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Gorham Schools in Need of Substitute Teachers

Kathy Corbett, Staff Writer



Photo credit Kathy Corbett

Melissa Mullin teaching her 5th grade class at Great Falls Elementary School. On this day 13 staff members were absent and there were 7 positions uncovered. Ed techs were pulled from their regular assignments to help alleviate the shortage.

The Gorham School Department is seeking solutions to a shortage of substitute teachers that is having a serious impact on the district's staff and students. Since the beginning of the school year, a high rate of teacher and ed tech absences and a small pool of regular substitutes has resulted in 30% of substitute positions going unfilled.

Teachers are covering for colleagues during their planning time, ed techs are being pulled from learning labs in K-5 schools, and everyone is feeling stressed as they strive to provide quality education at a time when many COVID protocols still apply.

"Under these conditions, our professionals cannot feel successful. We need help," Superintendent Heather Perry said.

Like many Maine school districts, Gorham has had a shortage of substitutes for years, but this year it has reached a crisis level. "We don't have substitutes but we still have students," said Perry as she outlined both short-term plans and discussed long-term solutions, including revisions in the pay and requirements for substitute positions.

The School Committee voted to authorize two additional early release

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The Grinch Strikes Again? Christmas Tree Shortages

Courtney Yount, USM Intern



Photo credit Courtney Yount

Doug Fortier of Merry Christmas Trees takes great pride in running his family's tree farm.

Recently, there has been word of a supply shortage of Christmas trees, thus raising the question: Has the Grinch stolen Christmas once again? Both artificial trees and real trees have been reported as becoming short in supply over the past couple years due to summer droughts, shipping concerns, and other restrictions.

When COVID-19 forced the world to shut down last year, supply shortages were not uncommon. There were hoarding wars over toilet paper, paper towels, other toiletries, and various everyday products we felt necessary for survival. Deliveries were severely delayed, and travel was completely on hold for every-

one's safety and well-being. As we have slowly moved to open back up and ease into normalcy again, there has been an increase in hope and positivity throughout this challenging time.

There has been a reported limited supply of fresh trees due to the extensive heat waves and droughts throughout the past few years, as well as COVID-19 restrictions. Some establishments that sell anything but local trees may have difficulty stocking them due to these challenges. This season, it's a great idea to support local tree farms. All around southern Maine, there are choose-and-cut farms that allow you to pick the best

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Save the Date: New Year's Eve = New Year Gorham!

Tom Hasbrouck, New Year Gorham Coordinator

New Year Gorham will send off 2021 and welcome 2022 with an exciting mix of entertainment for all ages, including local talent along with favorites from the past. The celebration will begin at 3 p.m. and end at 9 p.m. with a dazzling fireworks display.

"We are excited to be planning a live, in-person event following CDC guidelines to assure a safe celebration for everyone," announced NYG Coordinator Tom Hasbrouck. "The pro-

gram will once again feature award-winning storyteller, Antonio Rocha (pronounced Haw-Sha). Antonio's spell-binding repertoire includes stories of his native homeland (Brazil), age-appropriate folktales, mime, illusions, hilarious characters in outrageous situations.

NYG's feature performer is Matt Roberts, an award-winning magician who will have you alternating between laughter and awe

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Tree Shortage Impacts GHS Swim Team Annual Fundraiser

Katie Rosingana, Gorham Swim Boosters Communications Liaison

Downtown Gorham will be without an annual tradition this holiday season, as the Gorham High School (GHS) swim team and Gorham Swim Boosters will not be selling fresh-cut Maine Christmas trees due to multiple issues with the supply chain. This greatly impacts essential fundraising efforts of the Gorham Swim Boosters.

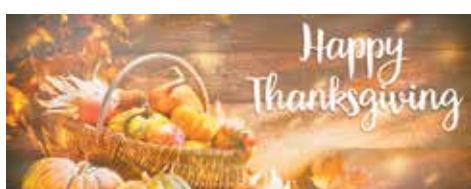
The Gorham Swim program must rent the Westbrook Community

Center for training. In lieu of the school athletic budget paying, the Swim Boosters cover the costs of pool rental for all practice time for both GHS and Gorham Middle School (GMS) teams, as well as swim meet equipment and GMS coaches' salaries.

This news comes at a pivotal time for a program that has steadily been

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To help the swim team you can make a direct online donation at:
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GOING TO NEW YORK
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NEWS FROM AUGUSTA

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.

Staying Warm This Winter

Rep. Mo Terry

It's hard to believe that the holidays are already here! The unseasonably warm fall has allowed us to enjoy some of our favorite outdoor activities late into the season, but the colder months are just around the corner. As temperatures drop and heating costs rise, this is a crucial time to reach out to friends and neighbors to ensure they know about the resources available to help them stay warm and safe this winter.

Here in Maine, we are particularly vulnerable to unstable fossil fuel prices in the winter. Maine is the most heating oil dependent state in the nation, and this year, the U.S. Energy Information Agency is predicting an increase in the costs of virtually all home heating methods. That's why I want to take this opportunity to share some of the resources available for those of us who will benefit from heating assistance.

Members of our community have access to expanded options for home heating resources this year thanks to an investment of \$25 million as part of Governor Mills' Maine Jobs and Recovery Plan. These funds will go to Efficiency Maine, our state's independent administrator for energy efficiency programs, to help weatherize the homes of low to moderate income homeowners and renters in Maine.

Efficiency Maine is a great option for people with inefficient or outdated heating systems. They can help calcu-

late and compare home heating costs to find the right home heating system for you. They help Mainers save money by offering rebates and financing options for the most efficient heating systems like boilers, furnaces, heat pumps, smart thermostats and more. For more information, visit their website efficiencymaine.com or give them a call at 866-376-2463.

For folks who need assistance more immediately, there are a number of additional resources. Maine's Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) is open to homeowners and renters and provides heating assistance for Mainers with incomes below 150% of the poverty level. For Gorham residents, you can find out if you qualify by calling the Opportunity Alliance at 553-5900 or by emailing them at energyassistance@opportunityalliance.org.

HEAP also assists with energy-efficiency improvements and weatherization efforts. Across the board, we have relatively old housing stock here in Maine which means that efficiency upgrades can make a big difference. HEAP is a great resource because as soon as you apply for fuel assistance, you are automatically considered for weatherization assistance as well. This means that the heating help you get from HEAP could go further after energy-efficiency improvements like insulation, window upgrades, caulking and more are made.

In Gorham, we're lucky to have the Gorham Heating Assistance Fund which is replenished by generous donations from neighbors, local businesses and nonprofits. This fund has been around for years and speaks to our Town's spirit of giving. You can access these resources by contacting the Gorham Town Clerk's office at 222-1670. Support may be offered through this fund or through Gorham's regular General Assistance program.

This year, the Cressey Road Methodist Church is operating its Project Warmth program. The church, in partnership with businesses throughout the community, will work to provide fuel or furnace repairs for folks in need. If you are interested in utilizing these resources, feel free to contact the church at 839-3111.

As always, please feel free to contact me at Maureen.terry@legislature.maine.gov with your questions or if you are having trouble navigating state agencies. It is an honor to continue to serve as your state representative. Stay warm!



Rep. Maureen "Mo" Terry, D-Gorham, is serving her third term in the Maine House of Representatives. She serves as House Chair of the Taxation Committee. Contact her at maureen.terry@legislature.maine.gov.

Thorsen to Run for Legislature

Gorham Times Staff



Tim Thorsen was nominated by a caucus of local citizens to run as the Republican nominee for the legislative seat vacated by Rep. Kyle R. Bailey (D-Gorham).

The date of the special election is January 11, 2022.

"Concerned citizens, familiar with the struggles of everyday life, need to step up during these challenging times," said Thorsen. "I am running because of the difficulties we are experiencing, and the need to ensure Maine does not become even more unaffordable for the average family. We need to lower the costs to live here and provide incentives that attract tal-

ented young people. Together, we can get Maine back on track."

Thorsen works as a Project Management Professional at a manufacturing and construction company located in Sanford. He is a retired US Marine Corps Colonel, a veteran of the Cold War, the Persian Gulf War (Desert Shield/Desert Storm), Iraq (Operation Iraqi Freedom), and of Operation Enduring Freedom in Djibouti, Africa. Thorsen is currently an active member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6859 (Deering Memorial Post) where he serves as the Junior Vice Commander. He is also the Junior Past Commandant of the Southern Maine Detachment of the Marine Corps League (Detachment 1324).

Tim and Rebecca, his wife of 40 years, reside in Gorham. They have two adult daughters. He is a graduate of the University of Washington.

New Year Gorham

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as he presents his one-man brand of sleight of hand, levitation, "mindreading" and even a jaw-dropping twist on one of Houdini's famous feats. You'll be talking about this renowned magic show long after the astonishing finale.

Of course, in addition to some surprises, several favorites will return by popular demand. The NYG Café, animals, science, balloons, magic and laughter, Acadian fiddling, to name only a few.

This year's performances will also feature local talent, so you might see a neighbor, relative, friend or friend of a friend on stage – details about that and other information will be available on Facebook and on the Town of Gorham website: www.gorham-me.org/new-year-gorham.

