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Gorham Salutes Its Veterans Vet2VetMaine

Chris Crawford, Staff Writer

On Veterans Day, it is fitting that we recognize the men and women in the Armed Forces, past and present, and thank them and their families for the sacrifices they have made and will continue to make for all of us and for our country.

After years of service, members of the military can face a host of challenges that can be overwhelming when they transition to civilian life: finding meaningful employment and affordable

housing, dealing with financial issues, recurring health issues, or feelings of isolation or uncertainty of where they belong, to name a few. As they age, their need for support can increase.

In Maine, three organizations with close ties to Gorham deserve special recognition this Veterans Day. They exemplify the ethic of service that runs strongly through all of our veterans: Boots2Roots, Vet2Vet Maine, and VFW Post 10879.

Boots2Roots

Chris Crawford, Staff Writer

Boots2Roots (B2R) is a local, non-profit organization which helps newly retiring military personnel navigate the many challenges of adjusting to civilian life by helping them find good jobs and put down roots here in Maine.

The organization was founded in 2016 by Air Force veteran, and visionary Mainer, Dave Hickey. In an aging State like Maine, Boots2Roots' mission represents a win-win situation for us all.

B2R begins working with military members a year or more before they transition out. Its services are free for participating veterans and for any company in Maine who employs them.

Army veteran, Colonel Bill Benson is the Executive Director of Boots2Roots. He explained, "We serve as a pipeline, matching skills sets to job offerings with Maine companies who need dedicated, well qualified workers. B2R also helps the spouse find work, if needed, because that is just as important for a good transition for the retirees."

Benson knows this transition process first-hand. He and his wife, Tara and their 3 children settled in Gorham in 2014 when Benson retired after serving 24 years, including 42 months in active duty in Iraq and Afghanistan. After successfully running a family business in Gorham, they sold it and Tara now works as a nurse in a local hospital and the kids are old enough to begin filling entry level jobs in the community.

Benson was recently named one of Maine Magazine's "Mainers of The Year" in the Business category for his leadership in Boots2Roots. Benson said, "Military veterans can bring great talents to help Maine's workforce. We have helped 181 find work in Maine with 60 more committed to moving to Maine so far this year. About 56% of them are not from Maine."

Each veteran is matched with a mentor who has already made the military to civilian transition. With support from other Maine community members like Live and Work in Maine, veterans find housing, and receive peer support in



Photo credit: Boots2Roots

Gorham resident Bill Benson, Army veteran was honored by Maine Magazine as a "Mainer of the Year" in Business for his work with Boots2Roots which helps military Vets find work in Maine.

many areas throughout their first year. Boots2Roots goals are to help veterans find meaningful employment within two months of arriving in Maine and to remain in their first post-military job for at least one year.

Boots2Roots is supported with the commitment of several large Maine employers. These 5 Star Partners include General Dynamics/Bath Ironworks, Central Maine Power, Nichols Portland, System Engineering, Dead River, MEMIC, and FMI Aerosystems.

Matt Harmon, Senior Vice President of Claims at MEMIC, a 5 Star Partner, also serves on the Board of Boots2Roots, whose members represent a 50/50 mix of Military and Non Military backgrounds. Harmon said, "Boots2Roots works really well to expand the talent pipeline for employers as well as for the transitioning veterans and their families, who can be resettled and up and working at a new job within 2 months of leaving the Military." He added, "These veterans have strong skill sets and an incredibly high 93% retention rate at the end of one year of employment, which is great for the Maine employers in today's competitive labor market."

Boots2Roots can be reached at <https://boots2roots.org/> or at 207-329-5077

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Non-Profit, Vet2VetMaine (V2VM) strongly believes that service to others doesn't end when someone is discharged from the military. Since 2014, V2VM has been working to alleviate loneliness and social alienation that can occur among Maine's veterans of any age, by offering companionship and understanding from a fellow veteran.

In Gorham, there are a number of volunteer veteran peer companions who are matched with a veteran friend. Jim Arcaro, Roger Lavigne, and Rob Sanford (all retired Navy) have been actively involved with V2VM for several years as peer companion volunteers. Roger's wife, Kathy Lavigne, runs the Caregiver Support Network which provides information and socialization for the caregivers of veterans enrolled with Vet2Vet Maine. Judie Alessi O'Malley, Program Director also lives in Gorham. Army Veteran Bud Philbrick, of Durham, serves as Volunteer Coordinator.

The matches get together for social visits, outings, or phone calls during bad weather or Covid outbreaks. Being able to meet and develop a bond with another veteran is a special opportunity for both vets. There has even been a



Photo credit: Chris Crawford

Navy Corpsman vet, Jim Sidelinger visits Army vet, Bill Wise at Gorham House, several times a month. Paired through Vet 2 Vet Maine for almost a year, they agree that it is a great match as they have an amazing number of things in common.

pair matched who were USM students.

Donna Davis, the Activity Director at Gorham House, said that there are currently four veteran residents who

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VFW Gorham Memorial Post 10879

Timothy Sandeno, Contributing Writer

Gorham Memorial Post 10879 was chartered in 1990 with 36 members who had served in wars and conflicts from WWII to Vietnam. Four of those initial members are still with us today. Today's membership still encompasses veterans from WWII, Korea, and Vietnam, as well as Kosovo, Gulf War, Iraq, Afghanistan, and the Global War on Terror. Following the 2020 merger of the South Portland's Post 832, membership is now 250.

The VFW traces its roots to 1899 when veterans of the Spanish-American War (1898) and the Philippine Insurrection (1899-1902) founded local organizations to secure rights and benefits for their service. Many arrived home wounded or

sick. There was no medical care or veterans' pension for them, and they were left to care for themselves. Today, membership stands at more than 1.5 million members of the VFW and its Auxiliary.

Nationally, the VFW has provided more than \$12.5 million dollars in direct assistance to military families since 2004, \$10.65 million in scholarships to veterans and service members since 2014, and \$3.2 million annually in scholarships and awards to middle school and high school students through two major patriotic essay competitions.

Locally, the numbers are more modest, but just as impressive. Each

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Local Election Results

Town Council: Daigle, Claude III, 2655; Gagnon, Philip Jr., 2914; Inman, Michelle C., 2327; Kelley, Christopher, 2165; Kuech, Janet, 2501; Lavoie, Robert, 3191; Siegel, Seven, 3864.

School Committee: LaPlaca, Andrew, 2885; McCallister, Stewart, 4671; Whitehead, Jennifer, 5544.

