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Save the Date for New Year Gorham

Virginia Wilder Cross, NYG Committee Member



Dec. 31 will be here before you know it, and New Year Gorham is ready to celebrate with something fun for all ages.

"We've added new activities, new performances, and a very exciting grand finale," explained NYG Coordinator Tom Hasbrouck. "Let's start with the children's area. One of our committee's favorite new activities is geared for kids in their 'tween' years. They'll have a chance to dance to their own beat in a glow-room (black light will make things glow!)."

"Another new activity for kids is a chance to learn about whales, as they will see a life-size whale and hear about a whale's life. Not to worry, it's not a live whale. For young families, long-time favorites Mad Science and facepainting are also on tap and our roving magician will also return.

"And that's just the beginning of something new. We are pleased to welcome the

Children's Museum & Theatre of Maine to our main stage for a special performance of one of their popular plays, "Elephant & Piggie's 'We are in a Play.'"

In addition, NYG will welcome Elvis to the main stage, along with many favorite performers from previous years, including the Don Roy Trio, the Gorham Community Chorus, and the Gorham High School Chamber Singers. But wait, there's more fun: improv, physical comedy, ice skating, an affordable dinner option, robotics demonstrations, and a juggling workshop.

Perhaps the biggest new thing comes at the end. The NYG Committee is especially pleased to conclude this year's celebration with an exciting laser light show set to music!

Thanks to generous sponsors, the cost will continue to be affordable for all. Pre-paid admission, before Christmas, will remain at \$5 per person; after Christmas and at the door, the cost will be \$7 per person (under two free). To prepay online, visit the Rec. Dept. website: <https://gorhamme.myrec.com/info/>.

A complete schedule will be included in the next issue of the Gorham Times, and also on the NYG Facebook page and website: <https://www.gorhamme.org/new-year-gorham-committee>.

GHS National Honor Society Induction

Lucy Bowers, GHS Teacher and National Honor Society Advisor



Photo credit: Photos provided by Gorham High School

Whole group of newly inducted and current members

On Wednesday, Nov. 20, The Gorham High School National Honor Society inducted forty-two new members. In addition, GHS Teacher, Sarah Drury was inducted as an Honorary Inductee.

These students will continue their commitment to the four pillars of NHS with projects and work built around character, scholarship, leadership, and service.

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New Wastewater Treatment Ribbon Cutting

Roger Marchand, Staff Photographer/Writer



Photo credit: Roger Marchand

Town Council member David Willis cuts the ribbon on the new storm water system at the rear of the Municipal Center parking lot while town employees and planning office look on. Names from L to R: Tom Poirier, Director of Community Development, Rob Woodman, Ferguson Waterworks, Carol Eyerman, Town Planner, Damon Yakovleff, Assistant Town Planner, David Willis, Town Councilor, Megan Fountaine, Stormwater Compliance Officer, Chuck Norton, Town Engineer.

The Gorham Town Office held a ribbon cutting ceremony on Wednesday,

Nov. 20 celebrating the completion of the Municipal Parking Lot Stormwater

Retrofit Project. Elected officials, state and local government staff, and other interested parties and members of the public were invited to the celebration of the completion of this project.

This project will improve water quality and help control flooding in Railroad Brook, which is behind the parking lot of the municipal center. Water, which previously entered Railroad Brook untreated is now filtered by two advanced "FocalPoint" units manufactured by Ferguson Waterworks. Gorham was awarded \$50,000 for the project by the State of Maine through the Community Resilience Partnership. The Town also received in-kind support from Ferguson Waterworks.

At the ribbon cutting ceremony Community Development Director Tom Poirier noted that "This project exemplifies what can be completed with public and private partnerships and there is no way this project would have happened without Ferguson Waterworks and specifically Rob Woodman."

The Town's goal in installing this

project was not only to treat municipal center stormwater, but to encourage other stormwater retrofit projects to be completed. Damon Yakovleff, Assistant Town Planner of the Gorham Planning Division, stated that "the project is part of a larger effort on the part of the municipality to lead by example in developing resiliency projects, using state grant funding to leverage local investments."

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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 on Gorham residents. The Gorham Times reserves the right to edit the submissions and it further reserves the right to reject any submission, at its sole discretion.

Farewell from Augusta

Rep. Jim Boyle

After nearly three years in office, Dec. 4 was officially my last day as a state representative serving the people of Gorham. Although it is difficult to believe that my time in the Legislature has ended, serving as our community's voice in Augusta has been an honor and a privilege.

Over the last several years, my colleagues and I have worked hard to address so many of the issues that matter most to Gorham families. I'm proud of what the state has been able to accomplish, including providing further support for affordable housing developments, expanding access to childcare services and fulfilling Maine's commitment to funding 55% of K-12 public education costs, among other important initiatives.

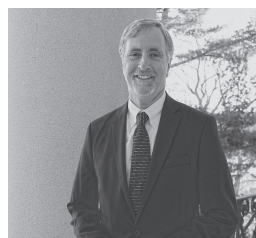
I've also had the privilege to sit on the Legislature's Energy, Utilities and

Technology Committee, where we worked on policies to increase clean energy production and improve our state's utilities. On the committee, my colleagues and I have also worked diligently to find long-term and sustainable strategies to address the climate crisis head-on.

While these are just a few of the policies I have been privileged to support, I know our state continues to face many challenges, including a rising cost of living that is making it hard for regular families to make ends meet. I remain committed to continuing to advocate for our community as a private citizen.

Going forward, Representative Ellie Sato has been elected to serve in the 132nd Legislature in the seat that I held, and I am confident she will

excel in her new role. I cannot wait to see what she will accomplish on behalf of our community in Augusta. My time as a legislator has been one of the greatest joys of my life and that is because of you; my constituents. Please do not hesitate to contact me if there is anything I can do for you.



Rep. Jim Boyle, D-Gorham, has completed his second term in the Maine House of Representatives, having previously

served a term in the Maine State Senate. He is a member of the Energy, Utilities and Technology Committee.

NHS Induction CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1



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2024 NHS Officers

The 2024-25 NHS Officers at GHS:	Brianna Beaulieu	Abigail Fortier	Jacqueline
President-Chafek	Gianna Berthiaume	Amelia Gephart	Parenteau
Matta	Bria Bush	Alexandria Gossen	Isabel Phinney
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Newly Inducted Members:	Grace Cunningham	Nasir Manahe	Addyson Simcock
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Hero Rats Saving Lives

Helen Stanbro, Contributing Writer

The “New York Times” game Connections asks the player to find sets of four words related to a common theme out of a group of 16 seemingly unrelated words. If you had “smuggling,” “tuberculosis,” and “landmines,” what fourth word would complete the set? Would you pick “rats”? Yet that would be the correct answer.

