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Main Street Underground **Utilities**

SHERI FABER Staff Writer

On November 10, the Town Council voted to approve a \$17,000 study to be done by Milone and MacBroom, Inc. to evaluate the costs and various options of having the utilities on Main Street moved underground. The money came from a \$45,614 recycling dividend from ecomaine. The costs involved in moving utilities underground are quite substantial so this study will consider other options as well such as not having power lines cross Main Street. Another option would be to eliminate the poles on one side of the street or move the poles higher. In Falmouth the cost to put their wires underground was \$5.5 million per mile on Route 1. The study will look at the possible options, with one possibility tying this project with the project of putting new sewers on Main Street in 2016. If the project moves forward, CMP would be paid \$25,000 to design it.

Police Chase



SHERI FABER Staff Writer

On November 19 at about 6:20 a.m., Officer Dean Hannon of the Gorham Police Department was attempting to stop a vehicle that had been reported stolen from the Somerset County Sheriff's Office. The vehicle attempted to elude officers from Gorham as well as from York and Cumberland Counties and the Maine State Police. The pursuit ended in Limington where the suspect, 22-year-old Shawn Webster of Buxton, was taken into custody by the Gorham Police Department and the Cumberland County Sheriff's Office. After police disabled his vehicle, he was arrested and taken to jail where he was charged with eluding an officer, reckless conduct with a motor vehicle, and refusing to submit to arrest. He is being held without bail.

Gorham Light Parade Celebration



On November 29 colorfully decorated fire and town trucks traveled from the Public Safety Building to Robie Park bringing Santa and Mrs. Claus to Gorham. A large crowd watched and cheered in Robie Park as Santa lit the town tree.





Main Street Construction Project Through Gorham Village

PATRICK O'SHEA Staff Writer

On November 3, the voters Gorham approved a bond in the amount of \$600,000 as Gorham's share of the Main Street Construction Project. Portland Water District will contribute \$600,000, and the Maine Department of Transportation (MDOT) will pick up the balance of the project's \$2.2 million total cost. MDOT will oversee the construction project.

The project is still in the predesign stage and an initial meeting was held on November 12 with representatives of the town of

According to longtime resident Bob Mountain, Main Street was once called White Road and people would come from miles around to ride on it because it was so smooth.

Gorham, Portland Water District, MDOT, and Maine Natural Gas.

The current schedule calls for bidding to take place in May and construction to begin in July 2016, with the majority of the project to be completed by winter. Construction will be on Main Street beginning at Gray Road through

the village down to Cressev Road. The scope of the work will be to rubberize the current road surface in small pieces and replace it, then replace the 100-year-old water main and enhance the storm drainage. This work is necessary because the original surface of Main Street was a concrete slab that was breached in 1987 when a sewer line was installed. The trench where the sewer line was installed is sinking. At this point, Maine Natural Gas has not decided if it will install natural gas pipes as part of the project.

Town Manger David Cole stressed that traffic is going to be difficult. His message is, "Learn to be patient and seek alternate routes."

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Learning and Improving in Order to Represent You Better

SEN. AMY VOLK

One of the many benefits of serving in the Maine Legislature is the opportunity to meet folks from all over and learn from their knowledge and experience. Over the winter and spring, this happens most often in the committee rooms at the State House as we hear from members of the public and experts on various topics. This time of year it happens at home in Gorham, Scarborough and Buxton as I meet with constituents and interest groups, attend events or visit organizations and businesses.

Additionally, I have been fortunate to learn from people all over the country at various workshops and conferences. Often, these consist of both policy experts and of lawmakers from other states who provide a fascinating perspective on how their Legislature is dealing with many of the same issues Maine grapples with.

This summer, I attended the Council of State Government's (CSG) Eastern Leadership Academy. Every year CSG selects officials from New England, Canada, Puerto Rico, and the Mid-Atlantic and provides them with intensive leadership and communication skills training. I was particularly interested in learning how to work through disagreements in order to arrive at collaborative solutions. Mainers deserve to be represented by problem solvers.

I was also invited to the National Council of State Legislators' Jobs Summit in New York City. The Jobs Summit was extremely educational. We heard national experts talk about issues ranging from educational innovations to demographics to helping

veterans translate military skills into the civilian world. Jobs and the economy have always been my priority, and information from the Jobs Summit will certainly be helpful as I chair the Labor, Commerce, Research, and **Economic Development Committee.**

Most recently, I was invited to attend a conference hosted by the Campaign for Fair Sentencing of Youth (CFSY). This was an eyeopening experience, and one I was pleased to be able to share with my daughter who has run her college's prison ministry club and intends to become a lawyer working with juveniles. The CFSY is a national organization that coordinates, develops and supports efforts to implement fair and age-appropriate sentences for youth, with a focus on abolishing life without parole sentences for children.

The pre-frontal lobe of the brain, where self control resides, does not mature for males until the midtwenties. Some children literally grow up in prison, gaining education and skills, as well as maturity and perspective. Rehabilitation does happen, especially for malleable juveniles. However, under the current system, it can be impossible for them to leave jail and put their newfound skills, education, and attitudes to work outside of prison.

At the CFSY conference my daughter and I met and heard the stories of many formerly incarcerated youth, some of whom spent decades in prison, but who eventually won sentencing review and parole. Movingly, relatives of victims also shared their stories of forgiveness, including Jeanne Bishop, whose sister and brother-in-law were killed, along with

their unborn baby, by a teenager during a burglary. Jeanne now advocates for sentencing review.

Here in Maine, we are fortunate that juvenile sentencing is not handled as harshly as it is in other states or in the federal system. However, I am working with the CFSY to identify how Maine could improve. There is also a federal bill, the Sentencing Reform and Corrections Act of 2015, which will hopefully be voted on in the Senate soon. I encourage you to look it up and contact Senators Collins and King if you support it.

If you have questions about this issue, or any other matter, please be in touch by email at avolk@volkboxes.com or by phone at 229-5091.



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Around Town

Lucky Thai has reopened in their new location at 593 Main Street, Unit 4.

The restaurant 91 South, located inside PineCrest Inn, has closed. The inn remains open.

The police station component of the new Public Safety Building being built is expected to be finished in March or April of 2016. The renovations for the Fire Department component should be completed in the summer of 2016.

Greg Fall, owner of Century 21 First Choice Realty, purchased the property adjacent to the Flag Center on Main Street. He plans to relocate his real estate business there in the spring of 2016.

Subway opened on December 2 in the new building at 109 Main

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Gorham Welcomes a New Chiropractor to the Community



Cutting the ribbon to officially open Gorham's new chiropractic office are Dr. Chris Roberts, Tina Howe, Dr. Clint Steele, and Connie Troumbley

Jackie Francis Staff Writer

Dr. Clint Steele, Gorham's newest chiropractor, has opened a new office of Leading Edge Chiropractic at 20 Mechanic Street (next door to the post office). With over 22 years practicing chiropractic medicine, Steele hopes to assist patients and families achieve their full health potential by utilizing a more "pro-active" approach to health.

