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In order to allow our staff and volunteers time to enjoy the holidays, we will be taking a short break. The next edition of the Gorham Times will be dated January 11. Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year!

Blinking Stop Signs Coming to Libby Ave.

KATHY CORBETT
Staff Writer

As a result of repeated accidents, the Maine Department of Transportation (DOT) will install stop signs surrounded with blinking red lights on Libby Ave. at the intersection with Main Street (Rt. 25) within the next few months, according to Joyce Taylor, DOT's chief engineer.

Traffic signals are scheduled to be installed at this dangerous intersection in 2020, but Taylor and Steve Landry, DOT State traffic engineer, agreed that a temporary



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New blinking stop signs, like the one above, have been approved as an interim fix for the Libby Ave. and Main Street intersection. The signs will be installed on both sides of Libby Ave to alert drivers approaching Main Street.

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USM and Metro Refute Private Bus Companies' Charges

JOHN ERSEK
Contributing Writer

The University of Southern Maine and the University of Maine System in Orono have issued statements denying a recent claim by four Maine bus companies, including Gorham-based Custom Coach & Limousine, that USM unfairly terminated its contract with the private company in order to contract with Metro for a different type of student bus service.

Custom Coach & Limousine is currently providing the direct Gorham to Portland student shuttle service, as it has for the past six years. USM has informed Custom Coach that the arrangement will end prior to the beginning of the 2018-2019 school year.

The private bus firms have accused Portland Metro of using taxpayer subsidies to undercut private companies interested in providing a university student shuttle service, and they shared their concerns at a press

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New Year Gorham: Something for Everyone

VIRGINIA WILDER CROSS
Contributing Writer

New Year Gorham's 10th year will welcome 2018 with the best celebration yet, featuring new talent as well as favorite performers from previous years. Last January, to make sure the 10th year would be extraordinary, the NYG planning committee began seeking and recruiting new talent. The result is a program filled with music, comedy, visual art, robotics, choral singing, small ensembles and solo performers, as well as fireworks and countless surprises.

"We are pleased to announce something new this year," said Bruce Rouillard, a long-time member of the NYG planning committee. "A professional ice sculptor will create two amazing sculptures in the gazebo area next to the Baxter Memorial Library during the day on Saturday December 30. They will be unveiled and lighted at 4 p.m. on New Year's Eve, and we hope families will take advantage of this unique photo opportunity!"

For families looking for some exercise before things get started later on, USM has once again offered the use of its ice rink from 3-5 p.m. Ice skating is open at no charge for people wearing this year's lanyard. (People must have their own skates as rentals are not available.)

Other events geared for young families will begin at 3:30 p.m. in the Shaw Gym area of the Municipal Center. Wild animals, art and science, puppets, magic, face painting, and snacks will all be on hand. Kids of all ages can make and take a New Year Gorham puppet with some help from Dana Perkins (puppeteer extraordinaire!). All materials will be provided and parents are welcome to be creative, too!

Meanwhile, folks who enjoy choral music will find their niche in the Council Chambers, also in the Municipal Building, where the Gorham Community Chorus will perform beginning at 5 p.m. Following the chorus, the ever-popular Don Roy Trio will liven up the chambers with some mighty fine fiddling!

Back for the second year, the Gorham and Falmouth High School

Robotics Team #172 will provide a family-friendly menu in the NYG Café at the high school cafeteria between 5-7 p.m. They will also offer snacks at Shaw Gym during the afternoon activities there.

Dean Richardson, local singer and songwriter, will provide live entertainment during café hours and the robotics team will take a break from serving food to demonstrate its amazing robot in the GHS gym at 5 p.m.

Beatles fans will want to be at the Gorham Performing Arts Center (GHS) from 5-6 p.m. to see Studio Two present The Touring Years of the favorite fab four. The group will return to the stage for a second Pre Sgt. Pepper Era concert between 6:30-7:30 p.m.

If improv comedy is what you like, then you'll want to be in the gym at GHS beginning at 6 p.m. "Running With Scissors" improvisational entertainment appeals to people who really like to laugh out loud, and who might be called upon to volunteer to help.

The final main stage performance features Matt Roberts, an amazing magician/illusionist who has performed on stage all over the country. He was nominated for two Emmys for his well known PBS show "The Power of Giving." His humor is appropriate for all ages, and his magic will not disappoint. Roberts depends on lots of help from his audience, so come ready to be on stage.

The evening will come to a close with a fabulous fireworks display at around 9 p.m.

The Town of Gorham, local businesses and individuals contributed generously to sponsor much of the entertainment, which keeps the cost of admission the same as previous years: \$5 for individuals and \$20 for families with more than two children. The committee has ordered plenty of lanyards, so everyone should be able to receive one for the admission cost.

Lanyards and complete schedule details are available at Hannaford in Gorham, Gorham Rec. Department, and Baxter Memorial Library. The \$20 family packages are available only at the Gorham Rec. Dept. Additional information is available on Facebook and <http://www.newyear-gorham.org>.

Gorham Is All Aglow



Photo credit Stacy Sallinen

Residents of Gorham are encouraged to visit the many decorated trees at businesses around town that are decorated for the Gorham Tree Festival and vote for their favorite. To cast a vote, or make a comment, send an email to gorhamtreefestival@gmail.com. The winner will be announced during the New Year Gorham festivities.



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Great Falls Construction



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Tax Reform That Puts Money in Your Pockets

REP. MAUREEN TERRY

As Senator King put it, "I'm all for tax reform, but this isn't it." As a member of the Legislature's Taxation Committee, I've heard and considered dozens of tax proposals that would have a positive impact on Maine people and their families. Tax credits that would help working families cover the expense of day care, or help workers pay back their student loans, we even heard a proposal for a tax credit for workers who have long daily commutes.

The "tax reform" package that is barreling through Congress at break-neck speed doesn't do anything to help working Mainers. The proposal from Republicans in Washington would add an astonishing \$1.5 trillion to the deficit in exchange for a

tax giveaway to large corporations and the very wealthiest individuals, some of whom are instrumental in funding their campaigns. Financing tax cuts on the backs of our kids and grandkids is bad policy.

Beyond almost exclusively benefiting those who are already making record profits, the current plan would eliminate deductions for teachers who pay for school supplies out of their own pockets and would count certain forms of financial aid for graduate students as taxable income.

The plan also explodes health insurance policy in such a way that would cost some Maine seniors \$3,000 a year in increased insurance premiums. The Maine Center for Economic Policy estimates that 5,000 Mainers will lose

access to health insurance if the plan becomes law.

As a small business owner, I can tell you that tax cuts don't create jobs. Businesses hire new employees based on whether we need them and a tax cut doesn't change the math on that. Making it harder to access affordable health care and creating new barriers for training tomorrow's workforce aren't acceptable costs.

If you haven't had a chance to ask our representatives in Washington to vote against the bill, I hope that you will take the time before the final vote. Senator King and Congresswoman Pingree have both pledged to vote against it. You can contact Senator Collins at 780-3575.

If we manage to defeat this bill, maybe Congress can get to work on the kind of tax reform that puts actual money in your pockets and treats Mainers and our families fairly.