Governor: LePage, Paul, 3431; Mills, Janet, 5666; Hunkler, Sam, 171

District 1 Representative: Thelander,

Edward, 3571; Pingree, Chellie, 5578.

Senate District 30: Thorsen, Timothy, 3800; Brenner, Stacy F., 5294.

Portland Water District: Total Write Ins, 658; Dan Willet, 119.

Charter Amendment: Yes, 4986; No, 3826.

School Department Bond: Yes, 4952; No, 3830.

State District 108: Terry, Maureen, 3013.

State District 109: Velozo, Joseph, 1926; Boyle, James, 2979.

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Policy on News from Augusta: The Gorham Times asked our three state legislators from Senate District 30, House District 109 and House District 110 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.

The Next Steps in Our Fight Against PFAS Contamination

Sen. Stacy Brenner

By now, you're probably familiar with the term PFAS, or "forever chemicals." Much has been made of PFAS in recent months, especially here in Maine, and it's for good reason. PFAS, or per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances, are a group of chemicals that were created in the early part of the 20th century, and since then have been found in common items we use in our day to day lives, like cookware, cleaning products, plastics, waterproof clothing and more. These chemicals are everywhere, and what has become increasingly clear in recent years is that they pose serious health risks to humans, ranging from developmental delays for children to an increased risk of cancer. While many people have been affected, Maine farmers have found themselves in an especially difficult position due to the outdated practice of spreading PFAS-laden wastewater sludge over fields and farmland. This practice that was once promoted by state agencies as a safe way to responsibly dispose of the wastewater byproduct has been shown to cause unsafe levels of PFAS in soil and drinking water.

My colleagues and I in Augusta recognize the serious threat these chemicals pose to all Maine people, and as

chair of the Legislature's Environment and Natural Resources Committee, I have been proud to lead efforts to address PFAS contamination head on. In 2021, we invested \$27 million to create 20 new positions and provide the equipment and training necessary to begin the cleanup and remediation of PFAS. The new positions will help to manage contaminated areas, supervise environmental testing and treat drinking water. This year we continued our work, and we passed a law to prohibit land application of sludge from wastewater treatment plants – the same practice that has contaminated so much farmland and devastated some agricultural businesses. Additionally, we made a huge investment in our fight by setting aside \$60 million and establishing the new PFAS Trust Fund and corresponding Advisory Committee that will guide efforts to support impacted farmers.

This is where our work picks up today. Over the summer, I had the privilege of being named co-chair of the new Advisory Committee, and on Nov. 14 we will host our first working meeting. There's much to be done: We need to determine how to best support Maine farmers who have been

affected by this crisis, keep our drinking water safe, improve our state's testing capabilities, and more. Alongside my colleagues on the committee and staff at the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, we will meet on an ongoing basis over the coming months and years to ensure we're doing all we can to protect Maine people from PFAS. I would encourage you to tune in to our meetings and weigh in. To stay up to date on our work or sign up for alerts, visit www.maine.gov/dacf/about/commissioners/pfasfund/advisory-committee.shtml.

Today, Maine is leading the country in researching and addressing PFAS contamination. There is much we still do not know; the scope of the problem is vast. However, I am confident that we have taken the right steps to allow us to learn more and deal with this crisis as best we can. I am proud of what we've been able to accomplish, and I look forward to continuing these efforts going forward.

If you have any questions about this work or anything else, please feel free to contact me by email at Stacy.Brenner@legislature.maine.gov or by phone at (207) 287-1515.



Sen. Stacy Brenner, 207-287-1515 stacy.brenner@legislature.maine.gov Stacy Brenner is serving her first term in the Maine Senate, representing

Senate District 30, which includes Gorham, part of Buxton, and part of Scarborough. She is the co-owner of Broadturn Farm in Scarborough and is also a certified nurse-midwife. Aide: [Evan Myers](mailto:Evan.Myers@legislature.maine.gov)



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*Our goal is to have all trees lit on the evening of the Light Parade **November 27th at 4pm** and throughout the season. A group will view each tree and choose the winning trees of the festival. Winners will be announced on or by New Year's Eve! Grand winner will be presented with a traveling plaque to hold onto and have on display for the year!

*If you would like to participate or have any questions please email Cindy Smith at cindy@greatfallsinc.com or gorhamstreefestival@gmail.com. Please be sure to let us know if you will be participating by Wednesday, November 23rd to ensure your tree will be judged.

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Around Town

Wormell's Farm Store has closed their farm store on School Street so that Brendan and Bri are able to devote more time to their family farm. Their meats are available on their website at <http://wormellfarms.com/>

CORRECTION: Missing Ad for Gorham Republican Candidates

The half-page ad for the Gorham Republican Candidates that was run in the October 13 issue on page 12 was scheduled to be repeated in the October 27 issue, but it was missed by error of the Gorham Times, with our sincere apologies.

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Business Profile: Get Your Signature Look

Krista Nadeau, Staff Writer



Signature Aesthetics, located at 10 Elm Street opened its doors on September 7. Margaret Dobbins, owner, and state licensed artist renovated the 150+ square foot garage into a relaxing space where she performs cosmetic tattooing.

In 2019, Dobbins had her own eyebrows microbladed. "It gave me confidence I didn't know I needed," she said. Believing this could help others feel the same way she began the certification process. Dobbins is certified in Microblading and PMU (permanent makeup) after working with Platinum Certified Trainer Marlete Rocha Tringale at the Massachusetts Academy of Beautyology. She has also received certificates from



Tina Davies for Brow Mapping & Shaping and Blade & Shade. By the end of 2022 Margaret will be Board Certified by the American Academy of Micropigmentation.

Cosmetic tattooing or permanent cosmetics has become exceedingly popular over the last five to 10 years. Applied under sterile conditions, the procedure aims to enhance eyebrows, eyes, and lips. Microblading or powder brows are both options for sparse brows. In the world of beauty, it is said that the eyebrows frame the face, so, whether due to genetics, age, or medical conditions, Dobbins can help achieve your desired look. Permanent eyeliner replaces the

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WHERE ARE THEY NOW

Gorham Native Receives Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal

Chris Crawford, Staff Writer

Kyle Brown, GHS '07, is now one of the sailors assigned to the U.S. Navy's Construction Force, a team that has been building and fighting around the world since 1942. He currently serves with Naval Mobile Construction Battalion One at the headquarters for naval construction forces in Gulfport, Mississippi.

"I joined the Navy to better my life and see the world," said Brown. According to Brown, the values required to succeed in the Navy are like those found in Gorham. "I learned the lesson of hard work early in life," said Brown who grew up working construction during the summers.