Born in Denver, Colorado, Steele received his doctorate degree from the College of Chiropractic at Logan University in Missouri. Trained in both the traditional form of manual spinal manipulation to the spring-loaded, low-force, hand-held Activator, Steele now follows the Torque Release Technique ™. "This technique focuses on the nervous system," says Steele. "The nervous system is the master controller system of every other system in the body. When there is an interference with the central nervous system, the body doesn't function so

VILLAGE BUILDERS Full Service General Contractor Repairs • Renovations • Additions Daniel W. Grant, P.E. Owner 21 New Portland Rd. Gorham, ME 04038 PH 207-839-6072 sales@villagebuildersmaine.com well. This technique helps to remove

the nerve interference." Steele, who is steadfast in finding the cause of an ailment rather than just treating a symptom, believes the Torque Release Technique $^{\scriptscriptstyle\mathsf{TM}}$, which uses a light thrusting, hand-held instrument called an Integrator, is the most effective and most highly researched technique in chiropractic history. Practice members (patients) will be given an initial evaluation at no cost using Space Certified NASA-approved technology to determine potential nerve interference in the spine. "In addition," says Steele, "we use the latest computerized postural evaluation studies to correct postural distortion."

Leading Edge Chiropractic maintains testimonials from practice members who have suffered from asthma, arthritis, allergies, and anxiety to digestive, back, bladder, and hypertension issues.

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White Rock Community Club



Photo credit Kathy Corbett

Members of the Community club at the November bean supper. Back row: Roland Libby, Tom Strout, Ralph Perry, Buddy Richard. Front row: Vicki Doughty, Sue Nichols, Fran Perry, Patty Libby, Michele Richard.

> KATHY CORBETT Staff Writer

On the first Saturday of the month from September to June, members of the White Rock Community Club serve a bean supper to nearly 100 people in the same two-room building where their parents and grandparents prepared hot lunches for school children nearly seventy years ago.

The Gorham neighborhood known as White Rock is centered at the corner of Sebago Lake Road (237) and Wilson Road. A twelvefoot high white rock marked the spot until the mid-1800s when the property owner blew it up. Later, trains from Portland stopped at the depot in a small, long-gone commercial area down the hill. Although the neighborhood now has few businesses, it is still a community with a Baptist church, Grange Hall, and firehouse. Its boundaries are loosely defined as the attendance area for

the old elementary school on Wilson Road. The fifteen active members of the Community Club are committed to preserving the building that from 1873 to 1962 was the setting for events and stories remembered by generations of neighbors.

The school dates from 1803 when it was located at the west end of North Gorham Road. In 1873 the town moved it by oxen to its present location. At that time Gorham had 19 elementary school districts, each with a one or two-room school for students living in the village or on surrounding farms. At White Rock there was a teacher for grades one through eight in one room, and until 1896, high school classes met in the

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Healthy Eating Hints for the Holidays

Angela Verrill

The holiday season is filled with delicious meals, holiday parties, and family get-togethers. This festive time of year also means shorter days, busier schedules and more time spent out for drinks instead of at the gym. It is no wonder that health clubs are overrun with new members at the start of the new year.

Here are a few strategies to help you navigate the holiday fun without going overboard:

Avoid skipping meals all day in order to indulge later at a party. While this might seem like a good way to save calories for some indulgent treats, chances are, you will end up eating a lot more than if you had eaten sensibly during the day.

Load up a plate of food and sit down to eat. Instead of hovering over the snack table and eating away for a half hour, portion out your food and sit down to enjoy it. This way, you will have much more control over how much you eat and will be less likely to overdo it.

Watch the drinks. You may not realize how many calories are in some of your favorite cocktails. For example, an 8.5-ounce margarita contains about 740 calories, a mudslide has about 600 calories in a 12-ounce serving and a six-ounce chocolate martini contains about 430 calories. A glass of traditional brandy eggnog contains about 425 calories in one seven-ounce glass. It is not hard to have more than one, which, along with a big meal, means calories can add up fast. For some lighter options, consider a

glass of red wine, which contains about 100 calories per four-ounce glass. A white wine spritzer is an even lower calorie option since it is mixed with club soda diluting the calories in half. A cosmopolitan has 150 calories per three-ounce glass, and most light beers are around 100 calories per 12-ounce bottle. If you wish to skip alcohol completely, splash some cranberry juice in a glass of flavored sparkling water for a sweet, refreshing drink with almost zero calories.

Bring a healthy dish to share. One way to be sure to stick to your nutrition plan is to have something you know for sure you can eat without the calories piling high. This can include anything from a healthy salad to an updated version of a high calorie favorite. For example, a lighter version of a seven-layer dip

can include beans instead of meat, light cheese and sour cream, and lots of veggies.

Squeeze in time to exercise. Even if your routine is out of whack, try to fit in a long walk or run prior to your family meals and parties. This will help burn off some off those extra treats while keeping you feeling great. Consider a holiday 5K run/walk with family or friends to start a new tradition.

Last, do not beat yourself up if you get off track with your diet and fitness routine. Allow yourself to enjoy the season with your loved ones with a goal of getting back on track when the festivities are over.

Happy, healthy holidays.

Angela Verrill is a Registered Dietitian from Gorham working as a Clinical Dietitian and Outpatient Nutritionist.

Gardening Pleasures

LINDA TREWORGY FAATZ

Wandering in the woods the other day, I found the most interesting pieces of bark from stumps and fallen trees including some beautiful white birch bark from a tree that was toppled by the wind. That white bark will look very nice with greens and berries in a wooden bowl for the holidays. Keep clippers

and boots in your car and keep your eves peeled for whatever you might be able to use in a decorative creation. Look to the side of the road (without trespassing) to find hedge rose hips and winterberries. A few sprigs of red berries tucked in your arrangement add winter spirit.

This has been a great nut year and a collection of any kind in a big glass container with some branches and greens make a great coffee table arrangement. For a nice effect, spray the branches white. One of my favorite greens, the white pine, is a symbolic reminder of our great state. It adds softness to any arrangement in large bouquets or small arrangements. Tie small sprigs of greens with a thin ribbon and tuck in a napkin as a place marker for a meal gathering of family and friends.

Gather several logs and pile alongside the entrance to your home. Tie a festive ribbon around the logs and tuck greens into the bow for a welcoming design. Twigs wrapped with lights in a container of sand also look great in the corner of a porch.

Nature can be the basis for just about any decoration for the season. Christmas balls in a bed of greens arranged in a glass or wooden bowl is a simple festive gesture. The color choice

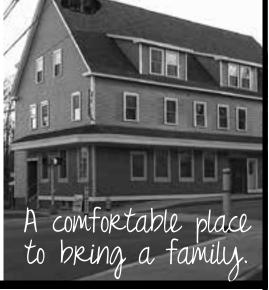
is yours. If you love glitz, that works too. Create an edible arrangement with a variety of fresh vegetables, fruit, and nuts with a few greens tucked in. When putting your favorite collections together, remember that different heights give visual appeal. Think monochromatic or a combination of shapes, sizes, or colors.

