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## Gorham Light Parade and Tree Lighting

Cathy Walter, Contributing Writer

The Annual Gorham Light Parade down Main Street to the high school on the 26th of November was a delight as always this year. From reindeer buses to inflatable snowmen to fire trucks wrapped head to toe in red there was always something to see and smile about. And a big shout out to all the volunteers managing traffic too.

The parade ended at the municipal center where there was a tree lighting ceremony, several popular food trucks, horse drawn carriage rides, and activities for the young at heart. Holiday tunes were joyfully streaming through the air as children laughed and played while neighbors snuggled in hats and mittens gathered at the picnic tables enjoying their repast together under the glowing lights of the Christmas tree.

It may have been around 40 degrees that night, but it didn't appear to matter to the cheerful crowd.



Photos credit: Cathy Walter

## What's New for This Year

Thomas Hasbrouck, New Years Gorham Coordinator

In addition to announcing a fun-packed program for New Year's Eve, we are pleased to share some important news regarding USM's open ice skating as well as to explain the new ways you can pay for your admission.

First off, families will enjoy free ice skating at the USM rink between 2 and 4 p.m. And, new this year... free skate rentals!

It is important to note that USM now charges \$1/hour for parking on the Gorham Campus. For more information about the parking fees and how to pay, please go to: <https://usm.maine.edu/parking-services/visitors/>

Also, NEW this year is your ability to pre-purchase your \$5 admission through

the Gorham Rec. Department's website: <https://gorhamme.myrec.com/info/>

The pre-pay online amount will be available ONLY through Dec. 27. The admission at the door will be \$7 (payable with cash, check or credit card), no charge for children under the age of two.

We have been able to keep admission affordable because of so many generous businesses and individuals who have contributed sponsorships and volunteer time. Look inside this issue of the Gorham Times for a full-page program with details about each performance. In the meantime, if you have any questions about how to contribute or be involved in any way, please contact me at [trhasbrouck@icloud.com](mailto:trhasbrouck@icloud.com).



## USM Athletics Celebrate 100 Year Anniversary

Kathy Corbett, Staff Writer

Since 1923 when the first men and women played intercollegiate basketball in Russell Hall on the Gorham campus, University of Southern Maine (USM) student athletes have competed under six names. Over the next 100 years the Gorham Normal School grew to become the University of Southern Maine, and on Saturday, Dec. 9, the university will celebrate 100 years of Intercollegiate Athletics with a day-long program of honors, competitions, and fellowship.

When the Gorham Hilltoppers merged with the Portland Vikings in 1971, they began competing as Huskies. Huskies have won NCAA Division III National Championships, multiple Final Fours and National Championships in several sports. Southern Maine Huskie athletes have been National Champions and All-Americans.

Al Bean, USM director of athletics for the last 31 years, started with the program as a student athlete in 1973. "So many good things have happened, and several will be celebrated on Dec. 9. I have a genuine sense of pride in what the athletic program has accomplished and

celebrate and honor the commitment of the early leaders and mentors who worked so hard to build the foundation."

The celebration will honor the 1987-1988 women's basketball team on their induction to the Little East Conference (LEA) Hall of Fame. They were the first USM basketball team to participate in the NCAA Final Four. Emily Artesani, a track and field athlete, will also be inducted into the LEA Hall of Fame. Ben Drummey will receive his second NCAA National Championship ring for winning top honors in the pole vault.

Sophia Slovensky, a May 2023 USM graduate, was the LEA Student Athlete of the Year. She was the NCAA National Champion in the javelin and an Academic All-American. The track and field athlete is one of nine finalists for the Division III National Commissioners' Association for Woman of the Year, out of 230,000 Women competing in college athletics in Division 1, 2, and 3.

Slovensky will be attending and

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Policy on News from Augusta: The Gorham Times asked our three state legislators from Senate District 30, House District 109 and House District 110 to provide us with "News from Augusta." We publish their articles on a rotating basis. The submissions are devoted to updates of legislative and administrative news, proposed and passed bills and laws, and developments and events that are of interest and have an impact to Gorham residents. The Gorham Times reserves the right to edit the submissions and it further reserves the right to reject any submission, in its sole discretion.

# Resources for Navigating Maine's Heating Assistance Programs

Rep. Mo Terry, D-Gorham

Keeping your home warm during the winter months, particularly for those with low or fixed incomes, can be a major financial burden. For Mainers who rely on natural gas or electricity to heat their homes, last year was especially difficult, with sharp increases in supply costs. But this year, natural gas price forecasts look much more favorable, which will result in lower electricity prices.

Last month, the U.S. Energy Information Agency (EIA) projected that the average U.S. household using natural gas for home heating will pay 21% less in 2024 than in 2023. Here in Maine, many electricity customers will see an even greater reduction in their bills thanks to state regulators approving a new reduced standard offer supply rate, reflecting the lower cost of natural gas, which is used to generate electricity. The cost of the supply rate makes up about 60% of an electricity bill.

The other 40% of an electricity bill is collected by the utility company responsible for electricity transmission and distribution. Because the supply portion of the bill makes up such a large percentage of electricity costs, this newly negotiated rate will result in meaningful savings for Mainers this winter. The Maine Public Utilities Commission, which regulates electric, gas, telephone and water utilities, approved a 2024 standard offer rate for Central Maine Power customers that will deliver a savings of about \$30 per month for an average household.

However, the U.S. EIA also found that the price of oil is up by 8% this year. According to the agency, three-fifths of Maine's

households use fuel oil as their primary energy source for home heating, a larger share than any other state. Fortunately, here in Maine, we have lots of resources to help folks afford to heat their homes.

This year, the Legislature voted to invest in more heating assistance, increasing funding for the Low-Income Assistance Program (LIAP) from \$15 million to \$22.5 million. Anyone who qualifies for LIAP will also qualify for the Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP), which helps folks pay for heating fuel. These programs are available to homeowners and renters. Opportunity Alliance handles HEAP applications for Cumberland County. To get started on your application, give them a call at (207) 553-5900. For more information, visit the income eligibility guidelines page on their website.

To help get financial aid to those who need it, last month the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) began sending letters to 67,000 Maine residents eligible for LIAP with information on how to receive financial assistance. If you don't receive a letter in the mail and need assistance, fill out this online form to have your eligibility evaluated.

If you're looking to upgrade your heating system to be more energy efficient but cost is a barrier, Efficiency Maine Trust (EMT) is a great resource. Their Weatherization Program provides grants to eligible homeowners and property managers for home energy-efficiency upgrades. They also offer rebates for everything from heat pump installation to improving your home's insulation.

This session, Senate President Troy

Jackson is introducing a bill that could help reduce barriers for homeowners who want to utilize EMT's whole-home heat pump rebate. Some folks are anxious about the program's emphasis on utilizing heat pumps to heat the entire home and relegating oil furnaces or boilers to emergency backup status in order to receive the largest rebate. As a state, we have set ambitious goals for heat pump adoption, including having 115,000 homes use whole-home heat pump systems by 2030. While we move towards this goal, it's critical that Mainers are able to experience lower heating costs, safety and warmth along the way.

When we return to Augusta in January, I will continue to work with my colleagues in the Legislature to make sure folks have the resources and support they need to stay warm this winter. As always, please feel free to contact me at maureen.terry@legislature.maine.gov.ing 115,000 homes use whole-home heat pump systems by 2030. While we move towards this goal, it's critical that Mainers are able to experience lower heating costs, safety and warmth along the way.



Rep. Maureen "Mo" Terry, D-Gorham, is serving her fourth term in the Maine House of Representatives. She is the House majority leader, where she serves as head of the Democratic caucus. Outside of her legislative work, Rep. Terry is a chef and small business owner. Contact her at maureen.terry@legislature.maine.gov.

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## Around Town

**There have been several car break-ins at Cherry Hill** on Lower Main as well as Shaw Park off Route 237. If the cars have been locked, the car windows have been shattered. People parking at those locations are advised not to leave items of any value readily visible.

**The Gorham Winter Market** is continuing every first and third Saturday, November through April, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., 75 South Street, Gorham Recreation Department's Activity Room.

**82nd National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day**, Thursday, Dec. 7. We fly the American flag at half-staff to honor and remember the 2,403 service members and civilians who died during the Japanese Attack.

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speaking at the 100th Anniversary. Bean said that USM student athletes have an overall 3.23 grade-point average. "As a department we are committed to our five core values," he said, "academic excellence, athletic achievement, personal development, career and professional development, and service to the community."

In addition to honoring these former USM athletes, the all-day celebration will feature a track and field meet, women's and men's basketball games, as well as a reception at the Alumni Reception Center at the USM Ice Arena.

For more information, contact Bean at (207) 780-5588.