Recently, Brown was proud to receive a Navy and Marine Corps Achievement medal for leading a crew during the 2021 Operation Allies Refuge. This operation was the largest Non-Combatant evacuation operation in American history in which more than 120,000 Afghan citizens, U. S. Embassy employees and other U.S. citizens were airlifted out of Kabul, Afghanistan.

"I would like to thank my father back home," said Brown. "He has always pushed me to do my best and taught me to never sell myself short."

Members of Navy Construction Battalions are fittingly nicknamed, "Seabees," a play on the C and B ini-



Photo credit: U.S. Navy

Kyle Brown, Petty Officer 2nd Class of Gorham received an Achievement Medal for Operation Allies Refuge

tials. They are responsible for building military bases and airfields, conducting underwater construction projects, and supporting humanitarian efforts such as natural disaster relief.

Serving in the Navy means Brown is part of a team that is taking on new importance as America focuses on strengthening alliances, modernizing capabilities, increasing capacities and maintaining military readiness in support of the National Defense Strategy.

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Fatal Crash on Route 202

Sheri Faber, Staff Writer

On October 25, at about 3:30 p.m., an 18-year-old Norway resident, Casey Southworth, crashed his motorcycle into the back of a southbound Windham school bus as the bus was making a left turn from Rt. 202 onto Libby Ave. After hitting the bus, the motorcycle bounced off the bus and into the path of a car driven by Sarah Valeriani, 18, of Gorham. Valeriani was not injured. Southworth was transported to Maine Medical Center where he died from his injuries.

The bus was carrying the Windham

girls field hockey team, which was scheduled to play in the state quarter final at Scarborough High School. The game was rescheduled after the accident. None of the Windham students suffered serious injuries.

Rt. 202 was closed for three hours after the crash. Gorham and Windham Police as well as the Maine State Police Commercial Vehicle Unit are investigating the accident. Anyone who witnessed the accident is asked to call the Gorham Police Department at 222-1660.

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How Small Businesses Can Prepare for a Recession

Ethan Johnson, *Contributing Writer*

A recession is a prolonged and pervasive reduction in economic activity. Generally speaking, multiple successive quarters of negative growth in gross domestic product constitute a recession. A recession can last for several months or years.

Because a recession typically results in diminished economic output, lowered consumer demand and a drop in employment, such a downturn can present various challenges for all organizations—especially small businesses. Although organizations can't prevent a recession from happening, they can take steps to limit its ramifications and maintain financial stability.

Amid a recession, organizations of all sizes usually experience decreased sales and profits stemming from changing consumer behaviors. An economic downturn may also limit organizations' credit capabilities and reduce their cash flow as customers take more time to pay.

While these behaviors can threaten the financial stability of any organization, large businesses are often better positioned to weather a recession.

Small businesses, on the other hand, may be particularly vulnerable during an economic downturn, as they generally lack the additional capital necessary to offset extended periods of loss.

As a result, when a recession occurs, small businesses are more likely to have to make difficult financial decisions to avoid issues such as insolvency or bankruptcy. Primarily, these businesses may need to cut operational costs and consider staff reductions to stay afloat. With this in mind, now is the time for such businesses to prepare for an economic downturn.

To promote financial stability during an economic downturn, small businesses should consider the following recession-proofing tips:

- Establish a financial plan: It's critical to closely monitor current economic conditions and form a plan for remaining profitable amid a recession.

- Prioritize savings and cash flow: In addition to having a solid financial plan, building up reserves and maintaining a steady cash flow are key steps in successfully navigating an economic downturn.

- Ensure proper debt management: While it may be tempting to pay off any debts in the face of a recession, doing so can rapidly deplete reserves and threaten long-term financial stability. Instead, it's best to consider paying down debts with the highest rates first.

- Be innovative: Researching the economic climate and seeking ways to adapt business strategies in response to recession-related trends can promote innovation and operational success.

- Build strong relationships: Fostering connections with customers can help bolster company loyalty when an economic downturn strikes. Dedicated customers may also serve as effective ambassadors by sharing their satisfaction and bringing in new business.

- Maintain sufficient coverage: To ensure ample financial protection against potential losses, it's crucial to have proper insurance. After all, business risks tend to rise amid a recession, making coverage increasingly important. Policies should be customized to address specific exposures. It's best to consult qualified insurance professionals to determine particular coverage needs.

In summary, a recession can have serious impacts on small businesses. Fortunately, by adequately preparing for an economic downturn, these businesses will be better positioned to minimize financial hardships.



Ethan Johnson works at Chalmers Insurance and has over 20 years of experience in the industry. A USM graduate, he is passionate about helping people and giving back to his local community of Gorham, where he lives with his family.

The Pressed Panini Generation

Aislyn McLean, *GHS Student Intern*

Most people, when they hear the word panini, think of a pressed sandwich. Not many would assume that it can refer to people as well. The Panini Generation describes the large number of family caregivers today who are tasked with supporting both aging parents and children of their own. Now more than ever, this generation is facing an increase of pressures and obligations due to a combination of things. Economic and societal uncertainty, career demands, and social commitments are just a few additional forces that the Panini Generation deals with. At least 11 million Americans are included in this group.

Various surveys have been conducted throughout this group and the statistics are astounding. According to Home Instead, 48% of them explain that they've been forced to cut back on personal and travel expenses, 23% have had to quit a job, 59% feel they've been passed over for either a promotion or raise, while 48% admit that they've been warned by their employer that their position was in jeopardy.

The pandemic hit these adults especially hard. Approximately half report that COVID-19 made it harder to juggle everything, and nearly two-thirds have no idea where to find help. Fortunately, a company called Home Instead is here to help. They offer not only in-home assistance for families, but also share tips and information with the general public.

Home Instead explains that taking a few tasks off a caregiver's plate can help drastically. Not only does it give them time to recharge, but it also provides extra time for them to catch up on other activities. The company suggests that

people either invite their kids or parents on outings, or to simply offer them rides. Other options include delivering care packages or meals. Sometimes moral support is the best route; remaining patient and empathic is important.

Home Instead is an organization working under a worldwide franchise that was founded in 1995 in Nebraska. They employ individuals that are passionate about helping others. The pandemic hit caused severe staffing issues for the company, so they're still searching for potential applicants who want to lend a hand. No prior training is required

because they offer some. Each case is different, but employees typically meet with elderly parents during the day and help them with whatever they need. Whether that be bathing, cooking, helping with medications, or transportation, Home Instead has families covered.