A Belgian organization called APOPO, founded in 1997 by Bart Weetjens, trains African pouched rats to detect landmines, tuberculosis from sputum specimens, and endangered animal species being smuggled through airports. Currently, about 60 countries are contaminated with an estimated 80-110 million landmines, which cause over 5000 accidents each year, half of which involve children. The trained rats, too light to set off the mines, have cleared 165,964 landmines, restoring 113,621,488 square meters of land to local communities without a single injury to a rat or human.

Tuberculosis is “the leading cause of death from a single infectious agent,” according to the 2024 Global Tuberculosis Report, mostly in countries with limited

economic resources. APOPO rats can screen 100 sputum samples in 20 minutes, which would take a human lab technician 4 days. And of course, the rats are less expensive and more accessible than a fully equipped medical laboratory.

Wildlife smuggling has depleted already endangered species and involves billions of dollars every year. It is estimated to be the 4th-largest criminal activity, only exceeded by drugs, weapons, and human trafficking, APOPO rats are being trained to patrol airports and detect smuggled animals. APOPO is also training dogs to perform some of these tasks as well.

A recently released children’s book, “Rats to the Rescue: The Unlikely Heroes Making Cambodia Safe” describes the impact of the mine-detecting rats whose ten years in Cambodia have restored the farmland of 50,000 people.

Those wishing to learn more about this organization or to donate to it by sponsoring an individual HeroRAT or HeroDOG, or giving any of the numerous rat-related gifts, can find data, videos, research, and gift ideas at www.apopo.org.

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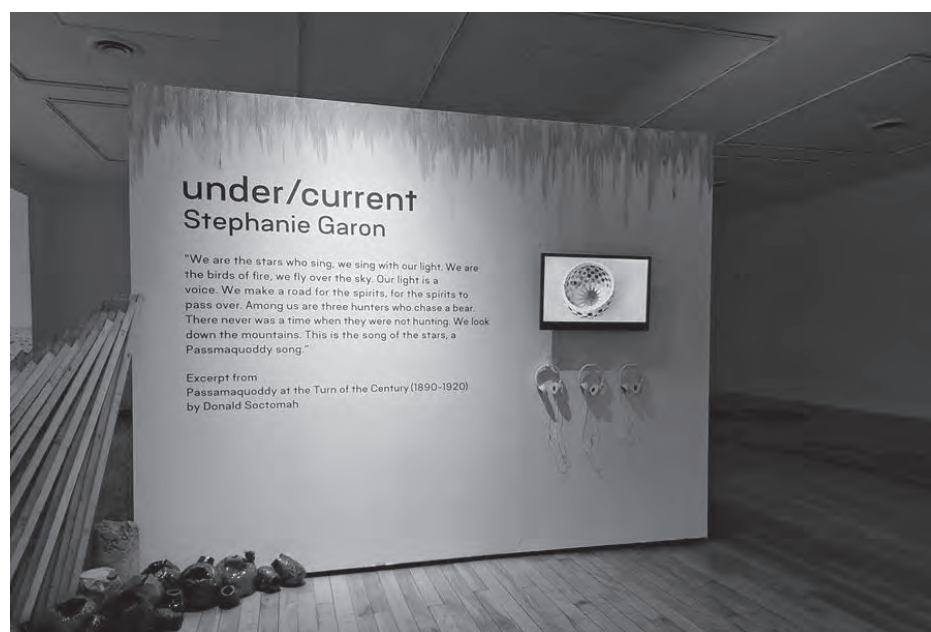


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Stephanie Garon’s “under / current” environmental art installation has been featured at USM’s Gorham campus art gallery since October. It features hundreds of 19th Century rock core samples which were recently retrieved from an abandoned farmhouse in Washington County. The exhibit will be closing, Dec. 6. The gallery is open Thursday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., closed Friday, and open Saturday from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Gorham Times Releases Readers' Poll Results

John Ersek, Staff Writer

The Gorham Times readers’ poll on the Turnpike Connector project has concluded, and the votes strongly favored the “No” position. Altogether, 83 people voted. On the first question “Do you support the Maine Turnpike Authority’s previously announced plans to build a new four lane toll road, known as the Gorham Connector, which would connect the South Gorham roundabout on Route 114, with the Turnpike near Exit 44 in South Portland (near the Target shopping plaza)?” 67 respondents voted “No”, while 12 voted “Yes”, two voted “not sure,” and 2 did not answer that question.

The second question was “Do you believe that the construction of the new roadway would directly affect you or your immediate neighbors?”

Once again, 83 people entered a vote on this question. 61 voted “Yes”; 16 people voted no; five answered “not sure,” and one left the question blank.

The third item was: “If you do not support the project as currently proposed, which of the following options, if any, do you support as alternative ways of dealing with the area’s traffic problems?? (Alternatives B through E were summarized from comments made by project opponents, according to recent news articles.)

26 people chose the option of increasing bus service between Gorham and Portland/ South Portland.

15 people supported widening the Routes 114/22 “overlap area “near O’Donal’s.

Seven people agreed with the concept of reducing the need for the project by reducing suburban sprawl.

Three people agreed with the suggestion of reducing commuter traffic through enhanced use of tele-commute options.

Five people supported restoration of rail passenger service on the Mountain Division line from Standish to the St John St. area of Portland, even though rail passenger service was not one of the listed options.

One person suggested building the bypass along the planned route, but limiting the width to just two lanes, instead of four.

Readers could access the online poll via the Gorham Times’ website for approximately five and a half weeks (October 10th through November 15th).

This was not a scientific study. Respondents could be anonymous if they chose, and while there was no protection against duplicate responses, the responses we received were different enough to lead us to believe there were no duplicates.

Spread Cheer

There are lots ways to celebrate the season by creating good will wherever you go. Here are a few ideas. Get creative.

- Put a smile on your face
- Hold the door for someone
- Pay for coffee for the person behind you in line
- Let someone jump ahead in line, especially if they are with kids and you aren’t
- Share homemade treats or small home decorations with co-workers, neighbors, the mail man
- Be a parking meter fairy. Getting a parking ticket can ruin someone’s day.
- Send an I Love you text to someone you haven’t seen in awhile
- Donate blood
- Help a homeless person
- Thank a teacher
- Check in with an elderly neighbor

Cheery Chicken A Holiday Favorite

Can’t beat the taste of this quick and easy holiday meal. Serve with white rice and a green vegetable (green beans, broccoli or a green salad are great) for a beautiful red, white and green holiday meal.

