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Baxter Library Sustains Water Damage

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Contributing Writer

Baxter Memorial Library staff has been dealing with the aftereffects of a burst water pipe which was discovered on the afternoon of New Year's Day. A water pipe apparently froze, then burst somewhere near the main floor level, which caused a significant amount of water to flow into the lower level.

The most significant damage took place in the staff restroom on the lower floor, where the ceiling, walls, and floors were completely ruined. Fortunately, the children's book collection and other significant items stored on the lower level were not affected by the flooding.

As all of the carpeting in the children's room and a storage room was thoroughly soaked by the flooding, the library had to close the entire lower level on a temporary basis. According to library director James Rathbun, the library has not yet received a statement of the full damage cost, and they do not yet have a timeframe for reconstructing the staff restroom. Staff anticipated that the carpet-drying process would be complete by January 6 so the children's section could reopen shortly thereafter.

Director Rathbun added that employees of the library and the Gorham Public Works Department had been checking on the library every few hours, day and night, during the recent cold snap. Due to the timing of when town employees had checked on the library, they were able to estimate that the pipe had been leaking for only a few hours before being discovered, which prevented the children's book collection and other library assets from being more severely damaged.

Rathbun went on to praise the quick response by personnel from Gorham Public Works, the Gorham Fire Department, and ServPro, who all did a great deal to mitigate the effect of the flooding on the library's facilities, preventing more damage to the children's area.

Gorham Sightings

Do you know where in Gorham this photo was taken? Join our visual trivia discussion by entering your best guess on our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/gorhamtimes or email us at gorhamtimes@gmail.com. The photo in the November 30 edition is the Little Free Library, a "take a book, return a book" free book exchange, located on Elm Street near Whispy Ends.



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Gorham Rings In the New Year



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VIRGINIA WILDER CROSS
Contributing Writer

The tenth New Year Gorham earned a solid "10" rating. It didn't matter that it was cold outside (not quite as cold as year #1, but close) because Gorham people know NYG is always the "hottest" show in town for New Year's Eve.

The event began at 3 p.m. with ice skating at USM and ended with a fabulous fireworks display at 9:15 p.m. Between those hours, approximately 500 folks had countless choices of fun ways to celebrate with family and friends.

Kids were fascinated by a science show and robotics demonstration,

and thoroughly entertained by puppets and not-so-dumb dummies. In addition, face painting, good cookies and hot chocolate never get old. This year, the Gorham Main Street Alliance gave each child (of any age up to 100) a surprise bag of party goodies, and there were lots of balloons to take home.

Adults enjoyed all kinds of music, from chorus, Acadian fiddling, to soft rock, and not so soft rock. Both Beatles tribute performances were a hit with all ages – who knew middle schoolers would love the same music their grandparents love? For those who enjoy a good laugh, improvisation always deliv-

ers, and this year's improv fun was no exception.

Of course, good food is a must on New Year's Eve, and there was no shortage of that. The robotics team not only demonstrated their robot, they offered snacks early in the afternoon and served a fabulous family-friendly meal in the high school cafeteria.

Magic and comedy ended the night with the audience wondering how a kid can float on air as they left the auditorium to see how fireworks float in the air.

The ice sculptures are beautiful and will remain until they melt as a reminder of Gorham's awesome party to welcome 2018.

Gorham Begins VIPS Program

GORHAM TIMES STAFF

Thousands of law enforcement agencies around the country and internationally are using volunteers to supplement public safety and crime prevention efforts. VIPS, or Volunteers in Police Service, never replace officers. Rather, they offer support to allow agencies to provide additional services, maintain positive relationships with the public, free up officers' time for higher level duties, and maximize impact in the community.

Police Chief Dan Jones suggested creating the VIPS program in Gorham as the police department hopes to utilize the talents and interests of the individual volunteers to maximize the benefit to the community and the experience for the volunteers.

VIPS volunteers will be required to pass a criminal background check, receive training in various technical and safety protocols, be at least 18 years of age and be able to commit a minimum of five hours per month. Applications are available at Gorham PD.

Gorham residents who had previously been a part of the Cumberland County (CCSO) VIPS program have decided to take part in this local program which will be dedicated to providing services in Gorham. In addition, six other Gorham residents, most of whom have attended the Gorham Citizen's Police Academy, have also joined the Gorham VIPS program.

Nearly 55% of the events in which the VIPS participated this past year were in Gorham with services provided to many non-profits in Gorham as well as to Gorham Recreation Department. VIPS primarily do citizen patrols. They also help with traffic control after accidents, road closures, power failures, parades, special events, etc. VIPS personnel also

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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.

Session Has Begun

REP. ANDREW MCLEAN

With the start of the new year comes the second half of the 128th Legislature, commonly referred to as the "short session" as it has a statutory adjournment date of April 18.

Although it is the shorter of our two sessions, we have a number of significant issues before us already. The

first of note is the implementation of Medicaid expansion. Last November, voters approved a ballot initiative to expand Medicaid. This implementation will have an incredible impact on our communities and Maine's rural hospitals, and it will create thousands of new health care jobs across the state. This will certainly be a lengthy process, and I will continue to update you as the Legislature moves forward. In the meantime, if you have any questions on this please let me know.

The bipartisan Maine Task Force to Address the Opioid Crisis concluded its work in December. The 19-member Task Force, comprised of lawmakers, law enforcement, medical officials and community experts, has released its findings to the Legislature and has made over a dozen recommendations, including early prevention measures and better treatment options to protect Maine families from the effects of addiction. I am proud of the way my colleagues on both sides of the aisle have come together to find solutions to this epidemic.

According to the Maine Attorney General's office, 185 Mainers died of a drug overdose in the first six months of 2017. In 2016, the total number of deaths was 376. We can and must do more to protect Maine families.

In addition to these pressing issues before the Legislature, we will hold public hearings and work sessions for over 400 bills, some of which were carried over from last session and some that were deemed an "emergency" by the 10-member Legislative Council made up of Legislative Leaders. I will also continue to serve in my role as House chair of the Transportation Committee.

The Transportation Committee oversees policy concerning the Department of Transportation, the Bureau of Motor Vehicles and the Maine Turnpike Authority. It also oversees policy relating to railroads, aeronautics and highway and bridge infrastructure. The committee's work is important for our state – not only for keeping people safe but also for ensuring that Maine businesses can be successful.

