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Woman Rescued After Falling Through Ice

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On February 4, the Gorham Fire and Police Departments responded to a report of a woman screaming for help at Shaw Park. Police officers arrived first and found a woman who had fallen through the ice on the river while trying to rescue her dog.

Officers were able to throw a rope to her to keep her in place while the Fire Department's Water Rescue Team could get to her. Three team members were able to make the rescue and get her back to shore where members of Windham Rescue took over patient care.

The victim had been in the water for an hour and was transported to Maine Medical Center where she is recovering. Water Rescue Team Members reentered the river and were able to rescue the dog as well.

Gorham Cares Organizers Add Second Event

LESLIE DUPUIS
Editor

The committee organizing a fundraiser for the Piawlock/Cox families has added a second family-friendly event in April to accommodate the large number of people hoping to make a difference in the fundraising efforts.

The first event remains on Saturday, March 18, from 7-11 pm at Spire 29 on School St in Gorham and is geared toward adults. It will include light hors d'oeuvres, a cash bar, a band (Under The Covers)

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The Gorham Times is saddened to announce the passing of long-time contributing writer, Jan Willis, on February 5.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, February 11, at 10:30 am at First Parish Church. We will be sharing memories about our dear friend in the next issue of the Gorham Times.

A Gorham Super Fan's Perspective: What a Long Strange Trip It's Been

DAVE GRIFFIN
Contributing Writer

What a long, strange trip it's been! Those classic Grateful Dead lyrics from "Truckin'" could very well describe my life-long journey with the Boston, now New England, Patriots, and the past 39 years with season tickets.

All journeys begin somewhere, and my football one began as a boy living in Massachusetts. I followed my New York Giants each and every Sunday. In those days, the American Football Conference (AFL) was a fledgling league. In 1960 Patriots games were mostly only on radio. The NFL's Giants were New England's team. My normal Sunday routine was to go to church and then race home to watch Frank Gifford's half hour pre-game show, followed by my beloved Giants on our super-wide 13-inch black & white television.

My first sports heartbreak came as an eight-year-old during the 1962 NFL Championship game between the Giants and Vince Lombardi's Packers. I bet my best friend's dad a dollar that the Giants would win. When they didn't, I had to suffer the agony of defeat. I sadly went next door to pay off my debt. My neighbor would not accept the dollar but it didn't lessen the pain of watching my football heroes, quarterback Y.A. Tittle and wide receiver Del Schofner, not complete the winning touchdown pass.



Photo courtesy of Dave Griffin

Gorham residents, Dave and Kathy Griffin, watched history being made as the Patriots beat the Falcons in overtime at the Super Bowl on February 5.

I continued to watch the Giants and watch and listen to the Pats. My dad took me to several games at the Patriots' various stadiums. The Boston Patriots revolving home included Boston University, Fenway Park, Harvard Stadium and Boston College Stadium. One "home game" was in Birmingham, Alabama against the Jets in 1967 as the World Series came to Fenway. You can imagine how many Patriot fans ventured to Alabama, college home of the Jets' Joe Namath! The final score was...not pretty!!

Neither the Giants nor Pats were very good in the late 60's but I do remember having to stop at my Pledgemaster's

home one Sunday afternoon as a Boy Scout. I noticed a color television. I asked if I could watch the game for a bit. Three hours later, I had watched the Jets beat the Patriots again, this time in living color. I returned home and asked my dad if we could get a color tv. He said no way. It took a couple of more years before I could watch the Giants and Pats lose on our very own color television.

By 1969, I was totally engrossed in Sunday football. When the Jets played the Colts in Super Bowl III, I had to watch that game and see if the upstart AFL could beat the NFL and prove that

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"Footloose" Will Not Disappoint

GORHAM TIMES STAFF

It's a story that we all know, and a song you can never seem to get out of your head. More than 70 students (onstage and behind the scenes) bring the classic "Footloose" story to life at Gorham High School this weekend.

It's clear the attention to detail that director Joshua Hurd has put into this production. "You can't stage 'Footloose' without paying some respect to the film," said Hurd. "I think I've seen it more than a dozen times in the last few months."

From Ren McCormack (played by

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Photo credit Amanda Landry Photography

The cast and crew of Gorham High School's drama club have worked hard to bring a fun production of "Footloose" to Gorham. Shows are this weekend only so don't miss the chance to cut-loose and kick off those Sunday shoes.

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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 Breach of Trust

REP. MAUREEN TERRY

A life insurance policy is an important investment in your family's security. You hope that you won't need it any time soon, but you know it's there to protect your loved ones when you can't. We place our trust in the insurance companies who sell this peace of mind. So what happens when that trust is broken?

Over the last several years, there have been multiple reports of insurance companies across the country avoiding their responsibility to pay out the life insurance benefits they owe. This is a breach of trust, and it should be illegal. Unfortunately, insurance companies have found a way to skirt the laws that protect consumers.

As detailed in a 2010 report from National Public Radio, military families have been targeted by insurance companies that offer to "hold" benefit money for them. The companies gave families who had just lost a loved one—often a service member—checkbooks to access the money. The companies pretended to sweeten the deal with the promise that the money would earn interest as it sat in the account. Meanwhile, the insurance companies invested that money in accounts that earned five to 10 times the interest they paid families and pocketed the difference. These

accounts weren't insured, so if the insurance companies failed, the families lost their money.

This deception needs to end. That's why I'm working on legislation to require life insurance companies to tell families that they have a right to all of the money in their benefit and if they choose to leave their money with the company, it's not insured or earning a good interest rate.

A "Sixty Minutes" report from 2016 revealed that insurance companies have also found other ways to take advantage of families when they are most vulnerable. There have been millions of cases across the country where insurers knew that a policyholder had died but, because official claims weren't filed, were able to cancel the policies for non-payment and kept the death benefit for themselves. In an even more disturbing twist, if the insurance company had access to the policyholder's retirement account, they continued to charge for coverage after the company knew they had died. Not only did they avoid paying out the death benefit, they also drained retirement savings that should have gone to the grief-stricken family.

These practices are a clear breach of trust. In some cases, the behavior of insurance companies amount to theft. These companies are undermining the entire premise of insur-

ance in the first place. In response, I'm working on another bill that would require insurers to make a good faith effort to contact the beneficiary of a policy, even without an official claim.

Besides legislation, there are steps you can take to protect your family from these predatory practices. The most important thing you can do is to develop a relationship with a local insurance agent. Many of the policies that have taken advantage of families have originated without any human interaction. It's always better to place your trust in a member of your community.

People should be able to trust that the benefits they have paid for will be there for their families. I hope that, as a member of the Legislature, I can stick up for the families who may be targeted by these policies. If you're interested in this issue or any other issue, feel free to contact me at (207) 287-1430 or maureen.terry@legislature.maine.gov.