4 to 6 chicken boneless chicken breasts, cut in half, depending on the size of the crowd or how many delicious leftover meals you want.

Mix the following ingredients in a large pyrex baking dish:

- 1 8 oz bottle of Russian Dressing
- 1 envelope Lipton’s dry soup mix
- 1 can whole cranberry sauce

Submerge split breasts in the sauce in the baking dish. Cover with foil and refrigerate at least 10 hours or overnight. Take out of the fridge about 40 minutes before baking.

Preheat oven and bake covered at 325 for 1 hour. Uncover and bake 30 minutes more. If the sauce is too runny, mix a little cornstarch and water and stir slowly into the casserole to thicken.

Get creative, add extra slightly cooked real onions, and/or mushrooms, and/or thinly sliced carrots into the dish for more veggies in the meal.

Have questions? Chris Crawford at ckck5@icloud.com



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Financial Focus: Consider These Year-end Financial Moves

Jim Flagg, Contributing Writer

During the holiday season, your life may well become busier. Still, you might want to take the time to consider some financial moves before we turn the calendar to 2025.

Here are a few suggestions: Review your investment portfolio and ask these questions: Has its performance met my expectations this year? Does it still reflect my goals, risk tolerance and time horizon? Do I need to rebalance? You might find that working with a financial professional can help you answer these and other questions you may have about your investments.

Add to your 401(k) and HSA (Health Savings Account). If you can afford it, and your employer allows it, consider putting more money into your 401(k) before the year ends — including “catch-up” contributions if you’re 50 or older. You might also want to add to your HSA by the tax-filing deadline in April.

Use your FSA dollars. Unlike an HSA, a flexible spending account (FSA) works on a “use-it-or-lose-it” basis, meaning you lose any unspent funds at the end of the year. So, if you still have funds left in your account, try to use them up in 2024. Employers may grant a 2½ month extension, so check with your human resources contact to see if this is the case where you work.

Contribute to a 529 plan. If you haven’t opened a 529 education savings plan for your children, think about doing so this year. A 529 plan allows your earnings to grow tax deferred, and your withdrawals are federally tax free when used for qualified education expenses — tuition, fees, books and so on. And if you invest in your own state’s 529 plan, you might be able to deduct your contributions from your state income tax or receive a state tax credit.

Build your emergency fund. It’s generally a good idea to keep up to six months’ worth of living expenses in an

emergency fund, with the money held in a liquid, low-risk account. Without such a fund in place, you might be forced to dip into your retirement funds to pay for short-term needs, such as a major car or home repair.

Review your estate plans. If you’ve experienced any changes in your family situation this year, such as marriage, remarriage or the birth of a child, you may want to update your estate-planning documents to reflect your new situation. It’s also important to look at the beneficiary designations on your investment accounts, retirement plans, IRAs and insurance policies, as these designations can sometimes even supersede the instructions you’ve left in your will. And if you haven’t started estate planning, there’s no time like the present.

Take your RMDs. If you’re 73 or older, you will likely need to take withdrawals — called required minimum distributions, or RMDs — from some of your retirement accounts, such as your traditional IRA. If you don’t take these withdrawals each year, you could be subject to penalties.

These aren’t the only moves you can make, but they may prove helpful not only for 2024 but in the years to come.



Jim Flagg operates a Gorham branch office of Edward Jones. He is experienced in all aspects of financial

planning, retirement income planning, tax-advantaged education savings plans. This article was written by Edward Jones for use by your local Edward Jones Financial Advisor.

PT Low Level Laser Therapy

Mike Smith, Contributing Writer

Cold laser therapy has become an increasingly more common treatment for rehabilitation in the last decade in physical therapy circles. The term, “cold laser” is somewhat of a misnomer. The term is used because superficial and deep heat that normally may be felt with other treatments does not occur. The actual term is low level laser therapy (LLLT) or therapeutic laser. Much like therapeutic ultrasound, it is another source of energy that can be used to elicit physiologic changes at the cellular level. The procedure is noninvasive and painless.

The first use of laser for biological treatment dates back to the 1960’s. Red laser light was trialed on patients with skin defects, diabetic ulcers and venous insufficiency ulcers. There was some evidence that healing occurred at the cellular level, and clinically patients showed improvements.

To get a bit technical, the biology of light therapy affects the cellular level where molecules called chromophores react to the light and a photochemical reaction is triggered. The immune system responds by allowing more white blood cells and fibroblasts to move into the area and assist with healing. Within the mitochondria protein synthesis occurs which also stimulates energy for molecular reconstruction. A bit complicated to understand, but the research verifies the evidence.

The FDA has cleared low level laser therapy for the relief of muscle spasms, minor joint aches and stiffness and relaxation of muscles. Enough data has been collected to at least make LLLT viable for these conditions. However, LLLT is now being used for tendinitis, bursitis, chronic joint disorders like osteoarthritis and acute and chronic pain in soft tissue. There is also some evidence that it helps with joint and muscle inflammation as well as nerve pain. The data is still being collected to give a better representation of what may be warranted as suc-

cessful treatment for these conditions.

Much like therapeutic ultrasound, 5 to 6 treatments of LLLT are administered over a couple of weeks. Each treatment may require the laser head to be placed in 2 to 4 areas that are affected. The depth of penetration is deeper than therapeutic ultrasound however, and the results at the cellular level are more significant.

We have had a “cold laser” device in the clinic for a few years and it is used on certain injuries like tendinitis and bursitis. It can be very effective as a primary treatment that would be coupled with manual work such as cross friction massage and trigger point work. Having LLLT in itself as a singular treatment may not be the solution to a chronic problem but it can certainly be a significant part as the tissue is prepared for other types of work and healing does occur.

Unfortunately, Medicare and commercial insurance have refused to recognize red light laser therapy as a viable treatment. Therefore, it is a cash-based payment for the treatments. It is contraindicated for people with light sensitivity and to be administered on particular parts of the body or administered to someone with cancer both active and in remission. The positive aspect of LLLT is that it is painless and only takes a few minutes per treatment. There is plenty of both empirical data and clinical research to reveal it as an effective treatment for certain chronic issues with no ill effects.



Mike Smith is a physical therapist and athletic trainer and owner of Village Physical Therapy in Gorham.

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The Holidays Are Not Always Merry and Bright for Everyone. Maine Crisis Hotline is Available if you Need Help. Call or Text 988 It's Free. Confidential. Available 24/7

Suicide is the leading cause of violent death in Maine, but there is hope and help.

