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Rep. Mo Terry Elected House Majority Leader



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Rep. Mo Terry, D-Gorham, was elected on Thursday, November 16, to serve as House Majority Leader along with Rep. Kristen Cloutier, D-Lewiston, as Assistant Majority Leader, replacing Rep. Michelle Dunphy and Rep. Rachel Talbot Ross, respectively. Rep. Ross was nominated to serve as Speaker of the House. Entering her fourth term in the Maine House most recently as House chair, Rep. Terry said, "I look forward to uniting the members of our caucus to fight for policies that will provide relief for Maine families and benefit every corner of our state." The entire House of Representatives will convene for a final vote on Rep. Ross' position, and for the swearing-in day on December 7. Watch for a more in-depth interview with Rep. Terry in the December 8 issue of the Gorham Times.

Be a Santa to a Senior

Krista Nadeau, Staff Writer

Gorham and surrounding communities are working together for the betterment of all with Home Instead's "Be a Santa to a Senior" program. The program, now in its eleventh year, served close to two hundred seniors the first year and it has grown steadily year after year.

"It takes the entire village to make this program successful," said Kathy Damon, Home Care Consultant at Home Instead, "and everyone involved works tirelessly until the last gift is delivered."

Host trees can be found at ten locations from Portland to Bridgton. Each tree has tags that provide the name and three gift requests of an older adult. Generous people from the public take a tag and shop for those gifts, then return the unwrapped gifts in a bag with the tag by Monday, December 5 to the same location where the tag was picked up. Tree locations include the following: DiMillo's On the Water, Portland; Sebago Brew Pub, Gorham; Sebago Brewery and Tasting Room, Gorham; The Blue Pig Diner, Gorham; Ocean Gardens Restaurant and Tavern, Gorham; Home Instead, Gorham; Blue Seal Feeds, Windham; Chute's Family Restaurant, Windham; The Black Horse Tavern, Bridgton; Bridgton Community Center, Bridgton.

Once all the gifts are ready for delivery the Gorham, Windham, and



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Westbrook police departments help deliver them to the residents of those towns. Several nursing homes and assisted living facilities will hold holiday gatherings where they will distribute gifts to their residents.

Last year, Home Instead's "Be a Santa to a Senior" program, together with countless kindhearted people and many generous local businesses, successfully brought the holiday spirit to the lives of 755 older adults living in Cumberland County.

For most, the holiday season brings feelings of joy and excitement but that may not be true for some, including older adults. "There are so many older Mainers who are isolated and lonely," said Bill Jenks, owner of Home Instead, "and the holiday season can be especially difficult for them. This program lets them know they are not forgotten; that someone cares about them."

Damon and Buffy Houpp, who has

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Early Gorham History—Indigenous People Ignored

John Ersek, Staff Writer

Two inscriptions can be seen on the 1936-era monument and adjacent historical plaques that are situated on the side lawn of Gorham's Baxter Memorial Library. The west side inscription reads, "Gorham is one of seven townships granted by Gen. Court [Massachusetts Colonial Legislature] in 1732, to the Narragansett Settlers. On a division of the property among the original grantees, this town was assigned to Capt. John Gorham and one hundred nineteen others, and was then called Narragansett, Number 7." The north side inscription is, "Capt. John Phinney commenced the first settlement in the town May 26, 1736. This event was celebrated May 26, 1836 and May 26, 1886."

Passers-by who stop by and read the inscriptions might well assume that 1732 and 1736 are the years when Gorham's history began.

Not mentioned is the fact that countless generations of people lived their lives and died here over several thousands of years prior to the arrival of the English colonists in 1736. These inscriptions also do not explain that the "Narragansett Townships" were awarded to former soldiers who fought in Massachusetts' war against the Narragansett Tribe of Rhode Island in the late 1600's, as well as to their descendants.

While the monument's words might imply that not much significant happened here before 1732, the Presumpscot valley, Saco valley, and Casco Bay areas were the site of increasingly violent conflicts between indigenous people and English settlers from the mid-1600's to the mid-1700s, mostly involving disputes about essential fishing, hunting, foraging, and agricultural access.

The human history of what we call the "Portland area" can be said to go back thousands of years. While we don't know all that was happening in this area 1000 years ago, there is quite a bit known about what was going on in south coastal Maine 400 years ago. Before and just after Europeans arrived here, Wabanaki indigenous people (rel-



Photo credit: John Ersek

atives of today's Penobscot, Maliseet, Passamaquoddy, and Mi'kmaq people) had created extensive settlements.

In those days, human habitations often centered on rivers, bays, and lakes. The Presumpscot River was an important thoroughfare for people who wished to travel back and forth between Sebago Lake and the coast. Numerous Wabanaki settlements were located along the Presumpscot near places where the fishing was particularly good. These places included present-day Mallison Falls, Little Falls, and Gambo Falls. Besides fishing, local indigenous people began growing corn, beans, squash, and pumpkins in the pre-colonial period with seeds that they received by trading with other native peoples who lived further south.

In a 2010 article by Cassandra M. Brooks of the University of Colorado at Boulder about Chief Polin, an 18th-Century Abenaki 'sagamore' (leader) of the Presumpscot Wabanaki, she wrote, "Polin's band moved with the seasonal cycles of a dynamic watershed from the mouth of Sobagw (the Atlantic Ocean) at Casco Bay (place of herons) to Wawôbadenik, the White Mountains. Connected by lines of kinship, trails, and tributaries to other bands in the Saco and Presumpscot River watersheds and beyond, their main villages were at the fisheries of Naquamqueak (Mallison Falls), Saccarappa (Westbrook), and Namascongan (Cumberland Falls, Westbrook)."

At a later point in her article regarding the 1730's-era settlers' dams blocking fish passage, Brooks states, "the Presumpscot band's protests are barely

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Giving More Than Thanks

Gorham Times Staff

In November, during Native American Peoples Month, many of us celebrate Thanksgiving Day as a day of gratitude. With a spirit of gratitude, let us be mindful and humbly lament the true legacy of

this land. In honor of that legacy, let us put our collective energy now into learning how we can better care for the environment and each other, in friendship, on this land of the Wabanaki people.

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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.

A New Legislative Session

Rep. Jim Boyle

As many of us gather together this week to enjoy good food and good company, I'm reminded of how much has changed over the past three years and how fortunate I am to be able to enjoy a meal, surrounded by my family. Personally, I have much to be grateful for this year, including the birth of a new grandchild, feeling comfortable traveling again and the good health of family and friends.

I'm also incredibly thankful to you, the voters of House District 109, for electing me as your State Representative for the upcoming 131st Legislature. Serving our community has been a deeply rewarding experience and I am honored to be able to continue.

If I have the pleasure of serving on the Environment and Natural Resources Committee again this session, I will continue to work on legislation to help further our state's climate goals by protecting our natural resources and embracing more green energy sources. Last session, much of our work focused on understanding and mitigating the negative impacts of PFAS chemicals on our health, the environment and local economies. As we continue to learn more, I will remain engaged and committed to doing everything we can to keep Mainers safe.

During the next two years, I'm also looking forward to helping many of you navigate your state government. Hearing from you is the best way for me to effectively represent your interests, concerns and hopes in Augusta. Whether it's working with folks to access needed resources or collaborating with community members to understand and implement policies and programs adopted on the state level, acting as a resource for you is a critical part of my job.

