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“Gorham Cares” Fundraiser Organized

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Plans are under way for a fundraiser to benefit the Piawlock and Cox families who suffered devastating losses in a car accident on December 12. The event is scheduled for March 18 at Spire 29 in Gorham. Community organizer, Al Garcia, began planning the event to help ease the financial burden of both families. In an email message to nearly 100 people who have already volunteered to help, Garcia announced that the band, “Under the Covers,” will provide entertainment. Garcia is working with volunteers to make the evening a success with food, T-shirt sales and a silent auction.

A youcaring fund has raised more than \$70,000 for the family of Joe Piawlock, who died with his daughter, Paige, when their SUV collided with an oncoming dump truck due to weather and bad road conditions. Piawlock’s wife, Yvonne, survived the crash. Their daughter, Brooke, and a passenger, Keighlie Cox, were both seriously injured and are recovering. A youcaring fund was also established for Cox, raising more than \$7,000 to date.

Garcia shared, “Once again, the residents of this great community are willing to step up and help whenever needed. As soon as the accident happened, I started getting messages from people asking what we as a community could do to help. When one family in Gorham is hurting, we are all hurting. It truly does take a village.”

If you would like to donate a silent auction item or get involved with the March 18 event, please contact Al Garcia at alberto.garcia.85@hotmail.com.

Hey Gorham Times readers! We’re in the process of redesigning our website and are looking for photos to be used in the banner. Readers are invited to submit photos that represent our town. Photos must be high resolution and landscape orientation. All entries must be emailed to gorhamtimes@gmail.com no later than 5 pm on Sunday, January 22, for consideration. Those chosen will be given a complimentary subscription to the Gorham Times.

Moody Announces Plans for Property

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Shawn Moody, Moody’s Collision Center, recently announced plans for the nearly 62-acre property on Route 202. His company purchased the property in October 2016 for \$1.2 million from Hannaford, who had purchased the land in 1990 for expansion reasons, but ultimately ended up using land adjacent to its existing store on Main Street.

The property, known to locals as “the Fairgrounds,” had been used as a racetrack for many years until it was sold to Commercial Developers in 1969 and remained vacant ever since.

Moody hopes to present the below plan to the Town Council in February.

The Vision

Moody’s planned development of the former “Racetrack” property on Rt. 202 in Gorham will be focused on a vision to embrace quality of life, a new workplace balance and represent “Maine, the way work should be.” The Cooperative Workplace Campus will create incubator space for startup businesses partnered with growth-oriented large scale office and industrial operations.



Drawing courtesy of Moody’s Collision Centers

Moody’s will offer creative financing including venture capital, land leases and build to suit options to advance this master plan. In order to maintain the cooperative vision of the campus, each partner in the development will have a seat on an ad-hoc campus board which will hold quarterly meetings to share intellectual, staffing, and physical resources to foster creativity, innovation and growth.

The Goals

Gorham is one of the most desirable communities in Maine. Moody’s primary goals are to provide employment opportunities and increase the local tax base keeping property taxes affordable for Gorham residents. We are mindful that small businesses in the Village are vulnerable and wanted to establish a development that

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Gorham Community Welcomes 2017

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The weather was perfect, the entertainment was top-notch, and families were playing, dancing, laughing, eating, and enjoying a fun way to say good-bye to 2016 and welcome 2017 during New Year Gorham.

With over 600 people in attendance over the course of the event, more than 100 people took advantage of USM’s generous invitation to begin the fun by skating at its beautiful ice arena. While some folks were skating, just as many young families were at Shaw Gym getting ready for Wildlife Encounters, Mad Science, and a chance to get faces painted or to create a New Year Gorham tambourine at Shaw Gym. Unfortunately, the snow was not good for sculpting, so that activity was canceled.

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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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A New Legislative Session has Begun

REP. ANDREW MCLEAN

With the start of the New Year comes the beginning of the next legislative session in Augusta. Our work over the coming months will include consideration of over 1,500 bills submitted by representatives and senators across Maine. We will also be working towards crafting, and passing, a balanced, bipartisan two-year budget.

I am pleased to announce that I have been re-appointed House Chair of the Transportation Committee. The committee oversees policy concerning the Department of Transportation, the Bureau of Motor Vehicles, the Maine Turnpike Authority and the Department of Public Safety. It also oversees policy relating to railroads, aeronautics, port and highway and bridge infrastructure. The committee's work is important for our state – not only for keeping people safe but also for ensuring that Maine businesses can be successful.

Supporting Maine's infrastructure and its funding continues to be a priority for me. Last fall, voters approved a bond to fund transportation repairs and reconstruction projects, but we are still in need of a sustainable funding

solution. I have submitted a number of bills this session to address issues I have discussed with colleagues and constituents alike. One of those bills, An Act to Fix and Rebuild Maine's Infrastructure, would increase funding for infrastructure projects. For both safety and economic reasons, it is important for Maine to take a proactive approach to maintaining our infrastructure.

Infrastructure funding is not the only challenge our state faces. Property taxes continue to be one of the top concerns I've heard from constituents, and it's important for those of us in Augusta to do our part to ease that burden on Maine's homeowners. I have submitted a bill that would increase the Maine Homestead Exemption. Currently, the Homestead Exemption provides a reduction of up to \$15,000 (\$10,000 for years prior to 2016) in the value of your home for property tax purposes. Increasing the Maine Homestead Exemption would lower property taxes on homeowners and put more money back into their pockets. This is especially important for Maine's working families and seniors living on fixed incomes.

As most of us who live in Gorham know, traffic can be very challenging at certain times of the day. For over a

decade, numerous studies have been completed to try to identify ways to ease traffic and congestion in and out of Gorham.

As Chair of the Transportation Committee, I have been working closely with the Maine Turnpike Authority on a measure to provide authorization to construct a Gorham Connector to the Turnpike. The proposed connector will be a new road, which will be linked to the Turnpike and end in Gorham. This project has been in the works for a long time and is awaiting the greenlight. Once complete, residents in Gorham, Scarborough and surrounding towns can expect an ease in congestion and better traffic management. This will help those commuting to and from work, when traffic delays are at their worst. There is much more to come on this and I look forward to talking with you more about this proposal.

As the new legislative session begins, hearing your thoughts on these and other issues is crucial to what we do at the State House. As always, please feel free to contact me by email or on my cell phone with your questions and concerns. I also send out periodic e-mail updates throughout the session. If you would like to receive these updates, let me know by e-mailing me at andrew.mclean@legislature.maine.gov.



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Around Town

As of December 30, Cook's Hardware is under the ownership of Bill & Holly Chandler.

David Cole recently issued service pins to three Public Works Department employees: a 15-year service pin to Dave Herrick and a 10-year service pin to both Derik Littlefield and Jeff Grant. He also issued a 5-year service pin to Barbara Taylor of Baxter Memorial Library.

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BUSINESS PROFILE

Local Business Shows Support for Travis Mills Foundation



Photo courtesy Tara Benson

Retired United States Army Staff Sergeant Travis Mills of the 82nd Airborne visited New England Treads and Millwork in Gorham on December 21 to thank the business for its support of the Travis Mills Foundation. SSG Mills lost portions of both arms and legs from an IED while on active duty in Afghanistan in 2012 during his third tour of duty. In September 2013, he founded the Travis Mills Foundation, a nonprofit organization formed to benefit and assist combat-injured veterans. Owners Bill and Tara Benson worked with Mills, and other Maine businesses, to provide a custom staircase at cost for The Maine Chance Lodge & Retreat in the Belgrade Lakes region of Maine. The retreat is scheduled to open its doors to veterans and their families this summer. Pictured (left to right) are owners Tara and Bill Benson with SSG Travis Mills. For more information about the foundation, visit www.travismills.org.

