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Car Drives Through Cemetery



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On September 20, Dennis Worrall, 58, of North Gorham Road drove about 200 feet into White Rock Cemetery and knocked over a number of headstones, some of which date back to the early 1800s. Police believe Worrall appears to have had a seizure while driving near the former White Rock School. He was transported to the hospital and released. No charges are expected.

Town Councilor Pleads Guilty to OUI

Sheri Faber

Suzanne Phillips was arrested May 4 for OUI and leaving the scene of an accident after she hit two parked cars and then drove home. Her blood alcohol count was .11 with the legal limit being .08. Phillips pled guilty on September 21st to OUI in exchange for dropping the charge of leaving the scene of an accident. She will pay a \$600 fine and her license will be suspended for 90 days. Phillips has a new job and will be paying off the fine at the rate of \$25 a month.

Town councilors are required to step down if they have committed a crime of moral turpitude. The Town's attorney did not believe this constituted a crime of moral turpitude. The case has generated considerable dissension on the council as members were not informed of the situation when the arrest originally occurred and one councilor only found out about it when he read about it in the newspaper.

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Candidates for Town Council and School Committee

Six people turned in their papers by September 24 making them eligible to order to run for two open positions on the Town Council:

Sherric Benner, 8 Rustic Ridge
Ben Hartwell, 443 Sebago Lake Road
Isaac Misiuk, 180 Fort Hill Road
Shonn Moulton, 8 Maplewood Drive, Apt. 2
Ed Platts, 22 Maple Ridge Drive
Bruce Roullard, 46 School Street

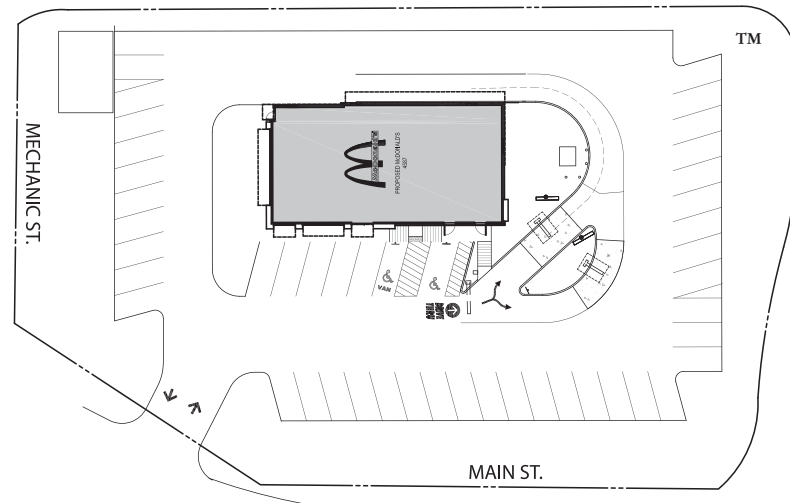
Only Darryl Wright (incumbent) turned in papers for one of two seats on the School Committee. Write-in candidates have to be registered with the town forty-five days before the election for their votes to count. No one has done that for this election. An open seat can be filled by a majority vote of the school committee with the person serving until the next municipal election.

The Gorham Times will run profiles on the Town Council candidates in a future issue.

McDonalds Considering Gorham Site for New Location

Sheri Faber

Many Gorham people welcomed the news that McDonald's was considering building on the site of the former Mobil Station on Main Street. In August, Gorham's Zoning Administrator David Galbraith and Town Planner Tom Poirier met with John Kucich of Bohler Engineering and a representative from McDonald's to discuss plans to build a McDonald's Restaurant on the former Mobil Station site and the land adjacent to it, which is currently owned by Hannaford. The plan presented to the town was for a typical McDonald's building, but it did not meet the town's design standards because parking and driving aisles are not permitted between the street and the building and parking is required behind the building. McDonald's planned to have two drive-through lanes but were unable to make those plans work without having vehicles driving around the building. The McDonald's plan also called for entry and exit off Main Street by allowing only a right turn in and right turn out. The town also required the property



to connect to the Hannaford lot, something the McDonald's plan had not considered. Additionally, the town required the actual building to be a traditional New England design with a gabled roof. McDonald's uses rooftop mechanical equipment that would not work with a gabled roof. They planned for the building to be a typical McDonald's design.