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# Book Event at Library Benefits Lewiston

John Ersek, Staff Writer

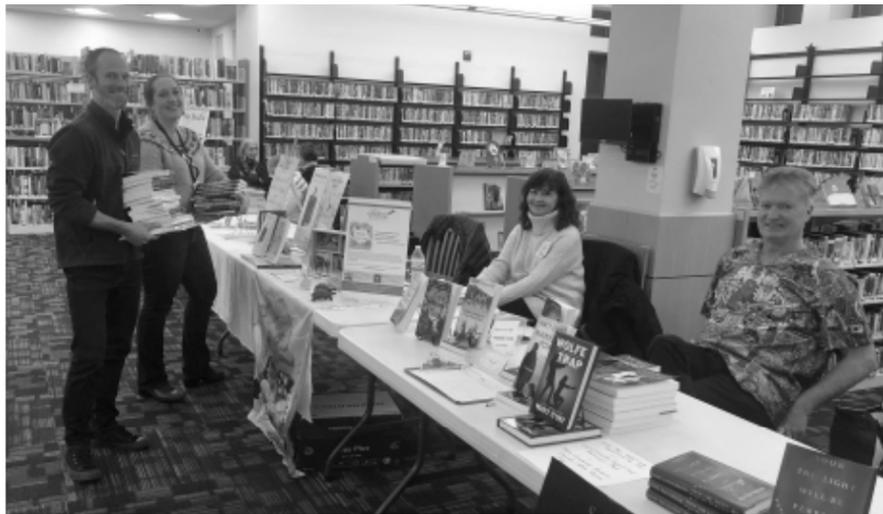


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James Rathbun and Nissa Flanagan of the library staff display books which the library purchased to support author event held to benefit Lewiston survivors and families of the victims. Authors Diane Madden, Stephanie Cotsirilos, and Matt Cost are also shown.

On the afternoon of Thursday Nov. 30, the Baxter Memorial Library hosted a book signing event to benefit survivors of the recent Lewiston shootings and for the families of the victims. This gathering was sponsored by Maine Authors for Lewiston, an ad hoc group of Maine authors with over seventy members throughout the state.

Participating authors in Gorham were expected to include Robert Spencer, Rosa Lane, Jennifer Dupree, Dave Patterson, Matthew Cost, Ed Judd, Richard Cass, Cheryl Gillespie, David Florig, Diane Madden, Elizabeth Hamilton-Guarino, Stephanie Cotsiros, and Jeannie Julian.

The authors group has scheduled nine similar events at libraries around the state, from Aroostook County to York County. Two of the final events

will take place at the Auburn Public Library (Dec. 9 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.) and at the Lewiston Public Library (Dec. 16 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.)

These ten book-signing events are all being coordinated by David Florig, a local author and retired attorney who lives in Ocean Park. Proceeds from the book sales are being sent to the following three organizations, which also welcome direct contributions from the public:

Central Maine Medical Center  
Compassionate Care Fund (assisting with medical bills of those who were uninsured or with limited medical insurance).

City of Lewiston Support Fund/  
Androscoggin Bank

Maine Community Foundation-  
Lewiston Auburn Fund

# Christmas Gnome Returns to O'Donal's

Lucia Monaco Holloway, GHS Student Intern



Photo credit: Amanda Sturgis

O'Donal's Christmas Gnome under the mushroom is available for photos.

O'Donal's Nursery is ready for the holidays with holiday trees, fancy original wreaths as well as traditional and holiday gifts for all. Perhaps most exciting at all, and for the second year you can find the O'Donal's Christmas

gnome roaming the grounds. The gnome is in his element on the beautiful grounds of O'Donal's nursery. Gnomes can be elusive and may just come out of nowhere to express opinions (sometimes a grumpy funny one) or offer you help if you are nice.

O'Donal's Christmas gnome is ready for photos at times listed on the website so don't miss out on an original holiday photo or maybe your next family holiday card. Pets on leashes are welcomed at O'Donal's and can snap a shot with the gnome as well.

Children, be on the lookout for candy canes throughout the Christmas trees placed by the gnome himself. The jolly gnome loves to collect acorns and is grateful to all who offer him one. The O'Donal's Christmas gnome will stay roaming the aisles of trees and sitting under the giant mushroom until Christmas time when he will go back into the woods and wait for next Christmas.

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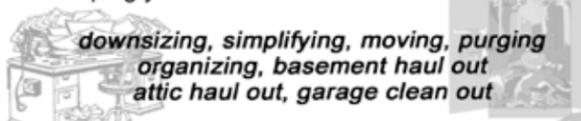
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Thank you to all parade participants!

A big thanks to all of our volunteers, including the Men's Gorham Ice Hockey team, Gorham VIPS and Gorham Fire Police for all of the help and support! Happy Holidays from all of us here at Gorham Parks & Rec!

# Christmas is a Season for Giving

Dr. Linda Mulski, Contributing Writer

Our family has a Christmas tradition of opening one present at a time, so everyone can watch and hopefully appreciate. One Christmas, we were down to the last, exceptionally large, box and it was for me. A bay Breyer horse figurine was nestled on top. Around it was wrapped a yellow post-it which read: Your thoroughbred "Minuet" is living locally at Photo Finish Farm. I HAD JUST RECEIVED A HORSE!

Further unwrapping revealed a saddle, bridle, brushes (including a tiny one for my smallest daughters to use) and a whole lot of love. Even though I had just turned forty, this was a little girl's dream realized. My husband went on to explain that childcare was included, so I could get to the barn regularly, despite all of my other responsibilities.

Gift giving is tricky. When it involves a life form, without planning, it can rapidly devolve into a nightmare. In the months preceding the Christmas horse, I had been riding at our local barn and managed to tame my severe allergies. We had become financially stable and could assume the considerable costs associated with a boarding stable and indoor ring. We had an "in" with two local veterinarians who could provide twenty-four-hour care. This was undoubtedly the best present I have ever received.

With appropriate planning and continued support, animals can be an extraordinary present. However, you can never assume that a child or young adult will be able to provide adequate care. Is there a responsible, committed and fully informed adult who will ensure that a pet (ranging from goldfish to farm animal) will be able to thrive, not just survive? What is the pet's life expectancy? Are there special environmental needs?

Can unexpected health expenses be covered? Are we getting the healthiest possible pet? Might an adoption provide a home for an otherwise abandoned pet? What time commitments are necessary for adequate exercise

and mental stimulation? Are there other hobbies or occupations that might interfere with the needs of a companion animal? Is the choice of pet the "best fit" for a family, not just the primary owner? How can emergency care be covered if an unexpected crisis should arise? Do we have resources available for training, so a safe and happy experience is more likely?

Planning, commitment, knowing available resources and seeking help before a concern becomes a problem can allow us to navigate the responsibilities and the perils of pet ownership.

Many of us dream of offering family and friends a chance at the enriching experience of bonding with another living being. The perfect family dog or devoted cat, a bird that actually talks back, growing attached to an alien-esque lizard...these are some of our most cherished experiences. As humans, we learn and grow through caring for others. Emotional attachments can be great...or traumatizing without proper forethought.

Sometimes, at Christmas, the best gift can be the beginning of a plan to get a pet, rather than the pet itself. If a family pet might be in your future, Happy Planning and Happy Holidays.



Linda Mulski, VMD, has worked in Maine for the past 34 years. She and her husband, Tom Niedermeyer, VMD, own the Animal Hospital of South Gorham where a wide variety of pet species are welcome. They have raised six daughters, all proud "Maine-iacs."

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# A Look at Clouds from Both Sides Now

Chris Crawford, Staff Writer

We've all spent time cloud gazing at "bows and flows of angel hair." But as Joni Mitchell also said, "I really don't know clouds at all." While clouds are part of our daily landscape, we may not know much about them, unless you happen to be a meteorologist.

So, stop humming. It's high time (pun intended) to learn a little more about these amazingly varied, strange and beautiful weather phenomena. Clouds play a dynamic role in our ecosystem; they are products of and also shape weather patterns and influence global temperatures. Depending on temperature and atmospheric conditions, clouds produce a variety of precipitation including rain, snow, sleet, hail, and my personal favorite, freezing rain. Here is a sprinkling of interesting tidbits found while poking around several scientific websites including the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association.

In this time of climate change and global warming, clouds help moderate Earth's temperature by reflecting solar radiation during the day (cooling Earth) or by trapping heat at night (keeping it warm). Recent data show warming temperatures in our oceans. Why should we care? Because warmer water evaporates more quickly and contributes to increased atmospheric moisture (i.e. rain-laden clouds), which in turn can contribute to catastrophic flooding like that experienced in many parts of the world this summer. Remember when one inch of rain was unusual? This summer, some places received a year's worth of rain in less than a day. Not a good sign.

Clouds appear to be light and airy because they float like the fluffy, cumulus clouds we all drew as kids. But clouds have weight because they are made up of moisture, (water or ice) which is heavy. Very heavy. According to the U.S. Geological Service, an average cumulus cloud measuring about 1/2-mile by 1/2-mile weighs over 1 billion pounds. In spite of their weight, clouds can travel at speeds of up to 100 miles per hour, depending on their altitude and weather conditions.

Clouds can also help predict the weather. Red skies at morning usually do



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mean inclement weather is approaching. Generally speaking, if cloud color, shape, or size changes, so will the weather, for better or worse. For example, when puffy cumulus clouds enlarge and become dark, cumulonimbus clouds, weather lore says to expect storms soon. Another folklore nugget says the sharper the edge of a thundercloud and the darker its color, the more violent the storm will be. Thousands of these weather gems exist because weather has always been important in our daily lives.

