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Above: Senior Abbey Brown performs a cheer routine on September 9 as the GHS football team took on Cheverus in the season home opener. More photos on page 11.

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## Hansen Seeks Contract Zone

Sheri Faber

Developers who own land in a residential zone that they want to put to commercial use can apply to the Town for a Contract Zone, which permits specific/limited commercial uses. A Contract Zone can also be used to allow an increase in residential density. Hans Hansen, who owns a 21.1-acre parcel at the intersection of Routes 22 and 114, applied for a Contract Zone for this property. Currently, Mercy Hospital has a medical facility on this site, which is known as South Gorham Crossing. Hansen's property has been zoned rural and suburban; it is not served by city water or sewer. In December 2006, Hansen received permission to develop a single-family subdivision with six houses along with business condominiums to be built on part of the property. Because the parcel was zoned rural, the types of busi-

ness condos that would have been permitted were limited. His current proposal to the town includes the possibility of food outlets, gas stations, convenience stores and professional buildings.

Currently the owners of four neighboring properties (Demetria and Dennis Chadbourne, 83 County Road; Mary McFarland, 86 County Road; Mike and Sally Ordway, 94 County Road; and Albert Frick, 95 County Road) have joined in the request for a Contract Zone. If the property were to be rezoned to permit business uses, there would be a presumption of increased value for these currently zoned residential properties, especially since this area is part of a heavily trafficked corridor between Buxton, Gorham and Portland.



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**The 4th Annual Chili and Chowder Cook-Off**, hosted by the Gorham Business Exchange, was held on September 22 in the Gorham Middle School cafeteria. Seventeen participants entered the cook-off and over one hundred people attended the event to catch up with friends and neighbors, taste and vote for their favorite chili and chowder entries. Three official judges — Matt Robinson, Gorham Town Council; Brenda Caldwell, Gorham Town Council; and Dennis Libby, Gorham School Board — also cast their votes. The 2011 winners: Popular Choice, Chili — Keith Nicely, Nicely Property Team; Popular Choice, Chowder — Dana Gay, Gorham House; Judges' Choice, Chili — Gary Trempe, Gorham Savings Bank; Judges' Choice, Chowder — Audrey Laskey, Hannaford.

## Free Disposal of Banned Pesticides Preregistration Ending Soon

Courtesy of the Department of Agriculture, Food & Rural Resources

It's not uncommon for new owners of older homes or farms in Maine to discover they have inherited hazardous waste—caches of old pesticides around their property. Old chemicals like DDT, lead arsenate, 2,4,5-T, and chlordane are often discovered in barns, basements, sheds, or garages. When these discoveries are made, homeowners quickly learn that disposal of old chemicals can be complicated and very expensive.

Fortunately, there's an option that's legal, responsible, and free. Just contact the Maine Board of Pesticides Control (BPC) for details. This fall, the state regulatory agency will dispose of banned pesticides or pesticides that have become caked, frozen, or otherwise rendered unusable. And, again, there is no cost to homeowners.

"We urge people holding these chemicals to contact us immediately to register," says Paul Schlein, BPC Public Education Specialist. "There

will be four sites throughout the state where participants will be able to bring their obsolete pesticides."

The collected chemicals go to out-of-state disposal facilities licensed by the US EPA where they are incinerated or reprocessed.

"Disposal of obsolete pesticides is expensive for the state," notes Schlein, "but it's clearly much less than the cost of cleaning up contaminated soil or water. However, it's worth noting that future funding is not guaranteed, so be sure to take advantage of this year's collection while you can."

Preregistration is required by September 30, 2011. To register, get details, and learn important information about the temporary storage and transportation of obsolete pesticides, go to the BPC Web site at [www.thinkfirstspraylast.org](http://www.thinkfirstspraylast.org). Or, call the BPC at 287-2731.

### Who Is In The Running?

#### Town Council and School Committee Seats Closer to Being Filled

The following people submitted their nomination papers to the Clerk's Office. To prepare your informed vote, look for candidate profiles in an upcoming issue of the Gorham Times.

#### Town Council

There are two seats available for a three-year term period.

Suzanne Phillips  
Daniel LaVasseur  
Michael Phinney\*  
Noah Miner\*

#### School Committee

There are three seats available for a three-year term period.

Dennis Libby\*  
Anne Lawrence  
Sara Nelson  
Timothy Burns

\* = incumbent



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#### Pinwheels for Peace

Noah (left) and Gavin Cupps (right) hold up pinwheels, symbolizing peace. See page six for more information.

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# Maine's Prescription Drug Monitoring Program

Rep. Linda Sanborn

Anyone reading the news lately has seen the myriad of reporting on the bath salts epidemic plaguing our state. The Maine Legislature made the synthetic drug illegal this year and will be looking at ways to crack down on its use during the upcoming session. While bath salts abuse has made the daily headlines, a lesser known but equally serious drug problem facing Maine is in our own medicine cabinets. Abuse of prescription medications, particularly opioids like Oxycodone and Oxycontin, is one of the most serious substance abuse challenges we see in our state today.

This session the legislature took action to fight the growing abuse of prescription drugs. We passed LD 1429 and LD 1435, which helped strengthen Maine's Prescription Monitoring Program, and LD 1501, which created a working group to design new ways for physicians and other prescribers to treat non-cancer related pain without causing addiction.

While new treatment plans will play a major role in decreasing prescription drug addiction in the future, the two bills that strengthened our Prescription Monitoring Program (PMP) this year will have the most immediate effect. LD 1429 allows the Department of Health and Human Services to share prescription monitoring information with other states to help prevent over prescribing of medication. LD 1435 creates a secure program so states can share prescription information without compromising consumer privacy.

PMPs have been proven to reduce prescription drug abuse. Studies have shown that PMPs helped decrease the number of substance abuse treatment cases related to prescription drugs and slowed the increase in the rate of abuse over time. In practice the programs have led to dramatic reductions in the amount of opioids being prescribed with 61 percent of patients receiving fewer or no opioid pain medications, while patients without a history of opioid abuse were able to get quicker access to medications they need.

While PMPs are showing promise in preventing drug abuse, there are some who are opposed to these programs. In Florida Gov. Rick Scott tried to repeal their prescription monitoring program before it went into effect, though he was forced by the Florida Legislature to back down. In Maine Gov. LePage's original budget included severe cuts to the Maine Office of Substance Abuse, which would have hurt substance abuse services and our PMP. Fortunately, Democrats and Republicans worked together to reject these shortsighted cuts.

While tracking prescription drugs is a major part of fighting abuse, disposal of prescription medication is also important. The best approach for disposing unused drugs would be for manufacturers to take responsibility for disposal of their own medications. The pharmaceutical lobby continues to shirk its responsibility in education and product disposal, yet spends billions marketing their products. This is an unacceptable imbalance.

While we have made progress this year fighting prescription drug abuse, there is still a lot of work to be done. We are facing more budget cuts in the coming year. We will see pressure to cut from substance abuse programs. Big drug companies will continue to fight to weaken Maine's prescription monitoring and oppose our efforts to prevent prescription drug abuse.

We will need to continue our bipartisan focus on eliminating prescription drug abuse if we are going to prevent an epidemic in Maine.



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## around town

**Area communities that participate in the Maine Municipal Insurance Program** are eligible for dividends for good performance. This year Gorham received a \$20,855 dividend from the program.

**The Burnham/County Road intersection project** was awarded to Shaw Earthworks in the amount of \$586,000. Work will start this fall and will continue as long as the weather permits.

**The Planning Board will review a pre-application** for a six lot residential subdivision on Alberta Way off Bartlett Road.