As always, please feel free to call me if you have any questions or concerns.



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Please join us at New Year's Gorham where a winner will be announced at Gorham High School in the McCormack Performing Arts Center at 8PM. The winner will be presented with a traveling plaque and bragging rights for the year.

Here is our current list of participating Gorham businesses:

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Around Town

A winter parking ban is currently in effect on any public road or public easement roadway through May 1, midnight to 6:00 a.m., or during any parking ban declared by the Public Works Department. Vehicles parked illegally or abandoned on roads are subject to towing at the owner's expense as well as ticketing by the police. Residents are asked to remove cars from streets as soon as a snow alert is issued.

Saco Bay Orthopaedic & Sports Physical Therapy will be opening its newest outpatient physical therapy center at 81 Main Street in Gorham on December 18.

PineCrest B & B Inn, LLC is expected to have a new owner when Colorado resident Kathy Powell closes on the property this month. The business had been owned by Matt and Amy Mattingly since 2007. Powell expects to continue running the business as a B & B.

Two new stops signs have been added at the intersection of Elm St. and Railroad Ave., making the intersection a three-way stop now.

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Town's Growth Sustains Local Business

BAILEY O'BRIEN
Contributing Writer

Gorham, one of Maine's fastest growing towns, is the perfect place for a company like New England Treads. Purchased in 2014 by Tara and Bill Benson, the company specializes in custom hardwood items like stair treads, handrails, and trim and thrives on population growth and new home development.

"New housing and renovations are the strength of our business!" said Tara Benson. "When a new development is clearing ground, you will see me stopping by with a folder and business card to make first contact," she said. "If you are building in Gorham, buy in Gorham. Many of the new developments in the area have our rails, treads, and trim."

Under the Bensons' ownership, New England Treads has found impressive success in Gorham, expanding their product line and tripling their client list in three years, but their story began with nearly insurmountable financial obstacles. After Benson and her



File Photo

New England Treads owners Bill and Tara Benson worked with SSG Travis Mills (pictured center), and other Maine businesses, to provide a custom staircase for The Maine Chance Lodge & Retreat in the Belgrade Lakes region of Maine this past summer.

husband bought the company, complications they inherited from the previous owners surfaced and nearly bankrupted them.

After a loan extension from Gorham Savings Bank, a boost in business from local construction, flooring, and lumber companies, and countless hours of hard work, the Bensons were able to pay back the previous owners'

debt and turn their small company into a thriving business. "Through that difficult time we met some wonderfully talented and patient builders, contractors, and business owners," she said. "Talk about small town helping small town."

With their financial hardship behind them and a steady demand for work ahead, the Bensons have begun giving back to the community that has given them so much. "With our business growing, we've been able to give charitably to local non-profit organizations such as the GHS Athletic Boosters, the USM Arts Scholarship Fund, Spurwink, the Boy Scouts, dance teams, and local theater," she shared.

One of their most rewarding projects to date, however, reflects Bill's 24 years of military service. "A highlight of 2017 came this summer at the grand opening of the Sgt. Travis Mills Foundation Veterans Retreat outside of Augusta," Tara said. "Our stair treads are used each day while wounded vets take some time to recover emotionally and physically from wounds they incurred while serving our country."

If you're building a new home or thinking about renovating, you can visit www.newenglandtreads.com, call (207) 591-5740, or email customerservice@newenglandtreads.com for more information.

New Bridge Built on Hawkes Loop

CHRIS CRAWFORD
Staff Writer



Photos courtesy of PRLT

An amazing new bridge, spanning 150 feet, has been built to replace a deteriorating one on the Presumpscot Regional Land Trust's (PRLT) Hawkes property. The bridge replacement project was coordinated by the Land Trust's Stewardship and Outreach Coordinator, Toby Jacobs, with the help of more than 50 volunteers.

The bridge was replaced to help correct erosion problems that were impacting the water quality of the Presumpscot River. Next spring, students from Great Falls school will work with PRLT to plant native plants along

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measure to reduce accidents is needed before then.

At a December 4 meeting with Fire Chief Robert Lefebvre, Police Chief Dan Jones, Gorham State Representative Andrew McLean and others, Lefebvre said that since 2012 there have been an average of seven accidents a year at the intersection. "So far in 2017, there have been nine crashes involving injuries and several could have been fatal," he confirmed.

Most accidents occur when drivers run the stop signs on Libby Avenue. According to Chief Jones, "During rush hours when there is heavy traffic on Main Street, drivers sometime tire of waiting and take foolish chances."

Solar lights on the existing stop signs seem not to be effective and it is hoped that the blinking red signs

will be. Bob Burns, Public Works Director, offered to put white lights on Main Street east of the intersection to warn drivers that the speed limit is lowering. Taylor, who said statewide accidents are way up this year, observed that "distracting the distracted driver is our reality now."

Since the December 4 meeting, the DOT has painted white stop ahead signs on the road leading into the intersection as a warning.

Taylor said that she would inquire if the date for installing traffic lights could be moved up to 2019. She did not know if the plans include turning lanes, but the money allocated for the project appears to be more than would be required for simple traffic lights.

New Bridge Built on Hawkes Loop CONTINUED FROM PAGE 3

the shore to improve the water quality by decreasing erosion.

There is year round access to the one mile long Hawkes loop which offers a great trail the whole family can enjoy for hiking, snowshoeing and skiing through beautiful forest and alongside a pristine stretch of the Presumpscot River. The public can park at the school anytime and, in a change of policy, there is no need to check in at the school.

During school hours, the public should park in the back of the lot furthest from the school. There is another trailhead and parking on Tow Path Road, off Rt. 202 in Little Falls. Please note, hunting is not allowed.

GARDENING PLEASURES

The Holiday Season

LINDA TREWORGY FAATZ

A walk through my garden in December helps me appreciate the beauty of my yard after the growing season. Many varieties of evergreens can be tip-pruned for holiday decorations that find their way into favorite containers. The holiday centerpiece always incorporates greens and cones and their fragrance permeates the kitchen air. Tight cones found on the ground outside can be spread on a foil lined cookie sheet at 200 degrees for an hour or so. As the pitch hardens and glistens the cones open up to their full beauty. Be sure to cut some clippings of our native pine to add to a green arrangement. The eastern white pine branches with their soft needles in groups of five add a lovely soft and feathery look.

Hydrangea blossoms, dried on the shrub, can be tucked into arrangements for added interest. Birch branches that have fallen to the ground can be stripped of their beautiful white bark and the pieces used to add natural beauty to any arrangement. Tuck red berries in for a pop of color. The shiny green leaves of the holly bush will last a season in an arrangement.

An old muffin tin found in the cupboard can be used as a decorative holiday item to hold small

memorable items that you love. Rose hips from the garden, granite pebbles from the lake, pieces of cinnamon sticks, lichen, interesting pieces of bark and hemlock cones are some of my favorite things. Use your imagination. After you have created this display with your favorites, set it in a bed of evergreens on a side table as a reminder of the beauty around us.

Hang a circle wreath filled with evergreens to symbolize eternity. A few boughs from the fir tree are thought to symbolize hope, love and charity. The fragrance of the balsam is truly the scent of the season.