If you are dealing with feelings so big, you're unsure what to do, you don't have to face them alone.

Understanding the warning signs that come with these feelings can help you realize when you or someone you know may need help.

Here are some warning signs to watch out for:

- Feeling like there's no hope

- Sleeping too much or too little
- Difficulty focusing on school, work, or hobbies
- Feeling angry or annoyed often
- Mood swings or emotions that feel out of control
- Withdrawing from family, friends, or community
- Increased alcohol or other drug use
- Sudden changes in appetite
- Losing interest in how one looks
- Giving away valued personal items

Gorham Town Councilors Talking Trash

Kelli Deveaux, Staff Writer

The Town of Gorham has received two bids in response to a Request for Proposals, leaving Gorham Town Council to choose which will be awarded the contract for the community's trash collection.

During the council's Nov. 19 workshop, Gorham Town Manager Ephrem Paraschak shared a broad overview of the town's current trash pickup contract as well as future options. Casella holds the current contract and utilizes manual trash pickup. Residents are required to purchase stickers for trash bags that are then collected weekly. According to Paraschak, the trash tags generate \$750,000 in annual revenue for the town, covering the cost of the contract with Casella for waste removal.

Both Casella and Allagash Waste Services have submitted proposals to serve as the community's waste removal service for the next five years; both proposals also include a move to mechanical collection. Paraschak noted that the waste management industry is moving away from the labor intensive manual collection process, and that staffing shortages for Casella have caused disruptions and much frustration for Gorham residents in recent months.

While Casella would be ready to implement a new contract July 1, Allagash has said they need a year to source bins, trucks and staff, as Gorham would be their first large municipal contract. Town Councilors asked if only two bids was unusual, but town staff noted that as a community with 6,000 homes served, Gorham is a large commu-

nity and there are limited companies who can provide the services needed.

Councilors asked a number of questions and weighed in on what they each saw as pros and cons of the options. Councilor Gagnon wanted big item pickup as an option, while Councilor Keuch asked about the feasibility of town dumpsters.

Paraschak explained that the town will purchase and distribute the totes required for mechanical services, and staff has been testing different sizes in anticipation of the required transition. Each home will receive two bins, one for trash and another for recycling, and the bins will have serial numbers through which the town can keep track of the receptacles. Tags will no longer be needed on trash bags, which means the town will need to cover the cost of the waste and recycling collection.

Staff members have been talking with neighboring communities who have shifted to mechanical trash collection to learn from their experiences. One such lesson was that the town's public works department will need additional support to maintain and repair the bins, regardless of which company is awarded the contract.

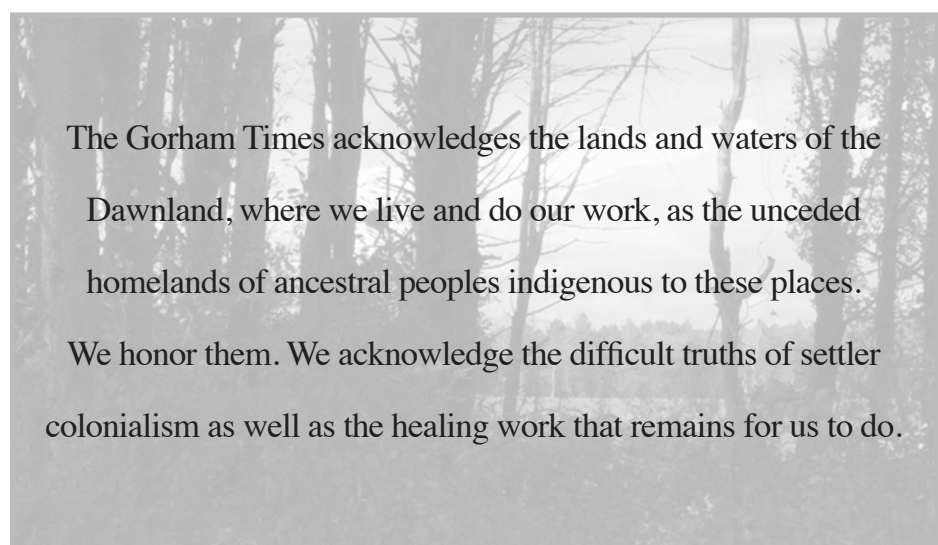
The town manager also noted that they have been advised that it is important to educate users on bins and how mechanical collection works. He anticipates the town will launch a public education campaign to help residents ensure that bins are properly placed and maintained.

The town council will be making a final decision in December on which company will be awarded a contract for Gorham.

Real Estate Transfers

Gorham Times Staff

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38 Old Dynamite Way	Rita Sloat	Harrington Pate Haigler	\$ 795,000.00
32 Shamrock Drive	Kelly M Desmond	Matthew John Brandly	\$ 661,000.00
1 Wilmers Way	Gina M Pressey Morgridge	Joanne M Kennedy	\$ 660,000.00
15 Crockett Road	Wayne J Libby	Angela C Martin	\$ 643,500.00
132 Falcon Crest Drive	Cottage Advisors ME LLC	Lorri C Rich	\$ 615,000.00
39 Laura Lane	Danny Gene Cracknell Jr	Alexander Hansen	\$ 575,000.00
15 JDP Drive	Sam Strumph Builders LLC	MiltJadh Makoci	\$ 571,200.00
23 Laura Lane	Vincent Grassi	Molly Donlan	\$ 567,500.00
10 Connor Drive	Estate of James Allen Humphrey	Kurt Howard Olsen	\$ 436,000.00
30 Meadowbrook Drive Unit 1	Estate of Diane F Tupper	Lawrence E Burns	\$ 395,000.00
6 Fox Run Court	Estate of Janice K. Rogers	Edward R Rosen	\$ 376,875.00
23 Mosher Road	Donna L Harrington	Colby Senior	\$ 326,000.00
126 Shaws Mill Road	Patrick S Pearson	Taylor De Cesare	\$ 265,000.00
12 Wildflower Trail	Gary S Jordan	Brandon Glencross	\$ 265,000.00
34 Dore Drive	Catherine Jean Perez	Delta Properties LLC	\$ 145,000.00
5 Riverbend Road	David Willis	Sam Strumph Builders LLC	\$ 1.00



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Arrests, October 2024

Sheri Faber, Staff Writer

Westbrook man, 19, was held for another agency.

Ossipee Trail man, 54, was arrested for Domestic Violence Assault.

Auburn man, 32, was arrested for OUI (alcohol).

Leeds woman, 44, was arrested for Violating Conditions of Release and Unlawful Possession of Methamphetamine.