**Gorham parcel maps in Google Earth** can be accessed from the town's home page, [www.gorham-me.org](http://www.gorham-me.org).

### CORRECTION

In the September 15, 2011 issue of the Gorham Times, we inadvertently referred to Brenda Caldwell as Christina Caldwell. We apologize for the error.

## Letters to the Editor

Letters must be less than 300 words, signed with a first and last name, typed or e-mailed and include a phone number. Letters are solely the opinion of the writer and not that of the Gorham Times. They are published at the discretion of the Gorham Times and are subject to editing.

### Dear Gorham Times,

Thanks to the staff at the Gorham Times for their efforts in publishing our local newspaper. I've enjoyed the local news via this paper for about 16 years, but last week it became even more "my personal newspaper." What began as a walk with the dog recently resulted in the finding of a not-empty jewelry box. Yikes! Now what! It was found in Gorham, so advertising in Gorham made sense. I sent an e-mail to the staff at the newspaper asking about the ad process. Their response was so timely and clear that the "found" notice was published in the upcoming paper just days after my initial e-mail to them. And two days after that, the owner claimed what he'd lost. How wonderful is that? A happy ending! Thank you Gorham Times staff for such a wonderful tool.

Patti Friedlander

### Dear Gorham Times,

On September 10, the Gorham Garden Club and Friends of Baxter Library held their fourth annual PIES, PRODUCE & PLANTS sale. It was a warm, sunny day and the event was well attended. We would like to thank the following in making the sale once more a successful fundraiser: Gorham House of Pizza, Hannaford Supermarket, O'Donal's Nursery, Ossipee Trail Garden Center, Po-Go Realty, Gorham Recreation Department, friends of the Gorham Garden Club and patrons of Baxter Memorial Library. In these tough economic times, it is truly wonderful that these local businesses continue to generously donate goods and services to assist a community cause. Thank you.

Sherrie Benner, Gorham Garden Club

### Dear Gorham Times,

This year, 101 New York City children found out once again just how special summer is in Southern Maine. Fresh Air Fund hosts, volunteers and local supporters dedicated their time and efforts to help these inner-city youngsters experience simple summertime pleasures, including afternoons of swimming, fishing at sunset and roasting s'mores over a campfire.

None of this would be possible without Debra Washburn, your local Fresh Air Fund volunteer leader, who works throughout the year to make sure host families and children have the opportunity to enjoy memorable summertime experiences together. I invite you

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to join Debra Washburn and the local Fresh Air Fund committee to help spread the word about the wonderful opportunity of hosting next summer.

The Fresh Air Fund, an independent, not-for-profit agency, has provided free summer vacations to over 1.7 million New York City children from low-income communities since 1877. For more information on how you can help to continue this wonderful tradition of volunteering, please call Debra Washburn at (207) 893-0707 or visit [www.freshair.org](http://www.freshair.org).

Sincerely,  
Jenny Morgentbau, Executive Director, Fresh Air Fund

# profile

## Fisher Fight Gear to Offer Martial Arts Gear Stacy Sallinen

Mark Fisher recently opened his company, Fisher Fight Gear, and will also offer self-defense classes through the Dance Studio of Maine.



Photo credit Stacy Sallinen

With many years of training under his belt, Mark Fisher is using his passion and knowledge of martial arts to make his life-long dream become a reality.

Fisher and his wife, Elise, recently launched a company called Fisher Fight Gear, a small, on-line company based out of Gorham that offers several products and gear for those who train and compete in martial arts.

Having a good eye for design, Fisher added some of his own custom touches to the "gis," or uniforms, he sells. The gis are designed for Brazilian Jiu Jitsu and are custom made in Pakistan. On the back of the gi is the Fisher Fight Gear Logo with two koi fish, along with contrasting stitching. There are two patches, an American flag and a Brazilian flag, on the leg and lapel. This particular gi weighs 150 grams, comes in either black or white, and retails for \$140.

Fisher Fight Gear also sells shorts, retailing for \$40, for those who prefer to train or compete without a gi. Other products include rash guards, t-shirts, hats, and sweatshirts.

Fisher has studied several forms of martial arts, including Brazilian Jiu Jitsu, Shotokan karate, Shaolin Kempo karate, and Muay Thai kickboxing. Starting in October, Fisher will offer self-defense classes using a mixture of techniques through the Dance Studio of Maine. Lessons will be tailored for each age group, focusing on how to avoid a dangerous situation, preparing to defend or submit, and how to make a decision and follow through with confidence. These classes are geared toward teaching survival techniques rather than for competition.

The class geared for children, ages 7-12, starts on Thursday, October 6 at 4:30 p.m. or Saturday, October 8 at 10 a.m. The class geared for young adults, ages 13-17, starts on Tuesday, October 4 at 3 p.m. or Saturday, October 8 at 11 a.m. Both classes are ongoing on a weekly basis and cost \$60 per month.

The third class is available to women over the age of 18, starting Saturday, October 8 at 9 a.m. and runs for six weeks with follow-up classes. Cost is \$60.

This is a starting point for Fisher. In the future, he hopes to offer gis in additional colors and different weights for competition, as well as more classes for both men and women.

For more information on the self-defense classes or products, Fisher can be contacted at (207) 680-0277 or [bjj-mma43@yahoo.com](mailto:bjj-mma43@yahoo.com). His website, [www.fisherfightgear.com](http://www.fisherfightgear.com), is currently in progress, but products can be viewed on his Facebook page by searching for Fisher Fight Gear.



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## Chief Shepard Reports

The September Grand Jury returned the following indictments:

- Peter Joyce Jr., 32, of Gorham was indicted for domestic violence assault, obstructing report of a crime and two counts of assault (with priors) on charges brought by Gorham Police Department.
- Jason Oliver, 36, of Gorham was indicted for theft by receiving, and theft by receiving stolen firearm on charges brought by Gorham Police Department.
- Luis Gutierrez Trigueros AKA Luis Ayala-Gutierrez, 22 of Gorham was indicted on charges of aggravated forgery on charges brought by Gorham Police Department.

Police from Gorham, Windham as well as other agencies in Maine, Massachusetts and New Hampshire had been working

together to locate Michael McGraw, 29, of Gorham since late July 2011. McGraw had active felony warrants for his arrest on charges that included two counts of possession of a firearm by a felon, burglary, thefts and eluding an officer. On September 14, Gorham officers stopped a vehicle in which McGraw was thought to be a passenger. McGraw, who had slumped down in his seat and could not initially be seen by the officers, fled the vehicle. After a brief foot pursuit, Sgt. Dan Young and Officer Brent Frank apprehended him. He was taken to Cumberland County Jail where he remains in lieu of \$50,000 bail.

## Clerk's Corner

Connie Loughran

Election Day, November 8, 2011 is coming right up. There will be three ballots in Gorham. For the Annual Municipal Election we will elect two Council members and three School Committee members. There are four Referendum Questions on the State Referendum Ballot and we will be electing new Commissioners for Cumberland County, District 1. To view the State Referendum questions and a list of candidates for Cumberland County visit the Secretary of State's website at [www.maine.gov/sos](http://www.maine.gov/sos) then click on upcoming elections. When they become available, I will post sample ballots on [www.gorham-me.org](http://www.gorham-me.org).

Absentee Ballots should be available by October 8. New this year is a deadline for issuing Absentee Ballots. Legislation was passed that established the third business day before an election as the cut-off date for issuing absentee ballots. There are only three special circumstances for which a voter may request an absentee ballot after the third business day before an election. An unexpected absence from the municipality during the entire time the polls are open on election day; a physical disability, or an incapacity or illness that makes the

voter unable to leave home or a treatment facility; or an inability to travel to the polls because the voter is a resident of a coastal island ward or precinct. The Town Clerk's office will be open until 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 3, 2011 for the purpose of registering voters and issuing and accepting absentee ballots.

