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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 10. We wish you all a wonderful holiday season!

Shaw Brothers Honored with AGC Maine's Most Prestigious Award

DIANE ABRAMSON
Staff Writer

Jon and Dan Shaw of Shaw Brothers Construction were honored with the prestigious AGC Maine's Major Achievement in Construction Award this fall. This award, chosen by the Associated General Contractors of Maine (AGC) executive committee, is based upon lifetime achievement in the industry.

According to Mark Curtis, secretary of the AGC and host of this year's award ceremony, this honor is bestowed upon a company that has provided "years and years of achievement in the industry, consistent contributions, and an ability to influence and give back. The brothers do that unbelievably well. They have influenced construction in not only Southern Maine, but all of Maine – there is no better example of how to run a company."



Photo courtesy of AGC Maine

Members of AGC Maine presented Jon Shaw and Dan Shaw of Shaw Brothers Construction with a Major Achievement in Construction Award. Pictured (l to r) Mark Curtis, Jon Shaw, Dan Shaw, and Jon Smith.

For AGC Maine board president, Jon Smith of Great Falls Construction, "Jon and Dan are not only moving the earth, but they are also changing the landscape of the construction industry."

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Moody's Business Park Lands its First Occupant

KATHY CORBETT
Staff Writer

On December 5, representatives from the Harvey Performance Company held a public meeting at Moody's Collision Center to inform the public of its plan to build a manufacturing plant on 13 acres of land on Narragansett Street. Shawn Moody's company purchased 62 acres, formerly a race track, from Hannaford in 2016 to develop a business park. Harvey Performance will be its first occupant.

The Harvey Performance Company makes precision tools. Brian C. Lavelle, chief financial officer, explained that the company has two brands, Harvey Tools and Helical Solutions. Both will occupy the planned 76,000 square foot manufacturing plant. The Massachusetts-based company purchased Helical Solutions in 2001 and since 2003 has produced precision tools in a 16,000 square foot facility on Sanford Drive in Gorham. "Helical has 80 employees there but does not have space to expand on that site," Lavelle said. The company will move those

operations to Narragansett Street and anticipates employing nearly 100 workers when the new facility is completed.

Lavelle estimated that local and Maine Department of Environmental Protection approval for the one-story 25 foot high facility with 175 parking spaces could take about six months with construction beginning in 2020. David Galbraith, Gorham Zoning Administrator, believes after seeing the preliminary plans that the project will be approved.

The location on Narragansett Street has public water, sewer, and industrial electric service. Galbraith said that the town is working with Maine Natural Gas to extend a natural gas line from South Street west along Narragansett Street which could serve the industrial park. He indicated that more than three-fourths of the \$800,000 project probably would be financed by the gas company.

Lots of NEW in New Year Gorham



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VIRGINIA WILDER CROSS
Contributing Writer

New Year Gorham's 11th year is definitely NOT the "same old-same old." This year's program will not only offer a number of exciting new performances featuring local talent, it will expand into more space in Gorham's municipal building complex.

Early last January, the planning committee recognized the importance of keeping NYG fresh, fun, and entertaining, and as a result, three new goals were set: first, to seek different kinds of performances; second, to scout and recruit local artists; and finally, to evaluate which shows audiences look forward to each year.

"We believe we succeeded in reaching all three goals," said committee member Bruce Roullard. "We are excited to announce that this year we will include, for the first time, a fully staged puppet show featuring the extraordinary puppeteers from Portland's Shoestring Theatre. In addition, kids and adults alike will be amazed by a uniquely talented Portland area balloon artist.

"But wait, there's more. Michael Trautman (aka King Pong) will astound the audience with his world-famous Ping Pong Rodeo. Michael has performed locally, nationally, and internationally, and he will be right here in Gorham on New Year's Eve," added Roullard.

This year's celebration will

also feature performers that have won notable awards. Odds 'n Ends Barbershop Quartet recently won the 2018 Northeastern District Barbershop Quartet Championship, and they will harmonize for us this year. While the quartet is new to us, the tenor is not – Jonas Rimkunas was part of a high school quartet that sang for NYG ten years ago.

The Don Roy Trio, comprised of Don and Cindy Roy who recently received the National Endowment of Arts National Fellowship award recognizing their talent as well as their commitment to performing art, will bring their Acadian instruments to entertain us for the 10th time.

The program will also include Gorham's own Dance Studio of Maine. These dancers (new to NYG, but not new to our community) have entertained audiences here in Gorham, in the Portland area and even at Madison Square Garden. Their energy and enthusiasm for dancing creates an unforgettable performance each time they dance.

"There's a whole lot more to look forward to this year," according to committee member Pastor Tom Hasbrouck. "Our local collaboration once again includes USM, where the ice arena is open for families to enjoy in the afternoon; the NYG Café has extended its serving time from 5:00-7:00 p.m.; some favorite performers will

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Policy on News from Augusta: The Gorham Times asked our three state legislators from Senate District 30, House District 26 and House District 27 to provide us with "News from Augusta." We publish their articles on a rotating basis. The submissions are devoted to updates of legislative and administrative news, proposed and passed bills and laws, and developments and events that are of interest and have an impact to Gorham residents. The Gorham Times reserves the right to edit the submissions and it further reserves the right to reject any submission, in its sole discretion.

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Priorities for a New Legislature

REP. MAUREEN TERRY

Last week, the new Legislature was sworn in to serve our districts all over the state. When Maine voters went to the polls in November to elect us, you sent a clear message that you're ready for change. You elected us to get results, and we plan to work together to deliver that promise.

Over the time I have served, we've faced gridlock that we've only had limited success in breaking through. So many issues that are important to Maine families are hanging in the balance and we don't have any time to waste.

The opioid overdose crisis continues to claim too many friends, neighbors and family members. According to the National Institute on Drug Abuse, Maine is among the top ten states with the highest rates of opiate-related overdose deaths in the country. And while we don't have a silver bullet to solve the problem, we do know that those who want to get help to stop using often can't get into treatment. We will work to make treatment more accessible and affordable throughout the state.

Part of that solution involves finally implementing the voter-approved referendum you passed last year and bringing health care coverage to more than 70,000 Mainers. We're also going to work to make sure health care is more affordable for every Mainer.

We're going to stand up for the people who get up and go to work every day to build a better life for themselves and their families. We will protect their rights as workers and encourage more family-friendly policies in the workplace.

We will also work to make our tax code fairer to working and middle class people by taking the tax burden off the shoulders of property taxpayers.

We can finally respond to the threat of climate change and protect, even create, thousands of jobs by developing clean renewable energies and mitigating the damage to the environment.

We're going to renew our commitment to public education by supporting students and teachers, tackling student debt and making sure that every child in Maine can connect to the internet and compete with their

peers anywhere in the world.

Expanding broadband will also be a part of our work to grow our economy. Today's businesses need to be able to connect their products and services to online customers wherever they are.

It's a lot to get started on, but we don't have a minute to lose if we're going to make the changes you asked for at the ballot box. I will work with my colleagues on both sides of the aisle and our new governor-elect, Janet Mills, to make sure we get results for Gorham and for Maine.

Thank you for honoring me with the chance to serve you. It's a chance to give more people a fair shot to get ahead and it's a chance we can't afford to lose.



Rep. Maureen "Mo" Terry is serving her second term in the Maine House of Representatives. She is a chef and small business owner with more than 25 years of experience in the food service industry.

She serves on the Taxation Committee. (207) 712-9735, (800) 423-2900, maureen.terry@legislature.maine.gov.

Letters to the Editor

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Dear Editor,

Our 2018 election cycle is essentially over. Some are happy, some are sad, some are angry, and some don't care. We are all hopeful for a change in attitude from partisan politics, deep polarization and division amongst most of us, including family and friends. I invite you to join us at St. Ann's Episcopal

Church this Advent and Christmas for a bit of peace and hope.

Recently, a gunman walked into a synagogue in Pittsburgh and killed multiple unsuspecting worshipers. The motive was described as a hate crime and blatant Anti-Semitism. Yet again, a young man descended upon a nightclub in Thousand Oaks, CA and opened fire on a crowded bar of revelers. More dead and no motive realized, the shooter took his own life after his rampage.