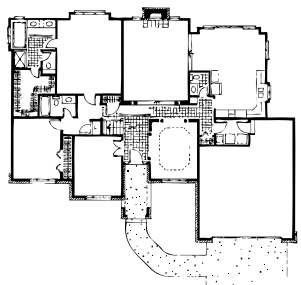
Bringing these reminders of nature into your home help us to be grateful for the seasons as they pass and be mindful of what is to come. Hopefully you will find time during this holiday season to share your gratitude and caring with friends, family and the larger community, too. A kind thought or deed, a nature walk, a conversation, a design created with love, all these can make a difference. Happy Holidays.



Linda Treworgy Faatz, a passionate gardener for many years, lives in her family home at Friend's Corner and cares for the extensive Treworgy gardens.

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Town Council DECEMBER 5, 2017

JACOB ADAMS
Staff Writer

Town Manager Ephrem Paraschak reported that he met with the Maine Turnpike Authority and plans for the new Turnpike spur are moving along.

The Town Council declared a moratorium on the location, operation or licensing of any retail marijuana social clubs and any retail marijuana establishments, including retail marijuana stores, retail marijuana cultivation facilities, retail marijuana products manufacturing facilities and retail marijuana testing facilities, within the Town (see article below).

The Marijuana Legalization Act will not limit the privileges or rights afforded by the Maine Medical Use of Marijuana Act. The full ordinance is available on the town's website at www.gorham-me.org.

The Town Council adopted the same rules for the 2017-2018 year as they followed in the previous year but added the following to section 4-4: In addition, the Committee shall review and make recommendations to the Council on the Town's industrial and commercial development goals and objectives. The Committee is responsible for maintaining an economic development program and policies subject to full Council approval. Also, the Committee shall

consult with the Town Manager regarding proposed capital improvements and equipment.

Woodspell Road was accepted as a public road and will be locally classified as a Rural Access Road.

The Town Council authorized the Town to solicit sealed bids on a parcel of land located off of Huston Road. The minimum bid is set at \$500, with the Town to issue a quit claim deed if a bid is accepted.

An ordinance proposal entitled "Town of Gorham Property Tax Assistance Ordinance" will be sent to the Ordinance Committee for recommendations. The purpose of the proposal is to establish a program to provide property tax assistance to persons 70 years of age and over who reside in Gorham. Under this program, the Town of Gorham will provide refund payments to those individuals who maintain a homestead in Gorham and meet certain criteria. The full proposal is available on the town's website at www.gorham-me.org (see article below).

The Town Council accepted the resignation of Janet MacLeod from the Conservation Commission. The Council also expressed appreciation for her service to the Gorham Community.

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

Marijuana Moratorium and Property Tax Relief

EDMUND RICKER
Contributing Writer

Two items on the agenda at the last Town Council meeting could have significant impact on the Gorham community. The first item was an Action to consider a proposed moratorium of Retail Marijuana Establishments and Retail Marijuana Social Clubs. The second item was an Action to consider adopting a Property Tax Assistance Ordinance for the Town of Gorham.

The first proposal is intended to provide the Town with the necessary time to review its ordinances to determine the implications of future proposed marijuana establishments and/or social clubs to develop ordinances governing the location and operation of such establishments. By law, a moratorium is limited to 180 days but can be extended as necessary if the issue has not been

resolved. The unregulated location and operation of retail marijuana facilities and retail marijuana social clubs raises legitimate questions regarding the impact of such establishments on the Gorham community. This includes but is not limited to how these establishments fit in with existing structures and uses in residential, commercial, and industrial zoned areas; health and safety effects of these establishments if not adequately regulated; potential criminal activity associated with unauthorized sales to minors and criminal activity associated with the cultivation, manufacturing, sale and use of marijuana and marijuana products for non-medical purposes, and the potential increased burden on the Town's law enforcement and first responders.

It is important to note that this

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Planning Board DECEMBER 4, 2017

Central Maine Power's request for approval to upgrade the substation on Shaws Mill Road was moved to a future consent agenda.

The Board recommended that the Town Council adopt an amendment to the Land Use and Development Code for Minimum Standards for the Design and Construction of Streets and Ways to modify the requirement for the extension of sidewalks.

CBS Lobster & Bait and PATCO Construction's request for approval of a site plan to construct a 15,000 square foot industrial building in two phases for bait storage with associated site improvements on Lot

5 of the Olde Canal Business Park was approved with findings of fact and conditions of approval.

Hortazeo, LLC's request for approval of a 40,000 square foot manufacturing facility on Lot 4 of the Olde Canal Business Park was discussed.

An amendment to the Land Use and Development Code to allow mobile vending units in the Roadside Commercial, Industrial, Narragansett Development and Agricultural/Industrial zoning districts was discussed and referred to the Planning Board's Ordinance Committee for review and recommendations.

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. Of Interest submissions should include the year of GHS graduation and should be no longer than 75 words. Contact Chris Crawford at ckck5@maine.rr.com, Kathy Corbett at ktcorbett@aol.com or Cindy O'Shea at coshea2@maine.rr.com.



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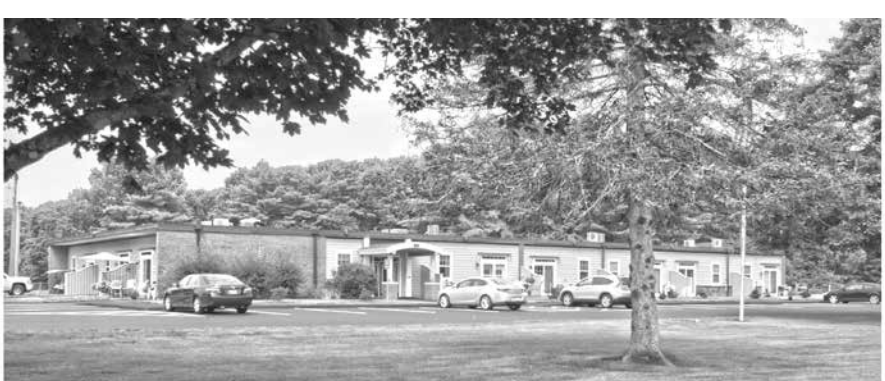
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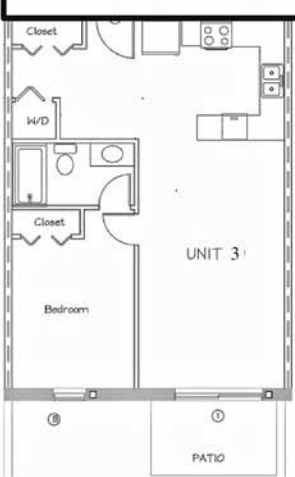
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Burn Off the Turkey 5K

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Sports Editor

More than 300 runners and walkers got active over the high calorie Thanksgiving weekend, and toed the line on Saturday, November 25, for the 20th Annual Burn Off the Turkey 5k, sponsored by the Gorham Recreation Department. The course was much busier due to the relatively balmy weather as compared with last year's event, when 207 cold and damp participants crossed the finish line. The tape was once again broken by Gorham's son and Auburn resident Jesse Orach (GHS '12).