As the new legislative session gets underway, hearing your thoughts on these and other issues is crucial to what we do at the State House. As always, please feel free to contact me with your questions and concerns. I also send out periodic e-mail updates throughout the session. If you would like to receive these updates, please let me know by e-mailing me.



Rep. Andrew McLean, D-Gorham, is serving his third term in the Maine House. He is House chair of the Transportation Committee and represents parts of both Gorham and Scarborough.

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Ownership of the Chalmers Insurance Group was transferred to the fourth generation of Chalmers family members, Jim Chalmers and Dottie Chalmers Cutter, effective January 1. The company has a Gorham location at 65 Main St.

The salon previously known as Salon La Luna on Mechanic Street is now operating as Copper Door Salon.

Tots to Teens on lower Main Street has closed.

Tammy Ruda Joins Legacy Properties Sotheby's International Realty



Legacy Properties Sotheby's International Realty, a market leader in Maine real estate, announced today that

Tammy Ruda has joined its Greater Portland Maine real estate office as a Senior Vice President.

Tammy has practiced real estate in Maine for more than 16 years specializing in residential properties and new construction and development. As a Gorham resident, she has built a strong market presence and is particularly well known for her high level of client service and market expertise.

"We are so pleased to have Tammy join our team," says Christopher Lynch, President of Legacy Properties Sotheby's International Realty. "She brings a passion and a depth of local

market knowledge to our Greater Portland presence. She will also be a great asset in building out more of a presence in the Sebago Lake region."

"Legacy Properties Sotheby's International Realty offers amazing global marketing resources, technology and support to offer my clients more exposure for their homes," states Tammy Ruda. "I am impressed with the strong market share gains by Legacy Properties. I am certain my clients will be pleased with the resources available to help them achieve their real estate goals."

A native of Bangor, Tammy's love for the state grew from her many summers in Eastport. She resides in Gorham with her husband, Greg and son, Spencer. A big sport fan, Tammy and her family enjoy supporting all the Boston sport teams along with the University of Miami ("The U"), where her son is enrolled.

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Atlantic Dance Arts: New Studio, Familiar Faces

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Nestled under the School Street Pub is Gorham's newest dance studio, Atlantic Dance Arts (ADA). Although the wall to wall ceiling mirrors and polished wood flooring are recent additions to the space, its owner, Mariel Roy, is an old dance star of Gorham. Most recently recognized for her work as the choreographer of Gorham High School's winter musical, "Once on This Island" and "A Charlie Brown Christmas" at Biddeford City Theater, Roy (GHS '07) has been practicing and performing in Maine's creative art scene since the age of two.

Starting as a student at The Centre of Movement School of Performing Arts, Roy became an assistant teacher in middle school, taught solo at age 14, and continued to teach when home during break from the Palladino School of Dance program at Dean College. Roy knew early on that she wanted to bring her experience back home to Gorham.

"I always intended to come back here," Roy said. "Once I got started and I saw how a dance studio was run, I thought, you know this is something I would want to do one day."

Roy opened Atlantic Dance Arts in October and teaches there alongside fellow instructors Breanna Neal and Brittany Camire. The studio's two professionally outfitted dance rooms allow for a wide variety of classes for dancers of all ages and skill level. Between the three instructors, ADA offers everything from classic ballroom, tap, and jazz instruction to musical theater, lyrical, hip-hop, and even a performance team for those interested in competition.

Creative Movement and Combo Classes are available for the youngest dance enthusiasts, and adult sessions of tap, ballroom, and more are offered for the mature crowd as well. Classes range from thirty minutes to an hour depending on skill and intensity, and Roy stressed that the low commitment of just one session a week for five weeks means that anyone can try it out.



Photo credit Adrian Copeland

Owner and instructor Mariel Roy of Atlantic Dance Arts outside her studio on School Street.

However, ADA has become more than just a place to learn dance. Roy has imbued the studio's physical space with her business's mission—to be a place "Where friendships are formed and talents are nurtured"—by creating a welcoming atmosphere and being a positive role model, to which the students have responded wholeheartedly. Many head straight to the dance studio after school.

"And you'll hear them coming!" Roy said. "They're here to dance, but they hang out before, they do their homework. I've known them forever, so it's nice that they look forward to coming here." Roy also related that her dancers develop life-skills as well: "They have to be committed to something and follow through, and the team aspect is good, too."

For those who are interested in learning more about the studio, dancing, or asking Roy further questions, Atlantic Dance Studio will be hosting an open house on January 13 from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. There will be tours, snacks, and a chance to see the performance dance team practicing techniques and routines. Dancing, Roy said, is a lifelong pursuit you can start at any age, so all are welcome stop by.

Atlantic Dance Studio is located at 29 School St. For more information, visit www.atlanticdancearts.com, email mariel@atlanticdancearts.com or call 671-5161.

GHS Grad Podcasts Her First Novel

CHRIS CRAWFORD
Staff Writer

Like many struggling authors, Miriam Rimkunas (GHS '08) knows it is tough for a writer to sell her first novel. Thanks to the digital age, there are some interesting alternatives to the standard route of submitting work to a publisher and hoping for a contract instead of a polite "No Thank You" letter because your work does not fit their "list."

Miriam's solution was to podcast her first novel, a supernatural fantasy titled "Extraordinary Terrestrials." She has found podcasting and fiction writing to be very different. Music and sound are the big bonuses in favor of podcasting as a great storytelling medium. "I love that I can add thoughtfully chosen sound, music and artwork that allow the listener to become totally immersed in the story," she said.

Miriam's work has a clear voice that is laced with a quirky sense of humor and a delight in the unusual, unexpected, and off-kilter. When asked how her Maine roots influence her writing, she said, "Extraordinary Terrestrials is oozing with Maine. The story takes place around a wetland filled with rather unusual Maine wildlife. I wouldn't necessarily call it an ode to Maine, but I do hope it accurately conveys what it's like to live here."

Miriam described podcasting as a whole new world. She said, "For a millennial, I don't consider myself to be very tech-savvy. The idea that people would be listening to my novel, read in my own voice, was doubly terrifying." Miriam overcame these obstacles with a little help from her family and friends. Her brothers, Peter (GHS '06), an artist,



Photo courtesy of Miriam Rimkunas/
Artwork by Peter Rimkunas



and Jonas (GHS '11), a musician, contributed artwork and music to accompany her story.