Files Road man, 26, was arrested for Domestic Violence Assault, Domestic Violence Criminal Threatening, Domestic Violence Aggravated Assault and Violating Conditions of Release.

South Portland man, 34 was arrested for OUI (drugs or combo), Criminal Trespass, Attaching False Plates, Failure

to Provide Correct Name, Theft by Unauthorized Taking, and Failure to Provide Correct Name.

Old Orchard Beach woman, 52, was charged with Refusal to Submit to Arrest or Detention, OUI Drugs or Combo, two priors: Violating Conditions of Release and Disorderly Conduct (loud, unreasonable noise).

Buxton man, 35, was arrested for five counts of Violating Conditions of Release, Unlawful Possession of Methamphetamine and Unlawful possession of Fentanyl Powder.

Shaw's Mill Road male, 22, was arrested for OUI.

Westbrook male, 19, was arrested for OUI.

Dealing with Storm Damage

JoAnn Leib, Staff Writer

On Sept. 26, 2024, in a Letter to the Editor of The Gorham Times, Gorham resident Carol Molchior represented herself and her neighbors to gain municipal support with the Jan. 2024 flooding on their Lawn Avenue properties. They had contacted the town engineer, stormwater enforcement authority, and stormwater compliance officer without what they felt were reasonable solutions. Molchior's backyard was a "lake," she reported. She took photos, and her basement showed 30 inches of seeping water. The county's district engineer made an on-site visit and he and Molchior talked about drainage, stormwater violations, and inspections, but without resolution.

At a meeting with The Gorham Times on Nov. 25, 2024, Town Manager Ephrem Paraschak and Town Engineer Chuck Norton looked back on the January rainstorm, confirmed that town monitoring shows that systems have been installed correctly and that yearly inspections of those systems, a responsibility of the subdivision, are ongoing.

Town ordinances can't predict a 25-year storm, but the systems are designed for 25-year events. A 50-year storm would test the systems and cost money. Homeowners Associations (HOAs), strapped to keep up with other expenses, are aware of their own responsibility, and experienced town engineers and town officials informed by frequent contacts with other state officers are aiming to keep up with environmental change and other common concerns.

Gorham is not alone. Although rain

is scarce currently, we know the inevitability of too much rain, such as the recent deadly flooding in Spain. We've had ice storms, downed power lines all over New England, challenges of the HOAs, too few trees where there used to be forests. We're facing the need to spend money to fight the reality of the climate disasters, and the housing crisis, while pocketbooks are drained by the unpredictability of the 2024 economy.

The Gorham resident did all the right stuff: she contacted her neighbors to see if and which of their homes were affected, worrying along with them over repairs and the costs those repairs would demand. She became a student of town and state laws pertaining to groundwater vs. stormwater, she schooled herself on terms like "level spreader," code enforcement, wetlands drainage, compliance, and spillway, and carefully examined construction plans, finding possible responsibility in words like, "nuisance trespass," and "on-site assessment," and "delayed inspection," and finally met with the town.

For all homeowners and prospective buyers, some good advice from our town officials is to become involved with the process by calling Public Works with concerns, attend public meetings, know your own property, and be prepared for the kinds of catastrophes you can and cannot predict. Meet your neighbors and know what you are buying into. Molchior will pursue her efforts out of a need for clarity, and the town will keep a door open to citizens with needs and concerns.

Volunteer Distribution Person

The Gorham Times is seeking a volunteer to take over our compact, walkable in-town distribution route, delivering 300+ papers to 20+ locations (many in the same buildings). Route is roughly a square bounded by Main Street, Mechanic Street, Railroad Avenue, and Elm Street. This is a great opportunity to meet interesting people and learn about community organizations.

Contact us for more information.
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Maine Author, Matt Tavares, Visits Gorham Schools

Gigi McAllister, Librarian and Media Specialist, Village School

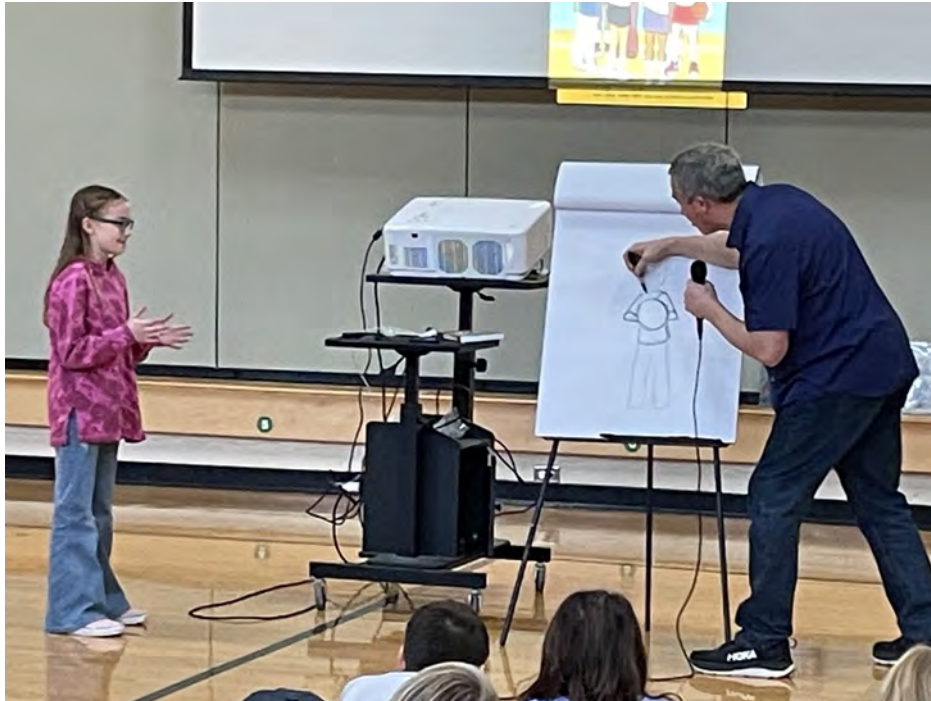


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Julianna poses for a drawing by Matt Tavares at Village School.

For the 3rd year in a row, Gorham librarians have hosted an author visit for GMS and the three elementary schools. On Nov. 19 and 20 all Gorham students in grades K-8 had the opportunity to attend presentations by award-winning children's book author and illustrator, Matt Tavares. Tavares has written and/or illustrated 25 books for children. His most popular works include a variety of books centered around baseball such as "Growing Up Pedro" and his first picture book, "Zachary's Ball." His most recent book, and his first graphic novel, "Hoops" is on this year's Maine Student Book Award list for grades 4-8.