There has been no further word from McDonald's since the August meeting.



Photo credit Martha T. Harris

DEP's New Education Campaign

Rep. Jane Knapp

The Maine Department of Environmental Protection (MDEP) recently announced a new education campaign to inform the public on safe ways to dispose of medical sharps.

On September 7, I attended an event at a Rite Aid Pharmacy where Becton, Dickinson & Co. (BD), a New Jersey medical supply and equipment company, donated 3,000 needle clipping devices to the MDEP for the new campaign. The use of clipping devices protects family members and the general public. With my concern for the safety of Maine citizens, I was thrilled to see the partnership of a government agency and business.

I discussed medical sharps in a previous column published in February; however, many citizens may not be familiar with them. According to the MDEP, 100,000 families use medical sharps regularly in their home to administer medications. They are used to treat all kinds of medical conditions, from diabetes to allergies to arthritis.

I am personally aware of the importance of knowing how to safely dispose of sharps. Thirty years ago, I learned that my daughter, 4 years old at the time, was diabetic. As she needed to receive daily shots of insulin

to manage the disease, we needed to quickly learn how to properly dispose of her medical sharps. We made use of sharp clippers that cut the needle off the syringe after the injection. The needle would remain contained in the clipper and we would use a special box to dispose of the syringe. A medical organization would routinely take the filled container and properly dispose of the used syringes and needles.

My daughter and I always used this disposal process because of our concern about the safety of others and the environment. I have found that this concern about doing the right thing is mainly consistent among our population, but some self-injectors do not know the safest disposal methods. This situation could lead to careless disposal habits and increased community exposure to sharps. People at the greatest risk of being stuck by used sharps include sanitation and sewage treatment workers, janitors, housekeepers and children.

Throughout the MDEP's campaign, it plans to distribute 40,000 educational brochures that teach users how to safely dispose of their used needles, and also reinforces that they should never toss loose, used sharps

in the trash or toilet. In addition to the brochures, BD and Rite Aid will provide the 3,000 BD Safe-Clip devices mentioned above. These devices are a clipping and sharps storage tool and can hold up to 1,500 needle tips before being safely disposed of with household waste. The clipping devices can be requested by Maine residents through DEP's new safe sharps website at www.maine.gov/dep/sharps.

I am glad that, over the years, information has become increasingly available to the public about the use and disposal of medical sharps. I will certainly be keeping myself informed on DEP's campaign and I encourage you to do so as well.

Some of the information in this article was found at: <http://www.maine.gov/dep/news/news.html?id=432292> and <http://www.maine.gov/dep/waste/biomedical/sharps.html>



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Letters to the Editor

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Dear Gorham Times,

Jane Knapp has done a great job representing the residents of Gorham in Augusta and we hope you will join us in supporting Jane for another term as our state representative. We got to know Jane when she first ran for the legislature and have been impressed ever since. During her time in Augusta, Jane has always supported a strong Maine economy and good jobs, receiving an 82.19 score from the Maine Economic Research Institute. At the same time Jane has worked diligently to protect our most precious resources in the environment with her service on the Environment and Natural Resources Committee and has been a legislative leader in ensuring that the State of Maine is a good environmental steward so future generations will be able to enjoy our pristine state for years to come. In today's partisan environment in politics we need to have balance in Augusta and Jane brings that balance to the debate. She is always willing to reach across the aisle and work for what is best for the residents of Gorham and citizens of Maine, not a political party.

Finally, as the parents of a 3 1/2 year old daughter who will soon enter the public school system, it is important to us to know who represents us in Augusta is looking out for our schools and kids. As a former educator, we know that Jane will always have our child's best interest in mind.

Jane Knapp has done a fantastic job serving the citizens of Gorham. Please join our family in voting for Jane

Knapp on November 6.

Ben and Jessica Gilman

Dear Gorham Times,

Last Thursday I was at the candidates night at the North Gorham Public Library. It was informative to hear the views of all the candidates running for State office from our district. Incumbent Representative Jane Knapp was the only candidate with a voting record in the State legislature. During her remarks Jane referred to her strong support for education and the environment.