Jonas said, "Miriam gave me an emotional prompt for a scene, and I improvised a tune or chord progression to match, until we found something we both really liked." Peter added, "After reading one of Miriam's early drafts of Extraordinary Terrestrials, I knew immediately I wanted to make chapter art for it."

Miriam is also very grateful for her supportive parents. "They never shied me away from the arts, both being teachers in the field. They want me to do well, but it was always clear to me that part of what 'doing well' meant was doing what is important to me," she said. Miriam also found help from a podcasting community on Facebook and gratefully relied on her boyfriend's technical expertise with microphones

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GORHAM TREE FESTIVAL 2017



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Postcard from the Past



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History is about to change. The land where Narragansett Park was located will undergo another transformation soon.

Narragansett Park, circa 1908, was once the home of the Cumberland County Fair. Later its name changed to Gorham Raceway and it hosted the annual Gorham Fair. It was/is located on the corner of Rt. 202 & Rt. 112. The Park and Raceway both featured Standardbred harness racing horses who raced on the half mile oval track. Trotters and pacers pulled light-weight two wheeled sulkies around the track twice to equal a one mile race.

In later years, lights were added for night racing. When the track was closed around 1968,

many of the lights were moved to the Gorham High School soccer field. The new Rt. 112 bypass cut through a small section of the track.

Recently Moody's Collision Centers purchased the property for development. Many trees have been cleared and if you look very closely, three-quarters of the half-mile oval track is still visible.

If you have questions, comments or further information about Narragansett Park, please feel free to contact Greg Cuffey at sphomaine@hotmail.com



Recent arial shot of Narragansett Park.

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FINANCIAL FOCUS

Time for New Year's Financial Resolutions

ED DOYLE

We have begun another year – which means it's just about time do some serious work on some Financial New Year's resolutions. Here are some worthy ideas to consider.

Increase contributions to your employer-sponsored retirement plan. For 2018, you can contribute up to \$18,500 (or \$24,500 if you're 50 or older) to your 401(k) or similar plan, such as a 403(b) for employees of public schools and some nonprofit groups, or a 457(b) plan for employees of local governments. It is usually a good idea to contribute as much as you can afford to your employer's plan, as your contributions may lower your taxable income, while your earnings can grow tax-deferred. At a minimum, put in enough to earn your employer's matching contribution, if one is offered.

Try to "max out" on your IRA. Even if you have a 401(k) or similar plan, you can probably still invest in an IRA. For 2018, you can contribute up to \$5,500 to a traditional or Roth IRA, or \$6,500 if you're 50 or older. (Income restrictions apply to Roth IRAs.) Contributions to a traditional IRA may be tax-deductible, depending on your income, and your earnings can grow tax-deferred. Roth IRA contributions are not deductible, but earnings can grow tax-free, provided you do not start taking withdrawals until you are 59-1/2 and you have had your account at least five years. You can put virtually any investment in an IRA, so it can expand your options beyond those offered in your 401(k) or similar plan.

Build an emergency fund containing three to six months' worth of living expenses, with the money held in a low-risk, liquid account. This fund

can help you avoid dipping into your long-term investments to pay for unexpected costs, such as a new furnace or a major car repair.

Control your debts. It is never easy, but do what you can to keep your debts under control. The less you have to spend on debt payments, the more you can invest for your future.

Don't overreact to changes in the financial markets. This long run of rising stock prices will not last forever. If there is a sharp market downturn in 2018, do not overreact by taking a "time out" from investing. Market drops are a normal feature of the investment landscape, and you may ultimately gain an advantage by buying new shares when prices are down.

Review your goals and risk tolerance. At least once in 2018, take some time to review your short- and long-term financial goals and try to determine, perhaps with the help of a financial professional, if your investment portfolio is still appropriate for these goals. At the same time, you'll want to re-evaluate your risk tolerance to ensure you're not taking too much risk – or possibly too little risk – with your investments.

Do your best to stick with these resolutions throughout the coming year. At a minimum, they can help you improve your investment habits – and they may improve your financial picture far beyond 2018.



Ed Doyle operates the Gorham branch office of Edward Jones. He is experienced in all aspects of financial planning, retirement income planning, tax-advantaged education savings plans. This article is printed with permission from Edward Jones.

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GHS Swim Team Growing Stronger



Photo credit Amanda Landry

Led by Coach Adam Cyr, the team has experienced growth on both the boys' and girls' side this season. According to Cyr, "This year our team is bigger than it has ever been before. We are building off a very strong foundation of club swimmers with some new swimmers being much stronger than expected. The girls' team is fighting to defend the 3rd place southwestern finish last year, and the boys' team, being three times larger than it has been the last four years, is reaching heights previously unseen by these boys." The team has won about half of its meets but the coach reiterated that they do not focus on individual wins and losses, but rather stay focused on the end-of-the-season goals.

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Concussion Expert Speaks at Alma Mater

PATRICK O'SHEA
Contributing Writer

"How many of you have ever had a concussion?" Dr. Michael "Micky" Collins asked the audience at USM's Abromson Center on November 30. The majority of people raised their hands. "How many of you were prescribed rest as the treatment?" Again, the majority of people raised their hands. "Rest alone does not work," he said. Collins, a nationally recognized expert in the field of concussions, returned to his alma mater to speak to an audience concerned about concussion prevention and treatment.

He went on to explain what a concussion is and how it should be treated based upon the research he and a team at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center's Sports Medicine Concussion Program have conducted. He explained the brain is like the yolk of an egg in fluid, which moves when the egg shell moves, just like the brain in a skull would move. You don't need to lose consciousness or be hit in the head to have a concussion.

The research concluded that concussions are treatable and the one size-fits-all approach is not the way to treat them, but rather a comprehensive approach is needed. There are six different types of concussions and a patient could have one, all

six, or a mixture of the types. For more detailed information on the Center's approach to concussion diagnosis and treatment, refer to the website rethinkconcussions.upmc.com. Collins reiterated a "process over protocol" approach, which is more proactive, and he insists more helpful to full and fast recovery, than the rest-until-symptoms-have-passed convention.

Perhaps one of the most valuable and increasingly utilized tools for schools, medical professionals and families is ImPACT, of which Collins is one of the founding developers. ImPACT (Immediate Post-Concussion Assessment and Cognitive Testing) is a 25-minute online computer test that "measures visual and verbal memory, reaction time and processing speed," according to impactconcussion.com.