One policy that I hope to help our community navigate in the coming months stems from a bill that my colleagues and I passed last session. LD 2003 seeks to address our state's housing crisis by helping make small, affordable homes more available in Maine, expanding housing options. As a result of this bill, individuals who live in areas zoned for single-family use can turn those homes into two units, including by adding an accessory dwelling unit or an in-law apartment.

Increasing the housing stock will make a big difference for young Mainers looking to buy their first homes and older Mainers hoping to downsize. In addition, this bill returns control of housing development to those it will most directly impact: you! It honors local rules and regulations while providing an opportunity for homeowners to make use of their extra land, garage or newly vacant space as young people grow up and move out of the house.

This policy is extremely promising in terms of making a difference for the state-wide housing shortage, but I recognize that different towns have different perspectives on its value and usefulness. Here in HD 109, we have seen an influx of new residents as housing prices in metropolitan areas like

Portland continue to rise, pushing folks out. As your representative, I hope to work with local residents and planners to find solutions to this difficult reality, including by acting as a liaison between our community and the state. In particular, the Department of Economic and Community Development, tasked with administering pieces of this law, will soon have final guidance and grant applications available for communities who are interested in securing financial and technical assistance. I intend to be a resource for Gorham residents as we continue to navigate these population shifts and the new housing needs associated with them.

As always, if you have questions, concerns or ideas about these topics or any others, please reach out to me. This year, one of the things I am most thankful is that I have the opportunity to again represent our district. Thank you for choosing me to be your voice in Augusta.



Rep. Jim Boyle, D-Gorham, is serving his first term in the Maine House of Representatives and previously served two years in the Maine State Senate. He is a member of the Environment and Natural Resources Committee. Contact him at James.Boyle@legislature.maine.gov.

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GORHAM VOTERS

Thank you for your vote for me on my write-in candidacy for the Portland Water District Trustee.

- Dan Willett

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Applications for the L.D. 290 Property Tax Stabilization Program for Senior Citizens are due December 1, 2022. Under the program, the state allows eligible senior citizens to stabilize or freeze their property taxes on their homestead at the amount they were billed. To be eligible, an individual must meet all of the criteria listed below as of April 1 of the property tax year for which they are requesting stabilization. For applications due December 1, 2022, qualifications must be met as of April 1, 2023.

1. Be at least 65 years old;
2. Be a permanent resident of Maine;
3. Have owned a Maine homestead for at least 10 years, and
4. Be eligible for a homestead on the property they are placing in the Program.

For definitions and additional eligibility criteria, please visit https://www.maine.gov/revenue/sites/maine.gov.revenue/files/inline-files/stabilization_guide_applicant.pdf. To apply, please visit https://www.maine.gov/revenue/sites/maine.gov.revenue/files/inline-files/stabilization_app.pdf. Applications can also be obtained from the Gorham Assessing Office during regular business hours of 8:30am through 4:30pm. Completed applications can be hand-delivered or mailed to:

Town of Gorham
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Attention: Assessing Office

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Health Markets Insurance Agency Opens in Gorham

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Health Markets Insurance Agency, Gorham's newest business, specializes in health insurance, Medicare, life insurance, and small group insurance benefits, offering no-cost assistance, and works with all the major insurance carriers in the state of Maine. Business owner, Aaron Manning, has been helping his clients with their insurance needs for the past four years.

Excited to be a part of the Gorham community, Manning said, "Finding the right health insurance and Medicare coverage is not fun and not easy. We are grateful to be a resource to our community and provide this essential service. We want to take the stress out of health insurance so folks know they have the right coverage when they need it the most."



Courtesy of Health Markets Insurance Agency

Economic Development Director Kevin Jensen, along with other members of the Gorham Economic Development Corporation marked the opening of the new insurance agency with a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony in their new Gorham Village Mall office.

Manning, his wife, and four children have lived in Gorham for seven and a

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Meet Lea Sutton, North Gorham's New Librarian

Kathy Corbett, Staff Writer

"The more we know the easier it is to accept each other, in my experience," said Lea Sutton, the new director of North Gorham Public Library. Sutton brings years of experience and love of learning to the library that has served northeast Gorham and eastern Standish for 125 years. She was director of the Davis Memorial Library in Limington for ten years and still worked there part-time before coming to Gorham in October.

Sutton was born in Stanford, Connecticut to Quaker parents who met at Earlham College. The daughter of teachers, she lived in Indiana and Iowa before earning her BA in history at Earlham. She graduated from the Cincinnati University College of Law, where in 1976 she was one of the first women students. Sutton moved to Westbrook with her former husband before settling in Standish in 1983.

Sutton did not practice law in Maine but was the head librarian for the Cleves Law Library in Portland from 1982 to 1987. She was the head preschool teacher at the Friends School of Portland, helping to start the private elementary Quaker School while creating the preschool curriculum. She has two adult daughters who live in Waterboro and Eliot, Maine.

"Of course, books and reading are a huge part of my life," Sutton said. "I love what old things tell us: old stories, old people, old trees, old buildings, even old cars and old movies." A com-



Photo credit: Courtesy of North Gorham Library

mitted "tree hugger," she loves to hike and observe her garden. This year she experimented with "no mow summer," and found out what wanted to grow in her yard. "I learned to really appreciate the tolerance of my neighbors for the resulting landscape," she said.

Sutton admitted that her ideal day would be spent outside with children finding answers to all their curious questions, and hers. But patrons are sure to find her eager to help them at the library on Wednesday evenings and Saturday mornings, as well as at other library events. The North Gorham Library is also open on Monday and Thursday afternoons staffed by volunteers, and on Wednesday mornings for story time with Abby McGuire, the children's librarian.

Mike and Mamie Martin, 390 Main Street

Patrick O'Shea, Staff Writer



Photo credit: Patrick O'Shea

Mike Martin and Mamie (Dugas) Martin both grew up in Gorham. Mike, on a farm in West Gorham, the second youngest of nine kids, and Mamie nearby Robie Park, the fourth of six kids. Mike remembers his family's nineteen-acre farm with horses and cows, while Mamie remembers playing at Robie Park. She remembers the counselors that kept them busy all day, except when it rained. The kids played outdoors all day, making plaster of Paris figurines, knotting gimp into keychains or neck-

laces, playing ball, or spending the day at Sebago Lake. They both remember the little league games at Robie park. It seemed to them at the time the whole town was there to watch the kids play. Mike remembered the winning team got free ice cream at Graffams on Main Street. Little did they know then that they would someday have a restaurant in that very same building.

Growing up in Gorham they went through first communion together and

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Maine Micro Artisans to Host Monthly Artisan Market in 2023

Krista Nadeau, Staff Writer

It was a windy but warm day on November 5. The streets of Gorham were especially busy that Saturday. With more than 90 talented, local artisans represented in her shop, Mary Plummer Lerley, owner of Maine Micro Artisans hosted the first Artisan Market at Robie Gym. Artisans set their tables up inside the gym and outside showcasing their talent. The turnout was overwhelming.

"What a day! Thank you so much to everyone who came out to support these talented folks. It was great to see so many familiar faces," read a post from Maine Micro Artisans Facebook page.