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complements the Village and doesn't compete with it. We will model a development that embraces the natural recreation and aesthetic qualities of Maine resulting in a healthier, and more creative, workday and workplace for our community.

The Benefits

The completed development has the potential to relieve traffic congestion on major corridors such as Route 114, Route 22 and Route 25 through Gorham Village, South Gorham and Westbrook. By capturing outlying

community traffic before it enters the Portland corridors, it will reduce further burdens on an overtaxed vehicle-centered circulation corridor. Walking, biking, Nordic skiing and snowmobile trails will forge new connections with surrounding recreational opportunities such as the adjoining Gorham Sports Center, local trail networks and will establish potential connections with non-traditional throughways to the Village amenities, the University of Southern Maine, and population dense areas of surrounding communities.



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LINDA FRINSKO
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In 2009, Baxter Memorial Library began a fundraising campaign, "Cents for Our Second Century," as part of the celebration of the 100th anniversary of the library, which took place in 2008. The goal of this campaign was to raise 100,000 coins of each denomination: pennies, nickels, dimes and quarters. The money raised would be used to supplement the library's collection budget for books, magazines, DVDs, and audio books.

Jamie Koo created a beautiful, mixed media mural incorporating coinage and the names of staff and others involved with the project as part of a display to encourage the public to donate their unused coins to this campaign. Donors were given a small, reusable coin bank to save their change and were asked to bring filled boxes to the library, where they would be emptied and returned to the donor to be filled again.

As of the most recent count, the library has received 103,958 coins: 78,119 pennies, 7,801 nickels, 11,133

dimes and 6,905 quarters totaling \$4,010.73.

The Baxter Memorial Library Board of Trustees has voted to end this fundraiser on January 31. So, if you'd like to contribute don't hesitate. The "Cents for the Second Century" campaign will be ending soon.

The Trustees and staff of Baxter Memorial Library are very grateful for the support this campaign received over the years and appreciate everyone's contributions to this effort. Your generosity has helped to increase all aspects of the library's collections for the public. Thank you!

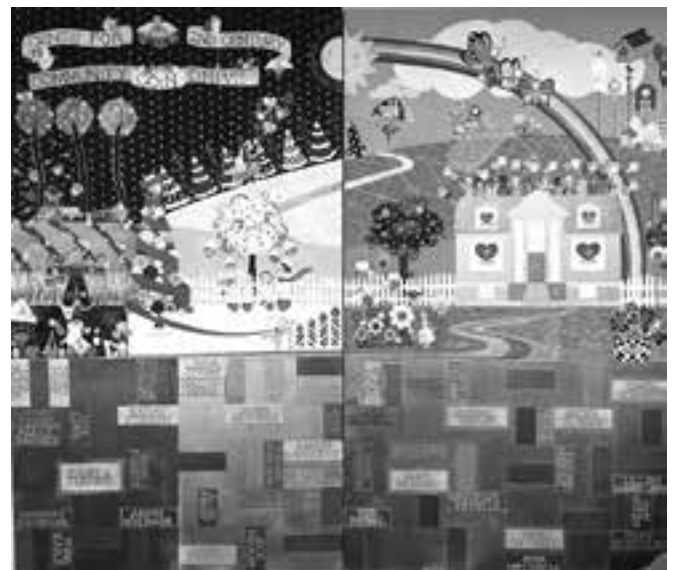


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Jamie Koo's mural is on display at Baxter Memorial Library.

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Free Styling Stump Siblings



Photo credit Walter Stump (as children) and courtesy of Kim Chapman Dionne (current)

Greg, Geoff and Kim donned cowboy costumes and staged a shoot out while doing synchronized skiing tricks, winning the Junior Ski Masters Demonstration Event at Squaw Mountain in Greenville during the early '70s. (left to right) Greg, Geoff and Kim.



CHRIS CRAWFORD
Staff Writer

It stands to reason that siblings, growing up in Gorham and sharing access to the same opportunities, would share some common interests and aptitudes. The ties that bind the three Stump siblings, Greg (GHS '78), Kim (Stump) Dionne (GHS '81), and Geoff (GHS '82) are especially strong.

All three expressed their athleticism through a shared love of skiing, nurtured in their younger years by a \$10 family season's pass to the old Kiwanis Ski slope off Water Street and later moving on to Pleasant Mountain (now Shawnee Peak). As members of the U.S. Freestyle Skiing team, they were at the forefront in the early days of competitive freestyle skiing and their influences continue to shape the sport today.

Both Greg and Geoff have been inducted into the Maine Ski Hall of Fame. Greg's induction, early in his career, honored his skiing achievements and his epic ski films. At 16, Greg joined the U.S. freestyle ski team and in 1978 won the Junior U.S. National Championships, followed by the Ballet and Combined titles at the very first North American Freestyle Championships sanctioned by the International Ski Federation.

Geoff was honored to be inducted to the Maine Ski Hall of Fame in October of 2016. He was recognized as a six-time member of the U.S. Freestyle ski team, winning the national Aerial Title in 1981 and the North American Freestyle Combined Championship in 1986. Geoff was also honored because he is still active in shaping the sport as a Freestyle coach who has mentored a long list of competitors at the Olympic and World Cup levels. Geoff said, "Maine skiing gave so much to me. I love to coach because it gives me the opportunity to give back and share the passion of skiing with a new generation of skiers." Kim, also a 1977 U.S. Freestyle ski team member, was 5th overall in the U.S., won many Eastern freestyle competitions and became a freestyle coach and judge.

The Stump children were raised in a creative household. Their father, Walter, taught theater at USM and their mother, Beverly, was a teacher and a talented singer. All three loved being immersed in all phases of the theater. Dad Walter also shot family slides. Greg said, "I know that's where I got my urge to shoot stills and later motion film." It is no surprise that all three chose creative professions that allow them to express

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Looking Back at Gorham's First Ski Tow



PATRICK O'SHEA
Contributing Writer

They say necessity is the mother of invention, and that was certainly the case in the winter of 1948. Gorham residents Bob Mountain and Johnny Files loved to ski, but a trip to Pleasant Mountain, now Shawnee Peak, was a long drive, so they decided to build a ski tow in Gorham. That would require a location, a hut, and a mechanical mechanism for the tow itself.

As Mountain recounted the story, he was very clear that the downhill ski slope would not have been possible without the generosity of the Alden family. They allowed the ski area to be located on Alden's Hill on Route 25.

Once the location was secured, their first capital expenditure was a building for a warming shed at the top of the hill. The shed would also house the rope tow motor. All they had to do was get it up the hill. There wasn't a lot to do on Sunday afternoons in Gorham so they rounded up a bunch of friends to pick the building up and put it on a flatbed truck. All was going well until they got it almost to the top of the hill. Sure enough, it fell off the truck and came apart. What else could they do but pile up the wood and enjoy a bonfire! They ended up building the warming shed with help from Phil Boothby.

Now that they had the building, they needed an engine to power the rope tow. They got a Waukesha engine, but even Clint Allen couldn't get it to run. Mountain had a 1938 Chevy, so they decided to use the engine from that. They took it to the blacksmith shop in South Gorham run by Bert Libby and had him fabricate the necessary parts to make it usable at the ski tow.



Poster/ticket courtesy of Robert Mountain

Mementos from Gorham's ski tow.

Now they were ready to build the ski tow. Having no prior experience with building a tow, they enlisted the help of friends. Together they hand dug the holes for the tow rope poles and attached spindles from cars for the rope to go on. Finally they attached the rope and got it to the correct tension, which was quite a process.