Admission wristbands (\$5 each) will be sold at the door, but they will also be available beginning early December at Hannaford (Gorham), Baxter Memorial Library, and the Gorham Rec. Department. Family \$25 admission packages (families of 5 or more living at the same address) are available only at the Rec. Department.

**Reminder:
Next issue will be
our last issue before
our winter break.
Our next publication
date is Jan. 6**

Around Town

As a reminder, there is no parking on any public road or public easement roadway from November 1 to May 1, 12 a.m. to 6 a.m. or during any parking ban declared by the Public Works Department. Vehicles parked illegally or abandoned on roads are subject to towing at the owner's expense, as well as ticketing by the police. Please remove your car from the street as soon as you are aware of a snow alert. Please call the Department of Public Works at 892-9062 if there is a problem concerning road conditions.

Sen. Stacy Brenner, D-Scarborough, and Rep. Maureen "Mo" Terry, D-Gorham, will hold public office hours from 5 to 6 p.m. on Tuesday, November 30 at the Baxter Memorial Library.

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Winter Market Returns with Many New Vendors

John Ersek, Staff Writer



Photo credit John Ersek

New and returning vendors at the Gorham Winter Market.

The Greater Gorham Winter Market is back for another season, featuring seven new vendors, as well as four vendors returning from the previous winter season. Some of the vendors are based in Gorham, while the others are from nearby towns. The vendors offer all locally-made items, many of which are ideal for holiday gift giving, as well as for birthdays and other occasions.

The name was changed to Gorham Winter Market this year since for the first time the majority of the vendors do not sell human food items. Instead they have arts and crafts items, and body care products; one vendor makes custom dog treats.

The market is held in the Community Room of the Gorham Recreation Department, located in the same building as the Shaw Gym. It is held on the first and third Saturdays of each month from November through April, except for New Years Day.

Upcoming market dates for the entire season are December 4, December 18, January 15, February 5, February 19, March 5, March 19, April 2 and April 16. Hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

NEW VENDORS INCLUDE:

Milk Bottle, based in Portland; selling a variety of low sugar all-natural cocktail/mocktail mixers in reusable milk bottles.

Bakefields, based in Steep Falls; a baker selling English muffins, Focaccia bread, pizza dough, cinnamon rolls, and muffins.

Curious Shaman, based in Scarborough; featuring a number of fused glass products, including earrings, bracelets, necklaces, and ornaments.

M&M creations, based in Freeport; selling sewn bags, masks, catnip toys

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tree for your home this holiday season and keep those family traditions alive.

Tree farmers, like Doug Fortier, work extremely hard every year to make sure to keep the holiday spirit alive. Fortier runs Merry Christmas Trees, located in Windham, Maine, a business that has been in his family for over a century. "It started out as my great-grandfather's dairy farm, and we started planting trees in 1982 and started selling them in 1989."

Fortier said the heavy rains this past July really helped with farming, and he hopes for a positive turnout this season. "The summer droughts were not kind to us; they made our supplies short and we have had to shut down early for the past few years."

Remember to support your other local tree farms, as well. Let's make this holiday season one that will make the Grinch's heart grow even more.

BUSINESS PROFILE

Sidecar at Station Square

Cori Shaw, Staff Writer



Photo credit Cori Shaw

The cozy, classy interior at Sidecar welcomes adults who want to relax and share a drink and light tapas with friends.

Up the elevator at Station Square to the fourth floor and through the glass doors on the left, you will find Sidecar, Gorham's newest food and drinks venue. The low-key atmosphere and unique socializing space for adults is a perfect fit for the growing Village area. Its individuality is an asset that sets it apart from anywhere else in the greater Portland area.

Owner, Ben Smith is confident Sidecar is exactly what Gorham needs. The mature drink options and array of unique small plates tapas makes it stand out.

"We're not just a whiskey bar," Smith said. "We've got a lot going on here." Not only is Sidecar open for business for the everyday spirit lover or charcuterie enthusiast, they also host small gatherings such as showers and birthday events. For a more private environment, the upstairs lounge area with a balcony overlooking the center of town is a perfect place for a small group gathering or to admire the sunset.

For cocktail lovers, their signature drink and namesake, The Sidecar, is a must try, made expertly by Dan, the bartender who you'll see upon arrival. The staff, dressed in black attire, are knowledgeable, friendly and ready to answer any questions.

The upscale interior is anchored by tall windows and pictures of familiar faces of musical inspirations from gen-

erations past: Johnny Cash to Aretha Franklin embody the music playing in the background.

The simple layout is centered around a bar with a variety of seating options arranged strategically around the walls. A few booths offer some privacy, more formal high tops and casual couches give guests the impression that whatever they're in the mood for can be found in this cozy and classy spot for drinks and tapas.

Ben Smith, the owner, gives credit to his significant other, Amy Pompeo, for the eclectic ambiance of the environment. Cow print lounge chairs and natural wood coffee tables give a unique, Americana vibe. Smith admits this is on purpose. "It's a warmer environment," he said, comparing Sidecar to his other business venture, Junction Bowl.

He added, "It's less family-friendly up here. We see a lot of couples or meetings with colleagues." This is proven true by the assortment of people comfortably sipping signature cocktails, here for a birthday celebration with a few old friends or a two-some quietly conversing in a dimly lit corner.

Local musical guests and Tuesday night karaoke add a taste of Portland nightlife without having to leave the comfort of town. The growing popularity of Sidecar makes it a must try on your next night out in Gorham.

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New Staff Joins Gorham Recreation Department

Chris Crawford, Staff Writer



Photo courtesy of Gorham Recreation Dept.

Zach Lambert and Jen Kenneally are glad to be working to provide recreational opportunities for All Ages and All Seasons with the Gorham Recreation Department.

Jennifer Kenneally and Zach Lambert have joined the staff at the Gorham Parks and Recreation Department. Kenneally is the Office Manager and Lambert is the Community Recreation and Events Manager.

Kenneally is the first smiling face you see as you enter the office. With 10 years of experience running her own marketing company, she is the person responsible for advertising, marketing and social media. Customer service is important to the Department, as is her role to assist with office duties and to help the other three staff members provide outstanding services to the Town.

Kenneally also enjoys helping in planning events, and making arrangements for trips and travel sponsored by the Recreation Department. She said, "It takes a lot of organization, marketing, planning, marshalling volunteers and community involvement to provide great recreational opportunities."

Originally from Rumford, Kenneally has a Masters degree in Public Administration from Norwich University. "My experience in Gorham has been wonderful. I am so fortunate to have great leadership and a team that I enjoy working with."

Zach Lambert is responsible for community recreation, including designing

and scheduling of multiple types of programs and events for all ages. He also is point person for large annual Town events such as the Turkey Trot race and the Festival of Lights parade, and other seasonal events.

Lambert enjoys the great dynamics of working with the Recreation Department team. "We are all Swiss Army knives, meaning that everyone here has many talents and we all pitch in," he said.

Lambert has a degree in Marketing with a concentration in economics, as well as a Masters in Public Administration. Prior to joining Gorham Recreation, Lambert worked in the Recreation program in Marlborough, Massachusetts and then served as the Program Manager at the University of New England.

Lambert said, "Gorham offers many opportunities for recreation. There are great facilities, parks and trails for hiking and biking. I'd like to continue to expand programs and event offerings for exciting leisure activities."

He added that the plans for the skate park are moving forward at Narragansett. Along with the ice rink, fields, trails, and potentially a basketball/pickleball court in the future, this area is becoming a recreation hub for the Town.

FOCUS ON FAMILY

Sensory Learning; Let Kids Get Messy

Elizabeth Wilkins

I was excited about the giant pumpkin which was cut in half and placed out near the mud kitchen area, ready for the boisterous group of children who participate in our enrichment program. What fun for them to incorporate big spoonfuls of pumpkin seeds and bright orange pumpkin guts into their "recipes". To the child who still lives in me, this seemed like it would have been like finding the jackpot.

As a child, cleaning out the pumpkin for Halloween — getting to reach my hands into that dark hole and pull out mounds of goop and slippery seeds was an opportunity I never passed. So when I set out that pumpkin

clothing. The child's brain begins to take in all of this sensory information — pressure, temperature, pain — and make sense of the world around them.

Filters are also developed so that we do not get bombarded with all of this information. We need to be able to sift through what is not important (the feeling of our clothes on our skin) so that we can focus on what is important (exploring nature, listening to a friend or a teacher in class). This is part of what we call attention or focus, and those who are able to do it better are able to learn more.

Lots of exposure to many different kinds of tactile experiences, especially those found

outdoors, helps our children integrate tactile information so they can better develop their filters and therefore pay better attention to whatever is important in any given moment. Children often

Research indicates these activities will help their brains organize, their senses integrate, and their immune systems strengthen, so that they can bravely explore the world and become their best selves.

as an open invitation to get messy and explore this unique sensation with their hands, I naturally assumed that the children wouldn't be able to get enough. But by day's end, instead of children happily up to their elbows in pump-

kin guts, I was left with the image of them gingerly picking at the insides of the pumpkin with sticks, spoons and tongs. They did mix the pumpkin into their "soups" and "stews" and served it up to those who were nearby, but it wasn't the full-on, tactile experience I had been imagining.