Wildfires raged out of control in California with a growing list of victims and property damage. Unbelievable scenes of carnage and wreckage flood the media. We ask ourselves is this the beginning of the end-times? I invite you to our church to pray for the victims and their families.

Our world is filled with division, hatred, pain and suffering. Our Church can be for you and your family a place of peace, joy, fellowship and love. Perhaps you've been away from the Church for a while,

maybe you never consider going to any church, or maybe you are new to the area.

Advent is a time of "new beginnings" and maybe the timing is right for you to make your way to us this December. I know it can be difficult to enter through the double red doors when it hasn't been a habit lately, or ever. But I assure you that you will find a warm welcome, unconditional acceptance, and a loving community just happy to see you.

Rev. Tim Higgins

Dear Editor,

We attended the Casco Bay Wind Symphony on Dec 9th at GHS. It was directed by Dr Jackie Townsend with Soprano Malinda Haslett singing Have Yourself A Merry Little Christmas. It was the most uplifting concert due to Dr Townsend's selection of pieces. A most wonderful start to the Christmas Season for all ages...A show not to be missed...

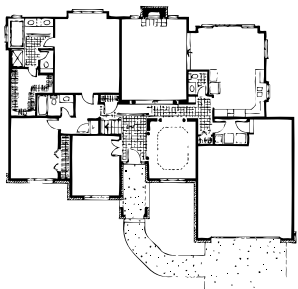
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GOCAT to GOCAM: Then to Now

CATHY WALTER
Contributing Writer

In 1993, before we were so connected, it was nearly impossible to find out what happened at a Town meeting you missed. Richard Portwine, an electronics educator, and other citizens were appointed to a town committee to work on a franchise agreement with the cable company. Back then, cable companies were small local companies that were eventually bought up by the larger corporations we recognize today. Gorham thus became one of the first towns in Maine with access channels on the air.

As there was a need for content, Jack Critchly, a Gorham resident, took it upon himself to use his personal video camera to document meetings and school activities and publish our town's local news and events. Eventually the management of the access channels came back to the town and Cindy Hazelton, Gorham Recreation Director, was tasked with manually monitoring the system and creating informational slides on a then state-of-the-art Commodore 64. Technology rapidly advanced, GoCAT continued to expand, and in 1999, Georgia Humphrey joined the team and ultimately became the Community Media Systems Manager.

Gorham's residents have relied on GoCAT for their local news and information ever since. But the times are changing. Keeping up with the advent of the internet and the explosion of social media has not been easy for many of us, but GoCAT was an early adopter. Over the past decade GoCAT established a website, created a Facebook page, and maintained a presence on VIMEO and YouTube. A live stream of the government channels is always available through the town's website.

The town of Gorham has to periodically renegotiate financial agreements with the cable company to compensate the town for running their cables in the public right of way. These types of franchise agreements are intended to make cable companies competitive, but this paradigm does not work in rural areas like Maine because there are no competitors.

"Access has always been the David to the corporation's Goliath. Only government actions have kept Access functioning. The corporations have kept Access in standard definition with its poor signal quality compared to profit channels," Humphrey noted.

At the state level, there is an effort to push back on the cable companies. CTAM (Community Television

Association of Maine) and other stockholders, have been working on a bill called "An Act to Ensure Non-Discriminatory Treatment of Public, Educational and Governmental Access Channels by the Cable Operator."

"This bill will provide municipalities with important statutory protections and subscriber benefits which are sadly missing from Charters' current offerings," said Tony Vigue, past President and Chief of Legislative Affairs Committee for CTAM.

There have been many challenges recently including "channel slamming." This is the process whereby cable corporations move access channels from a well known location to random channels. In Gorham's case, and in other towns across the country, Access channels that have always been located at channels 2 and 3 were moved to 1301 and 1302. As Humphrey pointed out, "this will make it more difficult for citizens to find the channels, but we are still broadcasting and available even on Spectrum's basic tier."

To plan for the pending renegotiation of the franchise agreement and better understand residents' use of all the new media outlets, GoCAT conducted a survey this past summer. Seventy percent of responders thought the franchise fee should be used to support operational costs of local channels. Although 80% of residents have cable and also receive their internet service via Spectrum, only 40% were satisfied with the signal quality.

Using the survey data, Gorham made the decision to implement a marketing strategy whereby GoCAT would shift to GOCAM (Gorham Community Access Media) to more accurately reflect what it had become: a media organization that is presenting government and community information and streaming video on many platforms.

"We'd like to get a fresh look and enlighten people to where they can access local information," said Humphrey about the strategy to rebrand.

There are numerous ways to get that local news you may be looking for, and you don't even need a TV. Now all you need is a smart phone to catch that gazebo concert you missed, watch that planning board meeting, or learn of upcoming events.

Residents can continue to access all of the information they have come to expect with GoCAM on television in addition to www.gorham-me.org, facebook.com/GorhamCommunityAccess, and [Vimeo GOCAT](https://vimeo.com/GOCAT) CommunityAccessMed.



Photo credit Roger Marchand

Gorham's Tree Festival: Main Street and Beyond

Residents of Gorham are encouraged to visit the many decorated trees at businesses around town and vote for their favorite. Participating businesses include: Chalmers Insurance/Norway Savings Bank, In Home Senior Services Inc., The Vintage Heart, Refreshing Paws, Gorham House, Spire 29, Great Falls Construction, ACE Hardware (pictured left), POGO Realty, Atlantic Dance Arts, Gorham Savings Bank, Bookworm, Gorham Yoga Co., and Allstate Insurance. To cast a vote, send an email to gorhamtreefestival@gmail.com or scan the QR code (see ad on page 7.) A winner will be announced during New Year Gorham and presented with a traveling plaque to hold and brag about for the year.

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Because of their contagious energy and the pace they set tackling any issue they easily build momentum for creating change. That benefits the entire industry and our state."

Since the brothers started their business in 1977, they have grown into one of Southern Maine's largest earthwork contractors, with more than 200 employees and hundreds of pieces of equipment. They have completed thousands of commercial projects ranging from \$5,000 to \$15 million and spanning a roughly 100-mile radius around Portland.

However successful their business, it is the brothers' humble character that has made them so deserving of the award. Jon and Dan understand and respect that Shaw Brothers is not just two guys, but a group of amazing employees all pulling in one direction.

According to Curtis, upon receiving the award, the brothers didn't speak of their financial success, but the respect they have for the industry, the love of their families, and the hard work of their people. They don't need an event to be recognized; they

give back and work hard because it is the right thing to do.

Outside of the construction industry, Jon and Dan are always looking for ways to help; and, make a genuine effort to give back by supporting dozens of local causes, including Camp Sunshine. For Curtis, they are a great example to others, "they have always given back, but that has grown over the years with their success."

The Shaws have strong roots in Gorham and they want to preserve the town's heritage, which they have accomplished through Shaw Park and more recently through this year's preservation of more than 250 acres of land along Route 25 to be used as trails and farming. They understand Gorham's sense of history and appreciate their family's connection to the community.

The Shaw brothers have truly earned the accolades bestowed upon them through their hard work, dedication and consistent contribution to the construction industry, the Gorham community, and the State of Maine.



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What if God was one of us? Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son and they shall call His name Immanuel (which means, God with us). (Matthew 1:23)



Lots o knots

Lathe turnings and misc wood crafts by John Labrecque

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Community Group Proposes Dog Park for Gorham

KATHY CORBETT
Staff Writer

“Times have changed. Dogs don’t have owners, they have families,” according to the current issue of Parks and Recreation magazine. This changing attitude has spurred a national movement for community dog parks where unleashed pets under supervision can exercise and play with other dogs.

In Gorham, a group of dog owners is working to gain support for a local dog park. Recently Joanne Lannin and Rik O’Neal met with Town Manager Ephrem Paraschak to discuss the process of securing a location and preparing a proposal to bring before the Town Council.

“We are just in the first phase of this, and we need to organize,” O’Neal said. “Now we are taking our dogs all the way to Portland to run.”

According to Paraschak, the dog park could be a cooperative venture between the town and volunteers. “Town-owned land might be available,” he said, “but questions of current or future uses would need to be considered.” Because he “can’t employ someone full time to pick up dog poop,” those using the park would have to take responsibility for monitoring it.

