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Town Council Votes Not to Seat School Dept. Employee

SHERI FABER
Staff Writer

Following the November 5 election, the Town Council held a special meeting to decide whether or not Janet Howe Kuech, a 21-year Gorham School Department employee and town resident, should be seated. Kuech came in third behind two incumbents. Paul Smith, an incumbent who lost his bid for re-election, attended this meeting and was allowed to vote on the issue. The vote was 3-4 not to seat Kuech. Phillips, Hartwell, Pratt voted to seat Kuech while Hager, Shepard, Smith and Wilder Cross voted against.

“Our charter does not restrict an individual from running for office. The issue at hand is whether or not an individual is qualified for office if they remain an employee of the Town and serve on the Council. The charter grants authority to the Town Council to determine qualifications for office if elected. Town staff and the Council do not have the ability to restrict individuals from running for office if they follow the proper nomination procedures,” said Town Manager Ephrem Paraschak.

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Gorham Sightings



Photo credit Roger Marchand

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 October 3 issue is back door of the Baxter House Museum facing the Municipal Center.

Station Square Holds Grand Opening



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Photo credit Merle Oak



Photo credit Leslie Dupuis

Cindy Smith led the ribbon cutting for the 33 residential units at Station Square which houses close to 70 people, most of whom moved in during the summer. Karen Nason kicked off her grand opening with a ribbon cutting in Grand Central Wine Bar, and Ben Smith was surrounded by family and his staff for the ribbon cutting at Junction Bowl.

LESLIE DUPUIS
Editor

The grand opening of Station Square was celebrated on Thursday, November 21, with several speeches and ribbon cuttings. Jon and Cindy Smith, owners of Great Falls Builders, envisioned the commercial/residential property years ago as part of a plan to revitalize Gorham Village. The owners of Grand Central Wine Bar, Junction Bowl, and Chalmers Insurance all spoke as did members of the Gorham Business Exchange and Gorham Village Alliance.

Ethan Johnson, President of the Gorham Business Exchange, said, “In our mind, there is really no better

place to live and work than Gorham, Maine. It’s a community that has great families, great schools, and great businesses. It’s no secret there has been a lot of buzz in the community about this. This is a game changer for Gorham. There is quite simply nothing like it around.”

Suzie Phillips, Town Council Chair, welcomed the new businesses to Gorham by saying, “This is going to make Gorham one of those places you want to stop.” She went on to thank Jon and Cindy Smith for their continued work in keeping Gorham’s “Village character and historical past.”

Jessica Szafranski of the Gorham Village Alliance congratulated all those involved for the completion of the

building. She thanked the Smiths for “caring enough to invest in our town.”

“As a business owner and someone who lives here in this town, I’m proud to say that we have something special in this town,” she said.

Karen Nason, owner of Grand Central Wine Bar, who returned to Gorham after 30 years in New York City, decided to move back when she saw the booming growth in Gorham and the possibilities after visiting the unfinished space inside Station Square where the wine bar now resides. “It’s so good to be home,” she said.

Ben Smith, owner of Junction Bowl, said, “I’m so excited to be here, work

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Helping Those in Need This Holiday Season

PATRICK O’SHEA
Contributing Writer

Gorham residents are known to be supportive when there is need within the community. As the holiday season approaches, there are several giving opportunities that address some of those needs. Here are just a few local organizations that would greatly appreciate your support as you get into the spirit of giving.

The Gorham Food Pantry, located behind St. Anne’s Church at 299 B Main Street, accepts a wide variety of donations: non-perishable items (cereal, cooking oil, pasta, sauce, etc.) and hygiene essentials (soap, toothpaste, laundry detergent, etc.). Donations can be made in the donation box on the ramp of the Food Pantry, at Baxter Memorial Library, Casco Federal Credit Union (Maine Street Branch) and at St. Anne’s Church during their open hours. Monetary donations can also be mailed to P.O. Box 547, Gorham, ME or a one-time or recurring payments can be made online at the Food Pantry’s website (gorhamfoodpantry.org).

The Pantry does not accept open packages of food, alcohol or any medicine. Current needs are: cereal, coffee, cooking oil, baked beans, juice, tomato products, feminine incontinence care, and nutritional drinks such as “Ensure.”

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Fuel Fund provides heating fuel to families in need. Fund donations can be made at the Town Clerk’s office or mailed to the Town Clerk at 75 South Street. Businesses or families can sponsor a family for Thanksgiving or Christmas. The Town also accepts gift card donations and will distribute them to families. Questions about donations can be directed to Laurie Nordfors, the Town Clerk, at lnordfors@gorham.me.us or 222-1670.

The Giving Tree at Gorham High School (GHS) is an endeavor to lighten the holiday burden for families in the school community who are struggling with hardship. Teachers, school staff, students, civic organizations, churches, businesses and community members come together to provide donations for these families. Community members can donate in several ways: they can choose a tag from the Giving Tree at GHS and shop for the item or they can donate money. Contact Deborah Gaudette for more information at deborah.gaudette@gorhamschools.org.

“Santa for Seniors” program, sponsored by Home Instead, provides gifts for seniors in the community. Holiday shoppers can choose an ornament from trees located at Sebago Brewing, The Blue Pig Diner, Gorham House and Home Instead. Return the requested gift with the tag attached by December 6.

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HOLIDAY BREAK
AFTER THE DECEMBER 12
EDITION, THE GORHAM TIMES
WILL ENJOY A SHORT BREAK.
THE NEXT ISSUE WILL BE
DATED JANUARY 9.

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.

Shop Local This Holiday Season

SEN. LINDA SANBORN

Many of us look for ways to give back during the holidays. We give our time and money to local charities, and invite our friends, families and neighbors into our homes to eat, drink and be merry. There's another great way to give back to your community too, which has caught on in recent years: As you do your shopping in the coming holiday season, consider supporting local businesses and buying Maine-made products.

Shopping local helps boost our local economy. The Gorham Times recently reported that every \$100 spent at a local Greater Portland area business contributes an additional \$68 to the local economy. By comparison, \$100 spent at a national chain store yields just \$43 in local economic impact.

Shopping local also bolsters entrepreneurship, by helping small businesses keep their doors open and grow. This is good for the businesses, of course, but it also helps maintain more choices for consumers. A robust marketplace allows small businesses to innovate and compete with one another, which results in better products and lower prices in the long term.

There are benefits to shopping locally that extend beyond its quantifiable economic impact, too. Local businesses are an important part of our community's character. They're

run by our neighbors — people with kids in our schools and homes in our neighborhoods, who sponsor little league teams, support charities, serve in local government, come to church suppers, and are a part of our community.

They also help us stand out from the crowd. For example, in Gorham we have several local breweries that are known across the state and region for their beer, and people come from all over for a pint. That's an important part of who we are as a community.

Shopping local and buying Maine-made products is good for the environment, too. Buying food produced by a local farm, for example, has a lower carbon impact than buying food that was shipped across the country or world. Buying goods from a local retailer also requires less packaging materials, like Styrofoam or bubble wrap, which take a very long time to decompose. The environmental impact of driving long distances to go shopping, or rush shipping items purchased online, is significant too.

Earlier this year, the Gorham Town Council voted to officially recognize the Saturday after Thanksgiving as Small Business Saturday, joining many other towns and cities across the country in recognizing the importance of small businesses for our communities. Make sure to get out and support

our local Gorham businesses on Saturday, Nov. 30!

Finally, there are a few bills we will consider in the coming year that could help support local businesses and Maine-made goods: LD 1280, "An Act To Establish the Maine Buy American and Build Maine Act," introduced by Senate President Troy Jackson, D-Allagash, would require publicly funded construction projects to use Maine or American-made products and labor, while another bill introduced by Senate President Jackson, LD 1690, "An Act To Certify and Promote Products That Are Made in Maine," would create an official "Maine Made" seal to help consumers identify products made in Maine. These bills will help support Maine businesses and Maine people.

As always, if you have any questions, comments or concerns please feel free to contact my office by phone or send me an email. It's an honor to serve as your state senator.



Linda Sanborn is serving her first term in the Maine Senate, representing Senate District 30, which includes Gorham, part of Buxton, and part of Scarborough. She previously served four terms in the Maine House, and practiced family medicine in Gorham for 25 years. Senator Sanborn lives in Gorham with her husband, Jeff, a Gorham native. They have three adult sons and one granddaughter. (207) 287-1515, Linda.Sanborn@Legislature.Maine.gov.

Letters to the Editor

Letters to the Editor must be fewer than 300 words, signed with a first and last name, typed or e-mailed and include a phone number. The Gorham Times reserves the right not to publish letters that include personal attacks or inflammatory language. Letters are solely the opinion of the writer and not that of the Gorham Times. They are published at the discretion of the Gorham Times and are subject to editing.