Rep. Maureen "Mo" Terry is serving her first term in the Maine House of Representatives. (207) 287-1430, (800) 423-2900, maureen.terry@legislature.maine.gov

Around Town

The following are State (Maine DOT) road projects that are anticipated to be done in the Town of Gorham this coming year: the replacement of the large culvert on Route 25 that was discussed last year; a pavement overlay project for an approximate 4.7 mile stretch of road from roughly Valley View Road to the Standish town line; a resurfacing project for approximately a 1/4 mile between Cressey Road and Orchard Road, and the reconstruction projects through Main Street in Gorham Village. The Town of Gorham obtained voter approval for its local share of the Village project, which will be a very large and disruptive project.

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Dear Gorham Times:

This letter is in response to Sen. Amy Volk's "News from Augusta" column of 1/26/17. The State's new minimum wage law was voted into law by referendum by 55.5 % of Maine voters and by 700 votes in Gorham, one of the towns Sen. Volk represents. Sen. Volk makes a case for why the law will do harm to Maine businesses but makes no mention of the benefit to low-wage workers, which was the intent of the referendum. Gorham voters said they would like all workers to have a decent, living wage.

Consistently, Sen. Volk's sole concern seems to be the benefit of business persons. In December, Gov. LePage ordered the Maine Department of Labor not to enforce the minimum wage law, once again ignoring the will of voters as he has with bonds approved and other referenda. He actually contended that referenda are just "suggestions." Rather than aid and abet the Governor in

ignoring the will of the people in seeking some "end around" the law, Sen. Volk should represent the will of voters in Gorham and the other Towns she represents, and work to effectively implement the law.

If a business is viable it will not fold under the weight of paying a living wage. Regarding Sen. Volk serving on the Environment and Natural Resources Committee: the Maine Conservation Voters Score 2016 reports that on six pieces of environmental legislation, Sen. Volk was excused from two and voted against two including LD 1649 "An Act To Modernize Maine's Solar Power Policy and Encourage Economic Development."

Both Governor LePage and Sen. Volk campaign on the claim that they are "working for Maine people." Maine people have said they want to raise the minimum wage and to innovate to help protect the environment.

Jeff Christiansen

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 kcorbett@aol.com or Cindy O'Shea at coshea2@maine.rr.com.

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The History of Cook's Hardware



LESLIE DUPUIS
Editor

While many businesses have come and gone in Gorham throughout the years, one has remained constant... Cook's Hardware. First opening in Gorham in 1967, the 4,000 square foot store was originally called Casco Country Store and was owned by Phil Cook, Sr and his business partner, Stan Sampson, Sr. They already had two other locations in Gray and North Windham.

The store was located where Burger King is currently housed and was managed by Cook's son, Phil Cook, Jr. That same year, the company started a profit sharing plan. Speaking about the plan and the fact that many employees went on to stay with the company for years, Phil Cook, Sr. said, "...for a small company, it is one of the things that I am most proud of."

In 1977, after lease renewal discussions failed, the store moved to its current location at 57 Main St, the old Sampson Super Market Store. The 8,000 sq. ft. building was leased from Hannaford, and sold general merchandise such as Lee jeans, Arrow shirts, Jantzen bathing suits, and its own brand of ladies sweaters and flannel shirts.

During the 70's, Cook, Sr. and Sampson, Sr. went on a local TV station using one-minute spots called the "Stan and Phil Show" to advertise their specials. At the time, Red Heart Yarn was \$.88 per skein and flannel shirts were \$2.99 each.

When Stan Sampson, Sr. retired in 1981, the families split the stores. The Cooks maintained ownership of the Gorham and Gray locations and renamed them Cook's Country Stores. Phil Cook Sr., Jr. and Robert Cook continued to run the business and were joined by their daughter/sister, Cynthia Cook Hawkes. Judith Cook joined Rob and Ron Crosby in the Gray store.



Photos courtesy of Cynthia Hawkes

Cook's Hardware was recently sold to the Chandler family and now goes by Gorham Ace Hardware, but the Main Street building remains nearly unchanged after 40 years. Pictured above is the original owner, Phillip Cook, Sr. (left) and his son, Phillip Cook, Jr. (right).

In 1987, Cook's joined Ace Hardware and a year later, Phil Sr. decided to retire. Phil Jr. and Rob assumed ownership. (They later split ownership in 2002.) Hardware products became the best sellers at the store, and eventually, the decision was made to sell hardware exclusively. Profit sharing continued and more employees joined the successful business.

Cynthia Hawkes began managing the store in 1992 with Thad Moody. When interviewed by the Gorham Times in 1996, she reflected on the effect of mega-hardware stores like HQ to a small-town business, saying customer service was the key to their success. "Doing what the big places either can't or won't do is our specialty," she said. "We gladly cut plastic and copper pipe to our customer's needs. We'll also put it in the car for them. Special orders are also our strong suit. We just ordered maple sap container lids for a local man who is preparing to tap his trees," she added.

Cook's Hardware has also provided a home to many young kids looking for a part-time job. The store

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Sue Dunn Steps Down from the Gorham Times

GORHAM TIMES STAFF

Sue Dunn has been with the Gorham Times for over 19 years in various roles: publisher, editor, business manager, writer, and most recently, general manager.

As a volunteer run newspaper that is always evolving, it can be difficult to find people who share both a commitment to "Bringing the news to all of Gorham" and having the time to do so. According to Sheri Faber, many years ago, the Gorham Times lost its publisher with very little notice. Faber remembers Dunn, who was not then associated with the paper, saying "I think I can do this" and she did, continuing on in that role (and doing a great job) until we found someone who wanted to do it on an ongoing basis."

She did the same thing when others departed and left gaps on the production staff. "Sue has been an integral and vital member of the Gorham Times staff for many years, enabling the paper to thrive. She made thoughtful decisions, consulted with other staff and was a tremendous asset to the Gorham Times," said Faber.



Photo credit Maynard Charron

Sheri Faber (left) and Chris Crawford (middle), two of the original members of the Gorham Times, joined outgoing general manager, Sue Dunn.

Maynard Charron, the founder of the Gorham Times and general manager for 20 years added, "Over the past 21 years the Gorham Times has had many fantastic volunteers - Sue Dunn is at the top of that list. She has been like an All-Star utility baseball player. She can play all of the positions! She is very much an inspiration to anyone who wants to give back to their community. She will be missed."

Chris Crawford, another long-time Gorham Times staff member, added,

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Gorham Times Announces Board Changes

GORHAM TIMES STAFF

With the departure of Sue Dunn as general manager, the Gorham Times has announced several changes to its board of directors.



The Board has elected Bruce Hepler as its new general manager. Bruce has been on the Gorham Times board for six years and was the

president for the past two. He graduated from Gorham High School ('86) before going to Dartmouth College and the University of Maine School of Law. He has been a lawyer for over twenty two years. Bruce has three kids in the Gorham schools, and he also works with three other nonprofit organizations in Gorham.



Mike Wing is the new board president. Mike has been on the board for four years. Past experience in the community includes

Gorham School Board, Gorham School/Business Roundtable and involvement with the boards and coaching for several youth sports organizations. Mike is the President of Accelerate inc, a startup company commercializing new technology in health care.