Gorham has had its own office since November of 2000, run by Bill Jenks who was recently interviewed. His biggest piece of advice for families with aging parents is to begin having the difficult conversations early.

"We want to encourage kids to start discussing with their parents how they want to age and what that may look like," Jenks said. "What often happens is the conversations get put off until the parents really need care, and then there's a big conflict over it."

Finding elderly care options can be expensive and stressful, but Home Instead aims to be as accessible as possible. For more information, visit their website www.homeinstead.com or at their office located on 502 Maine St, Gorham Maine, or call 839-0441.

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Town Council Report for November 1

Gorham Times Staff

The Gorham Town Council met on Tuesday, November 1, 2022. Chairman Pratt opened the meeting; there were 27 members of the public in attendance. In addition to the seven counselors, the town manager and town clerk were present at the meeting. The minutes of the October 4 regular meeting and the October 18 special meeting were accepted unanimously.

Open public communications included concerns over the real estate tax increase citing errors and incorrect data, and thanks to the outgoing councilors for their time and commitment to the town.

Councilor communication also included concern for the tax assessment errors suggesting another workshop. Other councilors reported on a variety of town events, celebrations, committee activities, and announcements.

The Town Manager's report included updates on the Little Falls/So. Windham Master Plan Committee, sand availability for storms and the winter overnight parking ban. He discussed how to approach concerns about the revaluation and tax increase, filing abatements, and that interest will not accrue on the 1st half of property taxes until December 30. He also spoke about the Gorham Police Department's Citizens Police Academy, Gorham Rec's 25th Annual Burn Off the Turkey Race on November 26, and the annual light parade on November 27.

The School Committee Report was given and included updates on Gorham

Action Team for Youth Parent Night, Fall Athletics, Chorus and Band, Theatre, and the ongoing need for substitutes, requirements and opportunities.

A presentation was given by the Little Rams Committee.

Five public hearings were held to hear comments on:

Item #2022-11-1, a proposal to issue a renewal Liquor License to JBN2, LC dba Sidecar. With no comments from the public, Proposed Order #22-126 passed 7-0;

Item #2022-11-2, a proposal to issue a Special Amusement License to JBN2, LLC dba Sidecar. With no comments from the public, Proposed Order #22-127 passed 7-0;

Item #2022-11-3, a proposal to issue a renewal Medical Marijuana License to Kathleen West, Groovy Girls Garden, 15 Washburn Drive. Property owned by Kathleen West. With no comments from the public, Proposed Order #22-128 passed 7-0;

Item #2022-11-4, a proposal to issue a new Medical Marijuana License to Hunter Sherman, HASAB, LLC, 36 Bartlett Road, #9 & 10. Property owned by Hinks Realty, LLC. With no comments from the public, Proposed Order #22-129 passed 7-0;

Item #2022-11-5, a proposal to issue a renewal Adult Use Marijuana License to Green Trap LLC, 84 Olde Canal Way. Property owned by Hani LLC. With no comments from the public, Proposed

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From the Desk of the Public Works Director

Kelly Meslin

Public Works has had a busy season. We've had several promotions and new faces join the crew. The crew has worked tirelessly on multiple projects including: the water and sewer project at Little Falls Rec, the Skateboard Park, paving Mighty Street and Great Falls Road. Other roadwork projects include Paige and Shelby, Dana, Donna and Elizabeth, Balsam Lane and Finishing Line Road and College Ave, as well as overseeing the sidewalk and drainage project on Narragansett Street. 1145 catch basins were inspected and 710 were cleaned.

We've also made time for reading to kiddos at the Baxter Library and joining in touch-a-truck events at Baxter Library. The summer crew did a great job mowing and weed-whacking cemeteries as well as other Town properties.

The shop has also been busy. Maintaining the Town's almost 200 vehicles and pieces of equipment is no easy task. Between inspections, routine maintenance and those problems that arise, there is not a minute to spare. The Shop Crew works very hard to make sure all Town vehicles, equipment and buses are safe for all.

As soon as winter sand is available to Gorham residents, we will post the

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Revaluation Report

Gorham Times Staff

Your concerns about the revaluation of business and residential properties in Gorham have been heard, and the Gorham Times is working on a comprehensive review for an upcoming issue before the end of 2022. We are grateful to all those who are helping us report openly about the matter.

Chief Sanborn Reports

Windham and Gorham have hired a shared mental health liaison officer who will start work on November 14, 2022. There has been an uptick in mental health related calls during the past few years especially with people requiring assistance on a regular basis. In addition, some homeless persons from Portland have been taking the bus to Gorham and hanging out here. There have also been attempted suicides and drug overdoses. It is hoped that having a mental health liaison officer will enable people to get help before their crises escalate.

The Gorham Police Department has received the following grants from the Bureau of Highway Safety:

Distracted Driving Enforcement Grant: 10/01/2022-9/15/2023, \$9,292.80; Impaired Driving (OUI) Enforcement Grant: 10/1/22-9/15/23, \$22,360.80; Speed Enforcement Grant: 10/1/22-9/15/23, \$6,970.00; Seatbelt Enforcement Grant: 10/1/22-9/15/23, \$5808.00.





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GHS Presents CLUE



Photo credit: Sadie Fiore, Junior, GHS

The cast and crew of *CLUE* prepares for their performance for the weekend of November 11 to 13. Shows are at 7:30 on Friday and Saturday and 2 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Cast Members pictured: Aera Hyson, Zack Waters, Lauren Pierce, Paige Fowler, Sofia Andrade, Ally Gossen and Libbie Merrill.

Displaying Compassion



Photo credit: Stacy Sawyer

Village School celebrated Socktober this month, collecting socks for the homeless. Students and staff collected socks for the month of October. By displaying compassion, this school drive demonstrated how students are good citizens of Gorham's Code of Conduct. These socks will help the homeless in Maine. A total of 577 pairs of socks were collected. Great job, Village School! Pictured, Third Grader, Sam Beaucage and Assistant Principal, Cheryl Fotter

The Worry Warriors Fight Against Worry

Silas Parsons, Student, Great Falls School and Donna Powell, Teacher

Q. What are Worry Worms?
A. Worry worms are little crochet worms that we give to people when we feel as though they are worrying or upset. They have a little tag on each of them that has this poem:

"I'm your little worry worm, keep me near and squeeze me tight. Tell me your worries and everything will be alright."