Clouds are grouped and named scientifically, but some have also been given more descriptive names, such as mare's tails, fog, or mackerel sky, a type of cirrocumulus or altocumulus cloud with a rippling pattern, like fish scales which can also indicate deteriorating weather.

The rarest type of clouds are noctilucent, or night-shining clouds. According to NASA, they are the highest, driest and coldest clouds which form where Earth's atmosphere ends and outer space begins, above 45 miles high. Ice forming on dust particles produces clouds that shimmer in shades of blue, silver and gold, as they reflect light from the sun which has already set. Found only in the Northern Hemisphere, noctilucent clouds are most prevalent in the early summer, an hour or so after sunset, toward the north. These beauties differ from Northern lights which shimmer in pink, and green, and are really not clouds at all.

Of course, Joni's song isn't really about clouds, but is a beautifully philosophical comment about weathering the ups and downs of life. We all might benefit from looking at life from both sides now. You may commence humming.

## Christmas Hacks

Fill cookie cutters, sprayed with oil, with pancake batter to make cute, holiday themed pancakes for a special breakfast treat.

Wrap a wire wreath form with a holiday colored scarf and tie the ends together to make a quick and easy holiday decorative wreath.



## Jokes

"What's the difference between a knight and Santa's reindeer?"  
"The knight is slaying the dragon, and the reindeer are dragon the sleigh!"

"How much does it cost Santa to park his sleigh and reindeer?"  
"Nothing, it's on the house."

"Where do reindeer like to stop for lunch?"  
"Deery Queen."

"How much does it cost to fly Santa's sleigh?"  
"About eight bucks, nine during bad weather."

"Did Rudolph go to school?"  
"No he was 'elf' taught."

# Notes from Public Works

Kelly Meslin, Administrative Assistant

**Christmas week trash collection schedule:**  
 Monday 12/25-NO COLLECTION  
 Tuesday 12/26-Monday collection  
 Wednesday 12/27-Tuesday collection  
 Thursday 12/28-Wednesday collection  
 Friday 12/29-Thursday collection

**New Years week collection schedule:**  
 Monday 1/1-NO COLLECTION  
 Tuesday 1/2-Monday collection  
 Wednesday 1/3-Tuesday collection  
 Thursday 1/4-Wednesday collection  
 Friday 1/5-Thursday collection

Please continue to put tagged trash/recycling 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 222-4950 or email us @ dpw@gorham.me.us.

Winter sand is available to Gorham residents at the Public Works Department, located at 80 Huston Road. It is located next to the silver bullets temporarily.

As the South Street Pedestrian Improvement project nears completion, please be mindful of the traffic pattern changes.

Winter weather is inevitable. Please use caution when driving in snow and ice conditions. Take it slow and give yourself plenty of time to get where you need to be safely.

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The Public Works crew wishes everyone a very Happy Holiday Season and a Happy New Year!

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# Information for Maine Voters

Gorham Times Staff

Maine will hold its Presidential Primary Election on March 5, 2024. The Primary for Congressional and State Legislature seats will take place on June 11. Visit [maine.gov](http://maine.gov) for the full 2024 election calendar.

**Registration:**

**Registration by Mail:** Feb. 13 is the last day to register by mail to vote in the March 5 Presidential Primary. Download and print the registration card. Fill it out and mail it to your municipal registrar's office so that it is received by Feb. 13.

**Registration in Person:** You can register in person up until 8 pm on Election Day at your municipal registrar's office city hall, or any motor vehicle branch office.

**Pre-registering to Vote:** You can pre-register to vote at the age of 16. You may vote in Primary Elections at 17 if you will be 18 years old by General Election Day (Nov. 5).

**Absentee Ballots**

**Ballot Request Deadline:** March 2 is the last day for your ballot request for the March 5 Primary to be received by your municipal registrar's office. Don't wait until the deadline! You may be

cutting it too close given mailing and processing time. The US Postal Service recommends requesting your ballot no later than 15 days prior to Election Day.

**Ballot Returns:** Completed absentee ballots can be dropped off or returned by mail to your municipal registrar's office. They must be received by 8 pm on Election Day.

**Ballot Status:** Track your ballot at the voter portal here.

**Early Voting:**

Sunday, Feb. 10, through Thursday, Feb. 29, is the early voting period for the March 5 Presidential Primary. You may cast your ballot early in person at your local election office or an early vote site. Check your municipal registrar for early voting times and locations for your local elections.

Gorham's Municipal Clerk and Registrar is Laurie K. Nordfors, 75 South Street, Gorham, ME 04038, Phone: (207) 222-1670, Fax: (207) 839-5039

For more information, visit the State of Maine Bureau of Corporations, Elections & Commissions at: <https://www.maine.gov/sos/cec/elec/upcoming/index.html>

# Burn Permit Now Required for Larger Campfires

Public Service Announcement

If you enjoy an occasional backyard campfire, you need to know that size matters. As of October 2023, a new Maine law mandates burn permits for any fire that exceed 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](http://maineburnpermit.com).

This new regulation aims to reduce the risk of the most common cause of wildfires in Maine: 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.

# Arrests, Sept. 2023

Sheri Faber, Staff Writer

North Yarmouth female, 22, was arrested for operating after suspension/registration.

North Yarmouth female, 22, was arrested again an hour later for the same charges.

Biddeford male, 18, was arrested for leaving the scene of an accident.

County Road female, 36, was arrested on two charges of violating conditions of release.

Gray male, 31, was arrested for unlawful possession of drugs, failure to appear and

violating conditions of release.

Hidden Brook Drive male, 47, was arrested for OUI.

Main Street male, 34, was arrested for domestic violence abuse (priors), domestic violence criminal threats (twice) and violating conditions of release.

Kennebunk female, 37, was arrested for leaving the scene of an accident, OUI, and operating a vehicle without a license.

Biddeford male, 56, was arrested for OUI.

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Please take some time this holiday season to check out the trees!

Winner of the festival will be announced the first of the year!

**There is still time, please reach out to participate [gorhamstreefestival@gmail.com](mailto:gorhamstreefestival@gmail.com) or our Facebook page**

**Happy Holidays!**

# GHS to Perform MAMMA MIA In February

Michael Lortie, School News Editor

Gorham High School will produce MAMMA MIA for two weekends this coming February. MAMMA MIA is a jukebox musical based on the songs of the Swedish group ABBA and tells the story of a young girl, Sophie, who is preparing for her wedding on a Greek Island. Sophie tries to uncover the mystery of her parentage and invites three men who could be her dad to the wedding much to the surprise of her mother. The resulting complications and confusion provide an opportunity to hear all of ABBA's spirited music.

MAMMA MIA is directed by Joshua Hurd, and the musical director is GHS music teacher, Matt Murray. Also on the production team is choreographer, Mariel Roy and producer, Jocelyn Miller. The team has scheduled three fundraising events, gift wrapping on Saturday, Dec. 16 at the Maine Mall and an Otto's fundraiser on Tuesday, Dec. 19 and one at Flatbread Company in Portland on Tuesday, Jan. 16. If any business or person is interested in advertising in the show's program they can contact Jocelyn Miller at [jocelyn.miller@gorhamschools.org](mailto:jocelyn.miller@gorhamschools.org)

Director Joshua Hurd says, "There are about 40 kids involved with MAMMA MIA this year and they

are very excited about this show."

Performances are set for the first two weekends in February, with shows on Fridays and Saturdays at 7 p.m. and Sunday matinees at 2 p.m. Tickets are fourteen dollars and will be available on the website Eventbrite or at the door the date of the performance. It promises to be a tremendous production.

The cast list includes:  
 Sophie Sheridan- Ellie Woodman  
 Ali- Hailey Racine  
 Lisa- Gracey Macdonald  
 Donna Sheridan- Lily Rubin  
 Tanya- Sophia Andrade  
 Rosie- Ella Senatore  
 Sky- Logan Mills  
 Pepper- Alex Tukey  
 Eddie- Zach Bourgoin  
 Harry Bright- Nicholas Tinkham  
 Bill Austin- Patrick Delaney  
 Sam Carmichael- Alex Robbins  
 Ensemble- Lauren Pierce, Lauren Greenier, Amy Morin, Jenna Pequinot, Izzy Smith, Anaiah Brown, Olivia Kennedy, Hannah Martel, Mike Distasio, Elsie Moreno, Noah Williams, Ally Gossen

Crew- Kira Keniston, Gillian Lachance, Max Lampron, Rebecca Neumann, Will Sturm, Emma Smith, Rigel Arlet

# Village School Builds Partnership with The Ecology School

Lexie Caddell, Educational Technician, Village School

During the summer, the teacher leadership team of Village School had the opportunity to visit the Ecology School and River Bend Farm in Saco for their Annual Leadership Retreat. The team had the chance to participate in the "Ecological ABC's of Leadership" and engage in place-based learning activities. The team was so enthusiastic about what was learned that they couldn't wait to share it with the rest of the staff. This training inspired them to embrace creativity and take the teaching outside of the classroom.