In his presentations, Tavares shared his experience as a professional book creator including his own writing process of idea generation, research, drafting, illustrating, editing, and revising. Students received several tips and advice about ways to make

their own writing and artwork stronger.

- Look for ideas from your life
- Research helps make writing stronger.
- All authors get help from others.
- All writers and illustrators need to create multiple drafts—don't get frustrated when changes need to be made to improve your work.
- Don't be afraid to try something new.
- Many illustrations start with simple shapes.
- Read, write and draw a lot to get better.

The presentations ended with a live illustration demonstration with tips to make illustrations more lifelike and how to use simple shapes to create images.

This author visit has inspired students to read, write and draw. The library copies of "Hoops" have a reserve waiting list and his picture books have flown off the library shelves.

Dorothy Mottershead (1946-2024)

Gorham, ME – Dorothy Mottershead, 78 of Gorham passed away peacefully on Wednesday Oct. 9, 2024, at The Grande at South Portland.

She was born July 6, 1946 in Biddeford, the daughter of Paul and Jeanne Boisvert. Dorothy lived an active life enjoying activities such as tennis, boating, motorcycling, snowmobiling and other outdoor activities. Dorothy was also known for her artistic and craft skills, such as oil and water-based painting, as well as clothing and costume design and construction. Dorothy's cooking and baking skills were top notch, and every holiday meal ended with an unforgettable apple pie or rum cake.



In the early years, Dorothy completed Coast Guard courses and was responsible for navigating the family boats on countless fishing and pleasure trips, long before GPS navigation was available.

Dorothy spent many years working in conjunction with her late husband Joseph's building company as a drafter. Dorothy would design both residential and commercial buildings, interior design and floorplans. Several examples of Dorothy's designs exist today in the Greater Portland and Gorham areas.

Dorothy was known by all as a kind, loving and accommodating person. She welcomed friends and family and always wanted guests to feel comfortable and never to leave hungry.

She is survived by her sisters Priscilla Curro, Joan Rogers, her daughter Karen Watson of Dover, Massachusetts, her son Barry Mottershead of Guyton, Georgia, and grandchildren Isabel Watson, Ian Watson and Aiden Mottershead. She was predeceased by her late husband Joseph H. Mottershead, Jr.

A Celebration of Life gathering will take place at the Sheraton at Sable Oaks, 200 Sable Oaks Drive, South Portland, Maine, on Sunday Dec. 8, 2024 at 1 p.m.

Outdoor Learning Program at Village School

Village School Staff



Photo credit: Lexie Cadell, Village School Educational Technician

Students exploring and learning during an outside activity at Village School.

Last year, Maine educators were invited to The Teacher Institute Winter Weekend to begin thinking about year-round outdoor learning opportunities for students. Village School staff: Krissy Pontbriand, Occupational Therapist and Lexi Caddell, Alternative Education tech, were able to attend and came back with experience and knowledge to share. During the weekend educators stayed onsite and enjoyed outdoor learning experiences. Ms. Caddell and Ms. Pontbriand used their time to dream big and begin thinking of how they could bring outdoor learning to Village School.

Educators at Village school believe in place-based, experiential learning for all students. This type of learning includes activities designed to meet the unique goals of individual students, alternative education activities for small groups, or place-based learning opportunities for all students. We are excited to share just a few of the many different things that have been happening!

- Kindergarten students collected leaves and incorporated math skills and concepts as they charted them for size, color, and shape.
- Art classes centered around nature rubbings. Students investigated different textures and other art elements with objects found in nature.
- Students with unique occupational therapy goals ventured out-

side and participated in a nature scavenger hunt. They focused first on finding different objects and then created nature collages.

- Classes and individual students created their own nature journals and enjoyed mindful minutes documenting the sights and sounds around them.
- Library classes listened as Mrs. McAllister read Leaf Man by Lois Ehlert and then created their own "Leaf People" with leaves found outside the school garden.
- All students participated in Ecology School hands-on experiential workshops.

Village School staff are excited about the momentum of this programming and have many ideas and future goals. This winter Ms. Caddell and Ms. Pontbriand will be showcasing our blossoming outdoor learning program by presenting at the Ecology School Teacher Institute. They encourage other Gorham staff to attend this training and will continue to look for new ways to collaborate. As our Village programming grows, they hope to build a team of outdoor learning leaders, comprised of staff and students. Their dream is to bring a permanent outdoor classroom to the Village School campus.

Village School is grateful for community support. They thank the Ecology School for being a wonderful resource and providing our classes with place-based learning experience workshops on our campus. The school has also installed bird feeders equipped with a digital camera, graciously provided by community members through an Amazon Wishlist. Lastly, they want to recognize Mariah's Studio (@mariahsstudiomaine) which has awarded a large grant, providing Village School with an outdoor cart loaded with exploration tools including waterproof seats, colored pencils, magnifiers, a beautiful sensory table, and our first garden bed.

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USM Women's Soccer Team Three-Peat as LEC Champions

Katie Brown, Sports Editor



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The team celebrates after clinching the LEC championship

The USM Women's soccer team made it back to the NCAA tournament for the third straight year in a row. Their 3-0 shutout win over Western Connecticut on Nov. 9 secured their third consecutive Little East Conference Title. The Huskies continued their postseason run Nov. 16 during the first round of the NCAA Division III Tournament in New Jersey.

According to Christina Cracolicio, USM's director of athletic communications, Southern Maine faced No. 18 Johns Hopkins University (15-2-3, 9-1 Centennial Conference) at

host site TCNJ in Ewing, NJ at Lions Stadium. Johns Hopkins earned an automatic bid to the tournament for the third consecutive year as the Blue Jays won the Centennial Conference Tournament title with a 2-0 win over Franklin & Marshall. The 2024 NCAA appearance was the 22nd for the Blue Jays, including their 19th consecutive, dating back to 2005. The match was the first all-time meeting between the Blue Jays and the Huskies. The game resulted in a 2-0 loss for the Huskies, ending their NCAA run; with the Blue Jays scoring a goal in each half and holding the Huskies scoreless.

The Huskies were led all season long once again, by Catriona Gould, Sr., (14 Goals, 4 assists), Riley Reitchel, So., (9 goals, 11 assists), Julia McKenna, Jr., (8 goals, 7 assists), Eliza Roy, Sr., (8 goals, 5 assists), Plus key defenders Kiki Huntress, Jr., CDM and Mia Sargent, Sr., Back-Two time LEC Defensive Player of the year, and Bre Atwood, Sr., GK, (15-1-4, 0.65 GAA, .874 Save Percentage). The Huskies outscored their opponents 73-17 this season, setting a program record for single-season goals. Southern Maine earned 10 shutouts this season. Congratulations to the Huskies for another remarkable season for the Women's Soccer Program.



