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Governor Mills Visits Gorham Business

Kathy Corbett, Staff Writer



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On her tour of the the Flowfold facility, Governor Janet Mills watched Production Manager Maxine Harmon construct a sailcloth bag.

Governor Janet Mills visited the Flowfold company on Tuesday, Oct. 24 to announce a new initiative, part of the governor's Domestic Trade Program to support Maine's overall economic growth. Flowfold, which makes all its products at its facility in the Gorham Industrial Park, was part of a pilot project de-

signed to provide technical and financial assistance that helps Maine Businesses increase sales outside of the state.

Mills, who lived in Gorham as a child, toured the plant with CEO and co-founder Devin McNeill. "Gorham means something to me," she said. "I lived at the corner of Main and Elm Streets

and had a paper route up Main Street."

McNeill explained that his company started making wallets on Peaks Island in 2010 and in 2018 moved to Gorham from Scarborough. They have 15 employees who make bags, backpacks, and other products from recycled sailcloth. Flowfold outdoor gear is sold in ten Maine stores, including L.L. Bean. They also make dog leashes from recycled rope. McNeill said that 50% of their business is online and 90% of sales are out-of-state.

During the pandemic, Flowfold made thousands of face shields and children's masks for hospitals, schools, and the State of Maine. Mills commended the company for their shield production that saved lives and preserved Maine livelihoods.

Mills said the available new \$6 million grant program will help small businesses such as Flowfold participate in trade shows and develop marketing plans to increase the sale of Maine products across the country. She said since 2019 Maine's economy has grown 19% and is getting stronger, with more growth in the last four years than in the past fifteen.

Planning Board Discusses the Robie Street Contract Zone

Kathy Corbett, Staff Writer

The Gorham Planning Board (PB) will hold the first of two workshops on Monday, Nov. 20 to meet with the applicants, Kendrick Ballantyne and Vincent Maretta of KV Enterprises, and share information about what is involved in creating a contract zone for the proposed Robie Residential Development between South Street and New Portland Road, south of Village School.

The workshops are not public hearings, although the public is welcome to attend. After the workshops, there will be a public hearing where the Planning Board will make a recommendation to the Town Council (TC). The Town Council will then hold a public meeting followed by an up-or-down vote by the TC on the Robie Street Contract Zone.

Phase 1 of the larger project plan includes one commercial building, 38 single family houses, and 88 multi-family units. It follows the Gorham Comprehensive Plan that allows for more residential buildings

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Gorham Police Discuss Response to Recent Incidents

Sheri Faber, Staff Writer

Gorham's Police Chief, Christopher Sanborn, believes that the United States is facing a national mental health crisis. The Gorham Police Department is working diligently in an attempt to avoid a mass shooting such as the recent one in Lewiston in which 18 people were killed by a mentally ill man with a semi-automatic rifle. A major part of the Department's response is increased training in how to look for red flags, how to respond, and how to identify active shooter situations. Gorham has policies in place to address these issues and plans on how to respond.

The Gorham Police Department is a member of a County-wide training group that conducts regional training in response to these types of incidents. The Cumberland County Emergency Management Agency is a member of this group and a resource for assistance with these training sessions. They are working on securing a grant for funding for training geared to

addressing response to active assailant situations. The first stage of the training will begin in February addressing initial response to a potential mass shooting.

There are also plans for all of the stakeholders (law enforcement, fire departments, emergency medical service, public works, and possibly including city and school administrators) to meet and conduct a tabletop exercise to lay out potential scenarios and instructions, as well as having groups play out responses followed by discussions to evaluate how these responses worked. Finally, there will be a full-scale active assailant training exercise conducted.

Officers need both training and resources to identify those who need help and to utilize community resources to obtain mental health services. Gorham and Windham currently share a mental health liaison who is called upon to evaluate people who

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Naming the William B. Wise Athletics Learning Center

Patrick and Cindy O'Shea, Staff Writers



Photo credit: Roger Marchand

Bill Wise, namesake of the William B. Wise Learning Center, Longtime Gorham resident William B. (Bill) Wise was honored on Oct. 14, at a dedication ceremony at the Costello Sports Complex. The University of Southern Maine Athletic Department's learning center is now the William B. Wise Learning Center. The study center is required for first year student athletes. This study center gives them a welcoming comfortable

place to study. Thirteen athletic coaches and administrators work in this area and provide support when needed. The emphasis on student athletes is important at USM.

Wise began his twenty-five year career at USM in 1966 retiring in 1991. He held a variety of positions from dean of Academic Affairs, dean of Education, assistant to the vice president of Academic Affairs and executive assistant to the president.

USM Athletic Director Al Bean, said, "The reason Bill was so successful was that he deeply cared about people and supported them to get the best out of themselves."

All during his career, Wise was an advocate of the Division III student athlete model. In 1988 the athletic department first honored him by establishing the William B. Wise Scholar-Athlete Award program. To earn

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Local Election Results

Municipal Election Results:

Town Council: Suzanne E. Phillips, 2516; Charles L. Simms, 2001

School Committee: 3-year term: Mia M. DeSanctis, 3274; Michelle L. Littlefield, 3413; Sarah B. Perkins, 3456

School Committee, 1-year term: Nicole R. Yeo-Fisher

State Election Results:

Question 1: Yes, 3579; No, 1661

Question 2: Yes, 4582; No, 747

Question 3: Yes, 1547; No, 3799

Question 4: Yes, 4596; No, 752

Question 5: Yes, 3172; No, 1999

Question 6: Yes, 3928; No, 1267

Question 7: Yes, 1660; No, 3458

Question 8: Yes, 2440; No, 2707



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NEWS FROM AUGUSTA

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

My Heart is with Lewiston

Sen. Stacy Brenner

Maine has suffered a great loss. Unspeakable violence shook our state when a gunman killed 18 people and wounded 13 others at a bowling alley and a bar in Lewiston. The victims were children, parents, siblings, neighbors, and friends — all beloved members of their communities. Maine is one big small town, which caused grief to spread to every corner of our state. While the conclusion of the manhunt has alleviated some of the immediate anxiety, our shared grief remains ongoing. That's why I would like to share some resources that are available to help us through this difficult time.

For many, including myself, one of the first questions that came to mind was, "How can I help?" In the wake of this tragedy, several organizations have begun mobilizing to offer services to support Lewiston, especially the victims, families, and survivors. The Maine Community Foundation has set up the Lewiston-Auburn Area Response Fund to address ongoing and emerging needs related to this tragedy. They will be utilizing existing networks, expertise, and resources to help the Lewiston community. For those who are able and willing to donate, you can do so through their website.

Central Maine Medical Center also established the Central Maine Medical Center Compassionate Care Fund for Trauma Response and Support in response to the Lewiston mass shooting. This hospital has been at the center of the crisis, starting on the night of the shooting. For information on how to help,

you can email them at giving@cmhc.org or call them at 207-795-2685. The City of Lewiston has also started the City of Lewiston Families and Victims Fund. You can donate online, in-person at any Androscoggin Bank location, or by mailing a check to Androscoggin Savings Bank, c/o City of Lewiston Support Fund, PO Box 1407, Lewiston, ME 04243.

However, not everyone is able to help, but rather is looking for help for themselves or loved ones. If you are seeking immediate support, there are several hotlines that you can call. For mental health support, you can call or text 988, which offers free, confidential, 24/7 access to professional counselors who have been trained to help those experiencing mental health-related distress. You can also contact the Maine Intentional Warm Line at 1-866-771-9276 (WARM), which was established during the COVID-19 pandemic to help Mainers through mental health challenges that arose during that time. It offers mental health peer-to-peer support for those 18 and older with a trained peer specialist who has experienced mental health recovery.