In response to the turnout of this event, Maine Micro Artisans will host an Artisan Market every third Saturday of the month beginning in January 2023. During the colder and wetter months,



Photo credit: Krista Nadeau

the market will be held inside but as the days turn warmer artisans will be inside and outside Robie Gym.

The holiday season is upon us, and shopping local is a great way to support our local businesses. New store hours are: Monday: Closed; Tuesday: 10-6; Wednesday: 10-6; Thursday: 10-6; Friday: 10-8; Saturday: 10-8; Sunday: 10-6.

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Celebrate Thanksgiving... Live It Every Day

Delvina Miremadi-Baldino, Contributing Writer

When you think about the Thanksgiving holiday, maybe turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, green bean casserole, cranberry sauce, pie, family gathered around the dinner table, and football, come to mind.

But where is the “thanks” in our celebration day? Where is the “giving”? And, more importantly, even if we add “giving thanks,” why is it just for one day? We all engage in this day of Thanks and then go on living our life until the next November when we are reminded again to be thankful for our friends, family, and all of our blessings.

Instead, let’s use this holiday to not just celebrate Thanksgiving, but as a moment to reset our intentions, our priorities, and our mindset to start LIVING with more THANKS each and every day. We can do this by building a practice of gratitude based on the science of positive psychology.

Practicing gratitude on a regular basis is good for us in a number of ways. It can benefit your physical and mental health and happiness, strengthen your ability to cope with setbacks, and enrich your relationships with others.

Positive emotions wear off quickly—like our initial excitement about a new car or a new relationship. According to research, gratitude magnifies positive emotions by helping us appreciate the value of something by not taking it for granted. In addition, gratitude blocks toxic, negative emotions which play a large role in depressive symptoms and can make anxiety more debilitating. Evidence supports that gratitude can reduce the frequency and duration of episodes of depression.

Practicing gratitude is a simple action, requiring only minutes of your day, but can significantly improve your psychological and physical health in positive ways. The tips below can help you build a gratitude practice that makes sense for your lifestyle. Practice daily to gain deeper satisfaction with your life, more fulfilling social engagement, improved sleep, optimistic thinking, increased happiness, decreased depressive symptoms, as well as boosts to your immune system and decreased blood pressure.

Tip #1 Create a gratitude playlist and listen to it once a day.

Tip #2 Make plans with a friend to text one gratitude statement to each other each day.

Tip #3 Agree to engage in random acts of kindness at least twice a week.

Tip #4 Keep a gratitude journal and list five things each day for which you are grateful or thankful.

Tip #5 Share three things you were grateful for that day before dinner every night.

Tip #6 Think about one of your happiest days and replay it in your mind as detailed as possible.

Tip #7 Engage in a day of savoring. Snap 10 pictures throughout your day that you are grateful for... your cup of coffee in the morning, your baby laughing, anything that you stopped to savor. At the end of the day, look back on the 10 moments of your day.

Tip #8 Create a gratitude jar. Write down one thing you were grateful for each day or week. At the end of the month or year, sit down and savor all the blessings in your life.

Tip #9 Say thank you at least 10 times a day.

Tip #10 Write a gratitude letter to someone who has played an important role in your life, then read it to them.

Bonus Tip for Parents. Get the kids involved by helping them create a gratitude chart using a sheet of paper or a readymade calendar and a variety of stickers. Hang the calendar on the wall in their bedroom and each night talk about what they were grateful for that day. Let your child choose a sticker to represent their gratitude. At the end of the month, spend some time looking back and talking with your child about all the little blessings that fill up their life.



Dr. Miremadi-Baldino has dedicated her education, research, and career to helping individuals, schools and organizations foster resilience and lead more positive purposeful lives.

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GHS Senior Overcomes Battle with Type 1 Diabetes

Chris Crawford, Staff Writer



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GHS Senior, Bode Coleman signed his NCAA commitment letter to play Division 2 lacrosse at Southern New Hampshire University in 2023, on November 17. Pictured here is the Bode family, (L-R) Mom, Stacey Coleman; Bode Coleman; Dad, Jesse; and sister, Zoe Coleman

Signing Day for GHS senior athletes is always a big deal, the culmination of years of long practices, sacrifice and determination. With his parents Jesse and Stacy proudly watching, Bode Colman recently signed his NCAA D2 agreement, committing to play lacrosse for Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) where he will study Computer Science. This is a huge accomplishment for any athlete, but it means so much more for Bode and his family.

November is Diabetes Awareness month, and for Bode, who was diagnosed with the autoimmune disease at age 6, the timing of his signing is symbolic.

“He has overcome more than most may realize, to make this dream of playing D2 lacrosse a reality,” said his mom, Stacy. Type 1 diabetes (T1D) is an incurable, lifelong disease that makes daily life very difficult. Type 1 diabetes affects about 1 in 400 children, adolescents,

and young adults under 20 years of age.

Stacy explained that most T1D children do not participate in sports past middle school because it is so challenging to manage the disease through growth spurts, teenage hormones, and the daily habits that must be followed to remain healthy, and strong, and capable of playing at peak performance.

From a very young age, Bode said that he wanted their family to help other diabetic kids to be healthy. Stacy said, “Since that moment, our family has made it our mission to do just that.” The family owns Cross-Fit-24 Fitness studio in Gorham, where they help people of all ages reach their personal health goals.

Since age 6, Bode has been working daily towards his dream of becoming a high-level athlete. He has trained hard and has had to consistently manage his nutrition and glucose levels daily, year

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Meet Chris Sanborn, Gorham's Chief of Police

Sheri Faber, Staff Writer

Chief Sanborn has worked for the Town of Gorham since 1989, rising through the ranks from patrol officer to becoming chief of police in 2019. He had been the interim chief of police on five separate occasions before being appointed to the position permanently.

Sanborn holds an associate degree in law enforcement technology from Southern Maine Community College and an executive certificate from the Maine Criminal Justice Academy and is a certified ALICE instructor. ALICE is an active shooter response training program. Chief Sanborn also became a certified field training officer in 1992 and established Gorham's first field training program later that year.

The chief is responsible for the protection of lives and property in Gorham through the efficient operation of the Department through the control of activities, the determination of departmental policies and procedures, the implementation of programs as well as the training, assignment, and supervision of all members of the Police Department. He ensures that order is maintained by enforcing the laws and Town ordinances as well as taking action to prevent crime.

The chief investigates what steps are necessary to notify police operations to meet changing conditions, addresses internal affairs investigations when needed, and determines the consequences which can include termination. He participates in the hiring and promotional process and directs police training activities. The Gorham Police Department works with Federal, State and other local law enforcement agencies to apprehend and detain wanted persons.

As told by Chief Sanborn, "I was initially exposed to the law enforcement profession as a young person. Law enforcement has been a long-standing



Courtesy of the Gorham Police Department

tradition in my family. It began with my great-grandfather working as a special police officer for the city of Portland in the early to mid 1900's. It continued with five of my uncles joining the profession as young adults across the Country and passing the tradition along to me."

After spending one year as a reserve police officer in Westbrook, Sanborn was hired in Gorham. In 2005, he was promoted to lieutenant serving as the Police Department's second in command. He became the District 11 regional training coordinator in 2016 and established a Regional Post Traumatic Stress Management Team. Sanborn has completed over 3400 hours of professional law enforcement training.