With everything in place, they needed some advertising to get the word out. They put advertising posters, hand painted by George Osborne, at the bus stops in Gorham, Westbrook and Portland. The posters included caricatures of the ski slope workers in them. Their friend Dicky Huff ran a concession stand in the warming hut and sold hamburgers and hot dogs. Files sold tickets for one dollar at the bottom of the hill and Mountain ran the engine at the top. They were open on weekends and by special appointment. Once things got going they realized the best skiing was at night, so they purchased a generator and put lights on the posts to light the hill.

If someone got injured they would get them down the hill and put them in their car. After that they were on their own. They hosted the college carnival and built a ski jump and trails through the woods. For five years, it was a popular spot to spend a winter's day.

As Mountain said, "We had a great time and any day spent at the ski slope was a lot of fun."


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Director of Medical Clinic Pleads Guilty to Maine Care Fraud

SHERI FABER
Staff Writer

Paulo Braga, 66, of Gorham, pled guilty to billing Maine Care for treatment of 40 patients on dates when he was traveling outside the United States. Braga previously had a medical clinic located at 583 Forest Ave. in Portland as well as an office in Windham.

He was a professional counselor licensed by the the Maine State Board of Counseling and was also certified as a clinical supervisor by the Maine State Board of Alcohol and Drug Counselors. A native of Brazil, Braga became a naturalized citizen in 1981. He does not face deportation for any of the charges he is facing.

Braga had allowed his licenses to expire in 2013 after he faced other complaints including using marijuana during a counseling session with a patient and suggesting they engage in sex acts. He closed his practices in Portland and Windham following those charges.

The more recent charges relate to Maine Care fraud with Braga billing

Maine Care on days when he was not seeing patients, as well as falsifying records for counseling sessions that never took place.

Investigators found that his client files were inadequate and they also found a lot of shredded paper on the floor of his Windham office. His progress notes in his case files did not address significant issues and some contained multiple progress notes for the same date of service. He also billed under mental health codes for people who were being treated for substance abuse.

Braga was charged with federal health care fraud connected to his practice that he closed in 2013. He received \$5202 in fees from the Department of Health and Human Services for services he claimed to have provided between 2010 and 2013 when he was actually out of the country. He had told his staff to create and sign his name to false reports of counseling sessions that never took place. He now faces up to 10 years in federal prison and up to a \$250,000 fine.

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“We attracted a group of wannabe jugglers at Robie Gym where kids of all ages learned how to juggle with Brent McCoy,” said Gorham Rec. Dept. Director, Cindy Hazelton. “Following that, Running with Scissors, returned for its third year to entertain the crowd with their hilarious improv comedy.

“While that was happening, the Don Roy Trio, also back by popular demand, attracted an enthusiastic crowd in the Municipal Building’s Council Chambers. We believe that keeping all the activities in a central location allows people to move freely from one event to the other without having to travel by car.”

“We were pleased to add the New Year Gorham Café this year,” commented Virginia Wilder Cross, NYG Chairperson. The Gorham and Falmouth High School robotics team served food in the high school cafeteria where diners were entertained by Peter Mezoian’s banjo. Kids and parents also had a chance to see the team’s robot and learn about how to be part of the team in the future.

On stage at the Gorham Performing Arts Center, Dean Richardson-Gorham’s own songwriter/singer-shared a number of his latest songs out on his newly released CD. Following that, the Community Chorus performed a program of beautifully inspiring music, directed by John Rimkunas.

It wouldn’t be New Year’s Eve without fireworks. This year was unique because the crowd became the inside of a snow globe as large beautiful snowflakes fell from the sky giving the fireworks an interesting new dimension. The appreciative crowd whooped and hollered in appreciation of the grand finale.

The planning committee thanks the generous donors, faithful volunteers, and especially the Gorham Rec. Department, for making the ninth New Year Gorham the best ever. If you would like to join the planning committee for next year, please call Virginia Wilder Cross at 222-2248 or Cindy Hazelton at 222-1630.

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.

TOWN OF GORHAM BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF MEETING JANUARY 19, 2017

The Gorham Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a regular meeting on Thursday, January 19, 2017 at 7:00 pm in the Burleigh Loveitt Council Chambers at 75 South Street, Gorham to consider the following:

- Acceptance of the August 18, 2016 meeting minutes as printed and distributed.
- Appeal #17-01** Enlargement or Replacement of a Non-Conforming Use or Structure.
- Appeal #17-02** Enlargement or Replacement of a Non-Conforming Use or Structure.

Clerk’s Corner

LAURIE NORDFORS
Town Clerk

I hope everyone had a joyous holiday. I want to thank the numerous Gorham businesses and families for their generous donations to help the less fortunate families in our community this Christmas.

This year, we had more families offering to help than we had families in need of help, which is a good thing. For those families who still want to help but were not able to do so this Christmas, we are always collecting toys, games, books, etc. throughout the year in case a family has a need. Also, a donation to our Fuel Fund, which helps families who need a little extra help paying for heat, can be made year-round.

A reminder that the deadline for dog registrations for 2017 is January 31. A late fee of \$25 per dog will automatically go into effect on February 1. Go to our website to register online or visit the Town Clerk’s Office during regular operating hours.

Snowmobile stickers are here. Stop by and register for 2017, online at the Inland Fisheries website, or at any inland fisheries agent throughout the state.



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

Gorham PD Participates in Wreaths Across America



Photo credit?

Gorham Police Officers Michael Coffin and Dean Hannon were among hundreds escorting the Wreaths Across America to Arlington National Cemetery during the month of December. They received \$2500 in donations from local businesses to cover the expense of hotel rooms while travelling. The businesses that contributed were Shaw Brothers, Moody’s, Cabela’s, Gorham Sand and Gravel, Gorham House of Pizza, Philips Auto Body, Wymans Auto Body, Dumbo’s Auto Body and S.O.S. Towing, and Mr. and Mrs. Scott Nystrom. The Gorham Police Department covered the cost of gas and tolls for the trip, but the officers both utilized their personal vacation time to be able to attend. Pictured (left to right) Officer Michael Coffin, South Portland Officer Nicholas D’Ascanio and Officer Dean Hannon.

Check Well Water for Arsenic Every Three to Five Years

BAILEY O’BRIEN
Staff Writer

Even well water that looks and tastes fine can have high levels of arsenic, according to the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention (MCDCP). Reportedly, one in ten wells throughout Maine has water high in arsenic. To ensure that you and your family are drinking safe water, the MCDCP recommends you have your well checked for arsenic every three to five years.

There are many dangers to high consumption of arsenic. This harmful chemical may affect brain development among babies and young children, particularly if pregnant women drink water high in arsenic. Others may experience stomach pain, nausea, diarrhea, numbness or tingling in the hands and feet, and skin lesions. Years of high arsenic

consumption has even been linked to higher risks of skin, bladder, and lung cancers. In most cases, you can prevent these occurrences by stopping the consumption of water high in arsenic.

To test your well water, the MCDCP recommends calling a certified lab and asking for a test kit. You will need to fill several empty bottles, complete a form, and mail the information back to the lab for testing. If your results indicate higher-than-normal levels of arsenic, the MCDCP recommends switching to bottled water for drinking and cooking or installing a water filtration system.

To find a lab to test your water, go to wellwater.maine.gov or call the Maine Lab Certification Officer at (207) 287-1929. To talk to an expert about your lab results and discuss solutions, call (866) 292-3474 toll-free or (207) 287-4311.

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Keeping Sitka Safe



Photo credit?

Gorham residents Susan and Don Sedenka headed up a fundraising effort to purchase a ballistic vest for K-9 Sitka. Donations were provided by the Sedenkas along with other members of Volunteers In Police Services (VIPS), and the following local business: Cooks Hardware, Gorham House of Pizza, Great Falls Builders and Moody's Collision Center. Pictured (left to right) is Deputy Chief Chris Sanborn, Don Sedenka, Officer Nathan Therriault, Lieutenant Mike Nault, and Police Chief Dan Jones.