Gov. Mills' administration has listed all of these mental health supports, and more, on a page dedicated to helping Mainers through the grief and pain of the Lewiston shooting. The full list can be found here: maine.gov/governor/mills/lewiston.

Finally, my heart goes out to Lewiston and the families and loved ones of those impacted by this unspeakable tragedy. The manhunt has concluded and the

injured will physically heal, but the emotional wounds will take a long time to process. That's why our communities will need to remain strong, connected and compassionate to each other's needs. My heart goes out to my colleagues from Lewiston who have been compassionate and active members of their community in this time of need. As a nurse-midwife, I'm especially grateful for the many hours that medical professionals have dedicated to responding to this crisis. This mass shooting has devastated Mainers across the state, but we are a resilient people. Together, we will make it through this difficult time.

If you have questions, ideas or comments concerning our efforts to prevent another tragedy, please feel free to contact me at Stacy.Brenner@legislature.maine.gov or my legislative office at (207) 287-1515. You can follow my Facebook page at [Facebook.com/SenatorStacyBrenner](https://www.facebook.com/SenatorStacyBrenner) for more frequent updates. To sign up for my email newsletter, you can go to mainesenate.org.



Stacy Brenner is serving her second term in the Maine Senate, representing Senate District 30, which includes Gorham,

Scarborough. She is the co-owner of Broadturn Farm in Scarborough and is also a certified nurse-midwife.

Letter to the Editor

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To the editor:

As a member of the Maine Lung Cancer Coalition Advisory Board, I would like to share this letter regarding the importance of lung cancer screening.

Early detection is one of the best ways to improve lung cancer survival, which is important because lung cancer is currently the leading cause of cancer death in the United States.

The good news is that there have been great improvements in how we detect lung cancer early. The American Cancer Society has estimated that screening with Low Dose CT (LDCT) scans could save between 30,000 and 60,000 lives in the U.S. each year.

LDCT scans are totally painless, non-invasive, and better than a standard chest X-ray at finding lung cancer early. They work the same way a regular CT scan but with much less radiation! You can even wear your street clothes into the machine. Despite all of these benefits, uptake in LDCT screening has been slow — especially compared to other kinds of annual cancer screenings (like mammograms or colonoscopies).

One thing we can all do is spread the word on National Lung Cancer Screening Day, which is being held this year on Saturday, Nov. 11. The goal is to increase screening access and awareness for eligible people. Of course, because National Lung Cancer Screening Day is being held on Veterans Day this year, we especially want to encourage and assist our veterans who

are eligible in getting screened. According to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), you are eligible to for LDCT screening if:

- You are between 50 and 80 years old
- Currently smoke or have quit within the past 15 years and
- Have a 20-pack-year history of tobacco smoking*

If you think you or someone you love may be eligible for a LDCT scan for lung cancer, please contact your healthcare provider and schedule an appointment to talk about the pros and cons of LDCT screening.

For more information on lung cancer screening please contact Deb

Violette at Free ME from Lung Cancer. Telephone 207-215-9035 or deb@freemefromlungcancer.org or Neil Korsen, MD, MS, Chair, Maine Lung Cancer Coalition neil.korsen@mainehealth.org.

* A pack-year is smoking an average of one pack of cigarettes per day for one year. For example, a person could have a 20-pack-year history of smoking one pack a day for 20 years or two packs a day for 10 years. We know that smoking habits change over time and ask you to consider how much you smoked on average when you estimate your pack-years.

Linda Sanborn MD

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have come to the attention of the Police Department as potentially being in need of mental health evaluation and/or services.

Governor Mills is working on putting together a diverse group to review what laws might need to be changed to address our current mental health crisis in Maine. Currently, people can purchase semi-automatic rifles. They are legal if they are not fully automatic and there are restrictions on magazine capacity. The shooter in Lewiston had a legal gun.

Several months ago, Gorham Police received a call from someone who was going to shoot his stepfather. He told police he was in the woods behind USM. Police obtained his location from his phone and were able

to locate him and resolve the situation.

Gorham Police have plans in place to specifically respond quickly to active assailant situations.

Chief Sanborn advises "if you know something, say something". If someone is behaving erratically, struggling or in crisis, call the Statewide Crisis Referral number, dial 211.

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Update on Robie Park

By Michael Lortie, School News Editor



Proposal #1 of Robie Park from Aceto Landscape Architects that was the most popular with the 456 respondents to the survey. Photo credit: Cindy Hazelton

On Thursday, Nov 2, a meeting was held to review the results of the survey that had been presented to the public to gather input about the proposed master plans for Robie Park. This was an opportunity for the community to give input on the three design proposals and a number of statements before the finalized plan is presented to the Gorham Town Council for approval and budgeting.

The meeting was led by Caitlin Aceto, a partner in Aceto Landscape Architects, who had prepared the plans. She reported that 456 people had responded to the survey and went through each question and the percentages of recorded responses.

The majority of the respondents to the survey preferred plan #1, wanted some lawn space, two basketball courts off to the side, a bike skills safety area for younger children, a shade structure, a nature play area, and a sidewalk on Ball Park Road.

There are many questions yet to be answered including funding for these improvements and which department within the town will maintain the park. Some money has been set aside by the recent town council, but it is clear that there will need to be some public and private funding as well.

There was overwhelming support in the crowd to preserve as many trees as

possible and not to remove any trees for lawn space, sidewalks, or structures.

Marty Miller, who walks the park daily with her dog, collected glass and hard plastic pieces that she felt might cut animals or young children. She brought these pieces to artist Tammy Mullen, who displays and sells her artwork at Shenanigans LLC in downtown Gorham. Tammy made a mosaic with the small pieces of glass. This mosaic, a picture of Robie Park, states, "Robie Park creatures prefer grass to glass."



This artwork of Robie Park by Tammy Mullen was donated to the town by Marty Miller. Marty walks the park daily with her dog and collected the pieces of glass and hard plastic that were used to create this piece of art. Photo credit: Cindy Hazelton

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GORHAM TREE FESTIVAL

Join us in making this holiday season brighter by participating in this year's 7th Annual Tree Festival

HERE'S HOW:

- Pick or Set Up a tree outside your business or home to decorate.
- Come up with a theme, color scheme, etc. and decorate your tree.
- Have your tree decorated prior to Gorham Recreation Department's Light Parade on Sunday, Nov. 26 at 4 p.m.

Feel free to share your masterpiece to the Gorham 2023 Tree Festival Facebook Group.

Send us an email of the location of your tree to be judged.

Winners will be announced on or by New Years Eve.

Grand Winners will be presented with a Traveling Plaque to hold onto for the year and this year a donation can be made to the winner's choice.

For more info please reach out to: gorhamstreefestival@gmail.com

Gorham Food Pantry's Thanksgiving Baskets

By Aislyn McLean, GHS Student Intern

The Gorham Food Pantry, situated right next St. Anne's Church, has worked for over 25 years to assist Gorham residents. Their mission is to serve the needs of hungry families and individuals in our community with supplemental food. In addition to regularly providing food for townspeople throughout the year, they also provide special Thanksgiving baskets in November.

Each year, the number of requested baskets increases, most recently due to COVID-19. Even though the pandemic is nearly four years behind us, the Pantry is still feeling some effects. This Thanksgiving, the total estimate is up to 150 baskets. The holiday season and cold months can be particularly difficult for people, but with the help of fellow Gorham residents, the Pantry can make these times a little easier.