In addition to elections, vehicle registrations and hunting and fishing licenses, you can buy tickets to dispose of large burnable trash items and purchase a recycling bin in the Town Clerk's office. The first half real estate tax payments are also coming due, November 15, 2011. You may make payments against your real estate taxes anytime during the year. If you have any questions, please call the Town Clerk's office at 222-1670.



Town Clerk Connie Loughran can be reached by e-mail at [cloughran@gorham.me.us](mailto:cloughran@gorham.me.us) or by phone at 222-1670.

## @YOUR LIBRARY

# Child Safety Cards

Pamela Turner, Director, Baxter Memorial Library

New York Life and Baxter Memorial Library care about your children's safety. Together we're hoping to give your family the gift of peace of mind by offering free child identification cards.

Join us on October 4 from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. or Saturday, October 8 from 9:30 a.m. to noon at the library for this important service. Free child ID cards, photos & digital fingerprinting will be offered by David Drake of New York Life. There will be no sales presentation during these sessions.

Here is how it works:

The parent or guardian will fill out an information sheet about their child. The information from the sheet will be entered into a software program with a digital picture of the child and a set of digital fingerprints. Once the form is completed, a copy is printed, and the information/identification card is presented to the parent or guardian. The software does not retain any of the information. Duplicate cards may be requested for families that need more than one copy.

The Youth Services staff at the library will also have activity sheets available about safety for your family to complete at the library or to take home.

While you do not need to have a library

card to get the child identification cards, we hope you will get a library card if you do not already have one. We offer many books, audiobooks, magazines and movies for the whole family. With our participation in the Minerva library consortium, we can get almost any book or movie.

Library cards are free for Gorham residents and there is a \$25 fee per household for non-residents. For adults, a photo identification and proof of residency is required to get a library card. For youth, photo identification is not required but the applicant will be asked for school and grade. Children under age 13 must have a parent or legal guardian sign his/her application.

For more information, please contact the library at 839-5031.



Pam Turner holds an MLS from Simmons College and is active in statewide library activities including the Maine Library Association and the Minerva Library Consortium. She may be reached at the library at 839-5031 or [pturner@msln.net](mailto:pturner@msln.net).

## Real Estate Transfers July 2011

Location	Buyer	Seller	Price
29 Hillview Road	Fagerson, Mary	Francis, Elizabeth & Luther	\$194,000
240 Libby Avenue	Lawrence, Sarah & Scott	MacDonald, Laurie & Warren	\$325,000
11 Western Avenue	Blanding, Kellie	Sanerib, Ollie	\$192,000
13 Louise Street	Kopytyuk, Sergiy	Labrecque, Anthony	\$135,000
1 Kingfisher Court	Pendleton, Susan & Gifford, Frederick	Anastasio, Terrie & Andrew	\$262,500
36 Village Woods Circle	McAllister, Christina & Stephen	Pendleton, Susan & Gifford, Frederick	\$343,500
90 South Street	Berry, Katherine & Christopher	Clough, Jeremy & Laura	\$295,000
215 North Gorham Road	Baber, Paul	Davis, Gary	\$213,000
271 North Gorham Road	Flynn, Rachel & Patrick	Harvey, Darryl	\$256,900
297 Fort Hill Road	Holden, Thomas	Flannery, Justin	\$344,500
175 Huston Road	Bittner, Patrick	Magnusson, Irma	\$142,000
2 Wagner Farm Road	Baer, Leah & Jeffrey	Risbara Bros. Construction, Co.	\$246,445
127 Dow Road	Senechal, Michael	Collins, Jeffrey	\$185,000
4 Samantha Drive	Alves, Laura	Bernier, Susan & John	\$253,000
25 Pheasant Lane	Donaldson, Andrew & Torre	Gilbert, David & Kathryn	\$366,500
120 Wood Road	Minichiello, Gail & Saucier, Jason	Littlefield, Lawrence	\$255,000
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# Lettuce Be Healthy

Barbara T. Schneider

As fall arrives, the bounty from the garden is at its peak. Making use of all it offers can sometimes be daunting. Here is a wonderful, fresh corn salad that can easily make use of whatever you have in your garden—onions, tomatoes and any type of herbs, for a start. As the days get shorter, it is nice to linger a bit longer around the dinner table and share what each family member has been up to that day. The ultimate way to do that is to serve this absolutely decadent “Devil Chocolate Cake.” I can tell you for a fact, that if you leave it on the table after you serve it, someone will take a few more spoonfuls right from the pan. Now, isn't that what sharing is all about?

Have a great fall. Enjoy!

## Corn Kernel Salad

- 4-6 ears corn, kernels cut from ear
- 1/2 cup basil leaves, cut into strips
- A handful of mint, chopped
- 1/2 red onion, chopped (or shallots if you want a milder taste)
- 2 Tbsp lime juice
- 3 Tbsp extra virgin olive oil
- 12 cherry or grape tomatoes, sliced in half
- 1 1/2 tsp Madras curry powder
- Salt & pepper to taste

Preheat oven to 450 degrees, layer corn evenly on a cookie sheet, spray with canola spray. Roast in oven for approximately 8-10 minutes (keep an eye on it). Pull from oven, place in bowl and add additional ingredients. Ready to serve and enjoy. You can easily add small

sautéed shrimp or cut-up roasted chicken and serve over a bed of dark leafy greens.

## Devil Chocolate Cake

- Chocolate cake mix
- 1 can sweetened condensed milk
- 1 small jar butterscotch topping
- 12 oz. whipped topping
- 5 or 6 Skor or Heath bars, chopped

Prepare and cook cake mix as directed in a 9 x 13 inch pan. While still hot, use a wooden spoon handle to poke holes in the top of the cake. Pour condensed milk evenly over the top, then pour butterscotch topping evenly over that. Sprinkle half of chopped Heath/Skor bars over the top. Refrigerate at least three hours, preferably over night. Spread whipped topping over cake, sprinkle any leftover chopped Heath/Skor bars or some shaved chocolate. For easier cutting, refrigerate to set for 15-30 minutes.

This is so deliciously decadent! Enjoy!

Questions about the recipes can be e-mailed to Barbara Schneider at [bts@maine.rr.com](mailto:bts@maine.rr.com).



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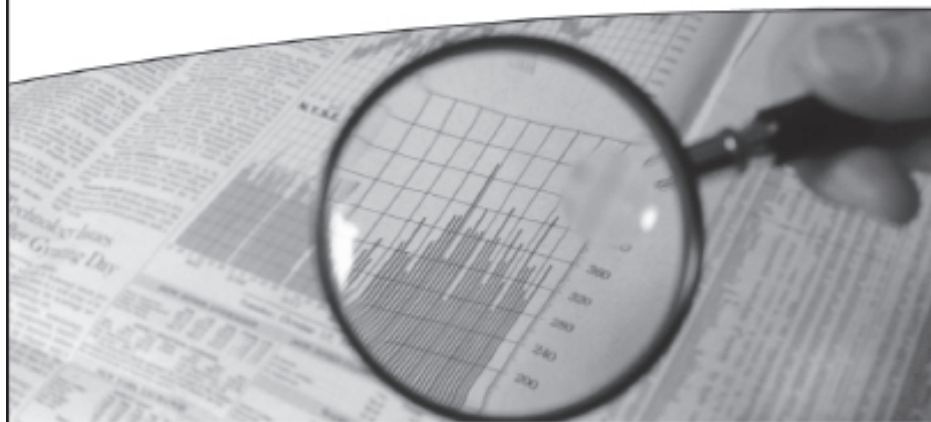
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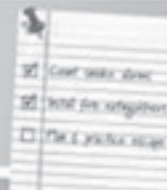
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## Pinwheels for Peace

Shannon Bartash



Students from Great Falls placed pinwheels at the entrance of the school in celebration of International Day of Peace.

