognizes a lifetime of work and good deeds. We could not be more proud of the young man that Teddy has become.”

Lockman plans to study engineering and music at a four-year college after graduation.




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GHS Winter Sports Preview

COMPILED BY HAL D'AMICO
Sports Editor

Girls' Indoor Track and Field: Coach John Caterina, in his 15th season, said his squad, "brings back all of their top competitors from last winter and, with the addition of some talented newcomers, should be very competitive this season." Captains Sarah Lorello (senior: sprints, jumps), Audrey Perrault (senior: shot put), and Anna Slager (junior: distance) are key returners along with Bridget Rossignol (junior: pole vault, sprints, hurdles), Maddie Rossignol (junior: sprints), Grace McGouldrick (junior: sprints, hurdles), and Evelyn Kitchen (sophomore: shot put, triple jump). The top newcomers are Sarah Johnson (junior: middle distance), Iris Kitchen (freshman: distance), and Kate Tugman (freshman: distance). Caterina commented that, "Anna Slager returns as defending state champion in the one mile and two mile. Bridget Rossignol

is among the top pole vaulters in the SMAA and could be a high state scorer. Grace McGouldrick is a top sprinter and hurdler. The addition of freshmen distance runners Iris Kitchen and Kate Tugman and junior mid-distance runner Sarah Johnson could give Gorham one of the top 4 x 800 relays in the state when teamed with Slager."

Boys' Indoor Track and Field: Coach Jason Tanguay is in his 8th season. The captains are Ethan Orach (senior: middle distance), James Benson (senior: sprints, jumps), Anthony Chase (junior: distance), and Garrett Higgins (junior: jumps). Other key returners include Zack Brown-Davis (sophomore: middle distance), Aaron Farr (junior: sprints, jumps), Luke Gowen (junior: sprints, jumps), and Alex Ousback (junior: middle distance). Top newcomers include Westley Brinegar (freshman: sprints, jumps), Sam Burghardt (junior: jumps), David Drew (junior: sprints), Ryan Farr (freshman: sprints, jumps), Wil

Rossignol (junior: sprints, jumps), and Jacob Sladen (junior: middle distance, distance). Tanguay shared his outlook for the season: "We graduated a dozen seniors last year and most of these student-athletes were point scorers for our team. I am hopeful that the new additions to our team will make positive strides to fill those gaps. There are many new faces on this team, and I am excited to see them progress this season. I look for us to be competitive during the regular season with a few athletes qualifying for the bigger meets."

Boys' Basketball: Coach Mark Karter is in his 4th year with the Rams. The team went 14-5 last season, losing in the regional semifinal. Impact players are seniors Jackson Fotter, Cam Holmes, Logan Drouin, and junior Kyle King. With two starters returning, Karter had the following preseason outlook: "The Rams will look to be competitive in a tough conference by utilizing a balanced attack on offense and tough man to man defense. Heavy losses to graduation will be a major challenge on the offensive end, and the team will be looking for the impact players stated above to be major contributors as the year moves along."

Girls' Basketball: The defending State AA Champion Lady Rams were 21-0 in 2016. Coach Laughn Berthiaume is in his 10th season at Gorham. Key players include Emily Esposito (Senior, All State Selection, 18.1 points per game), Mackenzie Holmes (Sophomore, All State Selection, 14.7 ppg), seniors Kaylea Lundin and Kristen Curley, juniors Michelle Rowe and Alexis Fotter, and sophomores Brittany Desjardin and Courtney Brent. Berthiaume anticipates that, "In the Southern AA Division, our key match-ups will be with the teams we double with. We play twice against TA (Thornton Academy) and Bonny Eagle, so those games are very important." He added, "In the Northern AA Division, Deering and Cheverus return the most players to their roster and will have veteran groups that will be a challenge." Coming off a championship season with experienced and talented leadership returning to the court, the coach shared that, "Our goal for the season is to not look too far ahead and make sure we are taking care of the things that we have control of. We want to defend at a high level and not rely on trying to just outscore opponents."