Recently, the Pantry has set up a Venmo account and would love help from the Gorham community in funding these baskets. Willing participants can com-

mit to providing a turkey, or even a full basket for a family of two, four, or more. The electronically collected money will go towards the food and set-up of the baskets, which will be assembled by Pantry volunteers during the week of Nov. 13-17. Clients receiving baskets will pick up their goods on Saturday, Nov. 18.

Leftover funds in the account will go directly towards the purchase of food for regular Pantry days. Pantry days are on Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

If you're interested in joining the effort and helping out some neighbors, you can scan the Venmo QR code in the Gorham Food Pantry's advertisement in this current Gorham Times issue. Be on the lookout for posters in your favorite local businesses, as flyers with the QR code will be posted around town as well. You can also directly Venmo the pantry @GorhamFoodPantry. As always, cash and checks are welcome.

Pianist Laura Kargul and DaPonte String Quartet at Corthell Nov. 19

Gorham Times Staff



Photo credit: Courtesy of the DaPonte String Quartet

On Saturday, Nov. 19 at 2 p.m., the University of Southern Maine Osher School of Music will present Laura Kargul, pianist, in concert with three members of the DaPonte String Quartet: Lydia Forbes, violinist, Kirsten Monke, violist, and Myles Jordan, cellist.

The concert is sponsored by Murray Plumb & Murray, and will take place at Corthell Concert Hall on the USM Gorham Campus. Tickets are \$15 general, \$10 students, seniors, USM employees and alumni. FMI and Tickets: <https://tinyurl.com/e5ca94ac>

Kargul has appeared with the DaPonte String Quartet on a number of occasions, but this will mark the first time the group has performed with her in Gorham. "I'm just delighted that members of the DaPonte String Quartet will be joining me on the series at USM, and with such an exciting program," says Kargul. "We will present two of the greatest works by Bach and Brahms, completely different in style and period, but both widely recognized to be masterpieces in their respective genres."

The program will begin with J.S. Bach's well-known and much loved "Goldberg Variations" performed in an arrangement for string trio. Originally written for solo harpsichord, the set is a tour de force both compositionally and in the virtuosic demands it makes upon the performers. According to Kargul, "this will be a rare opportunity to hear this monumental work performed by three string players, as opposed to a solo keyboardist. With the clarity of voicing made possible by having one

player per line, this gorgeous, complex work takes on a whole new life."

The second half of the program will feature Kargul and her string colleagues in the "Quartet for Piano and Strings in C Minor, Op. 60," by Johannes Brahms. The piano quartet, composed of violin, viola, cello and piano, was popularized as a chamber music ensemble in the late 18th century, with Mozart's two masterful contributions to the genre. It was then adopted by later composers, such as Schumann and Brahms.

"The Brahms piano quartets are among the greatest works in the genre, and of the three that he wrote, the C Minor quartet is the most compelling and dramatic," says Kargul. "Brahms strongly hinted that the work was inspired by the tragic novel 'The Sorrows of Young Werther,' Goethe's tale of a young man's unrequited love for the wife of a friend."

"The story most likely resonated with Brahms' intense feelings for Clara Schumann, the wife of Robert Schumann. The true nature of their relationship remains, to this day, an unresolved mystery - but this quartet potentially sheds light upon Brahms' state of mind when he was young and writing love letters to her. This highly charged work is thrilling in its depiction of a tormented, love-sick heart."



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Laura Kargul

The Athlete's Corner: Quality Athlete Nutrition vs. GIGO

Stan Skolfield, ATC, CSCS, Contributing Writer

In the world of sports and athletics, performance is paramount. Athletes at all levels strive to achieve their personal best, pushing their bodies to the limits. However, achieving peak performance isn't solely about physical training; it also hinges on the fuel that athletes put into their bodies. This brings us to a critical comparison: Quality Athlete Nutrition vs. GIGO.

GIGO, a term often used in the context of computing and data analysis, asserts that the output is only as good as the input. Hence GIGO, Garbage In, Garbage Out. The same principle applies to an athlete's body. The quality of the nutrition an athlete receives significantly impacts their performance, recovery, body composition, and overall health. What you put into your body matters just as much as your training regimen.

GIGO is a concept that underscores the importance of the information or data input in various processes. In the context of nutrition, it means that the food you consume directly affects your physical and athletic performance. If an athlete consumes a diet laden with empty calories (energy drinks), sugar, and processed food (chicken nuggets, pizza, French fries), their body will not perform at its best.

Sure, you may be able to get away with it for one practice, workout or game, but poor choices reveal themselves in poorer performance as you string together multiple days' worth of athletic activity. Just as bad data can lead to erroneous results in computing, poor nutrition can result in subpar athletic performance and hinder an athlete's potential.

GIGO encourages the optimization of input at the beginning for better output at the end. The quality of an athlete's

food choices prior to activity will have an impact down the line in the later stages of games, practices, and long-term athletic optimization. For example, eating quality food over a prolonged period will significantly impact an athlete's ability to build a strong, lean body which optimizes strength to body weight ratio. Strength to bodyweight ratio (relative strength) is one of the leading predictors of high performing athletes. Great examples are elite sprinters, running backs, gymnasts, and mixed martial artists. The best athletes have high levels of strength vs body weight.

The comparison between GIGO and quality athlete nutrition highlights the critical role of nutrition in athletic performance. Like a computer system, the human body requires high-quality input to produce optimal output. Athletes who prioritize quality nutrition give themselves a significant advantage in achieving their goals, having optimal body composition, and consistently performing at their best. Whether you're a professional, collegiate, high school or youth athlete or simply enjoy recreational sports, remember that what you put into your body matters.



Stan Skolfield is the Owner of Skolfield Sports Performance, a comprehensive athlete training

facility dedicated to getting athletes to the next level. He has been training athletes from 7 years old to the pro's for over 25 years.

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Where Are They Now: Susan M. Stevens

Chris Crawford, Staff Writer

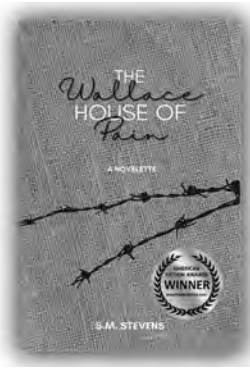


Photo credit: S. M. Stevens

Gorham author, Susan M. Stevens' new book won top award in the American Fiction Awards in the novelette category.

Author Susan M. Stevens, (GHS '81) has been awarded the top honor in the 2023 American Fiction Awards competition in the novelette category for "The Wallace House of Pain." The six year old American Fiction Awards, sponsored by American Book Fest, honor excellence in Fiction. A novelette is longer than a short story and shorter than a novella.

"The Wallace House of Pain" is a portrait of troubled family relations, modern social justice issues and deeply personal choices. A Readers' Favorite review of the book says, "Stevens tackles sensitive but relevant topics...and does a respectful job portraying a positive message of acceptance and love." The novella's characters will also appear in Stevens' anticipated new novel, "Beautiful and

Terrible Things," which will be published in July 2024 by Black Rose Writing.

Stevens said, "This is my first fiction award so I'm thrilled. Readers seem to love the social justice and family strife themes of 'The Wallace House of Pain.' The novella features the same characters as my novel 'Beautiful and Terrible Things,' which comes out in July 2024."

"The Wallace House of Pain" is available in paperback and ebook format on Amazon, Barnes & Noble, Goodreads, and IndieBound.