When the Village School community began to deal with the tragedy in Lewiston, it was heartwarming to see how the partnership with The Ecology School and Meg Rogers, the Relationships Manager at the school, became a source of support. Meg generously offered to bring her team of twenty educators to Village School for a whole week to present their amazing schoolyard ecology program. The response from the administration, dedicated classroom teachers, and staff members was truly inspiring. Within just 48 hours, the teaching staff came together, got creative, and rearranged schedules to ensure that each and every classroom could participate in these valuable lessons.

When talking about the weeklong program, Rogers shared "I often say

programs like The Ecology School are like the grandparents of education - we come in, present a different experience for kids to be learners, maybe rile them up in the best ways possible, and then we say goodbye. We provide an opportunity for teachers to see their kiddos in a different light, and maybe give them a chance to breathe. But those experiences stick with kids, and this week we hope that the joy of being outside and learning with their peers was joy they can hold on to."

Witnessing these wonderful educators enter classrooms, one could sense the amount of passion these teachers had for their program. Village students were engaged, they were outside breathing in the fresh air and learning about their ever-changing environment. I watched as teachers sat beside their students. As they collected leaves to determine the level of decay or pretended to be chipmunks using all 5 senses for survival.

The experience of learning in a new way, outside, alongside their peers is truly something that students and staff members will always cherish. The staff and students of Village School are incredibly grateful to Meg Rogers and the amazing team of educators at the Ecology School for providing the school with this inspiring place-based learning experience.

# GHS National Honor Society Induction

Luci Bowers, Teacher, GHS



Photo credit: Claudette Wesse, GHS Yearbook Staff

GHS National Honor Society inducts 47 new inductees

Gorham High School held their annual Induction Ceremony for new members on Wednesday, Nov. 15. In addition to Ms. Sam Teixeira as the honorary faculty inductee, the following 47 students were inducted:

- Cole Allen
- Whitney Ball
- Abigail Chamberlain
- Riley Chubbuck
- Ashley Connolly
- Katelyn Cyr
- Cecelia Delloso
- Patrick Downey
- Gwyneth Dubail
- Lucia Dubail
- Emily Fadrigon
- Taylor Farr
- Mason Finck
- Hadley Foster
- Griffin Gammon
- Elizabeth Gay
- Ava Googins
- Bailey Hatch
- Finn Henderson
- Lucia Holloway

- Violet James
- Sophie Kaczmarek
- Jack Karlonas
- Kathryn LaPierre
- Chafek Matta
- Kayla McLean
- Natalie Miner
- Lindy Moreland
- Ryan Morrill
- Timothy Nagle
- Amelia Olaru
- Payson Plummer
- Julia Reed
- Kaleb Reed
- Sarah Rosingana
- Mina Sayed
- Ella Senatore
- Alison Smith
- Natalie Smith
- Brooke Stevens
- Denali Tetreau
- Payton Thibodeau
- Madison Tibbals
- Lily Tukey
- Vanessa Walker
- Madisson Willey
- Izak Young

# Gorham Schools Backpack Program

Heather Whitaker, GMS Alternative Education Teacher

The Backpack Program helps Gorham students who are suffering from the effects of hunger by providing free nutritious, easy-to-prepare food to eat during weekends and school vacations when those crucial school meals are unavailable. Please consider helping students experiencing food insecurity.

The program is currently serving over 85 students each weekend and also provides over 125 students

with snacks every day. These are the highest numbers since the start of the program several years ago.

Donation checks can be made out to: Gorham School Department with Backpack Program written in the memo line. A receipt will be mailed for tax purposes. Please send to: Hollis Cobb, Finance Officer, Gorham School Department, 75 South Street, Gorham.



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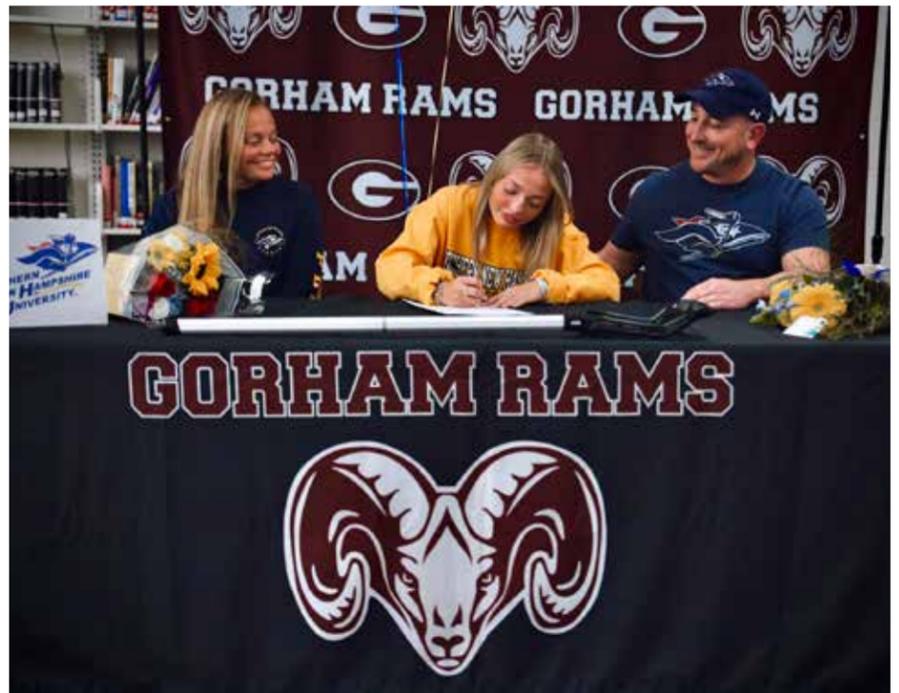
# Gorham Athletes Sign Letters of Intent

Katie Brown, Sports Editor



Student-athlete Amber Bretton

Photo credit: Adam Parvanta



Student-athlete Zoe Coleman

Photo credit: Adam Parvanta



Student-athlete Hannah Bickford

Photo credit: Adam Parvanta

On Nov. 14, families, coaches, friends, and staff joined three GHS student-athletes who will be receiving Division I and Division II scholarships at colleges and universities in New Hampshire, Massachusetts and Connecticut. Amber Bretton signed her letter of intent to play Division I Softball at the UCONN Huskies. Bretton plans to study exercise science with a concentration in kinesiology. Zoe Coleman signed her letter of intent to play Division II Lacrosse

for Southern New Hampshire University. Coleman plans to study broadcasting and journalism at SNHU. Hannah Bickford signed her letter of intent to play Division I Field Hockey at Stonehill College. Bickford will be studying Health Science to one day become a traveling nurse. These students signing letters demonstrate dedication and determination while serving as role models. GHS is proud of their hard work and accomplishments.

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# Gorham Community Chorus and GHS Chamber Singers Present a Choral Concert

Gorham Times Staff

## WHAT SWEETER MUSIC

The Gorham Community Chorus, a non-audition singing organization with eighty members from the greater Gorham community, were joined by the GHS Chamber singers for a holiday choral concert entitled “What Sweeter Music” on Sunday, Dec. 3. The Chorus is directed by John Rimkunas and the Chamber Singers by Mr. Matthew Murray, GHS Music Teacher. The Gorham Community Chorus welcomes interested new members in January, when rehearsals start. For more information, please contact: gorhamcommunitychorus@gmail.com



Gorham Community Chorus directed by John Rimkunas.

Photo credit: Tsultrim Yetsang

## National Handwashing Awareness Week

Every day is a good day to wash your hands frequently, especially during the Holidays. If you're tired of singing Happy Birthday, switch it up - try "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star" or "Bye, Bye, Miss American Pie" or some other favorite tune. Plain soap works just as well as antibacterial.

- Always wash your hands when:
- Preparing and eating food or handling garbage
  - Treating wounds or caring for a sick person
  - Touching anything that is frequently touched by other people, such as door handles, gas pumps or shopping carts
  - Inserting or removing contact lenses
  - Using the toilet, changing a diaper or cleaning up a child who has used the toilet
  - Touching an animal, animal feed or animal waste
  - Blowing your nose, coughing or sneezing

# 31 Days of Prizes

Gorham Times Staff



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Lions Terri Morin and Ken Aldrich visited with the staff at Lake Region Energy (previously Dodge Energy) to thank them for their generous donation to the Gorham Lions Club.

The Lions are selling a 31 days of prizes January calendar in cooperation with many local businesses. The Lions will earmark some of the calendar sales funds to assist local residents that are struggling to heat their homes this winter.

If community members would like to buy Lions calendars, they are available at the Lions Tree Sales location at Gorham's Plummer's Hardware, on the Gorham Lions Facebook page or by contacting Ken at 207-929-9182.