Dear Editor,

The Westbrook homeowners and residents signed below would like to commend Gorham Sand and Gravel for their outstanding work on New Gorham Road this summer. They started road construction in late spring and completed in November.

During this lengthy project, their employees were all professional, courteous, and always accommodating to ensure the residents on this road were given the highest priority for access into and out of their driveways. On several occasions when trash collection was scheduled, the crew moved trash cans for the convenience of the trash pickup vehicle and the residents. The flaggers consistently coordinated to keep the flow of traffic going as smoothly as possible while ensuring the safety of the drivers and the construction crew. They endured considerable verbal abuse from irate and impatient drivers and were always polite and courteous, despite the drivers' rudeness.

Gorham Sand and Gravel project manager, Mark Johnson, did an

exceptional job of executing and completing the significant effort for coordination of manpower and machinery. He was always pleasant, helpful, and went above and beyond for the residents. He also successfully worked with the Westbrook city inspector to ensure compliance with specifications and requirements.

Thank you to this company and crew for their professionalism, courtesy, and a beautiful new road complete with new curbs and sidewalks.

Sincerely -
Eileen Ladd
Martha Ward

Dear Editor,

The successful People's Veto of LD798 has us pondering the priorities of our great state of Maine.

Maine continues to be ravaged by the opioid epidemic, brought to us by an industry that profits from the crisis with no culpability for our significant losses. LD798 mandates vaccines which are produced by the same pharmaceutical industry that is pillaging our state, and one that, since 1986, has no liability for their

products. Taxpayers fund the program which has paid out over \$4.2 billion dollars in settlements for vaccine injuries and deaths.

The CDC currently recommends 72 doses of vaccines by age 18. The

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Around Town

Gorham Recreation will hold its Annual Tree Lighting and Light Parade on December 1 beginning at 2:30 p.m. in Robie Park, located on Ball Park Road.

Winter sand, mixed with road salt, is available at the Public Works Department throughout the winter months. It is located beside the silver bullets on the left after going through the front entrance. Each resident is allowed two five-gallon buckets per winter event.

RealTerm Energy will soon begin the process of converting the Town's existing conventional street lights to municipal-owned LED street lights. The contractors will be working in marked vehicles.

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Blue Pig Back Open for Business on State Street



Photo credit Town of Gorham

Members from the Town of Gorham staff, Town Council, Gorham Economic Development Corporation and the Gorham Business Exchange were in attendance at the ribbon cutting ceremony for the Blue Pig Diner's new location at 19 State Street. The restaurant reopened on November 14.

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schedule was four doses when I was a child. The liability-free pharmaceutical industry profits greatly from vaccine mandates.

Maine has a 96% vaccination rate in our schools without forced mandatory vaccination. Under LD798, children in preschool through graduate school who are missing even one dose would be denied access to all education in Maine. For adults, LD798 demands that Maine health care and day care workers would lose their jobs if

they want to opt out of a flu shot.

If LD798 becomes law, Maine would become one of only five states in our nation to enforce mandatory vaccinations, leaving 10,000 healthy Maine children without access to education.

I plan to vote "Yes on 1" in March to reject LD798, because I am a Mainer who believes that Maine should set the tone for our nation and resist the pressure to sell our great state to big pharma.

Heather Connolly

Helping Those in Need These Holidays CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

Volunteers will wrap and deliver the gifts.

Baxter Memorial Library has several opportunities to contribute gifts for local teens/tweens as well as the Animal Refuge League.

Maine Homeless Veterans Alliance provides resources to veterans and is always in need of new socks, travel-size hygiene items such as chapstick, coats, snow pants, hats, gloves, scarves, boots, pants, shirts, sweaters, flannels, and sleeping bags. Donation drop boxes are currently located in the lobby of the Gorham Police Department and at the Gorham Mr. Bagel.

Courage House, located at 24 School Street, accepts household items and clothing. Presently there is a need for winter clothing. Donations can be dropped off by driving to the back of the house where someone will assist you. Questions about donations can be directed to Al Garcia at alberto.garcia.85@hotmail.com.

Gorham has many other local businesses, organizations and churches donating to special causes that help others. Be sure to check around town for these and many more opportunities to get involved in helping our neighbors this holiday season.

New Year Gorham To Offer a Smorgasbord of Choices

TOM HASBROUCK
NYG Coordinator

New Year Gorham will send off 2019 and welcome 2020 with an exciting mix of entertainment for all ages, combining new features and returning popular performers. The celebration will begin with open ice skating at the USM arena and will end with dazzling fireworks designed to welcome the beginning of Maine's 200th anniversary year.

We are excited to bring an award-winning storyteller, Antonio Rocha (pronounced Haw-Sha), to the GHS stage. Rocha's spellbinding repertoire includes stories of his native homeland (Brazil), age appropriate folktales, mime, illusions, and hilarious characters in outrageous situations.

Another new show this year is Abracadabra, a world-renowned Maine magician whose bag of tricks includes juggling, slapstick humor,

expert sleight-of-hand skills, and more. Kids and adults alike will wonder, "How did he do that?" as they watch his energetic performance.

Also, for the first time, NYG will offer a chance for folks to watch and/or learn to Contra Dance. Glen Loper and Dela Murphy will lead us through the steps that make this traditional New England form of folk dance so much fun.

In addition to some surprises, a number of favorites will return by popular demand: the NYG Café, animals, science, balloons, Acadian fiddling, and choral music, to name a few.

A program is available on Facebook as well as on the Town of Gorham website www.gorhamme.org/new-year-gorham. The next edition of the Gorham Times will include details about where to buy admission bands as well as additional descriptions of each performance.



Turkey Day Jokes to Share...

Q: Who is never hungry on Thanksgiving?
A: The turkey because he's already stuffed!

Q: What is it called when a turkey fumbles in football?
A: A fowl play.

Q: What did the turkey say to the computer?
A: Google, google, google!

December 31, 2018
2-9PM

Fun for All Ages!

New This Year
Storyteller Antonio Rocha
Contra Dancing
Abracadabra

Returning Favorites
Magic of The Steelgraves
Balloonatic
Don Roy
Gorham Community Chorus
Dean Richardson
Ice Skating at USM
New Year Gorham Café
Lots More!!!!

Wildlife Encounters

Face Painting

New Year Gorham Admission Wristband \$5
Hannaford in Gorham & Baxter Library
\$20 FAMILY PACKAGE ONLY AT GORHAM REC. DEPT.

Fireworks @ 9 PM

See next issue of Gorham Times for Details

Fresh Cut, Maine Grown

Christmas Trees

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Buy a holiday wreath and help support **Gorham Ice Hockey**

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Saturday, Sunday
Dec. 7th & 8th, 14th & 15th, 21st & 22nd
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Season's Greetings!

Thank you for supporting the

Gorham High School Swim Team



Holiday Events at Your Library

BAXTER MEMORIAL LIBRARY STAFF

Make sure to visit the Baxter Memorial Library this December. The library will have games, crafts, programs and opportunities for giving galore.

Our Youth Services department will be hosting a “Fur” Tree as part of our annual donation drive for the Animal Refuge League of Greater Portland. Come visit us to choose a tag off the tree. Take your tag shopping with you and bring back the suggested item for your furry friend in need by Tuesday, December 31.

The Adult Services department will also be collecting donations during the month of December for our annual Giving Tree. You may bring in new unwrapped gifts for teens and tweens (ages 10-18) through Wednesday, December 11. All gifts collected under the Giving Tree will be distributed to Gorham families in need. Donations may be dropped off any time during regular library hours. Appropriate gifts might include movie passes, gloves and hats, scarves, board/card games, or toiletries.

In addition to our regularly scheduled Discovery Story Times, sewing club, Lego club, chess club, and “read to Baxter” program, we will offer two different craft making programs this holiday season; one for adults and one for the kids.

On Wednesday, December 4, from 12:30-1:30 p.m. (Gorham schools’

early release day), we’ll have a special program for children ages eight and up where kids can make two different holiday gifts to share with friends and family.

On Tuesday, December 10, from 5:30-7:00 p.m., our very own Julia Hoisington will be teaching adults how to make fun and affordable paper decorations for the holidays. Perennial favorites such as 3D snowflakes and wrapping paper bows will be joined by using BML’s new button maker. Supplies (and eggnog) will be provided. Registration is not required.

Finally... what’s that sound? Toot Toot! On Tuesday, December 18, at 6:00 p.m., a special guest conductor will be reading “The Polar Express” by Chris Van Allsburg during a “pajamas highly encouraged” story time. This is an all-ages program with no registration required. Hot cocoa will be served and all children will receive a small memento to take home. (The snow date for this program will be December 19 at 6:00 p.m.)

As one last extra treat, our Youth Services Department will be filled with snowmen (and women) for the month of December. Correctly count how many are in the room before December 28 for a chance to win your own snowman kit. Be sure to keep an eye on our website, Facebook and Instagram for the most up-to-date information on all our events.