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Pinwheels are a symbol of childhood, reminding us of simple times and pleasures. This year at Great Falls Elementary School, students took a few minutes out of their busy days to decorate a pinwheel and think about what peace means to them. Some students simply decorated their pinwheels while others wrote their thoughts and hopes for peace. As students arrived at school on September 21, they saw all their combined efforts in a beautiful display at the front of the school – a sea of colorful thoughts, hopes and wishes being spread to others.

There are many elements in our behavior that come into play when we talk about peace and how it is achieved and maintained. Some elements include forgiveness, caring, sharing, positive communication, tolerance, citizenship, embracing diversity, cultural unity, caring for all living things, individuality,

freedom, and so much more. Children learn all of these a little bit at a time, every day from interacting with family, their educators and the world around them. Learning to live in peace is an ongoing process of education.

Pinwheels for Peace is a project started in 2005 by two art teachers in Florida and has spread internationally as a way for students to express their thoughts and feelings about what is going on in their world. The project estimated 3.5 million pinwheels were spinning last year as part of the International Day of Peace Celebration. This is the 30th anniversary of the International Day of Peace. To learn more about the Pinwheels for Peace Project, you may visit their web site at [www.pinwheelsforpeace.com](http://www.pinwheelsforpeace.com)

Great Falls Elementary would like to thank the many volunteers who helped prepare and assemble the pinwheels.

## Great Falls to Build Garden of H.O.P.E. Becky Fortier

Great Falls Elementary School, with support from the Gorham Educational Foundation (GEF), is planting a Garden of H.O.P.E. (Harvesting Outdoors to Promote Empathy). The Garden of H.O.P.E. will promote service learning as well as encourage community and social development.

The garden will be used to provide a K-5 hands-on educational environment where the core curriculum can come alive. The Great Falls school community

is looking for the following items to be donated: gardening tools, including small pruners, pointed garden shovels, trowels and weeding tools; watering cans, gardening gloves, garden hoses, pavers, landscape fabric, shrubs, bulbs, wheelbarrows, benches, and peat moss.

For more information or to donate items, please contact the GEF at 233-1919 or [gorhamef@maine.rr.com](mailto:gorhamef@maine.rr.com) or Great Falls Assistant Principal Becky Fortier at 222-1052 or [beckyf@gorham-schools.org](mailto:beckyf@gorham-schools.org).

## Eaton Named National Merit Scholar Semifinalist Compiled by Stacy Sallinen

Grace Eaton was recently named a semifinalist in the 2012 National Merit Scholarship Program. Eaton, a senior, takes classes from home through online schools including the Potter's School, the Landry Academy and Cedarville University for high school and college credit.

Eaton is one of 16,000 students from across the nation who achieved this honor and will be in competition for approximately 8,300 scholarships that will be offered next spring worth more than \$34 million.

Last fall, more than 1.5 million juniors in 22,000 high schools entered the 2012 National Merit Scholarship Program by taking the Preliminary Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT / NMSQT), which served as an initial screening of program entrants. The nationwide pool of semifinalists, which represents less than one percent of U.S. high school seniors, includes the highest-scoring entrants in each state.

To become a finalist, a semifinalist must have an outstanding academic record throughout high school, be endorsed and recommended by the high school principal, and earn SAT scores that confirm the student's earlier performance in the qualifying test. The semifinalist and a high school official must also submit a detailed scholarship application, which includes the student's essay



Photo credit Jennifer Eaton

**Grace Eaton was named a semifinalist in the 2012 National Merit Scholarship Program.**

and information about the semifinalist's participation and leadership in school and community activities.

Eaton plays on the varsity volleyball squad and tennis team for Gorham High School, plays percussion in the Portland Youth Wind Ensemble and Symphony Orchestra, and is a C/2d Lt (Cadet Second Lieutenant) in the Civil Air Patrol. She plans to study nursing, hopefully at Cedarville University in Ohio. Eaton is the daughter of Jennifer and Gary Eaton.

## It's Never Too Late to Learn Courtesy of Gorham Adult Education

Families across the United States have sent their children back to school with new book bags and school supplies. Back to school is also a time for some of the 30 million American adults who cannot read beyond a third grade level to consider taking steps to overcome their literacy challenges.

Many of these adults find ways to hide this fact from their coworkers and friends, even their own families. Common avoidance techniques include finding an excuse to steer clear of reading aloud, hiding their writing from others, or committing everything to memory to avoid jotting things down.

"As children and teens go back to school this year, this is the perfect time for adults in need of educational services to take this important step to simply ask for help," said Kate Rotroff, director of Gorham Adult Education (GAE). "Our organization helps students of any

age and any educational background to address their literacy challenges."

GAE is part of the ProLiteracy network of adult literacy and basic education organizations focused on improving adult literacy rates in communities around the country. GAE serves more than 70-80 adult learners each year. Instructors work one-on-one or in small classes with adults who need help with their basic reading or math skills, English as a second language, GED preparation or preparation for workforce training and college.

GAE is dedicated to designing classes to help adults explore their potential and reach their personal goals. It is committed to meeting these needs by providing high-quality learning opportunities to all students. For more information on GAE or ProLiteracy, please visit [www.gorham.maineadulted.org](http://www.gorham.maineadulted.org) or [www.proliteracy.org](http://www.proliteracy.org).

# School Committee Report

September 14, 2011 Robin Somes

The subject of the busing issues that beleaguered service for the first days of school dominated the September School Committee meeting.

Superintendent Ted Sharp explained that after “almost a year, the Policy Committee and eventually the School Committee, approved the new Transportation Policy in June 2010. The new policy has been on the website since that point. In a meeting last year held by the K-5 team, the Transportation Policy was discussed and its implications. The policy states that the first priority is the safety and security of every child in the school district.” Sharp continued to say that a “policy is only as effective as the administrative procedures and protocols that are put into effect to move that policy forward, and this has been our intent. The administration is charged with making sure the policy is effective and serves the interest of all constituents. While [the policy] has certain guidelines and parameters that we hope are being followed 98% of the time, this is a business that deals with human beings and historically at least 2% of the time it is necessary to make adjustments to meet the needs and we’ve been attempting to do that since August 29 forward.”

Sharp stated that safety concerns are being given serious attention. When a concern was communicated to him, he and Facilities Director Norm Justice personally visited the site. Subsequently, some changes have been made and changes will continue to be made as appropriate. As Sharp detailed, the policy describes a guideline for a 3/10 mile distance between bus stop and home for K-5 and up to one mile for 6-12 students. From this basis, determining changes entails the following considerations: presence of sight lines; a safe place from the intersection where children can stand; sufficient width of road, with shoulders; shoulders sufficient for pedestrians if there are no sidewalks; serviceability in winter; well lit area, even in winter.

Regarding the time it takes for buses to deliver students, Sharp pointed out the goal of 30 to 45 minutes to pickup and deliver students. Decisions were made last year resulting from discussions about the effects of the new attendance zones.

Parents are not required to change daycares if not located within the household zone. It was also determined that busing would incorporate daycares. Though this contributed to the confusion and lateness, it has proven a challenge operationally. Sharp asserted, “I still think that was the right decision — to try and serve the interests of our families.” Another decision was the designations of buses for daycare and separate buses for non-daycare.