Q. Why did you start making them? What are kids worried about?

A. Ms. Powell has been teaching for more than 22 years and has seen students worry more, especially since the pandemic. She had an idea to use Worry Worms so they have something in their toolbox to help reduce their worries. We asked the Great Falls social worker, Ms. Tardif about what kids worry about. We found out that kids can be worried about lots of things. They can have small, medium, and even very big worries. It could include worrying about school work, homework, their family. Some kids might not have what they need to be successful in school. So we added Worry Worms to the story to help.

Q. How have the Worry Worms helped you this year?

A: Worry Worms have helped me because when it's around and I look at its goofy eyes, I know that I'm safe. It has probably helped other kids from worrying too.



Photo credit: Becky Fortier

Silas and Mrs. Powell with a Worry Worm

Q. How many have you made and delivered?

A. So far, we have made and delivered 132 worms to students and staff at Great Falls Elementary. Ms. Powell (and sometimes her mother) crochet the worms and her students in fourth and fifth grade attach the tag and glue on the eyes. We have a Worry Worm workstation where we have all of the supplies we need.

Q. How did you come up with the idea?

A. Ms. Powell showed Silas the crochet worms she wanted to make, and he decided to come up with a group. That group was The Worry Warriors. We have our own logo and everything. Currently, we have four members, but we hope to start growing.

Q. What is your plan for the Worry Worms?

A. We are planning to deliver and hand out Worry Worms to every Great Falls student, which is more than 500 students! We would love to deliver one Worry Worm to every elementary school student in the Gorham school district.

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2022 U.S. Legend Cars International Road Course World Finals

Katie Brown, Sports Editor

Trevor Krouse of Gorham recently won a World Championship in Legend Car Racing on a road course at New Hampshire Motor Speedway. The TK Racing team set their sights on competing in the U.S. Legend Cars International Course Semi Pro Championship hosted by New Hampshire Motor Speedway. The season began in early December and ran through the first week of October.

The TK Racing team shared, "Legend cars are governed by the INEX Series, where drivers can compete for National Points in any INEX sanctioned event worldwide. There are ample opportunities for drivers to race anywhere from the west coast to the east coast including several tracks in Canada and Europe."

The TK team traveled to Florida and North Carolina to race in the months of January and February. Prior to winter travel, TK ran eleven road course races with Granite State Legend cars in New Hampshire, compiling one 2nd place finish and eight 1st place finishes. This put Krouse in first place in World Points with a 12-point advantage over a driver from North Carolina (Heather Hadley).

The preparations began Thursday October 13, with the team settling in for the long weekend ahead, trying to beat the rain. Legend cars have rain tires, and the team was unsure if they would practice. With torrential rain and wind gusts throughout Friday, officials decided it was unsafe and therefore instead of five practice sessions, there would only be one.

Practice resumed Saturday morning. Track "jet dryers" were used to "speed up" getting in a practice. At the mid-day mark, the event started time trials. Drivers lined up for their Heat races based on the fastest cars starting first. Krouse made his way from seventh fastest in Lap one, up to first place by Lap four, improving his own time by eight tenths of a second.

Nobody in the field would beat his time in the final two laps, including



Photo credit: Kristie Krouse

Canadian Driver, Danny Chisholm. This landed Trevor on the pole, starting first, for Heat Race #1 later that day. The semi-Pro Division had 32 entries with heats split into three races.

Krouse and a driver from Finland battled, along with a driver from North Carolina. Later that evening, it was announced that Krouse had made the cut and would start on the pole for the feature race on Sunday.

As the feature race began, Krouse was raced out in turn one that put him in third to start the 12 turn (1.4 mile) track. The 1st and 2nd place leaders got "into each other" on lap four. Krouse and Dino Lambros (from New York) avoided the "spins" and came out as the new leaders. For the next eight laps Krouse and Lambros were too close for comfort, Lambros not able to lose Krouse.

With a dramatic finish, Krouse maneuvered around a "second" spin out of drivers.

The team enthusiastically shared, "On the last lap, Trevor's car again gave him trouble on turn three and the third-place car of Ojaranta got by him going up the hill. As they came down the hill the final time with turns 10, 11, and 12 in sight, the second-place car doing all he could to beat the leader, got in to him and spun them both. Trevor maneuvered around both and came home with the checkered flag."

Krouse wrapped up the 2022 season with five titles. Congratulations to Trevor and the TK racing team.

Business Profile: Get Your Signature Look CONTINUED FROM PAGE 3

need to get that perfect eye-lined look every day. Contrary to its name, this procedure is semi-permanent, and will need retouching. Lip blushing is a semi-permanent cosmetic tattoo that softly defines the lip while adding color. Dobbins welcomes you to come in and get your 'signature' look.

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Town Council Report CONTINUED FROM PAGE 5

Order #22-130 passed 7-0.

Other decisions of the Council included the following:

Order #22-131, to consider amending the Fire Suppression Systems Ordinance to decrease the frequency of antifreeze loop inspections. (Councilor Hartwell Spon.), passed 7-0;

Order #22-132, that the Town Council instructs the Town Manager to budget in the FY2024 fiscal year for a new comprehensive plan update process; and that the Town Council instructs staff to bring back a formal process for forming a comprehensive plan committee and timeline in calendar year 2023. Passed 6-1 (Hartwell)

Order #22-133, that the Town Council endorses an MPI project for intersection improvements at Hodgdon and County Road. Passed 7-0;

Order #22-134, that the Town Council sets January 17, 2022 as a workshop date to discuss ways to incorporate natural resource protection and identification in future land use codes and future comprehensive plans. Passed, 7-0;

Order #22-135, that the Town Council forwards to the Planning Board, for review and public hearing, a proposal to amend the Land Use and Development Code to promote commercial and industrial development consistent with the Comprehensive Plan in the Town of Gorham; and that the Planning Board forward its final recommendations back to the Town Council for review and public hearing. Passed 7-0;

Order #22-136, that the Town Council go into Executive Session, pursuant to Title 36, MRSA Section 841 to discuss an application(s) for an abatement of taxes based on poverty. Passed 7-0.

Coming out of Executive Session, the Town Council VOTED to approve an application for an abatement of taxes based on poverty. Passed 7-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

The complete minutes, as recorded by Town Clerk Laurie Nordfors, and the meeting video can be found online at gorham-me.org/.

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information to Town's Facebook page and the Town webpage. Please remember it is for Gorham residents only and is two 5-gallon buckets per storm. You will need to bring buckets and a shovel.

Please remember there is no parking on any public road or public easement roadway from November 1 to May 1, midnight 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.