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Is the Flu Inevitable?

DR. JOE KERWIN

The windows are down and the heat is turned on as we all prepare for the upcoming winter months and inevitable cold. We cut, split and stack wood and service our woodstoves and burners to ensure they are ready to optimally perform. Without good preparation, it becomes more likely that the systems will break down or have problems, costing us more money in the long run. We take preventative measures to ensure our heating system will be resilient in meeting upcoming demands. If we do not care for our heating systems year after year, the strength of the system gradually depletes, and we face much more serious problems.

This principle is exactly the same for our physical health. If we adequately prepare for the upcoming changes in the season, we will have less illness. Luckily, our bodies have many mechanisms in place to keep us healthy – and just like our heating systems, if we treat them well, they will function as they are meant to. There are two layers of protection that are important to know: physiologic resistance and metabolic reserve.

Physiologic resistance is the immediate response in the body when something goes wrong. For example, we eat too much sugar and this causes an increase in insulin to metabolize the sugar. This is like hitting the breaker on the heating system – a quick fix in the moment, but if done too often, it causes problems. If we continue to over indulge in sugar, we exhaust our metabolic reserves.

Metabolic reserve is our long-term capacity to withstand chronic stress to our body. It is our “storage” of energy we can use to rebuild cells and tissues after they have lost their initial resilience. Poor lifestyle choices on a daily basis drain our physiologic response until our reserves are completely annihilated.

During this time of year, the typical American will ruin their resilience with Halloween candy, Thanksgiving over

indulgence, Christmas treats and New Year celebrations. Blood sugar gets out of control, family stress and alcohol intake increases, and quality of sleep decreases. These become “emergencies” to our physiologic resistance and ultimately overwhelm our reserves. The result: winter colds, the flu, sinus infections, headaches, fatigue, or just being wired and tired. We are so quick to say, “I get this at the same time every year” – attributing our poor health to flu season and ignoring all contributing factors. We then seek out medications for symptom relief, which continues the cycle of weakening our reserves and creating chronic disease.

Focusing on healthier lifestyles is the best way to prepare for the winter. Dr. David Perlmutter, neurologist and author of the New York Times’ best-seller “Grain Brain,” states that very little sugar and very few carbohydrates along with higher amounts of healthful fats (coconut, avocado, olive oil, butter) is the key to addressing chronic disease.

Start now. Shift your mindset and your lifestyle to prepare your body for the months ahead. There is simplicity to a healthy life. You do not have to memorize the do’s and don’ts for every disease. Increase your awareness of how frequently you may be draining your metabolic reserves over the holidays. Decrease processed and artificial foods, including all vitamins that contain dyes and other toxins. Decrease sugar, gluten, refined vegetable oils and alcohol. Increase exercise, water consumption, and intake of animal-based omega 3 fats found in wild caught salmon, leafy greens, and fermented vegetables. Consider intermittent fasting.

Servicing your heating systems ensures that you stay warm all winter without issue. Strengthening your physiologic response and metabolic reserves ensures that you will be better protected from illness and disease, and free to live a healthier and more vibrant life.

Dr. Kerwin is a chiropractor and nutritionist who has been practicing and living in Gorham with his wife for 28 years. They have three grown daughters.

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Town Council Meeting

NOVEMBER 12, 2019

JACOB ADAMS
Staff Writer

The Town Council elected Suzanne Phillips as the Chair for the 2019-2020 year.

The Town Council elected Ron Shepard as the Vice-Chair for the 2019-2020 year.

Kathy Garrard, Gorham Village Alliance, announced that the Saturday after Thanksgiving, November 30, is Small Business Saturday and urged people to get out and visit the many small businesses in town.

Councilor Pratt announced that he attended the Jetport Noise Abatement meeting last month and reported there will be no changes to the flight path over Gorham or any increase in flight traffic.

Councilor Wilder Cross thanked everyone who put together an extraordinary Veteran's Day Ceremony including Georgia Humphrey, Jeffrey Knox, James Rathbun, the Girl Scouts, the Color Guard, the Flag Bearers and Councilor Ron Shepard.

Councilor Hager reported that the Finance Committee met and that we are slightly ahead on property tax revenue and also expenditures. He noted that he appreciates the continuous effort of Finance Director Sharon LaFlamme.

Chairperson Phillips reported that the Gorham Founders Festival Committee met and is getting closer to setting a date for the event.

Town Manager Paraschak thanked everyone involved in the election including Public Works, election workers and the Clerk's Office. He reported that he and Superintendent Perry escorted a group of kindergarten students from Great Falls Elementary on a tour of the municipal building last week and thanked all of the teachers and chaperons involved. He disclosed that Wreaths Across America will be in Gorham on December 9 and there was a mobile display at the Public Works building on November 13.

Town Clerk Laurie Nordfors reported that the election went well. There were a total of 2525 ballots cast, which was an 18% voter turnout. She thanked all of the election workers and her office staff for their hard work and dedication. She noted that it would be impossible to run a successful election without each and every one of them. She also thanked the

Gorham Public Works for their help in setting up and taking down voting booths and for their early morning and late night transportation of election material to each polling place.

The Town Council appointed the following people: Finance Committee: Jim Hager, Chair, Lee Pratt; Ordinance Committee: Ron Shepard, Chair, Ben Hartwell, Virginia Wilder Cross; Appointments/Personnel Committee: Virginia Wilder Cross, Chair, Jim Hager, Ron Shepard; Economic Development/Capital Improvements Committee: Lee Pratt, Chair, Ben Hartwell; Representative to Greater Portland Council of Governments: Virginia Wilder Cross, Ephrem Paraschak; Representative to Ecomaine: Jim Hager; Representative to Jetport Noise Abatement: Lee Pratt; Representative to PACTS Policy Committee: Ephrem Paraschak; Representative to Metro Regional Coalition: Virginia Wilder Cross; Gorham High School Building Committee: Lee Pratt; Gorham Athletic Campaign Committee: Suzanne Phillips; Cable Franchise Committee: Virginia Wilder Cross, Jim Hager; GPCOG Regional Voice: Ron Shepard.

The Town Council adopted the same rules for the 2019-2020 year as for the 2018-2019 year.

A renewal liquor license and a Special Amusement License was issued to School Street Pub & Grill LLC, located at 29B School Street.

The Town Council issued a renewal Liquor License to Sebago Brewing Company, 29 Elm St. (5 years, 1 abstention: Hartwell)

The Contract Zone Agreement for Avesta Housing was amended. The full amendment can be read on the town's website.

The Town Council accepted the recommendation of staff on the composition of a comprehensive plan amendment committee as follows: Members of the Town Council: 3, Member of the Planning Board: 1, Member of the Gorham Economic Development Corporation: 1, Members of the last Comprehensive Plan Update Committee: 2

A plan to expand the Development Transfer Overlay District including the area in the vicinity of Mosher's Corner was sent to the planning board for review.

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Clerk's Corner

Laurie Nordfors
Town Clerk



Now that the election is behind us, we are collecting real estate and personal property taxes for 2020. The first half was due on November 15. Remember, if you sold your home after April 1, 2019, you should forward the tax bill that was sent to you to the new owner. It is also time to register your dog for 2020 as all dog licenses expire on December 31. You may come into the office (bring the current rabies certificate) or license your dog online from our website. Snowmobile registrations are also available and beginning December 1, hunting and fishing licenses for 2020 will be available. These are always a great stocking stuffer.

The Town of Gorham offers help to families in need during the holidays. Applications for Christmas help are available at the Town Clerk's office or

on our website. You could also help by sponsoring a family for Thanksgiving or Christmas. This is a great way for a community group, organization or a whole family to get involved. You can call the Town Clerk's Office at 222-1670 before the holidays and ask to sponsor a family. You will be given a "wish list" from a family along with the children's ages and clothing size.

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, or would like to have more information, please visit the Town Clerk's office or go to the town website at www.gorham-me.org.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call the office at 222-1670.

Station Square Holds Grand Opening CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

here, and to bring entertainment and fun for all ages and families."


Cindy and Jon Smith, who originally came up with the concept for Station Square nearly five years ago, spoke about the significance of the project completion.

Jon Smith recounted the initial thought process behind bringing a bowling alley to Gorham and the inspiration for the railroad station design. He thanked architects Mike Richman and Chris Bakkila of Custom Concepts for "nailing it."


"When you add up the suppliers, subcontractors, and companies that worked on the project, there were

over 75 Maine companies. This project has employed hundreds of people working and performing their crafts," said Smith, adding, "Between Junction Bowl, Grand Central Wine Bar, Chalmers and the two vacant units [under final construction], there will be close to 150 full-time employees working out of this building."

"Now is when the real magic begins as the businesses continue to grow and serve this community and the residents continue to experience Gorham Village. Thank you to all businesses and residents. Please continue to make your mark on Gorham," he said.