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Town Council Reports

JACOB ADAMS
Staff Writer

DECEMBER 6, 2016:

Town Manager, David Cole, reported that the Town is temporarily out of small trash bags and he hopes to have them back in the stores shortly.

Great Falls Construction gave a short presentation on their plans for construction on Railroad Avenue. Noah Minor, a Gorham resident, spoke in support of the project but suggested that the Town look into adding additional sidewalks and possibly a school zone sign.

The Town Council amended the Land Use & Development Code by approving the rezoning of the property on Railroad Avenue - Tax Map 103, Lot 81. The property owner intends to lease and/or rent the interior space for commercial use that may include a bowling facility and bars. Residential uses may include but will not be limited to up to 40 apartment units for short and/or long term lease, all of which may be converted to a condominium for sale. The development will also provide 153 parking spaces. The full amendment is available on the town's website.

The Land Use & Development Code was also amended to include a more conventional numbering system than the Roman numerical numbering system of years past. (5 years, 1 nay: Hartwell)

The Town Council approved an amendment to the Streets and Sidewalks Ordinance to allow traffic to enter Pine Street via Route 25- also known as State Street - for the initial 160 feet. This will aid in serving business parking lots at 76 and 88 State Street, and the "Do Not Enter" sign will remain at the entrance of Pine Street

from Route 25.

The Town Council authorized a referendum for the June 13, 2017 election asking the voters if they approve of the Town borrowing and expensing up to \$500,000 for the Town's share of a South Street road project. The estimated total cost of the project is \$1.65 million. A public hearing on the referendum question is scheduled for May 2, 2017.

Town Council Staff will draft an amendment to the Town's Consumer Fireworks Ordinance to allow for an annual permit to use fireworks in Gorham. The Town Council will consider the drafted amendment.

A notice will be sent to newly registered voters in Gorham, welcoming them and providing information regarding their legal responsibilities to register their vehicles in Gorham.

The updated Cumberland County Hazard Mitigation Plan was adopted by the Town Council and the Town Manager is authorized to sign the original on behalf of The Town of Gorham.

The Town Council abated \$244.50 in taxes for the 2015/16 fiscal year, for property located at 91 Wescott Road, because a clerical error caused the home owner to not receive their Homestead Exemption.

JANUARY 3, 2017:

The Gorham Lions Club requested that the town help pay for the expense of putting up the flags around town. Estimated cost would be \$750.

David Cole noted that he issued a 5-year service pin to Barbara Taylor of the Library, a 10-year service pin to Derrick Littlefield and Jeff Grant of Public Works, and a 15-year service pin to Nate Herrick of Public Works.

Norm Justice gave a presentation on

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Grand Jury

The Grand Jury returned the following indictments in December:

Terra Lynn Hansen, 27, of Gorham, was indicted on charges of forgery and theft by unauthorized taking on charges brought by Portland PD.

Amanda Cheyenne Maria Payne, 34, of Standish, was indicted on charges of operating after revocation (2 priors), failure to give correct name, and two counts of unlawful possession of scheduled drugs (heroin and Cocaine) on charges brought by Gorham PD.

Austin Swanson-Monge, 19, of Gorham, was indicted on charges of

burglary of a motor vehicle, and theft of a firearm by unauthorized taking on charges brought by Gorham PD.

Alexander Trinidad, 27, of Windham, was indicted on charges of operating after license revocation (two priors) and violating conditions of release on charges brought by Gorham PD.

Dylan Wilcox, 24, of Windham, was indicted on four counts of burglary of a motor vehicle, four counts of theft by unauthorized taking and two counts of unlawful possession of scheduled drugs on charges brought by Gorham PD.

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School Committee Meeting

KATHY CORBETT
Staff Writer

The School Committee welcomed Gorham High School student Sarah Johnson and faculty member Debra Roy to describe the student-initiative program that extends food service beyond regular cafeteria hours. Students, particularly those who eat at the 10:30 a.m. early lunch period and those who stay late for after school activities, can now buy food at a concession stand after the cafeteria is closed.

Superintendent Heather Perry gave an update on ongoing Department of Education committee work. She will have a summary in January of bills to be introduced in the long session of the legislature that have the potential to impact public education. Of greatest importance will be work done to approve a biennial budget. There is a Blue Ribbon Commission tasked with "Reforming Public Education and Improving Student Performance in Maine" that, she said, may make some recommendations to the legislature this session. Work is underway on a proposed FY 2018 Gorham School Department budget to be presented to the School Committee in February.

Large class sizes continue to be an issue at Narragansett Elementary School and Perry is working with teachers and parents to possibly add a teacher for a third first-grade classroom. She also

reported that the struggle to find spare bus drivers continues, even though two of those trained last year have received their CDL licenses and have been hired.

Shawn Moody and Dede Perkins presented a review of The Gorham Business Roundtable initiative to increase Gorham student's awareness of skills needed in business. Working with educators and business persons, the group has supported a Jobs for Maine Graduates program. Moody explained the goals of the program, which include providing co-op experiences, internships, mentoring, and job shadowing opportunities. He stressed that because there are fewer part-time jobs at Gorham farms and gas stations than in the past, many students no longer gain the valuable experience that working in the community provides. The Roundtable is asking the Committee to fund a part-time coordinator to facilitate and expand the program.

Village teachers Beth Kellogg and Tami Reynolds reported on the pilot project that made 25 Chrome Books available to fourth and fifth grade students at Village Elementary School. Students gave positive feedback because they were faster than the Mac laptops and encouraged them to do better schoolwork. Committee member Sara Nelson raised the issue of financial implications of switching to Chrome in the Mac-based district.

Dennis Libby, finance committee member, reported that the State is not keeping up with the bus replacement cycle. The District will be asking for two big and two small buses next year to replace buses, which are still in good condition but are of replacement age.

Perry updated her 2016-17 goals and reported that implementation of them is on schedule. The School Committee agreed. The goals of both the Superintendent and of the Committee are on the District website.

The Committee voted unanimously to retain Perry, an annual formality required by the State. They voted (5-0, Wright and Burns absent) to approve \$303,040.78 for the Westbrook Regional Vocational Center in 2017-18, which is the assessment for Gorham students in the vocational education program. They also voted (5-0) to hire Chris Roop as JV Boys Hockey Coach and Joshua Hurd as GHS Musical Set Builder.

GHS Holds Dance after Two-Year Hiatus



Photo credit Abbie vanLuling

(Left to right) Claire Valentine, Georgia Baber, and Shelby Leach.



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(Left to right) Front Row: Joy Lemont, Kayley Mason, and Bridget Daigle. Back Row: Hannah Beliveau and Zachary Pierce.

School Note

Superintendent Heather Perry has published a new blog post. The third post of her Proficiency Based Learning blog series is aimed at helping parents and others better understand the PBL System here in Gorham. FMI, visit <http://gorham-superintendent.blogspot.com/2016/12/proficiency-based-learning-update.html>.

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After 20 years of dedicated service to the Gorham community, The Gorham Food Pantry announces the retirement of our Executive Director, **Fran Thurston Doucette**, in spring, 2017. Fran has led the GFP since its inception in 1997, and her legacy of compassion and caring for others in the Gorham community will be the foundation for the GFP in the future.

The Gorham Food Pantry's Board of Directors is seeking applications to fill the important role of Executive Director. Skills required to be successful in this role include:

- A caring and compassionate individual who is committed to serving and helping others.
- Computer and media skills competency. Comfort with online ordering systems. Experience with or a willingness to learn Word, Excel, Quick Books and Facebook.
- Experience with non-profit, social work or related work experience preferred.
- Collaborate with Executive Board for grant writing and fundraising.
- Comfort with public speaking and community contacts.
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Key Club's Annual Santa Breakfast a Huge Success



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MATILDA MCCOLL
GHS Student Intern

Gorham High School's Key Club held its annual Santa Breakfast on December 10. The breakfast was a large buffet-style meal, complete with visits from Santa, elves, reindeer, and snowmen.