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**Young Families!**

**Gorham Rec. Dept.**

**Shaw Gym**

3:00-4:00 .... Wildlife Encounters  
 4:30-5:00 .... Children Museum Workshop  
*Kids will learn about performing!!*  
 5:15-6:00 ... Wildlife Encounters

**Activity Room 1**

4:00-5:00.... Balloonatic



**Hallway**

3:30-6:00.... Face Painting  
 4:00-6:00.... Phil Smith  
*Abracadabra Magic!*



**For All Ages!**

**Gorham High School Gym**

4:30-6:00 ..... Contra Dance  
 6:00-6:30 ..... Juggling Workshop  
*Jason Tardy will teach you how to do some juggling - probably not the "dangerous" juggling you'll see during the 8 PM Off the Wall Performance.*

**Lobby**

5:15-6:00 ..... Balloon Twisting

**Cafeteria**

4:30-6:30 .....NYG Café  
 Ongoing Robotics Demonstrations

**Gorham High School Performing Arts Center**

4:30 ..... Don Roy Trio & Friends  
*\*National Endowment for the Arts Fellowship Recipient\**  
 5:15 ..... Gorham Community Chorus  
 6:00 ..... Gorham High School Chamber Chorus  
 7:00 ..... Storyteller Antonio Rocha  
 8:00 ..... Off the Wall with Jason Tardy

**Gorham High School Library**

5:00-6:00 ..... Mime Workshop  
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**Performance Descriptions**



**Antonio Rocha**  
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**Jason Tardy**  
**Off The Wall Juggling and Comedy**  
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**Don Roy Trio & Friends**  
*National Endowment for the Arts National Fellowship Recipient!*  
 Back for their 18th year, Don Roy and his group of

talented musicians will keep feet tapping and hearts singing with Acadian music.



**Gorham Community Chorus**  
**Back by Popular Demand!**  
 The Gorham Community Chorus is a community group of singers of all ages who have performed for NYG for several years. They sing a wide range of musical pieces from show tunes, spirituals, pop music and more! They are directed by John Rimkunas and Eric Peppe is the accompanist.

**Gorham High School Chamber Singers**  
**The best of the best!**  
 We are pleased to once again welcome our own talented GHS singers to the GPAC stage, directed by GHS Vocal Teacher, Matt Murray.



**Wildlife Encounters**  
**Back by our kids' requests!**  
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# Gorham Middle School Honor Roll First Quarter

## 6th Grade High Honors

Evan Holland  
Hannah Kimball  
Audrey Krebs  
Palmer Madden  
David Marks  
Brooklyn Walker

## 6th Grade Honors

Grace Allen  
Jacob Allen  
Cirrus Arlet  
Ethan Barney  
Cole Bennett  
Helen Bernier  
August Bischof  
Auroralyn Bragg-Malloy  
Michael Brockman  
Ethan Butler  
Priya Cameron  
Daphne Capponi  
Avianna Carr  
Max Castonguay  
Madelyn Chaisson  
Devi Clark  
Jackson Coffin  
Iyanna Coggins  
Quinn Cuneo  
Eleanor Damon  
Leah Dargie  
William DeVinney  
Ava Duchaine  
Moaeen Elnimier  
Benjamin Emerson  
Lyla Exley  
Lexi Finck

Braelyn Finoia  
Mackenna Flagg  
Minjee Flanders  
Lila Fortier  
Mae Foster  
Sophia Gill  
Bennett Hall  
Philip Hanken  
Fiona Herrick  
Kiannah Hinkley  
Harper Hofmann  
Mason Hopkins  
Emma Howe  
Nina Joy  
Boden Kennedy  
Annabelle Klipple  
Bayleigh Lamb  
Cecelia Lewin  
Charles Livingston  
Reece Marchand  
Keegan Maxim  
Quinn McAdams  
Clara McBride  
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Adeline McCrillis  
Greta McDowell  
Benjamin Miller  
Isabel Miller  
Reid Minichiello  
Addison Moller  
Evelyn Morton  
Ava Moulton  
Kerrigan Nadeau  
Reagan Nash  
Travis Neily  
Piper O'Keefe  
Owen Perkins  
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Riley Peters  
Kylie Plaud  
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Brianna Quang  
Evelyn Quinn  
Jayne Rowles  
Jillian Roy  
Tyler Sampietro  
Caroline Sargent  
Zoe Scarborough  
Paysleigh-Jean Spiller  
Reid Stevens  
Rose Stover  
William Sundik  
Mika Towle  
Willow Verry-Gardella  
Maddilyn Walker  
Henry Walsh  
Atticus Wells  
Caleb West  
Luke Williams  
Kayla Wolfe  
Gracie Woodman  
Riley Young

## 7th Grade High Honors

Carter Bourgoin  
Carson Brown  
Lauren Chadburn  
Taylor Chadburn  
Quaid Cossitt  
Parker Cyr  
Andrew Fortier  
Logan Hall  
Nolan Hurder

Chloe Schuehle  
Samuel Springer  
Hannah Symanski  
  
**7th Grade Honors**  
Eva Alden  
Sarina Alden  
Camryn Allen  
Joshua Allison  
Matilda Arturo  
Finnegan Bailey  
Aidan Beardsley  
Jason Bennett  
Brauneck  
Blanchard  
Emmi  
Boissonneault  
Magnus Brown  
Benjamin Cahill  
Brianna Carlo  
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Chase Cote  
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Jacob Cyr  
Daniel Deprez  
Ella Dodd  
Quinn Dougherty  
Lauren Drenski  
Grace Dudley  
Jacklyn Dunbar  
Kaleb Dyer  
Josephina Faria  
Colby Fernald  
Emelia Frederick  
Benjamin Fredette  
Anabelle  
Gasbarrone

Bradley Genovese  
Matthew Golden  
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Lillian King  
Breanna Lampen  
Kaiden Laughlin  
Jeremy Levesque  
Jessica Loiselle  
Annie Lorfano  
Brody Marchand  
Sophia Marquis  
Samuel Martin  
Mason McDonald  
Harper McManus  
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Carmella Richards  
Lucien Roy  
Charles Sands  
Ava Scott  
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Caroline Shaw

Emma Spiller  
Dominic Steller  
Alexander Sundik  
Aloe Swanson  
Charlotte Taylor  
Hailey Tracy  
Hailey Tracy  
Viannah Vercoe  
Elijah Waterman  
Emily Watson  
Sophia Webster  
Tristan Wells  
Zoe Whitehead  
Amelia Winkler  
Harper Winkley  
Kate Woods  
Ruthie Zaninelli

## 8th Grade High Honors

Bryn Cunningham  
Oliver Dennis  
Charlotte Deveaux  
Grant Emerson  
Oliver Emerson  
Bailey Grimard  
Nara Holland  
Natalie Lyford  
Carter McGonagle  
Connor McHenry  
Abe Palme  
Alina Senasy  
Tessa White

**8th Grade Honors**  
Ahmed Abdulzahra  
Sona Ahmed  
Grace Amadon

Nicolas Andrade  
Aspen Blair  
Jared Burt  
Zackary Carlson  
Ty Caron  
Haley Chandler  
Bayla Clark  
Stephen Connolly  
Doria Crockett  
Tyler Croteau  
Camden Curtis  
Tucker Curtis  
Owen Eling  
Anna Faatz  
Jack Feldhaus  
Miracle Fernandes  
Alexander Fernandez  
Abrie French  
Gianna Gakunzi  
Julia Giguere  
Neve Hanley  
Nicholas Harrington  
Ben Herrick  
Wyland Herrick  
Sydney Ireland  
Toren Johnson  
Luke Jones  
Samuel Joy  
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Loreli Murray  
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Sophia Proulx  
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Whitney Varney  
Eston Vogel  
Wyatt Walker  
Cooper Warner  
Jeremy West  
Sawyer Wheaton  
Trent Whitaker

Congratulations, Gorham students

# Gorham High School Honor Roll First Quarter

## Grade 9 High Honors

Rigel Arlet  
Zachary Bourgoin  
Luna Button  
Kayleigh Carlo  
Sheila Casco  
Harrison Crider  
Jack Foisy  
Jordyn Fotter  
Everett Hurder  
Anna Johnson  
Lily Keene  
Sean Kenny  
Gillian Lachance  
Lucas Lane  
Brandon Levesque  
Larissa Moore  
Elsie Moreno  
Ishami Munyaneza  
Molly Peters  
Jasmine Radjabova  
Madison Rogers  
Cecelia Sloat  
Isabelle Smith  
Lola Vance  
Henri Wichmann

## Grade 9 Honors

Fatimah Almukhtar  
Landan Anctil  
William Andreasen  
Ryan Bachner  
Fatima Beshir  
Sara Brawn  
Preston Brown  
Collin Bunch  
Lillian Burgos  
Kimarah Cajuste  
Piper Cathcart  
Myles Clark  
Harvey Crider  
Chloe Cyr  
Jack Cyr  
Liam Delaney  
Bennett Deveaux  
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Madelaine Lampron  
Sofia Lembarra  
Destiny Lewis-Keller  
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Cooper Whitehead  
Peyton Wilkins  
Jack Williams  
Corbin Wilson  
Sarah Wilson  
Londyn Wright