Paraschak is supportive of the idea, but emphasized that proposers would need to develop a realistic budget before it could be brought before the

Town Council for approval. This might involve raising private funds for fencing and perhaps for the site itself.

Gorham residents have been exercising their dogs at the fenced-in Gorham Middle School athletic fields, but the Recreation Department recently removed the pedestrian gates to discourage dogs off leash because dog waste was becoming a health hazard.

Kim Ballard, a dog owner, acknowledged that while most people clean up after their pets, she has stopped taking her dog Agnes there. “What we need,” she said, “is a convenient enclosed area with parking. We hope to get business donations and volunteers to help keep it clean and trash-free. We don’t want it to be a burden for the taxpayers.”

There are dog parks in Westbrook and Portland. Standish is in the process of establishing one on a portion of the town-owned Memorial Park. Jan Derice, Director of Parks and Recreation, is working with a group of 300 members who received a \$25,000 grant from Pet Safe. She believes that “it is becoming a community obligation to have a dog park.”

Cindy Hazelton, Gorham’s Recreation Department Director, said that finding a location is the first step and that would determine much of what comes next. She said it was “awesome that a citizen’s group is involved, but this is uncharted territory.”

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Healthy Habits for the Holidays

ANGELA VERRILL

The holiday season brings a long stretch of family gatherings centered on food and festive parties offering sweet treats of every kind. We bake gifts of cookies, candies and desserts that are hard to resist. The holidays provide plenty of temptation if you are watching your weight, but you can have your cake and eat it too if you make a few careful choices and add a little extra exercise during the holiday season.

The temptation to choose a quick fix diet is always hard to ignore, but time has proven that diets, cleanses and detoxes may work in the short term, but once you go back to regular eating, the pounds lost come back as fast as they left. The 30-day cleanses and 6-week weight loss challenges that are advertised on TV and online promise fast results with little effort. While the lure of quick weight loss is always appealing, research has shown that gradual, steady weight loss of 1-2 pounds per week is the best approach for permanently taking off excess weight.

If you are looking to lose some extra pounds, or if you are just interested in adopting some healthy new habits, try turning these tips into habits you can keep:

Consider if you can make the change for life. You may be able to cut out carbs for 30 days, but can you do it forever? If not, it is not a way to keep weight off. Healthy changes are ones you can stick to for the long haul.

Are you cutting out too much? Everyone needs carbohydrates, fat and protein to function. No weight loss plan should eliminate any of these types of foods completely. Be wary of those that encourage cutting out essential nutrients.

Do not eat too little: severe calorie restriction can actually lead to weight gain. When you do not eat enough, your metabolism slows down to preserve energy, potentially leading to weight gain. Instead, a reduction of 500 calories per day will lead to gradual weight loss.

Keep your focus on whole foods. Fruits, vegetables, whole grains and lean proteins are always smart choices. Foods to avoid are processed foods that are high in calories and low in nutrients.

Add in exercise: 30-60 minutes of daily exercise can assist in weight loss efforts. Daily physical activity has many other health benefits including improved mood, better sleep, and decreased blood pressure to name just a few.

Lastly, make a weekly meal plan to help keep you focused on your goals. Think about your meals for the week and know what you will eat. Pre-cut vegetables for snacks, and stock the fridge with healthy foods. The more prepared you are, the easier it is to stay on track.

Weight loss should not mean a lot of struggle and deprivation. Every small change can produce positive results if you stick with it. Change your diet, get active, and do not give up. A healthy lifestyle does not mean you can not enjoy your favorite treats, rather it means you make healthy choices most of the time. The results will show and the benefits last forever.



Angela Verrill is a Registered Dietitian and mother of two from Gorham with 12 years’ experience in the field of nutrition and healthcare.

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return; and the evening will end at a family-friendly 9 p.m. with a fabulous fireworks display. There’s more, but we don’t want to reveal all the surprises before New Year’s Eve!”

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.

Colorful admission wristbands and complete schedule details are available at Hannaford in Gorham, Gorham Arts Alliance, Gorham Rec. Department, and Baxter Memorial Library. The \$20 family packages are available only at the Gorham Rec. Dept. For more information, call Virginia Wilder Cross at 222-2248.

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Wreath Giveaway Adds Holiday Cheer to Gorham Village

The Gorham Village Alliance (GVA) provided complimentary wreaths to dozens of businesses in Gorham Village during the month of December. The wreath program was supported by a donation of bows from O'Donal's Nursery, and by First Parish Church's Christmas Fair Committee, which provided the wreaths at a discount to GVA. "GVA was pleased to distribute wreaths to show our appreciation to the businesses in the Village this holiday season. We also encouraged the businesses to display the wreaths outside to add to the holiday atmosphere in the Village," said Dede Perkins, Co-chair of the Gorham Village Alliance. Pictured at right, GVA "elves" Dan Nichols and Dawna Lamson ready holiday wreaths for distribution. To volunteer or learn more about the Gorham Village Alliance call/text 207-233-2373 or email gorhamvillagealliance@gmail.com.



Photo courtesy of Kathy Garrard

Clerk's Corner

LAURIE NORDFORS
Town Clerk

Every winter, low-income and needy families struggle to heat their homes. With the rising cost of oil, it brings a sense of urgency for all of us to work together as a community to ensure the health, safety and welfare of our most vulnerable residents.

The Town of Gorham has responded by creating the Gorham Heating Assistance Fund. This fund is supported by donations from Gorham citizens and local businesses and 100% of the funds received will go directly to people we assist with heating fuel. Donations can be made at the Gorham Town Clerk's Office or mailed to Gorham Fuel Fund, 75 South Street, Gorham, ME 04038.

Hunting and Fishing Licenses for 2019 are now available for purchase. This makes a great stocking stuffer.

You can purchase your license at the Town Clerk's Office or online at www.gorham-me.org.

Dog licenses are due by December 31. There will be a late fee of \$25.00 per dog after January 31, 2018.

The Town Council Appointments Committee is seeking citizen volunteers to fill existing and upcoming vacancies on all Town Boards and Committees. If you are interested in applying to serve on one of the Town Boards or Committees, or for more information, please visit the Town Clerk's office or go to the town website and click the link for Boards & Committees. You may also contact the Town Clerk at 222-1671 or e-mail lnordfors@gorham.me.us for more information.

From all of us at the Town Clerk's Office, we would like to wish you all a wonderful holiday season and a Happy New Year.

Planning Board Meeting DEC. 3

East Coast Communications, LLC's requested approval of a new materials lay down area, installation of replacement septic system and updated storm-water features. Item was postponed to the next available consent agenda.

East Coast Communications, LLC's request for approval of a subdivision amendment to the New Portland Parkway Subdivision located off New Portland Road and Libby Avenue, with an increased amount of impervious area, was postponed to the next available consent agenda.

Design Dwellings' request for approval of Douglas Woods Subdivision, a 15-unit multi-family resident design in four different buildings with associated parking, subsurface wastewater disposal systems and drilled well, was discussed and postponed.

S.B. Enterprises' request for approval of Phase 2 of the Subdivision by extending Tannery Brook road to access 13 new single family lots, served by municipal water and individual subsurface sewage disposal systems was discussed and postponed. (Tannery Brook Subdivision)

Kurt Christensen's request for preliminary approval of Fort Hill Road Subdivision, a four-lot residential subdivision located off 765 Fort Hill Road was discussed and postponed.

Kasprzak Landholdings, Inc.'s request for approval of 61 duplex condominium units was discussed with a site walk to be scheduled. (Pheasant Knoll Condominiums Subdivision Phases 4-6 - Stonefield, Windswept and Winding Ridge Condominiums at Pheasant Knoll)

Town Council Meeting DEC. 4

JACOB ADAMS
Staff Writer

Susan Duchaine, 166 Narragansett Street, voiced her concerns over the recent changes to the Narragansett Development District.

Steven Bibula, Orchard Ridge Farm, addressed his opinion on agricultural

and farming rules and regulations within the Comprehensive Plan.

Dan Glover, Archangel Committee, presented a commemorative plate to the Council celebrating the Bridges of Friendship 2018 between numerous towns in Maine and our sister city Archangel, Russia.