The Club hosted the event at the United Methodist Church in Gorham. Maureen Terry catered the Santa Breakfast with help from high schoolers in the Club.

Key Club president, Whitney King, began organizing the event in early November. Students volunteered for various tasks: set-up,

Santa visited Gorham during a recent Key Club event.

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GHS Holds Dance CONTINUED FROM PAGE 7

The Winter Ball, held at Gorham High School on December 10, drew members of all grades as the first dance since the fall of 2014 when school administration decided to cancel dances due to inappropriate dancing. The dance, put on by the GHS Student Council, provided

students with concessions, a photo booth, and a night of dancing with friends emceed by a DJ. GHS principal Brian Jandreau said the Winter Ball went extremely well, and although they have not determined a date for a future dance, he remarked that there are plans for another one.



Photo credit Abbie vanLuling

(Left to right) Benjamin Nelson, Grace McGouldrick, Camryn Morton, Aaron Farr, Garrett Higgins, Celine Baker, Michelle Rowe, Jessica Dusseault, Jonathan Scribner, Anna Slager, and Luke Grover.

Safety Pins at GHS Small in Nature but Big in Heart

ERIN WENTWORTH
GHS Student Intern

The Gorham High School Civil Rights Team recently became active in the Safety Pin Project, a national movement by people who have become aware of recent hate crimes against minorities. Advised by GHS teacher Rachael Grady, the group has been distributing small safety pins, decorated with a charm, to students around the high school.

The meaning behind the safety pin is to alert people around you who may need someone to talk to that you are a "safe" person to reach out to. The person wearing the pin is someone you can talk to about anything, and they will accept you and help you however they can. Even though the pin is simply made with a small charm, it has a strong meaning behind it.

Students could pick up pins at a table outside the cafeteria. They were also offered the chance to sign a poster to pledge their acceptance of others and the project.

The idea was spur of the moment and there wasn't much planning. When the group first heard about this project, they knew they had to participate some-



Photo credit Anna Beshir

The GHS Civil Rights team created a poster for fellow students to sign, showing their support for their classmates.

how. "We just got the stuff and started handing them out," said Morgan Brown, a GHS student and a founding member of the Civil Rights Team.

"We wanted to do something even if it was small, to show that we are unified and everyone deserves to be safe," Brown continued. "The school has taken to it pretty well. People took them and kept them at heart."

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Patty Smith is a Keeper

HAL D'AMICO
Sports Editor

Patty Smith (GHS '13) says her job requires, "good reaction time, being smart with the angles, and hard work." While these qualities may often be attributed to success on Wall Street and Main Street, Smith has been applying them as the goalkeeper for the University of Maine at Farmington field hockey team, where she is a senior.

She's been saving shots since her days as a soccer player in Gorham, before transitioning to field hockey, playing three years for the Lady Rams under varsity coach Becky Manson. Manson said of Smith, "She sets very high standards for herself and her teammates. She never settled on any given success, she just worked harder every practice to improve her skills."

Smith took her talent, skills and work ethic to UMF, where she recently concluded her three-year career in net, playing 48 games, with 29 wins, including 12 shutouts and the 2016 NAC Championship. When asked to note one highlight of her career, she reflected, "I consider the entire 2016 season to be a highlight, not just because we won a championship, but because of how your mindset changes when you begin your last season of collegiate eligibility. The upcoming expiration date on your ability to do the thing you love most makes every accomplishment, every win, and every moment spent with your teammates and coaching staff mean that much more."

Smith has been an accomplished scholar. She initially pursued a major

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Photo credit Susan Smith

In the Zone

New England Wolves forward **Carl Bear**, of Gorham, was named Forward of the Month of December in the 19U Elite Division of the Eastern Hockey League. At the time of the announcement, Bear was ranked second on his team for scoring, having tallied 27 points in 24 Wolves games, with at least one point in all six December games.

Husson University senior **Nick Lewis**, GHS '13, an offensive lineman, recently received football recognitions. He was named Eastern Collegiate Football Conference Offensive Lineman of the Year, becoming only the second player in program history to receive this honor. He was named to the ECFC First Team All-Conference, and the New England Football Writers named Lewis to the DI/III All-New England Team.

Sports Etc

Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest: January 28, 1 p.m., at Shaw Gym. Registration begins at 12:45 for boys and girls ages 9-14 (must provide proof of age at sign up). Winners in best of 15 free-throw contest will advance to district competition. FMI call Mike at 839-3963.

Gorham Basketball Players Recognized



Photo credit Steve Morneau

1000 point scorers were honored at a GHS ceremony on January 6. Those in attendance are pictured (left to right): Kelly Butterfield, Michael Burke, Emily Esposito, Noel Beagle, and Nancy Philbrick.

PATRICK O'SHEA
Contributing Writer

Thanks to varsity girls' basketball coach Laughn Berthiaume, a large crowd at the Dean Evans Gymnasium witnessed a ceremony honoring six former players and one current player on Friday, January 6. All seven scored more than 1000 points in their careers. The information below is condensed from research that Coach

Berthiaume compiled on the seven outstanding athletes.

Kelly Butterfield graduated in 1981 and scored 1,123 points in her four years at Gorham High School. She was a three time all-state player, and played a major role in the Ram's four straight basketball championship seasons from 1978-1981. In 1981, Butterfield was named MVP of the Western Maine Tournament. After graduation, she

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OF INTEREST

Full Moon Snowshoe: Join Randall Orchards on January 14 for a nearly full moon snowshoe at Randall Orchards – the farm Presumpscot Regional Land Trust helped protect as farmland forever. Meet at the farm in Standish at sunset 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. After the walk, enjoy hot cider from apples grown and pressed on-site. Free, but space is limited; RSVP is required at <https://www.prlt.org/links/>

On December 15, **Lesley Ridge, the University Credit Union Branch Manager on the Gorham campus**, donated 60 pounds of non-perishable food to Heather Whitaker of the Gorham Food Pantry and students from Gorham Middle School. Pictured from left to right, Lesley Ridge, Hannah Smith, Heather Whitaker, and Jaela Boucher.



First Parish Church, 1 Church Street, will hold a Chicken Pie Supper on Saturday, January 14, from 5 to 6:30 p.m. \$10 adults / \$5 children under 12. FMI, 839-6751.

The Community Dinner sponsored by the Gorham Ecumenical Council will be served at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, January 23 at St. Anne's Catholic Church, 200 Main St. The menu includes a roasted turkey dinner with all the trimmings including salads, vegetables and desserts. Come and enjoy the free food and fellowship. All are welcome.



Collin Bowie (GHS '13) recently won the 2016 South Florida Landscape Award with a design focused on storm-water management. His design is being constructed in the courtyard of a new office complex in downtown Miami, Florida. Bowie is a junior in the University of Florida landscape architecture program.

Zach Mills (GHS '15) was selected to serve as an intern for the Maine Senate Majority Office during his winter break. Mills is currently a sophomore at the University of Connecticut where he studies Political Science.

Maine Author Event: Kevin Mannix & Linda Rota, authors of *Weathering Shame*, will be at Baxter Memorial Library on Tuesday, January 31 at 6:30 p.m. Coauthors Mannix and Rota share their stories of struggling with stigma and shame from childhood traumas. As adults, they had both come to recognize that those experiences had influenced their own behaviors and choices. In recognizing and coming to terms with past traumas, they had gained a greater understanding of their lives and developed a deeper sense of self. Snow date: Tuesday, February 7 at 6:30 p.m. FMI, 222-1190.