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GORHAM- Robert W. Skinner IV, 78, died suddenly of natural causes at his home on November 18, 2019.

Mr. Skinner was born on June 4, 1941, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and lived in Maine for almost 20 years. His grandfather, Frederic Parkhurst was Governor of Maine. Mr. Skinner was active with the Marine Corp League Southern Maine Detachment.

He is survived by his wife, Barbara Chambers Skinner of Gorham; brother, Dr. Frederic Skinner and his wife Edith, sister Judi Huyett, and their families.

Per Mr. Skinner's request, there will be no services. Arrangements are in the care of the Gorham Chapel of Dolby Blais & Segee, 76 State St., Gorham, ME 04038. To express condolences or participate in his online tribute, please visit www.DolbyBlaisSegee.com.

Man Indicted for Manslaughter in Fatal Gorham Crash

SHERI FABER
Staff Writer

Kenneth Morang, 62, was indicted on a manslaughter charge stemming from an accident on Route 25 in Gorham on July 21 when he fell asleep at the wheel of his pick-up truck. His truck struck the back of an SUV killing Raelynn Bell, 9, of Cumberland.

Bell was in the third row of her father's Honda Civic SUV when Morang hit the car which had stopped to make a left hand turn. Bell was taken to Maine Medical Center by LifeFlight but died two days later. Other family members suffered serious injuries but survived.

Morang, a 13 year Cumberland County Corrections Officer, told police he fell asleep at the wheel. He had worked a total of 88 hours at the jail that week, including consecutive double shifts the two days before the crash. All shifts were voluntary. As

of July 13, Morang had worked 1671 overtime hours in 2019.

Sheriff Kevin Joyce announced that the Sheriff's Office is in negotiations with the corrections union to "develop a policy that doesn't unduly limit an employee's desire to work overtime while fulfilling the needs of the organization's vacant shifts" adding that "there is no documented guidance on the number of hours that an employee should work overtime...no federal or state statute that governs the maximum hours of overtime an employee should work for their safety or anyone else's safety."

Morang resigned this month due to injuries sustained in the crash that kept him from going back to work. The case will be prosecuted by the York County D.A.'s office as Morang worked for Cumberland County. An attorney for the Bell family is researching whether the county bears any responsibility for the death.

Gorham Police Dept. Appoints Nault as Deputy Police Chief

GORHAM TIMES STAFF

Michael Nault was promoted to the rank of Deputy Police Chief and was sworn in during a ceremony on November 14 at the Gorham Municipal Center. According to Chief Christopher Sanborn, "Nault has shown exemplary service to the Gorham Police Department, Town of Gorham and community in his role as Lieutenant for the last three years, and for the last 27 years with the Department."

Nault began his law enforcement interest when he was 14 years old as a member of the Goffstown, NH Law Enforcement Police Explorers. He worked through their ranks to Captain and led the organization until he was 18 years old.

He then moved to Maine to attend the University of Southern Maine earning his Bachelor of Arts in Criminology in 1992.

In 1993, while working full-time as a communications officer for the Town of Scarborough, Nault became a reserve police officer with the Gorham and Scarborough Police Departments. He was hired full-time by the Gorham Police Department in 1996.

During his time with the Gorham Police Department, Nault has held



Photo credit Gorham Police Dept.

Mike Nault, left, with Police Chief Chris Sanborn, was sworn in as Deputy Police Chief on November 14.

the roles of Patrol Officer, School Resource Officer, Detective, and Communication Supervisor. In 2005, he was promoted to the rank of Patrol Sergeant, and in 2016, he was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant.

In his role as Deputy Police Chief, he will oversee the Criminal Investigation Division. He will be responsible for the department's Professional Standards, and he will be the department's training coordinator, having responsibility for crisis response planning.

Nault is married and has three children.

GYSA Team Repeats at States

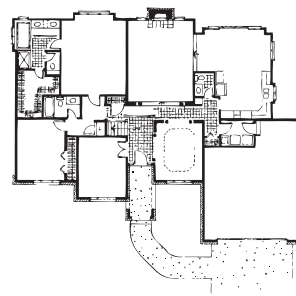


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The GYSA U13 Girls finished the 2019 season with an overall record of 16-1-2. They won the 2019 Crossroads Challenge Tournament as well as being back to back champions in the 2018 and 2019 Soccer Maine State Championship. Coach Tom Forgues attributed the team's success to the girls' focus on maximizing their individual efforts in supporting the entire team. Pictured (L to R) Front Row: Hadley Foster, Ary Flett, Lucy Orlando, Elery Herrick, Katelyn Cyr, Kat Lapierre, and Evelyn Rush. Back row: Coach Dean Rosingana, Violet James, Lilly Tukey, Juliet Sargent, Sarah Rosingana, Piper Forgues, Bailey Hatch, Vanessa Walker, Julia Reed, Ashley Connolly, and Coach Tom Forgues.

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GHS Runner Commits to Seminoles

DESTINY COOK
Sports Editor

Kate Tugman ran her first race at the Yarmouth Clam Festival when she was nine years old. "My mom was running the 5-miler that day so like any other kid, I wanted to copy my mother. I had never run before so I half sprinted, half walked the race but I still somehow managed to break a nine minute mile," she shared. After the race, her mother was quite impressed with her natural talent.

Tugman started running track in sixth grade and cross country in eighth grade. She began her career racing in the 400m and 600m, however, she narrowed her focus in eighth grade and became a distance runner. "I was the top middle school miler and this was when I knew that running was going to be my thing," she said.

Anna Slager (GHS '18) is Tugman's biggest inspiration. She remembered watching in amazement as Slager ran the mile in middle school. "I wanted to be as a good as her," she said. "We became friends in high school; she was always so supportive and taught me so much about the sport for which I will be forever grateful. We still stay in touch today," she shared.

As a high school runner, Tugman has had an incredible amount of success. She is the school record holder in the 2-mile, 3200 meter and 4x800 relay for both indoor and outdoor track. She placed third in the 2-mile at New England Indoor Track and Field Championships, and she was the SMAA Champion in the 1-mile, 2-mile and 800. Tugman has also racked up multiple all-state and all-conference awards in cross country and indoor/outdoor

track and field.

Coach Jason Tanguay has seen her grow as an athlete over the years. In regards to her competitions, Tanguay was the most excited to watch her third place finish at the New England Indoor Track and Field Championships unfold.

"Kate ran a very smart race in which she waited until the second half of the race to attack the leaders. It was very exciting to watch her hunt down the competition," he said. Tanguay is impressed with the composure and confidence she has shown over the past couple of years.

Tugman pondered a variety of D1 schools when looking at colleges but she knew she wanted to experience the "football/basketball" experience. While she had a few schools reach out to her, she took it upon herself to get in touch with schools she was interested in. She wanted a warmer climate so she contacted Florida State and UCLA. As a result of her persistence, Tugman recently held her official signing to become a Florida State Seminole.

"I chose FSU because I loved the Coach (Coach Kelly Phillips), I liked their program/philosophies a lot, and I felt I really connected with the team," she said. At FSU, Tugman will run cross country as well as indoor and outdoor track and field.

Tanguay said of Tugman's signing, "I am excited for the opportunity for Kate to be pushed at this next level. Our program looks to develop competitive distance runners, but we always want to ensure the competitive fire is not extinguished in high school." Tanguay believes we are just now starting to see Kate's potential as a runner. "I wish the best for her and truly hope her passion for running continues to flourish in



Photo credit Amanda Landry Photography

Tugman was joined by her moms, Carrie Bibens (left) and Kristin Tugman (right), and her friends at her official signing.

college," he said.

Tugman is happy the pressure is off and her decision is made. She is looking forward to her senior year and achieving a few big goals, including state titles in the 1-mile and 2-mile races. She also hopes to win indoor New England's in the 2-mile this year after placing third last year, and she would like to qualify for Nationals during both seasons once again.

The runner is also making her mark as a writer; she is writing a blog for the Maine Milesplit. English is her favorite subject and one day she hopes to write a book about running.

Tugman knows that workouts as a college athlete will be more difficult; lifting more, eating a specific diet, and the recovery methods such as ice baths and cupping will be different. She is ready to jump to the next level because she believes it will make her even better.

"I'm really excited for the warmer weather and just getting to go to a new place where no one knows who I am," she said. "I can completely remake myself if I want to. I am a little nervous to leave my moms and a couple of my close friends but I think change is good and it's how you learn to become a real adult."