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CITIZEN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Town Council Appointments Committee is seeking citizen volunteers to fill vacancies on all Town Boards and Committees for 2019. The current vacancies are as follows:

- Conservation Commission - 3
- Historic Preservation Commission - 2
- Board of Trustees - Baxter Memorial Library - 3
- Board of Voter Registration - 3
- Planning Board - 3
- Zoning Board of Appeals & Board of Sewer Appeals - 3
- Fair Hearing Board - 2
- Gorham Economic Development Corp - 3
- Board of Assessment Review - 1

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Gorham High School First Quarter Honor Rolls 2018-19

Grade 9 – High Honors

Gisele Berry
Erin Castonguay
Kayleigh Cloutier
Michelle Darling
Katherine Dupuis
Madeline Fadrigon
Andrew Farr
Abigail Houp
Stephanie Labrie
Elisabeth Loranger
Bryce Lumbert
Andrea Mitchell
Emma Mullin
Anna Nelson
Phoebe Richards
Benjamin Shields
Clara Shvets
Alexandra Waterman
Megan Wentworth
Violet Wilson-Wood
Megan Young

Grade 9 – Honors

Natalya Asali
Drew Baber
Lauren Bachner
Noah Badeau
Curan Bassingthwaite
Owen Begley
Mallorie Bergquist-Guimond
Landon Bickford
Allison Bishop
Brylee Bishop
Caroline Bishop
Robert Boylen
Connor Callahan
Alyvia Caruso
Morgan Chapman
Ainsley Christianson
Sydney Connolly
Hunter Connors
Calvin Cummings
Kaitlyn Cushing

Sadie Curly
Izabella Densmore
Aiden Dever
Tessa Dol
Quinn Doyle
Sarah Duff
Sadie Dyer
Hailey Edwards
Zachary Emmons
Olivia Falagario
Asa Farley
Samuel Farr
Logan Files
Annie Frey
Elizabeth Frey
Nikolas Gagne
Maya Garand
Charles Gay
Riley Grant
Kylie Green
Riley Griffin
Rachel Gross
Bryce Gunn
Sydney Haskell
Madisson Hatch
Ethan Ho
Kiara Hodge
Kyle Landry
Alexandra Light
Ian Luciano
Annika Mankin
Paige Marchand
Anya Mazaris-Atkinson
Owen McCaffrey
Ella McDonald
Shawn McKeage
Madison Michaud
Sophia Michaud
Ambrosia Moore
Dylan Morrell
Isabella Morrell
Jillian Morrill
Eliza Morris
Alexandra Myles

Anya Nagle
Julia Ordway
Hunter Pellerin
Ellie Perry
William Perry
Madison Philbrick
Anna Provost
Abraham Rabbani
Shannon Randall
Samuel Reasoner
Courtney Rent
Quentin Riiska
Vanessa Russell
Evan Russo
Brandon Sadowski
Thomas Sallinen
Brady Sawyer
Arzou Sayed
Thaddeus Shain
William Stein
Emma Stevens
John Sutton
Jacob Tatom
Colby Tucker
Sarah Valeriani
Dylan VonderHaar
Morgan Walton
Caleb Waterman
Emily Wilcox
Elijah Wyatt

Grade 10 – High Honors

Ava Dolley
Julia Edwards
Nathan Eichner
Sydney Fox
Shannon Lawrence
Zakaria Lembarra
Paula Lorente Gomez
Kylie Mathieson
Emily Paruk
Erin Sands

Grade 10 – Honors

Luke Adams
Dawson Allen
Aidan Bell
Madeline Berry
Corey Blake
Jordan Blakeslee
Grace Bradshaw
Madison Brown
Anneka Bryant
Elijah Bullard
Logan Butler
Beck Carrier
Lily Courtney
River Cummings
Samantha Cummings
Sierra Cummings
Kelly Curran
Garrett Davis
Abigail Decrow
Hayden Desmond
Robert Dowdle
Katherine Downey
Emily Duncan
Vinh Duong
Aidan Enck
Grace Flynn
Paige Fogg
Gracie Forgues
Lauren Fotter
Campbell Fowler
Sophie Gagne
Lydia Gaudreau
Mary Gawlick
Brandon Gordon
Gavyn Hahn
Stacy Hakizimana
Gregory Hannaford
Reed Henderson
MacKenna Homa
Henry Jensen
Benjamin Johnson
Riley Johnson
Riley Johnson

Sophia Kaufman
Evan Koenig
Isabelle Kovacs
Ryan Kratzer
Katherine Kutzer
Gabrielle LaBarge
Joshua Labrie
Sophie Lachance
Sadie LaPierre
Mason Laskey
Alexander Leary
Colby Leavitt
Maya Lee
Joshua Lehmann
Mikayla Leskowsky
Christopher Lewis
Victoria Lewis
Nevin Libby
Tess Libby
Griffin Loranger
Natetra Ly
Andrew MacFeat
Joshua Martin
Olivia Michaud
Kaylyn Migliorini
Gwendolyn Miramontes
Kayleigh Mitchell
Kathryn Morin
Claire Munkacsi
Molly Murray
Adele Nadeau
Grant Nadeau
Emmeline Nelson
Liam Nickerson
Alice Peterson
Brooke Phillips
Matthew Phinney
Alexander Pierson
Daniel Popov
Skylar Prince
Samuel Pritchard
Molly Rathbun
Braedyn Richardson
Cassidy Rioux

Morgan Roast
Eva Rodrigue
Treyton Rosario
Delaney Seed
Cody Smith
Ava Stump
Soraya Syafarudin
Madigan Thibodeau
Alison Walker
Bailey Wentworth
Marissa Wilson
Wesley Young

Grade 11 – High Honors

Matilde Cirina
Jacqueline Hamilton
Maeva Higgins
Elyssa Johnson
Aaron Jones
Henri Kuntz
Ethan Mercier
Abigail Miller
Abigail O'Brien
Emma Owens
Marin Perry
Gianna Romatis
Samuel Waggoner

Grade 11 – Honors

Ethan Allen
Grace Andrews
Nicholas Batchelder
Carson Battaglia
Elizabeth Blanchard
Liana Bolduc
Anthony Booth
Westley Brinegar
Jessica Burgess
Haley Burns
Evan Chambers
Colby Christakis
Rachel Collomy
Julie Cooper
Kaitlyn Crockett

Kasey Cummings
Garrett Devoe
Faith Dillon
William DiPietrantonio
Mackenzie Dix
Meredith Donisi
Connor Donnelly
Ryan Doughty
Lydia Drew
Isabelle Emerson
Tyler Farris
Madison Firmin
Ryan Gaudreau
Lauren Green
Bryce Gurney
Joseph Hansen
Sophie Hemingway
Ashleigh Hotham
Erin Hume
Paige Hume
Nolan Irish
Noah Jalbert
Katarina Jenkins
Cortnie Jones
Sarah Juskiewicz
Lucas LaMontagne
Brittney Landry
Zoe Larson
Emma Linkiewicz
Haley Lowell
Nolan McCullough
Peyton Morton
MacAllister Moss
Jillian Nichols
Samuel Orlando
Cole Perreault
Meg Perry
Ava Pitman
Katarina Preis
Meghan Reidy
Ryan Reno
Andrew Rent
Peter Richards
Seth Richardson

Carly Rioux
Jackson Robbins
Camden Sawyer
Kendall Smith
Ursula Steiner
Veronica Steiner
Madisen Sweatt
Kiana Tracey
Lydia Valentine
Jade Wu

Grade 12 – High Honors

Maiya Christiansen-Carlson
Angelana Darling
Brinn Hall
Mackenzie Holmes
Matilda McColl
Lydia McCrillis
Libby Mitchell
Anna Rathbun
Samantha Robichaud
Simon Roussel
Leah Scontras
Hallie Shiers
Sara Slager
Erin Wentworth
Bruce Wyatt

Grade 12 – Honors

Isis Adams
Maggie Aube
Lauren Barden
Fatima Batool
Kyren Bettencourt
Aaliyah Biambly
Brian Bunker
Mackenzie Buteau
Caitlin Chasse
Isabel Courtney
Brandon Cummings
Joseph Curesky
Ryan DeSanctis
Brittany Desjardin
Grace DiPhilippo