The Gorham Historical Society will hold their quarterly business meeting at the USM president's house on Monday, January 23 at 6 p.m. The group will discuss the work being done on the historical buildings on campus with Glenn Cummings and Shawn Moody.

The Gorham Woman's Club will meet on January 12 from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall at First Parish Church. Mary Libby will speak about the General Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC) Maine President Project.

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.

USM EVENTS

USM's Women & Gender Studies presents a new series entitled "Say Now – personal stories by those making change," events inspired by the feminist notion that there is power in sharing stories. The first of the two-part series, "Stories of Resistance, Resilience, and Renewal," will be on January 26, 7 p.m., USM Glickman Family Library, Seventh Floor. FMI, USM Women & Gender Studies, 780-4862.

CLOSE TO HOME

"One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest," presented by **Windham Center Stage Theater**, 8 School Rd. in the Windham Town Hall. January 6, 7, 8, 13, 14, 15. Fridays and Saturdays at 7 p.m. and Sundays at 4 p.m. \$15 adults, \$10 seniors/students. FMI, 893-2098 or windhamtheater.org. NOTE: Adult language and situations.

Schoolhouse Arts Center announced auditions for its first show of the 2017 season, "Plaza Suite" by Neil Simon. Hilarity abounds in this portrait of three couples successively occupying a suite at the Plaza. Directed by Jerry Walker, auditions will take place January 25 and 26 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Schoolhouse Arts Center, 16 Richville Rd., Standish. Callbacks will be January 27 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Show dates are April 7-23, Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m., Sundays at 2 p.m. Audition monologues and audition information available at www.schoolhousearts.org. FMI, Danny Gay, daniel.c.gay@gmail.com.



Windham Middle School presents **"The Lion King Jr."** at the **Windham Performing Arts Center**, 406 Gray Rd. on Friday, January 13 at 7 p.m., and Saturday, January 14 at 2 and 7 p.m. (snow date Sunday, January 15 at 4 p.m.); Friday, January 20 at 7 p.m. and Saturday, January 21 at 2 and 7 p.m. (snow date Sunday, January 22 at 4 p.m.). In the event of inclement weather, please contact mwassick@rsu14.org to ensure the show is still on. Tickets at the door, general admission, \$10 adults, \$5 students/kids.



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Gorham Basketball Players Recognized CONTINUED FROM PAGE 9

went to UNH on a basketball scholarship where she scored 1,030 points as well as a number of other individual honors. Butterfield later went on to play professionally in Ireland and Australia. She currently works as a UPS executive in Portland, Maine. She is the daughter of Phil and Sue Butterfield, and for the past 26 years, she has shared her life with Martin Foley.

Nancy Philbrick graduated in 1986 and scored 1,008 career points in her four years at GHS. Philbrick was a superb three-sport athlete who also excelled in field hockey and softball as well as playing tennis for a year. Her field hockey teams won three State Championships and she played on the 1983 State Championship Softball team. After graduation from Gorham, Philbrick went on a field hockey scholarship to the University of Massachusetts. She currently teaches at Geiger Elementary School in Lewiston and is the daughter of Mary and the late Bob Philbrick.

Keith Young graduated in 1991. He is the all-time leading scorer for Gorham boys' basketball, scoring 1,123 points during his four-year career. The Rams posted an impressive 64-8 regular season record during this span, including three league championships and four State tournament appearances. Young was an all conference player as a junior and senior. As a senior, he made the McDonald's All Star Team, the Bangor Daily News All State Team, and the MABC All Academic Team. Young graduated from Amherst College and is currently living in Chicago with his wife Kimberly and children Lucas and Audrey. He works for Voya Financial in Employee Benefit Sales. Young is the son of Mac and the late Andrea Young.

Noel Beagle graduated in 2000 as Gorham's all time leading girls' scorer. Her 1,163 points are complemented by her 967 rebounds. Beagle, a 5'11 forward, co-captained the 1999 State Championship and the 2000 Western Maine Championship teams. She received the Western Maine Conference MVP award, the Western Class B Tournament Player Sportsmanship Award, and was named to the Portland Press Herald and McDonald's All State Teams. She was also an All-American Honorable Mention. Beagle played varsity basketball and soccer for four years, track for three years, and softball for one year. In 2000, she was named Maine's Outstanding Athlete by the Portland Press Herald/Maine Sunday Telegram. She was also named to the McDonald's All Academic Team and was valedictorian of her graduating class. After graduating from Gorham, she played varsity basketball for four seasons at Yale. Beagle was senior vice president of strategy and finance at Bolthouse Farms in Bakersfield, California before recently moving to New Hampshire with her husband, Aaron Corbett, and welcoming her son Calan James. She is the daughter of Linda and Alan Beagle.

Michael Burke graduated in 1997 and scored 1,090 points during his

four years as a varsity player. He played in eleven tournament games, including three Western Maine Finals and a State Final. He was named to the Bangor Daily News All-State Team as a junior and senior. His 34 point, 14 rebound performance against Orono in Gorham's 1995-1996 State Championship victory will be the game he will most likely be remembered for. Burke went on to Hampden-Sydney College in Virginia where he played two years of varsity football. After college he coached basketball in the Caribbean before returning to Maine. Since returning to Maine he has coached varsity basketball at Westbrook and is the current boys varsity coach in Old Orchard Beach. Burke is an 8th grade Social Studies teacher in Old Orchard where he lives with his wife Jackie and daughter Victoria. He is the son of Patrick and Karen Burke.

Ben Thayer graduated from GHS in 2005 with 1,067 career points. In his four years as a varsity player, his teams were 73-14 and captured three Western Maine Championships. Thayer was All Western Maine Conference his sophomore, junior, and senior season and All-State his senior year. He was also a baseball standout, earning all conference honors his sophomore, junior, and senior seasons as well as being All State Honorable Mention his senior year. Thayer went on to play basketball and baseball at Bates for four years. He was Bates' defensive player of the year in his junior and senior seasons and captain during his senior year. Burke is newly married and living with his wife, Valerie, in Boston working in IT security as a Regional Channel Manager at LockPath. He is the son Debbie and Alden Thayer.

Emily Esposito is a current varsity player. In her first three seasons, she scored 345, 345, and 344 points respectively. This season she has become the all time leading scorer in Gorham High School History with 1,174 points. Along with her ability to score, Esposito is rapidly approaching 500 career rebounds. She was the SMAA Rookie of the year in 2014 and has been named an SMAA First Team All Star in 2014, 2015, and 2016. In her career, she has also been named to the SMAA All Defensive Team, the Portland Press Herald and Bangor Daily News All State Teams in 2014, 2015, and 2016, as well as being the SMAA Player of the Year in 2015. Last season she was named the Most Outstanding Player of the Southern Maine Tournament as she led her team to the first ever AA State Championship. Esposito's GHS teams have a record of 59-9. She recently signed to play basketball at Villanova University where she has received a full scholarship and is the daughter of Karen and Tony Esposito.

Gorham Rec Rolls into Winter

HAL D'AMICO
Sports Editor

The folks at the Gorham Recreation Department are in full winter gear, literally or figuratively, with both indoor and outdoor opportunities for the community.

A few new indoor options include Little Lions Yoga & Movement which introduces the practice of yoga to little ones in a fun and interactive way, Buti Yoga for all levels, and a TetraBrazil Futsal Program which provides a great opportunity for kids to expend winter energy while working on ball control and passing in a small space.

So much snow on the landscape as we go to press serves as a reminder

that the recreation department not only offers several ski programs for students and families this winter, but also discount ski passes to area mountains. Snow shoes are also available for rental.

There are now two skating rinks being maintained in Gorham. One is behind the Public Safety Building on Main Street. A second rink has recently been created behind the Old Robie School at the Little Falls Rec area. Be sure to check both rinks frequently for ice conditions.