On this subject Committeeperson James Hager noted there were 63 more students than last year, and according to Committeeperson Dennis Libby, 48 were registered the Friday before the first day of school. Committeeperson Kyle Carrier added that the busing situation is “different from the Middle School where everyone is going to the same spot, whereas here, everything had to be redesigned to send all the kids to three different schools.”

Sharp noted cases where a child of separated parents might have dual attendance zones, and cases where a child does not consistently go to daycare after school but possibly home, a neighbor’s home or other location. As Sharp noted, “It’s a very complicated situation that we’re trying to work out, but we are confident that in a few more days, most all people will be satisfied.”

In other news, the response to the new Great Falls Elementary School has been overwhelmingly positive. Sharp affirmed that it is “really a spectacular school. It’s the people in it that make it most important, but it’s a wonderful place for teaching and learning.” The buildup of the school’s opening has generated much excitement and significant effort is being made on the special Dedication Ceremony on October 16 that will be open to the public.

Of special note, the Facilities team was lauded for their tremendous effort and dedication this summer in moving furniture, readying schools for the new school year, and having everything completed on time. Superintendent Sharp and the Committee members extended their gratitude and appreciation for this unprecedented endeavor.

# Ready, Set, Kindergarten!

Melissa Michaud, Literacy Coordinator

Connecting letters to their sounds is a foundational skill for learning how to read, and is a critical component of reading success. It is easy to work on this skill through everyday interactions with your preschoolers. Here are some ideas:

- Play “I SPY.” For example, say to your child, “I spy with my little eye something that starts with a ‘T.’” You can play this anywhere or use the “I SPY” books.
- Play “Which Word.” For example, ask your child, “Which words in this sentence start with ‘B?’” Then say the sentence, “The boy has a red bicycle.”
- Make alphabet soup. You’ll need bowls, spoons, and plastic/tile letters. Lay the letters out on the table. Letters can go in the soup if they can say the name of the letter and the sound. Then “eat” it at the end. Your child will love this game, especially the “eating” part! You can also do this using only one letter. The only letter that can go in their soup is that letter, and they have to find that letter amongst all the others.
- Play muffin tin throw. Place one letter in each cup. Give your child a small amount of something small they can throw, like pennies or bingo chips. Have your child sit on the floor with the muffin tin in front of them, tossing one chip at a time into the tin. When it lands in the cup, they have to tell you the letter and the sound. If they are right, the chip stays. If they

are wrong, take the chip out and give it back to them to try again.

- Play letter bingo. Make up a small bingo board with letters on it. You can either say the letter, sound, or both. If they have it on their board, they mark it with a chip. First to get three-in-a-row wins. Here are a few books that encourage letter sound:

“Eating the Alphabet” by Lois Ehlert: As the title implies, this is a collection of letter-by-letter depictions of food, specifically fruits and vegetables.

“Stink!”: Anyone with kids will tell you that for a children’s book to be successful, it will usually need to do something fun, funny or gross. Husband and wife team Kate and Jim McMullen took that task to heart with their alphabet based tale narrated by a big, loud and smelly garbage truck.

“Chicka Chicka Boom Boom”: This delightfully fun story is what would happen when all twenty-six letters of the alphabet all try to climb up a coconut tree. Written by Bill Martin, Jr. and John Archambault, this story with the rhythmic verse reads like music.

*Melissa Michaud, Literacy Coordinator K-5, writes this column as part of a project between the Gorham elementary schools and Gorham Adult Education. For more information contact Michaud at 222-1263 or Family Literacy Coordinator Heidi McGouldrick at 222-1045.*

## school notes

The Gorham Arts Alliance is holding an audition call for Gorham’s first community theatre production of “The Universe and Other Stuff – a complete and inaccurate history of everything.” All interested children in grades 3-8 are invited. Auditions will be at GMS auditorium on Thursday, October 6 from 6-8 p.m. FMI, please visit [www.gorhamartsalliance.org](http://www.gorhamartsalliance.org).

For more information on the following Gorham Adult Education classes, please visit [www.gorham.maineadulted.org](http://www.gorham.maineadulted.org).

**Superheroes & Scary Guys** Tuesday, 10/11, GMS, 6 – 8:30 p.m., \$15  
**2011 College Funding Boot Camp** Wednesday, 10/5, GMS, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. \$5  
**Who Sings for Coyote?** Wednesday, 10/5, GMS, 6 – 9 p.m., \$15 per person or \$20 per family  
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# Snapshots from Tanzania

Julia Parmakian

Julia Parmakian (GHS '09) recently traveled to Africa as part of her studies at Wheaton College in Massachusetts. The three-week for-credit course brought several students to Tanzania, Africa to tutor English in a local high school. The trip was headed by Donna Kerner, anthropology head at Wheaton, who lived in Tanzania for five years. Twenty two students traveled with the professor to visit Arusha, Moshi and Rongai to study the Tanzanian culture. Parmakian, a summer student intern with the Gorham Times, shares an African recollection below.



Photo credit Julia Parmakian

## Lady Gaga and Beyoncé

Teaching in classrooms with no electricity and cement floors without any supplies or books was difficult, but teaching English as a second language to teenagers was even harder. My teaching partner, Shane, and I taught two level two English classes each with about 45 kids eager to hear what we had to say. We were just as excited to hear what they had to say as well, even if it was just reading sentences off the board.

Topics we were told to cover included telephone calls. So we used our resources and decided to play for the kids the song "Telephone" by Lady Gaga and Beyoncé. After the song we used Lady Gaga and Beyoncé as the subject of our sentences that the

kids proceeded to read aloud. They had no idea who these two famous women were, and had no idea how their names were pronounced. With their thick accents it made the two names sound almost unrecognizable. These tiny kids said the artists' names with such gusto that it was hard not to laugh. When one student said Mr. Beyoncé, I lost it. They were so into the lesson even though they had no idea what they were talking about; they were just excited to have us there and were following us blindly. Seeing how eager these kids wanted to learn was really inspiring. I only wish I could have taught the class as much as they taught me.

# Students Learn about Monarch Migration Patterns

Angela Gospodarek

Working in conjunction with the Monarch Watch from the University of Kansas, students at Gorham Middle School are learning about the local monarch butterfly population and their migration patterns.

Angela Gospodarek, a science teacher from GMS, along with her husband, Nathan Henderson and their children, Reed, Graham and Finn, collected young caterpillars in August from fields around Gorham. The caterpillars, some only a day old, were fed fresh milkweed until they transformed into monarch butterflies. After spending a week at Baxter Memorial Library in August, and most recently in Gospodarek's seventh grade class and in first and third grade classrooms at Narragansett School, the butterflies were tagged and released by library staff,

patrons and students.

A tag, which is a sticker with contact information, was placed on the wing of the butterfly. Once the butterflies reach Mexico, people are hired to locate tagged butterflies among all of the overwintering butterflies. The information provided on the recovered tag is posted on the Internet and is then used to help determine monarch migration routes, times of arrival, areas of concern and more.

The first generation of monarch caterpillars appear in Maine in June after their parents migrate from the deep south, although they do not belong to the generation that make the long migration south in the fall. The first generation lays eggs, goes through the process of metamorphosis and hatches into the iconic butterfly. Their lives are short-lived; they lay eggs and die. Once their offspring hatch in August, they begin their slow cross-country trip by flying 25-30 miles a day until they reach their wintering grounds in Mexico. Next year, the great-great grandchildren of the August monarchs will begin another migration, a process that has been going on for tens of thousands of years.

Almost 40 butterflies have been successfully raised, tagged, and released this summer in Gorham. Well done and thank you everyone for helping



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Jason Komulainen, Riley Campbell, Kaylea Lundin tagged a monarch butterfly before releasing it.