As an occupational therapist, I am acutely aware of the importance of a healthy, robust sensory system. This includes the senses we all are familiar with — taste, smell, sight, hearing — but also the more foundational senses that tell us where we are in space (vestibular) and that help us develop a mental map of our bodies (proprioception). The development of these senses are foundational because they give us a way to feel grounded and safe in our bodies and in control. Our tactile, or touch sense is also included in this short list of foundation-building sensory systems.

The tactile system is one of the first to develop in utero and continues to develop as the child is exposed to the multitude of sensations coming at them from day one — the feeling of air moving past their skin, a mother's touch, a wet diaper, the fabric of their

do this naturally when given the opportunity by rolling in sand at the beach, running barefoot outside, finger-painting, helping in the kitchen, playing in the rain, holding insects and frogs, and helping to scoop out the jack-o-lantern with their hands. These types of experiences are invaluable to a child's developing sensory system — it is how they learn about the world and themselves.

If there are children at home, help them develop a robust sensory system by allowing and encouraging messy play and getting dirty, especially out in nature. Research indicates these activities will help their brains organize, their senses integrate, and their immune systems strengthen, so that they can bravely explore the world and become their best selves.



Elizabeth Wilkins, owner of TimberNook of Greater Portland Maine, has been a teacher in Waldorf settings for 13 years and recently obtained a degree in occupational therapy. She and her family live in Gorham.



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Town Council Report 11/9/21

Jacob Adams, *Town Council Reporter*

Town Clerk, Laurie Nordfors, swore in newly reelected Town Councilors Lee Pratt and Virginia Wilder Cross.

Town Council elected Lee Pratt as the Chair for the 2021-2022 year. (7 years)

James Hager was elected as the Vice-Chair for the 2021-2022 year. (7 years)

Brian Leavitt, of Leavitt Earthworks and Dan Bouchard, of Winding Brook Way each spoke on behalf of Brookside Estates and asked the Council to reconsider their vote on street acceptance last month.

Councilor Hager attended the ecomaine meeting on October 21. He also stated that the Finance Committee would decide next year's meeting schedule during the upcoming meeting.

Councilor Wilder Cross thanked the Town Clerk and her Office Staff, as well as all of the Election Workers for the job well done during the past election. She also mentioned that she met with the Gorham Village Alliance and reported that there will be more holiday lighting in the Village this year. They will also be sponsoring another "Shop the Village" event that will include a raffle. She revealed that New Year's Gorham is in its final planning stage and the full schedule will appeal to everyone.

Councilor Phillips attended the Historical Preservation Committee meeting and reported that they discussed a new historical map and historical signs in town. She reported that the next Capital Improvements Committee meeting will include a report of road projects and capital projects. Councilor Phillips also thanked Public Works Director Bob Burns for his many years of service to the Town and congratulated him on his new adventure.

Councilor Shepard was the guest speaker at the Cub Scout Webelos Pack 85 meeting and answered many questions from the members.

Councilor Hartwell thanked the many Veterans who have served our Country. He also explained the street acceptance process and reminded people that the process has to be voted on by the Town Council and is not always guaranteed to be accepted.

Chairman Pratt thanked the Town Clerk and her Election Crew. He attended the Cumberland County Finance Committee meeting where they discussed their final budget. Chairman

Pratt pointed out that the blood banks are at an all-time low and urged anyone willing and able to please consider donating blood.

Town Manager Paraschak pointed out that on November 27, Gorham Rec will host their "Burn off the Turkey 5K" race, and on November 28 at 3:00 p.m. will be the annual light parade and tree lighting. More information can be found on the Gorham Rec Department website.

Paraschak also thanked Town Clerk, Laurie Nordfors, and her staff for a successful election. He reminded residents that the Town will soon implement winter parking bans for overnight parking. He also thanked Public Works Director Bob Burns for his 18 years of service to the Town of Gorham and wished him well in his new position as Assistant Town Manager in Windham.

Town Council appointed the following people to the:

Finance Committee: James Hager, Chair; Suzanne Phillips; Janet Kuech

Ordinance Committee: Ben Hartwell, Chair; Ron Shepard; Virginia Wilder Cross

Appointments/Personnel Committee: Virginia Wilder Cross, Chair; Ron Shepard; Janet Kuech

Economic Development/Capital Improvements Committee: Suzanne Phillips, Chair; James Hager; Ben Hartwell

Representative to Greater Portland Council of Governments: Janet Kuech; Ephrem Paraschak

Representative to ecomaine: James Hager; Ephrem Paraschak

Representative to Jetport Noise Abatement: Lee Pratt

Representative to PACTS Policy Committee: Ephrem Paraschak

Representative to METRO Regional Coalition: Virginia Wilder Cross; Ephrem Paraschak

Cable Franchise Committee: Virginia Wilder Cross; James Hager

GPCOG Regional Voice Committee: Ron Shepard

Industrial Parks Steering Committee: Lee Pratt; James Hager (7 years)

Medical Use Marijuana Licenses were approved for the following:

Eric Eddy, located at 7 County Road, Building B. Property is owned by County Road LLC.

Ryan Beer, Atlantic Roots, located at 17 Industrial Parkway, Unit B. Property is owned by Wyatt Properties LLC.

Kathleen West, Groovy Girls Garden, located at 15 Washburn Drive. Property is owned by Kathleen West LLC. (7 years)

Town Council amended the Land Use and Development Code regarding the Narragansett Mixed-Use Development District. (7 years)

The Land Use & Development Code was amended to streamline the performance guarantee and site plan review process. (7 years)

Town Council formally named the open space next to Robie Gym - Preble Street Common. (7 years)

1,746 feet of Freedom Drive was accepted as a public way and Freedom Drive is now classified as a Rural Access Road. (6 years, 1 nay: Wilder Cross)

Town Council did not accept 1,131 feet of Cotton Drive as a public way and it was not designated as a Rural Access Road. (3 years, 4 nays: Wilder Cross, Pratt, Phillips, Hartwell)

The Ordinance Committee was instructed to review and propose amendments to the Land Use & Development Code for outside dining requirements. The proposed amendments would create permanent changes that would promote outdoor dining. (7 years)

Arrests, October

Male, 33, of Portland was arrested for violating a protection from abuse order.

Female, 63, of Windham was arrested for OUI.

Male, 24, of New Portland Road was arrested for operating after registration was suspended.

Male, 28, Hollis was arrested for OUI.

Male, 38, Gray Road was arrested for violation of a protective order.

Female, 37, of Biddeford was arrested for violating conditions of release, and unlawful possession of scheduled drugs.

Female, 22, of Union Street was arrested for OUI.

Grand Jury, November

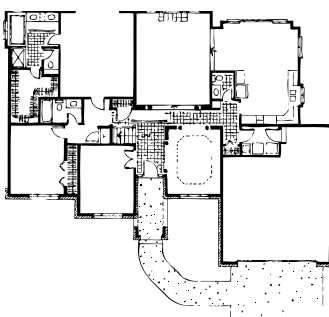
Nicholas Cota, 30, of Poland was indicted for operating a vehicle after revocation (two priors) on charges brought by the Gorham Police Department.

Charles Dought, 39, of Gorham was indicted for violating conditions of release on charges brought by Windham Police Department.

Michael Fournier, 39, of Gorham was indicted for trafficking in scheduled drugs (fentanyl) and illegal importation of scheduled drugs, three counts of unlawful possession of methamphetamine and violating conditions of release on charges brought by Gorham Police Department.


Zackery Leng, 35, of Gorham was indicted on charges of domestic violence assault and aggravated domestic violence assault on charges brought by Gorham Police Department.

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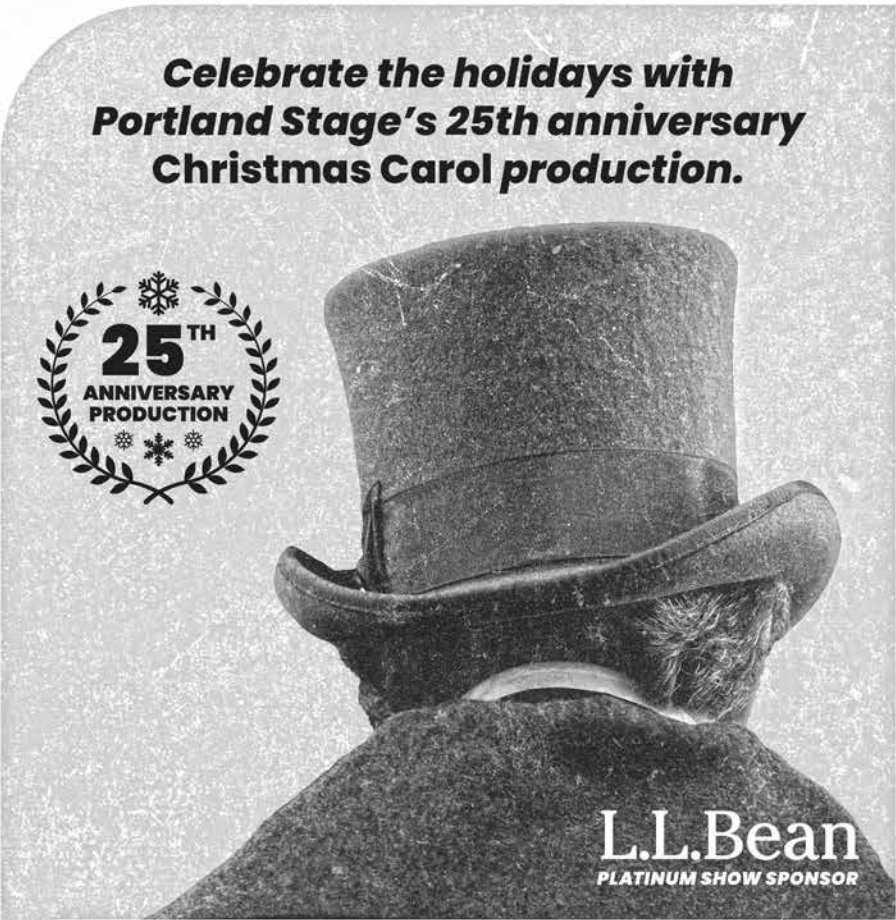
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Laurie Nordfors, Gorham Town Clerk

Now that the Election is behind us, we are collecting real estate and personal property taxes for 2022. The first half was due November 15. Remember, if you sold your home after April 1, 2021, you should forward the tax bill that was sent to you to the new owner.