Don't forget to give your indoor plants a little TLC with a couple of tablespoons of Epsom salts in the water when you fertilize. You will see a difference in the health of your foliage right away.

Linda Treworgy Faatz, a passionate gardener for many years, lives in her family home at Friend's Corner, and cares for the extensive Treworgy gardens. She loves to share her home and gardens through craft sales, classes and garden events.



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De-stress this holiday season

Thanking our Veterans



The Gorham Police Department and Girl Scout Troop 1937 participated in the Veterans Day Service at the Municipal Center on November 11. Pictured with Girl Scout Troop 1937 are SRO Wayne Drown, Officer Bob Henckel, Detective Steven Rappold, and SRO Mike Coffin.

Unwanted Prescription Drugs, No Problem

Lt. Chris Sanborn Gorbam Police Department

The Gorham Police Department has a Drug Take Back Box available in the Public Safety Building on Main Street. The box is available Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The Gorham Police Department requests that prior to depositing the medication in the Drug Take Back Box you:

1. empty your pills into a clear plastic zip-close bag and dispose of the pill bottles in a safe manner at home. This will avoid any chance of sensitive information being gathered after the boxes are sent away for destruction.

- 2. do not deposit any syringes, or any item that would be defined as a sharp.
- 3. do not place unsecured liquid containers in the Take Back Box.
- 4. do not place loose pills, as noted above; they should be contained within a zip-close bag.
- 5. do not place over-the-counter medications in the box.
- 6. do not place unwanted trash or medication boxes in the Take Back

Thank you for your cooperation in the matter. The Gorham Police Department strives to make our community safer from identity theft and the theft of prescription medications.



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White Rock Community Club CONTINUED FROM PAGE 3

other one. In 1962 Gorham replaced it with a new White Rock School on the old North Gorham Road site. That one closed in 2011 and has been remodeled into senior apartments. Elementary students in northeast Gorham now attend Great Falls

In the 1940s Olive Stuart, Viola Irish, and other White Rock mothers volunteered to make hot soup for students who brought sandwiches from home. In 1946 the principal called a meeting to discuss problems with the school: no running water, few playground facilities, and no hot lunch program. Parents responded by forming the White Rock Community Club. That summer they canned more than 300 quarts of vegetables. The men of the Community Club furnished labor for laying a water line; they dug a basement kitchen under the school by hand. Equipment obtained with state aid was installed so the women could prepare the lunches, taking advantage of food distributed by the government.

Although the school closed more than fifty years ago, the Community Club continues to meet on the first Tuesday of the month. Olive Stuart's daughter, Fran Perry, and Viola Irish's daughter, Patty Libby, along with their families are among its most active members. "Saving the building is the focus of the club now," they agreed. The town gave members the old school building on the condition that they maintain it. The monthly bean suppers are the major source of funds for utilities and repairs. They also rent the space for wedding receptions and other events. Planned



The original White Rock School on Wilson Road is home to the White Rock Community Club.

projects are a new metal roof, new windows, and a ramp, but members also want to help keep alive the spirit of community. The White Rock Friendship Club, another long-time group, holds events in the building and lights a neighborhood Christmas tree there each year.

Gorham is a town spread out over 51 square miles. People living in rural areas far from the center of town have historically identified more with their neighborhoods than with the village. As grown children move away and new residents move in whose interests and daily lives take them out of the immediate area, it becomes difficult to maintain the sense of community that made those places special. Organizations such as the White Rock Community Club work to preserve historic buildings in the belief that as neighborhoods change, people will still want visible connections to the past and to each other.

Warren Gilman's Historical Slides

This program offers a fascinating look back by a man who has devoted much of his life to collecting and sharing historical information that otherwise might be lost.

Warren Gilman's glass slides are of scenes of North Gorham, White Rock and Windham. They were collected by his father Bert Gilman in the 1930s. The DVD contains a 22-minute narrated presentation that Warren made to the White Rock Historical Society in 2008.



Warren has requested that all proceeds from the DVD benefit the UCC at North Gorham (the former Levi Hall School, 1895).



Please send me a copy of the DVD Warren Gilman's Historical Slide Presentation Enclosed is a donation of \$15.00 (\$12.50 plus \$2.50 shipping and handling)

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National Honor Society Inductees



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Fifty-two new inductees were inducted on November 3 into the Gorham High School chapter of the National Honor Society. These students hold an academic GPA of a 90 or above and demonstrate strong character, fine leadership and a commitment to community service. Members of the National Honor Society strive to promote these pillars. Students inducted pictured above: Annie Acker-Wolfhagen, Mary Adams, Elsa Alexandrin, Avery Arena, Georgia Baber, Tyler Bernier, Emily Bragg, Delaney Burns, Katie Bertin, Kathryn Christianson, Jordan Currier, Noel DiBiase, Kara Doane, Cody Elliot, Kara Ellsemore, Emily Esposito, Ryan Fermin, Colin Gotschlich, Grant Hamblen, Sophia Hendrix, Joey Gallant, Collin Jones, Jamie Juskiewicz, Whitney King, Diana Kolb, Carli Labrecque, Hannah LeBlanc, Narissa Libby, Jordanne Mercier, Hannah Meserve, Chatham Mills, Fiona Nee, Taylor Nigren, Emily O'Donnell, Athena Pappalardo, Marina Pappalardo, Rob Pellerin, Audrey Perreault, Maeve Pitman, Sam Roussel, Dayna Shaw, William Selens, Cam Smith, Emma Smith, Karen Stemm, Cameron Stevens, Alexandra Stresser, Colby Sturgis, and Heather Woodbury. Not pictured: Kayleigh Bettencourt, Becca Cupps, and Thomas Matthews.

School Notes

Gorham schools will be collecting non-perishable food items from December 1 to December 18. Please send donations to the schools with your child or drop them off in the school's main office. All donations will be delivered to the Gorham Food Pantry, which offers food assistance at no cost to any Gorham resident in need. The winter months are particularly tough and the Pantry could use help. Current needs are: canned pasta, pasta sauce, dry cereal (low sugar content), soups (esp. chicken noodle and cream soups), toothpaste, and bar soap. FMI, visit gorhamfoodpantry.org.

Great Falls School Parent Connection will host Final Prep for Family Movie Night on December 9 from 7 to 8 p.m. in the Great Falls School Library.

Gorham High School will host FAFSA 101 Completion with Gayle Giroux on December 10 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at GHS' McCormack Performing Arts Center.

Gorham Schools' Superintendent Heather Perry has reached a milestone. She has conducted 200 interviews as part of her entry plan into her new position. She has written a blog post sharing the various "themes" of these interviews. Check it out at gorhamsuperintendent.blogspot.com.

GHS Hosts "Almost, Maine" Author John Cariani



Pictured above is the cast and crew of GHS' fall play "Almost, Maine."

MALLORY CAMPBELL GHS Student Intern

"Theatre is a very collaborative art," said Josie Tierney-Fife, Gorham High School's (GHS) 2015 fall play director.