About his career, he said, "Law enforcement or public safety has definitely become my calling as my chosen profession. It is a very worthwhile and fulfilling career. I have had the good fortune of meeting many incredible people over the years and it is very rewarding to have the opportunity to help people in their time of need. It is truly my honor to lead the Gorham Police Department into the future as the Chief of Police."

Clerks Corner

Laurie Nordfors, Town Clerk

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the many election workers, Clerk's Office Staff, Public Works and Gorham PD for all your help during the past election. We all worked together to ensure that the election was safe and successful. I would also like to thank GHOP for their generous donation of pizza to all the Election Workers. You made their day a little brighter.

As the holidays approach, we start thinking about families that need a little extra help to get through the seasons. The Town of Gorham offers help to families in need during the holidays.

You may apply at the Town Clerk's Office or call, and we will mail you an application.

If you are a business or individual that would like to help, you can do so by sponsoring a family for Christmas. This is a great way for a community group, organization, or a whole family to get involved. Call the Town Clerk's Office at 222-1670 before the holidays and ask to sponsor a family. You will be given a "wish list" from a family along with the children's ages and clothing sizes.

Along with the need for Holiday

assistance, low-income families, and the Elderly struggle to heat their homes each winter. The Town of Gorham has responded by creating the "Gorham Heating Assistance Fund". This fund will be supported by donations from Gorham citizens and local businesses and 100% of the funds received will go directly to people we assist with heating fuel.

With many households facing increasing financial pressure during the pandemic, we are now assisting more families who never expected to be in a position of needing to ask for help. We ask that you consider contributing to this fund to support our efforts to keep Gorham residents warm and safe this winter. By donating, you are truly making a difference in the life of a family in your community.

On behalf of all of those who will be benefiting from these funds, I thank you greatly for your consideration. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 222-16710 or lnordfors@gorham.me.us

We all could use a little help now and then and these are ways our Gorham residents can PAY IT FORWARD!

Gorham Voters Turn Out

Kathy Corbett, Staff Writer

About the same number of Gorham voters went to the polls this November as did in the last mid-term election, but many more voted absentee than had in 2018. A total of 9,350 residents voted this year as compared to 8,853 in 2018. However, 3,973 voted absentee, either mailing their ballots, voting at the Municipal Building, or putting them in the drop-box.

According to Town Clerk Laurie Nordfors, 60.3% of Gorham's registered voters cast ballots. "We sent out about 1,000 more requested absentee ballots this year," she said, "and only 133 were not returned." Nordfors thanked the workers who spent long hours processing those

ballots at the Municipal Building, as well as Public Works, the election workers at three polling places, and Gorham House of Pizza who donated dinner for the workers.

There were no incidents or major disruptions at the polls. Even though the number of voters this year was about the same as in 2018, lines to cast ballots were often longer. Each voter had to put two ballots in the local machine and one in the machine for state ballots. "Our lines resembled Disney on its busiest day," said Marty Towle, warden for Ward 2. "Men at the ballot boxes mostly stood the whole day, but there were

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Collins' Pushes Funds for Mainers this Winter

Aislyn McLean, GHS Student Intern

Oil prices across the nation are challenging citizens, especially those in Maine, this winter. The average cost for heating oil per gallon currently sits at \$5.42, which is a considerable increase compared to past years. Fortunately, the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) has awarded the State of Maine \$42.5 million to help those in need.

The money was granted through the Department of Health and Human

Services (HHS) following a bipartisan push in Washington. This proposal was led by the U.S. Senators Susan Collins and Jack Reed. LIHEAP provides funding for low-income households to ensure that residents can pay their energy bills, which is particularly important for Mainers during the cold winter months. For the past year, Collins and Reed have worked analogously with other senior members of the Appropriations

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CHRISTMAS AT CRESSEY ROAD CHURCH

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CLUE At GHS

Michael Lortie, School News Editor



Photo credit: Esther Booth

The cast and crew of CLUE celebrate their successful performances. Pictured, Front Row: Lauren Pierce, Zachary Waters, Paige Fowler, Sofia Andrade, Libbie Merrill, Kaci Mollison. Back Row: Abby Fiore, Amelia Olaru, Aera Hyson, Nick Tinkham, Lila Soleki, Cecilia Delosso, Emily Lemont, Emma Smith, Alauna Worden, Ally Gossen, Autumn Booth, Sadie Fiore

An attentive and appreciative crowd welcomed the return of live, maskless theater to Gorham High School with the fall play, "CLUE." No one left the McCormack Auditorium disappointed by the spirited and lively performance.

As director, Josie Tierney-Fife, welcomed the audience, she stated, "Clue is set in 1955, ten years after the war and at the height of the Red Scare and McCarthyism. American citizens were being accused of being communists and traitors. "Clue" is a comedy that makes fun of the very serious topics of political division and murder."

The show was double cast to extend the number of students who could participate. In Saturday night's presentation, Aera Hyson performed the pivotal role of Wadsworth; in other performances, Nick Tinkham played the role. Hyson's comedic timing and acting were flawless, and one of the highlights of the show was her recap of all the action of the show up to the dramatic conclusion, through physical humor and imitations of the other actors.

The entire cast was skilled and well-rehearsed. The CLUE "game characters" of Colonel Mustard (Zackary Waters), Miss Scarlett (Lauren Pierce), Professor Plum (Libbie Merrill), Mrs. Peacock (Sofia Andrade), Mrs. White (Kaci Mollison) and Mr. Green (Paige Fowler) all delivered solid performances. In alternate shows, the roles of Miss Scarlett, Mrs. White and Mr. Green were played by Emma Smith, Ally Gossen and Cecelia Delosso, respectively.

The supporting cast of Lila Soleki, Abby Fiore, Autumn Booth, Alauna Worden, Nick Tinkham, Emma Smith, Ally Gossen and Cecelia Delosso all provided strong performances. Each of these supporting characters entered the story and then quickly became murder victims in the ongoing mystery, with the perpetrator using the familiar game weapons including a lead pipe, a dagger and a rope.

The set design by Ms. Tierney-Fife and construction by Peter Tierney-Fife and volunteer Ben Scott provided a well-structured and simplified maze of eight rooms for the cast to visit and travel through with relative ease.

Ms. Tierney-Fife had this to say about her cast, "This was such an incredibly hard working, creative, and fun group to work with! They put so many hours into everything from developing their characters and learning lines to painting the set. It was so rewarding to see their growth as theater artists and to watch this show come to life because of their hard work!"

GHS continues to provide opportunities for the talented students and a venue for audiences to see quality theater performances. Many students were in attendance and appeared to fully enjoy the show. In February, GHS will present the musical, "Mary Poppins," as well as a one act play to compete in the state-wide drama festival. Don't miss the opportunity to see these productions.

GHS Senior Overcomes Battle with T1D CONTINUED FROM PAGE 4

after year, through winters and lockdowns, vacations, unruly A1C results, frustrating insulin pumps, and incessant needles. No matter the obstacle, he never quit.

Stacy added, "Our son is living proof that there is no overnight success. It takes daily habits and years of commitment to accomplish big things. Bode is a great role model for any kid who has a dream that seems too big to fathom. It

Mom to Mom- There is HOPE. HOPE for every T1D child to achieve their dreams. HOPE for any person to accomplish their goals with time, consistency, and grit. And HOPE for a cure to T1D.

can be done." Like Bode's favorite song, "I'm Still Standing," by Elton John, not only is he still standing, but he is also thriving and his parents could not be more proud.