Caroline Dowdle
Jacob Dupuis
Riley Ferrigan
Avery Germond
Jensyn Giroux
Trevor Gray
Joshua Hayward
Autumn Heil
Kasey Jiang
Spencer Keating
Evelyn Kitchen
Libby Knudsen
Isabelle Kolb
Ella LeBlanc
Abigail Leonard
Griffin Lord
Cooper Lyons
Preston Mahaney
Isaac Martel
Gavin Mercier
Hailey Morrill
Gretchen Muehle
Margaret Munkacsi
Benjamin Nault
Thomas Nelson
Katherine O'Donnell
Nicco Pappalardo
Jordan Perkins
Grace Perron
Samuel Pockock
Alice Riiska
Samantha Rockwell
Callie Russell
Emma Shields
Jacob Shaden
Sarah Stevens
Ian Stultz
Logan Swift
Joseph Szumowski
Grace Terry
Haley Thompson
Sarah Walker
Bryce Womack
Brooke Woodbury
Mackenzie Young

Gorham Middle School First Quarter Honor Rolls 2018-19

Grade 6 – High Honors

Ashley Connolly
Isabelle Cook
Riley Dever
Bailey Hatch
Natalie Miner
Julia Reed
Brooke Stevens

Grade 6 – Honors

John Adams
Reichen Albert
Sofia Andrade
Harrison Baber
Raiyah Babinsky
Whitney Ball
Emily Beal
Brianna Beaulieu
Elizabeth Bennett
Connor Brown
Teagan Brown
Jakob Buckley
Laura Burt
Caleb Carrier
Abigail Chamberlin
John Copperberg
Cecelia Dellosso
Cheyann Densmore
Anastasia Dolley
Patrick Downey
Gwyneth Dubail
Lucia Dubail

Makayla Edwards
Emily Fadrigon
Mason Finck
Aryana Flett
Piper Forgues
Hadley Foster
Lauren Fredette
Haley Frie
Griffin Gammon
Cameron Gasbarrone
Meghan Gendron
Layla Gillihan
Ella Goff
Ava Googins
Ethan Heady
Finn Henderson
Ellery Herrick
Kailynn Herrick
Aurora Hines
Joseph Hychko
Drew Johnson
William Johnson
Kuba Kaczmarek
Sophie Kaczmarek
Brooke Kazimer
Kathryn LaPierre
Faith Terry
Lucas LeGage
Jeffrey Legere II
Adam Lembarra
Chafek Matta
Kayla McLean

Emma Miramontes
Elizabeth Morey
Amanda Morin
Ryan Morrill
Wyatt Nadeau
Timothy Nagle
Amelia Olaru
Luciana Orlando
Payson Plummer
Kyle Poillucci
Claire Rancourt
Hailey Rickett
Sarah Rosingana
Celia Roy
Evelyn Rush
Sarah Sanborn
Victoria Sands
Brooklyn Sandstrom
Juliet Sargent
Mina Sayed
Ella Senatore
Casey Skolfield
Alison Smith
Natalie Smith
Owen Spera
Reis Stamaris
Alicia Terry
Alyssa Tetrauit
Denali Tetrauit
Payton Thibodeau
Madison Tibbals

Lily Tukey
Ethan Verrill
Eliot Verry-Gardella
Vanessa Walker
Elijah Whitehead
Sarah Wilcox
Madisson Willey
Logan Wilson
Alauna Worden

Grade 7 – High Honors

Ella Downing
Taylor Farr

Grade 7 – Honors

Cole Allen
Yamamah Almukhtar
William Armstrong
Tyler Bartick
Dylan Bauer
Nathan Bergquist-Guimond
Chloe Blanchard
Claire Boudreau
Elsie Bradshaw
Amber Bretton
Luke Burns
Addison Canty
Ethan Castonguay
Andria Cloutier
Dylan Cummings
Rita Cummings

Kalin Curtis
Thomas Curtis
Jack Decrow
Grace Desmond
Sophia DiPhilippo
Isaac Dobson
Giselle Doucette
Hilary Douglas
Anna Dumais
Brooke Farquhar
Sophia Fates
Nolan Feyler
Lydia Fluet
Aiden Fortier
Summer Gammon
Elizabeth Gay
Addison Harjula
Natalie Haskell
Emerson Homa
Samantha Hutchinson
Kira Keniston
Noah Kennedy
Trevor Krouse
Eleanor LaBarge
Lily LaClair
Jackson Landry
Ashton Leclerc
Aidan Lee
Meryk Lewellen
Ezekiel Lockman
Corey Lorfano

Jack Luciano
Aislyn McLean
Lillian Miner
Jacob Mora
Amy Morin
Caroline Morrell
Lillianna Noel
Abigail Noyes
Corliss Ordway
Riley Ottoson
Samuel Parenteau
Haden Pelletier
Simeon Pillsbury
Alicia Poschke
Alec Pouliot
Bryce Pyle
Makayla Quintal
Brayson Reed
Logan Sargent
Brayzel Smith
Caden Smith
Emma Smith
Tristan Smith
Kyleigh Staples
Madison Stewart
Noah Vaughn
Reilly Walsh
Julia Wareham
Makenna Wheeler
Samantha Whidden
Cole Whitehead

Anna Yahwak
Izak Young

Grade 8 – High Honors

Hayden Anderson
Olivia Bryant
Lexi Caron
Bode Coleman
Faith Connolly
Rachel Cummings
Angela Dellasala
Josephine James
Grace Johnson
Alexis Landry
Erin Lawrence
Sofia Mankin
Kaci Mollison
Madyson Quimby
Sarah Rathbun
Brady Smith
Hailee Willey

Grade 8 – Honors

Benjamin Allison
Julia Altham
Avery Andrews
Emelia Bailey
Julia Bell
Wyatt Bennett
Cole Bishop
Ava Bryant

Christian Butler
Klarha Cajuste
Hannah Caron
Miranda Chasse
Junbei Chen
Morgan Cole
Ryan Cooper
Jasper Crane
Annie Cunningham
Patrick Cyr
Zoe Diffin
Quinn Dillon
Maeva Donnelly
Jonah Doucette
Madeline Downey
Owen Dugas
Abby Fiore
Rylan Flagg
Noah Flynn
Ty Gammon
Brooke Gerry
Brooke Gordon
Tedi Gould
Kayleigh Greenlaw
Corinna Hahn
Kyra Hamblen
Owen Harmon
Olivia Hopkins
Jude Huckaby
Braeden Johnson
Eden Johnson

Elizabeth Keil
Shaun Kemp
Quinn Lachance
Madeleine LaPierre
Samuel Larkin
Kevin Lehmann
Jacob Luo
Aeden MacDougall
Trevin Macomber
Kate Martin
Hunter Moreau
Anthony Mundy
Ella Novak
Hannah O'Reilly
Lucas Oullette
Claudia Peterson
Qasim Rabbani
Tyler Reynolds
Keira Rosario
Abigail Rosingana
Chloe Ruane
Lillian Ruane
Cody Sellick
Eli Sjustedt
Alexandra Sutton
Rylee Tenuta
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Councilor Shepard reported that the Ordinance Committee met on November 20 and welcomed its new members.

Councilor Phillips reported that the High School Building Committee was snowed out its last two meetings. The next meeting is December 11. She noted that the Capital Improvements Committee will meet in January.

Councilor Wilder Cross thanked the Rec Department for the recent light parade and tree lighting, and congratulated the GHS Chamber Singers/Gorham Community Chorus for their Holiday Concert. She reminded the town about the upcoming New Year's Gorham Celebration.

Councilor Hager noted that the Finance Committee met on November 20 and reported that the Town revenue is up and expenses are down slightly. They are waiting on the final audit report sometime in January.

Chairman Hartwell suggested that the Council make motions and seconds without being asked by the Chairman for each item on the agenda. The Council agreed.

Town Manager Paraschak reminded citizens that the Gorham PD will deliver sand to seniors who cannot pick it up themselves. They can call the non-emergency number at 222-1660 and make arrangements.

A new liquor license was approved for Rustic Taps & Catering.

The Town Council amended the Fire Protection Water Supply section of the Land Use & Development Code to include the following:

Standards for the installation of fire protection in subdivisions where public water supplies exist or could feasibly be extended.

All applications for new subdivisions and for the expansion of existing or already approved subdivisions.

Where a public water system and hydrants are not available for fire protection, a developer shall install a fire protection water supply that meets the standards.