GHS thespians took the stage in November in the production of "Almost, Maine." The play featured a collection of nine short scenes all connecting with one common theme: love. In the play, not all love is happy. The nine vignettes take place in the same setting and through the course of one night.

This is Tierney-Fife's first year directing at GHS. She recently returned from Rome where she was working in theater at an American school.

"It's been great. We have a lot of talent at Gorham. 'Almost, Maine' is a really cool play to do with Maine kids," said Tierney-Fife.

Grant money from Gorham Educational Foundation and anonymous donations provided a visit from

"Almost, Maine" writer John Cariani, who spent three hours on October 26, working on scenes with those involved with the production.

Cariani is a professional writer and working actor. Currently, he is on Broadway acting in the show "Something Rotten." Along with meeting with GHS' cast and crew, Cariani visited David Patterson's creative writing class, as well as the high school's Chamber Singers.

"Almost, Maine" was the mostproduced production in American high schools in 2010. The play has a cast of 18-19. Tierney-Fife says the play was chosen because it allows individual actors to really focus on their character and scene.

Cariani had one closing thought for the student actors before the show: "Each beat and silence should be its own line."

"Almost, Maine" was performed November 13-15 at Gorham High School's Performing Art Center.

New Chiropractor Continued From Page 3

"I love helping families live a drug-free, healthy, fitness-based lifestyle," explains Steele. "We see a variety of people with a variety of health conditions--from twoweek-old babies to 92-year-old seniors."

A Gorham resident of four years, Steele, who believes no one is ever too young or too old to strive for optimum health, also believes the town of Gorham is a perfect location for Leading Edge Chiropractic. (His other office is located at Woodford's Corner in Portland.) "I love the people in this town and the community of Gorham," says Steele, rubbing his head, "And now I'm the only bald chiropractor in town!"

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Mixing it Up to Meet New Friends



Students at Gorham Middle School mixed things up during national Mix It Up at Lunch Day on October 27. Students ate lunch with peers from all grade levels and sat at interest-themed tables where they took advantage of conversation starter cards. This event was organized by sixth grade teacher Meghan Rounds and her Civil Rights Team in an effort to encourage students to get to know someone new.

GHS Guess Who?

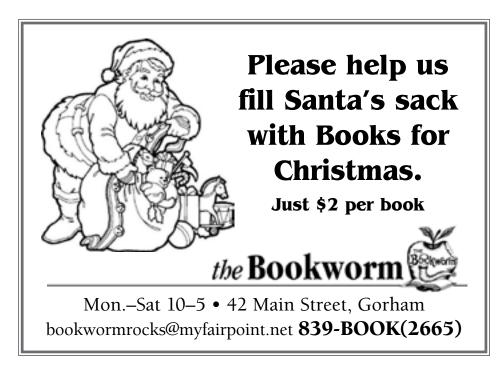
1) After earning a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree at The Rhode Island School of Design in 2001, this GHS 1997 grad pursued a diploma with honors from Vancouver Film School's 3D Animation and Visual Effects Program in 2013. He currently works in one of the largest children's animation studios in North America, DHX Media where he creates character designs for "Monster High" movies. In 2014, he received his first credit on a television show for his work on a new Nickelodeon preschool series, "Blaze and the Monster Machines." Another of his projects, an animated musical, "Monster High: Boo York, Boo York", is available on blue-ray, DVD, and Netflix now.

2) This GHS 2000 graduate attended Cornell University and graduated with honors. He is a principal landscape architect at AECOM San Francisco and has designed and built projects on three continents. He has studied in Rome and has lived and worked in Melbourne, Australia for two years. AECOM has created the

masterplan for many of the Olympic Games including London and upcoming São Paulo and has also played a role in the new World Trade Centers and the Flight 93 National Memorial in Shanksville, Pennsylvania.

3) This GHS 2004 graduate earned a bachelor degree in business management and entrepreneurship from East Carolina University in Greenville, NC. He has worked for FairPoint Communications and Wireless Construction, Inc. in Standish building 400-foot cell towers around New England. He was a project manager and lead technician with Unified Technologies in Portland and is now a sales rep with Cintas with over 90 clients in central and eastern Maine.

Answers can be found on page 14. If you or your children are GHS graduates, we would like to showcase their career achievements in the next GHS Graduate Guess Who? column. Contact Cindy O'Shea at coshea2@yahoo.com or Chris Crawford at ckck5@maine.rr.com.



GHS Fall Sports Awards

Team Ram Awards

Cheerleading: Outstanding Rookie-Maggy Aube; Most Improved-Nathan Brown; Most Dedicated-Olivia Garand.

Girls' Cross Country: Outstanding Runner-Anna Slager; Outstanding Newcomer-Brinn Hall; Coach's Award-Diana Albanese.

Boys' Cross Country: Outstanding Runner-Jesse Southard; Most Improved Runner-Anthony Chase; Most Improved Runner-Carlos Monsen. Football: Iron Ram Award-Calvin Riska, Rob Pellerin.

Golf: Most Valuable Golfer-Lucas Roop; Leadership Award-Marc Yankowsky; Coach's Award-Sydney Caron.

Boys' Soccer: Most Valuable Player-Cody Elliott; Defensive Player of the Year-Jackson Taylor; Offensive Player of the Year-Jackson Fotter.

Girls' Soccer: Coach's Award-Narissa Libby: Offensive Player of the Year-Lizzie Sullivan; Defensive Player of the Year-Cady Houghton: Heart & Hustle Award-Emily Bragg.

Field Hockey: Most Valuable Player-Emilia Viernes; Most Improved Player-Eleanor Feinberg; Unsung Hero Award-Heather Woodbury.

Volleyball: Most Valuable Player-Cassidy Landry; Coach's Award-Ciara Stillson; Ram Award-Anna Smith.

Senior All-Academic

Boys' Cross Country: Thomas Bernier, Tyler Bernier, Ben Bradshaw, Collin Jones,

Branden Kuusela, Jesse Southard, Cameron Tracy, Sean Pratt.

Volleyball: Chatham Mills, Ciara Stillson, Anna Smith, Molly VanLuling.

Boys' Soccer: Tristan Brunet, Nathaniel

Field Hockey: Ellie Feinberg, Sarah Jordan. Football: Calvin Riiska. Robert Pellerin. Girls' Soccer: Nicole Couillard. Cady Houghton. Girls' Cross Country: Diana Albanese.

All-Conference (SMAA)

Boys' Soccer: First Team-Jackson Fotter, Cody Elliott, Jackson Taylor,

Trenton Bassingthwaite; Second Team-Kyle King.

Girls' Soccer: SMAA Defensive Player of the Year-Cady Houghton; First Team-Cady Houghton, Narissa Libby; Second Team-Lizzie Sullivan; Honorable Mention-Emily

Volleyball: First Team-Diana Kolb; Second Team-Kristen Curley, Cassidy Landry; Honorable Mention-Ciara Stillson.

Field Hockey: First Team-Emmy Viernes: Second Team-Erin Esty; Honorable Mention-Sarah Jordan; All-Rookie Team-Isis

Golf: First Team-Lucas Roop; Second Team-Marc Yankowski.