## Grade 10 High Honors

Hope Barney  
Kaleigh Bauer  
Lily Beardsley  
Bria Bush  
Jocelyn Clark  
Mia Dodd  
Logan Doughty  
Taylor Ernest  
Sophie Gaudreau  
Madison Hatch  
Tabitha Lavigne  
Derek Luo  
Lorisse Matta  
Maya Moores  
Eleanor Morgan  
Rebecca Neumann  
Liam O'Hora  
Tyler Olson  
Kassidy Quimby  
Elizabeth Springer  
Taylor Tenuta  
Brett Vaz  
Haley Vickery  
Sawyer VonderHaar  
Claudette Wesse

## Grade 10 Honors

Ali Abdulzahra  
Oscar Alcaide  
Colby Allie  
Cadyn Arsenaault  
Jay Banks  
Gianna Berthiaume  
Benjamin Brown  
Timofey Butenko  
Aiden Cahill  
Cole Chasse  
Annabelle Collier  
Andrew Collins  
Aubriana Cossitt  
Ruby Couture  
Grace Cunningham  
Cameron Cyr  
Zoe Dellinger

Ava DeVinney  
Bryce Dipietrantonio  
Quinn Drake  
Aaron Dumais  
Lauren Dunbar  
Isaiah Eling  
Laurel Emerson  
River Engelter  
Mabel Esty  
Emily Fluett  
Logan Foley  
Mackenzie Foley  
Ava Fontaine  
Abigail Fortier  
Griffin Gava  
Sophie Giberson  
Maddison Gines  
Kayden Hall  
Elle Hanley  
Jeremy Hansen  
James Hatch  
Nickolas Henderson  
Henry Holland  
Esther Jaume Ferrer  
Colton Jenkins  
Benjamin Keil  
Reece Leclerc  
Tamia Lema-Santellan  
Hanna Logan  
Rylyn McInnis  
Tessa McNally  
Andrew Migliorini  
Nyssa Mocchiola  
Gavin Monkiewicz  
Stella Moores  
Winni Moreland  
Davic Ntibandetse  
Jacqueline Parenteau  
Cabot Pepper  
Isabel Phinney  
Terra Rioux  
Gracen Roberts-Locke  
Shawn Rumery  
Addyson Simcock  
Ruby Soule  
Justin Spearin  
Graham Staples  
Izak Stevens  
Ryleigh Stoker  
Joshua Strout  
Devin Swanson

Tobias Wane  
Adia Wezowicz  
Atticus Whitten  
Natalie Wilkins  
Noah Williams  
Lillyan Woodcock  
Elle Woodman  
Lucas Yaeger  
Preston Zwart

## Grade 11 High Honors

Sofia Andrade  
Laura Burt  
Ashley Connolly  
Katelyn Cyr  
Cecelia Dellosso  
Patrick Downey  
Gwyneth Dubail  
Lucia Dubail  
Mason Finck  
Hadley Foster  
Finn Henderson  
Alivia Keniston  
Kathryn LaPierre  
Chafek Matta  
Kayla McLean  
Timothy Nagle  
Amelia Oлару  
Payson Plummer  
Julia Reed  
Abigail Rogers  
Sarah Rosingana  
Jacob Shvets  
Natalie Smith  
Owen Spera  
Brooke Stevens  
Madison Tibbals  
Lily Tukey  
Vanessa Walker

## Grade 11 Honors

Batool Al Shammari  
Harrison Baber  
Whitney Ball  
Brianna Beaulieu  
David Bechtel  
Abigail Capponi  
Caleb Carrier  
Benjamin Champagne  
Riley Chubbuck  
Preston Coffelt  
Aspenelle De Los Reyes  
Finnian Dermody  
Riley Dever

Anthony Dicenso  
Anastasia Dolley  
Andre Dube  
Gavin Edwards  
Gabrielle Evans  
Joshua Faatz  
Emily Fadrignon  
Brent Files  
Aryana Flett  
Piper Forgues  
Lauren Fredette  
Haley Frie  
Griffin Gammon  
Sherry Garnett  
Cameron Gasbarrone  
Meghan Gendron  
Ava Googins  
Bailey Hatch  
Lucia Holloway  
Violet James  
Griffin Johnson  
William Johnson  
Kuba Kaczmarek  
Sophie Kaczmarek  
Jack Karlonas  
Brooke Kazimer  
Jeffrey Legere  
Adam Lembarra  
Aidan Madore  
Grace Mahaney  
Natalie Miner  
Lindy Moreland  
Elizabeth Morey  
Amanda Morin  
Ryan Morrill  
Nick Munyaneza  
Hailey Peterson  
Brooke Piawlock  
Matthew Sallinen  
Sarah Sanborn  
Victoria Sands  
Juliet Sargent  
Rhys Saunders  
Ella Senatore  
Casey Skolfield  
Alison Smith  
Julie Stevens  
Alicia Terry  
Denali Tetrault  
Payton Thibodeau  
Logan Wilson

## Grade 12 High Honors

Cole Allen  
Samantha Barlow

Dylan Bauer  
Hannah Bickford  
Luke Burns  
Addison Canty  
Andria Cloutier  
Dakoda Coyne  
Dylan Cummings  
Samantha Davis  
Giselle Doucette  
Taylor Farr  
Kaylee Gonnevill  
Emerson Homa  
Kira Keniston  
Noah Kennedy  
Eleanor LaBarge  
Corey Lorfano  
Aislyn McLean  
Gabriel Michaud  
Madison Miers  
Mia Mitchell  
Amy Morin  
Caroline Morrell  
Maria Nardini  
Haden Pelletier  
Makayla Quintal  
Kaleb Reed  
Emma Smith  
Nicholas Tinkham  
Landon Turgeon  
Julia Wareham  
Joshua Wright  
Anna Yahwak

## Grade 12 Honors

Lillian Andreasen  
William Armstrong  
Brady Arsenaault  
Kaylynn Ballard  
Emily Bennett  
Moortada Beshir  
Claire Boudreau  
Elsie Bradshaw  
Jackson Brassard  
Macey Brenner  
Amber Bretton  
Ethan Castonguay  
Alex Chase  
Thomas Curtis  
Jack Decrow  
Grace Desmond  
Ella Downing  
Cole Drinkwine  
Anna Dumais  
Dylan Edwards  
Mohamed Elshafie

Mokadisa Faizzada  
Brooke Farquhar  
Sophia Fates  
Abigail Fecteau  
Nolan Feyler  
Summer Gammon  
Elizabeth Gay  
Sophie Gunn  
Addison Harjula  
Natalie Haskell  
Brinn Irish  
Whelane Iteriteka  
Jesse James  
Ashton Leclerc  
Aidan Lee  
Leighanna LeMay  
Emily Lemont  
Meryk Wellen  
Jack Luciano  
Logan Martell  
Lillian Miner  
Kayleigh Mitchell  
Jacob Mora  
Jackson Morrell  
James Morrison  
Arianna Morse  
Cecile Nganinka  
Kaitlyn Nichols  
Lillianna Noel  
Riley Ottoson  
Collin Page  
Samuel Parenteau  
Jenna Pequinot  
Paige Perreault  
Dylan Phillips  
Elizabeth Phinney  
Rhyder Pollard  
Alicia Poschke  
William Preis  
Abraham Rabbani  
Zoie Rand  
Brayson Reed  
Lily Rubin  
Logan Sargent  
Hadley Scaplen  
Caden Smith  
Tristan Smith  
Ava Spitzinger  
Kyleigh Staples  
Jonathan Stein  
Dylan Taiani  
Jason Verrill  
Mackenna Wheeler  
Cameron Whittemore

# Christmas Services 2023



**CENTERPOINT CHURCH**  
53 County Road, Gorham  
Pastor Ben Thornton, (207) 370-8182  
centerpointme.com,  
facebook.com/CenterpointME  
Christmas Eve Service,  
Dec. 24, 5 p.m.

**CRESSEY ROAD CHRISTIAN CHURCH**  
81 Cressey Road, Gorham  
Pastor Joseph Saunders, (207) 839-3111  
crdcc.office@gmail.com  
www.cresseyrdcc.org  
Angel Tree Benefit Concert  
Dec. 15, 7 p.m.  
Drive-Thru Christmas  
Dec. 16- Drive-Thru Christmas,  
5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.  
Free Event / Storm Date Dec. 23  
Dec. 24- Christmas  
Worship Service, 10 a.m.  
Christmas Eve Candlelight Services,  
4 p.m. and 11 p.m.  
Dec. 31- Watchnight Service of  
Covenant Renewal, 7 p.m.  
All services available on Facebook.com/  
CRDCCGorham and YouTube

**FIRST PARISH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**  
1 Church Street, Gorham  
Rev. Christine Dyke, (207) 839-6751  
christine@firstparishgorham.org  
firstparishgorham.org  
Facebook Live  
Dec. 12, Blue Christmas, 6 p.m.  
Dec. 24, Christmas Eve  
Candlelight Service, 7 p.m.