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Boys' Cross Country: Most Valuable Runner-Reed Henderson and Calvin Cummings; Coach's Award-Andrew Tinkham

Football: Coach's Award-Henri Kuntz, Kyle Ouillette, Isaac Rollins and Beck Carrier; Scout Team Award-Asa Wareham

Golf: Most Valuable Golfer-Bryce Lumbert; Pooch Award- Jacob Polchies and Aidan Owens; Most Improved Golfer-Jacob Graham

Boys' Soccer: Coach's Award-Brady King; Offensive Player of the Year-Travis Matheson; Defensive Player of the Year-Kyle Hamblen

Girls' Soccer: Ram Award-Maddie Sweatt; Coach's Award- Raechel Edwards; Offensive Coordinator-Brittney Landry

Field Hockey: Most Valuable Player-Faith Dillon; Defensive Player of the Year-Lauren Green; Coach's Award-Mackenzie Yaskula

Volleyball: Most Improved Player-Caralin Mills; Team Leader Award-Ursa Steiner; Most Valuable Player-Meg Perry

Cheerleading: Outstanding Rookie-Morgan Cole; Coach's Award-Abby Fiore; Most Valuable Cheerleader-Rebecca Brunner

ALL ACADEMIC (SENIORS ONLY)

Field Hockey: Faith Dillon, Lauren Green

Golf: Camden Sawyer

Volleyball: Haley Burns, Gianna Romatis

Girls' Soccer: Jillian Nichols, Peyton Morton, Madisen Sweatt, Brittney Landry

Boys' Soccer: Andrew Rent, Samuel Orlando, Westley Brinegar, Lucas LaMontagne

Girls' Cross Country: Carson Battaglia, Iris Kitchen, Kate Tugman, Lydia Valentine, Stefanie Meacham

Boys' Cross Country: Seth Richardson, Andrew Tinkham

Football: Henri Kuntz, Kyle Ouillette, Ryan Reno

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Football: All Conference-Tyler Rollins and Henri Kuntz

Volleyball: 1st Team-Meg Perry and Ursa Steiner; 2nd Team-Talia Catoggio and Ellie Perry; Honorable Mention-Haley Burns

Girls' Soccer: 1st Team-Maddie Michaud and Gracie Forgues; Honorable Mention-Katie Kutzer and Olivia Michaud

Girls' Cross Country: 1st Team-Kate Tugman; 2nd Team-Iris Kitchen

Boys' Cross Country: 1st Team-Calvin Cummings; 2nd Team-Reed Henderson; Honorable Mention-Josh Lehmann

Field Hockey: 1st Team-Faith Dillon; 2nd Team-Molly Murray and Lydia Gaudreau; Honorable Mention-Lauren Green; All-Rookie Team-Maeve Donnelly

Boys' Soccer: 1st Team -Andrew Rent (Honorary), Brady King, Travis

Matheson and Kyle Hamblen; 2nd Team-Ryan Farr and Romain Salvi; Honorable Mention-Andrew Farr; SMAA Coach of the Year-Tim King

Golf: 1st Team-Bryce Lumbert; 2nd Team-Aidan Enck and Sam Farr; All Conference-Nicole Walker

Sports Etc.

Holmes and the Hoosiers: Indiana women's basketball freshman forward Mackenzie Holmes (GHS '19) has been named the Big Ten Freshman of the Week and named to the Big Ten Player of the Week honor roll for her impressive opening weekend. She went a combined 83.3 percent from the floor and averaged 18.5 points, 6.0 rebounds and 3.0 blocks in her debut for the No. 24 Hoosiers. Holmes led all scorers against Nicholls State, scoring 22 points and going a perfect 9-for-9 from the field. She also grabbed five rebounds, while her five blocks are the fourth most in a single game by a freshman.

SCHOOL

GHS Renovation Proposal Will Go to the Town Council

KATHY CORBETT
Staff Writer

At a special meeting on November 20, the School Committee (SC) voted 5-1 to present the Option 6 plan for expanding and renovating Gorham High School at a joint workshop with the Town Council. Option 6 places the new classroom wing on the Morrill Avenue side of the building, providing common areas for 1100 students and initial classroom space for 950 students.

Although all agreed that this \$71 million proposal meets educational and security needs, Bill Benson said

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Gorham High School Project Graduation Class of 2020 Fundraiser!!!



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Educators Honored at School Committee Meeting



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Superintendent Heather Perry recognized seven educators from Gorham schools who were honored with awards this year. Shown (left to right): Amy Cousins, GMS art teacher, Maine Art Teacher of the Year 2020; Heather Whitaker, GMS alternative education teacher, Maine Teacher of the Year 2020; Susan Adolf, Narragansett Elementary teacher, Glen Nerbak Excellence in Teaching Award 2020; Kathy Hamblen, Special Education Director, Maine Special Education Director of the Year 2020; Adam Parvanta, GHS technology teacher, Milken Educator Award 2020; Chris Record, Assistant Superintendent, Maine Assistant Superintendent of the Year 2020. Not pictured: Allie Rimkunas, Great Falls art teacher, Maine Elementary Art Teacher of the Year 2020.

Narragansett Modulares Creating New Space



Photo credit Gorham School Dept.

The first of four modular units that will make up the cafeteria serving area have been delivered to Narragansett Elementary School. Eight more were due to arrive this week. They will become six classrooms, two bathrooms, and electrical and custodial rooms. When combined, bottom photo, the four cafeteria units create a 56" x 56" room. The entire complex will have an enclosed connecting corridor to the main building. The new space will be ready for the 2020-21 school year.



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*If you would like to participate or have any questions please email Cindy Smith at cindy@greatfallsinc.com or call 839-2744. Please be sure to let us know if you will be participating to ensure your tree will be judged and on the list of trees that will be published for the community to visit.

*The Gorham Village Alliance will be viewing each tree on Friday, December 13th beginning at 4:00 PM! After viewing each tree they will be selecting a tree as the winner of 2019 Gorham Tree Festival which will be announced at New Year's Gorham!

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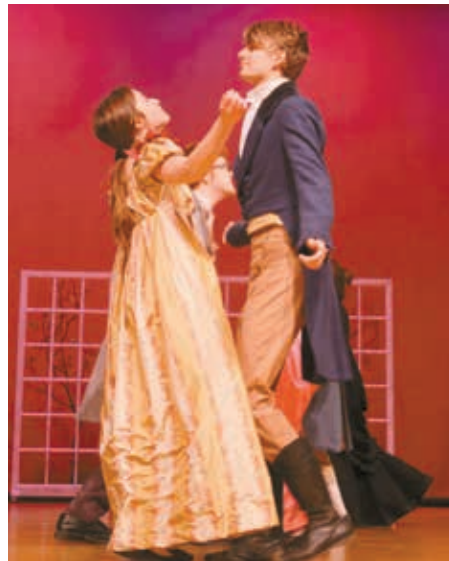


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Gorham High School Theater students presented Kate Hamill's "Sense and Sensibility" - a funny, fast moving play based on the novel by Jane Austen on November 15-17.



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Klarha Cajuste
Hannah Caron
Lexi Caron
Miranda Chasse
Faith Connolly
Jasper Crane
Rachel Cummings
Zoe Diffin
Jonah Doucette
Madeline Downey
Abby Fiore
Jude Huckaby
Eden Johnson
Grace Johnson
Alexis Landry
Erin Lawrence
Kevin Luo
Aedan MacDougall
Trevin Macomber
Kaci Mollison
Madysen Quimby
Sarah Rathbun
Keira Rosario
Abigail Rosingana
Eli Sjostedt
Rylee Tenuta
Madison Toronto
Hailee Willey

Grade 9 – Honors

Benjamin Allison
Emelia Bailey
Hayden Battaglia
Lucien Beardsley
Cole Bishop
Basil Bob
Christian Butler
Junbei Chen
Bode Coleman
Annie Cunningham
Patrick Cyr
Angela Dellasala
Quinn Dillon
Maeve Donnelly
Owen Dugas
Sadie Fiore
Brendan Fish

Kylie Foley
Ty Gammon
Andrew Gaudreau
Julie Goldman
Brooke Gordon
Tedi Gould
Marin Graham
Kayleigh Greenlaw
Kyra Hamblen
Keegan Hanscome
Owen Harmon
Graham Henderson
Olivia Hopkins
Mason Hoyt
Josephine James
Ryan Jodoin
Braeden Johnson
Elizabeth Keil
Samantha Kovacs
Quinn Lachance
Nolan Landry
Madeleine LaPierre
Samuel Larkin
Jacob Lehmann
Savannah Lyon
Sofia Mankin
Kate Martin
Cole Nadeau
Hannah O'Reilly
Lucas Ouellette
Cameron Parker
Mikaela Pellerin
Kate Pelletier
Claudia Peterson
Qasim Rabbani
Whitney Randall
John Reidy
Tyler Reynolds
Lauren Rioux
Lillian Ruane
David Russo
Emma Sands
Kate Sands
Christopher Sargent
Malachi Scribner
Cody Sellick
Emilio Shaw
Brady Smith
Ryker Spear
Trent Stevens

Alexandra Sutton
Kaylah Swan
Megan Wentworth
Kieran Wilkins
Elizabeth Willette
Wyatt Woodsum
Delaney Wright
Peter Wu