Girls Cross Country: First Team-Anna Slager; Second Team-Meadow Fortier.

Football: All-Conference-Jack Niles. Boys Cross Country: First Team-Jesse Southard

in the Zone



Gold Medal Fencer: Rowan Connor-McCoy, an eighth grader at Gorham Middle School, won a gold medal in the Y14 Mixed Epee event at the Concord Fencing Center in Concord, New Hampshire on Saturday, November 14. Rowan has been fencing since January 2011, but had not competed in an epee fencing event prior to his gold medal victory.



Photo courtesy of University of Maine at Farmington

Defensive Player of the Year: Patty Smith, of Gorham, was named North Atlantic Conference Field Hockey Defensive Player of the Year for her stellar season in goal for the University of Maine at Farmington. The junior led the league with an impressive 0.97 goals against average. Patty also received All-Conference Team honors and made the all-tournament postseason team. Shown is Patty Smith, right, in the North Atlantic Championship Game where the UMaine-Farmington (8-7) field hockey team suffered a, 1-0, loss to Husson after surrendering a goal with 3:25 left in double overtime.

SportsEtc

Local teams will benefit from the largest donation ever made to the University of Southern Maine. On November 24, school officials announced that the Costello estate had made a record bequest of \$1.65 million. The money will help fund improvements to the Costello Sports Complex where Gorham High School teams such as ice hockey and indoor track compete.



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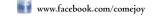
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Gorham Sports Center Reveals Future Plans at Annual Meeting

JEFF PIKE
Gorbam Times Staff

The Gorham Sports Center, a nonprofit organization formally known as the Southern Maine **Community Recreation Center** (SMCRC), conducted its annual meeting October 18 to inform the community of recent accomplishments, future plans, and board member elections. With use of the indoor facility on Narragansett Street by various sports groups and community organizations up by 30% over the previous year, the board of directors has been able to invest more money into building enhancements that reduce energy costs.

General Manager Tyler Maroon (GHS Class of 2012), who was hired in April 2014 after working as a volunteer since the group's founding in 2008, said that the key improvements during the past year involved insulating both end walls. "We also spent money to reduce moisture and improve ventilation," Maroon added. "One of our key missions is to create a clean environment that any group can enjoy."

Other recent renovations include improvements to the concessions, lobby and party room areas.

Alongside the playing field, more space has been freed up to make it safer for athletes. "We want our field to be safe, and we want the rest of the facility to be a comfortable place to hang out," Maroon says.

SMCRC is run by an all-volunteer board that includes president John Burghardt, treasurer Thomas Biegel, and at-large member Michael Richman. Their mission is to provide year-round recreational activities to Gorham and surrounding communities, serving the full range of recreational and wellness needs of the whole community, from toddlers to seniors.

Sports that use the facility-ranging from youth to adult-include soccer, football, lacrosse, baseball, softball, field hockey and Ultimate Frisbee. The facility has hosted car shows, home and garden shows, music concerts, and partners with Maine Special Olympics. Gorham Sports Center has also provided space for Operation GHOPE as well as a cornhole tournament hosted in partnership with the Gorham Business Exchange to benefit local scholarship funds and organizations.

"The facility is also open to parties, wedding receptions and corporate team-building meetings," Maroon said. "We're here to serve anyone who needs a dry, temperature-controlled surface or meeting room. In the past year, sports organizations from as far away as New Hampshire have even started using our facility."

Future short-term plans that SMCRC hopes to pursue include additional parking, a new heating system and renovated bathrooms. Looking to the long term, the organization hopes to eventually add a new exterior turf field, an additional indoor field, a multipurpose gym, a baseball/softball training facility, and an upgraded restaurant area.

"We also want to increase our interactions with local organizations and reach out to communities further away," Maroon adds. "We hope that by doing so we can continue expanding our programming year-round, but also serve Gorham and the surrounding communities in new and exciting ways."

Anyone wishing to contribute to SMCRC or inquire about advertising opportunities at the facility can contact Maroon at tyler@gorhamsportscenter.com or visit their website at www.gorhamsportscenter.com.

Boys' and Girls' Basketball Preview

Martin Gagnon

Sports Editor

Boys' Basketball: Playing to their strength, Coach Mark Karter hopes to use the depth of his squad to play an up-tempo and aggressive style. With their solid bench play and tenacious defense, Karter expects the team to improve throughout the season and peak at the right time. Key returning players for the Rams include seniors Cody Elliot, Cam Smith, Sam Kilborn, and Billy Ruby along with junior Jackson Fotter. Adding to the teams stellar depth are Logan Drouin, Kyle King, Cam Wright, and Jason Komulainen.

Girls' Basketball: Coming off an outstanding 17-3 season, the Rams are looking to continue their winning ways. Coach Laughn Bertiaume said the team has added some size to the roster, which should lead to more high percentage shots around the rim. The team's rebounding and half-court defense will be a strength of the team. Key players include Molly Merrifield, Emily Bragg, Kaylea Lundin, Kristen Curley, Emily Esposito, Danasia Fennie, Michelle Rowe, and Mackenzie Holmes.

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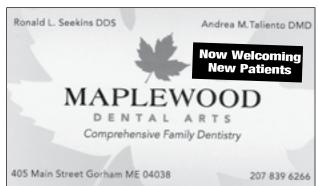


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It's All About Happy at New Year Gorham!

GORHAM TIMES STAFF

For the eighth year the Town of Gorham will celebrate New Year's Eve with music, dancing, magic, comedy, puppets, face painting, snow sculptures, ice skating, science, unusual animals, sledding, fireworks...and more.

Festivities begin at noon with a snow-sculpting contest and sledding at USM, on College Avenue at the foot of the sledding hill. The sculptures will be judged at 4 p.m., and winners will be named just before the fireworks.

"Snow sculpting is free, but folks must pre-register to reserve a 'plop' of snow for sculpting," said Mike Gradone, executive director of New Year Gorham (NYG) and director for Youth & Adult Sports /Community Events, Gorham Rec. Department. "To be prepared for enough snow, we need to know how many people plan to enter. Simply call 222-1630 to register. This will all be possible providing Mother Nature helps us."

Gradone added, "We have always had lots of things for very young children to enjoy, but this year we are hoping to reach the tweens/middle school youngsters with cornhole games and music at Robie Gym from 5 until 7 p.m."

"We are pleased to partner once again with NYG-to offer a venue for afternoon snow sculpting and sledding, as well as family ice skating," said Joy Pufhal, USM's dean of students and executive director of Student & University Life. The skating, from 3 to 5 p.m., is free for people wearing a New Year Gorham lanyard.

Other events will begin at 3 p.m. with "Peaks Island Puppets" at Baxter Memorial Library and "Wildlife

Encounters" at Shaw Gym, and the celebration will come to an end with a fireworks display at 9 p.m. at Gorham High School.

"Each year we try to keep the program fresh and exciting," said Virginia Wilder Cross, chair of New Year Gorham. "This year we will feature 'The Norman Magic Experience' and 'Running with Scissors' on the main stage at the Gorham High School Performing Arts Center. The Gorham Community Chorus will also perform at the Performing Arts Center beginning at 5 p.m."