Fire hydrants shall be provided at a maximum distance spacing of 1,500' as measured along the road centerline. The specific location of the fire hydrants shall be approved by the Gorham Fire Chief prior to installation.

The Town Council amended the Small Dwelling Overlay District and Performance Standards for Multi-Family Housing sections of the Land Use & Development Code. A new Land Use Code Zoning Map will be adopted as a result of this order. The full amendment can be found on the town's website.

The Town Council adopted rules for the 2018-2019 year which can be found on the town's website.

The full meeting minutes are available at www.gorham-me.org.

Early Snow Days Cause Concern for Families

HEATHER PERRY
Superintendent of Gorham Schools

I have heard from several parents and guardians who share very valid concerns regarding the fact that we have already used three snow days in the month of November, and we still have a long Maine winter yet to go.

The themes of these questions have been primarily two-fold. The first theme is from parents wondering how the decision to close school is made and the second theme is from parents who are wondering what this means for students in terms of the school calendar, impacts to the last scheduled day of school, and options for how we might make up days during the course of the year if necessary.

A decision to close the schools, use a one-hour or two-hour delay, or to have school on an inclement weather day is no small decision. On inclement weather days, my day begins at 4:30 a.m. when I get up and go directly to the TV to watch the weather report.

After that, I call our maintenance crew who is already at the schools working to clear sidewalks, plow parking lots, etc. They are also in direct contact with the Gorham Public Works Department who are able to give real-time road conditions whenever I reach out.

I find out the current conditions, and what they expect to see for conditions throughout the day. I then call our transportation director. He is typically out and about on the roads as well and checking radar and other information sources to provide insight into current and predicted conditions.

At the same time, I have already started a text chat with all area superintendents. I check another local weather update and review information online from NOAA and other sources to view satellite radar for present and future conditions. Oftentimes, I will then call the maintenance crew back and ask specific questions of the Public Works Department for their recommendations.

By 5:00 a.m., a decision must be made. Some of the key thought processes that enter my mind before making the decision include: What are current road conditions and what are they predicted to be at key times of the morning? Will the roads be safe for students at any of these times? Is it an all snow event or is there predicted sleet or freezing rain? What are the conditions across all of Gorham? If I can safely get kids into school can I safely get them home? What are other school systems, espe-

cially those whose weather conditions typically match ours, doing?

At no time do I consider how many days I've already used or how many are left in the calendar. The primary concern in all of my decision making is the safety of our students. The rest of the implications for snow days can be dealt with later.

Speaking of those implications, let's look at theme number two. Where are we with snow days, the last day of school, and what are our options moving forward? I want parents to know that even with three snow days in November, we are still in relatively good shape for the end of school.

If we do go beyond the planned five days, which I think is likely, we are still in very good shape because we would have an additional four days to use before we had to consider going into the last week of June. This means we could (in theory) use up to a total of nine snow days (of which we have already used three) and still have the last student day on Friday, June 21.

We also have the ability to use planned early release days and/or planned full professional development days to make up as student days if needed. We have four early release days planned between February and May. We will have a much better sense of where we are in February, and we could potentially convert these early release days into making up two snow days if needed.

We also have a planned full-day professional development day for teachers in June that could be used to make up for a student day. This means we have an ability to make up three additional days of school using nothing but professional development days.

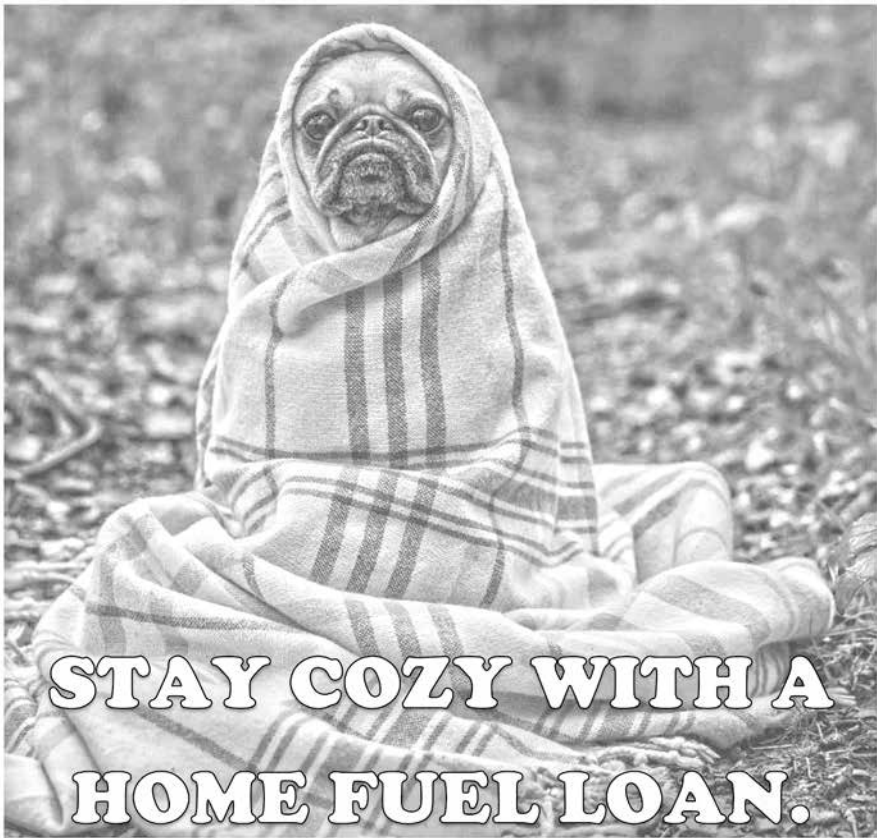
This could bring us up to a point of using 12 snow days during the year and still being able to have the last student day on Friday, June 21. If we get to the point where we have used up all those potential days and still need more, we could then consider an extension of regular school days by one hour for five days to make up additional days as needed (5 hours = 1 school day). This would be a last resort and a decision that would only be made after great thought and consideration.

Please trust that I will continue to always keep the safety of students as my top priority throughout the winter months, and always know that as parents, you have the final authority as to what is best for your student's safety as well. The Gorham schools will always keep the safety of its students paramount to all else.

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GHS GRAD NEWS: If you, or your son or daughter is a GHS graduate, we would like to share your achievements in the Gorham Times Of Interest section or in a Where Are They Now feature. Submissions should include the year of GHS graduation and should be no longer than 75 words. Contact Chris Crawford at ckck5@maine.rr.com, Kathy Corbett at ktcorbett@aol.com or Cindy O'Shea at coshea2@maine.rr.com.

Family Friendly Food*
 Prepared by FALGOR Robotics Team #172
 (Gorham and Falmouth High School Team)
 NYG Café (Supper) -
 GHS Cafeteria 5:00-7:30
 Concession Snacks
 Shaw Gym 3:30-5:45 *family friendly prices!



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Young Families!		Gorham Rec. Dept.		
Shaw Gym	Gorham Council Chambers	Multi Purpose Room	Hallway	
3:30-4:30 Wildlife Encounters	4:00-5:00.... Shoestring Theater "Peter Pan"	4:00-5:00 Balloon Creations	4:00-6:30.... Face Painting	
4:45-5:15 Dana Perkins & Friends	5:30-6:30Shoestring Theater "Peter Pan"	5:30-6:00 Dana Perkins & Friends		
5:30-6:30 ... Wildlife Encounters				

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USM Ice Arena
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Municipal Building
Council Chambers
 4:00 and 5:30 Peter Pan Puppet Show
Conference Room A
 5:30-6:30 Don Roy Trio
 National Endowment of Arts National Fellowship Recipient

New

New

Cafeteria
 5:00-7:30NYG Café offering Family Friendly Menu
 5:00-6:00Peter Mezoian Banjo
 6:15-6:45Odds 'n Ends Barbershop Quartet

Fireworks @ 9 PM

GHS Gym
 5:00-5:30Robotics Demonstration
 5:30-6:30Dance Studio of Maine

Performance Descriptions

Shoestring Theatre Puppet Show "Peter Pan"
Shoestring Theater, Portland's community puppet theater, will present their adaption of the classic story of the boy who never grows up, Peter Pan. Captain Hook and his pirates, wild jungle animals, mermaids, and in keeping with the new world order Tiger Mom are all at home in the world of Neverland using hand and rod puppets, shadows, and rod puppets this wild story of flights and fights is a joy for all ages.