Afterwards I looked up her voting record. In fact, Jane voted against a bill redistributing education funds that would have brought \$250,000 to Gorham schools. The Maine Educators Association scored her at voting only 14% of the time in favor of issues of importance to educators. The MEA endorsed her opponent, Andrew McLean.

Regarding her stated support for the environment, Jane voted to repeal the law that required notification to residents when pesticides would be sprayed in their neighborhoods. The Maine Conservation Voters Association scored Jane as 40% in support of their issues and is endorsing Andrew McLean.

This made me wonder why our representative would say one thing in North Gorham and vote differently in Augusta.

Judith K. Ringo

Dear Gorham Times,

The Town of Gorham, District 129, has a wonderful candidate in Andrew McLean. He is intelligent, articulate, hon-

est and sincere. He is pro-education and an environmentalist.

His opponent, Jane Knapp, claims to be an environmentalist, but her voting record in the legislature proves otherwise. She voted against the ban of Bisphenol-A, in line with Governor LePage's views. She also claims to be pro-education, as a former science teacher, yet her voting record indicates otherwise. She voted against increasing health care for educators, and for charter schools, which will drain money away from public schools. Her votes consistently reflect the views of Governor LePage.

Out of a possible 100% approval rate by the Maine Teachers Association, she received a dismal 38%. We can, and must do better! The MTA endorses the

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Honoring a Hero

Karen DiDonato

Special Warfare Operator 1st Class Patrick D. Feeks, 28, a Navy SEAL from Maryland, was killed in action in Afghanistan on August 16. Feeks was among seven Americans and four Afghans killed in a helicopter crash due to a fight with insurgents northeast of Kandahar, Afghanistan.

Feeks married Gorham native Petty Officer 1st Class Emily (Booth) Feeks (GHS '99) March of 2011. Both in the Navy, he and Emily had been stationed in San Diego.

Feeks enlisted in the Navy in 2006 and had served with a SEAL unit since May 2008. He served two deployments in Iraq, and his final deployment was to Afghanistan, where he was killed in action.

He is survived by his wife, Emily;



his parents, Thomas and Virginia of Maryland; and his sister, LTJG Regina Feeks, US Navy; and his mother-in-law, Susan Neily of Gorham.

Feeks was laid to rest at Arlington National Cemetery.

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candidacy of Andrew McLean, and so do I. He has my vote, and I hope he will have yours as well.

Christine Kimball

Dear Gorham Times,

I am writing to my fellow citizens of district #129 to proclaim my support for and ask for your support for Jane S. Knapp in the November 2012 election.

Jane has shown throughout the years that she has the best interests of the people she represents, whether in a classroom as a teacher, Gorham School Committee member, town councilor, and as a representative to Augusta.

Jane has shown that the people she represents are very important to her. She has always strived to help those she comes in contact with. The philosophy of the educator has always been her guide, to help all achieve their goals and to better their lives. Jane continues to help students with scholarships she has sponsored in Augusta that award a \$1000.00 to a deserving student from each county in the State of Maine.

Jane attends Gorham Council meetings to speak to the council and the citizens of Gorham, items of interest such as the latest phone scam effecting senior citizens, or financial notes of interest, or phone numbers of committees in Augusta that may concern taxpayers. You will also find Jane at events throughout the town: high school sports, road races, farmers market, and many other social events. She is always open to conversation and interacts with all she meets in a supportive and positive manner.

I know Jane will continue to serve us with the same energy and effort that she has shown through her many years of service to the citizens of Gorham and the surrounding area. Please vote to continue Jane's effort to make our lives bet-

ter by sending her back to Augusta this November.

To learn more of her commitment to our district and the State, go to www.janesknapp.com

*Thank you,
Kenneth Curtis*

Dear Gorham Times,

I am writing in support of Andrew McLean, a candidate for Maine House seat 129 in Gorham.

I have known Andrew for over three years and believe he will be an excellent representative for our district. He has the intellect, energy, and youthful enthusiasm that we need for Gorham and Maine. I have been impressed Andrew's eagerness to visit people in their homes and listen to their concerns and issues. This drive, energy and focus indicates that he is willing to listen to all sides of an issue and make decisions that will be in the best interests of those he represents.