Wilder Cross said they adjusted the time of the event to make it available for everyone. "The fireworks will be held at 9 p.m., which will make it easier for young children to make it through the whole celebration. With the earlier ending time, folks will be able to continue their celebrations on their own."

The town of Gorham, local businesses and individuals contributed generously to sponsor much of the entertainment, which keeps the cost of admission the same as previous years: \$5 for individuals and \$20 for families with more than two children. Last year the committee underestimated the number of people who would come and they ran out of the lighted lanyards. They have ordered twice as many this year, so everyone should be able to receive one for the admission cost.

Lanyards and complete schedule details are available at Hannaford in Gorham and \$20 family packages are available only at the Gorham

Additional information is available on Facebook and www.newyeargorham.org

Community Rallies for the Eid Family

AL GARCIA

The tight-knit and small town community of Gorham came together recently to help a family in need of support-the Eid family.

Lisa Eid, a mother of two busy teens, an active member of our community, and wife of WGME 13's Sports Director Dave Eid, got the shock of her life last year when she was diagnosed with stage IV lung cancer.

A fundraiser spearheaded by Gorham House of Pizza owner Angelo Sotiropoulos was recently held to support the Eids. The event was held at Costello Fieldhouse on the campus of the University of Southern Maine. A night of dancing, a buffet dinner, raffles and a silent auction with items donated from organizations and businesses throughout New England highlighted a great night. Gifts donated to the auction included weekend resort getaways, golf packages, a Portland Sea Dog skybox, a Celtics game trip on the Downeaster, a 50-inch television, gift certificates from several businesses, and a NESN Red Sox game day experience with host Tom Caron.

"This is such a great community, where we are all family. I felt the love and support after the fire and my cancer scare," Sotiropoulos added referring to the fire that destroyed his restaurant and his cancer diagnoses shortly after the fire in April of 2012. "Gorham loves the Eid family. This community is one big family and we take care of each other."

Lisa, a busy hockey and basketball mom, continues to be active in her children's lives while dealing with her illness. Alicia Giftos said, "Our boys played hockey together starting when

they were seven or eight years old. Our daughters are close in age. Our families grew close when we traveled together for hockey. I always feel comfortable with my kids in the Eid's care because Dave and Lisa treat my kids like ones of their own. They put their kids before themselves every single day," Giftos added.

Coming from an athletic family with two teen athletes and having a husband who covers sports on TV, Lisa recently shared in a Dana Farber Cancer Institute blog, "We needed to find the Tom Brady of lung specialists." Lisa found her Tom Brady in Dr. Geoffrey Oxnard and his team at the Dana-Farber/ Brigham and Women's Cancer Center. "I have so much faith in Dr. Oxnard and his team. They research and study lung cancer and it's what they do all day, everyday. If they want me on a clinical trial, I'll do it; if they want me to switch to standard chemo, I'll do it. I'm in the best hands," Eid wrote in the blog.

"We can't say thank you enough! This has truly been an uplifting moment for us. We are so blessed to be part of this phenomenal community," said Lisa's husband, Dave. "This has been a wild roller coaster ride with many ups and downs, but this is the greatest high we will ever experience."

Longtime friend Dawn Rioux said: "We wanted to be part of coming together to support our friends. We have experienced their strong family bond, Lisa's depth of character, her dedication to her family and unwavering support of her clients and friends. We have grown to love and admire Lisa, Dave, Drew, and Danielle. We hoped to lighten their hearts and lift their spirits in a celebration of their family and all the good they represent and share with others."





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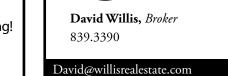
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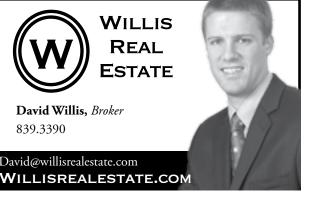
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WEDDINGS

Jamie LaMontagne (GHS '07) married Tricia Tsai on June 6, **2015** at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Yarmouth. The couple met as students at Princeton University while both were studying abroad in Egypt, LaMontagne is a consultant with Bain & Company in Boston, and Tsai is a medical student in the rural Maine program at Tufts University School of Medicine. He is the son of Fred and Terry LaMontagne of Gorham and she is the daughter of Steve Tsai of New Orleans, LA.

ENGAGEMENTS

Mr. & Mrs. Jonathan Shaw of Gorham are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Laura Shaw (GHS '08) to Joseph McDonald, son of Michael and Susan McDonald, of Avon, CT. Shaw graduated from Fordham University with a B.A. in Sociology and a minor in Spanish, and recently graduated summa cum laude with a J.D. from the University of Maine School of Law. She was recently admitted to the Maine Bar and is currently clerking at the Maine Supreme Judicial Court. McDonald graduated from Central Connecticut State University with a B.S. in Construction Management. He currently works for NEUCO in Portland. An August 2016 wedding is planned.

Laurie and Robert Frazier of Gorham would like to announce the engagement of their daughter Katie Bem (GHS '08) to Roberto Henry of Canton, CT. Bem, a pastry chef, is a graduate of University of Connecticut and the Culinary Institute of America. Henry, who works for the CDC, received his MPH from the University of Connecticut. The couple currently resides in Charleston, WV. A September 2016 wedding in Maine is planned.

OF INTEREST

Rachel Hall of Gorham was recently initiated into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi at MCPHS University.

Each year The Bookworm asks customers to donate \$2 to purchase a gift-wrapped new book with a small toy attached. These books are donated to the Town of Gorham to accompany Christmas baskets being prepared for needy families in the area. Well over a thousand books have been donated to fami-

lies over the past 14 years and the Bookworm looks forward to community support again this year. Many thanks for your help with this project.

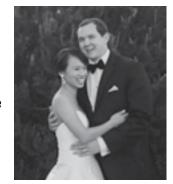
Project Graduation Committee will host "Dance the Night Away" at Spire 29 on Saturday, Dec. 5 from 7 to 12 p.m. "Under the Covers" will provide the music and there will be a Silent Auction. \$15 tickets may be purchased at the Gorham Grind or contact rhonda.perkins@gorhamschools.org and sue.smith@gorhamschools.org.

A Service of Comfort and Rest will be held at the West Gorham Union Church, 190 Ossipee Trail, Gorham on Sunday, Dec. 6 at 2 p.m. The service is a time of remembrance and hope for those who are experiencing grief, loss and loneliness this holi-

day season. Hosted by the Gorham Ecumenical Council. All are welcome.

Gorham sisters Drew and Harper McManus were part of the Gorham Arts Alliance musical. Seussical









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The Maine Beta Chapter of Alpha Delta Kappa, an international organization for educators, packed shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child, a project supported by Samaritan's Purse. The boxes of gifts will be distributed to children where the need is most critical. Back row, L-R: Jean Davis, Sue Adams-Thompson, Ellen Durgin, Jane Sexton, Sue Morneault, Judy Wing, Teresa Keahon, Christine Sawyer, Nancy Burnham, Jackie Leeper, Lynn Silcox, Shirley Swain, and Ellen Lucy. Kneeling: L-R: Janice Weed, Anne Tewhey, Barbara Caiazzo, Regina Minott.