Ping Pong Rodeo Michael Trautman
What happens when you lock a clown in a room with a thousand ping pong balls? KING PONG! Michael has appeared in such prestigious venues as the The Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, and he was featured on WOW! The Most Awesome Acts On Earth, an ABC Television Special.

Running with Scissors Improv so funny it's dangerous!
With the help of its audience, this group of four incredibly funny artists creates a unique, side-splitting show each time they perform. Our audiences have said, "We want more" so we've asked them to return!

Odds 'n Ends Barbershop Quartet
2018 Northeastern District Quartet Champions – This is Barbershop Harmony at its best! Tenor, Jonas Rimkunas, is a graduate of GHS, who first performed at NYG when he was part of a high school quartet.

Don Roy Trio
National Endowment of Arts National Fellowship Recipient! Back for their 11th year, Don Roy and his group of talented musicians will keep feet tapping and hearts singing with Acadian music. You'll love this!

Gorham Community Chorus
Choral music ranging from great masters to contemporary artists as well as popular and show music.

Dana Perkins & Friends
Puppets, magic, laughter, surprises! A favorite with young families, Dana returns to NYG with new friends and new fun.

Peter Mezoian Banjo
Back by popular demand, Peter shares his amazing strumming talent with lively banjo tunes. Enjoy supper with your family in the NYG Café while you tap your toes.

Balloon Creations
Portland's own Rob Woodman, aka Balloonatic, will create unusual art forms with some awesome balloon twisting. You'll see him all over the place during New Year Gorham.

Wildlife Encounters
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A Hard Fought Battle



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The Gorham varsity football and volleyball teams took to the court for a Battle of the Rams on November 15. While the boys put up a good fight, they were no match for the girls who won in three straight sets. Proceeds from the event benefitted the Gorham Athletic Boosters.

Winter Sports Preview

COMPILED BY DESTINY COOK
Sports Editor

The snow is falling and that means that winter sports in Gorham have begun. The teams are excited to get underway and the varsity coaches shared their thoughts about the season ahead.

BOYS' BASKETBALL: COACH MARK KARTER

Key Players Returning: Sr. Forward Tyler Haines, Sr. Forward Tom Nelson, Jr. Guard Nick Strout, and Jr. Guard Jordan Bretton. Notable Newcomers: So. Guard Bode Meader, So. Guard Grant Nadeau, and So. Center Stephen Graham.

Coach Karter said, "The local rivalry games always have great crowds and high intensity. The games against Westbrook, Windham, Bonny Eagle, and Scarborough should be exciting. This year's outlook is interesting. The league is very strong top to bottom, so there should be many highly contested games."

He shared that the team will look to utilize its depth and try to employ an uptempo game. "We have players that are able to hit the three point shot, so our ability to penetrate and kick out to these players will be key for us."

Karter said the players will have to be able to control the ball on defense, which will have a huge bearing on their full court pressure. "If this happens we should be competitive in a very tough conference."

GIRLS' BASKETBALL: COACH LAUGHN BERTHIAUME

The team returns nine players from

last year's team. Tri-Captains are Sr. Mackenzie Holmes, Sr. Courtney Brent, and Sr. Brittany Desjardin. All three captains are four-year varsity players and two-time State Champions.

The other returning players are Sarah Walker, Brooke Woodbury, Jacqui Hamilton, Adele Nadeau, Olivia Michaud, and Tatyanna Biamby. Notable Newcomers: Lauren Fotter, Sophia Michaud, Brylee Bishop, and Anna Nelson.

Coach Berthiaume said, "Last year, Gorham finished with a one point loss in the State Championship Game. We entered the Southern Maine Tournament as the #5 seed and we beat #4 MGA at their place 63-37."

The ladies went on to beat the #1 seed South Portland with a score of 53-42. "In the Southern AA final we beat #2 Scarborough 47-28. Unfortunately in the State Final we lost 50-49 with 0.3 second left," Berthiaume said.

Gorham has early season challenges with Greeley, (the defending Class A State Champion), Scarborough, Deering, and Portland. With Holmes at the helm, the team is looking to get back to the Class A State Championship once again.

BOYS' HOCKEY: COACH JON PORTWINE

Key players include Sr-F/D-Trevor Gray, Sr-F-Tanner Garand, Sr-D-Nick Gray, Jr-F/D-Cole Perreault, and Jr-D-Peter Richards. Notable Newcomer: Fr-G-Caleb Waterman.

Coach Portwine shared, "This year's team is very deep with 10 seniors and 12 returning varsity players from a year ago. Our early schedule this year is pret-

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ty favorable so we will look to get off to a much better start than the 1-7 start last year. Overall this year's team should be able to make a run in the playoffs."

GIRLS' HOCKEY: COACH NATHANIEL GERMOND

The Gorham/Bonny Eagle girls' team ended last season with a record of 0-18. Key Players Returning: Sr-D Isis Adams, Sr-F Anna Rathbun, Sr-D CC Cochrane, Jr-D Anna Nault, Jr-G Izzy Wareham, and So-F Molly Rathbun. Notable Newcomer: Fr-F Brooke Guimond.

Key match-ups will be against Mt Ararat, Biddeford, Yarmouth, and Brunswick. "We are looking to reestablish ourselves as a playoff contender this season," said Coach Germond.

The team is stacked with second and third year players and that experience should help. Isis Adams (who missed last season with a torn ACL) is back, and with returning starters CC Cochrane and Anna Nault on defense, along with third year starter Izzie Wareham in net, the girls look to have a strong run.

BOYS' TRACK: COACH JASON TANGUAY

Key Athletes Returning: Senior Simon Roussel, jumps. Juniors: Ryan Farr, sprints and jumps; Kyle Ouillette, shot put; Isaac Rollins, sprints; Tyler Rollins, sprints; and Andrew Tinkham, distance. Sophomores: Aidan Bell, sprints and jumps; and Reed Henderson, distance.

Notable Newcomers: Sophomores: Josh Lehmann, distance. Freshmen: Andrew Farr, sprints; Calvin Cummings,

distance; and Landon Bickford, sprints.

Coach Tanguay said, "Gorham graduated some talented seniors from last season, but the team has added many athletes this year. If these new additions can make positive progress this season, then our team could be competitive in the league meets. It should be exciting to watch the development of this crew."

GIRLS' TRACK: COACH JOHN CATERINA

The girls' track team came in 3rd in SMAA Championship meet and 3rd in the Class A State Meet last season. Key Returning Athletes: Seniors: Lauren Barden, PV; Avery Germond, sprints, and Evelyn Kitchen, jumps. Juniors: Lydia Drew, sprints; Iris Kitchen, mid-distance; Peyton Morton, sprints; Kate Tugman, distance; and Quinn Young, jumps. Sophomore Nevaeh Moore, sprints.

Notable Newcomers: Freshmen: Alyvia Caruso, hurdles; Sydney Connolly, sprints; and Emma Green, jumps.

"Gorham returns some key scorers from last year's 3rd place team, including Evelyn and Iris Kitchen, Kate Tugman and Lauren Barden. With some talented returning upperclassmen and a solid group of freshmen, Gorham expects to be among the top teams in both the SMAA and Class A this season," said Coach Caterina.

SKI TEAM: COACH SEAN MUNKACSI

Coach Munkacsi said, "The early snow and cold temps will allow us

to get a substantial head start training on-snow at Shawnee Peak. That in conjunction with dry land training will help racers come into the start of the season strong, flexible and focused."

The team will be led by seniors Sarah Baxter and Maggie Munkacsi. The girls' team looks forward to the return of the top two scorers in Estelle Ballard and Claire Munkacsi.

On the boys side, Jacob Polchies and Sam Cousins return as top scorers, and Nolan McCullough comes back after a strong late-season surge. With several other younger athletes continuing to improve, the boys' side has the potential to turn into a very competitive group.

Coach Munkacsi would also like to give credit to the teams "ever faithful and always reliable" bus driver/assistant coach, Kenny Fickett. He added, "We are also fortunate to have racers returning from Massabesic and Bonny Eagle who train and race with us."