We welcome Mike Smith as a new board member. Mike has his

Masters in Physical Therapy from Simmons College in Boston and his undergraduate from Colby College. He is also a certified athletic trainer and has been practicing for 24 years. Smith and his wife are the owners of Village Physical Therapy on Main Street. They have lived in Gorham the last 16 years and their son is enrolled at Great Falls Elementary. Smith has been a contributing writer to the Living section for several years.



Finally, the Gorham Times says goodbye to board member Peter Gleason who has stepped down from his role after moving

to Windham. He has been with the Gorham School Department for over 25 years, but now works seasonally, primarily as Head Groundskeeper for the schools. Peter and his wife, Fran, have lived in the Buxton and Gorham communities for the last 27 years. They have three grown sons and two grandchildren. Peter would like to thank the Gorham Times for the opportunity to serve on the board for the past two years. Thank you, Peter!

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AL TARKINSON

“REGRETS? I’VE HAD A FEW.”

– FRANK SINATRA

Famous crooner, Sinatra, did things his way, but he was also familiar with remorse. We all deal with regrets – and financial ones are among the most troublesome. Here are the leading financial regrets, according to a recent survey by Bankrate.com, along with some suggestions for avoiding them.

Not saving for retirement early enough was the top regret expressed by survey respondents. Saving and investing early for retirement offers you two key benefits: 1) The more time you give growth-oriented investments, the greater their growth potential; 2) By saving and investing for retirement early in your career, you will likely need to put away less money each year than you would if you waited until, say, your 40s or 50s. If you are not already doing so, contribute as much as you can afford to your IRA and your 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored plan and increase your contributions every time your salary rises.

Not saving enough for emergency expenses. You can not plan for all unexpected expenses. Your furnace might die, a major car repair is needed, a sizable doctor’s bill arises. If you do not have the money available to meet these costs, you might be forced to dip into your long-term investments. Maintain an emergency fund, containing three to six months’ worth of living expenses, in a liquid, low-risk account to cover such emergencies.

Taking on too much credit card debt. With wise use, your credit cards

can be handy and helpful. But try to keep a lid on your credit card debt because your debt payments reduce the amount of money you have available to invest in your long-term goals, such as a comfortable retirement.

Not saving enough for children’s education. This may be perhaps the most difficult regret to address – after all, it is not easy to save for your own retirement and simultaneously put money away for your children’s college educations. However, if you can afford to save for college, try to do so in as advantageous a manner as possible.

Buying a bigger house than you can afford. The more money you have tied up in mortgage payments, the less you will have to contribute to your retirement. And while home equity certainly has some value, it generally does not provide you with the same liquidity – and probably not the same potential for growth and income – as an investment portfolio that is appropriate for your needs and risk tolerance. Think carefully before purchasing that big house – you might be better served by scaling down your home ownership and ramping up your investments.

It is impossible to avoid all the doubts and misgivings you will encounter throughout life. But if you can reduce those regrets associated with your finances, you could well increase your satisfaction during your retirement years.



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“She ran a great meeting: they were organized, inclusive and always lively and fun. She was a great asset for our local paper as she served in a number of different capacities. Sue always stepped right up when help was needed, whether it was hosting the Christmas party or making sure that Maynard Charron got the Gorham Times sign when the South

Street office closed, she was there to help make the paper a success.”

Faber concluded, “We won’t see the likes of her again and she will be sorely missed.” The Gorham Times staff thanks Sue Dunn for her many years of service and commitment to the paper. We wish her much happiness in her new life in Bethel.



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this summer.

Bailey O’Brien, a former Staff Writer, is now our Digital Content Manager. For the past several months, O’Brien has worked with our webmaster, Judi Jones of InfoHarbor LLC, to move the project forward. Their efforts are greatly appreciated.

We hope you find the new website as informative as our print edition.

Winter Break @ Your Library

JAMES RATHBUN
Library Director

Baxter Memorial Library is the place to be during February break! Although the library will be closed on Monday, February 20, for Presidents’ Day, the rest of the week is full of fun, free activities.

At 10:00 am on Tuesday, February 21, Mad Science will be presenting its Fun-damental Forces workshop. They’ll have exciting, hands-on demonstrations of the pushes and pulls that make the universe tick including a bike wheel gyroscope, a coin-spinning vortex, and a balloon centrifuge. This program is geared towards grades K-5. Spaces are limited so please call the library at 222-1190 to reserve your spot.

On Wednesday, February 22, at 10:00 am, join us to create a melty winter craft. Participants will be

able to draw or trace an image on ‘shrinky dink’ paper, cut out their design, and then a librarian will place it in our toaster oven. Watch as your art shrinks down, then take your masterpiece home. Geared toward ages 6-18. No registration required.

Finally, on Thursday, February 23, visit the library at 1:00 pm to make a beautiful 3-D snowflake craft. This program is geared toward ages 8-18.

If you’re traveling over the break and can’t join us, remember to stop in before you go to stock up on books, audio books and movies for your trip.

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If you’re interested in supporting library programs, please consider joining this wonderful organization. For more information about the Friends, as well as all our upcoming programs, stop by the library, visit www.baxterlibrary.org, give us a call at 222-1190, or follow us on Facebook.

February is Heart Health Month

PROVIDED BY THE AMERICAN
HEART ASSOCIATION

Since hearts are associated with Valentine’s Day in February, it is fitting that February is also Heart Health Month.

Heart disease is the leading cause of death for both men and women, claiming approximately 1 million lives annually. The good news is that people can improve their health by simply making

some better choices:

Watch your weight. Eat healthy, unprocessed foods in reasonable quantities.

Quit smoking and stay away from secondhand smoke.

Control your cholesterol and blood pressure.

If you drink alcohol, drink only in moderation.

Get active. Even 10 minutes of moderate exercise is better than none at all.

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and a silent auction. Tickets are \$25 per person and are available at Mr. Bagel and the Gorham Grind. Cash and checks are accepted.

Donations of silent auction items are still being accepted and can be dropped off at the Gorham Fire Department on Monday-Friday between the hours of 8 am - 4 pm.

Due to capacity constraints at Spire 29, the adult event is capped at 150 people. For this reason, a second family-friendly event was recently added to accommodate

more people. This event is scheduled for Saturday, April 15, from 1- 4 pm at the USM gymnasium in Gorham.

It will include a DJ, food, bounce houses and other activities geared more towards kids. The new venue holds 500+ people so a cap on ticket sales is not expected.

For information on both events, please visit the Gorham Cares Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/events/1840725229505378/>.

the two leagues were on equal footing. My problem was the game and Church Confirmation class were both mid-afternoon. Luckily my parents were away that weekend and my older sister was watching me. I told her how sick I was feeling at noon. She sent me to bed. I then proceeded to watch that great game on my 7" Sony black & white. When the Jets won, led by their brash young quarterback Joe Namath, the leagues proved equal. The NFL was established with two conferences. Dan Sullivan, a key offensive lineman, played for the Colts in that game and later became one of my bosses in the food business that employed me. I never told him that as a 15-year-old kid I had rooted for the Jets that day.

At Ithaca College, in upstate New York, I still followed both the Giants and Pats, both still lousy and not much fun. I became a one-team fan in 1974 as most of my classmates and fraternity brothers were New York fans, and well, you know how they can be.