Andrew is a bright fellow who has a good command of the issues and willingness to confront the difficult problems facing our town and state. He strikes me as someone who has the backbone and courage to mediate some of the intractable positions in the current legislature. He is also an engaging fellow who is comfortable with the social give and take required to work with a wide range

business profile

BUSINESS PROFILE

Automotive Repair Shop Opens on South Street

Gorham Times Staff

Nelson's Auto Truck & Fleet, located at 346 South Street, recently opened its automotive doors for business. Owner and technician Joshua Nelson is hoping to attract new customers with his years of experience and unusually low prices.

With over twenty years of experience working at car dealerships in Maine, Nelson is an ASE certified technician with proficiency in repairing all types of vehicles - from cars to heavy trucks to diesel engines. "All I've done all my whole life is work on cars," says Nelson. "If you bring your vehicle to me, you'll get quality work at low labor prices."

Nelson promises he can do anything a dealership offers at half the labor cost - all aspects of repair, maintenance and diagnostics. He'll install your snow tires and guarantees to mount, balance and rotate your tires at ten dollars per tire.

As an ASE Certified Master Technician, Nelson has the know-how to work on engines, transmissions, axles, brakes, steering and suspension, A/C, electrical problems, and can even perform state motor vehicle inspections. He'll also install your own car parts that you bring to him. Labor rates on cars is \$55/hour, trucks and RV's



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of constituencies represented in the Legislature.

I urge my fellow citizens to join me in voting for Andrew McLean because he clearly represents the future generation of leadership that we desperately need to represent us in Augusta.

Bruce Webb

Dear Gorham Times,

Just wanted to express my appreciation to your paper for the nice article

(by Jackie Francis) on Southern Maine Agency on Aging's new Gorham site at St. Anne's Church. That, together with the item under COMMUNITY - Of Interest, will go a long way in spreading the word to Gorham area residents that they don't have to travel to Scarborough to access SMAA services.

*Thanks again,
Owen M. O'Donnell, LCSW,
Benefits Specialist
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September is Hunger Action Month

Diane O'Neill, President, Gorham Food Pantry

Across the nation, Food Banks are joining together to declare September Hunger Action Month. Local agencies and food pantries that provide services to food insecure individuals are raising awareness and critical funding to fight hunger in Maine.

New data shows that 12% of Maine households, representing 160,000 people, experience some food insecurity. Households with children face even higher hunger rates, and in Maine, one in four children show some evidence of hunger. In Gorham, there are over 400 families on the active roles at the Gorham Food Pantry (GFP), with an average of 100 households per month in 2012 utilizing the Pantry's services (this is up from an average of 80 households per month just three years ago).

While unemployment is the strongest predictor of food insecurity, Maine's low-income families with children are the most at risk. Many factors contribute to hunger, and it exists everywhere, and it affects every community - it doesn't matter if you live in an urban, suburban or rural setting. Right now, the economy is sluggish, unemployment remains high, and state



and federal assistance programs are being cut. Demand for GFP's services is at an all-time high.

For more information about ways you can help, visit the Food Pantry's website, www.gorhamfoodpantry.org or for volunteer opportunities contact our Volunteer Coordinator at jenbanks@maine.rr.com. For regular updates of items needed, like our Facebook page, "Friends of Gorham Food Pantry."

Food Pantry hours of operation are Thursdays from 9-11 a.m., and the second & fourth Wednesday evenings of each month, from 6-7 p.m. The Gorham Food Pantry is located at 299B Main Street, in the St. Anne's Church parking lot (across from Narragansett Elementary School).

living

Covering Ground

Alien Invaders are Covering too much Ground

Jeff O'Donal

When you take a stroll along the Mountain Division Trail in Gorham you should notice many native trees and shrubs growing along the sides of the trail and the inactive rail line. Look carefully and you can also find some plants that are highly invasive. By invasive, I mean a plant that is non-native and has the ability to grow unaided in nature along with the ability to crowd out native plants.