It is also time to register your dog for 2022 as all dog licenses expire December 31. You may come into the office (bring the current rabies certificate) or license your dog online on the Town website.

Snowmobile registrations are also available, and beginning December 1, hunting and fishing licenses for 2022 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. Please return your applications

before December 10, 2021 so that we can match you with a family.

You could also help by sponsoring a family for 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 holiday 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 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 at www.gorham-me.org.

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

Gorham Schools in Need of Substitute Teachers CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

days in December after Perry and Amanda Cooper, an eighth grade math teacher, took the problem to the November meeting. "Teachers don't have time to do their job well," Cooper said. "One teacher who was covering for another had 47 students for two days. And it takes more than an hour to prepare materials for quarantined students." The SC will consider adding more half-day release days in January.

A long-term solution involves recruiting more substitutes. "Substitutes don't just sit as room monitors, but are welcome in the classroom and contribute to our students' education," Perry said. To attract more applicants, she announced revisions in the levels of requirements and pay for substitutes.

Substitutes who are fully certified teachers will be paid a daily rate of \$120; high school graduates willing to take a training class can earn \$115,

and others with a high school diploma can earn \$105. The four-session training class will be held December 6, 7, 13 and 14 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

All substitutes, like all district staff, must pass a background check. To find out more and to apply, contact Adult Education through the Gorham School Department website.

Currently, the district has three ed tech positions open and is collaborating with Southern Maine Community College to provide training. After taking the SMCC course, an ed tech with a high school education is eligible for a full-time job that, after a year, pays \$17.82 with benefits.

The district is always looking to hire bus drivers. Perry said that they have three openings with two drivers in training, but she is expecting at least one retirement soon. The district is offering a \$2,000 signing bonus and a \$1,000 retention bonus.

SCHOOL

School Committee Report 11/10/21

Kathy Corbett, Staff Writer

At the November 10 regular School Committee (SC) meeting, re-elected incumbents Anne Schools and Darryl Wright were voted chair and vice-chair of the committee. During the meeting the committee heard reports on school attendance and behavior, ASPIRE Gorham, and the impact the substitute shortage is having on teachers.

During the time for public comment, Gorham resident Jeffery Joyce said that he objected to being told that his dog could not be on Great Falls School property when unleashed, but under his control.

Superintendent Heather Perry reported that the Maine Department of Education (MDOE) is working on rule changes that she is following closely. She is waiting for OSHA and MDOE regulations on vaccination requirements, but said the district vaccination rate for staff is 97%. Perry commended the school nurses and administrators at all five schools for their "countless hours of contact tracing and communicating to help keep students safe." In addition she also thanked everyone who dealt so well with the recent Narragansett School gas leak.

Christina Cefelli chaired a committee of vice-principals from the district's five schools that analyzed attendance and behavior data over the past three years. They emphasized the importance of common data points to ensure equity across all schools when looking at trends.

Among other results, the committee found 42% of suspensions at Gorham High School (GHS) were from the 17% of students eligible for free lunches. Male students were 60% of the school's chronic absentees. The 20% of students from lower income families accounted for 60% of these absences.

Data from Gorham Middle School (GMS) was similar, but with 83% of students disciplined or suspended being male. The three elementary schools also reported similar trends with students eligible for free lunches and students receiving special services over represented for behavioral and attendance issues.

Cefelli said that the schools are using restorative practices with students willing to work on behavior problems. Helping students grow and deal with issues is a positive although labor-intensive intervention. She felt that attendance problems were not worse than before COVID and that they are learning how to deal with them better. The committee would like to find ways to have more in-school suspensions instead of always sending students home.

Eliza Kenigsberg gave an update on the ASPIRE Gorham program she directs, designed to help students have meaningful lives with purposeful careers. Sidney Haskell, a GHS senior, spoke about her internship at Carter's Automotive Center where her hands-on experience helped her decide on a career in the Air Force. Doug Carter said he enjoyed mentoring Sidney and other GHS students, in part because he remembered how important support from teachers and other adults had been to him. Sidney's mother, Stacey Haskell, also spoke. She had encouraged her daughter to apply for the internship and hoped that GHS would give more students opportunities to learn about the trades.

Nathan Doane, another ASPIRE student, spoke about his internship at Narragansett School. His experience in a 3rd grade classroom strengthened his desire to be a teacher, and he will be studying at USM next fall to be an elementary school teacher.

Superintendent Perry reported on the impact the substitute shortage is having on teachers and students. Teachers are having to use their planning time to fill in for absent colleagues and to deal with the extra work required to prepare lessons for students quarantined at home. Amanda Cooper, a GMS math teacher, spoke about the stress this is putting on teachers. Perry asked the School Committee to authorize two extra early release days next month, December 1 and 15th, and to consider extending this into January.

After discussion, the SC voted (5-2, Gagnon, McCallister) to authorize the December dates and to continue discussing further action at the November 23 workshop. Gagnon voted no because he did not think the relief was necessary; McCallister wanted to extend it into January.

Perry presented COVID data for October. There were 253 student and 13 staff member incidents of people sent home with symptoms, quarantined, reporting symptoms, or testing positive for COVID in grades 6-12. For the same period, there were 702 K-5 students and 20 staff incidents. In all cases, this does not represent the number of individuals, but the number of incidents as people can be counted in more than one category.

In other business, the School Committee tabled consideration of the Public Participation at School Committee Meetings and voted (7-0) to approve hiring personnel for winter coaching positions.

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The Village Times, Digital Newspaper

Daralyn McColl, Village School

The Village Times is a bi-monthly, student-led digital newspaper that provides Village Elementary students a positive platform to express themselves in a variety of ways. The students respectfully and thoughtfully share original stories, school events, podcasts, book reviews, and interviews with community leaders.

The focus for giving students a voice is to allow those who feel they can enter the dialogue to also become participants, rather than spectators. Spectators only complain and harbor grudges. Participants are more apt to listen to both sides, to be positive contributors and to care.

The Village Times digital newspaper offers Village Students an opportunity to connect to people in ways they never knew. We have students, teachers, administrators, and community leaders whose stories benefit our communities by learning more about them. Sharing these stories builds positive communities and cultural understanding.

The Village Times has gone through many changes since it was created seven years ago, including a name change and going digital versus printing, to share it on social media and our school's website. They have adapted through the pandemic with online presentations for remote learners and are fortunate to return to in-school meetings and interviews.

The Village Times has interviewed many community leaders including Shawn Moody, Kevin Hawkes, Maureen Terry, and Governor Janet Mills. This school year there are twenty-two 4th and 5th grade students on staff and production is facilitated by Daralyn McColl.



Photo credit Daralyn McColl, The Village Times Facilitator

Left to right: Maci Pratt (4th), Michelle Shaw (4th), Audrey Krebs (4th), Jack Edwards (5th), Samuel Otis (4th), Shekinnah Gakunzi (5th), and Sawyer Walker (4th). Missing from photographs are Cameron Mower (4th) and Connor Duchaine (4th).



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Standing Left to right: Lyla Exley (4th), Molly Penley (4th), Emma Howe (4th), Adeline McCrillis (4th), Lexi Finck (4th), Devi Clark (4th), Natalie Garrity (4th), Reid Minichiello (4th), Benjamin Bordeaux (4th), Samuel Springer (5th), and Josephina Faria (5th) Kneeling Left to right: Tessa Farnham (4th), YoanKent Ndayishimiye (5th), Kaleigh Garand (5th), and Kiannah Hinckley (4th).

Theater is Back!

Lucia Monaco Holloway, GHS Intern

"Little Women", adapted by Marissa Chamberland and directed by Josie Tierney-Fife, ran for four showings from November 12 to the 14th at Gorham High School (GHS). There were a total of 18 actors across all grade levels with the majority being seniors. Parent volunteers served as stage crew and concession stand attendants. This was the first play at the high school since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, and the audience was full of excited theatergoers.

The play opens with four sisters who are struggling with the illness of their father. The sisters are all unique. Amy, the youngest, cunning and spirited, Beth is selfless and always encouraging her sisters, Jo is outspoken and has a love for writing, and Meg is kind and hard-working.

The sisters care for one another, which is the prevailing theme of the play. However, they struggle in their relationships with one another. The trials and tribulations that the girls endure are stressful and exciting. In one scene, Jo is ice skating, and her sister Amy unknowingly tags along. When Amy falls through the ice, audience members were silent with anticipation.