Trash needs to be curbside by 7 a.m. the day of collection or the night before. To prevent weather and animals from making a mess of trash, residents are encouraged to purchase trash cans. Trash will not be collected if a tag is not visible or if the tag has been tampered with. Each bag must have a tag! There will be no trash or recycling collection on the following four holidays: New Year's Day, January 1; Independence Day, July 4; Thanksgiving Day, November 24; Christmas, December 25.

Trash will be delayed one day on the observed holidays. For example, if the holiday observed falls on a Monday, trash will be picked up on Tuesday. This pushes trash and recycling collection for the rest of the week by one day. If there will be a delay or cancellation of trash due to weather conditions, we will post information to the Town's Facebook page as well as the Gorham Town website. Subscribe to the website to get an automatic email when information is published.

For more information go to: Gorham.me.org or by calling 222-4950.

VFW Gorham Memorial Post 10879 CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

year, Post 10879 raises funds through Buddy Poppy drives and awards about \$1500 to various veteran organizations including the VFW National Home for Children, Scarborough Veterans Home, Travis Mills Foundation, House in the Woods, Maine Homeless Vets, Wreaths Across America, USO, and Veterans Administration Volunteer Service.

These organizations directly support the needs of veterans and their families.

Patriot's Pen and Voice of Democracy are two annual scholarship programs for middle school and high school students in which Post 10879 participates. Holding a local competition, winners are advanced to a regional level. Last year's Voice of Democracy winner at the post level also won the regional level and advanced to the state competition. Through these competitions and the National Citizenship Education Teacher of the Year award, the post encourages patriotism.

The two most publicly visible things Post 10879 does each year includes the Memorial Day Parade and the decorating of our veteran graves. Each year, Post 10879 leads the Memorial Day Parade from the corner of Lincoln Street and South Street to the Eastern Cemetery down Main Street. Along the way, a stop

is made at Phinney Park where a boy scout and a girl scout assist members of the post in laying wreaths at Gorham's war memorials. A ceremony is held in Eastern Cemetery following the parade with another presentation of a wreath in honor of all who have given their lives in the defense of our nation. The ceremony has included a short address from a veteran or a publicly elected representative. Usually the Saturday before the parade, the post, with volunteers from the scouts and the community decorate every veteran grave in Gorham's cemeteries and in private plots to show honor and give thanks for their patriotic service. Veterans Day is the time of year when those flags are collected and delivered to the Gorham Fire Department for respectful disposal.

Post 10879 does not hold a public ceremony for Veterans Day but will honor the veterans of the United States military services, both living and dead, in the ceremonies of their November meeting, in the comradery of their gatherings, and the memories of their hearts.

Timothy E. Sandeno served in the U.S. Navy and Reserves from 1989 to 2014, and has served as Quartermaster of Gorham Memorial Post 10879 since 2015.

Gorham Native Receives Navy and Marine Corps Medal

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The U.S. Navy continues to guarantee free and open access to the world's oceans.

With more than 90 percent of all trade traveling by sea, and 95 percent of the world's international phone and internet traffic carried through fiber optic cables lying on the ocean floor, Navy officials continue to

emphasize the importance of accelerating America's advantage at sea.

Brown takes pride in serving his country. "Serving in the Navy means making sure everyone here in the U.S. is safe." He added, "It also means being able to better my future and provide a better future for the next generation."

Vet2VetMaine CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

are matched with a visiting V2VM peer volunteer.

One such resident is Bill Wise, retired Army who served during the Korean War. He is visited several times a month by Navy corpsman, Jim Sidelinger who served in hospitals all over, including a tour in Vietnam.

The pair agree that they have an amazing number of things in common, including their sense of humor. These matches often develop a deep friendship for life. The volunteers also serve as "eyes and ears" and can consult with staff when referrals for other services might be needed.

It is now easy as can be for a veteran to become a volunteer peer companion or a phone pal. Using the new interactive online training which takes a few hours, volunteers can learn all the skills they need to become V2VM volunteers at their own pace and at their own schedule.

Gorham's newest volunteer peer companion, Sam Boothby, an Army veteran, has the distinction of being the first person to use the online interactive training program. He is matched with a vet who lives in Windham. Boothby decided to volunteer after his sister-in-law made a donation to V2VM in his name. He has trained hunters for many years and said, "The online training program works very well, making it easier for prospective volunteers who wanted to help lonely veterans."

To volunteer, or to request a volunteer peer companion, visit <http://www.vet2vetmaine.org> or call Judie Alessi O'Malley at 207-579-4024 or director@vet2vetmaine.org, or Bud Philbrick 207-579-4017 or volunteer@vet2vetmaine.org.



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Climate Caretakers, the second in a free film and discussion series on Maine climate actions will be held on Friday, November 18, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at First Parish Fellowship Hall, 1 Church Street. Several short videos will address local efforts to divert food waste from landfills. The EcoClub at GHS will also share their work in this regard. The public is invited to attend for hope and action.

The Gorham Medical Closet located at the Municipal Center at 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 with a volunteer. Call Gerry Day at 756-2210 or 839-3859 and she will connect you with a volunteer.

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 is free for any Gorham resident in need. FMI, 222-4351, visit www.gorhamfoodpantry.org or message us on Facebook at Gorham Food Pantry Friends.

Dog Registrations for 2023 are open now. Current registrations will expire on December 31. Online services are available at <https://www.gorham-me.org>, click Online Transactions then Dog Licensing and Renewal, or visit the Town Clerk's Office at 75 South Street. A current rabies certificate is required. FMI: 222-1670.

Join Presumpscot Regional Land Trust on Sunday, November 20 from 12 to 2 p.m. for a 2.5 mile leisurely walk of the new East Windham Conservation Project. Permanent trails will be built in 2023, but the existing woods road will take the group to a view of the western mountains and down to the water views on Little Duck Pond. The event is free, but space is limited. Register at <https://www.prit.org/events>.

The Gorham Lions will meet at the Elmwood School on Tuesday, November 22 at 6:30 pm; guests welcome. FMI 207-929-9182 Ken Aldrich, Membership Chair.

Veterans of Foreign Wars, Gorham Memorial Post 10879 will meet next on Tuesday, December 13 at 5:30 p.m. FMI: vwfpost10879@gmail.com.

Gorham Business Owners, help shape the work of the Gorham Economic Development Corporation (GEDC) by completing the survey at https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Gorham_BRandE2022

SENIOR NOTES

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 such reasons as weather. For updates on the meal and dates open/closed, visit gorhamrec.com or call 222-1635.