Orach (15:33) had his third consecutive win. Windham's Rob Gomez (16:12) was silver on the medal podium, joining Orach and Jesse Southard, GHS '16, (3rd, 16:33). Erica Jesseman of Scarborough was the women's winner (17:45). Age group division winners from Gorham were: Maria McInnis (F 30-29, 21:58), Christine Southard (F 50-59, 25:12), Jesse Southard (M 15-19, 16:33), and Drew York (M 20-29, 19:34).



Runners and walkers of all ages came out for the 20th Annual Burn off the Turkey 5K.

A good number of runners participated in the under-14 and 15-19 age divisions, with many solid performances among that group. Full race results may be found online at www.gsr.com/results/3416.



Photos courtesy of Gorham Rec

The top 10 mens' Gorham finishers				The top 10 womens' Gorham finishers			
Place	Name	Division	Time	Place	Name	Division	Time
3	Jesse Southard	M1519	16:33	34	Maria McInnis	F3039	21:58
4	Ethan Orach	M1519	17:35	37	Megan Woodbrey	F2029	22:19
6	Wilkins Rossignol	M1519	19:05	38	Kiersten Turner	F2029	22:44
9	Andrew Tinkham	M1519	19:29	41	Laurie Nicholas	F4049	23:13
10	Drew York	M2029	19:34	44	Brette Lennon	F2029	23:30
12	Cameron Tracy	M2029	19:47	45	Dawn Palme	F3039	23:32
15	Caleb Goodall	M2029	20:09	57	Stacy Sallinen	F4049	24:30
16	Colin Jones	M1519	20:13	61	Stefanie Farrington	F2029	25:00
17	Jeremy Earl	M2029	20:19	64	Christine Southard	F5059	25:12
19	Brandon Kunsela	M1519	20:26	65	Julie Martin	F5059	25:14

GHS Rams Weekend Home/Local Schedule

Friday, December 15
Boys' Basketball vs. Massabesic, 7:00 p.m.
Girls' Ice Hockey vs. Winslow, 8:30 p.m.
@ USM

Saturday, December 16
Indoor Track, 3:00 p.m. @ USM
Girls' Basketball vs. Noble, 11:30 a.m.
Girls' Ice Hockey vs. York, 4:20 p.m. @ USM
Boys' Ice Hockey vs. Yarmouth, 5:50 p.m.

Friday, December 22
Girls' Basketball vs. Scarborough, 5:30 p.m.
Boys' Basketball vs. Scarborough, 7:00 p.m.

Friday, December 29
Boys' Basketball vs. Sanford, 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, January 6
Boys' Basketball vs. Greely, 1:00 p.m.
Boys' Ice Hockey vs. Gardiner, 4:20 p.m.

Thursday, January 11
Girls' Basketball vs. Maine Girls' Academy, 6:00 p.m.

**All events are at Gorham High School unless noted*
***Schedules subject to change. ghs.gorhamschools.org/athletics/calendar*

USM Weekend Home/Local Schedule

Saturday, December 30
Women's Basketball vs. Regis, 1:00 p.m.

Wednesday, January 10
Women's Basketball vs. Rhode Island College, 5:30 p.m.
Men's Basketball vs. Rhode Island College, 7:30 p.m.

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Winter Varsity Previews

Girls' Basketball: Coach Laughn Berthiaume is in his 11th year, and brings a 2017 undefeated record and state championship to the court, but lost several key players to graduation (Emily Esposito, Kaylea Lundin, and Kristen Curley). This year, he will be looking to these key returners: Mackenzie Holmes (18 ppg, 9.6 rpg, 4.8 block per game, MAA Co-Player of the Year, All Maine State Team), Michelle Rowe, Courtney Brent, Brittany Desjardin, and Jacqui Hamilton. Berthiaume said, "They [key graduates] were excellent leaders and they have taught the returners on the current roster how to prepare to be successful. The players that we lost all played the guard position so our game is going to shift to the post this year. It is always important to play inside out, but this year the inside game will be our strength." He added that, with seven returning players, including two starters, "Michelle Rowe, the lone senior, and Mackenzie Holmes will return to the starting lineup again this year. They will be expected to take a more vocal leadership role and provide scoring." The team faces a differently challenging schedule, as the coach explained: "This year we have picked up crossover games with Oxford Hills, Edward Little, and Lewiston in AA North and Greely and Westbrook in Class A South. This will give us 17 different teams on our schedule, which will be a challenge in itself. We will need to be a more defensive-minded team to be successful and games will be lower scoring than they have been in the recent past. We have added three freshmen to the roster who are all competing to be impact players. The attitude, communication, and energy has been great so far."

Boys' Basketball: Coach Mark Karter is in his fifth year at the helm. He named the following key players: Sean Pocock, 6'3" SR forward; Nick Strout, 5'10" SO Guard; Tom Nelson, 6' JR Forward; Jordan Bretton, 5'10" SO Guard, and Ryan Reno, 6'6" SO Center. Karter named the following key rivalry games: Bonny Eagle, Windham and Westbrook, and said they're "always intense and draw big crowds." As for the season's outlook, he said, "The Gorham Rams Boys' Basketball Team has no returning starters from a 5-15 team that lost in last years semi-finals. This year's team is very young at all positions, and will look to gain experience and mature as the season progresses. Gorham will look to play an up-tempo style and create shots through tough defense. The Rams will also look to incorporate the three-point shot much more than they have in the past, with multiple players capable of shooting a high percentage."

Girls' Indoor Track and Field: Coach John Caterina is at the helm of a team he described as a "veteran group led by some talented seniors with big-meet experience." He named the following key athletes by year: Seniors: Anna Slager, distance, captain; Meadow Fortier, mid-distance, captain; Bridget Rossignol, hurdles/jumps, captain; Sarah Johnson, distance. Juniors: Evelyn Kitchen, jumps and throw, captain; Lauren Barden, pole vault; Avery Germond, sprints; Alice Riiska, jumps. Sophomores: Iris Kitchen, distance; Kate Tugman, distance; Peyton Morton, hurdles; Quinn Young, jumps. Freshmen: MacKenna Homa, mid-

distance/PV; Nevaeh Moore, sprints. Caterina said, "With several members of the XC Regional Champions competing on the track this winter, Gorham's strength will be in the mid-distance and distance races. Gorham will also be strong in the jumps and throws. Overall, Gorham should be one of the top teams in the SMAA and be very competitive in the Class A state meet in February."

Boys' Indoor Track and Field: Coach Jason Tanguay and his team went 10-8 last winter. Tanguay named the following as key returning athletes: Wes Brinegar, SO, hurdles and jumps; Jason Catoggio, SR, pole vault; Anthony Chase, SR, distance; David Drew, SR, sprints; Ryan Farr, SO, sprints; Luke Gowen, SR, sprints; Wil Rossignol, SR, middle distance; Stefan Street, SR, pole vault. The January 3 meet against Massabesic, Portland and Windham will be a big one to watch. Tanguay said, "I have seen some of our veterans putting in the extra effort necessary in the off-season so I am looking forward to watch them progress this upcoming season."