A middle school audience member stated that she was excited to see the play as she had read the book many times. The play was wonderfully put together and outlined the coming of age of young women.

At the final showing of the play on Sunday, November 14, the seniors earned an additional encore as this was their last play as GHS students.



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Making an Impact at Their Chosen Schools

Katie Brown, Sports Editor

The Gorham High School (GHS) Girls' Varsity Lacrosse and assistant Field Hockey coach Meredith Bickford is in the middle of post-season high school action. In the midst of this, she is also keeping close tabs on her former players who are currently playing in college.

Nine former GHS players are first or second-year starters, with one student-athlete being a college senior. Bickford adds, "these collegiate athletes are all making a tremendous impact on their chosen schools."

According to the NCAA, overall only a little over 7% of high school athletes (about 1 in 13) go on to play a varsity sport in college, and less than 2% of high school athletes (1 in 57) go on to play at NCAA Division I schools.

In contrast, the likelihood of an athlete earning a college degree is significantly greater; graduation success rates are 86% in Division I, 71% in Division II, and 87% in Division III. This can be attributed to the fact that a college student is instantly part of a community and in this case, being part of a team working toward a common goal. This makes the transition to college life less anxious and in turn, results in greater attrition rates.

Coach Bickford credits this amaz-

ing group for their efforts in college. Here are their highlights:

Molly Murray, a first-year starter for Keene State College, is playing midfield and majoring in Elementary Education with a Math concentration. Keene State athletics credits Murray as a top game leader v. Fitchburg state with two goals.

Lydia Gaudreau is a first-year starting midfielder, majoring in Business at Wheaton College in Massachusetts. Wheaton credits Gaudreau with the game-winning goal v. Springfield College.

Clair Munkacsi is a first-year starter playing defense for Springfield College in Massachusetts. Munkacsi has two defensive saves in conference games thus far.

Julia Edwards is a first-year starter, playing defense and majoring in Health Sciences at the University of Southern Maine (USM). USM credits Edwards with a big defensive save during a win against the University of Maine at Farmington.

Faith Dillon is a second-year starter playing in the midfield, majoring in STEP environmental studies at Adelphi University in New York. Dillon scored her first career goal this season v. Southern Connecticut.

Lauren Green is a second-year starter playing in the mid/back-

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In the Zone



Photo credit Thomas College Terrier Field Hockey player

Pictured above, eighth grade Field Hockey Team Hocktoberfest champs.

College Soccer: Saint Joseph's College of Maine announces the 2021 Great Northeast Athletic Conference (GNAC) postseason accolades for the men's and women's All-Conference Team. Caitlin Callahan (GHS '18) and Jackson Fotter (GHS '17) have both been named to the All-Conference second team.

SJC credits Callahan for helping anchor the Monks' backline this season and one of just two players to start all 21 games this fall. She played a key role, not only for the Monks' defense but also their transition game; as she utilized her speed and field vision to help ignite the SJC attack.

SJC credits Fotter, a transfer from Bentley college, who quickly made his presence known as a pivotal player in the SJC midfield. Fotter possesses excellent ball skills and field vision and often sets up scoring plays with the pass before the assist on SJC goals.

College Basketball: Southern Maine Huskies senior, Michelle Rowe (GHS '18) was selected to the Maine Maritime Academy Mariner Invitational All-Tournament team. Rowe had a double-double performance v. Springfield racking up 11 points and 10 rebounds.

Varsity Soccer: GHS Seniors Madison Michaud and Asa Farley were named to the Girls' and Boys' Maine Soccer Coaches Regional All-Star Team. Maddie Michaud tallied a goal for the AB Girls' south team in the Maine Soccer Coaches Senior Bowl. This marks the 27th Senior Bowl.

Gorham Middle School Hocktoberfest Tournament: The eighth-grade team coached by Lisa Shiers won the championship, beating Gardner in a nail-biter 3-2. Thirteen teams competed in the tournament in October, held at Thomas College in Waterville. Shiers explains, "The girls only allowed 8 goals to be scored against us, on an open net all day and they scored a total of 26 goals during the 7 games they played. It was truly an amazing day to watch all the girls come together as a team and all work together to win the championship."

Coach Sarah Dolley's sixth- and seventh-grade team made it to the first round of playoffs at the Hocktoberfest tournament, their first showing at the tournament.

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Gorham Juniors and Seniors Are Going to New York

Megan Young, GHS Intern



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Drouin Dance Center dancers preparing for the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade.

They've watched the Macy's Thanksgiving Parade year after year, admiring the dancers, and now, becoming them. Tedi Gould, Kyra Hamblen, Olivia Hopkins, Abigail Houp, Annika Mankin, Sofia Mankin, and Julia Ordway have danced from a range of five to fifteen years. This year, they get the chance to dance among five hundred dancers on November 25.

The juniors and seniors who attend Gorham High School are enthusiastic as they prepare to travel alongside dancers headed to New York City from all over the US. The group has been practicing their routine for only a few weeks, but they have been preparing and fundraising for the trip for a couple years now, after COVID canceled their plans last year. The 16- and 17-year-olds were selected specifically

by Danielle Drouin to be a part of a twenty-one person group that will dance in the parade.

The seven Gorham students put in 5-20 hours a week of dancing on top of their busy schedules, as most of them work, have normal rehearsals for the studio, take advanced classes, and are

involved in other extracurricular activities. The long nights and booked plans have finally paid off.

The studio plans to go down to New York before the parade takes place so they can practice with the entire group. "We learn all the routines, or at least most of what we are doing through videos, and then a week before the parade we go to New York and we all rehearse together and then they make changes," says Sofia Mankin, junior.

As the group prepares to head down to New York, they expressed their eagerness for this opportunity to perform. From being in the city during the holidays, shopping, eating out, and seeing performances like the Rockettes and a Broadway performance of "Six", they can't wait to be in the big city and walk from 88th to 30th Street in the parade itself.



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Gorham Honors Veterans



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The PineCrest Inn was one of two Maine inns to participate in the B&Bs for Vets Program through the Association of Lodging Professionals. It was their first year but they plan to participate every year from now on. Guests were greeted at check-in, given an orientation of the Inn and several recommendations to area restaurants for dinner. "My favorite part of this whole experience was sitting with everyone at breakfast and hearing their stories of where they had served and how their military experiences shaped their future lives, and also sharing my own experiences as an Air Force spouse and how it all led me to Maine and the PineCrest Inn," said Innkeeper, Kathy Powell. Count on the PineCrest to continue its service to this wonderful tradition and proudly represent the Town of Gorham. Please check out bandbsforvets.org to learn more about the program itself.



Photo credit Roger Marchand

On November 13 at 11 a.m. the Southern Maine Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution celebrated Veterans Day by cleaning the Little Falls Cemetery and marking the graves of two Revolutionary War patriots who are buried there: Capt. Joshua Swett and Lt. Joseph Knight. Besides the Sons of the Revolutionary War, members of The Daughters of the American Revolution, Children of the American Revolution, and VFW participated in the ceremony. The grave markers were donated by Jake Grapton, and Shannon and Tim Mertock. Speakers were Adam Bartow, Pat Jillson, and Beth Calhoun.



Members of the Gorham Pack 85 Webelos II Den ventured to the White Mountains of New Hampshire as part of the Outdoor Adventurer award. The trip included camping at the base of the Presidential Range, and a hike up the Imp Trail, where the boys were rewarded with spectacular views of Mt. Washington and the Presidential Range. Among other things, the scouts learned how the right preparation and equipment affords comfortable outdoor living, even with overnight temperatures in the low 20s. Pictured left to right: Carter Sprague, Lukas Romano, Jacob Palmer, Harper Winkley, and Cole Stinson.

USM Craft Fair



Photo credit Cathy Walter

USM Craft Fair was very well attended. Safety measures were in place, including checking vaccine cards and masks at the gate. What a beautiful, colorful display of Maine craftsmanship.



Photo credit Marty Speidel

Festive decorations to celebrate Thanksgiving.

A Successful Season for Gorham Girls on the Run

Michael Lortie, School News Editor



Photo credit Emily Clark Executive Director, Girls on the Run, Maine



Photo credit Becky Fortier



Photo credit Emily Clark Executive Director, Girls on the Run, Maine

Pictured above left, Narragansett School Girls on the Run: Cailyn Boswell, Coach Marie Whitney, Julia Palmer, Ava Moulton, Coach Casie Grady, Nina Joy, Greta McDowell, Emma Plummer, Coach Miles Douglass, Ava Scott, Savannah Curran, Anna Claderbank, and Emily Karlonas. Pictured above center, Great Falls Girls on the Run: Third grader, Stella McGuire and her running partner proudly complete the final 5K. Pictured above right, Village School Girls on the Run: Coaches Zip Weeman, Lisa McDermott, Amanda McDermott and Nikki Pratt. Students Maci Pratt, Michelle Shaw, Elizabeth Bradshaw, Grace O'Hora, Maggie Moreno, Harper Hofmann, Tessa Farnham, Hadley Kuntz, and Mackenna Flagg

Girls on the Run (GOTR) has been a successful program at all three elementary schools in Gorham for several years. This year, dozens of Gorham girls participated.