GHS National Society Inducts New Members



Photo credit: Lillian Miner, GHS Student

The full membership of the GHS National Honor Society after the induction ceremony on November 16, 2022. NHS Officers: President-Klarha Cajuste, Vice President-Grace Johnson, Secretary-Qasim Rabbani, Treasurer-Rachel Cummings. New Inductees: Lillian Andreassen, William Armstrong, Dylan Bauer, Nathan Bergquist-Guimond, Chloe Blanchard, Elsie Bradshaw, Luke Burns, Christian Butler, Camryn Caruso, Ethan Castonguay, Andria Cloutier, Dakoda Coyne, Jasper Crane, Rita Cummings, Thomas Curtis, Jack Decrow, Grace Desmond, Sophia DiPhilippo, Maeve Donnelly, Giselle Doucette, Ella Downing, Brooke Farquhar, Abigail Fecteau, Lydia Fluet, Kylie Foley, Aiden Fortier, Summer Gammon, Addison Harjula, Natalie Haskell, Emerson Homa, Jude Huckaby, Jesse James, Noah Kennedy, Ashton Leclerc, Aidan Lee, Meryk Lewellen, Kevin Luo, Aedan MacDougall, Sofia Mankin, Aislyn McLean, Gabriel Michaud, Lillian Miner, Jacob Mora, Amy Morin, Caroline Morrell, Jackson Morrell, Arianna Morse, Joyeuse Ntungane, Erica Nygren, Haden Pelletier, Paige Perreault, Dylan Phillips, Alicia Poschke, Sarah Rathbun, Lily Rubin, Caden Smith, Emma Smith, Kyleigh Staples, Jonathan Stein, Eleanor Szostalo, Julia Wareham, Makenna Wheeler, Peter Wu, Anna Yahwak.

Schools Give Thanks

Gorham Times Staff

During the past week, we reached out to many members of the Gorham School community and asked them the question: What are you thankful for? These are some of the responses that we received.

Heather Perry, Superintendent of Schools, is thankful for our incredible, strong, vibrant and supportive community.

Kindergartener Rhys is thankful his teacher is kind and teaches him about fun things.

Second-grader Cade is thankful for his teacher because she just makes him smarter. And that is all he has to say.

Becky Fortier, Principal, Great Falls School: is grateful for the staff and students at Great Falls Elementary School. The staff are incredibly kind, go above and beyond, and keep their focus on our students at all times. Our students are joyful and courageous and bring happiness to so many. Much to be thankful for.

Kindergartener Thomas is thankful his teacher teaches him math and now he loves math.

First-grader Kellen is thankful his teacher helps him when the work gets hard.

Rhonda Perkins, Secretary Great Falls School, is thankful for her family, her friends, and her faith.

Sue Smith, Alternative Education, Great Falls School is thankful for her family and friends.

Second-grader Madelyn is thankful her teachers can help when she's struggling.

Erin Eppler, Narragansett principal, is thankful for all the students, staff, and families that work together to make Narragansett a safe and happy place where learning and connections are made every day.

Third-grader Emily is thankful because her teacher just knows when she's having a hard time in math and comes over right away to help.

Fran Alves, first-grade Teacher at Great Falls, is thankful for her family, friends, class of first-graders, and her community.

Julie Murray, Great Falls Secretary, is thankful to be surrounded by family and friends each day.

Fourth grader Kiptyn is thankful his teacher knows when he needs a break before he does and always comes over and asks if he needs one.

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Day of Welcome At Great Falls School

Deanna Etienne, Assistant Principal, Great Falls School

The Great Falls Elementary School Civil Rights Team has been hard at work already this fall. The Civil Rights Team is a school-based project supported by the Maine Department of Education that engages our school community, through education and awareness efforts, in thinking and talking about the six protected categories under the Maine Civil Rights Act (race/color, national origin and ancestry, religion, disabilities, gender, and sexual orientation).

At Great Falls, the team is made up of forty fourth- and fifth-graders. The students meet as a team two times each month, with the primary purpose to ensure the school culture and climate is one that will actively prevent bias-based behaviors in our school community and the larger community of Gorham.

On Friday, November 4, schools all across the state, including Great Falls, celebrated the Day of Welcome. The Day of Welcome is a celebration of inclusion, kindness, and togetherness, all things our students demonstrate each day at Great Falls. The Civil Rights Team is committed to spreading the very important message that ALL ARE WELCOME.



Photo credit: Deanna Etienne

Last week a group of students from the Civil Rights team presented on the Day of Welcome to the Gorham School Committee. The members who presented were (from left to right) Amelia Palme, Grace Schucker, Deklyn Rollins, Graham Hebert, Silas Flemming, Quinn Cuneo

During the remainder of the school year, the Great Falls Civil Rights Team will cover many important topics. From November through January we will focus on disability awareness, inclusion, and celebrations of lights around the world. From February on, we will dive into Black History Month, Women's History Month, gender stereotypes, and other religious holidays and traditions.

School Committee Report

Kathy Corbet, Staff Writer

Newly elected members of the School Committee (SC), Stewart McCallister and Jennifer Whitehead, were welcomed at the November 9 meeting. The committee elected Darryl Wright chair and Sarah Perkins vice-chair. New committee assignments are listed on the Gorham School Department website. All members thanked voters for passing the referendum question that will fund the HVAC project at the high school and complete the Narragansett modular expansion.

Superintendent Heather Perry said that \$44,000 in state moneys have been allocated to help districts provide services for multi-language learners and services such as transportation for the homeless student population. She announced that the state funding formula was changed after COVID-19, but that the 55% state subsidy will be maintained. Although the district hired fifteen new substitutes, they still need more. She encouraged people to apply

on the district website. They are still using contracted bus drivers and so need more, but seven are currently in training. She also encouraged parents to fill out school lunch forms. Even though the free lunch for everyone program continues, it is important to have the information for funding.

Chairman Darryl Wright addressed misinformation about the use of nicknames in the schools. Wright called it "an important issue that we as a school system care deeply about," hoping to have addressed it with the entire school community at the meeting. "We honor the legally protected rights of our students and staff, as defined by the human rights act, state agency guidance, and Maine's Supreme Court." He continued, "This means that we respect the designated pronouns that correspond with individuals' sincere gender identities. This is not a nickname system, as has been suggested, but rather we are hon-

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Dance Students Represent Entire Community

Katie Brown, Sports Editor

The Dance Studio of Maine has many offerings and a thriving program including a highly successful travel team program. Trish Moulton, owner of DSOM bought the studio at age 24 when she moved from Long Island, New York to Maine. She has been educating dancers for over 20 years and thrives on seeing all dancers succeed. She has worked closely with parents of her students and has close ties with many in the dance community, including, the Sea Dogs and Lady Red Claws teams.

Moulton shares, "I have a staff of amazing instructors, whom I taught. Seeing them thrive and do what they love as an artist, is definitely gratifying. Hiring back into the community creates a strong family atmosphere. I let the instructors do what they want; we have mutual respect, being in this together for such a long time. The DSOM schedule is aligned during the school calendar year from September through May with a "themed" recital in June at varied locations throughout Southern Maine.

The Program Overview includes the "littles" ages four and five with one class per week with one or two recitals. Elite kids begin at age nine and compete through age eighteen.