The novella has also been published in stage script format. The play is available for production by school, university and community theatre groups. For more on "The Wallace House of Pain" including reviews, visit: <https://authorsmstevens.com/books-2/the-wallace-house-of-pain/>

Stevens began writing fiction as a result of two serious health issues: a broken pelvis from a horseback riding accident, followed a year later by a diagnosis of ovarian cancer. The forced inactivity gave her plenty of time to write.

In an interview with Stevens a few years ago, she said she loved growing up in small town Gorham. She now lives in Washington, N.H. but travels to Gorham a few times a year to visit family and high school friends. Her mother and one of her brothers lives in Gorham, and her sister lives in Kittery.

To learn more about her books she can be contacted via www.AuthorSMStevens.com.

Burn Permit Now Required For Larger Campfires

Gorham Fire Department

If you enjoy an occasional backyard campfire, you need to know that size matters. As of Oct. 25, 2023, a new Maine law mandates burn permits for any fire that exceeds 3 feet in height and 3 feet in diameter that are not for the purpose of debris disposal. Burn permits are available free of charge and can be secured online after 9 a.m. at maineburnpermit.com.

This new regulation aims to reduce the risk of the most common cause of wildfires in Maine which are campfires

that are allowed to get too large or are left unattended. A recreational campfire is defined as an outdoor campfire used for cooking, warmth, ceremonial, or aesthetic purposes and is not part of debris disposal. A residential fire contained in an outdoor fireplace also falls into this category and is also subject to the new law.

Permits for burning brush and wood debris remain unaffected and are still required under the existing regulations. The new law also makes it unlawful to burn outdoors during red flag warning days.

Veterans Day Quotes

"While only one day of the year is dedicated solely to honoring our veterans, Americans must never forget the sacrifices that many of our fellow countrymen have made to defend our country and protect our freedoms." -Randy Neugebauer

"Our Veterans accepted the responsibility to defend America and uphold our values when duty called." —Bill Shuster

"How important it is for us to recognize and celebrate our heroes and she-roes!" -Maya Angelou

"As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them." —John Fitzgerald Kennedy

"The true soldier fights not because he hates what is in front of him, but because he loves what is behind him." —G.K. Chesterton

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MUNICIPAL Town Manager's Report

Sheri Faber, Staff Writer

MEDICAL LOAN CLOSET

The Town of Gorham, through its Medical Loan Closet and its volunteers, lends FREE health aides such as wheelchairs, commodes, beds, walkers, crutches and more to any Gorham resident. To make a request, please call Medical Loan Closet volunteers Lois MacDonald at (207) 839-2484 or Gerry Day at (207) 839-3859, during office hours of Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Medical Loan Closet is located at the Gorham Municipal Center at 75 South Street, down the hall from Shaw Gym. For assistance, please call the numbers provided, or visit the Recreation Office or Town Manager's Office during regular office hours.

26th ANNUAL BURN OFF THE TURKEY 5K

On Saturday, Nov. 25, Gorham Recreation invites everyone to get outside for their annual Burn Off the Turkey 5k Run/Walk around Robie Park starting at 9 a.m. To register or learn more, visit https://gorhamme.myrec.com/info/activities/program_details.aspx?ProgramID=14960.

26th ANNUAL GORHAM LIGHT PARADE & TREE LIGHTING

Join Gorham Recreation on Sunday, Nov. 26 for their annual Light Parade and Tree Lighting at Robie Park, with festivities starting at 4:15 p.m. The parade can be viewed along Route 25 and South Street. Enjoy festivities at Baxter Memorial Park, including reindeer games and holiday treats!

To register for the parade, please email Community Recreation & Events Manager Zachary Lambert at zlambert@gorham.me.us with your name, company name (if applicable), and vehicle type that will be in the parade. Be

sure to tune your radio to University of Southern Maine's station 90.9 for Christmas music! Additional information:

- Line up for the parade begins at Noonan's at 3:30pm.
- Parade leaves at approximately 4:30pm from Noonan's and arrives at Robie Park at approximately 5pm.
- Light parade route: Main Street/Route 25 to South Street to Morrill Avenue to Ball Park Road around Robie Park and High School.
- Ball Park Road will be closed to traffic from 4:15 to 6pm; please use Access Road.
- To ensure the safety of parade participants, no walkers – floats only.
- To ensure the safety of parade spectators, no throwing of anything from anywhere.

NEW YEAR GORHAM - December 31

The New Year Gorham Committee and volunteers are busy planning and preparing for the 2023/24 NYG celebration and annual community event to be held on New Year's Eve in Gorham. The event is made possible by donations and the generosity from various businesses and individuals, along with dedicated volunteers.

A program of events and activities will be accessible at <https://www.gorham-me.org/new-year-gorham-committee> once available. Follow NYG on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/NewYearGorham/> for more information as it becomes available.

WINTER WEATHER & SNOW REMOVAL

Gorham Public Works employees are ready for winter's rain, snow and ice.

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Dept. of Public Works Reminders

Kelly Meslin, DPW Office Manager

The office will be closed Thursday and Friday, Nov. 23 and 24 in observance of Thanksgiving.

The week of Thanksgiving trash schedule is as follows: Monday through Wednesday are normal collection. Thursday collection will be on Friday, Nov. 24.

Please continue to put trash curbside by 7 a.m. on your collection day.

Please keep turnarounds free of vehicles and equipment. This hinders Casella getting in and out of roads safely and efficiently.

If you have any questions regarding proper recycling or trash tag usage, please call the office at (207) 222-4950.

As the leaves begin to fall, please do not rake or place leaves in drainage ditches. DPW provides an area for residents to bring leaves. It's always very helpful if you have a catch basin near your residence to keep that clear of leaves and debris to allow for proper drainage.

As winter approaches, please move any basketball hoops from the edge of the roadway.

Winter sand will be available to Gorham residents soon. We will post on the Town webpage and Facebook as soon as it is ready. You may take two 5-gallon buckets per weather event. Buckets and shovels will be needed.

Please remember there is no parking on any public road or public easement roadway from Nov. 1 to May 1, midnight to 6 am or during any parking ban declared by the Public Works Department. Vehicles parked illegally or abandoned on roads are subject to towing at the owner's expense as well as ticketing by the police. Please remove your car from the street as soon as you are aware of a snow alert.

Clerk's Corner

Laurie Nordfors, Town Clerk

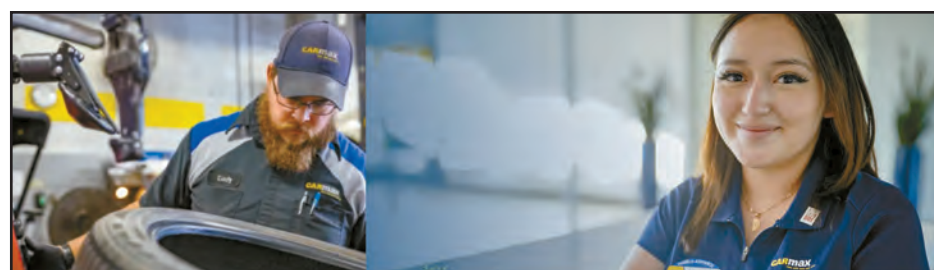
As the holidays approach, we start thinking about families who need a little extra help to get through the holiday seasons. The Town of Gorham offers a program for families in need during the holidays. You may apply at the Town Clerk's Office or call, and we will mail you an application.

If you are a business or individual that would like to help, you can do so by sponsoring a family for the holidays. This is a great way for a community group, organization, or a whole family to get involved. You can call the Town Clerk's Office at (207) 222-1670 before the holidays and ask to sponsor a family. You will be given a "wish list" from a family along with the children's ages and clothing size.