Swimming: Coach Adam Cyr is in his second season at Gorham, following two years at Biddeford. Swimmers to watch on the girls' side include sophomore Caelyn Smith ("KK") who Cyr said is, "an amazing all around swimmer who leads the team at just about

every event. Her effort is infectious." Cyr also praised senior captain Delaney Burns. "I have never seen a high school swimmer work harder than Delaney in all my years of coaching and swimming." Freshman Laura Bolduc is "our strongest new swimmer and will be an integral part of the team," said Cyr. He continued, "Molly Sposato is our other senior captain and the true emotional leader of the team... a rare breaststroke talent, but more importantly... she pushes her teammates to do their best and backs it all up in the pool." The goal for this squad is to "improve on our 6th place at Southwesterns last year." Coach Cyr's goal for the boys is "to improve from meet to meet and have a strong showing at Southwesterns for such a small team." Speaking about freshman Patrick Bishop, Cyr offered that he "has quickly cemented himself as the best swimmer on the team. He works hard at improving every day and has a strong sense of the fun and excitement that comes with high school swimming." Cyr said his coaching philosophy is simple. "If everyone is giving their all to practice and meets, we will all be having just a ton of fun, and if we can have fun, everyone will improve and the season will be a success."

Boys' Ice Hockey: Jon Portwine is in his 16th season on the Gorham coaching staff, his 9th as Head Coach. His players to watch include seniors Carter Landry, Adam Peterson, Noah Bird, and junior Lucas Roop. Portwine said, "The key to success both offensively and defensively is how well we execute our forecheck. Much time in practice is spent on forecheck, break out, and special teams." He added, "With much of last year's young team returning, we are continuing to improve and make it back to the top of Southern Maine Class B."

Girls' Ice Hockey: Coach Nat Germond reported the team "has four seniors and once again many brand new hockey players." Mary Adams is the captain, with Catharine Biegel and Karen Stemm in alternate captain roles. Germond reflected that "scoring was our biggest hurdle last season, but with a focus on team scoring we have produced seventeen goals in our first four games." His early season observation is the clear shift in scoring, with "many contributors in this department, and more importantly, many of the goals are coming with primary and secondary assists, as opposed to last year's goals, which were largely unassisted individual efforts." The defensive side of the ice includes three

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Burn Off the Turkey 5K



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Sports Editor

Gorham was cold, damp, and foggy on Saturday, November 26, for the 19th Annual Burn Off the Turkey 5k, sponsored by the Gorham Recreation Department. For the 207 runners and walkers, conditions were conducive to some extra warmup jogging and stretching, a few extra calories metabolized.

Jesse Orach (GHS '12) broke the tape in 15:20, winning the male open division for the second consecutive year. Peter Downing (2nd, 17:33) and Jesse Southard (3rd, 17:42) joined Orach for a Gorham "podium sweep." Gorham's

Jen Rush won the female open division (20:54).

Age group division winners from Gorham were: Tiril Wiig (F 15-19, 25:33), Jesse Southard (M 15-19, 17:42), Kiersten Turner (F 20-29, 23:13), Drew York (M 20-29, 19:33), Peter Downing (M 30-39, 17:33), Sarah Plummer (F 30-39, 22:37), Julie Martin (F 50-59, 26:46), Jeff Turner (M 50-59, 24:57), and Dick Graves (M 60-69, 20:27).

In the racewalk, Debbie Howe of Waterford, Maine, broke the tape in 37:50. Virginia Wilder Cross was the first Gorham walker (4th place, 46:11).

The top 25 runners from Gorham were:

Place	Name	Division	Time	Place	Name	Division	Time
1	Jesse Orach	M Open	15:20	20	Joey Smith	M 20-29	22:53
2	Peter Downing	M 30-39	17:33	23	Kiersten Turner	F 20-29	23:13
3	Jesse Southard	M 15-19	17:42	24	Laurie Nicholas	F 40-49	23:19
5	Collin Jones	M 15-19	18:42	28	Mike McInnis	M 30-39	23:45
6	Drew York	M 20-29	19:33	31	Sam Orlando	M 14 & Under	24:04
7	Adam Bourgault	M 20-29	19:55	32	Matt Nelson	M 40-49	24:06
8	Cameron Tracy	M 15-19	20:05	33	Travis Bush	M 30-39	24:17
12	Calvin Riiska	M 15-19	20:25	37	Dawn Palme	F 30-39	24:45
13	Dick Graves	M 60-69	20:27	39	Jeff Turner	M 50-59	24:57
14	Brandon Kunsels	M 15-19	20:50	40	Keith Orlando	M 40-49	24:59
15	Jen Rush	F Open	20:54	43	Mandy Bailey	F 30-39	25:06
18	Thomas Bernier	M 15-19	22:22	44	Evelyn Rush	F 14 & Under	25:11
19	Sarah Plummer	F 30-39	22:37				

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In the Zone

The Maine Soccer Coaches All-Star Banquet was held in Bangor on December 4. Those honored included Rams coach **Tim King**, who was named Southern Maine "Coach of the Year" and **Jackson Fotter**, who was one of four Maine players to be named "All New England." **Emma Fougues**, **Narissa Libby**, and **Emma Smith** were all named to the "Southern Maine State Team."

Trenton Bassingthwaite (GHS '16) was among a handful of freshmen to earn a coveted slot on the Assumption College soccer team. Assumption finished 7-10 overall, with a 6-6 conference record in the Northeast 10. The young team finished well ahead of preseason rankings.

Take a Hike CONTINUED FROM PAGE 4

the trails that touch the brook. The Black Brook begins its journey here in the Preserve, meandering through fields and forests, until it joins the Presumpscot River about 6 miles away.

To reach the trailhead, take Route 202 toward Windham. Turn right (east) at Windham Center Road and continue 0.3 miles to the gravel parking area and trailhead on the left (north) side of the road.

This time of year, dress warmly and in adjustable layers. As always, remember to Leave no Trace and to let someone know where you will be hiking. A link to nearby Geocaches is available at www.prlt.org.

The Presumpscot Regional Land Trust is a non-profit organization working within the Presumpscot River Watershed and holds conservation lands in the towns of Gorham, Gray, Sebago, Standish, Westbrook and Windham.



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That's a Wrap!



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Volunteers Rita Smith (left), TRIAD member from Westbrook, and Nancy Bartlett (right), Home Instead Senior Care CAREGiver from Gorham, wrapped presents for needy seniors on December 8. Home Instead's "Be a Santa to a Senior" program is providing gifts and cheer to 280 area seniors who otherwise might go without this holiday season.

Citizen Police Academy CONTINUED FROM PAGE 6

had an opportunity to observe someone who was driving drunk and behaving badly, and the long process it took to get him off the road. They also did a simulated traffic stop with fake weapons in the vehicle to demonstrate how any traffic stop can be dangerous.

The Police Department plans to offer the course twice a year, spring and fall. Participants in the first Gorham Citizen

Police Academy were asked to provide feedback after each class and it was overwhelmingly positive. Don Sedenka, a participant in the first academy and also the President of the Cumberland County Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS), commented, "I thoroughly enjoyed this experience and found it to be both educational and beneficial. I recommend it to all Gorham citizens."

Cummings Installed as USM President CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

dents. As the ceremony began, two hundred students were escorted into the field house on the arms of professors who had identified them as worthy of recognition.

Testimonials were given about Cummings as a positive change agent, a person who leads by example and one who listens and respects others. In the eighteen months since Cummings took office, positive change has taken place at USM. The \$6 million deficit of 2015 is now in the black and USM no longer has to borrow from the University of Maine System to close budget gaps. Enrollment is up and there is a streamlined process for students transferring from Maine Community Colleges. Students are welcomed and known by faculty members.

Perhaps the most powerful speech given was that from Cummings. The most personal part of his speech was when he talked about not being selected initially for the job of president and being the second place candidate. When the first choice can-

didate backed out, the trustees then hired him. He went on to explain that he needed to lose this job and then get it back to make him realize how fortunate he was and how determined he was to do this job to the best of his ability.