Invasive plants can creep along and spread out over vast areas or can produce copious amounts of easily spread seeds, able to grow in almost any soil condition. Interestingly, almost all known invasive nonnative shrubs and trees were, not so long ago, recommended planting for conservation and erosion control. Think about it... a plant that can grow and spread quickly over bare ground while also providing feed for animals would seem to be a perfect plant to control erosion, protect watersheds from pollution, and provide food and shelter for animals - until the plants get out of hand.

Maintenance of the inactive rails by Maine DOT includes the removal of "weeds" by spraying them with non-organic herbicides. A weed is defined as a plant that exists where it is unwanted. Along the railroad tracks, these "weeds" take on many forms... from grasses, dandelions, raspberries and other brambles, to many native, naturally-occurring shrubs and trees that may seed and grow where they are unwanted. Without continual efforts to mow, pull, or spray, any space will fill with unwanted weeds, particularly in a traffic corridor.

A recent "Letter to the Editor" in the Gorham Times spoke against the use of herbicides along the Mountain Division Trail and introduced readers to Citizens for a Green Gorham. One of their goals is to reduce or eliminate herbicide use on public property.

At least five other municipalities in

Maine have already passed ordinances eliminating non-organic pesticides on their public places. However, implementation has sometimes proven to be problematic because existing soil conditions, plants, and grasses did not necessarily lend themselves well to organic management. In some cases, soils needed to be improved and new plants and grasses needed to be installed that would require less fertilizer, less water, less need for mowing, and a higher natural defense against pests and diseases. Yet with proper planning and funding, this can be done very successfully.

The other lofty goal of the Citizens for a Green Gorham - a goal we should all help them achieve - is to "...provide education on safe alternatives to pesticide and herbicide use" and to learn as much as possible about what is happening elsewhere, and what, if anything, this can mean for Gorham.

Although the Mountain Division Trail does have invasive plants, at this point, they have not yet created major environmental harm. Nevertheless, we can still take the opportunity to reduce their presence - maybe even use the trail as a laboratory to learn as much as possible about these plants and how to manage them, including organic control methods.

The town of Gorham, with all our help, has an opportunity to move forward to reach everyone's goals in the most knowledgeable and sensible manner. There is a lot of work to be done. Are you up for it?



Jeff O'Donal is a Maine Certified Nursery Professional and owner of O'Donal's Nursery in Gorham with over 40 years of experience in the plant industry.

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Town Council Report

Robin Somes

During Public Communications, Gorham resident Judy Hawkes conveyed her dismay regarding intentions to tear down two buildings (21 Main Street and 10 Preble Street) the town acquired in a plan to provide more parking in the village area. Hawkes provided some historical perspective for her childhood home at 21 Main Street: "That house goes back to the early 1800's. John Roberts had his tailor shop there, and when we were cleaning it out we found great big barrels full of wool, fabrics and other things that the suits were made of. Down cellar was a wonderful long, heavy duty bench, and there were windows along the side where the ladies used to sit and sew and perform other tasks for the tailor shop." Hawkes expressed her hope that the house would be preserved and used possibly by the Historical Society. Chair Brenda Caldwell noted there would be an agenda item later in the meeting concerning the matter.

In New Business, one of the agenda items concerned authorizing Town Manager David Cole to meet with Windham officials to negotiate the lease of Gorham's unused sewer capacity at the Portland Water District Treatment Plant. Cole explained there is a lot of unused capacity that Gorham owns, noting that a little less than half is being used. Leasing some of the unused capacity would generate additional revenue for Gorham. After some discussion, Cole recommended that an agreement include the definition of a predetermined "trigger" point that, if reached, would signal the need to adjust the capacity appropriately or to notify Windham they would need to transition off Gorham's capacity within a workable timeframe. The trigger would be an indicator for having some leeway in order to accommodate future needs due to increased population and business growth. Cole stated he would acquire historical information on capacity as well as projected growth to facilitate

analysis for defining the trigger and terms of the agreement. The Council voted 7-0 to authorize Cole to proceed in meeting with Windham officials.