The site states, "ImPACT has two components: baseline testing and post-injury testing which are used in conjunction to determine if a patient can safely return to activity." The test is administered and evaluated by healthcare professionals. The website provides sample interactive opportunity.

Collins also discussed the effect of pre-existing conditions which result in some people being more susceptible to injury. For instance, people who are prone to experience car sickness may be impacted by head

injury differently than those who aren't. Varying levels of anxiety preceding and during concussion will also affect treatment and recovery. An individual experiencing anxiety and headaches is not likely to recover well by attempting to rest in a dark room for extended periods of time. Again, he urged that deeper diagnosis and customized treatment is best for concussion injury.

Collins was recruited to the University of Pittsburgh in 2000, and serves as director and a founding member of the UPMC Sports Medicine Concussion Program. The program is the largest research and clinical program focused on assessment, treatment, rehabilitation, research, and education of sports-related mild traumatic brain injury in athletes of all levels. The program has nearly 20,000 patient visits per year. Collins, along with directing the clinic, sees patients five days a week. He likes being in the trenches and treating athletes and many others who go through this injury. "It's quite a full-time job," he said.

Collins is a graduate of Hermon High School and the University of Southern Maine (USM '91) and holds a PhD from Michigan State. He credits USM for preparing him in many ways for his future career. While at USM he played baseball for Coach Ed Flaherty and played in the 1989 College World Series. Understanding the sports world has helped him in his work, especially with professional athletes.

Gorham Schools and Concussions

The following is an excerpt of information and comments provided by Tim Spear, Athletic Director for Gorham Schools, to Hal D'Amico, Sports Editor:

Gorham Times: Do the Gorham schools have a concussion protocol?

Tim Spear: Yes, Gorham Schools have a concussion protocol that is followed both athletically and academically. Any student suspected of sustaining a concussion is given a form that includes "Concussion Management Protocol" and "Graduated Return to Play Protocol" which must be signed by a physician before returning to activity. We also work with Maine Medical Center. They provide us with a team doctor each year who is part of a Sports Medicine Fellowship through their program. This doctor also assists with our concussion injuries.

GT: Is preseason baseline testing used in Gorham?

TS: We require baseline testing for all of our student-athletes. We baseline our student athletes as freshman and juniors so that we have the most accurate information. Beginning this past fall, we also began baselining our 7th grade students who are participating in our sports programs. We were able to do this after hiring a part-time athletic trainer for the middle school. So we now have baseline data for every student-athlete in 7th, 9th and 11th grade.

GT: Is baseline testing mandated by the state?

TS: Baseline testing is not mandated, but is recommended. We have some very vast differences across our state as it relates to the services provided. While I would say almost every school in southern Maine has an Athletic Trainer and utilizes ImPACT testing (see Concussion article), there are other parts of the state that are unable to fund these positions and programs. In my opinion, the ImPACT program and the baseline testing is a very valuable tool that we use for the safety of our students.

Spear concluded, "The athletic trainer (Tyler Delaney) has become one of the most important pieces of our athletic programs. We are very fortunate to have a full-time and a part-time athletic trainer on staff. Without these trainers, the ImPACT program and baseline testing would be useless."

GHS Rams Weekend Home/Local Schedule

Thursday, January 11th:

Girls' basketball vs. Maine Girls Academy, 6:00 p.m.

Friday, January 12th:

Swim team vs. Scarborough, 4:00 p.m.

Saturday, January 13th:

Girls' basketball vs. Lewiston, 1:00 p.m.

Girls' ice hockey vs. Portland/Deering, 5:30 p.m.

Track meet at USM, 6:30 p.m.

Monday, January 15th:

Boys' basketball vs. Oxford Hills, 1:00 p.m.

Friday, January 19th:

Swim team vs. Portland, 4:00 p.m.

Girls' basketball vs. Thornton Academy, 5:45 p.m.

Boys' basketball vs. Thornton Academy, 7:15 p.m.

Saturday, January 20th:

Indoor track meet at USM, 11:30 p.m.

Girls' ice hockey vs. Yarmouth, 4:20 p.m.

Boys' ice hockey vs. Marsh/No/Sa/Traip, 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, January 24th:

Indoor track at USM, 4:00 p.m.

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USM Schedule(home only):

Friday, January 12th:

Women's ice hockey vs. Becker, 4:00 p.m.
Mens' ice hockey vs. Norwich, 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, January 13th:

Women's basketball vs. Eastern Conn., 1:00 p.m.
Mens' basketball vs. Eastern Conn., 3:00 p.m.
Mens' ice hockey vs. Castleton, 4:00 p.m.

Friday, January 19th:

Women's ice hockey vs. UNE, 7:00 p.m.

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GMS Hosts Code Day

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Gorham Middle School's (GMS) technology integrator, Terri Dawson, and Gorham High School (GHS) and GMS' STEM teacher, Terry Bartick, hosted Gorham's first Code Day on December 6 at GMS to promote National Computer Science Month in Schools.

The early release STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) activities were geared toward students in grades 4-9. Over a hundred students participated in this inaugural event.

"Our Code Day event is making a statement that Gorham is teaching these foundational 21st century skills and will continue to bring programming activities to our students," said Dawson. "We wanted to make our

event huge so we included students in grades 4-9 and their parents."

Buses picked up students at all of the elementary schools and brought them to GMS for a fun afternoon of creative coding activities. Parents were encouraged to attend the event alongside their child to learn some new skills while having fun together.

When students arrived from the elementary schools, they were escorted to the auditorium for a 30-minute "Welcome and Digital Citizenship Presentation," given by Dawson. Students then rotated around to different sessions throughout the afternoon and participated in activities such as 3D Printing, Edison Robots, CoSpaces/VR, Digital Breakouts, Code.org, and Scratch.

The instructors offering their time for this event were: Michael McCarthy,



Photo credit Terri Dawson

Students in grades 4-9 and their parents recently had the opportunity to participate in activities that promote STEM at the inaugural Code Day event at GMS.

Diane Knott, Sam Orlando, Joanne Gauley, Bartick, and Dawson. Planning

has already begun to make next year's event even bigger.

GHS Students Venture Outside the Classroom

ZACHARY MCGOULDRIK
GHS Student Intern

On November 15, several classes from Gorham High School (GHS) seniors traveled by bus to Portland to participate and observe in an Eggs and Issues session. This is a monthly business forum where community members and representatives of the Portland Community Chamber of Commerce gather to discuss a pre-determined topic.