**FIRST RUSSIAN BAPTIST CHURCH**  
211 Mosher Road, Gorham  
Pastor Igor Kushnar  
Church phone number (207) 892-8324  
Pastor's phone number (207) 210-8636  
Church Email:  
frbcgorham@gmail.com  
Website: frbcme.org  
Dec. 9, 12-6 p.m. "Bethlehem"  
Family-friendly event with crafts,  
activities, and food.  
Dec. 23 6 p.m. Children's Service  
Dec. 24, 4 p.m. Christmas Eve  
Youth Service  
Dec. 25, Christmas Day Service 11 a.m.

**FORT HILL COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
Spire 29, 29 School Street, Gorham  
Aaron Manning, (207) 592-4987  
aaron@forthillchurch.com,  
forthillchurch.com  
Christmas Eve Service,  
in person and online, Dec. 24, 4 p.m.

**GALILEE CHURCH**  
317 Main Street, Gorham  
Pastor Mark Labacz and  
Pastor Kevin Lambertson  
(207) 839-6985  
cgalilee@maine.rr.com, cgalileebc.org  
Candlelight Christmas Eve Service,  
Dec. 24, 6 p.m. (5:45 cookies)

**GRACE BIBLE CHURCH OF GORHAM**  
74 Deering Road, Gorham  
Pastor Joe Macisso, 839-8800  
gbcofgorham@gmail.com  
thegracebiblechurch.com  
Christmas Eve Service, Dec. 24, 10 a.m.

**LIFECHURCH**  
8 Elkins Road, Gorham  
Pastor Brian Undlin, 839-6354  
lifechurchmaine.org  
Dec. 24, 8, 9:30, and 11 a.m.  
children's ministry available at all services  
birth-6th grade

**LITTLE FALLS BIBLE CHURCH**  
746 Gray Road, Gorham  
Pastor Tony Vafiades, (207) 423-6730  
littlefallsbc.org/  
Christmas Eve Service, Dec. 24, 5 p.m.

**LIVING STONE COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
711 Ossipee Trail West, Standish  
Interim Pastor Doug Rasmuson  
(207) 590-1476  
Christmas Eve Service  
Dec. 24, 11 a.m.

**ORCHARD COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
1 North Street/Rt. 114, Gorham  
Pastor Brian Ward, (207) 730-3910  
orchardpastorbrian@yahoo.com,  
facebook.com/orchardcommunitychurch  
Christmas Eve Service,  
Dec. 24, 7 p.m.  
in person and on Facebook

**REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH (LCMS)**  
410 Main Street, Gorham  
Pastor: Rev. Timothy Sandeno  
(207) 839-7100  
RedeemerMaine@gmail.com  
RedeemerMaine.org  
All services will be live streamed at  
Facebook.com/RedeemerMaine  
Advent Wednesday Services, 7:00 p.m.  
Carols, Cookies, & Cocoa,  
Wednesday, Dec. 20 7:00 p.m.  
Christmas Eve Lessons,  
Carols and Candlelight,  
Dec 24, 6:30 p.m.  
Christmas Day Divine Service,  
Dec 25, 10:15 a.m.

**ST. ANN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
40 Windham Center Road, Windham  
Rev. Tim Higgins, (207) 892-8447  
stannsoffice@gmail.com, facebook.com/  
St Anns Episcopal Windham ME 04062  
stannsepiscopalchurch.com  
Christmas Eve Services, Dec. 24  
4 p.m. Children's Pageant  
7 p.m. Full Choir  
10 p.m. Christmas Carols

**ST. ANNE CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
299 Main Street, Gorham  
Fr Lou Phillips, pastor, (207) 839-4857  
stannegorham@portlanddiocese.org stan-  
negorham.com  
Christmas Eve Mass, Dec. 24,  
4 and 6:30 p.m.

Christmas Day Mass, Dec. 25, 8 a.m.  
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God  
Jan. 1, 9 and 11 a.m.

**SUMMIT COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
26 Cressey Road, Gorham  
Rev. Travis Bush, (207) 839-4434  
summitmaine.org  
Christmas Eve Sunday morning  
worship service 10 a.m.  
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 4 p.m.

**UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST AT NORTH GORHAM**  
4 Standish Neck Road, Gorham  
Rev. David Farrington,  
(207) 892-5363,  
northgorhamchurch.org  
Christmas Eve service  
Dec. 24, 6 p.m.



**WEST GORHAM UNION CHURCH**  
190 Ossipee Trail, Gorham  
Pastor Nate Colson, (207) 839-5946  
facebook.com/WestGorhamChurch  
Christmas Cantata, Dec. 24, 4:00 p.m.

**WHITE ROCK FREE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
300 Sebago Lake Road, Gorham  
Rev. Jonathan Marshall,  
wrfbc.org, (207) 839-1919  
Sunday School, Dec. 24, 9:30 a.m.,  
Worship Service, 10:45 a.m.  
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, 6 p.m.



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**OF INTEREST**

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The Gorham Knights of Columbus Council 10221 will host its annual Free Throw Championship for boys and girls ages 9 to 14 on Saturday, Dec. 30 at 10 a.m. at the Shaw Gym, 75 South Street, in Gorham. There are winners and runners-up for each age from 9 to 14 and for each gender. Each participant is given 15 chances at successfully completing free throws. A winner and a runner up will be selected from each age group. The winners get the opportunity to participate in the State championship on Saturday, March 9, at the Old Town High School Gym. Runners up can take the place of the winner in the event he or she can't attend. Sign-ups in Gorham will take place on the day of the event, and participation is free. Kids must bring proof of birthdate (birth certificate or equivalent) to sign up. For more information, contact James Falk at [jafalk007@gmail.com](mailto:jafalk007@gmail.com).

Follow the star to the Cresssey Road Christian Church Drive-Thru Christmas. Watch the Christmas Story unfold from the comfort of your vehicle. Costumed characters, storytelling banners, and a bright star will lead you on the Christmas journey. The free event takes place on Saturday, Dec. 16 from 5:30 – 7 p.m. (storm date, Dec. 23) at 81 Cresssey Road.

Veterans of Foreign Wars, Gorham Memorial Post 10879 will be meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 12 at 5:30 p.m. in the Fire Department Training Room, 270 Main Street. For information contact the post at [vfwpost10879@gmail.com](mailto:vfwpost10879@gmail.com).

**NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS**

The Gorham Medical Closet located at the Municipal Center, 75 South Street, is free and available to Gorham residents in need of wheelchairs, shower seats, commodes, walkers, canes, crutches and more. Hours are by appointment with a volunteer. Call Gerry Day at (207) 756-2210 or (207) 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](http://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 Cresssey Road Christian Church on Cresssey 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. Join the group for Cribbage and board games on Mondays at 10 a.m., all levels welcome. Join the weekly guest speaker program, the Originals, on Wednesdays at 10 a.m. A different speaker each week. Recent speakers include Gorham's K9 officer, Friends of the Presumpscot River, and Pinetree Guide Dogs. Upcoming speakers: Roadside Motor Courts and Cabins, Gorham History/Chicken and Egg Production, Gunpowder Mills Documentary makers and Holiday concert with the Carol Bailey String band. FMI: contact Lisa Becker at [Leckybrowncenter@gmail.com](mailto:Leckybrowncenter@gmail.com).

**PUBLIC SUPPERS**

Living Waters Church will hold a free Turkey Dinner with all the fixings on Christmas Eve, Sunday, Dec. 24 at 5 p.m. Parker Farm Road, Buxton. There will be a short Christmas Eve service following the dinner. Take out containers will be available for those who do not wish to sit inside.

**LIBRARY NEWS**

The North Gorham Public Library has a weekly All Ages Children's Story Time at 10 a.m. every Wednesday. Library hours are Monday 3 to 6 p.m.; Tuesday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Wednesday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., and 4 to 7 p.m.; Closed Thursday and Friday; Saturday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.; closed Sunday. FMI: (207) 892-2575 or (207) 642-2327.

Baxter Memorial Library offers family-friendly events for all ages, including Baby, Toddler, and Family Discovery Times, Sewing Club, Parents' Art Hour, Board Game Saturday, and several book events. On Tuesday, Dec. 12, Author Melanie Brooks will discuss her recently published memoir, "A Hard Silence," with Jennifer Dupree, author of "The Miraculous Flight of Owen Leach. On Thursday, Dec. 14, the Book Group will discuss "The Trackers" by Charles Frazier. On Wednesday, Dec. 20, there will be a Book Launch of "Morgan's Mount," by Robert Foster. Children will enjoy "Polar Express" by Chris Van Allsburg, read by Conductor Nicolette. Hot cocoa will be served and children will take home a small memento. FMI: visit [baxterlibrary.org](http://baxterlibrary.org) or call (207) 222-1190.

**UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MAINE NOTES**

Learn about the new "PAY BY PLATE" parking system on the Gorham campus (Portland also). Visit <https://usm.maine.edu/parking-services> for the details, rates, and policy updates

The USM Art Gallery's current exhibition, "Embodying Softness/Excavating Delight" with artists Jackie Milad and Libby Paloma has its last day on Saturday, Dec. 9. Located at 5 University Way, the Gallery is open 11 am – 4:30 pm, Tuesday – Saturday, Open till 7 pm on Thursdays.