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, 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 making a contribution 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 for your consideration. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (207) 222-1670 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!"



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Just A Kid From Gorham

By Neile Nelson, GHS Math Teacher



Photo credit: Catalyst for Change Wear

GHS T-shirt Fundraiser hopes to raise funds for two organizations while fostering community at the school.

As a response to the tragic events in Lewiston, The Gorham High School Interact Club board of directors (Advisor Neile Nelson, Chloe Blanchard, Julia Wareham, Addison Harjula and Ashley Connolly) decided to partner with Catalyst for Change Wear through a "Just a Kid from Gorham" t-shirt and hoodie fundraiser to raise money for two separate organizations.

Ashley Connolly has this to add "We are really hoping that the "Just a Kid From Gorham" gear will really unite our Gorham community, and the money we raise is going to both the greater Lewiston community through the Maine Community Fund as well as the Community Action 4 Mental Health Initiative. Our club very much values helping those people in need at this time".

50% of the proceeds from this fundraiser will go directly from the Gorham High School Interact Club to The Lewiston-

Auburn Area Response Fund, created by the Maine Community Foundation, a registered 501(c)(3) address current and emerging needs associated with the recent tragedy. With the Maine Community Foundation as a conduit, 100% of every dollar donated to that fund will be allocated to people impacted and the organizations that will help guide Lewiston-Auburn through the process of healing.

The other 50% of the proceeds will benefit the Community Action 4 Mental Health Initiative, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization in Gorham dedicated to raising awareness, reducing stigma, and improving access to care.

From Nov. 1 to Nov. 17, the GHS Interact Club will be selling "Just a Kid from Gorham" t-shirts and hoodies. Members of the community may order using the link: <https://www.cfcwear.com/gorham>

Author Dusti Bowling Visits Schools

By Gigi McAllister, Village School Librarian



Photo credit: Gigi McAllister
Author Dusti Bowling talks to students at Village Elementary School

"I have been a reader my whole life and I want you to be a reader your whole life too!" was the message that students received during a recent visit by children's author Dusti Bowling. Bowling visited GMS and all three elementary schools. Students from grade 2-8 across the district were able to attend assemblies where the author emphasized the importance of reading and becoming a lifelong reader. She urged students to limit screen time, read more books, and spend time in nature. Bowling shared stories about life on her small farm in Arizona and her love of animals and nature.

Students also learned about how the writer takes a story idea through the writing process, and multiple revisions, before eventual publication. The author's love of reading led her to

become a writer. She spread a message of hope to the young writers in the audience that they, one day, could also become published writers.

As a special treat, a group of students in grades 3-5 at Narragansett Elementary School was able to have lunch with her. This lunch was a highlight of the visit for the students.

Students examined props that she brought with her such as rattlesnake skins and rattles, other dangerous snakes skins, as well as spiders and scorpions in resin, and the science and stories behind them.

The funding for this Gorham school visit was provided through a generous grant from Aspire Gorham.



Photo credit: Lori Littlefield, Narragansett School Librarian
Narragansett Elementary grade 3 and 4 students: Eli Madelyn, Rowan & Cade beside guest author Dusti Bowling.

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Final Stretch for USM Huskies Soccer Season

By Katie Brown, Sports Editor



Photo credit: James Liebowitz

USM men's team starters including Asa Farley (#24) and Colin Albert (#4).

The Little East Conference Tournament is underway for both the Men's and Women's programs making their mark, who are both having strong seasons. The University of Southern Maine has four hometown athletes, all sophomores and all have a key role on the team in one way or another, with two athletes on the men's side and two athletes on the women's side. Colin Albert, GHS '22 (midfield), Asa Farley, GHS '22 (defense), Erin Castonguay, GHS '22 (defense) and Julia Kratzer, Cheverus '22 (midfield).

On Saturday, Oct. 28, both the men's and women's team concluded their regular season with road games in Vermont and New Hampshire, with different games on the line. On the men's side, their last regular season game was moved from a home game to Plymouth State in light of the events in Lewiston. The game v. Castleton State was a must tiebreaker to make it into the play-offs.

The team did just that and went on to play Western Connecticut State in Danbury CT, three days later on Oct. 31st in a quarterfinal match-up. In the 69th minute of the match Western Connecticut State scored their second and winning goal,

but not before a huskie goal was scored in the 75th minute, on a thread from senior midfielders who got the ball out to their forward for a low far post shot.

Southern Maine's appearance in the 2023 Little East Conference playoffs is the first since 2018, and just the fourth overall appearance in program history. The Huskies 22 goals this season are the most by the program since 2008. On the women's side, the Huskies are the 2023 Regular Season champion for the second consecutive season and are the top seed and will have a "bye" week. They will host the semifinal game on Nov. 2 and will play the winner of No. 4 UMass Boston v. No. 5 Rhode Island College.

The Huskies are the defending 2022 Little East Conference tournament champions. The Huskies (13-1-4 overall) are ranked third in the most recent NCAA Division III Region 1 Rankings, and have outscored their opponents 47-13 this season, and hold an 8-0 record at home in 2023. The men's team will no doubt be supporting the women's team on their home turf at Hannaford field in Gorham.



Photo credit: James Liebowitz

#4 Colin Albert in action for USM Men's soccer v. Nichols.



Photo credit: Deja Driscoll Smith

#17 Erin Castonguay in action for the Huskies.

Here is more of what the hometown athletes of Gorham are doing on and off the field:

Sophomore defender Erin Castonguay is a key player for the Huskies in the backfield. She is strong in her position and has played a key role in the Huskies success

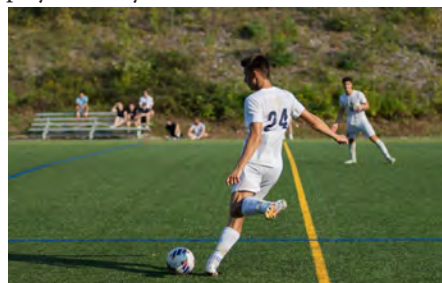


Photo credit: Deja Driscoll Smith

#24 Asa Farley in action v. Lesley University.

story this season. She has played in every regular season game. Castonguay was part of the Rams program for four years who went deep into play-off action. Castonguay is studying elementary education.

Sophomore midfielder Julia Kratzer played a good deal of minutes in the first half of the season before an injury set her back. She scored a goal v. Westfield State University and had an assist v. Saint Joseph's College of Maine both in September. Gorham is Kratzer's home-

town, attending Cheverus High School. Kratzer shared, "Right now I am supporting my teammates on the sidelines, doing my best, while I heal this injury. I have also decided to play basketball for the Huskies this season and I am looking forward to it." Kratzer is studying computer science.

Sophomore midfielder Colin Albert is a smart-minded soccer player with great field awareness and quickness. He can give a lot of the best players on the other team a lot of problems with his speed and passing capabilities. His work ethic is noted by those that watch him play and the last three games of the season were no exception. Albert was a key player for the Rams who made it to the regional finals in 2021. He is studying business finance.

Sophomore defender Asa Farley is a strong athlete and solid defender for the Huskies and plays a key role for USM. With a height of 6'1 and a strong presence on set pieces (corner kicks) he gives his team an advantage over opponents on these scoring opportunities. Farley was also part of the Rams '21 season and played a huge role in the team's success to get to the Regionals. Farley is studying athletic training.



Photo credit: Deja Driscoll Smith

USM women's starters during National Anthem v. Colby College.