I married Kathy in 1976. We attended a couple of Patriots games in 1977 and then the following year we were able to secure two season tickets from a friend of my father-in-law and the journey has continued for 39 years.

Kathy and I had seat #1 in separate rows so I had to lean over to talk with her. Our first game in 1978 may be one of our most memorable. We had been on vacation in California and I had the brilliant idea of taking the red-eye back to Boston, then driving to Foxboro with little to no sleep. For the first and only time, I can remember I dozed off in the middle of the game. I can't remember who won, and when we returned to our car, we had a flat tire and three more hours in the parking lot. Nice beginning!

Keeping the seats was a top priority. Kathy and I ventured to many games over the next eight years until, finally, the Patriots made the playoffs in 1985, amazingly winning three road games, and getting to their first Super Bowl in 25 years of existence. They'd be facing the Chicago Bears tremendous defense. We had to go to this game in New Orleans. With only about 15,000 season ticket accounts, every ticket holder was guaranteed two tickets. I picked up my two \$75 tickets...that's right, only \$75 each. I drove from Foxboro to Salem and inquired about a little ad I'd seen in the Boston Globe the day before. It was a tailgate-in-the-sky trip to New Orleans. We were flown first class because I was the first to sign up.

What a day! The charter left Logan

at about 4:00 am. We got to Bourbon Street around 8:00 am, only to find street cleaners washing down the streets from the night before. By 10:00 am, it was a different story as thousands of people had gathered and the party was on. Everything was great until the game. The Patriots took a 3-0 lead but the Bears proceeded to score the next 45 points and Super Bowl XX became the most lopsided game in Super Bowl history.

Robert Kraft bought the team in 1994 and games have been selling out ever since as the team heads to their ninth Super Bowl. A new stadium and Patriot Place replaces the beaten down Foxboro, where rain would leak thru the ceiling cement like Niagara Falls pouring onto your head.

We went to many games with friends as I had taken control of four seats. We had a third child and I knew we would keep the tickets so that all three of my boys could hopefully come to appreciate football the way I had.

Several memories of games in the snow include: a plow driver on work release from prison clearing a path for a game-winning field goal in 1983; three inches of snow falling in mid-October with Tom Brady throwing five touchdown passes in the first half; an eight hour drive from Foxboro to Gorham; and of course, the best snow game of all vs. the Raiders and the infamous "tuck rule" call that led to Adam Vinatieri's tying field goal when you could not see the football go thru the uprights.

So many home victories, with maybe the greatest win a couple of weeks ago against the Steelers as the stadium was rocking louder than I'd ever heard it. Nobody sat down the entire game. Best of all to was to share that moment with my three sons, Brian, Danny and Kyle —priceless!

How could Kathy and I not go to one more Super Bowl? It's a short bucket list. We'll stay five miles from the stadium, thanks to a generous friend. We'll fly into Austin, a cheaper flight than Houston. The tickets aren't \$75 anymore. (We won't tell Kathy, so my marriage streak also continues.)

Sunday in Houston won't be my last game. I expect to go to Foxboro for my fortieth season next year. I've had these tickets for as long as Tom Brady has been alive — something I really can't fathom. Selfishly, I'd like to see the sports headline someday read Brady, Belichick and Griffin retiring. Can Griffin be replaced? GO PATS!

Editor's Note: Dave Griffin has contributed to the Gorham Times over the years, and at one point, was the interim Sports Editor for the paper.

MUNICIPAL

State Grant to Help Addicts Post Recovery

SHERI FABER
Staff Writer

Police departments from Gorham, Westbrook, Windham and Buxton are participating in a program dedicated to helping people with substance use disorder after they have completed a recovery program. Known as the Westbrook Recovery Liaison Program, it is funded by a state grant to provide basic needs for people who have been through a recovery program, or in any phase of opioid use disorder.

The program is designed for people who find themselves with no house, no job, no family and "a sense of potentially overwhelming loss. They wind up going back to the life they knew as they don't know where to turn," said Gorham Police Chief Dan Jones.

The program focuses on helping with housing, job placement, reconnecting with family, and with spirituality so they see they have options for another way to live. Jones says the "opposite of addiction is not recovery, it is connections," and that is what this program is offering to substance abusers.

"For police officers, the #1 mission is the preservation of life," said Chief Jones. This program is not a typical police program but Chief Jones is optimistic that "thinking outside the box will get something done" and that "every life is worth

saving. If this program is successful, it will save lives and prevent crime as the participants who succeed will no longer need to commit crimes to get money for drugs," said Jones.

Danielle Rideout, the program's recovery liaison, is working with people in jail along with police and community partners in each of the four towns to assess what each person needs (housing, medical care, job training, etc.) and attempting to connect them with appropriate resources.

"The main goal of the program is to focus on people with opioid use disorder because of the epidemic we have on our hands right now...and to reduce the number of residents in the four towns who are living with an active opioid use disorder and to reduce recidivism," said Rideout.

Rideout is available from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Mondays at Westbrook Public Safety, Wednesdays at Gorham Public Safety, Thursdays at Windham Public Safety and Fridays at the Buxton Town Hall. There is also a substance use disorder group at the Cumberland County Jail and referrals can be made for residents of the four communities to help link them with services before their release in an effort to reduce recidivism and a return to opioid use.

"As with most changes humans try to make, it takes time, community support and a lot of patience," said Rideout.

History of Cook's Hardware CONTINUED FROM PAGE 3

has employed numerous high school and college-aged kids throughout the years. For one Gorham family, all three sons have grown up working at the store.

Speaking on his December 2016 retirement after 50 years in the hardware business, Cook Jr. said, "One of my proudest times is watching a young sixteen-year-old, nervous, and unsure of himself, grow into a self-assured young man," says Cook Jr. "I will miss my fellow employees and our wonderful customers." Philip

Cook Sr, age 98, lives in a condominium in Portland and still loves hearing about the store on a daily basis.

Back in 1996, Cynthia Hawkes said, "There'll always be a need for a business that takes good care of its customers." Twenty-one years later and the same rings true. Hawkes continues to manage the store along with Ron LeBlond. Cook's Hardware is now Gorham Ace Hardware but the tradition is sure to continue. (see Gorham Times issue dated 1/26/17)

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39 BRACKETT ROAD	SHAHINIAN, JAMES & ARMEN	FOURNIER, LOUIS, JR.	\$305,000
34 SEBAGO LAKE ROAD	STORMONT, JOSHUA D	COUNTRY MANOR PROPERTIES, LLC	\$222,000
235 FLAGGY MEADOW ROAD	FINDLAY, SANDRA C	PHILLIPPI REVOCABLE TRUST	\$364,800
19 CHADWICK DRIVE	LEBOEUF, LISA R	MEANS, MICHAEL	\$275,000
115 FILES ROAD	PERRY, SANDRA & FRANCIS	SUNNELL, ELWOOD TRUST	\$342,000
23 MORRILL AVENUE	KING, GARRETT & DEANDRA	EDWARDS, KARA & KAREN	\$260,000
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September Arrests

The Gorham Police Department made the following arrests in September:

Gorham man, 49, was arrested for domestic violence criminal threatening and domestic violence assault.