Spurwink recently honored the Volk family of Scarborough for their autism awareness advocacy at a dinner and award ceremony held on November 14. Derek Volk, recently wrote a book titled "Chasing the Rabbit: A Dad's Life Raising a Son on the Autism Spectrum." Pictured at right in middle photo, from left to right are Senator Amy Volk with her family Dylan, Mariah, Derek, Serena, and Lilly.

With the help of the entire Gorham House community, the children at Gorham House Preschool collected food and gift cards to make Thanksgiving baskets for families throughout Gorham. The children and their families joined to decorate and put the boxes together and delivered the boxes to the Gorham Food Pantry. It was an amazing experience for all.



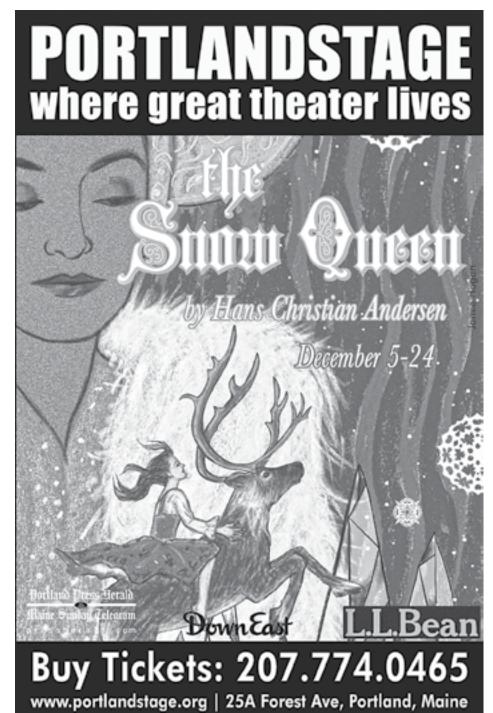




Students of Gorham piano and voice teacher,

Paul Stickney, participated in the National Association of Teachers of Singing in a Musical Theater Competition held recently at Bates College. Kailyn Brown placed 2nd place the Junior Division, Braden Foley placed 2nd in Division II, Miles Obrey made the semi-finals in Division III, Jeanine Canizzo won first place in Avocational and Whitney Smith was awarded third place in Avocational.

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Girl Scouts from Gorham Troops 2009/2300 made over 200 ornaments for Homelnstead "Santa To A Senior" project. Girl Scout troops from Westbrook joined in as well. Gift tag requests from seniors in Cumberland County will be placed on trees at various businesses along with hand-made ornaments from Girl Scouts.

Gary Olsen, a long-time resident of Gorham, was recently awarded the Melvin Jones Fellow Award for his 33 years of service with the Gorham Lions Club. A customer



at Ocean Garden's Restaurant overhearing the award ceremony held at the restaurant anonymously donated \$100 to the Lions dinner in appreciation for all their good work. The Lions, who will be holding a Christmas Tree Sale fundraiser in the Cook's Hardware parking lot in December, welcome you to stop by and congratulate Olsen for his service to the community. FMI, kenaldrich@aol.com

Christmas Concert at Spire 29 at 7pm, 29 School Street - free admission, open to the public. In lieu of admission, please bring an item to benefit the Gorham Food Pantry: canned goods, dry cereal, peanut butter, jelly, bar soap. SEE AD ON PG 8

CHRISTMAS FAIRS

Friendly Village Holiday Fair, Saturday, Dec. 5, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friendly Village Community Center, 5 Ash Drive, Gorham.

First Parish Congregational Church Fair, School Street, Gorham. Saturday, Dec. 5 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Silent Auction, Café Luncheon, Dessert Auction, Crafts, Greens, Gifts and More!

Holiday Craft Fair, Saturday, Dec. 12 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Schoolhouse Arts Center in Standish.

ON-GOING EVENTS

The Gorham Food Pantry, located at 299-B Main St. (parking lot of St. Anne's Catholic Church), is open every Thursday morning from 9 to 11 a.m. and the second and fourth Wednesday of every month from 6 to 7 p.m. Free for Gorham residents in need. FMI, 222-4351 or visit www.gorhamfoodpantry.org.

The Lakes Region Senior Center, located at the Little Falls Activity Center, 40 Acorn Street in Gorham is open Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Fridays starting at 10:30 a.m. Join them daily for coffee, tea and socializing. On-Going daily activities include Mahjong on Mondays-beginners welcome. FMI, Diane 892-9529. Tuesdays include crafts, poker, cards and table games. FMI, Avis 892-0298. The Memoir Writing Group meets the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month. FMI, David 892-5604. Thursday Bingo at 10 a.m. Want to play Bocce Ball? Call David, 892-5604.

The Gorham Medical Closet located at the Municipal Center, 75 South St., is free and available to Gorham residents in need of portable wheelchairs, hospital beds, shower seats, commodes, walkers, canes and more. FMI, call 839-4579, 839-3630 or 839-3936.



STAR GAZERS

Suspicious persons at Fort Hill Park were a retired couple from Falmouth watching the stars. They moved along.

Caller reported three people had been dropped off on Robie Street and had started a fire and were still there smoking. Officer did not find anything like this. Caller told officer fire was still going and tried pointing it out but there was no fire, just glare from a streetlight reflecting off a vehicle.

Caller from Saco wanted to know if police were looking for her at her cousin's house. Police had no active case with her.

Officer made contact with a male and a female in the woods. Both subjects were identified and asked to leave the area.

Veranda Drive caller who was receiving harassing phone calls blocked the caller's number.

Officer made traffic stop on State Street and advised driver and passengers that property on School Street was not a place to hang out.

Two people camping in the field at Fort Hill Park were advised it was not permitted and were moved along.

Caller was concerned that his ex-girlfriend had access to his Facebook account. He wanted officers to know if his ex-wife received messages from his account, it was not him sending them as she has an active protection from abuse order against him.

Officer advised caller to change his password on Facebook so no one could use his account.

Officer stopped three four-wheelers on Chick Drive in front of the Police Department. They were issued summonses for operating after suspension, using unregistered ATV's, operating ATV's on a public way, and operating ATV's on land of another without permission.

Officer checked on man walking through the rotary on Route 114. He was walking back from Cumberland Farms to his home on Gray Road. His license was suspended.

Tow Path Road caller was upset that cars were parked in front of his residence to use the Gorham Trail system. Caller said vehicles are usually legally parked but he was upset at the speed at which they were traveling in and out of the area. He was advised to post his property.

Officer responded to a call on Mosher Road about a domesticated rabbit at large from neighbor's residence. House was vacant and undergoing renovation and previous owners had left the rabbits behind two to three weeks earlier. Officer brought over a Havahart trap but did not catch the rabbit.