Students from Nan Acker-

Wolfhagen's A.P Environmental Science class and Sally Hatch's Marine Science class were chosen to attend and encouraged to branch out and engage in the discussions and following question and answer session.

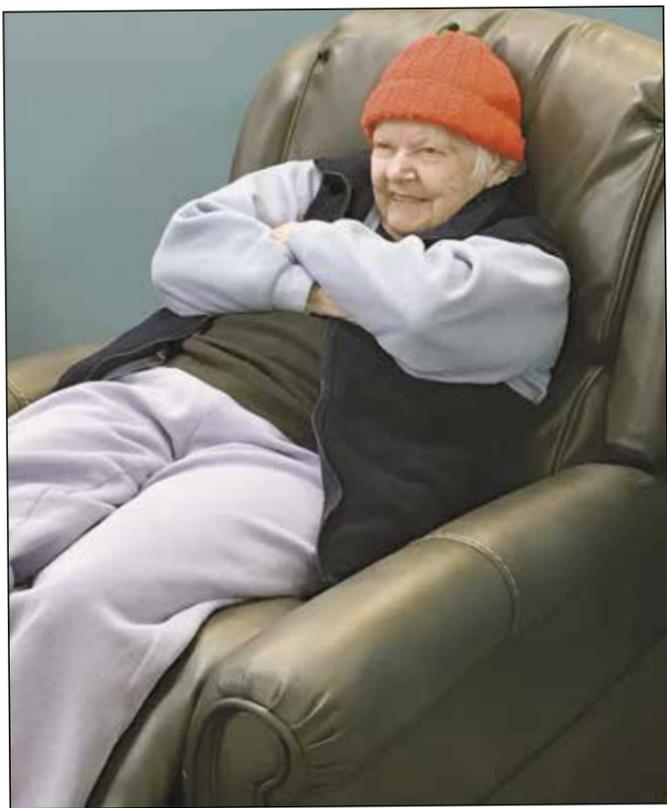
November's topic was related to what the students have been learning in their classes: following the health of Casco Bay and economic prosperity for the state and specific regions. The guest speaker was Don Perkins, the CEO of the Gulf of Maine Research Institute. While he talked about the

economic prosperity of the region and the problems that it is facing, he also spoke on extending in different areas over the next several years, including broadening public access. Perkins discussed driving the growth of the state's seafood economy by sustaining industries such as Maine's coveted lobster industry, supporting ground fish resurgence, and encouraging agriculture opportunities.

Garrett Higgins, a senior in Nan Acker-Wolfhagen's class, spoke about his experience with the conference.

"The Eggs and Issues conference was a great opportunity for us to learn about real-time issues relating to our field of interest. It also allowed us to see a gathering of business people in the Portland area and possibly make connections. I thought the conference was extremely beneficial," said Higgins.

While at the conference, Higgins did make small connections with the research institute, which may result in a possible internship for him this summer.



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Students Helping Students



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Donating proceeds from its recent “Just a Kid from Gorham” fundraiser, the Interact Club officers from Gorham High School presented a check for \$1,370 last month to Jen Baker, a representative from the Gorham Backpack program. The club decided to donate half of the proceeds from the fundraiser to the Backpack program. Pictured (left to right) are: Abbie vanLuling, Aaron Farr, Michelle Rowe, Jon Scribner, Stefan Street, Ben Nelson, Sean Pocock, Jen Baker, Garrett Higgins, Heather Whitaker, and Thom Courtney.

Congratulations to the 2017 NHS Inductees



Photo credit Sally Hatch

On December 18, 34 new members were inducted into the Gorham High School chapter of the National Honor Society. Inductees were selected based on their embodiment of the four pillars of NHS: scholarship, service, leadership, and character. Congratulations to all the 2017 inductees: Clayton Bassingthwaite, Kyren Bettencourt, Aaliyah Biambly, Maiya Carlson, Brittany Desjardin, Caroline Dowdle, Jessica Dusseault, Gabriella Gagne, Olivia Garand, Autumn Heil, Isabelle Kolb, Karalyn Kutzer, Matilda McColl, Lydia McCrillis, Libby Mitchell, Hailey Morrill, Margaret Munkasci, Emily Murray, Ben Nault, Tom Nelson, Katie O'Donnell, Olivia Paruk, Alice Riiska, Lydia Roberge, Colette Romatis, Bridget Rossignol, Simon Rousel, Asma Sayed, Leah Scontras, Sarah Stevens, Sarah Walker, Erin Wentworth, Brooke Woodbury, and Bruce Wyatt.



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GMS Participates in Maine Bioscience Day

TERRY BARTICK
6-12 STEM teacher

For the second year in a row, seventh grade students at Gorham Middle School (GMS) participated in Maine Bioscience Day. This was a statewide event on November 8 sponsored by the Bioscience Association of Maine, an organization that is committed to promoting the growth and development of the life science industry in Maine.

Schools are partnered with companies in the bioscience industry, who send their employees to visit schools to show students what it means to work in this field. This year, GMS was paired with Artel-USA, a company in Westbrook that designs and manufactures calibration equipment for pipettes.

Several enthusiastic employees brought their equipment to the school, and students had the chance to learn how to use it. After explaining the science and engineering that happens at Artel, these gracious volunteers patiently helped all 200 plus students go through the steps involved in pipette calibration.

Students enjoyed handling the same equipment and following the same procedures that real scientists



Photo credit Robert Riley

A seventh grade student uses equipment provided by Artel during Maine Bioscience Day to complete one step of a pipette calibration.

in our community are doing every day. Students even earned medals based on how accurately they performed the task.

This event gave students a chance to see how some of what they are learning in school could apply to future careers. GMS is lucky to have many dedicated professionals outside of the schools that are willing to share their experiences with students.



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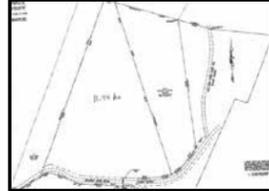
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Baking Bread and Spreading Kindness in Gorham

ABBY CHAMBERLAIN
Fifth-grade student at Great Falls

On December 7, two of the three Gorham Elementary schools, Great Falls and Village, had Amy Driscoll from the King Arthur Flour Company come to their schools to demonstrate how to make bread from scratch.

She had two helpers from each school. While Driscoll taught the students about yeast, its dormancy, and how to get it to wake up, her student assistants were busy rolling out or mixing dough up on the stage.