In an agenda item that he sponsored, Councilor Matt Mattingly recommended postponing action of appropriating \$7,500 from Capital funds for development of an overall downtown parking and circulation plan. The plan involves the recently acquired properties at 21 Main Street and 10 Preble Street, whose potential demolition has been generating feedback from concerned citizens against their destruction. Mattingly remarked that the process of developing the plan should involve "local businesses, residents, community stakeholders, representatives from Gorham Economic Development Corporation and the Town Council." He continued, "It is my hope that prior to us taking any action on [the two properties], we would sit down with all stakeholders in the community and really take a look at the needs, then put together a plan. In the end, we might find, as some people have suggested, that we don't need additional parking... we can always put the properties back on the market." The Town Council voted 7-0 to postpone action until the October meeting, when the situation will be assessed if all information is available by then.

In a vote of 5-2 (Phinney, Robinson), the Town Manager, Fire Chief, and Police Chief were authorized to organize and implement various means of informing the public on the proposals for the Public Safety Building prior to the November 6 referendum vote. Up to \$1,000 will be allocated from the contingency fund towards this endeavor. Several "Open House" tours will be provided to the public as well as educational and informational workshops may be held and televised through GOCAT.

Complete minutes can be obtained through the town website: www.gorham-me.org.

and conditions that presently exist, the amount was raised to \$4,000,000. The Council unanimously approved the amended referendum question with this figure." The last line should have read: The Council approved the amended referendum question with this figure with a vote of voted 5-2 (Phinney and Robinson). We apologize for the confusion.



Chief Shepard Reports

There have been several car burglaries in the Little Falls and So. Gorham area. Residents are reminded to lock their vehicles.

On Wednesday, August 29, Detective Brian Key spent the morning going through numerous e-mails that had come in while he was on vacation. He later went to a house on Huston Road in response to a complaint about stolen firewood. While at the house, Key saw a girl who strongly resembled a girl from Palmyra who had been reported missing by her grandparents on August 16. The girl accompanied Key to the police station and her family came to get her.

The Gorham Police Department received a grant from the Maine Department of Highway Safety for the 2012 High Visibility Impaired Driving Enforcement Program. The grant paid

for 92 hours of overtime in four-hour shifts for times and locations having the highest number of OUI related crashes and arrests. The program ran from July 1 through September 13 during which time officers stopped 136 vehicles and made 8 OUI arrests.

The Grand Jury returned the following indictments in September:

- Jamie Coughlin, 37, of Gorham was indicted for two counts of burglary on charges brought by the Gorham Police Department.
- Daniel Green, 51, of Gorham was indicted for thefts (priors) on charges brought by Westbrook Police Department.
- Christopher McCue, 29, of Naples was indicted for the robbery of Gorham Rite Aid. Charges were brought by Gorham Police Department.

The Police Department will be sponsoring a drug takeback on September 29th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Public Safety Building on Main Street. The program will accept any medication both prescription and over the counter, expired or not, that needs to be disposed of and should be kept out of the waste stream.

SEPTEMBER 10, 2012

Planning Board Results

The board:

- Approved a request by Anderson Equipment to build an 80' by 100' addition for an equipment service department at the site of the former Plan-It Recycling.
- Gave preliminary approval to Risbara Brothers Construction for a 10-lot subdivision, Wagner Farms II, on 3.44 acres at 222 Libby Avenue with a 510-foot roadway.

- Moved a buffer review of PineCrest Bed and Breakfast to October 2012 meeting. The review is of an existing buffer to screen proposed parking in the front yard setback.
- At applicants request, removed from the agenda a plan to amend the 14-lot Davis Farm Estates subdivision approved in 2006 to a 4-lot subdivision with a private way off Davis Annex and Flagg Meadow Road.

Clarification

The *Gorham Times* issues a correction to the article entitled "November Election Referendums to Request Funds for Town Buildings" published on September 13. The article stated, "The agenda item cited a proposed amount of \$1,000,000 that would be provisioned through bonds, but after deliberations and consideration of details

around town

On September 21, a special meeting of the Town Council, called by Chair Brenda Caldwell, voted 4-2 (Gagnon, Pressey; Phillips absent) to postpone the proposed \$4 million dollar referendum for upgrades to the current Public Safety building from November to June 2013 in order to have time to consider various options for the building as well as the associated costs.

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School Committee Report

Robin Somes

Superintendent Ted Sharp reported that the budget process for FY2014 begins November 1st. Sharp forewarned the Committee that the process is “going to be, as it has been at least since the recession began, very, very challenging.”