For further information on opportunities to get out and enjoy new activities this winter, visit www.gorhamrec.com. Ben Marshall, Director of Recreation Programs, may be contacted at bmarshall@gorham.me.us.

Patty Smith is a Keeper CONTINUED FROM PAGE 9

in Outdoor Recreation Business Administration along with a minor in Environmental Studies. She traveled to New Zealand, which Smith described as "insane," and added, "I made friends from all over the world, completed some breathtaking hikes, and fulfilled my inner adrenaline junkie by going bungee jumping. Ultimately, I value the trip because it helped me realize that I have other passions—traveling and hiking—that will be available for the rest of my life, even when field hockey is not." That experience led her to add International and Global Studies as a second major.

A list of her awards and recognitions includes: UMF Dean's List, Fall 2014-present; 2015 NAC Defensive Player of the Year; 2016 NAC Senior Scholar-Athlete of the Year; 2016 NFHCA Div. III Senior Game (only 8 keepers named nationwide); 10-time NAC Defensive Player of the Week; NFHCA Div. III All-Region 2nd Team (2015), 1st Team (2016); NAC All-Conference 1st Team (2015, 2016); NAC Academic All-Conference (2015); NFHCA Div. III Scholar of Distinction (2014, 2015); NFHCA Div. III Academic Squad (2013, 2014, 2015).

Smith offered Coach Manson a lot of credit for her college preparation, and said, "Her guidance prompted three years of growth in confidence, playing ability, and leadership skills—all of which have been invaluable during my academic and athletic career at

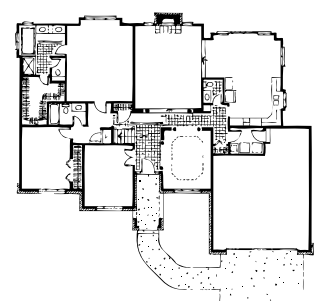
Farmington." Cynthia Pratt, the UMF coach, touted Smith's consistency and leadership on and off the field, and said, "Her presence on our team gave the rest of my players' confidence that every time we took the field she helped give us a chance to win." Her supporters include her parents Patrick and Susan Smith, whom Patty described as "UMF field hockey superfans."

Smith plans to take a year following graduation to "explore my interests before eventually pursuing a master's degree." She is considering studies in tourism, outdoor education or sports management.

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An Appealing Mystery Series

JAN WILLIS
Contributing Writer

A good mystery series can be fun to read and help pass the time when one is flying, snowed in, or sitting in waiting rooms. If possible, I try to find authors who will appeal to both my husband and me so that we can share books while traveling. The Cork O'Connor series by William Kent Krueger fits the bill. There are currently 15 books in this series with the next one due for release this fall. Krueger also has a stand alone book titled "Ordinary Grace" that is well worth the read.

Depending on the book, Cork is the sheriff of Tamarack County, the suspended sheriff, the retired sheriff, or a private investigator. Cork's wife Jo is a lawyer who specializes in representing the interests of the native Americans. They have three children: Jenny, who loves to write and has a serious boyfriend; Annie, who is an excellent softball player and wants to play for Notre Dame; and a young son, Stevie, who is still afraid of monsters under the bed.

One of the recurring characters is Henry Meloux, a native American of unknown age, but possibly in his 80's when the series begins and near 100 by book #15. Henry is a Mide which means "healer." Years ago he gave Cork his Ojibwe name Mikiinak which literally means Snapping Turtle as Cork is considered to be tenacious and dangerous.

The books are well written and in each one all three types of conflict are

represented. Man versus man as Cork faces danger, and is often in a fight. Man versus nature as Cork and others face the elements whether it be extreme cold, bad storms, or other problems. Man versus self as Cork has to turn inward and challenge himself. Henry once told Cork, "There are always two wolves inside us fighting. One is fear, and the other is love. The one you feed is the one that will win the fight. Don't feed the wrong wolf."

Some books have a stronger plot than others. One of my favorites for plot is "Trickster's Point." Many of the books focus on an issue that confronts the Ojibwe people such as their children being put into foster care or the recruitment of teenage girls who are moved to Duluth to be part of the sex trade. The setting is present day in Minnesota, on or near the Iron Lake Reservation, the Superior National Forest, and the Boundary Waters.

I highly recommend that the reader begin with book #1, "Iron Lake," and work his or her way through them in order. Having said that, the first book is definitely not the best, and in fact, includes some R rated material that might have been avoided. Krueger seems to move away from that in book #2. Heading to Florida for a get-away? Take Cork with you to the beach.



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WAITING FOR THE COWS TO COME HOME

Files Road caller reported his 500 lb. cow had escaped from the barn. Owner and officer checked area with no sighting but cow later returned home.

Primrose Lane caller called twice to speak with officer about neighbor who was throwing a ball for her dog. Woman was advised dog owner was not violating any laws.

South St. caller reported a patron at the library was being rude to people and should be removed.

Caller reported a disabled vehicle on Mosher Road. Woman had pulled over as she was getting a text and didn't want to text and drive.

Following a call about a parking problem on Gray Road, man told officer he was sitting there remembering when he used to fish the river with his father and grandfather.

Suspicious person on South St. spent the night in his car between moving from a camper to a house he was closing on soon.

Ichabod Lane caller wanted to know if police had seen her three legged cat. They had not.

Suspicious males in parking lot on Main St. were playing Pokémon Go. Police received two other calls that were also about people playing Pokémon Go.

Suspicious person on Ossipee Trail told officer he was lost. Officer provided directions.

Shaw's Mill Road caller was concerned about all the state run facilities around her house.

Officer relocated a small fox which had been caught in a have-a-heart trap on Main St.

Numerous callers continue to report IRS scam calls.

Cornucopia Way caller wanted to speak with an officer regarding his sex offender registration from Portland to Gorham.

Timber Ridge Road caller reported kids out after curfew. Caller was advised there is no curfew for kids.

Maplewood Drive caller reported there were bad drivers on the bypass.

Lawn Ave. caller reported a white cat had disappeared without a trace.

Tow Path Road man wanted to know if police were looking for him. He was told they were not but he offered to stop by if they were looking for him.

Suspicious person on Main St. was relaxing in her car in a parking lot after finishing female football practice.

Suspicious person on South St. had fallen asleep in the travel lane with the vehicle in gear. Officer knocked on vehicle door several times to wake driver who told officer he was very tired and had fallen asleep.

Officer responded to McLellan Road for call about threatening. Officer spoke to two men and suggested they find more respectful way to resolve issues. Parties were brothers and told officer they often argued.

Following a call about erratic driving, officer located the vehicle. Driver was not impaired, he was trying to pick strawberries.

Gray Road caller returned home and found inside of house had been trashed. Officer suspected there had been a party and caller agreed.

Key Club's Annual Santa Breakfast CONTINUED FROM PAGE 8

food preparation, cooking, and clean-up. Participation in the event is considered a Club requirement.

The Club used the Santa Breakfast event to raise money for Camp Sunshine. This camp specializes in providing recreational activities for children with life-threatening diseases and their families. To raise money, the Club hosted a silent auction during the breakfast.

Auction items were collected from Club members, as well as local businesses, including Buffalo Wild Wings, Carter's Auto, Mr. Bagel, and more. The Club raised

over \$960 in one day for Camp Sunshine. Key Club members enjoyed volunteering and plan on continuing their annual donation to Camp Sunshine.

Club members could not have been more satisfied with the turnout at the breakfast and their success in raising money during their largest volunteer event of the year.

"The Santa Breakfast was a big success. We fed a lot of families, entertained happy kids, and raised a lot of money for Camp Sunshine," said Margaret Munkasci, Club secretary.