Boys' Hockey: Coach Jon Portwine named the following players to watch: Lucas Roop, SR/F, Jack Richards, SR/D, Ben Eichner, SR/D, Garrett Babineau, SR/G, Tanner Garand, JR/F, Trevor Gray, JR/F-D, Cole Perreault, SO/F-D, and Peter Richards SO/D. He assessed that, "After a disappointing season a year ago and missing the playoffs for the first time in years, this team will be hungry to redeem the program's winning ways and make a playoff run." The schedule will be similar

to last season with the Class B matchups, but adds some fan excitement as it will "feature a return to some old Class A rivals." Portwine has the advantage of many returning players, but did lose the top two goal scorers to graduation. He said, "Offense will need to come from many sources and need to be created by puck movement and team work. Defensively the team should be strong with all defensemen from a year ago returning. How well the team gels over the course of the season will determine how far it can go."

Cheerleading: Coach Julie Dvilinsky (GHS '86) has been coaching the Rams since 2009. Abegayle Brown (GHS '12) joins the team as assistant coach. Dvilinsky named the following key athletes: Nathan Brown, Lauren Nagy, Michaela Desrosier, Olivia Garand and Rachel Jean. She offered that, "This team has the same drive and goal as the 2017 team. However, their stunting will be even more difficult than years' past." The team's goals are to win the SMAA Title for the 4th consecutive year, place top-3 at both Regionals and States, and return to the New England Championships. The seasoned coach explained that, "With a team of mostly veteran members, we are stronger in stunting and tumbling. Our philosophy this year is that Technique Wins. We have to place all our focus on building a technically sound team and routine."


Look for updates and observations on girls' hockey, alpine skiing, and swimming in the next issue.

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Traditions of the Maine Hunter

ZACH MCGOULDRIK
GHS Student Intern

December brings Christmas music and movies galore, and moves us along from another year of Thanksgiving memories and important traditions. For many Mainers, it also means the end of the popular rifle and shotgun whitetail deer hunt. Whether hunters are celebrating the successful hunt, or wondering what they could've done differently to harvest the elusive whitetail, traditions are continually passed from generation to generation, keeping the old-fashioned hunt alive in even the

youngest members of Maine hunters.

Rylie Wareham, a GHS senior, began hunting at the age of 10, and continues to hunt today, seven seasons later. After completing hunter safety courses, she was still confused about the specific rules and ethics of harvesting different animals, such as which animals were appropriate to harvest during the various seasons. Her grandfather, Warren, educated her on the laws while hunting out of his house/camp near Lake Arrowhead, and taught her that there were responsibilities when taking game.

After harvesting their first whitetail,



Photo courtesy of Barbara Gagnon

The Gagnon family shares a love of hunting, passing down traditions through three generations before Bruce Gagnon's passing last year. From left to right, Todd Gagnon, Nathan Gagnon, and Bruce Gagnon.

Rylie and her grandfather worked together to dress, skin, and process the animal. From then on, in Rylie's words, "responsibility has been instilled in my brain and has taught me to be more mindful of my surroundings [when hunting]."

Todd Gagnon, a Gorham police officer, has also been hunting since he was 10. His father, Bruce, taught him everything he knew about hunting, including how to sneak through the woods. However, the learning curve was high. As Gagnon put it, "breaking sticks and tripping over

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GHS Alum Returns to Choreograph Musical

GORHAM TIMES STAFF



Photo courtesy of Eve Photography

Mariel Roy

"Oklahoma." These shows were incredible collaborations from the school and community.

Each year Gorham High School (GHS) puts on its annual musical production. For many years, under the direction of Bruce Avery, audience members were treated to productions like "Fame," "West Side Story," and

Recently, under the direction of Joshua Hurd, there have been outstanding productions of "Thoroughly Modern Millie," and last year's sell out, "Footloose." This year, that tradition will continue with GHS's production of "Once on This Island," when GHS welcomes back alum and local business owner Mariel Roy (GHS '07) as choreographer.

"It's obvious there's a very strong commitment to this program from the town. Last year, our final performance was on a Wednesday night in the middle of one of the worst snow storms of the season. Not only did the whole cast make it, but there were about 250

people in the audience that night. I was amazed," said Hurd.

"This year's show is unique. It's not your average musical theater show, and we needed a choreographer who was familiar with the material and style of dance I was looking for," said Hurd.

After graduating from GHS, Roy went on to study dance at Dean College in MA and then returned to Gorham. She recently opened her own dance studio, Atlantic Dance Arts. In addition to running her own business, she is also the choreographer for Biddeford City Theater, and works closely with them on over four productions each year.

When asked to return to GHS, Roy

was quick to accept. "Since I was little, I always looked forward to seeing the GHS musical every spring. My junior year at GHS, I was in 'Footloose,' the musical, and always dreamed of choreographing a show there someday," said Roy.

"I was so impressed when I saw their production of 'Footloose' last year, and was honored to be asked to join the creative team for 'Once on this Island,'" said Roy. "You can't help but dance when you hear the music from this show."

Performances of "Once on This Island" are scheduled for February 2-11, 2018 at GHS. See ad on page 10.



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5:00-5:30 Robotics Demonstration
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5:00-7:00 NYG Café offering Family Food Menu
5:30-6:30 Dean Richardson Singer/Songwriter

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School Committee Workshop NOVEMBER 29, 2017

KATHY CORBETT
Staff Writer

At the last School Committee workshop, members of two committees charged with studying potential changes to school starting times and the impact of population growth on the district's three elementary schools gave presentations and made recommendations to the School Committee. Each committee gave SC members extensive reports that summarized research and supported their conclusions.

The Gorham School Day Committee, consisting of staff, parents, students, and physicians, recommended that starting times for grades K-5 and 6-12 be flip/flopped. If approved by the School Committee, the K-5 school day would begin at 7:50 a.m. and end at 1:50 p.m. Classes at the Gorham Middle School (GMS) would start 8:50 a.m. and those at Gorham High School (GHS) at 8:40 a.m. The official day at GMS would end at 3:00 p.m. and at 2:50 at GHS. The committee also recommended that the SC consider lengthening the school day by approximately 15 minutes, which would bring it more in line with neighboring districts.

In making these recommendations, the committee studied scientific sleep research that found adolescents require between 8.5 and 9.5

hours of sleep daily. Survey results from 1,529 GMS and GHS students indicated that they averaged only 7 hours and 27 minutes daily. Also cited were studies that supported the safety, health, and performance benefits of later school starting times for students in grades 6-12. These included lower rates of suicide, depression, car crashes, and athletic injuries.

Dr. Tim Ha-Ngoc, a Gorham School physician, and committee member Dr. Colby Wyatt, a pediatric pulmonologist, as well as many other experts in adolescent medicine and sleep research concurred with these findings. There was no reported detrimental impact of K-5 students starting school earlier.

After considering as many as 18 scenarios for configuring Gorham's three elementary schools, the K-5 Configuration Study Group agreed by consensus to recommend that there be no change from the current configuration. The twenty-four member committee included parents and staff from Great Falls, Village, and Narragansett schools. The group considered survey results from an additional 331 parents and staff members in making the decision.