Sharp recounted the recent emergency/crisis plan simulation with law enforcement, Fire Department, EMTs and administrators. He commended Gorham Middle School Principal Bob Riley for coordinating this effort. The simulation scenario was a “pretty realistic” bomb warning being phoned into the high school. Everyone from law enforcement, Fire Department, EMTs and school participants felt very positive about the experience. Later in the year, another scenario – a tornado – will be simulated.

Sharp noted that Special Ed Director Katie Hawes, GHS Principal Chris Record and Village Elementary Principal Brian Porter were accepted to the first Ph.D. program at USM on Public Policy, an impressive accomplishment, given there were only 18 openings.

Committee member Kyle Currier acknowledged GHS freshman Collin Jones for his Eagle Scout Service Project, the picnic table shelter at Village. She also recognized GMS Science teacher Angela Gospiderik, who received a \$2,500 grant from ING Unsung Heroes Awards for her “Hometown Ecology” entry.

After summarizing the onset of the school year, Narragansett Elementary Principal Polly Brann noted that amongst the school’s 254 students, some speak non-English languages including Arabic, German, Oriya (Asian Indian), Pashtu (Afghani), Russian, and Vietnamese.

New staff include Tracy Burns, third grade; Maryanne Connolly, Functional Life; Jaime Tardif, social worker; Ed Techs Mandy Spear and Nikki Combes; Special Ed Techs Faith Joyal and Susan Grygiel; and interns Megan Rivis, Erica Bell, Rachel Gilley, and Jessica Weatherbee.

Brann commended the reformation of the traffic and parking areas that now facilitate access for both busses and parents dropping off and picking up kids with optimal efficiency and safety.

Great Falls Elementary Principal Jane Esty provided the next summary, noting the new staff, who include Heather van Luling, kindergarten; Collin Henry, third grade; Allison Tole Stanley, fourth grade; Mary Patterson, extended kindergarten and math & lit support; Eric Hathaway, fifth grade; Susan Hodgson, autism/ABA Program; Ann Foden, Resource Room.

There are eight new Ed Techs. She called out Julie Murray, the new school secretary who has already proved “a perfect match.”

Jodi Mezzanotte, Village Assistant Principal, reported a total of about 244 students and 62 staff members. She extended appreciation to the Transportation department, citing Director Norm Justice and Administrative Assistant Judy Philbrick, for their assistance and effort in making transportation run so smoothly. She noted that departure times are now only 15 minutes, and the 10-minute departure time that happened one day warranted a celebration.

Mezzanotte remarked on property enhancements, especially the landscaping that entailed removal of overgrown shrubbery around the parking lot and library, which increased visibility and safety in these areas. She lauded the maintenance staff that took the initiative to complete the landscaping with installation of new plants over a single weekend.

Principal Robert Riley noted GMS’s staffing, whose new staff include Allison Mains, instructional strategist; Brian King, Resource Room special educator; Nicole Tamaro, educational technician in the Behavioral Support Program; and Judy Wuorio, speech therapist.

GHS Assistant Principal Kim Slipp extended her thanks to Norm Justice and the maintenance and custodial crews for the renovations of the bathrooms. A new indoor/outdoor floor was installed in the locker room hallway. She reported on two new murals created during the summer. GHS Athlete Pride hangs in the locker room hallway and was designed and painted by Samantha Cupps, a GHS senior. Meghan Mitchell (GHS ’11) designed a GHS motto mural located in the lobby, across from the gym. “It’s really spectacular,” said Slipp, who encouraged the public to see it.

New GHS faculty include Jennifer McPherson, special education; Lucinda Stein, English; Brigid Franey-Smith, science; Stephanie Goss and Kim Bedrosian, school counselors; Janis Weed, special education ed tech; Robert Feinberg, ed tech, Gifted & Talented; Hannah Heisler, special ed tech; David Farrington, social studies; Kathy Pizzo, instructional strategist; and Tori Calabro, ed tech.

Upon opening, there were 852 students enrolled, with 275 students participating in athletics, many of whom will be involved in the 37 clubs and activities. Slipp encouraged people to attend the GHS sports and athletic programs and events.