PUBLIC SUPPERS

Buxton Center Baptist Church will have a Public Bean Supper on Saturday, November 12 from 4:30 – 6 p.m. at 938 Long Plains Road in Buxton, serving beans, hot dogs, American chop suey, cole slaw, rolls, and desserts. \$10 per person.

The St. Anne's Knights of Columbus will hold a drive-through Fish Dinner on Friday, November 18, from 5 to 6 p.m. at St. Anne's Church in Gorham. Dinner includes baked haddock, mashed potatoes, coleslaw, peas, a roll, and dessert for \$12. No seated service at this time. FMI, visit www.gorhamknights.org or call 653-9506.

Public Thanksgiving Dinner at Mister Bagel in Gorham is for those spending Thanksgiving alone or those unable to prepare a dinner. Thursday, November 24, pick up (preferred) or meals can be delivered to the homebound throughout the afternoon. There can be no guarantee when a meal can be delivered but will call when the meal is on its way, patience is appreciated. Contact Roxanne, 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.

Living Waters Church will hold a Haddock Supper Buffet on Saturday, November 26 at 5 p.m. Located on Parker Farm Road in Buxton, there is indoor seating as well as a take-out option. Face masks optional, hand sanitizer will be available. Suggested donation: \$8 adult, \$4 child, \$20 family.

CHRISTMAS FAIRS

"Home for the Holidays," the St. Anne's Church Christmas Fair, will be held in the Parish Hall on Saturday, November 12 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. with crafts, raffles, baked goods, Grandma's attic, Santa and Mrs. Clause and more. The fair will be followed by a 4 p.m. Mass, then a pulled pork dinner from 5– 6 p.m., cost for the dinner is \$10/adult and \$5/child. All are welcome.

West Gorham Union Church Christmas Fair will be on Saturday, November 19 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. with baked goods, candy, slightly used Christmas decorations, jewelry, new handmade knitted and quilted items. RADA knives for sale. Raffle for a \$100 gift certificate to Pit Stop Fuels, or a basket of Christmas items. A lunch of fish chowder, ham, egg, and chicken salad sandwiches, sweets and a drink. Located on Route 25 just 3 miles west of Gorham.

First Parish Church Christmas Fair on Saturday, December 2 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., with pre-orders, seasonal greens, wreaths, and baked goods. Visit firstparishgorham.org and click "shop." In-person shopping on the day of the fair, including face painting, gingerbread cookie decorating, and unique gifts.

Buxton Centre Baptist Church Christmas Fair, Saturday, December 3 from 9 – 2 p.m. Crafts, food table, white elephant sale, and homemade fish chowder and baked beans to go. 938 Long Plains Road, Buxton.

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Baxter Memorial Library hours are Mondays and Fridays, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Saturdays from 9 a.m., to 1 p.m. The Library is closed on Sundays. FMI, visit baxterlibrary.org, or call 222-1190.

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MAINE NOTES

At the Osher School of Music, seven GHS/GMS students will perform with the Youth Ensembles at Merrill Auditorium on Thursday, November 10 at 7 p.m. Performing with the Portland Youth Symphony Orchestra conducted by Robert Lehmann is Raiyah Babinsky, violin and Ryan Cooper, percussion. Ryan will also perform with the Portland Youth Wind Ensemble, conducted by William Kinne, along with Gabriel Badeau, bari sax; Dylan Bauer, trombone; and Rory Pigeon, percussion. Rebecca Neumann, viola, will perform with the Portland Young People's String Consort conducted by Hannah Flewelling, and Tristan Smith, violin, will perform with the Portland Youth Junior Orchestra, conducted by Ferdinand Liva. Tickets to the concert are by donation and can be purchased online. Other upcoming performances include two faculty concerts on November 11 and 18, the Concert Band's concert at McCormack Performing Arts Center at GHS on Saturday the 19th, Opera Workshop on Saturday evening and Sunday afternoon, and the Southern Maine Symphony Orchestra on Monday evening at Westbrook Performing Arts Center. FMI: <https://www.usm.maine.edu/music/events> for the complete calendar or call 780-5555.

"Pulped Under Pressure" is the current exhibit at the Art Gallery on the Gorham campus featuring art with a foundation of pulp made from natural fibers. The exhibit runs through December 8. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. FMI: 780-5008 or [https://usm.maine.edu/gallery](https://usm.maine.edu/gallery/office-hours) or visit usm.maine.edu/gallery.

In the Department of Theatre, "The Thanksgiving Play" has three more shows, Friday, November 18 at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday, November 19 at 2 and 7:30 p.m. "Mr. Burns, A Post-Electric Play" opens at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, November 12, with a total of 6 performances through Sunday, November 20. The show is about a group of survivors sharing a campfire after the collapse of civilization. A dark musical comedy, 75 years after society has been destroyed, the myths, legends, and new forms of performance become the live entertainment of the post-apocalyptic society. Tickets are \$8-\$16 and are available along with the full calendar at <https://usm.maine.edu/theatre>, or by calling the Box Office at 780-5151. Location, Russell Hall, USM Gorham campus.

Sports Fans can find out about University of Southern Maine Athletics at <https://southernmainehuskies.com/>.

New Year Gorham to Celebrate its 15th Year

Lucia Monaco Holloway, GHS Student Intern

The New Year Gorham (NYG) Planning Committee has announced that the 15th year of New Year performances will be in-person with "a wide variety of performances that will please folks of all ages." The performances will take place in the Municipal Center's Shaw Gym and Gorham High School.

Committee member Virginia Wilder Cross commented, "It's hard to believe we've been celebrating New Year Gorham for 15 years! That means there are kids, now in high school, who have only experienced New Year's Eve with this amazing community party. Thanks to the countless volunteers, amazing talent, and incredibly generous donors, we are ready to mark a milestone year with a fabulous show."

"In addition to featuring show favorites, we are planning to add opportunities for kids to learn some per-

forming skills," said NYG Coordinator Tom Hasbrouck. "We are in the early stages of confirming the schedule, but additional information will be coming soon."

The committee recently posted on Facebook that "The New Year Gorham Committee of volunteers has been hard at work since the summer months, to brainstorm and plan for a phenomenal New Year's Eve event for 2022." This year is not only a milestone year but the first time in two years that it will be back in-person. The committee is excited to present this New Year's Eve community event.

The committee is still in the planning stages of confirming the schedule. Any questions about the program and volunteer opportunities can be sent to Thomas Hasbrouck at trhasbrouck@icloud.com, or by phone call to Virginia Wilder Cross at 222-2248.