Driscoll showed students the step-by-step process of making bread, so that hopefully they would know what to do when they made their own bread by using a bag of whole wheat flour, a bag of all-purpose flour, a dough scraper, and a booklet with some recipes.

All of these items were included in a gift bag given to each student in attendance. The bread recipe was enough to make two loaves; one for their family to enjoy, and one that was intended to be donated to the Gorham Food Pantry on December 11. The loaf of bread donated was to be put inside the plastic baggie that also was given out in the student gift bags.

Driscoll made a point to share with the kids how many different things you can make using the same bread



Great Falls students Kayla McLean and Ethan Verrill recently helped Amy Driscoll, of the King Arthur Flour Company, demonstrate how to make bread from scratch.

recipe. She showed the kids the proper way to throw pizza dough, which Ethan Verrill demonstrated during the Great Falls presentation, how to roll and use dental floss to cut cinnamon rolls, and how to make a simple and braided bread loaf, soft pretzels, and knotted rolls.

The presentation was a fun way for kids to learn how to make bread with a good demonstration and some tips for when they try it on their own. It was also a great way to give delicious food to people who are in need, and for kids to enjoy the preservative-free, fresh, home-baked bread with a look of self-satisfaction spread across their faces.

Both schools collected a total of 240 loaves of bread to donate to the Gorham Food Pantry and the Backpack Program. Kindness counts.

DECEMBER 13, 2017

School Committee Workshop

KATHY CORBETT
Staff Writer

The December School Committee meeting began with Great Falls student Alison Smith showcasing her entry for the Count Me In poster contest which promotes school attendance. Her poster won 2nd prize and reminds students "You Can Learn Something Every Day."

Superintendent Heather Perry reported on a meeting of the five-district Sebago Alliance where discussion centered on increasing opportunities for cooperation. Currently the districts have joint projects for special services, technology, and professional development. She also reported that the Proficiency Based Learning (PBL) committees are continuing their work on issues such as creating common language and defining measurements of proficiency.

The District is applying for state approval to purchase three new buses and three replacement buses. Approval would not commit the District to buying them, but would make Gorham eligible for reimbursement of up to 90% of their cost.

Middle school students Olivia Bryant, Hayden Anderson, Aedan MacDougall, and Olivia Hopkins made a presentation about their STEM project, Aquaponics in the Classroom. Funded by a \$2500 grant awarded to their science teacher, Angela

Gospodarek, the project involved students using a 3-D printer to create a bell system for draining a plant tray that is part of the aquaponics system.

Dennis Crowe, director of technology, introduced a review of creative technology projects, particularly those using 3-D printers. The District currently has eight printers that students use for coding and printing projects. Some were acquired with a grant from the Perloff Family Foundation.

Terri Dawson, technology integrator, and Terry Bartick, STEM teacher, described how students use them in connection with the District's 130 Edison robots. They also described the very successful Coding Day that attracted more than one hundred student participants (see page 8). The criteria for acquiring more technological equipment is that it encourages problem-solving. They emphasized that the goal is to help students become "creators of content, not just consumers."

In other business, the SC approved the District's five-year Strategic Plan (6-0, Currier absent). Committee member Dennis Libby and Superintendent Perry emphasized that this is a living document "not set in stone," and can be revised as situations warrant. They approved (6-0) the annual election of the Superintendent, a state-required formality, and also the hiring of Schedule C and D personnel, primarily for extracurricular activities.

The School Committee held its regular meeting on January 10, after the deadline for this issue. A report of that meeting and the discussion of K-5 school configuration that followed will be included in our January 25 issue.

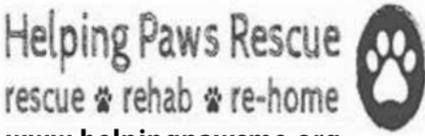
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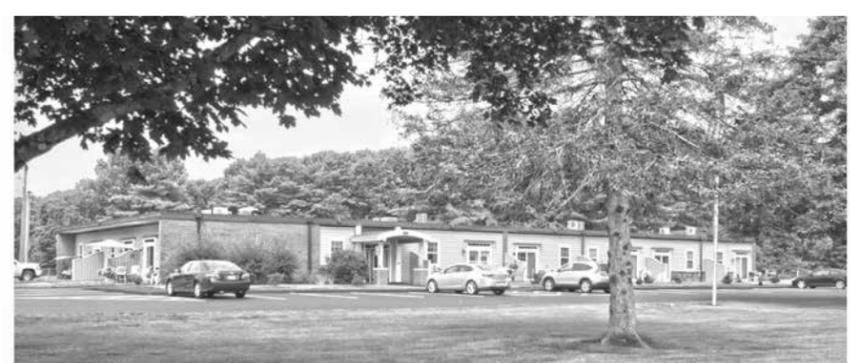
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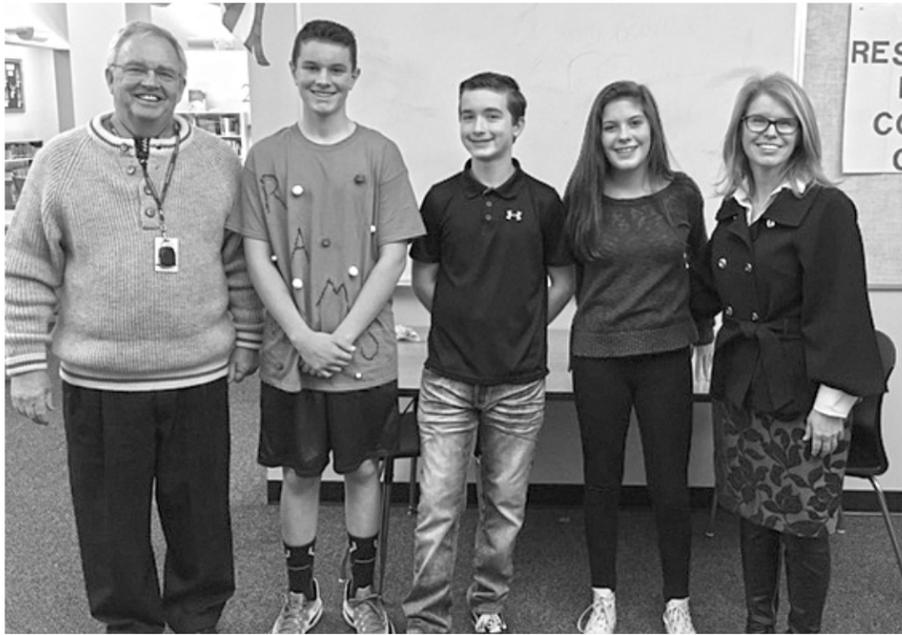