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The winter months are particularly tough and the food pantry could use your help :-) We THANK YOU in advance for your donation! Visit us at http://gorhamfoodpantry.org/

GHS Guess Who Answers CONTINUED FROM PAGE 7

1) Casey Sanborn (GHS '97) currently lives in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada where he works in children's animation and is lead character designer for the "Blaze and the Monster Machines" series. He said, "I am immensely grateful for my time growing up in Gorham. I had some truly influential mentors/educators like my high school art teacher, Cindy Smith. I always think of Gorham as home, and return often to be with my family." He is still an avid tennis player, having recently played in a tournament, and thanks Sonja Frey and Derek Pierce for getting him hooked on the sport.

2) Blake Sanborn (GHS '00) is a landscape architect with AECOM in San Francisco where he lives with a vizsla puppy. He said, "I've really admired the Gorham Times and the people who work to pull it together; it's clearly a

source of community pride." He still remembers fondly the thrill of a good snow day and shopping for hours at O'Donals nursery.

3) Peter Sanborn (GHS '04) works for Cintas and lives in a house he designed and had built in Gorham. He still loves motocross and riding dirt bikes, snowmobiles, ATV's, motorcycles, racecars and any other toys with a motor. He and his girlfriend Rebecca travel throughout New England to follow local motorsports events. He said, "I can remember having many teachers in Gorham who really cared about the students and made classes very fun and entertaining. I also remember after school golf practice and having a great group of friends to shoot a round with over at Gorham Country Club. We had a lot of fun with our sports teams."

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THURSDAY, DEC. 3

- Baby and Me, ages birth-18 mos., 9:30 a.m., Baxter Memorial Library.
- Toddler Time, ages 18-36 mos., 10 a.m., Baxter Memorial Library.
- Sewing Group at Baxter Memorial Library, 2:30-4:30 p.m., Ages 7 & older. 7 & 8 year olds must be accompanied by adult.

SATURDAY, DEC. 5

- Christmas Tree & Wreath Sale, Fresh cut, Maine grown, Robie Gym Lawn, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sponsored by GHS Swim and Ice Hockey Team.
- Friendly Village Holiday Fair, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Friendly Village Community Center, 5 Ash
- First Parish Church Fair, Saturday, Dec. 5, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Silent Auction, Café Luncheon, Dessert Auction, Crafts, Greens, Gifts and More!
- Bean Supper, White Rock Community Club, 34 Wilson Rd., Gorham, 4:30-6:30 p.m. \$8/\$4 under 12.

SUNDAY, DEC. 6

- Christmas Tree & Wreath Sale, Fresh cut, Maine grown, Robie Gym Lawn, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sponsored by GHS Swim and Ice Hockey Team.
- Service of Comfort and Rest, 2 p.m., West Gorham Union Church, 190 Ossipee Trail. All are welcome.

TUESDAY, DEC. 8

• Pre-School Story Time, 3-5 years, Baxter Memorial Library, 9:30 a.m.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 9

- Town of Gorham Senior Lunch Program, St. Anne's Church, Gorham. Opens at 11 a.m. Lunch served promptly at 12 p.m. \$4. FMI, 839-4857.
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THURSDAY, DEC. 10

- Baby and Me, ages birth-18 mos., 9:30 a.m., Baxter Memorial Library.
- Toddler Time, ages 18-36 mos., 10 a.m., Baxter Memorial Library.
- Sewing Group at Baxter Memorial Library, 2:30-4:30 p.m., Ages 7 & older. 7 & 8 year olds must be accompanied by adult.
- Goodwill Industries 'Behind-the-Scenes Warehouse Tour," 34 Hutcherson Drive, Gorham, 2-3 p.m. Children must be accompanied by an adult. FMI, ken.christian@goodwillnne.org or 774-6323.

FRIDAY, DEC. 11

- Gorham/Westbrook/Windham TRIAD Meeting and Christmas brunch, 9 a.m., Westbrook Public Safety Building, 570 Main Street. FMI, 228-9050.
- Christmas Concert at Spire 29 at 7pm, 29 School Street free admission, open to the public. In lieu of admission, please bring an item to benefit the Gorham Food Pantry: canned goods, dry cereal, peanut butter, jelly, bar soap. SEE AD ON PG 8

SATURDAY, DEC. 12

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SATURDAY, DEC. 12

• LEGO Club, 10 a.m.-12 p.m., Baxter Memorial Library. All ages. No registration required.

SUNDAY, DEC. 13

 Christmas Tree & Wreath Sale, Fresh cut, Maine grown, Robie Gym Lawn, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sponsored by GHS Swim and Ice Hockey Team.

TUESDAY, DEC. 15

- Pre-School Story Time, 3-5 years, Baxter Memorial Library, 9:30 a.m.
- Gorham House Itsy Bitsy store, 1:30-3:30 p.m., GH lobby. FMI, 839-5757.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 16

- Special Evening Story Time: The Polar Express, 6 p.m. Dress in your pajamas and join Conductor David Cole for storytime. All ages. No registration required.
- Town of Gorham Senior Lunch Program, St. Anne's Church, Gorham. Opens at 11 a.m. Lunch served promptly at 12 p.m. \$4. FMI, 839-4857.

THURSDAY, DEC. 17

- Baby and Me, ages birth-18 mos., 9:30 a.m., Baxter Memorial Library.
- Toddler Time, ages 18-36 mos., 10 a.m., Baxter Memorial Library.
- Sewing Group at Baxter Memorial Library, 2:30-4:30 p.m., Ages 7 & older. 7 & 8 year olds must be accompanied by adult.

Baxter Memorial Library, 71 South St. Friendly Village Community Center, 5 Ash Dr. Robie Gym, 42 South St. St. Anne's Church, 299 Main St. West Gorham Union Church, 190 Ossipee Trail White Rock Community Club, 34 Wilson Rd.

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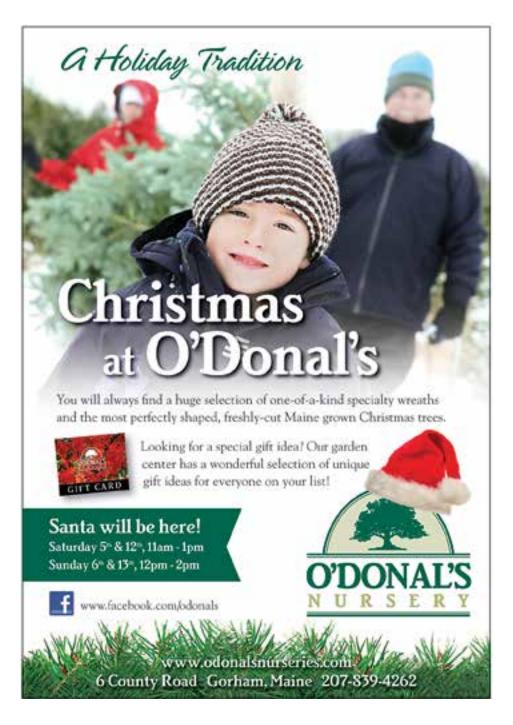
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