Youth Ensembles to Perform at Merrill Auditorium on Nov. 13

By Gorham Times Staff

Several Gorham students will be performing with the Osher Youth Ensembles in their annual Fall instrumental concert at Merrill Auditorium in Portland, marking the 27th season managed at the University of Southern Maine. The 125 high and middle school performers, who represent 39 towns in Southern Maine, rehearse weekly at Corthell Hall.

The concert is presented by the Osher School of Music at the University of Southern Maine. It will be held at Merrill Auditorium on Monday, Nov. 13 at 7 p.m. Admission is by donation at the door, with open seating. Suggested donation is

\$10 general, \$5 students, seniors, USM employees and alumni, \$20 for a family.

This concert will feature performances by the Portland Youth Wind Ensemble conducted by Will Kinne; the Portland Young Peoples String Consort conducted by Hanna Flewelling; and the Portland Youth Junior Orchestra conducted by Ferdinand Liva.

The concert will close with the Portland Youth Symphony Orchestra conducted by Robert Lehmann, performing Shostakovich's "Symphony No. 1" and the world premiere of "The Golden Hour" by Heather Hastings, a USM Alumnae.

Gorham Parks & Recreation Presents:

26th Annual Burn Off the Turkey 5K
Saturday, Nov. 25, 2023 at 9 a.m.



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Kids Fun Run - 8:15 a.m.
Race Start - 9 a.m.

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Race Day Registration will take place at Shaw Gym at 7 a.m.

Pre-Reg prior to Nov. 21 at 12 p.m. at www.gorhamrec.com

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Upcoming Performances:

Saturday, Nov. 11 at 7:30 p.m.
Durham County Poets

Saturday, Nov. 18 at 7:30 p.m.
Derek Gripper, guitarist

Saturday, Nov. 25 at 7:30 p.m.
Erica Brown and The Bluegrass Connection



29 Salmon Falls Road, Bar Mills

Tickets: \$15 General Admission at <https://www.sacorivertheater.org> or call (207) 929-6473 for reservations.

Gorham Annual Light Parade & Tree Lighting

Sunday, Nov. 26, 2023

Parade starts at 4:30 p.m. and arrives at Robie Park at approximately 5 p.m. Tree Lighting will take place at Gorham Municipal Center parking lot. Santa and Mrs. Claus will arrive via fire truck at the end of the parade.

Watch the parade along Route 25 and South Street, and/or enjoy festivities at the gazebo area and parking lot for reindeer games and holiday treats, and visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus!

To register for the parade, please send an email to Zachary Lambert at zlambert@gorham.me.us with your name, company name, and what vehicle type you will have in the parade.

Falmouth-Gorham Robotics Team Inspires Young Innovators

Michael Lortie, School News Editor

Northern Force Robotics, also known as Team 172, is a FIRST® Robotics Competition (FRC) team based in Southern Maine serving Gorham, Falmouth, and the surrounding school districts for over two decades. Many students from Gorham High School have been involved with this team over the years. This year they are involved in a special project to promote and mentor young students in the fields of STEM and robotics.

In a demonstration of STEM education and community engagement, Northern Force Team 172 has taken the lead in guiding over 20 5th- to 8th-grade students from the state of Maine through the journey of the FIRST LEGO League Challenge. Each Saturday morning, these students assemble at the STEM Coliseum and Learning Center at the Maine Mall where they are mentored by members of Team 172 to design, build, code, and compete for a chance to represent Maine at the national championships. Later,

the students will participate in the STEM Coliseums, Maine FIRST LEGO League Sumo Challenge, and other local competitions.

The goals of the program are to mentor excellence in innovation and learning, to inspire middle school students, and to build a sense of community. Each Saturday these goals are on full display. Northern Force Team 172 is igniting a passion for STEM, but also nurturing Maine's future technological leaders.

The team is coached by Clare and Meredith Greenlaw and supported by local professionals mentoring students in the coding, AI, electronics, engineering, and precision manufacturing industries. The team is known for its innovative robot designs and a commitment to developing leadership skills among its members and was the General Motors Industrial Design and Engineering Award winner at this past year's New England Championships.

Jean Robinson

On Oct. 4, our great town lost a beautiful soul, Jean Robinson, a descendent of our town's 2nd settlers, the McLellans, to a tragic car crash.

A silver alert was sent out when she did not make it to her destination. At 2:30 a.m. she pulled out in front of a tractor trailer truck. Her life was taken at 78 years old.

Jean was a great asset to our community. She volunteered at the Gorham library once a week sewing with the kiddos of our town. She spent many hours preparing and working with them, always with patience and kindness.

She also volunteered at the Iris Network with the blind, bowling, hiking, knitting and celebrating their milestones. Working at USM for almost 40 years, she helped students with their loans. She always worked the voting polls while she knit mittens for everyone from family to friends and ones in need. She hiked, biked, skied, sled, swam, fished, kayaked, loved life whole-heartedly. Anyone that met her knew how special she was.

There will be a celebration of life for her on her birthday, Sunday, Nov. 26, 1-4 p.m. at Summit Community Church, 26 Cressey Road in Gorham.



Photo by Kellie Ramsdell

Robie Discussion CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

close to the village. According to Town Planner Carol Eyerman, the project is completely allowed by existing zoning regulations. "Any project can and will be approved by the PB as long as it meets all the ordinance requirements," Eyerman said.

A Growth Management Ordinance passed by the Town Council last year limits the number of units permitted in one year. The contract zoning request is to permit an increase from the allowed ten single family houses to fifteen.

According to Gorham's Land Use and Development Code, a contract zone can be authorized for residential development "if due to the nature of the proposed development there will be significant public benefit to the community as a result of rezoning," and as long as it is consistent with the Town's Comprehensive Plan. A contract zone can, for example, designate the conditions and limitations of the project and may include the number and types of housing, the scale and density, preservation of open spaces, and contributions toward provisions for municipal services.

If a contract zone is approved, the agreement will spell out whatever is recommended by the Planning Board and approved by the Town Council, Eyerman said. However, the TC has the right to disagree with the recommendation of the PB and add or remove anything in the final document they will vote on.

One concern is the road access to the proposed development. There are three proposed exits to South Street: Robie Street, Bramblewood Lane, and Ridgeway Ave, all narrow residential roads. The Town Council could require that the development be connected to White Birch Lane with access to New Portland Road.

Any design questions are separate from the contract zone question. These would include site plan reviews and subdivision design reviews.

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Because winter can be trying for motorists, it is important for folks to know how snow removal and ice control will be carried out:

3 TIPS TO HELP SNOW REMOVAL EFFORTS

1. If a storm is anticipated, remove vehicles from the roadside shoulders. This allows plows to clear the area the first time through without having to return to clean it up later.

2. If possible, wait until the roadway has been plowed before cleaning out the end of your driveway. There is no practical way to plow roadways without depositing snow into your driveway.

3. Help reduce the possibility of a broken mailbox post. The Towns plow operators are urged to take precautions to avoid hitting mailbox posts; however, experience has shown that with reduced visibility during a storm, it is not always possible for a driver to see a post in time to avoid striking it with the wing of the plow. Any installation within the road right of way, including a mailbox, is placed there at the owner's risk. Therefore, owners are encouraged to put mailboxes at the maximum usable distance from the roadway pavement. Posts should also be checked for deterioration to reduce the possibility of their being broken off simply by the weight of the snow.

Ride along with Gorham Public Works in video footage at <https://vimeo.com/247996282>, courtesy of Gorham Community Access Media (GoCAM), as they explain and demonstrate the snow removal process to keep roads clear during snow events.

Citizens can report a problem concerning road conditions by calling the Department of Public Works at (207) 222-4950. The Department of Public Works extends its appreciation for the cooperation of citizens and wishes everyone a very pleasant and safe winter.