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Teammates celebrate another goal scored



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Mia Sargent applauded by her teammates after being announced MVP



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Gorham High School First Quarter Honor Roll

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NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS

The Gorham Medical Loan Closet is available to Gorham residents in need of medical equipment temporarily. Wheelchairs, walkers, canes and scooters are just some of the items available. The closet is open only Monday thru Thursday, and only by appointment. Call Gerry Day at (207) 756-2210 or (207) 839-3859

The Mission of Hope Clothes Closet is open the first and third Saturday of each month from 9 a.m. to noon at Cressey Road Christian Church on Cressey Road to anyone who needs clothing. The Closet also takes donations of clean clothing, and now has all types and sizes of spring and summer clothing. Share a cup of coffee with the staff while you browse.

The Gorham Food Pantry, located at 299-B Main Street (parking lot of St. Anne's Catholic Church) is open every Thursday morning from 10 a.m. to noon 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.

SENIOR NEWS

The Senior Meal Site at St. Anne's Church takes place weekly on Wednesdays at noon, 299 Main Street 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 meets for games and cribbage on Mondays from 10 a.m. - noon. Wednesday's Guest Speaker program, the Originals, begins with coffee at 10 a.m. then speaker/presentation to begin at 10:30 a.m. All are welcome, 3rd floor First Parish Church. FMI: Lisa Becker at leckybrowncenter@gmail.com

PUBLIC SUPPERS

Public Bean Supper. White Rock Community Clubhouse will hold a Public Bean Supper at 34 Wilson Road, Gorham on Saturday, Dec 7, from 4 - 5:30 p.m. Eat in or take out. Meal includes baked kidney and pea beans, coleslaw, potato salad, macaroni and cheese, biscuits, hot dogs and dessert. \$10 adults, \$5 under 12. FMI: <http://facebook.com/whiterock-communityclub>

HOLIDAY FAIRS AND CONCERTS

Cressey Road Christian Church, follow the start to the Light of the World Drive-Thru Christmas experience. Watch the Christmas Story unfold from the comfort of your vehicle. Costumed characters, storytelling banners, live animals, and a bright star will lead you on the Christmas journey. The free event takes place on Friday, Dec. 20 from 5:30 - 7 p.m. (storm date, Dec. 21) at 81 Cressey Road. Then on Friday, Dec. 13, the Angel Tree Benefit Concert at 7 p.m. benefits families in the community.

The North Gorham Public Library is hosting its annual Holiday Craft and Book Fair Saturday

Dec. 7 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. It will also offer stories and crafts for kids, a bake sale, a raffle, and two mini estate sales of Ice Yarns for knitting enthusiasts and costume jewelry for everyone. facebook.com/northgorhampubliclibrary.

LIBRARY NEWS

The North Gorham Public Library is open Monday and Wednesday, 3 - 6 p.m., Tuesday 10 a.m. - 1 p.m., Wednesday 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. and 3 - 6 p.m., Thursday and Friday closed, Saturday 10 a.m. - 1 p.m., Sunday closed. Story Hour is every Wednesday 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Baxter Memorial Library invites anyone in 6th to 12th grade to help the coolest librarians with teen stuff by joining their Teen Advisory Board. Meetings are once a month. Sign up at the Youth Services Desk, and let them know if you like pizza or not. Baxter Memorial Library events are listed in the Gorham Times Calendar, and at the Library website, <https://baxterlibrary.org/>. Library hours are Monday and Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. (207) 222-1190.

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MAINE NEWS

USM Theatre presents 30 Neo-Futurist Plays from Too Much Light Makes the Baby Go Blind (30 Plays in 60 Minutes), by Greg Allen, directed by Rachel Price Cooper. Want a fun, frenetic, fantastic theatrical experience with the vibe of a sporting event? Don't miss this high-octane, interactive theatre experience that is one of Chicago's longest-running theatre phenomena. With plays ranging from funny to absurd, political to poignant, our newest Theatre majors race the clock to complete all 30 plays in 60 minutes. And you're part of the fun! Each night is different as the audience picks the plays and cheers on the cast to make it past the finish line before the buzzer sounds. Appropriate for ages 14 and up. Tickets: <https://usm.maine.edu/departments-theatre/box-office-tickets/>

Performances:

Thursday, December 5 at 7p.m. (Pay-What-You-Can)

Friday, Dec. 6 at 7p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 7 at 7p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 8 at 2 p.m.

Sunday, December 8 at 2pm



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The USM Department of Theatre and the Osher School of Music had great attendance and community support for four sold-out performances of the opera "Gianni Schicchi."

Send PSAs to Lori Arsenault, public service coordinator: loriaam@gmail.com

GHS To Present "Little Shop of Horrors"

Michael Lortie, School News Editor

Gorham High School will follow last year's mega hit musical "Mamma Mia," with "Little Shop of Horrors" the first two weekends in February. The musical tells the story of Seymour, a young flower store worker who buys an exotic plant with an unusual diet. The show is directed by Joshua Hurd, the musical mirector is Matthew Murray, Mariel Roy is the choreographer, and the producer is Jocelyn Miller. Shows are scheduled for Jan. 31, Feb. 1, 7 and 8 at 7 p.m. and Feb. 2 and 8 at 2 p.m.

Josh Hurd explained, "This play provides a minimal script of only 12 actors, and in order to involve as many students as possible, we have made the decision to expand to 34 roles. In addition, the show is bringing a Broadway Star to the GHS stage to take part in the production. Working with Monkey Boy Productions out of Pennsylvania, we are using the 2003 Broadway Version of the man-eating play herself - Audrey II. The larger-than-life puppets will arrive in Gorham in January for a month of rehearsal time."

"In addition, if you or your business are interested in being a part of this production, please reach to Jocelyn Miller at jocelyn.miller@gorhamschools.org"

This show is sure to be a hit and one of the highlights of the school year. Don't miss it.