'Tis the Season for Giving...

Gorham Lions Ken Aldrich and Jim Burnham present a check to Bill Crouch, co-manager with his wife Wendy, of the Gorham Food Pantry.



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Narragansett St. caller wanted officers to check on someone the caller thought was supposed to be at work but whom she had not been able to contact, which she thought was unusual. She had the wrong number and didn't know he was still on vacation.

Driver was having engine problems on Railroad Ave. Vehicle came to a stop and the man went home to get some help. The center console in the vehicle caught on fire. Passerby attempted to put out the fire but the Fire Department was called to extinguish it. Vehicle had extensive damage to the interior area.

Caller heard a car door shut and saw a car in her driveway. She did not know to whom it belonged and it did not have license plates. Vehicle had been purchased in a private sale that day and was delivered to the wrong address. It belonged to her nextdoor neighbor and was moved to her house.

Caller reported motorists were using his business parking lot on County Road to get through the intersection of Burnham and County Roads. Officer passed these concerns on to patrol and said they would attempt to check the area more frequently.

Clay Road caller reported a landscaping company was threatening to dump all of the debris it had removed from her property because she refused to pay them. Caller felt the company did not do all of the work required by the contract. She was told this was a civil issue and she should try to settle with the landscape company or hire a lawyer.

Officer stopped a vehicle for driving 25 mph under the limit. Operator knew he was driving very slowly. Officer suggested that in the future, if he was not comfortable driving the speed limit, he should pull over and let other vehicles go by.

Spiller Road caller thought someone had broken into his garage. Her daughter had opened the door to let the dog out.

Caller reported a traffic hazard on Dow and Files Road. Company was spraying the road and traffic was down to one lane.

Caller at Fort Hill Park reported a suspicious male in the area. Officer escorted her to her vehicle and male was told the female felt uncomfortable with his presence. He eventually left as well. Female was told if this sort of thing happened in the future, she should call 911 right away.

Officer attempted to locate a vehicle reported to be driving erratically. Driver was not impaired. She was trying to control her new puppy while driving.


Caller reported a white van parked by the stop sign on Files Road and Ossipee Trail. Operator was on his way home to South Portland but got tired and pulled over.

A vehicle was reported parked on the side of Narragansett St. Vehicle was having engine trouble and it kept overheating. Driver's brother came with fluid to help move the vehicle.



A loose cow on North Gorham Road was caught by the owner.

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CALENDAR

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10

Baxter Memorial Library
 Toddler Discovery Time (18mos-3yrs), on the lawn, 10 – 10:30 a.m.
 Sewing Club (7 and up), 2:30 – 4:30 p.m. Under 8 must have a caregiver over 14 present.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11

Baxter Memorial Library will be closed in observance of Veterans Day.
 Gorham Municipal Office will be closed in observance of Veterans Day.
 Osher Faculty Jazz Ensemble concert, Corthell Concert Hall, 7:30 p.m. 780-5555

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12

"Home for the Holidays" Christmas Fair, St. Anne's, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
 Buxton Center Baptist Church Public Bean Supper, 4:30 – 6 p.m., \$10
 St. Anne's Church, Pulled Pork Dinner, 5 – 6 p.m., \$10/\$5
 USM Theatre, "Mr. Burns, A Post Electric Play" Russell Hall, 7:30 p.m., \$16/\$8, 780-5151

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13

Osher School of Music, Musical Theatre Studio Recital, Corthell Concert Hall 5 p.m.
 USM Theatre, "Mr. Burns, A Post Electric Play" Russell Hall, 7:30 p.m., \$16/\$8, 780-5151

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15

Baxter Memorial Library
 Outdoor Story Adventures (3-5yrs), 10 – 10:45 a.m.
 Baxter Digs Reading, visit or call to sign up for 15 minutes, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.
 Author Event: Bruce Robert Coffin, author of the bestselling Detective Byron mystery series. 6 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16

Senior Meal Site, St. Anne's Church, 11:30 a.m.
 Baxter Memorial Library Baby Discovery Time (birth-18mos), 9:30 – 9:50 a.m.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17

Baxter Memorial Library
 Toddler Discovery Time (18mos-3yrs), on the lawn, 10 – 10:30 a.m.
 Book Club: "Mercy Street" by Jennifer Haigh, 10 – 11 a.m.
 Sewing Club (7 and up), 2:30 – 4:30 p.m. Under 8 must have a caregiver over 14 present.
 USM Theatre, "Mr. Burns, A Post Electric Play" 7:30 p.m., Russell Hall, Pay what you can, 780-5151

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18

University Theatre, "Mr. Burns, A Post Electric Play" 10 a.m., \$16/\$8, 780-5151
 St. Anne's Knights of Columbus, Drive-thru Fish Dinner, St. Anne's, 5 – 6 p.m., \$12, 653-9506
 Climate Caretakers, First Parish Fellowship Hall, 6 – 8:30 p.m.
 Osher Faculty Concert Series: Old and New American Voices: Ryan Noe, trumpet; Kaitlin Noe, bassoon; and Tae Kim, piano. Corthell Concert Hall, 7:30 p.m., \$15/\$10, 780-5555
 USM Theatre, "The Thanksgiving Play," Russell Hall, 7:30 p.m., \$16/\$8, 780-5151

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19

West Gorham Union Church Christmas Fair, Route 25, 3 miles west of Gorham, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
 Osher School of Music
 Concert Band concert, McCormack Performing Arts Center, 2 p.m., \$10
 Opera Workshop performance, Corthell Concert Hall, 7:30 p.m., \$10
 USM Theatre, "The Thanksgiving Play," Russell Hall, 2 p.m., \$16/\$8, 780-5151
 USM Theatre, "Mr. Burns, A Post Electric Play" Russell Hall, 7:30 p.m., \$16/\$8, 780-5151

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20

Osher School of Music, Opera Workshop performance, Corthell Concert Hall, 2 p.m., \$10
 USM Theatre, "Mr. Burns, A Post Electric Play" Russell Hall, 7:30 p.m., \$16/\$8, 780-5151

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21

Osher School of Music, Southern Maine Symphony Orchestra at Westbrook Performing Arts Center, 7 p.m., \$10

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 22

Baxter Memorial Library
 Outdoor Story Adventures (3-5yrs), 10 – 10:45 a.m.
 Gorham Lions Club meeting, Elmwood School, 6:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23

Senior Meal Site, St. Anne's Church, 11:30 a.m.

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