GOTR is a ten week national program for girls in Grades 3-5. Coached by volunteers, the girls spend the season building confidence and other life skills through dynamic lessons and physical activity. Throughout the program girls build self esteem and character and learn to care for, and make connections with, others.

“Being a GOTR volunteer is a

very rewarding experience. I enjoy getting to know new girls and love knowing that we are teaching them some great life skills, all while having fun and getting some exercise,” says Jaimie Fraley, who joined Rolande Paolino, Delaine Keyn and Anna Sedenka, as the coaches at Great Falls School.

The participants ran their final 5K for GOTR the first week of November. The weather was beautiful, and the girls did an amazing job. Usually the GOTR season ends in a huge 5K at Pineland Farms for all of the nearby

schools. However, this year, the 5K runs were based at the schools, and parents, staff and other volunteers came out to cheer and encourage each girl to do their best.

Coaches for the Fall session at Village School were Nikki Pratt, Amanda McDermott, Lisa McDermott and Zip Weeman.

“As a coach, it was great to see the girls encourage and support each other. As a mom, it was great to see the laughs and friendships,” remarks Miss Nikki, one of the Village School GOTR coaches.

Coach Grady, a fourth grade teacher and GOTR volunteer said, “Narragansett girls completed their celebratory 5K on November 9. All of the girls were showing off their star power.” The other coaches at Narragansett School are Miles Douglass and Marie Whitney.

There were over 20 sites hosting GOTR this Fall, including the three Gorham elementary schools. Spring registration is open now and the season begins April 4. For more information, check out the website <https://girlsontherunmaine.org/>





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Sheri Faber, Staff Writer

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JOHN PHILIP AUSTIN 1957 – 2021

John Philip Austin, 64, passed away October 29, 2021, at Gunderson Lutheran Medical Center, due to COVID. John was born in Portland, Maine to Philip and Cynthia (Hattenburg) on June 14, 1957.

John grew up on beautiful Harding Rd. in Gorham, Maine and Graduated from Gorham High School in June of 1976. His days were filled with taking care of the farm, raising horses, baling a lot of hay, running around with his friends Durward and Dale. And being irritating to his sister Christy. John worked construction, farmed, drove truck – long hauls, and dump truck. He worked for Bud Meyer, Gerke, Calhoun and most recently Lambert's Forest Products.

There wasn't much John couldn't do and didn't do. He had a great sense of humor – a dry sense of humor. His laugh was like no other. He loved cows; raising his own team of steers when he was younger – Bo and Luke and later the famous Homer. He was in 4H growing up, went to a pig scramble and his pants fell but he got the pig! He had to use his belt to catch the pig.

He loved his nephew and niece, Ben and Angie. His idea of babysitting was taking his niece for long rides until she fell asleep and if she woke again, on the road they would go. He was a smart man, could fix just about anything. He was like his dad in that way. He loved to hunt, fish, snowmobile, raising a little hell every once in a while, being with friends and family.

Somehow John found his way to Norwalk WI, where he met, fell in love with, and later married Nita. Their wedding was held in Gorham in July 1986. He gained 4 children, 14 brothers and sisters, and a lot of little "4 footers" being his nieces and nephews. John and Nita shared 28 years of marriage together. It is impossible to gather the memories they shared. There were a lot of laughs and great times.

Although John did not have any biological children, he loved Brad, Kim, Pam, and Amber as if they were his own. He was so proud of each of them, and they enriched his life beyond words. As did all his grandchildren and great grandchildren. His first grandchild, Haylie, could do no wrong. During one trip to Maine, they were all watching a movie and Haylie decided she was going to play the piano in the middle of the movie. Aunt Christy told her she would have to wait, which Haylie was fine with, but John was not.

Haylie could do anything she wanted, period. Nita Austin passed away in September 2014.

In February 2015, John met (at the hands of Amber), Lori. They discovered that they had many of the same interests and truly loved each other and enjoyed each other's company. John and Lori married October 8th, 2016. Recently celebrating their 5th anniversary with one of their epic bonfires.

Through this marriage, John gained 2 more children, Carina and Joe, and 5 more grandchildren. He enjoyed spending time with all of them. John and Joe became very close, doing all kinds of stuff together. We think they had a "Red Head" connection. Hunting, Fishing, Snowmobiling, and Tractor pulls and just relaxing by the fire. John and Lori were able to take some trips to Maine, even attending a Patriots game at Gillette Stadium in Foxborough, MA. Their neighbor just expressed to us how much she enjoyed hearing John and Lori talk and laugh about their day on the front deck.

We are all so very thankful for the years they had together. Lori Austin passed away Thursday, October 28, 2021. John is survived by his mom, Cynthia Austin; his sister Christy (Barry) Cousins; his niece Angie Keith; his great niece's Emma, and Caroline. His children, Brad (Michelle) Vieth, Kim (Todd) Bowen, Pamela Vieth, & Amber (Dennis) Johnson of Sparta. John is also survived by his grandchildren Haylie (Michael) Kinserdahl, Abigail, Nathan, and Olivia Vieth, Heidi, Jenna, and Samantha Johnson, and Phillip Vieth. His great grandchildren Valerie and Liam, and Phoebe due to arrive in March.

Further survived by Lori's children, Carina (Matt Moore) Hellickson and Joe Brueggeman; Lori's grandchildren, Curtis Hellickson, December and Ghage Moore, Whinter and Skeyenne Squires. John is further survived by his very close lifetime friend Durward Worster. And of course we cannot forget Copper, Turbo and Oreo: their pets.

John is preceded in death by his father Philip Austin, his Nephew Durward Benjamin Worster, and friend Dale Worster, his wife Nita Austin, and his wife Lori Austin.

Speaking for John's children and grandchildren, when you ask yourselves what you can do for us, we ask that you please get vaccinated. That is our request.

Roll On Down East Drifter, Roll On.

Memorial service for John and Lori to be held on Friday, November 5, 2021 at 12:00 PM at Lanham-Schanhofer Funeral Home and Cremation, Sparta. Chaplain Priscilla Hemmersbach will officiate. Memorial visitation will take place at the funeral home from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM.

For online condolences please visit www.schanhoferfh.com. Please check back for more details.

Lanham-Schanhofer Funeral Home and Cremation, Sparta, is assisting the family with arrangements.



Making an Impact at Their Chosen Schools CONTINUED FROM PAGE 8

field, majoring in Health, Wellness, and Occupational Studies at the University of New England.

Lydia McCrillis, a junior, is playing field hockey for the University of New England Nor'easter club team. The team currently has three wins over St. A's and University of Massachusetts at Lowell.

Hailey Morrill, a junior at UMaine, plays on the Maine Black Bears field hockey club team and is also co-president of the team. The team plays UVM, Holy Cross, Bates, Sacred Heart to name a few.

Molly Barr is a senior at Saint

Joseph's College of Maine playing both field hockey and lacrosse; Barr plays in the backfield for field hockey and midfield for lacrosse. Her sophomore year (in lacrosse) she played in 17 games, starting in 8 and tallying 8 goals. She is majoring in Elementary and Special Education.

These athletes are certainly making their mark while balancing a structured but fulfilled schedule. This year's season is especially gratifying after having missed an entire season due to COVID-19. Good luck to these athletes moving forward in their college journeys.

Winter Market Returns with Many New Vendors CONTINUED FROM PAGE 3

and cat beds, bowl cozies, jar openers, dog scarfs, crochet dish cloths, lavender rice bags, as well as wooden holiday signs and ornaments.

The Salty Rose; selling a variety of organic body products and tinctures, as well as homemade pepita (pumpkin seed) milk.

The Doggie Dorr; featuring a variety of gourmet dog treats.

Mo Munch, based in Gorham; selling several kinds of homemade granola, only during December.

RETURNING VENDORS INCLUDE:

Noisy Acres, based in Buxton; selling goat milk soaps, lip balms, deodorant, and bath teas made with

milk from their own goats.

Whiting Works, based in Buxton; homespun alpaca yarns, woven and crochet products, made with hand-spun alpaca fiber from their own alpacas, with all-natural dyes. Also selling their own handmade pottery and wood products.

Heron Farm, based in Standish; offering braided garlic, dried flower wreaths, as well as stone artwork, and wire art.

Findview Farm, based in Gorham; selling grass-fed beef, pork and lamb, as well as honey, maple syrup, eggs, potatoes, onions, garlic, and winter squash. Also featuring Gracie's Garden fermented vegetable products.

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OF INTEREST

The Bookworm will again be promoting the Books for Christmas program. There will be wrapped books for all ages ready for Santa's Sack! Customers can donate \$2 per book and the books will be added to the Christmas baskets at St. Anne's. Help promote a love of reading and spreading the joy of Christmas!

Gorham Substitute Teacher Training, learn what it takes to be a Gorham Schools substitute in 4 short sessions. Monday/Tuesday for two weeks, December 6/7 and 13/14 from 5 to 7 p.m. This is a free professional development opportunity for current and new subs led by Assistant Superintendent Dr. Brian Porter. Participants completing the training will receive a preferred daily rate upon subbing for Gorham Schools. Gorham Municipal Building, Superintendent's Conference Room. Register for free at Gorham.maineadulted.org/course/substitute-teacher-training/.