GIRLS' SWIMMING: COACH ADAM CYR

Last year ended with a second consecutive third place finish in the regional Southwesterns meet, followed by a second top-15 finish at the State meet. Coach Cyr said, "We are returning a lot of our top talent with our points leader, Caelyn Smith, as well as key contributors Laura Bolduc, Haley McCullough, Kasey Jiang, and Ava Pitman. This season we are hoping to continue our strong showings across the region and we have our eyes on another top-3 finish at Southwesterns."

Cyr also shared that this senior/junior class has their eyes on another relay record in addition to some of the tougher team records set by past athletes. The girls have a very strong freshman class highlighted by twins Allison and Caroline Bishop, who look to be top contributors to the team right away.

Cyr said, "I am excited to see if we can test ourselves against some of our biggest rivals Kennebunk and Cheverus at the Southwesterns meet."

BOYS' SWIMMING: COACH ADAM CYR

The boys ended last season with a lot of strong growth. "During my two previous years coaching this team, they have been small but talented." Despite the team doubling in size last season, it was still on the smaller side. Cyr added that they worked hard and this year they look to break top 10 in Southwesterns.

"We had our biggest showing at States in my three years in the program. This year we return our top point scorer in Patrick Bishop as well as a very young core of Sophomore swimmers lead by Sam Prichard and Cody Smith," said Cyr.

The team has yet again nearly doubled in size and the boys look forward to competing. The boys have a large group of freshmen including Evan Russo who hopes to start breaking records day one.

"This season for the boys' team is very bright and I am excited to get started," said Cyr.

Cheerleading information was unavailable at press time.

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A significant change for the community is in the channel locations for Gorham's Community and Government access channels. Your community channels have been at Channel 2 and Channel 3 for more than 25 years but Spectrum has decided to move them to 1301 and 1302. Please take note of our location as Spectrum has neglected to include our channels in their latest channel listing! Public broadcast is an important tool for the town to keep the citizens informed. Please note that if you have internet, live meetings are available at the Town's website- www.gorham-me.org. On the home page click on Meeting Videos. You can also view past meetings with Video on demand. For more information contact gocat@gorham.me.us or 222-1641.

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Kelsey Mitchell and Thomas Bradshaw (both GHS '14) were engaged this past summer. Kelsey is the daughter of Mike and Jennifer Mitchell and Thomas is the son of John and Valerie Bradshaw. They will be married this month in the Boston temple of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. Both are attending Utah State University.

OF INTEREST

The Bookworm is asking its customers to donate \$2 to purchase a gift-wrapped new book with a small toy attached, which is then donated to the Town of Gorham 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 and looks forward to your support again this year. FMI, 839-2665.

The Gorham Lions Club is holding its annual Christmas tree sale at Gorham Ace Hardware, Friday afternoons and all-day Saturday and Sunday. Premium Balsam Fir and Spruce trees from Scribner Tree Farm in Harrison. FMI 929-9182.

Volunteers from Summit Community Church, led by Gorham Food Pantry board member Jan MacLeod, spent Black Friday collecting 37 units of blood, as well as 265 lbs of food and \$150 in cash and Hannaford gift cards for the Pantry.

White Rock Community Clubhouse, 34 Wilson Rd., will hold a Bean Supper on January 5 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: \$9/Children under 12: \$4. FMI, whiterockcommunityclub@gmail.com.



Judie Stevens of Dow Road celebrated her 80th birthday on November 15th. Her five children planned a surprise party on November 4th at the Old Robie School. One of 12 children, Judie was surprised by the arrival of her six siblings from Illinois and five siblings from Maine. Over 90 people were in attendance, including her many friends, family, 13 grandchildren and one great grandchild.

SENIOR PROGRAMS

The Gorham/Westbrook/Windham TRIAD will be holding its monthly meeting on December 14 at 9 a.m. at the Gorham PD. The topic of discussion will be downsizing and decluttering with Mary Holmes of Integrated Move Management. Free program, everyone is welcome.

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

Lecky Brown Center: Mondays 9:30 a.m. Knitting group, Wednesdays 10 a.m. the Originals (go to firstparishgorham.org/originals for the monthly speakers), Fridays 10 a.m. ARTrageous Seniors. Lecky Brown Center is located on the 3rd floor of First Parish Church. FMI 839-6751 or firstparishoriginals@gmail.com.

Senior Meal Site will be held on Wednesdays at 12 p.m., St. Anne's Church, 299 Main St. Cost is \$4. Volunteers are needed to assist in meal prep and clean up. FMI call 839-4857.

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ON-GOING EVENTS

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



Christmas Services 2018

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First Parish Congregational Church, UCC

1 Church Street, Gorham
Minister Christine Dyke, 839-6751
Dec. 24: Service of Carols, Readings & Candle Lighting, 7 p.m. & 10 p.m.

Galilee Baptist Church

317 Main Street Gorham
Pastor Mark Labacz, 839-6985
December 24: Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, 6 p.m.

Grace Bible Church

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Pastor Bob White, 839-8800
Dec. 24: Christmas Eve Service, 5 p.m.

LifeChurch

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Little Falls Baptist Church

749 Gray Road, Gorham
Pastor Tony Vafiades, 892-4240
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, 6:30 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. Steven Cartwright, 839-4857
Dec 24: Christmas Eve Mass, 4 p.m. & 7 p.m.
Dec 25: Christmas Day Mass, 8 a.m.
Jan 1: New Year's Day, 8 a.m. & 5 p.m.

Summit Community Church

368 Gorham Road, Scarborough
Rev. Douglas Walker, 839-3457
Dec 24: Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, 6 p.m.

United Church of Christ at North Gorham

4 Standish Neck Road, Gorham
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USM police officer reported hearing shots fired. Area was checked but nothing was found. It was the opening day for pheasant hunting.

Tanglewood Drive caller had problems with people using their chainsaws at 6:30 a.m. Officer advised that pursuant to the construction noise abatement ordinance, they could not start work until 7 a.m. He referred her to code enforcement if there were problems.

Flaggy Meadow Road resident came to the Police Department to file no trespass paperwork.

Officer responded to a vehicle lock out on Buck St. Caller had been able to get her child to unlock the car and the call was cancelled.

Plummer Road caller reported a vehicle parked on the railroad tracks behind her house and believed someone was possibly breaking into her barn. Officers talked to the occupant of a vehicle who was trying to meet someone but had gotten lost. No criminal activity was found.

Suspicious vehicle parked on the side of Ocean Gardens belonged to the restaurant owner.

Officer went to Flaggy Meadow Road to assist Fire Department with rescue of a man stuck in a silo.

Couple on Tow Path Road were having a verbal argument about the kids not doing their chores. Parties were separated for the night.

Officer saw a vehicle in a lot after business hours. Driver said he couldn't sleep and was listening to music. He was asked to move along.

Male and female on Ossipee Trail were arguing over vehicle keys. Both had been drinking and agreed to separate in their residence for the night.

Man told officer political signs had been removed from areas of Huston Road and Harding Bridge Road. He was told to call police if he observed tampering.

Truman Road caller had gotten a \$5 bill at a yard sale. She was told to take it to the bank to see if it was real or not.

Dunlap Road caller reported getting a call for money. Caller said if the money was not paid, the government was coming after him. Caller requested that the money be paid in bit coins.

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- Toddler Discovery Time (18-36 mos), 10-10:30 a.m. Baxter Memorial Library
- Sewing Club (age 7 & up), 2:30-4:30 p.m. Baxter Memorial Library

MONDAY DECEMBER 17

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

TUESDAY DECEMBER 18

- Preschool Discovery Time (3-5 yrs), 9:30-10:15 a.m. Baxter Memorial Library
- Baxter Digs Reading, 3:30-4:30 p.m. Baxter Memorial Library
- Polar Express, 6-6:45 p.m. Story, hot chocolate, and a small memento. Baxter Memorial Library
- Angel Tree Benefit Concert, 7 p.m. Cressey Rd. United Methodist Church

THURSDAY DECEMBER 20

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TUESDAY DECEMBER 25

- Library is Closed – Christmas Day

MONDAY DECEMBER 31

- Toddler Discovery Time (18-36 mos), 10-10:30 a.m. Baxter Memorial Library
- New Year Gorham Celebration, 2-9 p.m.

TUESDAY JANUARY 1

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THURSDAY JANUARY 3

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