The Company Dance program (the travel team) consists of 60-plus students and competes nationally. The travel team starts competing in December. This includes practice training and education classes in Boston multiple weekends and in addition competing eight times. The schedule is intense. Saturday's schedule consists of education classes starting at 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. with a lunch and dinner break and then it is straight through until 10 p.m. competing. Students wake up for the 8 a.m. class on Sunday.



Courtesy of Dance Studio of Maine

MaKenna Wheeler and Ava Spitzinger during competition in Boston

Moulton shares, "the travel schedule teaches kids a strong work ethic while gaining confidence. They are meeting kids from all over the country, including, New York, Connecticut, and Miami.

There is a lot of "output" happening during training and memorizing routines. There is a strong emphasis on the importance of nutrition and properly fueling the body."

With these larger platforms, students "up their game" in performances significantly. Moulton emphasizes, "for example, we have students who have "beat out" 500 other dancers to take home national titles, multiple times. This shows the hard work and the number of hours that are put into training. It's a big commitment, but they love competing."

GHS Juniors MaKenna Wheeler and Ava Spitzinger, members of DSOM, have been competing at this level for a long time, with humble attitudes. Wheeler is still dancing and is looking forward to the Revel competition in Boston this year. She spends anywhere from 7-10 hours a week at the studio. Spitzinger is taking this season off for

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Health Markets Insurance Agency Opens in Gorham

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half years and are actively involved in the community. He is a pastor at the Fort Hill Community Church, which meets at Spire 29. He is joined at the office by fellow agent Alexander Thuotte, a lifelong Gorham resident.

Open enrollment for both Medicare and health insurance is underway through the end of this year. Located between Goodwill and Burger King at 102 Main Street, Suite 2 in Gorham, Health Markets is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. The office can be reached at (207) 222-2022.

Gorham Voters Turn Out

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very few complaints about the hour wait to cast ballots," she added. Ward 1-2 voters at the Great Falls Elementary School did not have to wait that long, but the twisting line to cast votes in the crowded room often looked like a conga line without the music.

Registrars everywhere were kept busy all day too. There were 563 new registrations or changes of address to process. "My election workers and I did our best to assist voters as quickly and efficiently as we could," Ward 1-1 Warden Susan Emerson reported, "and we appreciated everyone's patience."

Because the wait to cast ballots resulted in long lines at all the polling places, Nordfors said she plans to have more machines to receive ballots in 2024. Although more and more voters are casting absentee ballots, there always will be people who want to vote with their neighbors on Election Day.

Mike and Mamie Martin, 390 Main Street

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graduated from Gorham High School together. They lead their busy lives and did not see each other for the next 25 years. Mike was in the food industry and Mamie spent time working for lawyers as a legal secretary in Gorham, Honolulu, North Carolina, and Portland. They met again at their 25th high school reunion and have been together ever since.

They have three children. Jessica Bryson lives outside of Boston and is a controller for Jumpstart, a national non-profit. Philip Bryson lives in Yarmouth with his wife and two daughters and works for KES Machine as a field service engineer. Michael Martin lives in New Hampshire with his wife, two sons, and one daughter. He works in the Admissions Office at UNE.

Mike and Mamie are the owners of Ocean Gardens Restaurant which happens to be located in the former Graffams Restaurant building where they would get free ice cream after winning little league games. They have renamed the restaurant 390 Main Street to let people know they are more than a seafood restaurant. Ocean Gardens was known for its seafood under the previ-

ous owner. They still have fresh seafood, haddock, lobster, and scallops, that are never frozen as Mike was quick to point out, but they sell more beef, prime rib, and rib eye.

"If you want to have good food you come here. We have a family menu that includes, burgers, wings, honey-baked haddock, lamb chops, pasta dishes, and more. We also have a tavern section with the least expensive and coldest beer in town," Mike said. Mike and Mamie are hands-on owners and have a staff that has been with them for a while. If you want to support a local business give 390 Main Street a try.

Mike and Mamie enjoy what they do and have a local following that enjoys the restaurant and food. They wanted to make sure the community knew how much they appreciated their support during COVID-19. They said they would not have survived without curbside take-out during COVID.

They also said they learned a lesson during COVID, "You can do less and still be happy." Before COVID they were open seven days a week, they are now closed on Monday and Tuesday.

Early Gorham History- Indigenous People Ignored

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remembered. They are almost entirely absent from New England history and from contemporary conversations about the environment. Traveling through the towns of Portland, Falmouth, Westbrook, Windham, and Gorham today, you will see few signs of their indigenous history. Most mappings of the Wabanaki homeland do not even include a group on the Presumpscot."

Ms. Brooks' article also quotes an early 1600's account by visiting French Jesuit priest Pierre Biard, who remarked, "In the middle of March, fish begin to spawn, and to come up from the sea into certain streams, often so abundantly that everything swarms with them. Anyone who has not seen it could scarcely believe it. You cannot put your hand into the water, without encountering them."

Santa to a Senior

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been volunteering with the program since day one, work closely together to organize the program. "It begins with people in our community taking a tag and fulfilling that wish list. This program is about giving to others, and it fills my heart," said Houpp.

Bill Monarch, co-founder of Sebago Brewing, has been involved with the program since its inception. "No one should feel forgotten during the holidays. There is a need out there, so partnering with Home Instead was an easy decision," said Monarch. Tim and Sonia Devine, owners of Ossipee Trail Motors echoed the same sentiment. "We believe in giving back to the community," said Tim Devine.

"Our residents are so surprised and excited when we deliver their gifts," said Christie Gaydos, Director of Resident Services for Portland Housing Authority. It is said that giving is just as good for the giver as it is for the receiver.

"Local Girl Scout troops are making ornaments as a thank you to everyone who takes a tag and shops for an older adult," said Pam Irish, program coordinator for the Girl Scouts of Maine.

"We make ornaments so people can put them on their tree," said eight-year-old Brooke Lafferty, a Brownie with troop 1201. "It makes me happy because we help a lot of people in our community," added troopmate Madeline Musser, who is also eight.

Remember, gifts must be dropped off by December 5 to the business where the tag was picked up or to Home Instead located at 502 Main Street in Gorham. If the tags are all gone from a tree when you arrive and you still want to help, call the folks at Home Instead to learn what's left for you to do.

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- *Place a Holiday Tree outside of your business or home and decorate it for the season by **November 27th at 4pm**. It can be traditional or themed.
- *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.

LOOKING FORWARD TO A FESTIVE GORHAM!
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COMMUNITY

ACADEMIC NEWS

Caitlin McCutcheon of Gorham has been inducted into the Alpha Sigma Nu Honor Society at College of the Holy Cross, the Jesuit honor society founded in 1915. Exemplifying the society's values of excellence in scholarship, loyalty, and service, this is one of the highest honors that can be given on a Jesuit campus.

OF INTEREST

The Little Falls-South Windham Villages Master Plan Public Meeting #2 will be held on Tuesday, November 29 from 6 – 7:30 p.m. Join the online event on Zoom: <https://bit.ly/villagesmeeting2>. An in-person livestream viewing will be available at the South Windham Fire Station, 33 Main Street in Windham.

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 <https://www.gorhamfoodpantry.org> or message us on Facebook at Gorham Food Pantry Friends.