All viable scenarios required the use of portable classrooms to accommodate current and anticipated population growth while still maintaining optimum class size. The committee looked at K-5 school

configurations from 15 districts in southern Maine and consulted research on the possible negative consequences of transitions on student well-being and performance. The financial impact of the various scenarios in an economic climate of uncertain state allocations and the immediate need for GHS renovation was also considered.

Once the group had narrowed the options to six, the committee examined the challenges and benefits of each. They chose to recommend no change in configuration from the final three. Both of the other two would require students to change schools at least once during their elementary school years. The benefits gained from retaining neighborhood schools were deciding factors. In making this recommendation, the committee stressed the importance of consistency and equity of learning opportunities in the three schools.

The estimated cost over three years for portables and additional teachers varied some for the three scenarios. Projected costs for maintaining the current configuration fell between the two others and was estimated to be \$3,338,000.

The School Committee will study the research and recommendations presented by both committees before voting to make any changes in the school day or K-5 school configuration.

GHS Students Collect Books

A group of nine Gorham High School students are collecting books to help start a library in Africa and they are accepting donations of books from the community.



Photo credit Sarah Walker

The collection drive will continue through December, with drop off boxes at Gorham High School, Gorham Middle School, and Village Elementary. The students, led by community member Victoria Reynolds, have a goal of 1,000 books, as that is the number of books it takes to start a library in Africa. The collection is a part of Books for Africa, an organization that collects and ships books to Africa. For more information, visit booksforafrica.org.

School Note

Gorham Adult Education wishes to thank its students, teachers, volunteers, staff, and the community and for their continued support. The new Winter/Spring 2018 Course Catalog will be mailed on December 21. Several new classes and many returning favorites will be offered. Online registration will begin on December 22. FMI, visit www.gorham.maineadulted.org.

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ordinance does not impact the rights and privileges afforded by the Maine Medical Use of Marijuana Act to qualified patients, caregivers, or registered dispensaries to include cultivation facilities associated with any of these classifications. It was the recommendation of the town attorney that this moratorium be enacted. The ordinance was passed unanimously. Gorham joins a growing list of towns such as Bangor, Skowhegan, Winslow, Hallowell, Naples, and Clinton that have enacted such a moratorium.

The second proposal is intended to establish a program to provide property tax assistance to persons 70 years of age and over who reside in the Town of Gorham. Under this program, the Town of Gorham will provide rebate payments to those individuals who maintain a homestead in the Town of Gorham and meet certain criteria, such as associated income guidelines. This ordinance mimics the ordinance the Town of Cumberland has adopted. It is important to note that this program would be available to both renters and property owners.

The program would operate out of a fixed pool of funds, designated for this program but taken from the general fund, with a maximum allowable benefit of \$500. Only one qualifying applicant per household shall be entitled to payment on the program annually. Eligibility shall be determined according to total household income. This ordinance also passed unanimously by the Town Council and will now be forwarded to the Ordinance Committee for its recommendations.

conference held on November 28. Custom Coach & Limousine owner Gregg Isherwood said that his bus company, and other private bus companies, did not get a chance to bid on a USM student shuttle before the Metro public service was chosen.

"First, neither Gorham, USM, or Metro asked the private operator how it would affect us. Secondly, Metro went looking for an answer to a problem that doesn't exist at the taxpayer's expense. USM has had an efficient student shuttle provided by private operators for over 40 years. What has changed recently? Why is more service needed? In fact, USM has reduced service in the past three years due to low ridership," said Isherwood.

The group alleged that USM administrators decided to end a long-term practice of providing student shuttle services through private bus companies without adequate notice to the bus companies, or to the public. As a result, the four bus companies unveiled a coalition which they called "Taxpayers For Wise Transit Spending."

"It's a fine line between public transit and private charter service but when there are private carriers capable of performing this work and vying for private contracts they should not be facing unfair competition from the government services that their very own tax dollars support. We are in full support of public transit where needed, but as taxpayer funded entities, the Metro and USM must be fiscally responsible with taxpayer dollars," added Isherwood.

Numerous press releases and media reports show that the Transit West and U-Pass plans have been widely discussed for over a year. In addition, University of Southern Maine president Glenn Cummings referred to USM's new alliance with Metro in his inaugural address to the University community in early December of last year. Isherwood stated that while it was discussed, the private bus companies were kept in the dark about the decision until the June 2017 announcement.

In a joint statement, Metro and USM said the new transit line offers public transportation opportunities that the private sector cannot. "We should not compare what a private charter company can provide to individual organizations with what a regional transportation system can provide to a growing metropolitan area," the statement said.

"If more service is what they want, a private contractor could double the current service for approximately \$800,000, a far cry from the over \$6 million in year one switching to Metro will cost. In addition, by switching to Metro thousands of dollars will be lost on excise, sales, and fuel taxes that Metro is exempt from paying; the private operator pays all these and buys their own equipment," Isherwood countered.

The controversy has developed as USM and Metro have been moving forward with plans to jointly introduce a major transportation initiative, beginning next August. Metro's plans involve a \$4.5 million service upgrade for Portland and its western suburbs,

called Transit West, which includes a new daily frequent bus service to Gorham. USM's portion of the plan is called U-Pass, through which USM will provide free Metro bus passes to 8,000 of its students, faculty, and staff persons. It appears that Metro had been wanting to implement such an expansion for several years, and the USM participation is a key component to making the expansion viable.

In a written statement, USM spokesperson Bob Stein said that the change made sense for several important reasons. He said the University believes students will receive major benefits from gaining free access to the entire Metro bus system.

Stein stated, "We are thrilled to be part of this effort to strengthen our regional transportation network, but our number one reason for joining this partnership is that it is without question in our students' best interest... this will enable our students to not just to go back and forth between campuses, but to use other Metro lines to get to health appointments, to shop, and to get to internships and jobs..."

He added that the cost for the new service will be approximately the same as the cost for the current private service. A University of Maine press release states that the cost is \$394,000 a year now, compared to \$400,000 a year for the new Metro service. The same press release states that the University of Maine system will continue to contract with several private bus companies for athletic teams' travel and other specialized transportation needs.