Grade 10 – High Honors

Erin Abrams
Drew Baber
Erin Castonguay
Ainsley Christianson
Kayleigh Cloutier
Sydney Connolly
Kaitlyn Cushing
Sadie Cyr
Katherine Dupuis
Madeline Fadrigon
Andrew Farr
Bryce Gunn
Gannon Kuntz
Stephanie Labrie
Elisabeth Loranger
Bryce Lambert
Aidan Meredith
Andrea Mitchell
Jillian Morrill
Emma Mullin
Ellie Perry
Phoebe Richards
Clara Shvets
Emma Stevens
Megan Wentworth
Violet Wilson-Wood

Grade 10 – Honors

Colin Albert
George Allison
Lauren Bachner
Noah Badeau
Brett Barney
Curan Bassingthwaite
Ryan Bechtel
Owen Begley
Mallorie Bergquist-Guimond
Gisele Berry
Landon Bickford
Allison Bishop

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Lucas Castles
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Quinn Doyle
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Daniel McKeage
Sophia Michaud

Ambrosia Moore
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Isabella Morrell
Any Nagle
Anna Nelson
Ava Nickerson
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Cheyanne Osmond
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Thomas Sallinen
Brady Sawyer
Arzou Sayed
Thaddeus Shain
Benjamin Shields
Kyle Skolfield
Hannah Spickel
John Sutton
Jacob Tatom
Colby Tucker
Brandon Verrill
Morgan Walton
Asa Wareham
Alexandra Waterman
Elijah Wyatt
Megan Young

Grade 11 – High Honors

Madeline Berry
Ava Dolley
Robert Dowdle
Emily Duncan
Nathan Eichner
Paige Fogg
Sydney Fox
Mary Gawlick
MacKenna Homa
Riley Johnson
Sophia Kaufman
Katherine Kutzer
Shannon Lawrence
Maya Lee

Kylie Mathieson
Olivia Michaud
Kaylyn Migliorini
Oliver Milliken
Adele Nadeau
Emily Paruk
Alice Peterson
Morgan Roast
Eva Rodrigue
Erin Sands
Delaney Seed
Marissa Wilson

Grade 11 – Honors

Luke Adams
Tatyanna Biamby
Jordan Blakeslee
Grace Bradshaw
Madison Brown
Elijah Bullard
Logan Butler
River Cummings
Sierra Cummings
Hayden Desmond
Kirsten Drew
Jillian Dugas
Olivia Duong
Julia Edwards
Jada Emery
Aidan Enck
Grace Flynn
Gracie Forgues
Campbell Fowler
Victoria Frager
Sophie Gagne
Lydia Gaudreau
Brandon Gordon
Andrew Goschke
Stephen Graham
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Brayden Harjula
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Braedyn Richardson
Cassidy Rioux
Megan Roberts
Devin Robichaud
Gage Sjostedt
Madigan Thibodeau
Kiara Vellilla
Alison Walker
Bailey Wentworth
Jordan Williams
Wesley Young

Grade 12 – High Honors

Elizabeth Blanchard
Anthony Booth
Madison Firmin
Maeve Higgins
Paige Hume
Elyssa Johnson
Peyton Morton
Anna Nault
Jillian Nichols
Abigail O'Brien
Seth Richardson
Ursula Steiner

Katrina Tugman
Samuel Waggoner
Jade Wu

Grade 12 – Honors

Ethan Allen
Daniel Bachner
Mariam Beshir
Patrick Bishop
Laura Bolduc
Jordan Bretton
Westley Brinegar
Jessica Burgess
Haley Burns
Evan Chambers
Lane Charlton
Brandon Chhoeung
Colby Christakis
Rachel Collomy
Julie Cooper
Emily Crepeau
Kasey Cummings
Garrett Devoe
Faith Dillon
Hannah Dimick
Connor Donnelly
Ryan Doughty
Lydia Drew
Raechel Edwards
Isabelle Emerson
Tyler Farris
Ryan Gaudreau
Kevin Goodnow
Lauren Green
Kyle Hamblen
Cassidy Hamilton
Jacqueline Hamilton
Noah Hatch
Sophie Hemingway
Erin Hume
Makenzie Huntington
Nolan Irish
Sebastien Irish
Katarina Jenkins
Cortnie Jones
Sarah Juskiwicz
Brady King
Iris Kitchner
Henri Kuntz
Lucas LaMontagne

Brittney Landry
Elena LaNigra
Haley Lowell
Anika Malia
Nolan McCullough
Ethan Mercier
Abigail Miller
Sophia Minchev
Jakob Mohr
MacAllister Moss
Cameron Myles
Lindsey Nygren
Samuel Orlando
Emma Owens
Samuel Paulin
Cole Perreault
Marin Perry
Ava Pitman
Ryan Reno
Andrew Rent
Margaret Rinkunas
Jackson Robbins
Gianna Romatis
Chloe Russell
Romain Salvi
Camden Sawyer
Kaitlyn Smith
Julia Sturgis
Madisen Sweatt
Anthony Theriault
Kiana Tracey
Sarah Tuttle
Lydia Valentine
Anthony Valley
Isabella VanZandt
Kaitlyn Verrill
Shawn Walls
Kacie Walton
Isabelle Wareham
Alana Weed
Monica Willey
Quinn Young

Gorham Middle School First Quarter Honor Rolls 2019-20

Grade 6 – High Honors

Benjamin Brown
Andrew Collins
Grace Cunningham
Stella Moores
Eleanor Morgan
Amanda Nicholson
Haley Vickery

Grade 6 – Honors

Ali Abdulzaha
Cadyn Arsenaault
Jay Banks
Hope Barney
Kaleigh Bauer
Lily Beardsley
Gianna Berthiaume
Miles Brenner
Abigail Buckelew
Aiden Cahill
Addison Campbell
Cole Chasse
Desirae Chiasson
Jocelyn Clark
Grayson Cole
Lena Cooley
Aubriana Cossitt

Ruby Couture
Isabella Davis
Zoe Dellinger
Ava DeVinney
Liam Doyle
Aaron Dumais
Lauren Dunbar
Isaiah Eling
Laurel Emerson
Emily Fluet
Abigail Fortier
Brooklyn Giroux
Elle Hanley
Jeremy Hansen
Madison Hatch
Henry Holland
Julia Hoyt
Benjamin Keil
Samuel Knight
Aidan Lane
Grace Lara
Tabitha Lavigne
Reece Leclerc
Hannah Logan
Derek Luo
Lorisse Matta
Rylyn McInnis

Tessa McNally
Andrew Migliorini
Maya Moores
Aleksander Nauman
Pearl Nsimundele
Liam O'Hora
Tyler Olson
Jacqueline Parenteau
Natalie Pouliot
William Provost
Kassidy Quimby
Terra Rioux
Gracen Roberts-Locke
Addyson Simcock
Ruby Soule
Elizabeth Springer
Graham Staples
Sonnitra Sun
Thomas Sylvia
Taylor Tenuta
Gavin Thomas
Sawyer VonderHaar
Tobias Wane
Atticus Whitten
Natalie Wilkins
Stella Wu
Mendel Zhang

Grade 7 – High Honors

Sofia Andrade
Ashley Connolly
Gwyneth Dubail
Lucia Dubail
Emily Fadrigon
Bailey Hatch
Sophie Kaczmarek
Chafek Matta
Kayla McLean
Julia Reed
Sarah Rosingana
Casey Skolfield
Brooke Stevens
Vanessa Walker

Grade 7 – Honors

Harrison Baber
Whitney Ball
Jakob Buckley
Abigail Chamberlin
Christopher Chesebro
Katelyn Cyr
Riley Dever
Patrick Downey
Gavin Edwards
Makayla Edwards

Mason Finck
Aryana Flett
Hadley Foster
Lauren Fredette
Griffin Gammon
Layla Gillihan
Sean Glass
Ava Googins
Finn Henderson
Kailynn Herrick
Nicholas Kim
Lucas LeGage
Jeffrey Legere II
Adam Lembarra
Natalie Miner
Emma Miramontes
Ryan Morrill
Wyatt Nadeau
Timothy Nagle
Jamie Nelson
Rachel Perkins
Payson Plummer
Hailey Rickett
Evelyn Rush
Victoria Sands
Mina Sayed
Natalie Smith

Owen Spera
Payton Thibodeau
Lily Tukey
Eliot Verry-Gardella
Elijah Whitehead
Alauna Worden

Grade 8 – High Honors

Chloe Blanchard
Luke Burns
Addison Canty
Thomas Curtis
Grace Desmond
Ella Downing
Brooke Farquhar
Taylor Farr
Sophia Fates
Summer Gammon
Elizabeth Gay
Addison Harjula
Noah Kennedy
Ashton Leclerc
Aidan Lee
Aislyn McLean
Amy Morin
Lillianna Noel
Paige Perreault