Westbrook woman, 39, was arrested for OUI.

Westbrook man, 48, was arrested for operation without a license after suspension/revocation and OUI.

Old Orchard Beach woman, 33, was arrested for OUI.

Portland woman, 20, was arrested for operating a vehicle without a license.

Tennessee man, 44, was arrested for OUI with priors.

Gorham man, 30, was arrested for OUI.

Yarmouth man, 19, was arrested on a probation hold.

Gorham man, 36, was arrested for OUI.

New Gloucester man, 19, was arrested for violating conditions of release.

Gorham man, 33, was arrested for domestic violence assault.

Connecticut man, 18, was arrested for operating a vehicle while license was suspended/revoked and attaching false plates.

Windham man, 32, was arrested for violating conditions of release, operating without a license and OUI (prior).

Standish man, 37, was arrested for unlawful possession of a scheduled drug and OUI.

Portland man, 47, was arrested for OUI.

Gorham woman, 35, was arrested for Domestic Violence Assault.

Gorham woman, 45, was arrested for OUI (prior)

Gorham woman, 31, was arrested for terrorizing and disorderly conduct.

Westbrook man, 58, was arrested for OUI.

Hollis man, 22, was held for another law enforcement agency.

Standish man, 25, was arrested for OUI.

Gorham woman, 33, was held for another law enforcement agency.

Sanford man, 25, was arrested for operation after license suspension/revocation.

Limington woman, 30, was arrested for three counts of failure to appear after being granted bail, unlawful possession of scheduled drugs, violating conditions of release and was held for another law enforcement agency.

Gorham man, 22, was arrested for driving to endanger.

Buckfield man, 37, was arrested for OUI, eluding an officer and operating a vehicle without a license.

Portland man, 34, was arrested for domestic violence assault and on a probation hold.

Windham man, 27, was arrested for violating conditions of release, operating a vehicle after habitual offender license revocation and failure to pay a fine.

JANUARY 31, 2017

Town Council Special Meeting

JACOB ADAMS
Staff Writer

The Town Council accepted an offer to purchase tax acquired property on Briarwood Lane.

The Council rules were suspended in order to add two items to the Council agenda regarding an application for a Community Development Block Grant and an endorsement of a City of Westbrook application to the Portland Area Comprehensive Transportation System (PACTS).

The Town Council endorsed an application for a Community Development Block Grant, a joint application between Gorham and Windham, for a grant of \$48,000 to be combined with a local share of \$12,000 (\$6,000 from each community for a project total of \$60,000), to develop a revolving loan fund to

replace failing septic systems that impact the Tannery Brook Watershed in Gorham, that fall within the MS4 Stormwater Program. The Town Council appropriated \$6,000 from the Contingency Account for the Town of Gorham's local share. Note: Gorham has approximately 150 septic systems that are within the MS4 Tannery Brook watershed that are at least twenty years in age. The Town is required to inspect all of the septic systems within the watershed four times a year.

A PACTS application from the City of Westbrook to improve two intersections on William Clark Drive was endorsed as was an application to PACTS from the Town of Windham to help implement their 21st Century Downtown Plan by making traffic improvements along Rt. 302, including sidewalk improvements and interconnection of roads.

Free Winter Sand Available

GORHAM TIMES STAFF

Gorham residents are permitted to fill two five-gallon buckets of winter sand per snowstorm for use on their property. The winter sand consists of sand mixed with some salt. There are two piles of sand located on Public Works Drive,

one in front of the light blue metal-sided building and one next to the "Silver Bullet" recycling containers. The sand is available at anytime, but is specifically for residents to use on their own properties. For more information, please contact the Gorham Department of Public Works at 892-9062.

Grand Jury

The Grand Jury returned the following indictments in January 2017:

Portland male, 20, was indicted on two charges of unlawful sexual contact and two counts of furnishing alcohol to a minor on charges brought by Gorham PD.

Windham female, 24, was indicted for OUI, violating conditions of release and operating beyond license restriction on charges brought by Gorham PD.

Portland male, 33, was indicted on two counts of theft by unauthorized taking, three counts of burglary

of a motor vehicle, refusing to submit to arrest and disorderly conduct on charges brought by Gorham PD.

New Gloucester male, 42, was indicted on three counts of unauthorized taking on charges brought by the Gorham PD.

Gorham male, 23, was indicted on two counts of unlawful sexual contact on charges brought by Gorham PD.

Fall River, MA male, 22, was indicted on two counts of unlawful sexual contact on charges brought by Gorham PD.



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USM Department of Athletics Hosts Gorham Night

JAMES CUPPS
USM Student Intern

AND

HAL D'AMICO
Sports Editor

University of Southern Maine's Costello Sports Complex was abuzz with an evening of hoops-centered activity as the University of Southern Maine Department of Athletics hosted Gorham Night on January 25. Over 100 girls and boys from the basketball and cheerleading recreation programs participated in the annual event, which celebrates the partnership between the Town of Gorham, Gorham Recreation Department and USM.

"The collaboration between the Town of Gorham and the University of Southern Maine continues to be vital to the success of our program," said USM Athletic Director Al Bean. "We have numerous agreements, programs and outreach activities that benefit the town, the University and our student-athletes and we are committed to continuing to build and strengthen this relationship." He continued, "Our student-athletes and staff appreciate the support they receive from the many Gorham residents who regularly attend our athletic contests and look forward to giving back to the town through our many community-based programs."

Student-athletes participate in the Huskies' Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC), and have engaged in community connection through activities that have included: an annual Halloween party, holiday season caroling and conversation visits to Gorham schools and retirement communities, hosting Gorham resident Special Olympics participants, and sharing their college athletic journeys with Gorham student-athletes. Ben Marshall, Gorham Recreation Department Director of Programs, currently has four USM students working as program supervisors.

A casual reception for university and town officials was held in the Alumni Reception Room, with several officials sharing brief remarks. Among them was University of Maine System Trustee and local business leader, Shawn Moody. Moody commented on the relationship between sports and successful school and business outcomes. "Student-athletes statisti-



Photo credit E.L. Elfring, USM Assistant Director of Athletics

Third and fourth grade girls from the Gorham Recreation Department basketball program exhibited their skills during halftime at the USM Huskies women's game against Plymouth State University.

cally have better GPAs, completion rates, time management and organizational skills." He added, "They learn to collaborate and work as a team. These are all attributes that employers look for today and gives student-athletes an edge when they are seeking employment."

On Gorham Night, the third- and fourth-grade Gorham Recreation Department boys and girls basketball players, as well as cheerleaders in third through sixth grade had the opportunity to exhibit their skills in Hill Gymnasium. The costumed Husky mascot playfully worked the gym, but was unable to match the cheerleaders' moves. A good crowd, including Plymouth State College (NH) fans were able to enjoy the young cheerleaders throughout the evening.

During halftime of the women's game, the energy was palpable as approximately 50 girls divided into four teams donning bright tee shirts and played mini-exhibition games, speedily rotating in and out as Gorham Rec. Director Cindy Hazelton directed. Following the women's game, a Huskies 61-60 nail-biter win, a choral group from the USM School of Music performed.