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# GHS Golf Team Continues Hot Streak Started in 2010

Jeff Pike

Following its Class A State Championship from last season, the GHS golf team is off to a red-hot start in 2011. At press time the Rams were 7-0 in match play following a September 21 8.5-4.4 win over Westbrook at Gorham County Club.

The team has featured a lot of depth this season, with 11 different players seeing action on the six-player team that competes in each match. Leading the way in match points earned have been Nathan Roop, Spencer LaPierre, Ryan Baillargeon, Mike Caron, Andrew Scontras and Dylan Turner.

"The competition within the team has been a big part of our success," said head coach Rick Altham. "We have a lot of kids who have played good golf, and they know they have to play better than each other to earn a starting slot in each match."

The team holds qualifiers the day before each match to determine who will compete in the six matches that factor into the scoring of head-to-head matches. "We don't have a set line-up as it has been a team effort throughout the season," Altham said. "At each match, we seem to have someone new come in

and do the job. Many teams have set six-man line-ups, but we have as many as 18 players who are capable of earning a slot for any particular match."

Altham said the overall team numbers are also way up this year with 32 golfers in the overall program. "Last year's success is a major contributor," Altham said. "Having a winning program helps, and we have expanded our junior varsity schedule, which gets more players into matches and keeps them interested."

The regular season ends September 29 with a match at Gorham County Club vs. Greely, a team the Rams narrowly edged, 7-6, earlier in the season. In October, the team and individual state qualifier tournament takes place October 3 with the state team tournament scheduled for October 10 and the state individual tournament scheduled for October 15.

"We will go up against a lot of good teams and players that we don't face during the regular season when it comes to the state tournaments, so it's difficult to project how well we will do," Altham said. "But hopefully we can continue to play as well as we have so far."

## in the Zone



Photo credit: Jo Dill

**Maine Tennis Champion:** Gorham resident Thomas Hughes, and his tennis partner Dick Boardman from Scarborough, won the men's doubles tennis championship of the Maine Senior Games September 8-9 in Westbrook. Hughes is 73-years-old but played in the 65-69 age bracket as he and Boardman won both of their matches in the tournament by scores of 6-0, 6-0. In 2008, 2009 and 2010, Hughes played in the 70-74 age bracket and won titles in singles, doubles and mixed-doubles. He and Boardman hope to win the men's doubles tournament again next year, which will qualify them for the National Senior Games championships that take place every other year.

**Brothers Combine for Five Points:** In the GHS boys' soccer 4-0 win over Deering on September 19, bothers Connor Reagan and Chandler Reagan combined for five points as Connor scored two goals and Chandler assisted on three goals. Connor also had a big game September 22, scoring two goals and notching three assists in a 7-0 win over Thornton Academy. At press time the team was 5-2 and ranked second in Western Maine Class A.

**First Two Wins of the Season:** The GHS field hockey team won its first game September 12 vs. Noble, 3-0, with senior Allie Sturgis scoring two goals and junior Evelyn Viernes scoring a goal and assisting on another. The team's second win came September 20 in a 2-0 upset victory over

Kennebunk, which came into the game with a 5-2 record. Michaela Stresser and Brandi Emerson scored the two goals. Goalkeeper Patty Smith earned both shut-outs and sweeper Morgan Briggs excelled on defense.

**Volleyball Wins Two in a Row:** Grace Eaton dished out 10 assists as the GHS volleyball team defeated Cape Elizabeth 3-0 September 16 followed by another 3-0 win over Cony on September 19—led by Vicki Parker, who earned 27 services points, including eight on aces. Season leaders at press time included Lexi Merrifield in kills with 30 and in blocks with 27; Parker in serving points with 58; Taylor Hansen in digs with 23; Eaton in assists with 61; and Lindsay Chapman in serves received with 36.

**Girls' Soccer Undefeated Through First Six Games:** At press time the girls' soccer team was ranked third in Western Maine Class A with a record of 6-0. Meghan Cushing scored two goals and Erin Smith had a goal and two assists as the Rams defeated Bonny Eagle, 4-1, on September 20. Audrey Adkison scored three goals in the team's 6-0 win over Biddeford on September 22.

**Late-Game Heroics:** Bryant University sophomore forward Kayleigh Ballantyne (GHS '10) scored the winning goal on a breakaway shot with less than five minutes remaining as the field hockey team defeated Brown University, 3-2, on September 20. At press time, Ballantyne was second in team scoring with three goals.



Photo courtesy of Bryant University

### Upcoming GHS Varsity Sports Line-Up

#### Thursday, September 29

3:30 p.m. Golf vs. Greely @ Gorham Country Club

#### Friday, September 30

4:00 p.m. Field Hockey vs. Biddeford @ GHS

7:00 p.m. Football vs. Sanford @ GHS

All games subject to change. For up-to-date schedules of all GHS sports teams, visit [www.highschoolsports.net](http://www.highschoolsports.net)

### Upcoming Sports Events at the USM Gorham Campus

#### Thursday, September 29

4:00 p.m. Women's Tennis vs. Thomas College

#### Saturday, October 1

1:00 p.m. Women's Soccer vs. UMass-Boston

1:00 p.m. Women's Tennis vs. UMass-Dartmouth

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### JUDITH BERRY, ESQ. IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE

Christopher Berry, Esq. has joined her practice of law  
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The practice has focused in adoption, surrogacy and family law. Chris has joined the firm after practicing business law, construction, tax and contract law for eight years in North Carolina. The practice has expanded to provide these additional services. Welcome back to Maine, Chris!

## sports Etc.

**Raising Awareness for Breast Cancer:** The GHS junior varsity and varsity field hockey teams are holding a breast cancer fundraiser on October 4 when the teams host Thornton Academy at 5:30 and 7:00 p.m. respectively. Donations will be accepted at the gate with all proceeds going to The Maine Breast Cancer Coalition Patient Service Fund, which helps women who need money for treatments as well as food and transportation to get to treatments. For those who cannot attend the games but wish to donate, checks made payable to Gorham Field Hockey can be mailed to coach Becky Manson at GHS, 41 Morrill Ave., Gorham, ME 04038. All who attend

the games are encouraged to wear PINK!

**Taking on the Battle Against ALS:** As participants in the Dr. Bruce Churchill Classics H.S. Volleyball Tournament September 17 at Saint Joseph's College of Maine in Standish, the GHS varsity and junior varsity volleyball teams raised more than \$1,800 in donations for the ALS (amyotrophic lateral sclerosis) Association of Northern New England. The girls raised the money through a car wash and donations, and their total was the highest amount contributed by any of the seven high school programs competing in the tournament.



## GHS Sports Freeze Frames

The Gorham student body turned out in full force on September 9 to cheer on the GHS football team as it took on Cheverus in the season home opener. Photo below left, from left to right, freshman Ashley Aceto and senior Emilee Esty perform a cheer routine as Gorham quarterback Damon Wallace (photo below right) rolls out to his right, looking downfield for a receiver.



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## MILESTONES

**Kyle Kirby** (GHS '00) has joined Pierce Atwood law firm as an associate in the Litigation Practice Group. Kirby, who graduated Carnegie Mellon University, and earned a J.D. Degree from the University of Maine School of Law, is the son of Nick Kirby and Chris Crawford.

## OF INTEREST

**Scott Firmin** of Gorham and Director of Wastewater at the Portland Water District was recently appointed to serve on the Water Environment Federation's Collection Systems Committee.



**Children's book illustrator/author Cathryn Falwell** of Gorham will read and "talk turkey" from her new picture book "Gobble, Gobble" on Saturday, Oct. 1, 10:30 a.m. at Gilsland Audubon Center in Falmouth. Admission is free and all ages welcome, but best for ages four to nine. FMI, 781-2330.