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Hayden Desmond
Ava Dolley
Katherine Downey
Andrew Duncan
Vinh Duong
Julia Edwards
Nathan Eichner
Campbell Fowler
Sydney Fox
Stacy Hakizimana
Catherine Higgins
MacKenna Horna
Riley Johnson
Riley Johnson
Amelia Kratzer
Shannon Lawrence
Tess Libby
Emily Paruk
Alice Peterson
Sophiah Rodrigue
Erin Sands

Grade 9 – Honors

Luke Adams
Dawson Allen
Madeline Berry
Jordan Blakeslee
Grace Bradshaw
Anneka Bryant
Beck Carrier
Lily Courtney
River Cummings
Sierra Cummings
Robert Dowdle
Jillian Dugas
Emily Duncan
Aidan Enck
Grace Flynn
Paige Fogg
Gracie Forgues
Victoria Frager
Lydia Gaudreau
Mary Gawlick

Brandon Gordon
Stephen Graham
Brayden Harjula
Devyn Harrington
Mason Hawkes
Reed Henderson
Sia Hyson
Amalia Ionta
Henry Jensen
Richard Jiang
Sophia Kaufman
Evan Koenig
Ryan Kratzer
Katherine Kutzer
Joshua Labrie
Sophie Lachance
Sadie LaPierre
Alexander Leary
Maya Lee
Joshua Lehmann
Zakaria Lembarra
Mikayla Leskowsky
John Lesser
Nevin Libby
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Natetra Ly
Joshua Martin
Kylie Mathieson
Olivia Michaud
Oliver Milliken
Kayleigh Mitchell
Jordan Morin
Molly Murray
Ryan Murray
Adele Nadeau
Grant Nadeau
Caleb Nichols
Daniel Popov
Skylar Prince
Molly Rathbun
Braedyn Richardson
Cassidy Rioux
Morgan Roast
Devin Robichaud
Sophia Sawyer

Delaney Seed
Cody Smith
Hannah Smith
Nathaniel Smith
Xander Tillman
Benjamin Tukey
Alison Walker
Bailey Wentworth
Marissa Wilson
Wesley Young

Grade 10 – High Honors

Anthony Booth
Paige Hume
Henri Kuntz
Anika Malia
Ethan Mercier
Peyton Morton
MacAllister Moss
Madisen Sweatt
Samuel Waggoner

Grade 10 – Honors

Ethan Allen
Grace Andrews
Joshua Ball
Estelle Ballard
Nicholas Batchelder
Carson Battaglia
Elizabeth Blanchard
Laura Bolduc
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Haley Burns
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Alana Weed
Monica Willey
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Kyren Bettencourt
Courtney Brent
Caitlin Chasse
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Fatima Batool
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Hallie Shiers
Sara Slager
Caelyn Smith
Sarah Stevens
Logan Swift
Grace Terry
Elianna Towns
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Quentin Volpe
Ethan White

Brooke Woodbury
Melanie Wright

Grade 12 – High Honors

Asal Bahmani
Clayton Basingthwaite
Conor Battaglia
Caitlyn Beaulieu
Hayley Bickford
Lindsey Boylen
Emily Chapin
Courtney Cushing
Bennett Donohue
Aaron Farr
Brooke Greatorex
Kaitlyn Jodoin
Sarah Johnson
Emily Murray
Lauren Nagy
Alexander Ousback
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Jonathan Scribner
Trevor Stout

Grade 12 – Honors

Hannah Beliveau
Jessica Bennett
Olivia Bowley
Nolan Brown
Samuel Burghardt
Ian Butler
Caitlin Callahan

Marisa Collins
Emma Cousins
Claudia Daigle
Michaela Desrosier
David Drew
Vy Duong
Jessica Dusseault
Benjamin Eichner
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Meadow Fortier
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A Notice from GMS about Honor Roll Postings:

Gorham Middle School is posting the student honor roll in a new and different way given our on-going work transitioning to Proficiency Based Education, and using two different grading platforms (Jumprope and Infinite Campus) in 7th and 8th grades. Honors and High Honors are now reported by content area and are constantly changing, therefore, they will not be published in the paper quarterly. Use this live link (<http://bit.ly/2nJgxxx>) to view the honor roll. Please contact the middle school office if there are any errors and they will be fixed quickly. The honor roll will also be posted on the school's webpage.

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Elizabeth Phinney and Arianna Morse, 6th graders from Gorham Girl Scouts, brought the Gorham Police Department a supply of Thanksgiving goodies which included three dozen muffins and six mini loaves of sweet bread.

GHS Class of 2007 will hold its 10 year Reunion on December 29th from 7-11 p.m. at Spire 29 On the Square (29 School Street). Tickets are free and food will be provided. Cash bar will be available. Spire 29 is thrilled to welcome GHS grads to "come home again" for their reunions. FMI jamie@jamie-kennedy.com.

LifeChurch is sponsoring a blanket drive to help the homeless. Project Blessing helps people who are transitioning from homelessness into housing by providing some of their basic needs. Over 1000 people are helped every year completely through donations. The need is great for new or gently used bed sized blankets. Donations can be dropped off at 8 Elkins Rd. during business hours or Sunday mornings. FMI, contact pam@lifechurchmaine.org or at 839-6354.

The Bookworm is asking customers to donate \$2 to purchase a gift-wrapped new book with a small toy attached to accompany Christmas baskets being prepared for needy families in the area. The Bookworm has donated more than 100 books a year for this effort in the past 15 years. FMI, 839-2665.

There will be a community blood drive at Narragansett Elementary School on Tuesday, Dec. 26, from from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. You may call 1-800 RED CROSS to schedule an appointment.

Little Falls Baptist Church will be holding Christmas Carols and Fellowship on Friday, December 15, from 6-8 p.m. FMI 892-4240.

The Gorham Lions will meet on December 12 and January 9 at 6:30 p.m. at the Public Works Cafeteria off Huston Road, 6:30 p.m. New members welcome. FMI, 929-9182.

White Rock Community Clubhouse, 34 Wilson Rd., will hold a Bean Supper Saturday January 6 from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Homemade kidney and pea beans, hot dogs, cole slaw, potato salad, macaroni and cheese, homemade biscuits, as well as homemade pies for dessert. Adults: \$8/Children under 12: \$4. FMI, <http://whiterockcommunityclub@gmail.com>.

Cadette Girl Scouts from Gorham Troop 2300 worked again this year with Homelinstead Senior Care on the "Be A Santa To A Senior" program.

They rallied other Girl Scout troops from their Service Unit "Nonesuch" and surrounding towns to make 300 ornaments to put with the gift request tags that went out to 13 businesses. This was the troop's 5th year helping Homelinstead with the program, and they maintained two trees as well, collecting, checking and wrapping gifts in preparation for delivery. Pictured above (left to right) is Maeve Donnelly, Danielle Irish, Izzy Densmore, Emily Feagans, Grace Pierce, Brinn Irish, Taylor Jordan, and Meghan Irish.



Photo credit Pam Irish

In the Spirit of Giving: Jan Willis MacLeod and South Gorham Baptist Church hosted a Gratitude Drive on November 24 to collect blood for the American Red Cross and food to benefit the Gorham Food Pantry. In all, 34 units of blood were collected, and 196 pounds of food was donated plus \$110 in cash and Hannaford gift cards for the Pantry. Back row (left to right): Jan Willis MacLeod, Norma Willis, Adma Willis, Jeff Willis, Paul Willis, Beth Neal, and David Willis. Middle: Marissa Berry, Sarah MacLeod, Nicole Fairweather, Jen Willis, Will Catlin, and Sarah Catlin. Front: Brooke Kazimer, Shawn Rumery, and Lori Rumery.



Photo courtesy of The Willis Family

Traditions of the Maine Hunter CONTINUED FROM PAGE 8

roots was my specialty."

When Todd was still young, he and his father started a "hooky day," in which Todd was allowed to choose one day during the season to take off from school to hunt. According to him, "the look on my sisters' faces was priceless." Though Bruce passed last year from his battle with ALS, Todd has taken immense pleasure in teaching his now 12-year-old son, Nathan, the tips and tricks his father taught him long ago.