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The winners of the 5th Annual Madison Prize for Written Excellence were announced at the Gorham Middle School (GMS) assembly on December 21. The contest, sponsored by the Gorham Republican Committee, celebrates our nation's history by encouraging thought and reflection on the topics presented, and offered students the opportunity to express themselves through the submission of original essays. This year's topic, "Is Our Democratic Process Under Threat?" elicited over 70 entries. First place winner and recipient of \$250 was eighth grader Aiden Dever. Runners up and recipients of \$100 each were eighth graders Phoebe Richards and Brandon Verrill. Gubernatorial candidate, Mary Mayhew, was on hand for the event and enjoyed a lively response from the students when, as an example of how a democracy works, she took a vote for attending school on Saturdays. It's fairly easy to guess how that vote came down. Pictured (left to right) are: GMS principal Robert Riley, Verrill, Dever, Richards, and Mayhew.

School Note

Congratulations to Gigi McAllister, math/literacy lead teacher at Great Falls Elementary School, who is now a National Board Certified Teacher.

GHS Grad Podcasts Her First Novel

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and recording equipment.

"Extraordinary Terrestrials" can be found on iTunes Podcasts, on Stitcher, an android podcast app, and on her website <https://www.extraordinaryterrestrialspodcast.com>. A second, five-part Halloween podcast, "The Eyes That Stare Out From The Dark," is also available. For more information, Miriam can be contacted at Mimrink@gmail.com.

Miriam is currently taking time away from her demanding podcasting schedule to focus on her new novel which, like her other works, falls in the realm of fantasy/supernatural (she is a big fan of Stephen King, Phillip Pullman, and Shirley Jackson). "Without giving too much away, the new story touches on themes of isolation, solitude, inter-dimensional travel, survival, and the ways in which we humans need each other," she said.

When Miriam graduated from University of Maine, Orono, in 2012 with a Bachelors degree in English with a focus on Creative Writing, a supportive professor, Tony Brinkley, planted the seed about setting her writing in a different medium, one that would allow her to do more than just put words on paper. Knowing that "Novelist" is not the most lucrative career, one of her biggest challenges has been to strike a balance with jobs that pay the bills but still allow her time to write.

Like all writers, her life experiences, the obstacles as well as the successes, have become fodder for her craft. Reflecting on her childhood in Gorham she believes that all the time she spent playing outdoors, using her imagination to conjure grand adventures featuring villains and heroes/heroines has helped her as a writer. Just as her experiences singing with the GHS Chamber Singers (Thank you, Mr. Morrow) and participating in musicals and plays helped her develop the theatrical abilities she uses for voice-acting

in her podcasts. Miriam also mentioned English teacher, Ms. Herlihy, and history teacher, Ms. Smith, as two educators who have influenced her work.

Miriam shares an apartment in Portland with her boyfriend, Kyle, best friend, Libby, and their cat, Neighborhood Tough Boy #6. Miriam admits to a Netflix and Hulu dependency, which she rationalizes by productively knitting while glued to sci-fi, horror, and true crime dramas.

Jonas, a musician and composer, has been singing since age 8. He has sung with many groups, and currently sings with a barbershop quartet called Odds n Ends, who perform in the area. A skilled craftsman, he learned his carpentry skills as an apprentice at the Carpenter's Boatshop in Pemaquid, where he fell in love with the craft of wood-working. Since then he has taught boatbuilding and does furniture restoration and cabinet making. He is restoring a 1950's wooden boat called "Amphibicon," with which he hopes to sail the East Coast. If you are interested in learning more, Jonas can be contacted at 207-956-3214 or jonasrimkunas@gmail.com.

Peter is a freelance illustrator whose work has appeared in many places, including Old Port Magazine. He is also a digital 3D artist who has modeled 3D cruise ship interiors for Princess Cruises. He teaches classes at the Gorham Arts Alliance in Claymation, movie making, etc. He earned a degree from UMO in New Media and a minor in Studio Art in 2011 and a BFA in Illustration from the Maine College of Art in 2013. He lives in Windham and can be reached at peter.rimkunas@gmail.com.

They are the children of John and Allie Rimkunas. John, among other things, is the Choral Director of the Gorham Community Chorus and Allie teaches art in the Gorham Schools.

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Looking Back 20 Years... The Ice Storm of 1998



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SHERI FABER
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Kathy Powell, who most recently lived in Colorado, and is originally from Indiana, has spent time traveling the world and appreciating Bed and Breakfasts. Those experiences have brought her to Maine as the new owner and Innkeeper of the PineCrest Inn, the B & B at 91 South St. formerly owned by Matt and Amy Mattingly. Powell has spent the past three years actively pursuing her 25 year old dream of owning her own B & B, and in the past year worked with the "BB Team" to find the right B & B for her. In the end, she chose the PineCrest for its close proximity to Portland and to the ocean as well as the charm of the property and its central location in Gorham.

Powell has many plans for the B & B which she has already started implementing. She updated to high speed internet, boosting the WiFi for her guests and giving them more updated high definition TV cable options. She will continue to offer the six existing bedrooms

for guests and expects to upgrade and remodel the kitchen as this is where she likes to spend her time making treats for her guests.

Her one desire is to see the community utilizing the Inn for groups, meetings and social gatherings and plans to contact USM about possible internships from students in their hospitality program. She has no plans to have a restaurant but does hope to see Gorham residents using the available space for get-togethers and special gatherings such as book groups. Powell is very excited and passionate in running her B & B and hopes that PineCrest can become more involved with the area and community.

She also brings her oldest son, Evan, 23, a recent college graduate with a degree in Exercise Sciences/Specialties and who plans to be a physical trainer in the area; currently also living at PineCrest. A younger son, Austin, is a student at Missouri University of Science & Technology.

Powell can be reached at 839-5843 or by visiting www.pinecrest-maine.com.