The Gorham Medical Closet located at the Municipal Center 75 South St is free and available to Gorham residents in need of wheelchairs, shower seats, commodes, walkers, canes, crutches and more. Hours are by appointment with a volunteer. Call Gerry Day at (207) 839-3859 and she will connect you with a volunteer.

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: (207) 222-1670.

Ecomaine opens call for 2023 eco-Excellence Award nominations. Nominees can be businesses, schools, nonprofits, municipalities or staff, or individuals and will be selected based on the effectiveness, increased awareness, community impact, and ease of replication of their sustainability programs or initiatives. Preference will be given to nominees in the areas of sustainable waste management, recycling, composting, etc. Nominees may live in any one of ecomaine's communities (like Gorham). Nominations are accepted through January 31, 2023 and will be awarded on February 9, 2023. Find the nomination form at <https://www.ecomaine.org/tours-and-educational-outreach/eco-excellence-awards/>

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. 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, (207) 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.

CHRISTMAS FAIRS AND MORE

Gorham Lions' Christmas Tree Sale for GHS Scholarships starts on Friday, November 25 at Plummer's Hardware and will be open on Friday, Saturdays, and Sundays until all the trees are sold.

White Rock Friendship Club will host their 38th Annual Tree Lighting at the White Rock Community Clubhouse on Saturday, November 27 at 4:30 p.m. Listen to the reading of the Christmas story and sing Christmas carols while sipping hot cocoa around the Christmas tree. Santa will arrive on a White Rock Fire Station fire truck.

Support Gorham Ice Hockey when you buy your holiday wreath, Saturday and Sunday, November 26 and 27, and December 3 and 4 (while supplies last). 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Robie Gym lawn on the corner of South and Prebble Streets.

First Parish Church Christmas Fair on Saturday, December 3 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.

SENIOR NOTES


The Lecky Brown Senior Center at First Parish Church is reopening after the COVID-19 hiatus. Gather for Cribbage on Mondays at 10 a.m., the Originals speaker/presentation on Wednesday at 10 a.m. Crooners, Joshua Chamberlain, among others upcoming before the holidays, and ARTrageous Seniors on Fridays. Stay tuned for more upcoming events and activities. Contact Lisa Becker at Leckybrowncenter@gmail.com for more information.


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 (207) 222-1635.

LIBRARY NEWS


North Gorham Public Library has a weekly story time with songs and crafts that is open to children and their caregivers at 10 a.m. every Wednesday. The library is open on Mondays from 3 – 5:30 p.m., Wednesdays from 10 – 11:30 a.m. and 6 – 8 p.m., Thursdays from 3 – 5:30 p.m., and Saturdays from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Home delivery and contactless parking lot pickup are also available. Visit <http://www.north-gorham.lib.me.us>, and <https://www.facebook.com/northgorhampubliclibrary/>.

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NEW




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GORHAM \$578,000 - Like new, open concept flr plan is nicely upgraded from top to bottom w/full bsmt. This lovely end unit is flooded w/plenty of light. Beautiful kitchen w/ breakfast nook, island, tiled backsplash & finished w/crown molding.

NEW




SEBAGO \$139,900 - Building lot with Sebago Lake access, dock and small recreational area on the lakefront located only 500 feet from the property. Enjoy shared access and dock with just two other owners. The parcel is 0.92 acres.

SOLD



GORHAM \$479,500 - A classic neighborhood feel just a short walk to Gorham Village. You'll love the character and charm this well-loved home has to offer. Features original maple hardwood floors throughout the first and second floors.



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Committee to fund various efforts across the country. The \$1 billion in emergency supplemental funding coupled with \$4 billion in an appropriations package produced a \$7.2 million boost in LIHEAP for Maine specifically.

LIHEAP is a federally funded program that's administered by each state individually through local Community Action Agencies. It provides payment and assistance in multiple areas, including oil, electric, gas, and other heating methods. Eligibility is dependent on family size, availability of resources, income, and other factors. Households are encouraged to apply for help as early as possible due to the length it takes for the actual application process. The extensive

procedure includes both a written application and interview.

Households with incomes greater than 150% Federal Poverty Level or 60% of State may be eligible. Under those guidelines, applicants also qualify for HEAP programs such as the Weatherization Program, Central Heating Improvement Program, and Low-Income Assistance Plan. Opportunity Alliance in Portland is our area's Agency Contact. For eligibility, application, and information, contact Opportunity Alliance at (207) 553-5900, or learn more online at <https://www.mainehousing.org/programs-services/energy/energydetails/home-energy-assistance-program> and <http://www.maine-housing.org/>.

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Baxter Memorial Library welcomes Josh Gauthier author of "Land of the Outcasts" for an Author's Visit on Tuesday, December 6 at 6 p.m. The Book Club will be discussing "The Magnificent Lives of Marjorie Post" by Allison Pataki on Thursday, December 1 at 10 a.m. Other upcoming events include Outdoor Story Adventures (ages 3-5yrs), indoor Baby Discovery Times (birth-18mos), indoor Toddler Discovery Time (18 mos-3yrs), Sewing Club (7 and up), and Baxter Digs Reading, and a Clay Project and Holiday Crafts hour for all ages. 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, and on November 24 and 25 in observance of Thanksgiving. For Baxter's calendar of upcoming events, visit baxterlibrary.org, or call 222-1190. Events are also listed in our Calendar section.

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MAINE NOTES

"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/office-hours> or visit usm.maine.edu/gallery.

Osher School of Music events upcoming in the next two weeks include the USM Jazz Ensemble Fall concert, the Winter Scholarship Gala, the Composers Ensemble, several studio recitals, the USM Vocal Jazz Ensemble. Find them all at <https://usm.maine.edu/music/events>, with highlights in the calendar section of this issue, or call the Music Box Office at (207) 780-5555.

Senior Megan Galante (Epping, N.H.), juniors Breanna Atwood (Franklin, Mass.), Mia Sargent (Portland, Maine/Deering) and Sarah Lowell (Oakland, Maine/Messalonskee) and sophomores Aly Veilleux (Manchester, N.H.) and Kiki Huntress (Kittery Point, Maine/Traip Academy) of the University of Southern Maine Huskies' women's soccer team have earned College Sports Communicators Academic All-District honors. FMI: <https://www.southernmainehuskies.com>.

New Year Gorham Updates

Lucia Monaco Holloway, GHS Student Intern

New Year Gorham has big plans this year with some favorites returning like storyteller Antonia Rocha, the Mad Science team, Wildlife Encounters, Balloon Tying, and Fireworks as some of the special events this year. These events will be held in various locations which have not yet been released. An event dinner will also be served by the Gorham/Falmouth Robotics team. Tickets will be priced at a reasonable \$5 per person also with family passes that will also be sold for \$25 and can

be purchased through the Gorham Rec department.

"We are excited to feature local talent in our performer list: Don Roy, the high school Chamber Singers, the Community Chorus, and Mad Science and Wildlife Encounters for our children's area. We also are bringing back storyteller Antonio Rocha, a crowd favorite, and magician Matt Roberts. Both have a reputation that stretches far beyond Maine (as does Don Roy)," said Tom Hasbrouck, New Year Gorham Coordinator.

Students Represent DSOM

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the first time in over a decade to pursue other things.