Alicia Poschke
Emma Smith
Julia Wareham
Anna Yahwak

Grade 8 – Honors

Cole Allen
Lillian Andreasen
William Armstrong
Brady Arsenaault
Gabriel Badeau
Gibson Baker
Dylan Bauer
Hannah Bickford
Braden Bouchard
Claire Boudreau
Jack Luciano
Elsie Bradshaw
Macey Brenner
Amber Bretton
Camryn Caruso
Ethan Castonguay
Gage Cathcart
Alex Chase
Andria Cloutier
Dylan Cummings
Kalin Curtis
Aidan D'Ambrosio

Jack Decrow
Sophia DiPhilippo
Giselle Doucette
Anna Dumais
Abigail Fecteau
Nolan Feyler
Lydia Fluet
Aiden Fortier
Kaylee Gonneville
Natalie Haskell
Emerson Jordan
Anthony Jordan
Cruise LaBrie
Caden Lavoie
Ezekiel Lockman
Jack Luciano
Channitra Ly
Lily McDonald
Gabriel Michaud
Jacob Mora
Caroline Morrell
Jackson Morrell
James Morrison
Arianna Morse
Kaitlyn Nichols
Erica Nygren

Riley Ottoson
Collin Page
Samuel Parenteau
Haden Pelletier
Alec Pouliot
Makayla Quintal
Zoie Rand
Brayson Reed
Lily Rubin
Logan Sargent
Brayzel Smith
Caden Smith
Tristan Smith
Kyleigh Staples
Jonathan Stein
Madison Stewart
Austin Stoddard
Landon Turgeon
Noah Vaughn
Jason Verrill
Zackary Waters
Cole Whitehead
Izak Young



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he believed addressing deferred capital improvements to district buildings was a higher priority. Phillip Gagnon was absent for the vote.

Prior to the vote, Facilities Director Norm Justice gave a presentation outlining his best estimate of the district's current and future capital improvement needs. As has been shared with both the School Committee and the Town Council in the past, it was clearly noted that although state guidelines recommend capital renewal funding be budgeted at 2% of the value of a district's buildings (which in Gorham would be nearly \$3 million annually), past School Department budgets have not been able to allocate these amounts and, in fact, have been allocating far less. This has resulted in a deficit of \$20 million in deferred capital expenditures over the past ten years. The district, therefore, has been forced to be more reactive rather than proactive in replacing building systems that are beyond their expected life spans. Justice identified projects that should be addressed now that would cost about \$20 million.

The School Committee discussed partnering with the Town Council to develop a long-term approach to building needs and maintenance across all town buildings, municipal and school. It voted 6-0 to approve an ad hoc facilities committee to develop a more detailed accounting of capital needs and to continue talking with the Town Council about resolving these issues in a comprehensive manner.

School Committee Meeting **NOVEMBER 13, 2019**

KATHY CORBETT
Staff Writer

Stewart McCallister was elected Chairperson and Kate Livingston Vice Chairperson at the last regular School Committee (SC) meeting. Committee assignments were announced as well. Superintendent Heather Perry recognized seven educators from Gorham schools who were honored with awards this year. The six in attendance spoke briefly.

Student representative Ava Pitman reported that every Gorham High School (GHS) fall sports team participated in post-season play. She encouraged everyone to attend the GHS production of "Sense and Sensibility," as did Superintendent Perry.

Perry also said that there were two bills before the state legislature's second session related to Maine labor laws that could affect the schools. She reported that laptops for grades 7 and 8 had received funding. Transition activities for changes in the elementary school attendance zones are going well, she said, with new families being welcomed by Narragansett Principal Cynthia Remick.

Several SC members and student representative Pitman spoke about their participation at the annual Maine School Management Association (MSMA) meeting. They would like to see similar meetings with school committees in Cumberland County where they could discuss common issues. New member Philip Gagnon expressed

his commitment to the work of the School Committee.

Michael Sanborn, Dining Services Director, spoke about procedures related to unpaid school meal balances. A new state law prohibits schools from providing alternative meals for students who have significant debt; all students receive the same meals. Parents or guardians are notified with follow-up calls and letters when accounts are in arrears. Although last year only eight households were responsible for 80% of the debt, Sanborn said that lots of time and resources is spent in collecting funds. Therefore, he believes that there needs to be a policy in reference to when a collection agency should be involved. SC member Kate Livingston asked if sufficient effort is made to inform parents of reduced lunch costs. Sanborn replied that reduced lunch fee forms are sent home with all students at the beginning of the school year.

Members of a committee charged with studying and making recommendations on World Language instruction presented their report which cited research showing the benefits to students who learn a second language. Although research shows that children learn languages easier when young, currently there is no mandate for world language instruction in grades K-5 and there is minimal exposure to French and Spanish in middle school. The World Language committee recommended a four-year phased program leading to expanding this program to all grades, beginning with five days

of language instruction in grades 7/8. Costs for two additional teachers and supplies for the first year are estimated at \$172,000. The SC agreed to review the proposal at its next workshop.

Darryl Wright said the SC will also discuss the GHS building proposal referred to them by the Building Committee at the next workshop. There will be no hard launch of the Athletic Capital Campaign at this time.

The committee voted (5-1 Wright; Gagnon abstained) to accept the 2019-2020 School Committee Goals. Wright preferred that they review them further and vote at the next meeting. The committee voted to award stipends for winter sports coaches.

Town Council Meeting

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The Town Council forwarded an amendment to the Land Use and Development Code that would allow for storage units in the Roadside Commercial District to the Ordinance Committee for their review.

The transfer of \$1,565.70 seized in a criminal case was given to the Town of Gorham.

The Town Council entered into executive session to discuss economic development where premature disclosures of the information would prejudice the competitive or bargaining position of the town. They also discussed personnel matters.

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



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COMMUNITY

OF INTEREST

Lakes Region Senior Center tries to keep elementary schools in Gorham and Windham supplied with mittens, hats and scarves so teachers can have a supply on hand for students who come to school in cold weather without these items. The center's biggest supplier passed away and we are in need of people to help. If you can knit or crochet and would like to donate hats, scarves or mittens for the students in our community, please contact Gerry Day at 839-3859.



Penny Nason of North Gorham spoke recently at a meeting of the Maine Beta chapter of Alpha Delta Kappa, an international organization of teachers and retired teachers. Nason instructed Beta members in painting holiday ornaments. The group also packed and donated shoe boxes of gifts for Operation Christmas Child. Pictured (L to R): Barbara Caiazzo, Anne Sullivan, Judy Wing, Jaclyn Leeper (Beta chapter president), Nancy Burnham, Teresa Keahon, Teresa Prince, Reggie Minott, Jean Davis, Madeleine Bates, and Anne Tewhey.

Jerry Buteau of Gorham and Sun City Center, Florida, got his first hole in one on November 3 at the Scepter Golf Club at King's Point, Sun City Center, sinking the ball on the sixth hole. Buteau has been a member of the Scepter Golf Club for ten years.



The Gorham Lions will continue their holiday tree sale at Gorham Hardware starting the Friday afternoon just after Thanksgiving Day, and then every Friday, Saturday and Sunday until the trees are sold out. Trees are fresh cut in Harrison and Amherst Maine on 11/26 and 12/3, then brought to Gorham. Tree sales revenue funds Gorham High School scholarships and other needs. \$40/tree donation. FMI Lion Ken Aldrich, 207-929-9182.

Gorham Recreation will hold its Annual Tree Lighting and Light Parade on December 1 beginning at 2:30 p.m. in Robie Park, located on Ball Park Road. Activities in the park run from 2:30-4:45 p.m. and include horse drawn carriage rides, hot cocoa, raffles, music and more. Santa and Mrs Claus will meet with children from 2:30-4:15 p.m. in the multipurpose room.

The parade leaves at 4:15 p.m. from 270 Main Street and arrives at Robie Park at 4:45 p.m.

Gorham Lions President, Ken Aldrich, presented Deb Tanguay, the Executive Director of the Gorham Food Pantry, a check for \$200 to help the Food Pantry meet the nutrition needs of the Gorham community.



The 35th Annual Tree Lighting at the White Rock Community Club will take place on December 1. The celebration begins at 3

p.m. at the White Rock Grange with ornament making, a reading of 'Twas the Night Before Christmas, and carol singing with a band. The Christmas Story will be read at 4:30 p.m., and Santa will arrive on a fire truck before pictures, snacks and hot cocoa. 34 Wilson Road.

The Gorham Community Chorus presents its Prelude to Christmas Concert featuring the Gorham High School Chamber Singers on Sunday, December 8, at 3 p.m. The concert will be held at McCormack Performing Arts Center at Gorham High School, 41 Morrill Ave.

In honor of Wayne "Pooch" Drown, Wreaths Across America is visiting Gorham High School (GHS) on December 9 for a special ceremony. The general public is invited to welcome the convoy on South Street, between County Road and Morrill Avenue, as it approaches GHS at 7:45 a.m. or as it leaves GHS at approximately 8:45 a.m. Bring a flag and join others along the way.