Gorham Parks and Recreation will have a Light Parade on November 28, 4-5:30 p.m. To participate in the parade, email your name, company name and vehicle type to zlambert@gorham.me.us. "The more lights, the merrier!" Parade starts at approximately 4:30 p.m. at Noonan's and arrives at Robie Park at approximately 5 p.m. Parade Route is Main Street to South Street to Morrill Ave to Ball Park Road around Robie Park and High School. During the parade, from 4:15 to 5:30 p.m. USM's radio station 90.9 FM will be playing Christmas Music.

The White Rock Friendship Club's 37th Annual Tree Lighting will take place on Sunday, November 28 at 4:30 p.m., with the reading of the Christmas Story, carols and sipping hot cocoa around the tree. Outdoor event only, Santa will arrive on a White Rock Fire Station Fire Truck!

First Parish Church Online Christmas Catalog available through November 29. Please visit firstparishgorham.org/shop. Auction items, wreaths, food, seasonal greens, gift baskets, antiques, and much more. Order pick-up and limited in-person shopping on Saturday, December 4 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. FMI, call 839-6751.

Neil McGarry's "A Christmas Carol", A stunning one-man performance of Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol." Friday, December 3 at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday, December 4 at 2:30 p.m. and 7:30pm. Saco River Theatre, 29 Salmon Falls Road, Bar Mills. Tickets \$15 at sacorivetheatre.org. or 207-929-6473.

Dog and Cat Rabies Vaccination Clinic, Saturday, December 4 from 1-3 p.m. at the Buxton Public Works Garage, 215 Portland Road, Buxton. \$8 per vaccination. Dogs must be on a leash; cats must be in carriers. For faster service and a three-year vaccination, bring your pet's previous rabies certificate. Face coverings are required. FMI 929-6171. Sponsored by the Hollis Animal Clinic, Towns of Buxton and Hollis, and Vacationland Dog Club.

Buxton Centre Baptist Church Christmas Fair, Saturday, Route 22, Buxton. December 4 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Items include crafts, knit items, decorations, wreaths and baskets, baked goods, and a white elephant table. Take out baked beans and fish chowder. FMI 727-3978.

Living Waters Christian School's Christmas Craft Fair is Saturday, December 4 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., with DIY children's crafts, decorate gingerbread men, treats, cake walk, family photo booth and much more. Parker Farm Road, Buxton.

The Gorham Lions regular winter meetings resume on January 11 at the Moody's Community Room after the year-end holiday dinner at Junction Bowl on 12/14.

Veterans of Foreign Wars, Gorham Memorial Post 10879 meets next on Tuesday, December 14 at 5:30 p.m. in the Gorham Fire Department Training Room, 270 Main Street. For information, please contact the post at vwfpost10879@gmail.com.

SENIOR NOTES

The Gorham Medical Closet, operating at the Municipal Center, 75 South Street, is free and available to Gorham residents in need of wheelchairs, shower seats, commodes, walkers, canes, crutches and more. 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. FMI, call Gerry Day at 839-3859.

PUBLIC SUPPERS

Public Thanksgiving Dinner at Mister Bagel in Gorham is for those spending Thanksgiving alone or those unable to prepare a dinner. Thursday, November 25, pick up (preferred) or meals can be delivered to the homebound throughout the afternoon. Contact Roxanne Hanscom Moody, 839-4516, trmoody75.rm@gmail.com to order. Leave a message including phone numbers, food sensitivity info, and delivery address if applicable. Messages will be confirmed. The dinner is free. Donations will be accepted for the Gorham Ecumenical Food Pantry.

Haddock Supper Buffet at 5 p.m. on Saturday, November 27 at Living Waters Church on Parker Farm Road in Buxton. Suggested donation is \$8 adult, \$4 child, \$20 family. Take out option and hand sanitizer available, face masks suggested for those who are not vaccinated.

LIBRARY NEWS


The North Gorham Public Library, serving Gorham and Standish since 1897, is located next to the fire barn at the corner of Standish Neck Road and North Gorham Road. The library serves the surrounding community with a focus on fiction for adults and children, although most any book is available through inter-library loan. The library has WiFi service and computers for patron use. The library is open on Mondays from 3-5:30 p.m., Wednesdays from 6-8 p.m., and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Home Delivery and contact less parking lot pickup are also available. Visit north-gorham.lib.me.us, and facebook.com/northgorhampubliclibrary/.

Baxter Memorial Library - On Wednesday December 1 at 6 p.m. all are welcome to hear author and retired ranger Tim Caverly speak on the Challenges of Wilderness Living. Travel deep into the Maine wilderness and experience the demands of everyday Ranger life and how spouses are often called into the thick of the action. The Book Club meets on Thursday, December 2 from 10-11:30 a.m. in the Schneider Room to discuss "A Shot in the Moonlight" by Ben Montgomery.


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Real Estate Transfers June 2021

ADDRESS	BUYER	SELLER	PRICE
752 GRAY ROAD	MANNING, AARON & HANNAH	BOWEN, ADAM & SHANNON	\$315,000
24 FAE LANE UNIT #5	FEENEY, MICHAEL & DUGGAN, ELIZABETH	PLOWMAN DEVELOPMENT GROUP	\$435,000
24 HARDING ROAD	FLAGGSHIP BUILDERS, LLC	DESIGN BUILD ASSOCIATES OF ME	\$120,000
44 SEBAGO LAKE ROAD	MERCIER, ERICA	COOMBS, EMMA & HARLOW, JOSHUA	\$318,000
293 FLAGGY EADOW ROAD	CARBONE, TYLER & SMITH, SAMANTHA	293KM, LLC	\$325,000
6 GEORGE STREET	CAMERON, JOHN & SANDRA	PALERMO, PATRICK	\$350,000
15 RIDGEFIELD DRIVE	GRANT, SHARON & HAROLD, JR.	BLISS, CATHERINE & FREDERICK	\$385,000
WESTERN AVE.	BLANKING, KELLIE	BUTLER, SLOAN	\$51,000
12 PLUMMER ROAD	BRICHETTO, BRANDON	LAUZON, DAVVID	\$330,000
124 OSSIPPEE TRAIL	DANIELS, JOHN & ERICA	LILLEY, ELWIN	\$237,700
93 JOHNSON ROAD	MARGOLIS, HENRY & KELLY	OTT, ELIZABETH	\$395,000
95 ICHABOD LANE	DODD, JAMIE & RYAN	CATHCART, SEAN & MELANIE	\$508,000
32 AUTUMN BROOK ROAD	KEENAN, JONATHAN & ANGELA	HAYDEN, JUSTIN & ALISON	\$485,000
37 DOW ROAD	ANDERSON, AMY	SCHOLL, JOSH	\$375,000
26 JORDAN DRIVE	DEPANFILIS, JOSPEHY & SHERI	SNYDER, THOMAS & WORKMAN	\$603,000
DINGLEY SPRING ROAD	LBMP, LLC	ESTATE OF JOHN PHINNEY	\$75,000
3 SHEPARD'S WAY	GAGNE, TYLER & TAYLOR	JOHN PETERS, LLC	\$480,000
243 SEBAGO LAKE ROAD	HAMLIN, HARRY & MONIQUE	WING, RICHARD & LYNN	\$100,000
36 MIDDLE JAM ROAD	FIELDING'S OIL & PROPANE & JONES	US BANK TRUST, NA	\$335,000
219 FORT HILL ROAD	NEISH, MELISSA	POMPEO, JANICE & LESSER, JOHN	\$360,000
305 COUNTY ROAD	THOMPSON, LEWIS & DESMOND	MENSE, JANET	\$515,000
25 SETTLER'S WAY	VAUGHN, NICHOLAS & ELIZA	MCMAMARA, DONALD & DARIA	\$620,000
22 WOODLAND ROAD	BEIRICH, ANNE	STURGIS, NICOLE & JEFFREY	\$475,000
9 WHITE ROCK DRIVE	GOODRICH, STACIE & JERRY	CAPOZZA, RICHARD & PATRICIA	\$219,000
75 FINN PARKER ROAD	FOOTER, JOSPEH & ALYSE	FOOTER, EDWARD & KATELYN	\$350,000
405 SEBAGO LAKE ROAD	BLAUDE, MICHAEL	ESTATE OF JANIE M. BROWN	\$182,000
IRA DRIVE	GUSHEE, GRANT	YORK, TIMOTHY	\$100,000
LINE ROAD	GUSHEE, GRANT	YORK, DANA	\$175,000
32 GARDEN AVENUE	RWABIGWI, DIDDY & FAAIUNA	EICHNER, SHANE	\$375,000
65 RUNNING SPRINGS ROAD	ROSETTA, STEVEN, JR.	ROSETTA, SANDRA & STEVEN	\$283,750
11 PERRY LANE	GRIGSBY, CYNTHIA & PIORO, DEBORAH	PERRY, HERBERT & MURAOKA, ALAN	\$45,000
11 PERRY LANE	BRADEN, DAPHNE & CUNHA, STEFAN	ESTATE OF HERBERT PERRY, SR.	\$306,691
11 PERRY LANE	BRADEN, DAPHNE & CUNHA, STEFAN	GRIGSBY, CYNTHIA & PIORO, DEBORAH	\$335,000
69 DINGLEY SPRING ROAD	PORTER, DANE	CASHOUT, LLC	\$335,000
53 BRIARDWOOD LANE	VIENS, ROBERT & SERNA, SAIDE	BRIGGS, LORRIA	\$351,000
179 BARSTOW ROAD	VELLANI, DON II	WIGGIN, TIMOTHY	\$126,000
3 FARRINGTON ROAD	TOMBIEN, MATT & DARLING, SAGE-TALIYA	DEMERS, DANIEL & ERIN	\$350,000




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Tater Tot /Cauliflower/Beef Bake

This recipe takes 45 minutes to make and yields 2 casseroles—one to enjoy and one to freeze and enjoy later (6 servings per casserole). Or make one large one.