Nov. 11 Veterans Day Holiday – Municipal Center, Administrative Offices, Recreation Office & Baxter Memorial Library to be closed in observance.

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Baskets will be picked up by clients on November 18 – thanks for ensuring your neighbors have a Thanksgiving meal this year!

COMMUNITY

VETERANS DAY IS NOVEMBER 11

It is with deep gratitude that we remember the service and sacrifice of our veterans. We thank them for their courage and dedication.

OF INTEREST

Gorham residents, remember to register your dogs for 2024. Current licenses expire on Dec. 31, 2023. Find online registration at <https://www.gorham-ME.org>, or visit the Town Clerk's Office at 75 South Street, Monday-Thursday, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Closed Fridays. Bring current rabies certificate with you. FMI: (207) 222-1670.

Veterans of Foreign Wars, Gorham Memorial Post 10879 will be meeting on Tuesday, Nov 14 at 5:30 p.m. in the Fire Department Training Room, 270 Main St. For information contact the post at vwfpost10879@gmail.com.

The Gorham Lions Club meets at the old Elmwood School on Tuesdays, Nov. 14 and 28 at 6:30 p.m. All are welcome. FMI: Ken Aldrich, (207) 929-9182.

The Presumpscot Regional Land Trust announces the Grand Opening for Phase I of the East Windham Conservation Area will be held on Saturday, Dec. 2, from 1 to 3 p.m. The program will include about 2.5 miles of walking on hilly terrain. The inclement weather date is Sunday, Dec. 3, at 1 p.m. The event is free, but space is limited, so registration is required at <https://www.prlt.org/> and click on Events. Please note: The East Windham Conservation area is closed to the public until after the Grand Opening Event due to construction of new parking and miles of new trails. Phase II will occur in 2024 and will include additional trails plus a 1-mile accessible trail. Phase III will include an observation tower at a later date.

The Bookworm is once again providing books for Christmas baskets at St. Anne's Church in Gorham to benefit over 100 children. To contribute, stop by the Bookworm at 42 Main Street and add your donation to the stocking. Volunteers at St. Anne's make the baskets, and also accept gift cards from Hannaford for food, and from Walmart and Target for gifts.

NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS

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 839-3859 and she will connect you with a volunteer.

The Gorham Food Pantry, located at 299-B Main St. (parking lot of St. Anne's Catholic Church) is open every Thursday morning from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. and is free for any Gorham resident in need. FMI, (207) 222-4351, visit www.gorhamfoodpantry.org or message us on Facebook at Gorham Food Pantry Friends.

The Mission of Hope Clothes Closet is open the first and third Saturday of each month from 9 a.m. to 12 noon at Cressey Road Christian Church on Cressey Road to anyone who needs clothing. They have all types and sizes, and many winter coats.

The Reed Allen Foundation, supported by members of the Gorham community, exists to provide "financial support for individuals, families, and businesses in the immediate aftermath of a catastrophic event." Learn more about this 501(c)(3) Gorham charity and consider making a donation at <https://reedallen.org>.

SENIOR NOTES

Senior Meal Site takes place weekly 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 <https://gorhamrec.com> or call (207) 222-1635.

The Lecky Brown Senior Center at First Parish Church is open. Gather for Cribbage & board games on Mondays at 10 a.m., all levels welcome. Join the Originals, on Wednesdays at 10 a.m. and welcome a different speaker each week. Recent speakers include Gorham's K9 officer, Tombstone art, Maine Button Society, Ham Radio expert, Friends of the Presumpscot River, and Pinetree Guide Dogs. Upcoming speakers: Famous 19th century Mainers, American Chestnut Tree restoration, Roadside Motor Courts & Cabins, several Gorham history & Maine Audubon topics. All are welcome. Contact Lisa Becker at Leckybrowncenter@gmail.com for more information.

PUBLIC SUPPERS

Buxton Center Baptist Church at 938 Long Plains Road (Route 22) will have a Baked Bean Supper on Saturday, Nov. 11 from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. They will be serving red kidney and pea beans, hot dogs, chop suey, coleslaw, rolls, and dessert. Cost is \$10. Take-out is also available. Call (207) 929-3011.

CRAFT FAIRS

Fall Craft Show at the Costello Sports Complex at USM. Over 150 vendors help support USM Student Athletes. Saturday, Nov. 11, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Nov. 12, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

At the White Rock Grange & Friendship Club Christmas Craft Fair, Saturday, Nov. 18 from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. All items are handcrafted: candles, ornaments, home decor, wreaths, jewelry, handbags, crochet animals, knitted items, and much more! Raffle for themed gift baskets. FMI <https://www.facebook.com/events/2027697437587563>

The White Rock Friendship Club is hosting the 39th Annual Tree Lighting at the White Rock Community Clubhouse on Sunday, Nov. 26 at 4:30 p.m. Listen to the reading of the Christmas story. Sing Christmas carols while sipping hot cocoa around the Christmas tree. Santa will arrive on a White Rock Fire Station fire truck! <https://www.facebook.com/events/3161492787493713>

First Parish Church is having a Christmas Fair on Saturday, Dec. 2 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

LIBRARY NEWS

The North Gorham Public Library has a weekly All Ages Children's Story Time at 10 a.m. every Wednesday. The NGPL Annual Craft & Book Fair will be on Saturday, Dec. 2 from 2 a.m. – 2 p.m., and book donations are being accepted now. Library hours are Monday and Friday, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m., Tuesday through Thursday, 9 a.m. – 7 p.m., and Saturday 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. FMI: (207) 892-2575 or (207) 642-2327. The Library will be closed on Nov. 11, Veterans Day.

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MAINE NOTES

USM Theatre presents "The Winter's Tale" by William Shakespeare, directed by Tess Van Horn, Saturday, Nov. 11, 2 and 7 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 12, 2 p.m. Russell Hall. (207) 780-5151.

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 <p>UNDER CONTRACT</p> <p>GORHAM \$379,000 – The interior is as appealing as the exterior where you will find the kitchen with stainless steel appliances open to the dining room which overlooks the private backyard and a spacious living room. Much of the first level is finished in classic hardwood floors.</p>	 <p>GORHAM \$595,000 – You'll love the natural light and open first floor plan with 9' ceilings. Desirable hardwood floors throughout the first floor & primary bedroom suite. Features an open kitchen with island, 36" upper cabinets for extra storage and stainless-steel appliances.</p>	 <p>BALDWIN \$109,900 – The Mt Etna Grange Hall awaits a new owner to rehab this building into a residential home. Private septic exists. Being sold in 'as-is' condition. Many possibilities.</p>	 <p>GORHAM \$825,000 – This remarkable Federal style home is a perfect setup for a multi-generational living arrangement with 5600+ square feet and 153' of Presumpscot River frontage with dock. Gorgeous interior with wood floors, exposed beams, custom granite kitchens, built-ins & period details throughout.</p>
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USM Notes Continued

The Osher School of Music has a full calendar of events this month including the Youth Ensembles concert at Merrill Auditorium; the Southern Maine Symphony Orchestra at Portland High School and the Osher Concert Band at McCormack Performing Arts Center at Gorham High School; two evenings of Opera Theatre at Corthell Hall, the Laura Kargul pianist with members of the DaPonte String Quartet, and many free student recitals. FMI: <https://usm.maine.edu/music/>

The USM Art Gallery's current exhibit, *Embodying Softness/Excavating Delight*, opened on Oct. 12 and runs through Saturday, Dec. 9. The Gallery is open Tuesday through Saturday from 11 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. and by appointment. Suggested donation \$2 is requested for exhibition visits. FMI: <https://usm.maine.edu/gallery/>, usmartgalleries@maine.edu, or call (207) 780-5008

Visit <https://southernmainehuskies.com> for all things athletic at the University of Southern Maine, everything from earning a degree to attending summer sports camps and season events.