The Gorham Lions meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of every month. On Tuesday, December 10, the group has a spouses-invited Holiday Dinner at Ocean Garden Restaurant on Main Street in Gorham. New members are always welcome. FMI, Ken Aldrich, 207-929-9182.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars, Gorham Memorial Post 10879, will meet in the Fire Department Training Room at 270 Main St. on Thursday, December 12, at 5:30 p.m. Any interested veterans may contact the post at vwfpost10879@gmail.com.

The Gorham Food Pantry, located at 299-B Main St (parking lot of St. Anne's Catholic Church) is open every Thursday morning from 10 a.m. to 12 p.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.

The Gorham Medical Closet located at the Municipal Center 75 South St is free and available to Gorham residents in need of wheelchairs, shower seats, commodes, walkers, canes, crutches and more. FMI 839-3859; 839-2484; 839-3228; 329-4976; 839-3494; 839-6450. Hours are by appointment only with one of the volunteers. If you don't reach a volunteer, leave a message and they will return your call.

LIBRARY NEWS

A representative from the US Census at Baxter Memorial Library will be available on Monday, December 2, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. to discuss opportunities with the Census Bureau.

Baxter Memorial Library offers Discovery Story Times to families. The story times are designed to introduce children to books and libraries in a positive and enjoyable way, using stories, music, and movement to present and enhance early literacy skills and foster a love of reading. Three different age-specific programs and one all-ages program are offered each week. They can be found in the calendar section. Baxter Digs Reading is back with Baxter, the Standard Poodle Therapy Dog who loves to be read to. He visits the library the first and third Tuesday of the month. Call 222-1190 to sign up for 15-minute slots, and to learn about more library programs.

SENIOR NEWS

The Lecky Brown Center for Seniors, located on the 3rd floor at First Parish Church, 1 Church St., is offering weekly events as follows: Mondays Cribbage Club @ 10 a.m., Hand Chime Ringers @ 2 p.m.; Wednesdays Originals @ 10 a.m. Coffee, Conversation & Speaker every week; Fridays ARTrageous Seniors @ 10 a.m. December (4, 11, 18) will feature Fabric Dying (ice, shibori, several other techniques). ONGOING: sign up for the Yellow Dot program. FMI: Lisa Becker at 835-9379 or leckybrowncenter@gmail.com.

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Caller reported a man had stopped his car in traffic on School St. and was outside of it "flipping people off." Male continued on his way and officer did not locate vehicle.

Washburn Drive man had a truck for sale. Some people looked at it and then backed a trailer up to it and dropped the back ramp. Caller went out to speak with them and they left. Officer did not locate the men with the trailer.

Officer assisted Buxton PD with an argument between a mother and a daughter. Mother was charged with OUI and officer drove the daughter home as she was also intoxicated. Daughter became argumentative at drop off and refused to go inside.

Suspicious person on Ritz Farm Road was smashing his own vehicle. Property owner was a relative and did not want any action taken. Subject was given a ride home.

Officer assisted rescue of a 95 year old woman who was reported to be combative.

Man on Main St. flagged down an officer to say a delivery driver would not move his truck so he could back out of his parking spot. Officer warned him for parking his car sideways and by the time the officer finished listening to his complaint, the truck driver had left.

Juniper Circle caller had adopted three cats from the Animal Refuge League and taken them home to his parent's trailer where he was living. Parents would not allow him to keep the cats and he was wondering what to do with

them. He was advised to contact the Animal Refuge League.

Suspicious person on South St. had gotten sick at work and was on her way home. She got out to throw up and when she finished she continued on her way.

Man called from Huston Road. He forgot school had started and gave permission for officer to pick up his son and take him to Gorham Middle School.

Suspicious person in a vehicle in the parking lot at the Municipal Center was homeless. She left to go to a friend's house in Steep Falls.

Caller reported a dog in distress on Leavitt Drive. Dog was visiting and homeowner told officer "that is just how it howls." Dog was going back to its owner that night.

Following a complaint, officer watched approximately 165 vehicles traveling through the intersection of Lincoln and Robie. Most were operating in a safe manner.

Suspicious person on Sebago Lake Road told officer he had stopped to rest on the side of the road. He declined a ride and continued walking back to his residence.

Officer met with a man who wanted to report fraudulent activity on his bank account but he never provided a statement.

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Senior Meal Site is held on Wednesdays at 12 p.m., St. Anne's Church, 299 Main St. Social time begins at 11:30 a.m. Suggested donation is \$4. Meal site is closed if school is closed or delayed due to weather. Volunteers are needed to assist in meal prep and clean up. FMI call 839-4857 or 222-1630.

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, Sue Chesler-Doherty, 272-3095; 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 Workshops at 9 a.m. FMI 892-0299.

PUBLIC SUPPERS

White Rock Community Clubhouse will hold a Bean Supper on Saturday, December 7, from 4:30-6 p.m. Beans, hot dogs, coleslaw, potato salad, macaroni and cheese, homemade biscuits and pies, 34 Wilson Road. Adults \$8, Children under 12, \$4. Always the first Saturday of the month from October-May.

HOLIDAY FAIR

First Parish Church, 1 Church St. will hold its Holiday Fair on Saturday, December 7, from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Silent auction, Café Luncheon, Greens, Crafts, Raffles, Santa and more. FMI 839-6751.

USM NOTES

The USM Art Gallery current exhibit "Contemporary Responses to Modernism: A New England Perspective" continues through December 8. Regular hours are Wednesday and Thursday, noon to 6 p.m., Friday to Sunday, noon to 4 p.m., FMI usm.maine.edu/gallery

The award winning USM Chamber Singers will present their annual Joyous Sounds for a Festive Season concert on Tuesday, December 3, at 7:30 at Williston-Immanuel United Church at 156 High Street in Portland. Besides traditional holiday favorites, this year the group will perform an eclectic program with music by Sydney Guillaume, Abbie Betinis, Andrea Ramsey, Moses Hogan Barnum and André Thomas. Suggested donation is \$8/\$5. FMI usm.maine.edu/music.

The USM Jazz Ensemble, a full-sized 17 piece big band directed by Chris Oberholtzer, performs at Corthell Hall on Thursday, December 5. "Mostly Mozart," an Opera Workshop production directed by Malinda Haslett will have two performances: Saturday, December 7, at 8 p.m., and Sunday, December 8, at 2 p.m. Tickets for all of these performances are \$8 for adults, \$5 for students, seniors and USM alumni.

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CALENDAR

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28

Happy Thanksgiving from staff at the Gorham Times!

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1

Gorham Rec Annual Tree Lighting/Light Parade, 2:30 p.m., Robie Park
 White Rock Community Club Annual Tree Lighting, 3 p.m., 34 Wilson Road

MONDAY, DECEMBER 2

Baxter Memorial Library Census Day, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3

Baxter Memorial Library
 • Preschool Discovery Time (3-5 yrs), 9:30-10:15 a.m.
 • Baxter Digs Reading, 3:30-4:30 p.m., call 222-1190 to sign up for a 15-minute slot

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4

Baxter Memorial Library
 • Baby Discovery Time, Birth-18 mos, 9:30-9:50 a.m.
 • Gift Making Workshop, 12:30-1:30 p.m.
 • Family Discovery time (All Ages), 6-6:45 p.m.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5

USM Jazz Ensemble directed by Chris Oberholtzer, 7:30 p.m. Corthell Concert Hall, \$8/\$5
 Baxter Memorial Library
 • Toddler Discovery Time (18mos-3yrs), 9:30-10 a.m.
 • Book Club discussion of "Where the Crawdads Sing" by Delia Owens, 10 a.m.
 • Sewing Club, 2:30-4:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6

USM School of Music 29th Annual Scholarship Gala, 6 p.m., Corthell Hall, \$200/\$125.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7

First Parish Church Christmas Fair, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., 1 Church Street
 White Rock Community Club Bean Supper, 4:30-6 p.m. \$8 adults, \$4 children under 12, 34 Wilson Road
 USM School of Music, Mostly Mozart, Opera Workshop Performance, Corthell Concert Hall, 8 p.m.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8

Gorham Community Chorus Prelude to Christmas Concert with GHS Chamber Singers, 3 p.m., MPAC, 41 Morrill Ave.
 USM School of Music, Mostly Mozart, Opera Workshop Performance, Corthell Concert Hall, 2 p.m.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10

Baxter Memorial Library
 • Preschool Discovery Time (3-5 yrs), 9:30-10:15 a.m.
 • Chess Club, 3-5 p.m., kids 11-18 yrs.
 • Eggnog & Crafts, crafting for the holidays, 5:30-7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11

Baxter Memorial Library
 • Baby Discovery Time (Birth-18mos), 9:30-9:50 a.m.
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