Gorham Sightings

Do you know where in Gorham this photo was taken? Join our visual trivia discussion by entering your best guess on our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/gorhamtimes or email us at gorhamtimes@gmail.com. The photo in the November 17, 2016 edition is a memorial rock near the skating rink at Narragansett School.



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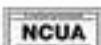
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THURSDAY, JAN. 12

- 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, 2:30-4:30 p.m., Baxter Memorial Library. FMI, 222-1190.
- Gorham Woman's Club, 12:30 to 2:30 p.m., First Parish Church.

SATURDAY, JAN. 14

- 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.

TUESDAY, JAN. 17

- Gorham House Itsy Bitsy store, 1:30-3:30 p.m., Gorham House lobby, 50 New Portland Rd. FMI, 839-5757.
- Preschool Story Time (ages 3-5), 9:30-10:15 a.m., Baxter Memorial Library. FMI, 222-1190.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 18

- 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.
- Toddler Story Time (18-36 months), 10-10:30 a.m., Baxter Memorial Library. FMI, 222-1190.

THURSDAY, JAN. 19

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MONDAY, JAN. 23

- The Gorham Republican Committee meets every fourth Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. All registered Republicans are welcome. FMI, call 415-2673.
- Gorham Historical Society quarterly business meeting, USM president's house, 6 p.m.

TUESDAY, JAN. 24

- 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.
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WEDNESDAY, JAN. 25

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- Toddler Story Time (18-36 months), 10-10:30 a.m., Baxter Memorial Library. FMI, 222-1190.
- Random Fandom (ages 10-17), 12:30-1:30 p.m. Talk about your favorite fandoms from books, comics, TV, and movies. , Baxter Memorial Library. FMI, 222-1190.

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the Capital Projects that were completed with bond funds approved by voters in a referendum on November 3.

Heather Perry reported on the ongoing efforts to increase engagement between Gorham High School and USM. The efforts include facilitating student internships, and developing co-op and job shadowing programs with businesses.

Tom Ellsworth, President of the Gorham Economic Development Corporation, gave a presentation on the current business growth in Gorham and Kathy Garrard, a member of the Board of Director's, updated the Town Council on the Corporations progress to join the Maine Downtown Network.

The Town Council accepted Phase 2B of Old Dynamite Way located in the Crossing at Tannery Brook Subdivision, located off Gray Road (Rte. 202) as a Public road. The road be locally classified as an Urban Sub-Collector. (6 years, 1 nay: Hartwell)

The Appointments Committee was asked to solicit applications from people interested in serving on the Town's Historic Preservation Commission and to present the recommendations as soon as possible.

The Town Council authorized the Town Manager to exchange quit-claim

deeds with Hans C. Hansen, INC to clarify boundaries and ownership of a portion of the South Gorham Cemetery as well as adjacent land.

\$150,000 of Recreation Impact Fee funds were appropriated to construct a playing field and associated infrastructure and support facilities at the Little Falls Recreation area. This follows the Little Falls Recreation Area Master Plan approved by the Town Council on August 6, 2013.

The Town Council asked the Ordinance Committee to review the Sprinkler Ordinance in order to consider putting some limitations on what is defined as a structure. The Ordinance Committee will report back to the Town Council with recommendations. (5 yeas, 2 nays: Stelk, Shepard)

A request from Norm Justice seeking to amend the Land Use & Development Code to add Agricultural Events Centers as a permitted use and redefine Agricultural Buildings allowing replacement or additions of Agricultural Buildings in the Rural Zone, was sent directly to the Planning Board.

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Free Styling Stump Siblings CONTINUED FROM PAGE 4

themselves through film, still photography, music and writing.

Their love of storytelling emerged at a young age as a showcase for their quirky sense of humor.

According to Kim, "My brothers are the two funniest people I have ever known." As kids, they formed a film company called "Clodumbia Idiots" and each summer, as the family drove cross country to California, the Clodumbia Idiot, played by Geoff, was filmed on Super 8 movies by Greg at landmarks across the country among tourists who were either blithely unaware or did double-takes at their crazy antics.

As adults, their talents have taken them in more mature, creative and entrepreneurial directions. Greg and Geoff have both starred in ski movies and made ski films of their own. Greg has 12 full-length films to his credit, including his classic extreme skiing film, *The Blizzard of Aahhh's*, (1988). This legendary film combines awesome music, visually stunning scenery and outrageous skiing, and is credited with changing the nature of the sport and with setting the bar for future films in the genre. In 1999, Greg was honored by *Skiing Magazine* as one of the twenty-five most influential people in skiing of all time. A more recent work, *The Legend of Aahhhh's*, (2012), explores the history of ski movies. Greg credits his brother Geoff, with giving him the push he needed to start his career filming ski movies. "Geoff asked me to join him in Telluride, and start making that ski movie I'd been threatening to make. Geoff was so good skiing for the camera it was a joy!" Greg said.

Greg currently runs his company, Delamo Films, Inc., which he is proud to say, is still a tax paying Maine registered company to this day. He online store (blizzardsnow-store.com) sells DVD's, digital downloads, posters from his movies, as well as stock footage to documentary film makers worldwide. He occasionally travels to Los Angeles to direct music documentaries and videos for music icons like Willie Nelson, and has made commercials for Disney, Swatch, Salomon and Adidas.

Kim expresses her creativity as a wedding photographer doing business under the name of Kim Chapman Photography. Much sought after, she photographs about 40 weddings a year in Maine, across New England, and in many exotic, destination-wedding locales. Her photos have been on the covers of wedding industry magazines such as *Seacoast Weddings*. This coming summer, she will be the lead photographer for the Real Maine Weddings contest on the Casco Bay Islands. Kim is a member of the selective, worldwide Wedding Photojournalist Association.

Her photography is very personal. She loves getting to know each bride and groom so she can help capture and tell the unique story of their special day. According to Kim, spending time at USM theater as a child helped to develop her skills. She said, "Without really knowing it, I learned about lighting, storytelling, and blocking, which in photography I can translate into composition. Also, my father always kept a sense of humor which I believe is the key to success."

Geoff has two jobs and loves them both. He runs his own film, audio and video production company, StumpFilms, occasionally making ski films among other endeavors. Filmmaker Geoff and his subject, 92 year old skiing great Klaus Obermeyer, were awarded top prize in the 2011 Nepsa Awards. When asked about his creative storytelling, Geoff said, "I consider my strength is in audio and writing. I like song writing that is short and sweet and to the point. In visual story-telling, I like to keep the shots simple." Geoff writes a blog which is an ode to the love of "the ride."

Geoff is also the Head Mogul Coach for the Aspen Valley Ski Club. "I was part of a great ski team, so I slowly transitioned from skier athlete to coach," he said. He loves working with the younger generation of skiers, imparting a historical perspective on the sport and encouraging each skier to strive and succeed.

Greg lives in Prineville, Oregon with his partner, Kacee, where they are restoring an old doll factory into a studio and living space. Learning to be a construction guy has been very fulfilling. According to Greg, it was his grandfather's trade and he says he feels his presence on the project every day. Greg fondly remembers being class president, sophomore and senior year and being a member of Gorham's 1978 State Championship soccer team.

Kim moved back to Gorham in 2008, having lived in Portland. Kim and her husband, Dave, who is a wedding DJ, and their children love to ski recreationally. She and her husband also enjoy travel, including their latest trip to Cairo, Egypt last fall.

Geoff lives in Basalt, Colorado and works in Aspen. For the last seven years, he has been the head of a one-parent family. He loves being dad to his four children ages 11 to 25, skiers all. Geoff still skis about 100 days a year and also enjoys ski mountaineering in back country. Geoff was a forward on Gorham's Maine State Champion Soccer teams in 1980 and 1981.

Even though the siblings are spread out, they have stayed close. A lot of laughter occurs when they get together, which they try to do as often as they can.

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