Cummings' focus then turned to the students. He stated that from interviews conducted with current and former students, there were three things he learned: students want to be known and welcomed by the faculty and staff at USM, they want costs cut, and they want practical and theoretical learning as well as internships and experience in their field. He then cited measurable ways all three had been enacted and are being institutionalized.

Dr. Cummings finished with a poignant story about the type of student USM may best serve, one that meets its goal of "A Place for Everyone: Find Yourself Here." That place welcomes everyone, provides academic rigor, is cost effective, and incorporates preparedness for life after college.

GHS Winter Sports Preview CONTINUED FROM PAGE 10

juniors and a sophomore, along with freshman goalie Izzy Wareham. Looking ahead, Germond concluded, "The team is a very positive group and very capable of pulling off some upsets this season with an eye towards making the playoffs."

Cheering: Coach Julie Dvilinsky has been coaching winter cheering since 2009 and Assistant Coach Jessica Taylor has been with the program since 2013. Dvilinsky shared, "With a team of mostly veteran members, we

are stronger in stunting and tumbling than in years past. We are excited to combine our strength and experience with a focus on technique." The squad's goals are to win the SMAA Conference for the 3rd year in a row, place top three at Regionals and hopefully return to New England for 2017. Dvilinsky noted the following athletes to watch: Caroline Smith, Olivia Garand, Gretchen Muehle, Nathan Brown, and Lauren Nagy.

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Spire 29 will be hosting Holiday Dancing and Music featuring Kyle and the Holidays on Thursday, December 22. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Music at 7:00 p.m. \$10 admission/\$8 seniors. FMI, 222-2068.

New Year Gorham will be held on December 31. Purchase lanyards (required for entry) for \$5 each or \$20 for a family package at the Gorham Hannaford, Gorham Rec. Dept., and Baxter Memorial Library. The event begins at noon with snow sculpting in Robie Park and ends with fireworks finale at 9 p.m. at Gorham High School. FMI, see ad below or visit www.newyeargorham.org.

The Maine Beta Chapter of Alpha Delta Kappa, an international organization for educators, met in Gorham recently to donate shoeboxes of gifts to Operation Christmas Child. The OCC event was sponsored by Samaritan's Purse, and gifts will be given to children in crisis worldwide. Pictured, back row: Ellen Durgin, Theresa Prince, Teresa Keahon, Anne Tewhey, Judy Wing, Nancy Burnham, Jackie Leeper; front row: Anne Sullivan, Susan Morneault, Jane Sexton, Christine Sawyer, Regina Minot, Barbara Caiazzo.



The Third Annual Spire & Ice Ice-Bar event will take place at Spire 29, 29 School Street, on January 13 and 14 starting at 7 p.m. Must be 21 or older. \$10 in advance. FMI, spire29.com or 222-2068.

Join the Presumpscot Regional Land Trust for a full moon snowshoe on January 14 at Randall Orchards – a farm that is protected as farmland forever. Meet at the farm at sunset before heading out to explore the 500-acres of conserved orchard and forest while watching the moon rise. The snowshoe will be about one mile and the program will last two hours. Hot cider from apples grown and pressed on-site at the orchard will be served following the snowshoe. The event is free, but space is limited, RSVP is required at www.prlt.org to register.

Great Falls fifth graders Elizabeth Phinney and Arianna Morse made dozens of muffins and three mini cranberry breakfast breads for the local Police Department for breakfast while working on Thanksgiving. Both girls are part of their local 4-H club.



First Parish Church, 1 Church Street, will hold a Chicken Pie Supper on Saturday, Jan. 14, from 5 to 6:30 p.m. \$10/\$5. FMI, 839-6751.

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.

CLOSE TO HOME

Walker Memorial Library, 800 Main St., Westbrook, will hold a Holiday Open House on Tuesday, Dec. 13 from 3 to 6 p.m. Light refreshments, tea, and punch, Santa at 4 p.m., holiday craft/coloring, and music and poems for children and adults. Free. FMI, 854-0630.



Schoolhouse Arts Center is presenting Miracle on 34th Street featuring many local actors every Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. through December 18. \$14/\$12. FMI, 642-3743.