For people interested in participating in, or learning more about hunting in Maine, for whitetail or any other wildlife, a great resource is the website for Maine Inland Fisheries and Wildlife (www.maine.gov/ifw).

Safety is the number one concern of hunting officials, such as game wardens, to other hunters, and for others also enjoying the fields and forests.

It is required that all new hunters take, and be certified, in a hunter safety course. Several courses are offered during the year through Gorham Adult Education. More intricate tips and tricks to help you in the field are reviewed thoroughly in these courses.

While safety is the primary objective, the secondary objective is for hunters to get into their local fields and tree stands and have fun. For many people, November is a month where traditions and memories, new and old, are created and celebrated.

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CALENDAR

THURSDAY DECEMBER 14

- Baby and Me (birth to 18 mos), 9:30-9:50 a.m. Baxter Memorial Library.
- Baxter Memorial Book Club will meet at 10 a.m. to discuss "The Stranger in the Woods: The Extraordinary Story of the Last True Hermit" by Michael Finkel. Baxter Memorial Library.
- Toddler Time (18-36 mos), 10-10:30 a.m. Baxter Memorial Library.
- Sewing Club (ages 7 and up), 2:30-4:30 p.m. Baxter Memorial Library.

FRIDAY DECEMBER 15

- Christmas Carols and Fellowship 6-8 p.m. at Little Falls Baptist Church. FMI 892-4240.

TUESDAY DECEMBER 19

- Preschool Story Time (ages 3-5), 9:30-10:15 a.m. Baxter Memorial Library.

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 20

- Toddler Time (18-36 mos), 10-10:30 a.m. Baxter Memorial Library.

THURSDAY DECEMBER 21

- Baby and Me (birth to 18 mos), 9:30-9:50 a.m. Baxter Memorial Library.
- Toddler Time (18-36 mos), 10-10:30 a.m. Baxter Memorial Library.
- Sewing Club (ages 7 and up), 2:30-4:30 p.m. Baxter Memorial Library.

MONDAY DECEMBER 25

- Library Closed – Christmas Day

TUESDAY DECEMBER 26

- Gorham Lions Meeting. 6:30 p.m., Gorham Dept of Public Works Cafeteria. FMI 929-9182

MONDAY JANUARY 1

- Library Closed – New Years Day

TUESDAY JANUARY 2

- Preschool Story Time (ages 3-5), 9:30-10:15 a.m. Baxter Memorial Library.

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 3

- Toddler Time (18-36 mos), 10-10:30 a.m. Baxter Memorial Library.

THURSDAY JANUARY 4

- Baby and Me (birth to 18 mos), 9:30-9:50 a.m. Baxter Memorial Library.
- Toddler Time (18-36 mos), 10-10:30 a.m. Baxter Memorial Library.
- Sewing Club (ages 7 and up), 2:30-4:30 p.m. Baxter Memorial Library.

FRIDAY JANUARY 5

- Sensory Friendly Story Time, 10-11 a.m. Baxter Memorial Library

SATURDAY JAN 6

- Bean Supper, 4:30-6 p.m. White Rock Community Clubhouse. FMI, whiterockcommunity-club@gmail.com

TUESDAY JAN 9

- Preschool Story Time (ages 3-5), 9:30-10:15 a.m. Baxter Memorial Library.
- Gorham Lions Meeting. 6:30 p.m. at Gorham Dept of Public Works Cafeteria. FMI 929-9182
- Gorham Memorial Post 10879, Veterans of Foreign Wars meeting, 6:30 p.m., Gorham Fire Department training room, 270 Main St. All interested veterans are welcome.

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 10

- Toddler Time (18-36 mos), 10-10:30 a.m. Baxter Memorial Library.
- Family Gaming Night, 4-6:45 p.m. Baxter Memorial Library.

THURSDAY JANUARY 11

- Baby and Me (birth to 18 mos), 9:30-9:50 a.m. Baxter Memorial Library.
- Toddler Time (18-36 mos), 10-10:30 a.m. Baxter Memorial Library.
- Sewing Club (ages 7 and up), 2:30-4:30 p.m. Baxter Memorial Library.

SATURDAY JAN 13

- Lego Club, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Baxter Memorial Library

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Christmas Services 2017

Cressey Road United Methodist Church

81 Cressey Road, Gorham
Rev. Michele Ewers, 839-3111
Dec. 24 - 4 p.m. Family Candlelight Service,
11 pm. Communion Candlelight Service.
Dec 31 – Potluck Dinner, 6 p.m. Watch night
Service 7 p.m.

First Parish Congregational Church, UCC

1 Church Street, Gorham
Interim Lead Minister Scott Lovaas, 839-6751
Dec. 24 – Service of Carols, Readings &
Candle Lighting 7 p.m. & 10 p.m.

Galilee Baptist Church

317 Main Street Gorham
Rev. David Christensen, 839-6985
December 24 – Christmas Eve Candlelight
Service 6 p.m.

Grace Bible Church

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

LifeChurch

New Portland Road, Gorham
Pastors Brian Undlin and Tom Pequinot,
839-6354
Dec 21 – Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
6:30 p.m.
Dec 24 – Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
9:30 a.m., 2:30 p.m. & 4 p.m.

Little Falls Baptist Church

749 Gray Road, Gorham
Pastor Tony Vafiades, 892-4240
Dec 15 – Christmas Sing In 6 p.m.
Dec 24 – Candlelight Service 5 p.m.

Living Stone Community Church

711 Ossipee Trail West, Standish
Pastor Jim Hess, 642-2309
Dec 24 – Christmas Eve Service 6 p.m.

Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church

410 Main Street, Gorham
Rev. Timothy Sandeno, 839-7100
Dec 24 – Christmas Candlelight Service
7 p.m.

St. Ann's Episcopal Church

40 Windham Center Road
(Off River Road) Windham
Rev. Tim Higgins, 892-8447
Dec 24 – Christmas Eve Service with
Christmas Pageant 4 p.m., Service with
Carols and Youth Choir 7 p.m, Full Service
with Adult Choir 10 p.m.

St. Anne's Catholic Church

299 Main Street, Gorham
Pastor Louis Phillips & Rev. Michael Seavey,
839-4857
Dec 24 – Christmas Eve Vigil 4 p.m. &
7 p.m.
Dec 25 – Christmas Day Mass 8 a.m.

South Gorham Baptist Church

53 County Road, Gorham
Rev. Douglas Walker, 839-3457
Dec 24 – Christmas Eve Service of Carols &
Candles 5:30 p.m.

United Church of Christ at North Gorham

4 Standish Neck Road, Gorham
Interim Lead Minister Scott Lovaas,
892-5363
Dec 24 – Christmas Eve Service of Carols &
Candles 5 p.m.

West Gorham Union Church

190 Ossipee Trail (Rts 25/112), Gorham
Pastor Nathan Colson, 839-5946
Dec 24 – Christmas Eve Family Service
4 p.m.

White Rock Free Baptist Church

300 Sebago Lake Road, Gorham
Rev. Jonathan Marshall, 839-1919
Dec 24 – Christmas Eve Candlelight
Service 6 p.m.
Dec 31 – New Year's Eve Gathering 6 p.m.



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