Cast List:

Seymour, Zack Bourgoin
Audrey, Ally Gossen

Mr. Mushnik, Logan Mills
Audrey II (Voice), Noah Williams
Audrey II (Puppet), Daniel LaBarge
Orin, Alex Tukey
Crystal 1 (High), Sofia Andrade
Ronnette 1 (low), Elle Woodman
Chiffon 1 (middle), Ella Senatore
Crystal 2 (high), Sadie Woodman
Ronnette 2 (low), Olivia Kennedy
Chiffon 2 (middle), Gracey MacDonald
Customer 1, Daniel LaBarge
Customer 2, Rigel Arlet
Customer 3, Abigail McCrillis
Bernstein, Aaron Samara
Mrs. Luce, Izzy Phinney
Skip Snip, Finn Senatore
Mr. Martin, Dekarai St. Germain-Simms
Ensemble, Doria Crockett
Ensemble, Laurali Vail
Ensemble, Jade Tibbetts
Ensemble, Kasey Plaud
Ensemble, Elle Rector
Ensemble, Sophia Proulx
Ensemble, Isla Rutherford
Ensemble, Lucy Ciampa
Ensemble, Anaiah Brown
Ensemble, Hannah Martel
Ensemble, Fiona Lane
Ensemble, Clover Mae Bayly-Schram
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CALENDAR

Thursday, December 5

Baxter Memorial Library Toddler Storytime, 10 a.m.
 Baxter Memorial Library Book Club: "Remarkably Bright Creatures," by Shelby van Pelt, 10:15 a.m.
 Baxter Memorial Library, Library Trustees Meeting, 6 - 7:30 p.m.
 USM Art Gallery, Last chance to see current exhibit, today, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
 USM Theatre Opening of "Too Much Light Makes the Baby Go Blind," Russell Hall, 7 p.m.
 Osher School of Music, Vocal Jazz Ensembles, Corthell Concert Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, December 6

USM Theatre, "Too Much Light Makes the Baby Go Blind," Russell Hall, 7 p.m.
 USM Athletics, Men's Ice Hockey vs. Norwich University, 7 p.m.

Saturday, December 7

First Parish Church Christmas Fair, 1 Church Street, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
 USM Athletics, Wrestling Ted Reese Invitational, 10 a.m.
 USM Athletics, Men's Basketball vs. Salem State University, 1 p.m.
 USM Athletics, Men's Ice Hockey vs. University of New England, 7 p.m.,
 USM Theatre, "Too Much Light Makes the Baby Go Blind," Russell Hall, 7 p.m.
 Osher School of Music, Composers Ensemble, Corthell Concert Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, December 8

USM Theatre, "Too Much Light Makes the Baby Go Blind," Russell Hall, 2 p.m.

Tuesday, December 10

Baxter Memorial Library, Preschool Storytime, 10 a.m.
 Baxter Memorial Library, Dogs Dig Reading, 4 - 5 p.m.

Baxter Memorial Library Author Visit, Paul Doiron, author of Mike Bowditch series, 6 p.m.
 Osher School of Music, Studio Production of Verdi's "La Traviata," 7 p.m.

Wednesday, December 11

Baxter Memorial Library, Baby Storytime, 9:30 a.m.

Thursday, December 12

Baxter Memorial Library Toddler Storytime, 10 a.m.
 Osher School of Music, Student Vocal Recital, Corthell Concert Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, December 13

USM Athletics, Men's Ice Hockey vs. University of New England, 7 p.m.

Saturday, December 14

USM Athletics, Men's and Women's Track and Field Alumni Open, noon
 USM Athletics, Men's Basketball vs. Keene State, 1 p.m.

Monday, December 16

Baxter Memorial Library, Special Holiday Kids Craft (ages 2-6), 10 a.m. - 11 p.m.

Tuesday, December 17

Baxter Memorial Library, Preschool Storytime, 10 a.m.
 Baxter Memorial Library, Dogs Dig Reading, 4 - 5 p.m.


Wednesday, December 18


Baxter Memorial Library, "The Polar Express," 6 - 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, December 19

Baxter Memorial Library Book Club, "The Comfort of Crows" by Margaret Renkl, 10:15

Send calendar items to Lori Arsenault, public service coordinator: loriaam@gmail.com






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Suspicious person on Partridge Lane was warned his EZPass was suspended. He told officer he would call them.

Officers went to Amato Drive in Windham to cover an alarm for the Windham PD as they were heavy with calls and Gorham officers offered to help.

Weeks Road caller said her friend had not spoken to her in three days and would not return her calls. Officer reached the man who said he was fine but just didn't feel like talking.

Juveniles on Barstow Road were warned for operating their dirt bikes on the road and were brought back to their mother.

Longfellow Road caller wanted to know what had happened at a neighbor's house. Officer advised caller that they could not discuss other people's interactions with the police. Caller said he understood.

Officer checked on a man parked on the side of South Street. He told officer he had just pulled over to charge his vape.

South Street caller reported someone who was at his residence had been asked to leave and was refusing to do so. Person had left when officers arrived. Caller told police he was "capable of taking care of himself" and requested nothing further.

Two callers reported a man had jumped out of the woods on the side of Fort Hill Road near Wescott Road and seemed to chase their cars as they drove by. Both callers had made their calls after a ten-minute delay. Officers checked the area but did not find anyone.

Annie's Way caller was concerned about a stray cat as there was a fox in the area. Officer advised if this was an outdoor cat, it was most likely savvy about the predators in the area and would probably be fine.

Cressy Road man reported a strange encounter with a man taking photos of his house. Man had asked the caller about signing a deal in which the house would be used by a filming company for an advertisement and he provided a business card. Business appeared to be legitimate and the man was not acting suspiciously. Caller just wanted the police to know about it as it was unusual.

Mitchell Hill Road caller was concerned about an accident as vehicles parked in the grass and on the road. Driveway was being redone and all vehicles were off the road.

Gray Road caller let her dog out by Little Falls Bridge. Dog located bones and the caller thought they might be human. Officer determined bones were from a deer as they later found a skull.

Sebago Lake Road caller reported a man living above her garage. Officer could hear someone inside who had the dog stop barking but he would not answer the door. She was told to have him contact the Police Department should she see him.

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"Be a Santa to a Senior" is a true community effort, with support from businesses, nonprofit organizations, retailers, and numerous volunteers. Home Instead works with nonprofit organizations and senior communities to identify older adults who might benefit from this program and to gather their gift requests. Last year, 748 older adults in Cumberland County received gifts thanks to the community's generous support. This year, we have more than 900 recipients!

Home Instead partners with local businesses and restaurants to distribute tags with each recipient's name and gift requests. Gorham partners include:

Sebago Tasting Room
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Gifts are due back to Home Instead by December 6. Given the increase in recipients and Thanksgiving falling late this year, we anticipate having unfulfilled tags that we will need to shop for at the last moment.

Community members can join us in this effort by picking up a tag and shopping for an older adult, or by making a gift to:

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Other Opportunities

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