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Make & Take New Year's Eve Tambourines
5:00-6:30 Shaw Gym Activity RM 1
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EVENING ACTIVITIES

Acadian Fiddling
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5:30-7:00 GHS Cafeteria

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7:15-8:00 GHS Performing Arts Center

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Snow Sculpting Contest
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Ice Skating
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Mad Science
4:00-5:00 Shaw Gym
6:00-7:00 Shaw Gym

Wildlife Encounters
3:30-4:30 - Mun. Ctr. Multipurpose room
5:30-6:30 - Mun. Ctr. Multipurpose room

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

Make & Take New Year's Eve Tambourines
5:00-6:30 Shaw Gym Activity RM 1
Drop in activity - ongoing.

Families with Older Children
All the above and...

Juggling Workshop with Brent McCoy
5:00-5:45 Robie Gym
6:15-7:00 Gorham High School Gym area

Running With Scissors - Improv Comedy
6:00-7:00 Robie Gym

The Real McCoy Comedy
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Gym Area
6:15-7:00 Juggling Workshop Brent McCoy
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Main Stage
6:00-7:00 Dean Richardson Singer/Songwriter
7:15-8:00 Gorham Community Chorus
8:15-9:00 The Real McCoy

Fireworks - High School Athletic Complex
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GORHAM MUNICIPAL CENTER

Robie Park (between GHS and Municipal Center)
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Council Chambers
5:00-6:00 Don Roy Trio

Foyer
4:00-6:00 Face Painting

Multi Purpose Room
3:30-4:30 & 5:30-6:30 Wildlife Encounters

Activity Room 1
5:00-6:30 Make & Take Tambourines

Shaw Gym
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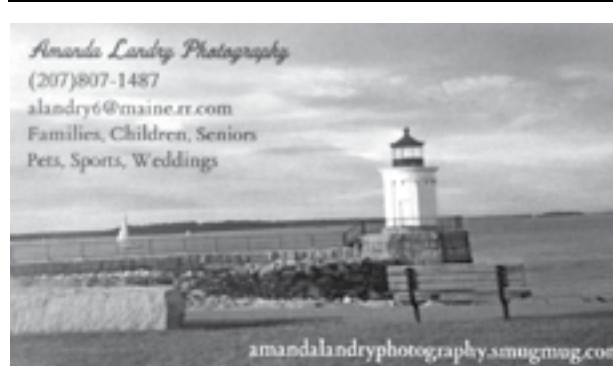
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Dec. 25 – Christmas Worship Service,
10:30 a.m.
Dec. 31 – Potluck Dinner, 6 p.m., Watch
Night Service, 7 p.m.

First Parish Congregational Church, UCC
1 Church Street, Gorham
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Dec. 24 – Service of Carols, Readings &
Candle Lighting, 7 p.m. and 10 p.m.
Dec. 25 – Christmas Celebration of Story &
Song, 10 a.m.

Galilee Baptist Church
317 Main Street, Gorham
Rev. David Christensen, 839-6985
Dec. 24 – Christmas Eve Candlelight
Service, 6 p.m.
Dec. 25 – Christmas Sunday Service, 10:30 a.m.

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

LifeChurch
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Dec. 22 – Christmas Candlelight Concert,
6:30 p.m.
Dec. 23 – Christmas Candlelight Concert,
6:30 p.m.
Dec. 24 – Christmas Candlelight Concert, 2
p.m. & 4 p.m.

Little Falls Baptist Church
749 Gray Road, Gorham
Pastor Tony Vafiades, 892-4240
Dec. 18 – Christmas Season Sing In, 6 p.m.
Dec. 24 – Christmas Eve Service, 5 p.m.
Dec. 25 – Christmas Day Service, 10 a.m.

Living Stone Community Church
711 Ossipee Trail West, Standish
Pastor Jim Hess, 642-2309
Dec. 24 – Christmas Eve Service, 6 p.m.
Dec. 25 – Sunday Morning Service, 9:30 a.m.

Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church
410 Main Street, Gorham
Rev. Timothy Sandeno, 839-7100
Dec. 24 – Christmas Candlelight Service, 7 p.m.
Dec. 25 – Matins & Children's Christmas
Concert, 9 a.m.; Christmas Day Service,
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St. Ann's Episcopal Church
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Rev. Tim Higgins, 892-8447
Dec. 24 – Christmas Eve Service with
Children's Pageant, 4 p.m.; Service with
Carols and Youth Choir, 7 p.m.; Full Service
with Choir, 10 p.m.

St. Anne's Catholic Church
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Pastor Louis Phillips & Rev. Michael
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Dec. 24 – Nativity of the Lord Mass, 4 p.m.
& 7 p.m.
Dec. 25 – Christmas Day Mass, 8 a.m.

South Gorham Baptist Church
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Rev. Douglas Walker, 839-3457
Dec. 24 – Christmas Eve Service of Carols
& Candles, 5:30 p.m.
Dec. 25 – Christmas Story in Song &
Verse, 10 a.m.

United Church of Christ at North Gorham
4 Standish Neck Road, Gorham
Interim Lead Minister Scott Lovaas, 892-5363
Dec. 24 – Christmas Eve Service of Carols
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West Gorham Union Church
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Dec. 24 – Christmas Eve Family Service, 4 p.m.

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Dec. 24 – Christmas Eve Candlelight
Service, 6 p.m.
Dec. 25 – Christmas Morning Worship,
10:45 a.m.
Dec. 31 – New Year's Eve Gathering, 6 p.m.

GEF Crowns Trivia Winners



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The Gorham Educational Fund (GEF) held its Team Trivia Night on November 19 at Spire 29. Over 30 local businesses sponsored the event which raised over \$7,000 to provide funding and support for education through grants to teachers in the Gorham school system. Members of the GHOP team, "I Thought This Was Speed Dating," earned the top spot and \$500 in award money to be donated to the charity of their choice.



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proud I was when, as a Captain, he came to my school to speak. As a young child, I wasn't aware of the great risk he took everyday he left the house. My nephew is with Portland's Police Department now and I am painfully aware of the daily risks he takes.

The dangers my father faced and my nephew faces are influenced by multiple factors. One factor we have immediate control over is our attitude toward Law Enforcement.

I wish that every citizen whose attitude toward police officers is based on video footage from an iPhone or edited media coverage would participate in the Citizen Police Academy. I believe it would force them to seriously reconsider their views.

Thank you Chief Jones, Officer Hatch and all members of the Gorham Police Department for protecting and serving this great town.

Sincerely,
Patty Joyce

Dear Gorham Times,

If there was ever an election that will be fodder for the pundits and historians for many years, this was it. The discourse at the national level filtered through into our social media circles settling into local politics as fine silt on a river bed, permeating, distorting and clouding everything it touched.

What is most disturbing are those who should have risen above the dialogue appear to have embraced it, laying claim and ownership to the very vitriol they claim to oppose. We expect the ugly rhetoric at the national level. But to embrace that rhetoric and label each other as racists, bigots, and misogynists simply because of a difference in opinion is morally corrupt.

Let's be clear, a racist is one who believes a race is superior to another. A misogynist is a person who dislikes, despises or is prejudiced against woman. A bigot is a person who is intolerant of the ideas of others, meaning you must think the way I tell you to think. Just the use of the word bigot to describe another insinuates that you yourself are one who refuses to tolerate the ideas of another. It is a self reflective term and we as neighbors, friends and family should be incensed by the label.

I have never personally encountered someone who thinks their race is superior, that woman are the scourge of society or fails to allow others the sanctity of their own ideas and thoughts.

The attempt to brand each person who has an independent mind or belief as being either a racist or bigot is patently absurd and we as a nation need to stand up and say enough. We don't have to agree but we can agree that each of us has a God given right to believe and hold our own thoughts and ideas.