The Osher School of Music presents alumnae Megan Marino in concert at Corthell Concert Hall with pianists Laura Kargul and Ed Reichert on Sunday, Dec. 9 at 2 p.m. Marino says, "We're rolling out both pianos and are collaborating with Professor SeifAllah Salotto-Cristobal of the USM Department of Theatre to light up Corthell in ways we haven't seen before." Free admission, donations are welcomed. Proceeds benefit the Osher School of Music Talent Scholarship Fund. FMI: <https://usm.maine.edu/music/events>.





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<p><b>WINDHAM \$134,900</b> – This building lot is surveyed with building envelope offers HHE 200 septic design for 2 bedroom, public water at the street, power to property &amp; gravel driveway. Access to Mill Pond across the street with 200' of frontage &amp; sandy beach.</p>	<p><b>GORHAM \$648,000</b> – Tucked away on a dead-end street at the end of Maplewood Drive where you can enjoy sidewalks to schools, restaurants, shopping, bowling &amp; the Greater Portland Metro Husky bus line. This 4 bedroom/2.5 bath cottage style home features an open 1st floor plan with 9ft ceilings.</p>	<p><b>STANDISH \$395,000</b> – 1642sf Saltbox on a private lot. Home offers 4 bedrooms 2 baths with new laminate wood flooring throughout, 1st floor bedroom &amp; added mudroom for extra storage. Low maintenance with new windows, doors &amp; metal roof. Partially finished basement with woodstove.</p>	<p><b>GORHAM \$798,000</b> – Welcome to 9 Martin Drive tucked away at the end of a beautiful dead-end street in Fort Hill Heights where the homes are mindfully spread out. It rests on 2.97 acres &amp; offers over 2700sf of living space. Each element and space encompass subtle details that make it unique.</p>
<b>SOLD</b>	<b>GORHAM \$365,000</b>	<b>GORHAM \$825,000</b>	<b>BALDWIN \$109,900</b>
			
	<p><b>GORHAM \$365,000</b> – 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, all with hardwood floors &amp; low maintenance living.</p>	<p><b>GORHAM \$825,000</b> – Gorgeous interior with wood floors, exposed beams, custom granite kitchens, built-ins &amp; period details. The first flr living space offers 2448sf with up to 3 bedrooms perfect for one floor living. The 2nd &amp; 3rd floor living space offers 3159sf with up to 5 bedrooms. 2-unit on Presumpscot River.</p>	<p><b>BALDWIN \$109,900</b> – 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><b>GORHAM \$159,900</b> – 2009 mobile home. Spacious kitchen, dining area, large living room with laminate flooring, master bedroom with full bath &amp; laundry area. Newer storage shed with electricity, paved driveway, new deck. Excellent 55+ community with clubhouse. Great location to all points.</p>



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## Poetry Corner: Cold Decembers

**Dave Thompson**

The pink orange udders in the sky

Like all cold Christmases past

With December's cold upon us.

But the glow of dawn's chill blazes outward;

Of this farm scene,

Of this lambent morn.

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## CLASSIFIEDS

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## CALENDAR

### Thursday, December 7

Baxter Memorial Library  
Toddler Discovery Time (18mos-3yrs), 10 a.m.  
Sewing Club, 3 p.m.  
Parents' Art Hour, 5:30 p.m.

### Saturday, December 9

Baxter Memorial Library, Board Game Saturday, 10 – 11 a.m.  
USM Art Gallery, last day of the current exhibition. 11 am – 4:30 pm, Tues. – Sat  
Open till 7 pm on Thursdays.  
Osher School of Music presents Megan Marino in Concert with Laura Kargul and Ed Reichert, Corthell Concert Hall, 2 p.m.  
USM Athletics Celebrating 100th Anniversary of Sports at USM  
11:30- Little East Hall of Fame Induction - Emily Artesani -USM Field House  
Presentation of the NCAA National Championship ring to Ben Drummey  
National Student-Athlete of the Year award presentation to Sophia Slovenski  
12:00 - USM Alumni Open Track & Field Meet -USM Field House  
1:00- USM Women's Basketball vs. Eastern Connecticut State -Hill Gymnasium  
2:00 - Reception and social begins - Alumni Reception Center -USM Ice Arena  
2:30- LEC Hall of Fame Induction - 1987-1988 Women's Basketball Team - Hill Gymnasium  
3:00 - Comments from former student-athletes Alumni Reception Center-USM Ice Arena  
3:30 - USM Men's Basketball vs. Eastern Connecticut State- Hill Gymnasium

### Tuesday, December 12

Baxter Memorial Library  
Family Discovery Time (ages 2-5), 10 a.m.  
Author Event with Melanie Brooks and Jennifer Dupree, 6 p.m.

### Wednesday, December 13

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.  
Lecky Brown Lecture Series, Kelly Dearborn, Gorham Historical Society, First Parish Church, 3rd Floor, 10 a.m.

### Thursday, December 14

Baxter Memorial Library  
Toddler Discovery time (18mos-3yrs), 10 a.m.  
Book Group Discussion: The Tracker, 10:15 a.m.  
Sewing Club, 3 – 4:30 p.m.

### Tuesday, December 19

Baxter Memorial Library, Family Discover Time (ages 2-5 p.m.), 10 a.m.

### Wednesday, December 20

Baxter Memorial Library  
Baby Discovery time (birth-18mos)  
Book Launch: Robert Foster, "Morgan's Mount," 6 p.m.  
"Polar Express," read by Conductor Nicolette, 6 p.m.  
North Gorham Public Library All Ages Children's Story Time, 10 a.m.  
Lecky Brown Lecture Series, Carol Bailey String Band, First Parish Church, 10 a.m.

### Thursday, December 21

Baxter Memorial Library  
Toddler Discovery Time (18mos-3yrs)  
Sewing Club, 3 – 4:30 p.m.

### Saturday, December 30

Gorham Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship, 10 a.m., Shaw Gym

### Sunday, December 31

New Year Gorham  
USM Open Ice Skating, 2 - 4 p.m.  
Gorham Rec. Dept, Shaw Gym Activities, 3 - 6 p.m.  
Gorham High School Activities, 4:30 - 8 p.m.

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the Courtesy of the Gorham Police Department  
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A woman and a small child were reported to be begging for money on Main Street but were gone when the officer arrived.

Ossipee Trail caller reported a woman had dumped trash on gas station property and was bothering customers. Caller was advised to call back when the woman was present.

Village School reported a suspicious person walking with a mask on. Officer spoke to the witness who had seen a woman with a hoodie on. He checked the area and cleared the call.

Caller reported he had broken down on Mosher Road and trucks were speeding by him. He confirmed he was well off the roadway. Officer waited with him for the tow truck to arrive and then left to respond to an accident in town.

Following a report of a suspicious person on Old Dynamite Way, an officer made contact with the car owner and she came out and reset the alarm.

Webster Road caller reported a person had trespassed on his property after being warned by police not to do so. Officer explained that the town roadways and their immediate streets were public access and walking past a property was not trespassing. Caller understood and was amicable.

Caller reported she had not heard from someone in about a month and had not been able to reach her. The officer went to the residence. Woman was alright but she had lost her phone and bought a new one.

Caller reported an accident at Spiller Road and Sedona Drive. There were no vehicles in the ditch and the neighbor had not seen anything.

Buck Street caller wanted to know if his pellet gun counted as a firearm according to Gorham's firearms ordinance. It did not.

Officer located three juveniles at Cumberland Farms. They admitted to biking in the road from Straw Road to County Road. They were advised it was unsafe not to have lights on the bikes while riding at night. Officer escorted them back to their residences on Straw Road and reminded them they needed reflective clothing and lights on their bikes when riding in the dark. They were given warnings and said they understood.

Caller reported a camper being hauled through downtown that had lost its door at the intersection of Main and New Portland Road. Camper had continued on, not seeming to have noticed the missing door. Public Works removed the door and nothing in the area appeared to have been damaged.

Caller on Mosher Road reported he was lost and needed help finding the bus station. He was sitting by the Shaw Brothers building on Mosher Road. He did not need emergency care and was trying to get to Portland for an appointment, but he did not know where he was. He thought he had been heading to Portland but pointed towards Windham. Officer gave him a ride to the bus station on Main Street and he said he would know where to go from there.

A man wearing a military outfit and holding a sign was standing on School St. Officer recognized the man and told the caller the man had not committed any crime but was acting strangely. He was holding a sign that read Cornish. He was calm and did not want a ride from the officer to the Standish line.

Osborne Road caller reported witnessing ATV's racing up and down the roadway. Officer checked the area and waited 20 minutes but did not see anything. Two neighbors who had been out walking told the officer they had not seen any ATV's in the past 45 minutes.

The traffic lights at Libby and Main as well as South and State Streets were blinking as CMP was working on the power. Public Works restored normal function.

Officer spent 40 minutes on Osborne Road looking for ATV's that had been reported racing up and down the road daily. Officer did not see or hear them.

School Street caller reported someone upstairs was bothering her. Officer spoke to her on the phone for 20 minutes until she was calm. She thanked the officer for talking to her.

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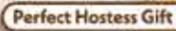
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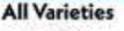
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