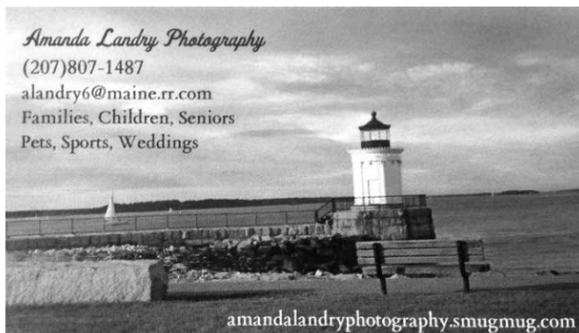


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OF INTEREST

Full Moon Snowshoe will be hosted by **Presumpscot Regional Land Trust** on Saturday, January 27, at 4:30 p.m. at Randall Orchards in Standish. Hot cider from apples grown and pressed on-site will be served after the one mile snowshoe. The program, lasting about two hours, is free, however an RSVP is required at <https://www.prlt.org/>



Throughout the month of December, members of the Gorham Cooperative Preschool collected new toys as well as monetary donations for the Barbara Bush Children's Hospital. Giving back to the community is an important component of the preschool and this is the third year the preschool has donated to the hospital and the children who spend their holidays at the hospital.



Raul Gierbolini-Rivera, a current student at USM who grew up in Puerto Rico, raised over \$2400 to support his homeland after the devastation of Hurricane Maria. Gierbolini-Rivera, who participates in wrestling at the school, held two fundraisers with the help of USM Athletics, and worked jointly with Galilee Baptist Church to raise additional funds to send back home to his family's church in Puerto Rico. He stated, "I did everything possible to take action and make efforts to help my home."

Karis Pillsbury of Gorham recently performed in "Messiah, Prince of Peace," the 2017 Christmas Festival presented by the Wheaton College Conservatory of Music. Pillsbury performed with the harp ensemble and sang soprano with the concert choir.

The North Gorham Chess Club will meet the second Saturday of each month from 10:15-11:30 a.m. at the North Gorham Public Library. The next meeting is scheduled for January 13. The chess club is open to players of all ages and skill levels in the greater Gorham area. FMI: John Morgan, jclmorgan26@gmail.com or call 766-8554.

Baxter Memorial Library will be holding a "Book Tasting" on Wednesday, January 24, 1-2 p.m. for diners aged 8-14. Take a seat at "Café Baxter" for a fun and informative look at book genres. Servers will bring plates of amazing books and edible treats to your table. FMI 222-1190.

ON-GOING EVENTS

The Gorham Food Pantry, located at 299-B Main St (parking lot of St. Anne's Catholic Church) is open every Thursday morning from 9-11 a.m. and the second and fourth Wednesday of every month from 6-7 p.m. Free for Gorham residents in need. FMI, 222-4351 or visit www.gorhamfoodpantry.org.

Lakes Region Senior Center, located at the Little Falls Activity Center, 40 Acorn St. 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 last Wednesday of the month. FMI, David 892-9604; Thursday Table games at 10 a.m. and Friday Art Workshop at 9 a.m. FMI 892-0299.

The Lakes Region Senior Center, in Gorham, is seeking volunteers who would be willing to teach an art class or a craft. This would be on a Friday morning, or early afternoon. It could be for a onetime class or a succession of classes. If you would be interested please call Gerry at 839-3859 or Blanche at 892-5604.

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 839-3630, 839-2484, 839-3859, or 839-3228.

Gorham Cancer Prayer and Support Group meets the first Tuesday of every month at the Cressey Road United Methodist Church, 81 Cressey Rd. from 6-7:30 p.m. This monthly non-denominational event is a prayer and support group for anyone dealing with cancer including patients and caregivers.

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THURSDAY JANUARY 11

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- 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 JANUARY 13

- The North Gorham Chess Club, 10:15-11:30 a.m., North Gorham Public Library.
- Lego Club, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. Baxter Memorial Library.

MONDAY JANUARY 15

- Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- No School

TUESDAY JANUARY 16

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

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 17

- Toddler Time (18-36 mos), 10-10:30 a.m. Baxter Memorial Library.
- Adult Fans of Lego Meet Up, 5-6 p.m. Baxter Memorial Library.

THURSDAY JANUARY 18

- 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.

TUESDAY JANUARY 23

- Preschool Story Time (ages 3-5), 9:30-10:15 a.m. Baxter Memorial Library.
- Saving Money with Apps, 2-3 p.m. Baxter Memorial Library.
- Gorham Lions Meeting, 6:30 p.m. at Gorham Dept. of Public Works Cafeteria. FMI 929-9182

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 24

- Early Release Day
- Toddler Time (18-36 mos), 10-10:30 a.m. Baxter Memorial Library.
- Book Tasting, 1-2 p.m. Baxter Memorial Library.

Escort to Arlington



Photo courtesy of Gorham Police Dept.

Gorham police officers Michael Coffin and Dean Hannon participated in the 2017 Wreaths Across America convoy. They were joined by officers from Westbrook, Scarborough, Windham, South Portland, the Maine Warden Service, Customs, Maine State Police and other police and fire departments to escort the wreaths from Harrington, Maine to Washington, D.C. Along the way, they met with students in New Jersey and Delaware and also had the opportunity to meet Army Capt. Roger Donlon, the first person to receive the Medal of Honor in the Vietnam War. Pictured (left to right) are Officer Hannon, Juvenile Community Corrections Officer MacDougall from the Maine Dept. of Corrections and Officer Coffin placing wreaths at the Pentagon Memorial.

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In November of 2015, Elias Wezowicz, a then fourth grader in Mrs. Adolf's class at Narragansett Elementary school, passed away unexpectedly from Mitochondrial Disease. Shortly before his passing, he shared with his family a wish that all children that didn't have any toys receive one from Santa on Christmas morning. Since then, his family has worked with WGME Channel 13's Joy of Sharing campaign to collect toys in his memory. Over the past few years, family, friends, and members of the community have helped in a variety of ways and this year, after some of Elias's former classmates approached

the school administration, students at Gorham Middle School hosted their own toy drive in support of the cause. Employees of IDEXX Laboratories, where Elias's father, Joel, works, have been large supporters each year and local businesses, such as the Gorham House of Pizza, also lent support by donating items for a silent auction held during a toy drive hosted by the Portland Hurling club. Toys and monetary donations were collected throughout the holiday season, helping to bring a large number of gifts to children in need throughout Maine. The family hopes to continue collecting toys in Elias's memory as an annual event. Pictured above is the lobby of WGME after the donated toys were delivered.

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