Sixty to seventy third and fourth grade boys raced up and down the court and in and out of action in the same format as the girls. The night wound down as the young athletes dispersed and the USM men closed out a 63-58 win over Plymouth State.

Gorham Wrestler Nicco Pappalardo

HAL D'AMICO
Sports Editor

Nicco Pappalardo encountered few surprises when he entered Gorham High School as a freshman. With five older siblings, Nicco, now a sophomore, was as prepared as anyone. With five family predecessors, anonymity would not be a problem.

However, Nicco does bring something overtly unique to the Pappalardos' participation and contributions to the community. In a sports' loving family of athletes, Nicco is the only wrestler of the generation, and the first to do so in Gorham. When asked why he chose wrestling, Nicco answered, "I wasn't as into team sports, so I liked the one-on-one aspect, while being part of a team."

When the topic of family support and inspiring people came up, Nicco and his father, Jeff Pappalardo, paused. Jeff, a New Jersey native who speaks quickly and with a fun wit to match, offered that, "I only wrestled one year in high school." He then slowed his words and said, "It was really Nicco's grandfather who was a serious wrestler and was Nicco's biggest fan. He was so happy when Nicco decided to wrestle." He added, "Nicco's grandfather passed away a year ago."

Nicco's grandfather, Joe Pappalardo, and his wife, Joan, were 2014 inductees into the St. Joseph's College Sports Hall of Fame for their avid loyalty as fans. They even followed the Monks to basketball tournaments in Hawaii and the Virgin Islands. Joe's bleacher support for Nicco began early. Jeff sometimes yells out Joe's name for encouragement during a match.

Nicco, who came to Maine from Vietnam when he was three years old, began his journey on the mat around third grade, participating in a Gorham program at Robie Gym, later participating in Scarborough and Portland programs, taking him through eighth grade. With unwavering commitment, he wrestled on the varsity team as a freshman in 2015.

During his freshman season, he wrestled as an independent, training and traveling with the Westbrook High School squad. This year, he is a point-scoring member of the Westbrook/Gorham team. He wrestles in the 106-lb. class. The other Gorham wrestler with the squad is Henry Kuntz, a freshman who is new to the sport, competing in the 138-lb. division.

Nicco quickly and unhesitatingly offered that, "Henry is really talented,



Photo credit Jeff Pappalardo

Nicco Pappalardo (top) pinned his Bonny Eagle opponent at a dual meet on December 21.

and a great teammate." Jeff concurred, and added, "You'll be hearing about Henry."

Nicco is having a very successful season, 26-8 as we went to press. In the off season, he does weight and conditioning training with lacrosse and football players, and is regularly and necessarily nutrition and calorie conscious.

He is quick to reiterate that academics are his priority, and spoke of his leadership roles in the school community with equal passion. He is currently the class treasurer, and serves as student representative with the Proficiency Based Learning team (PBL), which he explained as, "made up of principals, teachers, and a student rep to explore curriculum effectiveness," and as Nicco put it, "making sure the curriculum can be applied and prepare us for the business world." Math is his favorite subject, and he is considering astrophysics or civil engineering as college majors.

As we went to press, Nicco said that Westbrook/Gorham hit a milestone with the program's 500th victory. He did not wrestle in this meet against Bonny Eagle, as they didn't have a 106-lb. grappler. He informed me that the rookie Henry Kuntz dropped a tight match against Tyler Fitz, a top contender with Gorham ties.

Nicco's immediate goal is to qualify at the February 11 regionals for the state meet on February 18. Don't be surprised to hear Joe Pappalardo's name coming from the stands.

To share your sports news with us, please email Hal D'Amico at gtsportseditor@gmail.com



The Martha T. Harris Scholarship

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Gorham's Good-as-Gold Sightings

During the November 26, 2016 Burn off the Turkey 5k, the runner donning bib #192 was observed slowing down in order to accompany three young runners in the 14 and Under Division. Following a conversation with Bib #192 (Jay Russo of Buxton), the Gorham Recreation Department FB page posted Russo's description as, "They sang songs, ran, walked, skipped, talked and generally passed the time..." The FB post concluded with "We are so happy to have received a call that there was a great act of kindness shown during our event..., and are motivated and inspired to share this story with all of you."

It is in this spirit that the Gorham Times is seeking readers' stories exemplifying unusual displays of sportsmanship — occurrences where kindness, connection, and community spirit meet the fire of competition.

Please submit your stories for consideration to Hal D'Amico: gtssportseditor@gmail.com

In the Zone

The Gorham Cheering squad continued their impressive season. In December, Coach Dvilinsky stated amongst the squad's goals, to "place top three at Regionals." On January 28, they edged Marshwood by 4-tenths of a point to earn the Class A South title. They will compete for the Maine State Title on February 11 at Augusta Civic Center led by Coaches Dvilinsky and Taylor.

Sports Etc

Distance runner **Jesse Orach (GHS '12)** was named a recipient of the 2017 "M" Club Dean Smith Award. This was his second Dean Smith Award. The University of Maine at Orono made the announcement on January 30 stating, "The awards are presented annually to the top male and female student-athletes with outstanding academic and athletic achievement along with citizenship and community service." Orach graduated summa cum laude in May of 2016 and earned a B.S. in Chemical Engineering and a minor in mathematics. He won the America East Cross Country Championship in the fall of 2016.

Gorham Youth Lacrosse Association online registration is open through March 3. This program is open to boys and girls from kindergarten through sixth grade. Established in 2002, GYLA continues to "provide a fun and safe atmosphere for young athletes to learn and enjoy the sport of lacrosse." Visit www.gorhamlacrosse.org to register or for further information.

School Note

The Sister Steel and Gorham Schools Steel Drum Bands will be hosting a Winter Fever Reliever concert on February 12 at Gorham Middle School from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Suggested donation of \$10 per family. All proceeds will go towards Gorham Schools Steel Bands and NE Pan Festival 2017. FMI or to donate to the event, email tracy.williamson@gorhamschools.org.

Great Falls Teacher Takes a Climb for a Cause

ABBIE VANLULING
GHS Student Intern

Kimberly Kelly, a third grade teacher at Great Falls Elementary School, is going the distance to help fund research for lung-related diseases such as asthma, COPD, and lung cancer.

Kelly participates in the Fight for Air Climb, which is one of the signature fundraising events of the American Lung Association. The climbs are held in prominent skyscrapers across the country, giving participants the opportunity to join together with friends, family and co-workers as they climb the stairs of the building to the top.

Participation in the climb raises the funds necessary to provide life-saving education, research and advocacy to help beat lung disease and soon find a cure. Eighty-nine cents of every dollar raised by The American Lung Association goes directly to education, research and advocacy.

On February 4, Kelly returned to One Boston Place for her third annual climb. The climb consists of running or walking 41 floors, 82 flights, 789 steps. Kelly chooses to run. Her fastest time yet was just under nine minutes.