- 1 pound lean ground sausage (you can use turkey sausage)
- 3/4 pound lean ground beef (90% lean)
- 2 small onion, chopped
- 2 cans (10-1/2 ounces) condensed cream of celery soup, undiluted
- 1/2 to 1 head cauliflower, broken into large pieces (or you could easily use broccoli)
- 1 can (15-1/4 ounces) whole kernel corn, drained
- 2 cups shredded Colby-Monterey Jack cheese, divided
- 1/2 cup milk
- 1 tsp garlic powder
- 1/4 tsp seasoned salt
- 1/4 to 1/2 teaspoon cayenne pepper
- 1 package (32 ounces) frozen Tater Tots OR for a healthier version, use a bag of riced cauliflower, toasted separately earlier in oven

Grease two 11x7 inch baking pans (or one large one); spread tater tots on the bottom or if using toasted cauliflower, use this. In a Dutch oven, cook the sausage, beef and onion over medium heat until meat is no longer pink; drain. Add the soup, cauliflower or broccoli florets, corn, 1 cup cheese, milk, garlic powder, seasoned salt and cayenne. Transfer to 2 greased 11x7-in. baking dishes. Sprinkle top with remaining cheese. Cover and freeze 1 casserole for up to 3 months. Cover and bake the remaining casserole at 350° for 40 minutes. Uncover and bake until bubbly, 5-10 minutes longer. To use frozen casserole: Thaw in the refrigerator overnight. Remove from the refrigerator 30 minutes before baking. Cover and bake at 350° for 50 minutes. Uncover and bake until bubbly, 5-10 minutes longer.

Questions about the recipe can be e-mailed to Barbara Schneider at btsme21@gmail.com.

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Baxter Memorial Library - Register now for a spot in the Graphic Novel Book Group for grades 4-6 on Zoom. Registration is required and must commit to two meetings, December 2 and December 16 at 5 p.m. Story Adventures with Ms. Heidi and Mr. Jeff continue for families and caregivers with children 2-5 years old from 10-10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, November 30, and December 7,

USM NOTES

Winter sports are back at USM Athletics! usm.maine.edu/athletics.

The USM Art Gallery current exhibition, "Call/Response: Hannah Barnes and Susan Klein" continues through December 8, usm.maine.edu/gallery.

The Osher School of Music at USM offers a wide range of performances to top off the season including the following performances: USM Vocal Jazz Ensemble, Annual Scholarship Gala, Musical Theatre Winter Showcase, The Huskapellas student a capella group, Composers Ensemble, Italian Art Song Recital, and several student recitals. Find them all at usm.maine.edu/music/events, or call the box office at 780-5555.

Tree Shortage Impacts Swim Team Fundraiser CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

gaining popularity in Gorham, enjoying success at both regional and state levels. At the 2020 Class A state championship swim meet the GHS girls' and boys' teams placed 5th and 12th, respectively. Even in last year's COVID-abbreviated season, the GHS team had 26 swimmers, saw four school records fall, and a Booster-sponsored GMS two-week swim clinic brought out over 30 swimmers.

"We have always relied heavily on the sales of Christmas trees as our main fundraiser, and have been so grateful for the community for coming out to support us," said Cassie Pelletier, President of the Gorham Swim Boosters. "This really threw us for a loop, and we are regrouping and figuring out Plan B. No matter what, we are taking a huge hit this year and are scrambling to make sure both teams' seasons are not affected. Tree sales historically have helped tremendously with pool rental costs, which are close to \$10,000 annually."

An event organizer familiar with the last several years of tree sales further explained, "The wholesale tree farmer in Aroostook County the Swim Boosters partnered with for the last 6 seasons sold his business to a larger wholesaler. The new owner already had enough orders to fill so we were left without a supplier. Typically we make our purchase in August each year, but the farm had sold, and the Boosters were not informed until August."

Upon learning this news, volunteers on the Boosters spent hours calling every tree supplier in New England and were met with the same answer: sold out. According to the Maine Christmas Tree Association, the wholesale market for its members sold out last spring and there is currently a 4-page waiting list for trees.

There are several factors that have reduced the supply of Christmas trees: 1) The global recession in 2008 caused fewer trees to be planted, 2) The extended drought and heat wave conditions over the last few years have also reduced farmers yield, and 3) with more people at home decorating due to COVID-19, there is simply too little supply to meet the high demand.

The Boosters have been meeting weekly to brainstorm and plan other fundraisers, but these will most likely benefit future seasons. "The Swim Boosters Board has been an excellent steward of the fundraising efforts and has savings for emergencies such as this," explained Booster Treasurer Marci Delaney. "But we are very aware we need to get back out into the community with an annual fundraiser as soon as possible."

The Boosters, who are a certified non-profit entity, have set up a donation link that will go directly to its pool rental account at Gorham Savings Bank, and are looking into options to continue tree sales in 2022. For those who would like to donate: <https://app.autobooks.co/pay/gorham-swim-booster>

"Our annual Christmas tree sale fundraiser was more than just a means of supporting our program, it was a wonderful opportunity for our team to reach out to the community. The student-athletes, parents and coaches alike took pride in being part of many families' holiday traditions while sharing the incredible growth of our program with the community," noted Head Coach Will York. "We hope that our next fundraising event will share the same opportunities to not only support our fantastic program but to share with the community the success of our incredible swimmers."

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Dewayns Way caller reported children screaming and playing at a neighbor's house. Children had been playing outside all day and were loud. Officer called back and left a message that this was not a police issue.

Vehicle was reported all over Brackett Road. Officer observed a vehicle operating in an erratic manner. It was a food delivery driver trying to find the house he was delivering to. He admitted his operation was poor due to his trying to keep the food from falling off the seat. He was warned for operation.

Gray Road caller reported a vehicle parked in a badspot that had been there for three days. Officer was unable to contact the registered owner. Vehicle was parked legally.

Ledge Hill Road caller had concerns about the intersection of Ossipee Trail, Files and Spiller Roads and near miss accidents there. He was advised that Police had received several complaints about this area but it was not in their power to make and design changes. Caller was advised to contact Public Works and Maine Department of Transportation.

Two subjects on Ridgeway Avenue were arguing about money. Argument was just verbal and they seemed calm when officer arrived. Subjects told officer they were fine for now.

Caller was concerned as he had been sitting on Elizabeth Road inside his car for about 30 minutes. An unknown male came up to him from Main Street and accused the caller of following him. Male told the caller to get out of his truck. Caller said no and rolled up his window. Male punched the window and drove away. There was no damage to the vehicle and caller did not wish for further action. Other vehicle was not located.

Brackett Road caller believed a man was at her home at approximately 9:30 p.m. She knew it was his truck as it has a distinctive sound. Another recycling bin was missing after he went by.

Caller came to the Police Department with questions about a ticket she had received in Georgia. She was advised to contact the department that had written the summons.

A woman from Flaggy Meadow Road came to the Police Station to make a complaint. She wanted to make a trespass notice against a female she did not want on her property. Officer served the notice and parties agreed the woman was not allowed on her property.

CALENDAR

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 25

Public Thanksgiving Dinner, pickup at Mr. Bagel, 839-4516 to order.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 27

Haddock Supper Buffet, Living Waters Church, 5 p.m., \$8/\$4/\$20

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28

Gorham Parks and Recreation Light Parade and Tree Lighting, 4 – 5:30 p.m.
 White Rock Friendship Club's 37th Annual Tree Lighting, 4:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1

Baxter Memorial Library, Challenges of Wilderness Living,

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2

Baxter Memorial Library
 Book Club, "A Shot in the Moonlight," 10-11:30, Schneider Room
 Graphic Novel Book Group, Part 1, Grades 4-6, Zoom, 5 p.m. (Part 2 Dec 15, 5 p.m.)
 Osher School of Music, USM Jazz Ensembles Fall Concert, 7:30 p.m., Corthell Hall, \$10, 780-5555

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3

Osher School of Music, Virtual Winter Scholarship Gala, 6 p.m., \$50
 Saco River Theatre, "A Christmas Carol" one-man performance, 2:30 and 7:30 p.m., \$15, 929-6473

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4

Buxton Centre Baptist Church Christmas Fair, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., 727-3978
 Living Waters Christian School Christmas Craft Fair, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
 Osher School of Music
 Musical Theatre Winter Showcase, 2 p.m., pay what you want.
 Huskapellas Fall Concert, 8 p.m., pay what you want
 Dog and Cat Rabies Vaccination Clinic, Buxton Public Works Garage, \$8

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5

Osher School of Music, Composers Ensemble Fall Concert, 7:30 p.m., pay what you want

MONDAY, DECEMBER 6

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**Monday/Tuesday, 12/6/21 - 12/14/21,
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