**The regular meeting of the Gorham Woman's Club** originally scheduled for Oct. 13 has been re-scheduled to Thursday, Oct. 20 with a Pot Luck Luncheon at 12:30 p.m. at First Parish Church in Gorham. Superintendent of Gorham Schools, Ted Sharpe, will be the guest speaker. The Maine Federation of Women's Clubs will meet at the Merry Manor Inn in South Portland Oct. 13 and 14.

**The West Gorham Union Church** will hold a Public Supper on Saturday, Oct. 1, serving from 5 to 6 p.m. Beans, chop suey, chicken pie, casseroles, salads and more. \$7/\$3. FMI, 839-4208.

### Develop Excellent Employees

The Gorham Business Exchange will hold a meeting on October 19, 2011 from 7:30 – 9:00 a.m. at Moody's Collision Centers, 200 Narragansett Street, Gorham. Michelle Neujahr, Director SMCC Entrepreneurial Center and Business Renovation Coach, will present "Develop Excellent Employees." Admission: \$15 GBE Members, \$25 Non-Members. Everyone is welcome. FMI and to register, please visit [www.gorhambusiness.org](http://www.gorhambusiness.org)

**Olympia Sports at the Village Mall** in Gorham invites its customers to donate \$1 to the Jimmy Fund through the A Chance for Kids® program. The goal is to raise \$100,000 for pediatric cancer research and care at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute before Oct. 10. Promotion cards with guaranteed prizes will be given to all participating customers.

**Freemasons of Harmony Lodge** in Gorham and The Grand Lodge of Masons in Maine will host an Open House on Saturday, Oct. 15 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 33 Cressey Road. The Lodge invites everyone to stop by and learn about Freemasonry. FMI, 523-9415 or visit [www.GorhamMaineMasonry.com](http://www.GorhamMaineMasonry.com).

**Mr. Bagel in Gorham** will sponsor their Annual 2nd Free to the Public Thanksgiving Dinner on Thursday, Nov. 24, Thanksgiving Day. Transportation will be available upon request. Reserved seating (although no one will be turned away). A homemade, traditional Thanksgiving Dinner with all the fixings. There is no fee, any donations will go to the Gorham Food Pantry. FMI, TMOODY6@maine.rr.com.

**Girl Scouts of Maine** will sell nuts, candies and magazines through Oct. 16 with products delivered Nov. 17 – 18, in time for the holidays. FMI, [csmith@gsmaine.org](mailto:csmith@gsmaine.org).

## USM EVENTS

**Laura Kargul of the USM School of Music** will celebrate the bicentennial of Franz Liszt with a selection of her favorite works on Friday, Oct. 14, at 8 p.m. in Corthell Concert Hall, USM Gorham. \$15/\$10/\$5. FMI, 780-5555.

## CLOSE TO HOME

**The Buxton Garden Club** will present a program titled "The Ever Blooming Garden" by Lee Schneller on Thursday, Oct. 13, 7 p.m. at 13 Turkey Lane, Buxton. All are welcome. FMI, 929 - 8283.

**Public Baked Bean Supper** at the Westbrook-Warren Congregational Church on Saturday, Oct. 8 from 5-6 p.m. \$7/\$3. FMI, 854-9157.



**North Gorham Public Library** awarded gift certificates to seven area youth for participating in the Chapter Book Challenge over the summer months. Back row (L-R): Lydia March, Owen March, and Ethan March. Front row: Lauren Green, Tripp Plummer, Virginia March, and Kylie Green.

## Gorham Times Celebrates at Annual Party



**Gorham Times staff, board of directors, contributors, and their family members** enjoyed the annual summer party held on September 11 at the Treworgy camp on Sebago Lake. The annual party was held in appreciation of those involved with the publication. Back row: Martha Harris, photographer; Bill Goff, distribution; Robin Somes, writer; Maynard Charron, founder and board president. Middle row: Ed Feibel, board member, Sue Dunn, writer; Russ Frank, distribution; Sherrie Benner, writer; Karen DiDonato, editor; Bill Ambrose, news writer; Sheri Faber, news writer. Front row: Sarah Gavett-Nielsen, writer; Chris Crawford, writer; Jeff Pike, sports editor and distribution; Stacy Sallinen, school coordinator; Sandra Wilson, business manager.



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## Around The World With the Gorham Times



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Kendal Nicely holds the Gorham Times in Shen Zhen, China for the August 2011 World University Games. Nicely represented University of New England for the U.S. Collegiate Archery team.

## Meet the Gorham Times' Staff

### Robin Somes, Staff Writer

Resident of Gorham for two years, Robin Somes moved from Massachusetts after devoting many years to the field of information technology, where he specialized in data warehouse related software development.



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Having started his career in this field as a programmer for Liberty Mutual Insurance Co., he retired from Harvard University where he directed the reporting and business intelligence efforts within Financial Administration, which serviced all of Harvard's schools and institutions.

With the free time he gained from ceding the demands and time of his career, Robin now engages in creative pursuits such as repurposing furniture, painting, landscaping and his aberrant undertaking of a Halloween display of jack-o'-lanterns. He and his partner share an ardor for hiking, tennis, woodworking, landscaping, traveling and their three dogs. Robin has been volunteering as staff writer for two years, covering the Town Council meetings and recently, the School Committee meetings.

## Church Erects Peace Memorial



Photo credit Martha T. Harris

First Parish Church recently erected a Peace Pole as a permanent memorial to the victims of the attacks on September 11, 2001. The white pole, which is in the memorial garden on Church Street between School Street and the church parking lot, has the words "May Peace Prevail on Earth" written in eight different languages on its four sides. The seven feet tall pole was raised by the children from the Sunday School program as part of their world peace curriculum. According to Rev. David E. Butler, "The church believes there is no better way to remember the tragedy of 9/11, which was caused by hatred and division, than to constantly renew our calls and prayers for peace and understanding between peoples."

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## Local Lobster Pound Opens on Fort Hill Road

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Last summer, Brent Grimard spent a great deal of time in the Gulf of Mexico working to clean up the BP oil spill off the coast of Louisiana. This summer, he's much happier to be working in the Gulf of Maine. By day, Grimard works on the Maine Responder, a 208-foot oil-spill response vessel based in Portland harbor. By late afternoon however, he's back at home at 542 Fort Hill Road in Gorham selling lobsters in his newly retrofitted garage.

A one-time lobsterman, Grimard believes that selling lobsters is a logical way to make some extra income. "I know the business, the mark-up of lobsters and the supply and demand," says the affably bearded Grimard. "I'm not out to bamboozle anyone. I'm looking to sell fresh, local lobster caught in Casco and Saco Bay to people in Gorham."

These affordably priced crustaceans (selling this week at \$4.50/lb and \$5/lb) can be cooked and packed to travel at no extra cost. Whether for a party or weekday dinner, Grimard will cook and pack your lobsters (hot or cold) in Styrofoam containers and send you on your way. A six-minimum lobster order and one hour notice is appreciated. And more importantly, adds Grimard, Fort Hill Lobster will not be undersold. "I'll warrant anybody's price and will often sell at the same price or cheaper."

Having opened Fort Hill Lobster in June (diagonally across from Phinney Lumber), Grimard says business has been great. With the ocean only 17

miles away, Grimard replenishes his 150-pound tank with fresh lobster at least twice a week. "I'm looking to provide an alternative and cheaper source for the people in Gorham who love lobster by cutting out the middleman."