She participates in the climb with her partner, Barry Brewster, and her brother, Rick Dorman, calling



Photo courtesy of Kimberly Kelly

Great Falls teacher Kimberly Kelly is pictured (middle) with team partners Barry Brewster (left) and Rick Dorman after completing the Fight for Air Climb this past weekend at One Boston Place.

themselves Team Dorman. In 2011, Rick suffered from a severe asthma attack that nearly took his life. Kelly participates in the climb in honor of him, and to help fight for the health of others.

To compete in the climb, participants must fundraise \$100 dollars, but Kelly and Barry have both exceeded that mark, raising over \$1200 total. Their goal is "to collect lots for this personal cause," said Kelly.



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Are High School Students Lacking Financial Knowledge?

ANDREA MORRELL
School News Editor

This fall, Gorham High School principal, Brian Jandreau, announced a unique public/private financial literacy partnership during an assembly with juniors and seniors. The reason? Students asked for it.

According to Chris Philbrook of Gorham Savings Bank (GSB), more than a quarter of students believe they will be unprepared to manage their finances upon high school graduation, lacking basic financial facts and concepts. Enter EverFi, an education technology company that teaches, assesses, and certifies students in critical skills, including financial literacy.

In the 2015-16 school year, EverFi and GSB partnered to pilot a free interactive, online module-based course to help area high school students be more financially knowledgeable and prepared for their future.

Twenty-seven students in Scott Becker's math class at GHS took the course and students showed significant gains following its completion. According to Philbrook, the results of that pilot course showed that 69 percent of the students increased their scores on financial assessment tests.

After learning more about EverFi this summer, Jandreau said, "We really looked for a way to implement this program as we don't have a course where this fits necessarily."

Meanwhile, the school was doing surveys in the beginning of the school year as to what students would want to see in their Auxilium period. "One of the things students told us they would love to see is more opportunities to learn about

things like personal finance. So I capitalized on that to use Auxilium as a way to deliver this curriculum," said Jandreau.

Even though the modules are self-driven, two staff members, Tim Goodwin, GHS' numeracy specialist, and Ellen Connell, GHS' technology integrationist, are available to assist students with accessing the modules and offer help as needed.

This school year, 70 students have signed up to take the course so far and several have just completed it. There are nine 45-minute modules focusing on savings, banking, credit cards and interest rates, credit score, financing higher education, renting vs. owning, taxes and insurance, consumer protection, and investing.

Student can start the course at any time and can take as long as they want to complete it. They can log in whenever, wherever, and however. There's no pressure to finish the course as there isn't any course credit offered. In order to make the class mandatory, it would have to be approved by the School Committee as a graduation requirement.

"This is their own learning. It will be interesting actually to see what is the importance of a requirement factor versus I want to learn this. This is an opportunity. We are providing the opportunity. Will they take advantage of that opportunity?" said Jandreau.

As an incentive to complete the course, Jandreau will be drawing names for the chance to win his parking spot for a week.

"I see a future where we have this EverFi program be a part of a more comprehensive curriculum," said Jandreau. "I think the next step for us is how can we sustain or grow this."

Kids of the Code



Photo credit Stacey Sawyer

Great Falls Elementary School recently introduced the Heroes of the Code characters and a group of student ambassadors wanted to put their own spin on it by introducing Kids of the Code of the Conduct. Pictured (left to right) is Aislyn McLean as Compassion, Anna Yahwak as Courage, Aiden Fortier as Responsibility, Emerson Homa as Respect, and Cruise Labrie as Honesty. The students wrote a skit demonstrating each virtue of the Code of Conduct and will be performing for the entire school during a February school assembly.




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For the past few years we have seen an increasingly alarming trend of Kindergarten registrations growing from 15-22 percent between our Kindergarten registration nights held each spring, and the first day of school each fall.

Granted, some of this may be new move-ins over the spring and summer months, but not all of these changes can be accounted for by these numbers. As you can imagine, not having "solid" numbers to work with makes planning for appropriate class sizes and staffing levels very difficult. We need your help to get the most accurate numbers for planning purposes as possible.

If you are a parent of a student who is eligible to enter Kindergarten in the fall of 2017 who will be five-years-old by October 15, 2017 (or

know of a parent whose child is eligible) and you have not yet registered your child for Kindergarten in the Gorham Schools, please do not delay. Call the number listed below to register your child for school.

Having the most accurate data possible will help us provide the highest quality educational experiences possible for all students attending the Gorham Schools.

Please note that the parent information meetings and screenings will be held at your child's neighborhood school. To find out your school, please visit http://www.gorhamschools.org/transportation/attendance_zones/streets or call the transportation department at 893-2547.

At the following meetings, parents will pick up enrollment packets and sign their child up for the Kindergarten screenings that are being held in April.

Great Falls Elementary School
(222-1050) – March 7 @ 6 p.m.

Narragansett Elementary School
(222-1250) – March 7 @ 6 p.m.

Village Elementary School
(222-1300) – March 7 @ 6 p.m.

Whooping Cough at Village Elementary School

MARIE WALTON
GHS Student Intern

The Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention was investigating cases of pertussis, also known as whooping cough, at Village Elementary School in January. At press time, attempts to reach the school nurse to confirm results were unanswered.

Pertussis, caused by the bacteria *Bordetella pertussis*, is a serious respiratory illness spread from person to person through the air. Pertussis is especially dangerous for infants and young children, so prevention and recognition are crucial to stop the spread and infection of more people.

Students at Village Elementary have been exhibiting symptoms of whooping cough, which begin with those of a common cold, such as a runny nose or sore throat, and progress to a severe cough that can lead to difficulty breathing and even vomiting.

Pertussis requires an infected person to take a deep breath after coughing many times in a row, which causes them to make a "whooping" sound. If these signs are evident, one should visit a healthcare provider immediately to receive a nose or throat culture test.

To prevent the onset of pertussis, be sure to receive the proper vaccinations:

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If diagnosed with pertussis by a doctor, individuals will be treated with antibiotics, on which they

are still contagious and advised to stay home until five days of treatment have been completed.

It is especially important in this winter season to wash hands often and to regularly disinfect frequently touched surfaces, such as doorknobs, tables, desks, toys, cell phones, and countertops. Watch for signs of whooping cough and take the proper steps to protect yourself and those around you.

Footloose CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

Miles Obrey), wearing his skinny tie and black leather jacket to school, to Willard (played by Connor Donnelly) with his plaid shirt and white cowboy hat, this stage production is filled with tributes to the film.

There are subtle things too that the average audience member might not pick up on, like the t-shirt Chuck Cranston (played by Zack Pierce) wears. It's a Pink Floyd t-shirt from the album "Dark Side of the Moon," because in the movie there's a "Dark Side of the Moon" bumper sticker on Cranston's truck. "I want the audience to remember how great the movie is while they experience this production," said Hurd.

Then, just when the audience thinks the energy coming from the students couldn't get any stronger, there's this live band at the back of the stage that just keeps rockin'. "This is the music of my generation," said musical director Matthew Murray. "The music I love. Kenny Loggins and Sammy Hagar. From the very beginning we wanted the feeling of a rock

concert and not just your average musical."