Matt Mattingly

Dear Gorham Times,

In reference to Jim Means' letter in the December 1, Gorham Times issue... It makes no sense to claim that Obama is more divisive than Trump. If anything, Obama has tried too hard to compromise with both sides in the bipartisan quagmire. Trump has no intention of trying at all. Not only has Trump made derogatory remarks about women, minorities, people with special needs and people of different religions, he plans on implementing policy which will negatively affect all these people. He plans on creating a national registry of people based on their religion! That is extremely divisive, as well as, un-American in terms of religious freedom. Trump's main goal is to further big money in American policy. He has no experience on public policy and has no business being president. If 52% of Gorham residents voted for Hillary Clinton, does that mean the other 48% "hate foreigners and women?" Probably not, but it means they voted for someone who does.

Ruth Kelly



GOING FOR A LATE-NIGHT DRIVE

Cressey Road caller reported their dog was missing. Dog had jumped into car through an open window and had spent the night in the car.

Officer went to Brown Road to keep the peace. A female, who was not supposed to be there, had pushed her way into the garage. A second call soon thereafter reported there had been an assault.

Woman received a call stating her husband had been injured in an accident in Portland. Man on phone demanded money and said he would take husband to hospital as husband had a broken jaw and could not talk to her. He also said if she did not send money, he would kill her husband. Husband was found to be at work. There was no accident, it was a scam. A second woman received a similar call but her daughter advised her it was a scam.

Libby Ave. caller reported receiving calls claiming CMP bill was past due and payment needed to be sent right away. Caller knew it was a scam.

Mahlon Ave. man took his trash to the curb in a cart. Both trash and cart were picked up.

Narragansett St. caller reported neighbor's dog barks non-stop when neighbor is gone. Dog's owner said she was unaware of this and would look into doing something to get him to stop.

Maple Drive caller reported her boyfriend was threatening her. He was arrested for OUI.

Morrill Ave. caller reported a disturbance. Apparently caller was the one causing most of the problem. She was advised to leave people alone.

County Road caller reported a tall black male wearing a suit came to her door and offered her a free complimentary gift and said he was selling household items. He gave her a large box of Oreos Even and left in a gray Toyota. She was advised to call while the event was happening.

Straw Road caller reported four of her neighbors' chickens were on her property and she did not want them there. Children escorted the chickens to their home. Neighbor apologized for any trouble.

Suspicious person on Hurricane Road had pulled over to fill e-cigarette.

Man stopped on Main St. was warned for speeding, 44 in a 25 mph zone, warned for operating without a license and given a summons for OUI.

Bear was seen on Flaggy Meadow Road. It ran into the woods.



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CALENDAR

TUESDAY, DEC. 20

- Gorham House Itsy Bitsy store, 1:30-3:30 p.m., Gorham House lobby, 50 New Portland Rd. FMI, 839-5757.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 21

- 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.

THURSDAY, DEC. 22

- Holiday Dancing and Music featuring Kyle and the Holidays. Spire 29, Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Music at 7:00 p.m. \$10 admission/\$8 seniors. FMI, 222-2068.

FRIDAY, DEC. 23

- School vacation begins.

SATURDAY, DEC. 24

- Hanukkah begins!

SUNDAY, DEC. 25

- Merry Christmas!

TUESDAY, DEC. 27

- 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.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 28

- Story Time, birth-3 years old, 10-10:30 a.m., North Gorham Public Library.
- 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.

TUESDAY, JAN. 3

- School vacation ends. Back to school for all grades.
- Gorham House Itsy Bitsy store, 1:30-3:30 p.m., Gorham House lobby, 50 New Portland Rd. FMI, 839-5757.

SATURDAY, JAN. 7

- Bean Supper at White Rock Community Clubhouse, 34 Wilson Road, 4:30-6 p.m. Homemade kidney and pea beans, hot dogs, cole slaw, potato salad, macaroni and cheese, homemade biscuits, and homemade pies. \$8/\$4. FMI, whiterockcommunityclub@gmail.com.

TUESDAY, JAN. 10

- Gorham Lions meeting, Old School House on South Street (Rte. 114), 6:30 p.m. New members always welcome. FMI, 298-9182.
- 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.
- 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.

FRIDAY, JAN. 13

- Third Annual Ice Bar, Spire 29, 29 School Street, 7 p.m.-1 a.m. FMI, 222-2068.

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