Most lobsters are harvested from the end of August through November, which means lobsters are plentiful right now and affordable! So, whichever way you prefer to eat lobster (my favorite is dipped in hot clarified butter, served on saltine crackers and topped with sweet pickles — try it, you'll like it), this is a great time to enjoy a scrumptious and healthy alternative to summertime hamburgers and hotdogs.

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## You Know You Are From Gorham When...



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The Earsplitting Fire Bell: A recently formed group on Facebook called "You Know You Are From Gorham When..." posts memories, photographs, and news clippings about Gorham. One subject recently raised was that Dorothy Neal ran the originally fire horn at the Neal Funeral Home, now Dolby & Dorr Funeral Chapel. Members of the group recall hearing the alarm ringing in patterns to notify fireman at the fire barn that they were needed to extinguish a fire. According to Dorothy Neal's grandson Stu Neal, the number of alarms that rang denoted the severity of the fire. He wrote: "They all initially rang in the same. If really bad, another alarm would be repeated, hence the sayings such as 'three alarm fire.' In that case the same alarm code would have been rung three separate times." In most cases, people on the Facebook group remember the horn being so loud that it often scared them as children. To join the group, log on to [www.facebook.com/groups/253683714649394](http://www.facebook.com/groups/253683714649394).

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## Door-to-Door Scamming

**South Street caller** reported that a female subject came to their door selling magazines stating she was from out of state and was trying to better her life. Caller knew this was a scam and alerted police.

**Gateway Commons Drive caller** reported that a female just came to their residence trying to sell magazines. Caller asked her for her permit to sell and the woman left.

**Two callers reported** a fox with its head stuck in a discarded Sun Chips bag wandering around the parking lot. Officer rescued the fox by pulling the bag off its head.

**Barstow Road caller** reported that their 14-year-old was refusing to get out of their car and was causing a disturbance.

**Narragansett Street caller** stated that while driving, they saw someone climbing in a window of a residence.

**Burnham Road caller** reported a horse loose in the road.

**Mosher Road caller** reported that someone stole their tree and damaged their fence.

**Railroad Avenue caller** reported that someone ripped the rail off the bridge near their business.

**Paige Drive caller** reported that someone left two roosters on Spiller Road a couple days ago. Caller was keeping them at their house until someone could pick them up. Caller also stated that the roosters have string wrapped around their legs, which led caller to believe they may have been used for cock fights.

**Eater Street caller** reported that two of their tires had been slashed.

**Administrative staff** at the Police Department reported a female subject in the parking lot yelling and screaming on a cell phone.

**State Street caller** reported that their vehicle was not where they had parked it.

**Caller reported** that a tractor-trailer was loading up in the dark, which they thought was suspicious. Truck was backed up to the dock, but was waiting for morning to load.

**Newton Drive caller** requested that the subjects sealcoating a driveway in the neighborhood be checked out to make sure they have a permit for the work and were not scamming anyone.

**Narragansett Street caller** reported that a vehicle was stolen overnight from their driveway.

**George Street man** was arrested for domestic violence reckless conduct (priors), domestic violence assault (priors), domestic violence criminal threatening (priors), domestic violence terrorizing (priors) criminal mischief and obstructing report of a crime.

**Maple Drive caller** reported that a known female subject stole caller's vehicle as well as money from caller's wallet.

**Water Street caller** requested to speak with an officer regarding information caller had on the suspect who stole caller's vehicle. Maple Drive caller called back to report that Portland Police had located the stolen vehicle.

**Chestnut Circle caller** reported that their fiancée's family was at the house causing a disturbance outside the home.

**Libby Avenue caller** requested to speak with an officer regarding rumors that they had heard regarding their neighbors filing complaints against the dog they got last week from the Animal Refuge League.

**Fort Hill Road caller** reported three suspicious vehicles in the park. Subjects claimed they were just watching the stars before they had to go back to college.

**Willis Farm Road caller** requested to speak with an officer regarding a disturbing letter they received from a family member.

**Cummings Road caller** needed an officer to stand by while the surveyor measured the property line as their neighbor was known to be volatile.

**Mitchell Hill Road caller** requested assistance in lighting an oil lamp.

**Huston Road caller** reported that a male subject got hit in the face with brass knuckles and threatened with a gun.

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## what's happening

### MONDAY, OCT. 3

- Food & Fellowship Ecumenical Meal Program, Windham Assembly of God, Rte. 302, Windham. Everyone welcome. FMI, 892-3769.

### TUESDAY, OCT. 4

- Preschool Storytime for ages 3 – 5 yrs, 9:30 a.m., Baxter Library. FMI, 839-5031.
- Gorham Cancer Prayer and Support Group, 6 p.m., the first Tuesday of every month at the Cressey Road United Methodist Church. FMI, 839-311.
- Gorham Town Council Meeting, 7 p.m., Municipal Center, 75 South St.

### WEDNESDAY, OCT. 5

- Toddlers in the Library, 10 – 10:30 a.m., No. Gorham Public Library. FMI, 892-2575.
- Prayer Shawl Knitting Group, 1 – 2:30 p.m., St. Anne's Catholic Church. All are welcome. FMI, 839-4857.
- Senior Community Meal, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m., St. Anne's Catholic Church, \$3.50. FMI, 839-4857.

### THURSDAY, OCT. 6

- Story Hour for 3 – 5 year olds, 10 – 11 a.m., No. Gorham Public Library. Stories, songs & crafts. FMI, 892-2575.
- Baby & Me, birth to 18 mos., 9:30 a.m. Baxter Library. FMI, 839-5031.
- Toddler Time, ages 18 – 36 mos., 10 a.m. Baxter Library. FMI, 839-5031.
- Food Pantry Open, 9 – 11 a.m., St. Anne's Catholic Church parking lot.

### FRIDAY, OCT. 7

- Early Release for grades K – 12.

### MONDAY, OCT. 10

- Food & Fellowship Ecumenical Meal Program, Windham Assembly of God, Rte. 302, Windham. Everyone welcome. FMI, 892-3769.
- Columbus Day. No School for grades K – 12.

### TUESDAY, OCT. 11

- Preschool Storytime for ages 3 – 5 yrs, 9:30 a.m., Baxter Library. FMI, 839-5031.

### WEDNESDAY, OCT. 12

- Toddlers in the Library, 10 – 10:30 a.m., No. Gorham Public Library. FMI, 892-2575.
- Prayer Shawl Knitting Group, 1 – 2:30 p.m., St. Anne's Catholic Church. All are welcome. FMI, 839-4857.
- Senior Community Meal, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m., St. Anne's Catholic Church, \$3.50. FMI, 839-4857.
- Food Pantry Open, 6 – 7:30 p.m., St. Anne's Catholic Church parking lot.

### THURSDAY, OCT. 13

- Toddlers in the Library, 10 – 10:30 a.m., No. Gorham Public Library. FMI, 892-2575.
- Baby & Me, birth – 18 mos., 9:30 a.m. Baxter Library. FMI, 839-5031.
- Toddler Time, ages 18 – 36 mos., 10 a.m. Baxter Library. FMI, 839-5031.
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### FRIDAY, OCT. 14

- Red Cross Blood Drive, Baxter Memorial Library, 1 – 6 p.m.
- Gorham/Westbrook TRIAD Meeting, 8:45 a.m., Gorham Town Hall. FMI, 839-5407.

The Gorham Ecumenical Food Pantry is open every Thursday from 9 – 11 a.m., the second Wednesday of the month from 6 – 7 p.m., and the third Monday of the month from 6 – 7 p.m. Open to anyone in need of food. The Pantry is located at 299 B Main Street in the Saint Anne's Church parking lot (across from Narragansett Elementary School).

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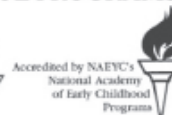


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