When the students have the audience totally involved with the show and they want nothing more than to jump on stage and dance along with Ariel and Rusty (played by Jamie Juskievicz and Shelby Leach) it happens – GHS teachers Amy Smith roller skates and Rocky Myers dances. That's right – Rocky Myers dances.

Tickets are selling fast and GHS is expecting big crowds. Get over to the high school this weekend and cut-loose with this exciting show. The audience will be on their feet dancing right along with these students (and teachers) to the very end.

To reserve a ticket, call 839-5754. There are five performances this weekend: Thursday night at 7:30 p.m., Friday and Saturday night at 7:30 p.m., and two matinees on Saturday and Sunday at 2 p.m. Tickets go on sale one hour before show time. Seating is general admission to all and the doors open 30 minutes before each show.

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GRADUATIONS



Riley Shane Perkins (GHS '13) recently graduated from American University with a Bachelor of Art in International Studies with a focus on National Security and a minor in International Business.

DEATHS

Robert Weeks Fuller, 92, May 12, 1924 – Jan 20, 2017, predeceased by his wife, Beverly Edith Barden.

OF INTEREST

Join Presumpscot Regional Land Trust for a family-friendly Snowshoe Story Walk at Hawkes Preserve on February 11 at 10 a.m. This program will be a fun introduction to snowshoeing with games and forest exploration. Snowshoes will be provided. Snowshoeing recommended for kids four years old and older. Free, but space is limited; RSVP is required at <https://www.prlt.org/links/>.

Lakes Region Senior Center will go to Southworth Planetarium on Tuesday, Feb. 14. \$10 covers the bus and admission. FMI, 892-5904.

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ON-GOING EVENTS

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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

Valentine's Day with Ronald Lantz, violin, and Laura Kargul, piano, "Victorian Passions", Sunday, Feb. 12 at 2 p.m. Woodfords Congregational Church, 202 Woodford Street, Portland. \$22 general public, \$20 seniors, free for students and/or 21 and under.

The USM Art Department and galleries will present "Portals: Work by Maine Art Education Association Members" at the USM Art Gallery, 37 College Ave., from Jan. 25 to March 2 (closed for winter break February 22 to 24), Wednesday & Thursday, 12-6 p.m.; Friday-Sunday, 12-4 p.m. Other days and times by appointment. FMI, 780-5008.

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North St. caller reported neighbors chickens, geese and a rooster were crossing onto her property.

Responding to a report of a suspicious person on Hutcherson Drive, officer advised caller there was nothing suspicious about someone buying a pressure cooker and regardless of person's race, person was not buying other things to make a bomb.

Suspicious person in Park and Ride on South St. was spending the night there due to housing issues.

Dingley Spring Road caller wanted police to be aware of howling in the area.

Husband and wife on Forest Circle had verbal confrontation while trying to fix a kitchen faucet.

Caller reported laptop had been stolen. Turned out it was just misplaced.

Longfellow Road man had questions about fire laws and playing music in his barn.

Officer checked on a male stumbling along on Main St. He was walking home to State St. Officer ensured he made it home safely.

Caller reported unknown subjects had arrived at her residence for unknown reasons and thought they might be intoxicated. They left in an unknown direction. It was unknown if they left on foot or in a vehicle. Officer checked the area. No unknown person was found.

Caller complained about the high volume of traffic on County Road. Officer advised this was due to construction on Rt. 114 and Rt. 112 but that it was not a police issue.

Two neighbors on Libby Ave. were having a disagreement over some trees that were to be cut down.

Caller reported couple for criminal trespass. They were waiting in a parking lot for a taxi. They were advised not to wait in the parking lot in the future.

Gray Road caller received mail not addressed to her that referenced the bible. She was advised to put it back in the mailbox and have postal services return it to sender.

Officer responded to New Portland Road for a dispute between a tow truck driver and the owner of the vehicle being towed.

Caller reported someone with a "Jason" mask in the middle of Libby Ave. Person was not located.

Caller reported an intoxicated person on Main St. who was being rude.

O'Brien Drive caller reported he heard his neighbors yelling. TV was on and couple said everything was fine.

Disturbance was reported on New Portland Road. People were animated and talking loudly.

Woman told officer she was in pain as she had just had teeth removed.

Suspicious person reported sitting in a car in Main St parking lot with the door open, was from Old Orchard Beach and was lost.

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CALENDAR

THURSDAY, FEB. 9

- 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.

SATURDAY, FEB. 11

- 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, FEB. 14

- Happy Valentine's Day!
- After School Board Games with Crossroads Games: Games will be provided or bring your favorite. North Gorham Public Library, 2 Standish Neck Road, 3-4:30 p.m. Free. FMI, 892-2575 or libng@north-gorham.lib.me.us.
- Preschool Story Time, 9:30-10:15 a.m., Baxter Memorial Library. FMI, 222-1190.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 15

- Early Release, Gorham Schools
- 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.
- Random Fandom (10-17 years old), 12:30-1:30 p.m., Baxter Memorial Library. FMI, 222-1190.

THURSDAY, FEB. 16

- 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.

MONDAY, FEB. 20

- President's Day
- Start of February School Vacation

TUESDAY, FEB. 21

- Gorham Lions meeting, Old School House on South Street (Rte. 114), 6:30 p.m. New members always welcome. FMI, 298-9182.
- Gorham House Itsy Bitsy store, 1:30-3:30 p.m., Gorham House lobby, 50 New Portland Rd. FMI, 839-5757.
- Mad Science of Maine at Baxter Memorial Library (grades K-5), 10-11 a.m., RSVP Required. Baxter Memorial Library. FMI, 222-1190.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 22

- 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.
- Winter Meltdown: Create a melty craft! 10-11 a.m., Baxter Memorial Library. FMI, 222-1190.

THURSDAY, FEB. 23

- 3D Snowflake Craft: 1-2 p.m., Baxter Memorial Library. FMI, 222-1190.

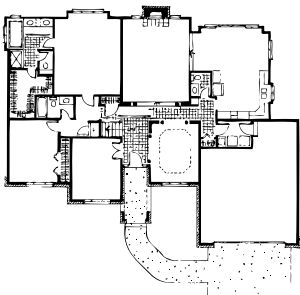
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Maine Author Event at Baxter



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On January 31, the Friends of Baxter Library sponsored a Maine Author Event featuring Kevin Mannix, former weatherman on WCSH6, and his wife Linda Rota, a former social worker. Together they wrote a book called "Weathering Shame," in which they share their stories of struggling with stigma and shame from childhood traumas. They spoke of growing up in dysfunctional families involving family alcoholism, mental health issues, suicide, and depression. As adults, they both came to realize that those experiences had influenced their own behaviors and choices. They spoke of the importance of understanding the effect of these experiences on an individual and the value in seeking help.

Full Moon Trek



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About 50 hardy souls met at Randall Orchards on the evening of January 14 for a full-moon snowshoe walk hosted by the Presumpscot Regional Land Trust. Randall Orchards has a nearly 500 acre conservation and agricultural easement held by the Presumpscot Regional Land Trust, which ensures that it will always remain as farm and open space.

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