Wheeler emphasizes, "I am really looking forward to the upcoming travel season. The convention competitions are a great way to not only put your body to work, but also your mind. It is a challenging environment which makes you tune in and focus on what is going on. It teaches you self-control and tests your limits on how far you can push yourself."

Commitment to practice transcends into their everyday life with school, jobs and expectations of themselves and others. Both Wheeler and Spitzinger speak very highly of all their instructors, including Ashley Earl (GHS '09). The two chime in that their favorite part about competing is the support from everyone in the studio and also the opportunity to meet and dance with people from all over the country. Not only are Wheeler and Spitzinger amazing at what they do, they also are caring individuals with very contagiously joyful personalities.

Good luck to all the Dance Studio of Maine (DSOM) team members this season.

Get Ready, Gorham...

Chris Crawford, Senior Staff Writer

The much-anticipated new film, "Avatar: The Way of Water" will be coming to theaters near you on December 16. It is the first of a trilogy of films that continues the saga of the critically acclaimed 2009 3D movie, "Avatar," which is still the highest-grossing film in history. The original "Avatar" film has been remastered in stunning 4K high dynamic and is currently playing in some theaters.

"Avatar: The Way of Water" is the first of a new trilogy of films that will be released in 2-year intervals. 3D animation has come a long way since 2009 and the film promises to be stunning.

GHS graduate, Eric Saindon, has a lot to celebrate. He will be attending the world premieres in London and Los Angeles for his role as visual effects supervisor for all the "Avatar" films. Saindon's amazing career will be featured in the December 8 issue of the Gorham Times.

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Sebago Lake Road caller reported a karaoke party going on all night. Officer had responded and they turned down the noise but after the officer left, they turned it back up. Neighbor was advised to call again and the homeowner would be warned for disorderly conduct and if the noise still continued, could be issued a summons for disorderly conduct.

Broken pieces of a car on Gray Road and Escalante Way were moved out of the roadway.

Faith Drive caller had activity on her credit card that she was disputing with her bank and she needed a police report for the bank. She filled out a statement about the disputed charges which had occurred at a Walmart in Florida for their curbside food pick up.

Officers responded to a report of an ongoing disturbance on Main St. People pointed to a man with long curly hair who was peeking inside the store. The store asked that he be trespassed from the business and an officer issued a trespass notice.

A disabled vehicle on State Street and South St. was blocking the road. AAA was unable to respond for 40 minutes so Wyman's came and towed the vehicle.

Man was reported sleeping at a bus stop on Main Street at 7:23 a.m. Officer woke the man who apologized and said he would take the next bus. Officer waited and the man got on the bus.

Woman came into the Police Department to complain about speeders on Rts. 114 and 202. Officer advised he personally has been making regular traffic stops on those roads but also has to respond to other calls such as a felony theft that he was working on before she arrived.

Officer located an intoxicated male on Main Street who was trying to walk home but was too intoxicated to find his way. Officer drove him home and left him in the care of his landlord.

Officer responded to a call about a suspicious vehicle in the church parking lot on County Road. Man was making a phone call.

Main Street caller wanted to vent about the loss of his cable connection because it meant that he lost his phone service and was concerned that in case of an emergency, he wouldn't be able to call for help. Spectrum told him that it would take 10 days to fix the line.

School Committee Report CONTINUED FROM PAGE 7

oring the genuine identities of members of our school community." The school involves both students and parents when issues arise and only when there is a credible concern about a student's safety are parents not initially involved. There is no legal need for a district policy since this protection is state law.

The Great Falls Civil Rights Team made a presentation and showed a video of their activities this fall. In its fifth year, the team of 40 students meets twice a month. Fourth- and fifth-grade students are recommended by their teachers or join on their own. Deanna Etienne and Ellen Berry are the faculty facilitators. The students' goal is to promote inclusion, diversity, and kindness at Great Falls. On November 4, they held a Day of Welcoming, an event celebrated in all Gorham schools. They also produced a short, entertaining video that highlighted their activities and explained their mission of inclusion and respect for all peoples. The video is available as a link from the superintendent's blog. It also can be accessed on the district's social media page.

The Local Certification Committee presented an overview of their work, which is to make sure contract per-

sonnel are keeping up with their professional certification. Mentors and "building buddies" give support to staff who must demonstrate 90 hours of professional development within five years to maintain certification.

Subcommittee members gave reports. The Finance Committee reported that they are over the moneys budgeted for the year for legal services. The Vocational Education Committee said they are collecting data on participation in vocational courses, including gender and other criteria. The Anti-Racism and Equity Committee is focusing on seeking more community engagement. The Dropout Committee is working to increase attendance by, among other strategies, instituting a "Good Morning Club," that welcomes students who have problems with attendance.

The SC voted 7-0 to approve changes in four policies, mainly to bring them in compliance with state requirements. The policy on Student Discrimination and Harassment was amended to include prohibiting harassment "based on hair texture or style that are race-related." This reflects a change in the Maine Human Rights Act.

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CALENDAR

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 24

Thanksgiving Day

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 25

Gorham Lions' Christmas Tree Sale opens, Plummer's Hardware, Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays until trees are all sold.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 26

Gorham Ice Hockey Holiday Wreath Sale, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Robie Gym

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 27

Gorham Ice Hockey Holiday Wreath Sale, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Robie Gym
 White Rock Friendship Club's 38th Annual Tree Lighting, 4:30 p.m., Clubhouse

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28

Lecky Brown Senior Center, gather for Cribbage, 10 a.m., First Parish Church

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29

Baxter Memorial Library Outdoor Story Adventures (ages 3-5yrs), 10 a.m.
 Little Falls-South Windham Villages Master Plan Public Meeting #2, 6-7:30 p.m., <https://bit.ly/villagesmeeting2>, or view at So. Windham Fire Station.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30

Baxter Memorial Library Baby Discovery Time (birth-18mos), 9:30 – 9:50 a.m.
 Lecky Brown Senior Center, the Originals speaker/presentation, 10 a.m.
 Senior Meal Site, 12 p.m., St. Anne's Church

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1

Baxter Memorial Library
 Toddler Discovery Time (18mos-3yrs), 10 – 10:30 a.m.
 Book Club, "Magnificent Lives of Marjorie Post," by Allison Pataki, 10 – 10:30 a.m.
 Sewing Club (7 and up), 2:30 – 4:30 p.m.
 Osher School of Music Jazz Ensemble Fall Concert, 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3

First Parish Church Christmas Fair, 9 – 1 p.m.
 Buxton Centre Baptist Church Christmas Fair, 9 – 2 p.m., 938 Long Plains Road, Buxton
 Gorham Ice Hockey Holiday Wreath Sale, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Robie Gym
 Osher School of Music Composers Ensemble Concert, 7:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4

Gorham Ice Hockey Holiday Wreath Sale, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Robie Gym

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6

Baxter Memorial Library
 Outdoor Story Adventures (3-5yrs), 10 – 10:45 a.m.
 Baxter Digs Reading! Call for a 15 minute slot to read to Baxter,
 Author Visit with Josh Gauthier, "Land of the Outcasts," 6 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7

Baxter Memorial Library
 Baby Discovery Time (birth-18mos), 9:30 – 9:50 a.m.
 Clay Project and Holiday Crafts (all ages), 12:30 1:30 p.m.
 Senior Meal Site, 12 p.m., St. Anne's Church

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