CLOSE TO HOME

Saco River Theatre upcoming performances include Durham County Poets, Saturday, Nov. 11, Derek Gripper, guitarist, Saturday, Nov. 18, and Erica Brown and the Bluegrass Connection, Saturday, Nov. 25, all at 7:30 p.m. 29 Salmon Falls Road, Bar Mills. Tickets: \$15 General Admission at <https://www.sacorertheatre.org> or call (207) 929-6473 for reservations

William B. Wise Athletics Learning Center CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

this award the student athlete must be a full-time student for both semesters and maintain a 3.0 grade point average. Twenty students qualified for this award in its first year while last year 256 of the 450 student athletes met this standard. In addition, nineteen of the twenty-two athletic teams had a 3.2 or higher combined grade point average.

Athletic Director Al Bean summed up what Bill Wise means to the USM community.

"Bill's impact at the University of Southern Maine was immeasurable. He served seven presidents during his career at USM and in his varied roles at the University, he was an effective leader, mentor and problem solver. Bill's role in the development of Husky Athletics was impactful, serving as liaison to Athletics for many years and working closely with Athletic Director, Richard "Doc" Costello. Bill was instrumental in the Huskies move to NCAA Division III membership in 1985-1986 and helped to promote the overall importance of the athletic program

to university leadership and the community. Following his retirement, he stayed active as a member of the Husky Hall of Fame Committee. We're proud to have Bill's name attached to our Athletics Learning Center. It is a very fitting honor given his many contributions to the athletic program."

In addition to his contributions to USM, Wise was an involved community member serving on both the Gorham Town Council and School Committee. Wise and his late wife Roberta raised two sons in Gorham, Bill and Brad, who both attended Gorham schools and graduated from USM. His son Bill was a long time teacher at Greely High School and is also an accomplished author. Brad was an outstanding athlete at USM in both soccer and baseball. He retired as the President of Hannaford and now works as a consultant.

With such dedication to USM student athletes the William B. Wise Learning Center is a fitting tribute to a man who has made a difference for many.

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CALENDAR

Thursday, November 9

Baxter Memorial Library
Toddler Discovery Time (18mos-3yrs), 10 a.m.
Sewing Club, 3 – 4:30 p.m.
Author Event with David S. Florig discussing "The Stones of Ailsa Craig," 6 p.m.

Friday, November 10

Gorham High School Fall Drama, "A Midsummer Night's Dream, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, November 11 - VETERAN'S DAY

USM Fall Craft Fair, Costello Sports Complex, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Gorham High School Fall Drama, "A Midsummer Night's Dream, 2 and 7:30 p.m.
Buxton Ctr Baptist Church, Baked Bean Supper, 938 Long Plains Rd, 4:30 – 5:30 p.m.
Saco River Theatre performs "Durham County Poets," 7:30 p.m.
USM Theatre, "The Winter's Tale," Russell Hall, 2 and 7 p.m.

Sunday, November 12

USM Fall Craft Fair, Costello Sports Complex, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Gorham High School Fall Drama, "A Midsummer Night's Dream, 2 p.m.
USM Theatre, "The Winter's Tale, Russell Hall 2 p.m.

Tuesday, November 14

Baxter Memorial Library
Family Discovery Time (ages 2-5), 10 a.m.
Dogs Dig Reading, 4 – 5 p.m., call (207) 222-1190 to sign up.
VFW Gorham Memorial Post 10879 meeting, Fire Dept Training Room, 5:30 p.m.
Gorham Lions Club meeting, Elmwood School, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, November 15

Baxter Memorial Library, Baby Discovery Time (birth-18mos), 9:30 a.m.
North Gorham Public Library All Ages Children's Story Time, 10 a.m.
Southern Maine Symphony Orchestra, Portland High School, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, November 16

Baxter Memorial Library
Toddler Discovery Time (18mos-3yrs), 10:00 a.m.
Book Group Discussion: "This Other Eden," 10:15 a.m.
Sewing Club, 3 – 4:30 p.m.
Author Event with Chris Davis, author of "Worthy," 6 p.m.

Friday, November 17

Osher Opera Theatre No. 1: Page to the Stage, Corthell Concert Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, November 18

White Rock Grange & Friendship Club Christmas Craft Fair, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Osher Concert Band, McCormack Performing Arts Center, 2 p.m.
Osher Opera Theatre No. 2: Page to the Stage, Corthell Concert Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, November 19

Osher Faculty Concert Series: Laura Kargul, piano, with members of the DaPonte String Quartet, Corthell Concert Hall, 2 p.m.

Wednesday, November 22

North Gorham Public Library All Ages Children's Story Time, 10 a.m.

Saturday, November 25

Saco River Theatre, Erica Brown and the Bluegrass Connection, 7:30 p.m.
Gorham Rec's 26th Annual Burn Off the Turkey 5K at Shaw Gym, 9 a.m.

Sunday, November 26

Gorham Annual Light Parade & Tree Lighting, 4:30 p.m.
White Rock Friendship Club, 39th Annual Tree Lighting at the Community Clubhouse, 4:30 p.m.

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Courtesy of the Gorham Police Department

the blotter

Mallard Drive caller saw three people in kayaks, hunting on the river and wanted to know if that was legal. She was advised this was the first day of goose season and they did not need a permit to hunt in kayaks as the area was not a restricted firearm zone.

Woman came in to report a suspicious vehicle, a newer model red Ram pickup truck. Plate came back to a much older purple Ram that was suspended for not paying tolls. Truck had originally been on the woman's property but was moved to a parking lot. She did not have a complaint. She just wanted to let police know about the vehicle.

Police received a call about a Ford Bronco abandoned in the Little Falls Recreation area. Officer found a phone number for the registered owner but he did not answer the phone and his voicemail was full. The vehicle disappeared the following day.

Main Street caller reported a Jack Russell dog in her yard and on her porch. She was concerned it might run into the road. Officer checked the area but did not locate the dog.

Gray Road caller saw a large cloud and vapor in the air and thought it might be marijuana or vape. She was concerned for the Little League soccer team playing nearby. Officer did not find anything suspicious about it.

Osborne Road caller reported a person who was drunk was trying to leave. They took her keys but she was causing a disturbance. While the officer was en route, they reported she was sitting in her vehicle and everything was okay. Officer offered her a ride to the Police Station where she

could call an Uber and she agreed to that plan.

Caller reported a vehicle parked in the woods on a dirt trail off Libby Ave. Caller provided the license plate number. Officer checked both dirt trails but no vehicle was present.


Citizen came into the Police Department to report a person he felt had threatened him on Instagram. Officer did not see anything criminal in the message but advised the caller he could go to court and request a protection from harassment order.

Officer made contact with the driver of a suspicious vehicle driving around a parking lot. Officer rarely saw vehicles in the abandoned parking lot and the driver was clearly circling the building. Officer made contact with the man who he recognized as being from another company in the Industrial Park. Man was checking the property and considering if his team might want to purchase it and move their operations to this location.

Officer attempted to catch up with a vehicle on New Portland Road as he knew the person driving had a suspended license but the officer was not able to locate the vehicle.


New Portland Road caller reported shots fired in the area. Officers searched the area but did not find any suspects or anyone else who had heard the shots.


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