Committee Formed to Explore All-Day Kindergarten

Stacy Sallinen

A public forum was held on September 13 to address the question of whether to expand Gorham’s current half-day kindergarten program to an all-day kindergarten program.

Last spring, a group called Gorham All Day Kindergarten for All Kids submitted a petition to the school department, asking them to add an all-day program for the 2012-13 school year. Although their request was not granted, the school committee agreed to hold a public forum to discuss the issue.

An exploratory committee, comprised

of school committee members, school officials and members of the public, is being formed to look into the possibility of expanding the program, and will look at the merits and financial impact associated with an all-day program.

Audience members attending the forum were provided with an opportunity to speak, although the school committee declined to respond to questions.

The School Committee will hear the exploratory committee’s recommendations in workshop scheduled for November before taking action at its regular monthly meeting in December.

Eaton Named National Merit Scholar Semifinalist

Compiled by Stacy Sallinen

Rachel Eaton was recently named a semifinalist in the 2013 National Merit Scholarship Program. Eaton, a senior, takes classes from home through online schools, including the Potter’s School, as well as dual-enrollment classes through Cedarville University and Southern Maine Community College.

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 worth more than \$34 million that will be offered next spring.

Last fall, more than 1.5 million juniors in 22,000 high schools entered the 2013 National Merit Scholarship Program by taking the Preliminary Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT / NMSQT), which served as an initial screen 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.



Photo credit Abraham Eaton

Rachel Eaton has been named a semifinalist in the 2013 National Merit Scholarship Program.

The semifinalist and a high school official must also submit a detailed scholarship application, which includes the student’s essay and information about the semifinalist’s participation and leadership in school and community activities.

Eaton is an active member of Gorham High School’s cross-country, tennis, FIRST robotics and math teams. She also participates in Civil Air Patrol. Eaton hopes to major in engineering at the Air Force Academy, eventually becoming an engineer or an intelligence officer in the Air Force. Eaton is the daughter of Jennifer and Gary Eaton.

school notes

Since its inception in 2004, the vegetable gardens at Gorham Middle School have provided hundreds of pounds of fresh produce to the Gorham Ecumenical Food Pantry. Donations were significantly reduced this year as a result of deer eating the crops. The Sebago Team at GMS is selling flower bulbs in hopes to raise enough money to purchase a fence to protect the garden. FMI on how to help, visit www.flowerpowerfundraising.com/campaign?campaign_id=12465

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Forecasting Weather from Great Falls



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Mallory Brooks from News Channel 8 visited Heather Farley's first grade classroom at Great Falls School on September 19. As part of their new program called "Weather at Your School," Brooks forecasted the morning weather from the school. Once the weather segment was finished, Brooks visited with Mrs. Farley's students to share information about being a meteorologist.

H.O.P.E Garden's Flowery Mission



Photo credit Becky Fortier

Members of the Great Falls Green Team hit the town to present sunflowers from their H.O.P.E. (Harvesting Outdoors to Promote Empathy) garden. Pictured are Gorham postal clerks John Smolenski and Joyce Swearingen, and students Will Dipietrantonio, Jacob Zelmanow, Tyler King and Tyler Farris.

Picnicking at Narragansett



Photo credit Eunice Bentley

Narragansett School hosted its first back to school family picnic on September 17. Students, families, staff and friends brought blankets, lawn chairs and a picnic supper for a chance to get reacquainted and welcome in the new school year.

Village Gets a Fresh Look for School

Lori Jo Rich, Village School

On August 29, Village School staff welcomed incoming kindergarten students with an orientation during the day and the annual Village School Open House for all students in the evening. Incoming kindergarteners and their parents were able to tour their new school, meet the Village staff and take a short bus ride in the morning. In the evening, all students and their parents were welcomed for an informal social that included a healthy snack provided by the Gorham School Nutrition program. The following day, Village School swung their doors open wide to begin the 2012-2013 school year.

As students returned to school, they saw some changes and improvements to their school. Displayed on bright, new maroon and white carpets in the lobby were the Village School Code of Conduct words: Compassion, Courage, Responsibility, Respect and Honesty. After the launch of the Village School Spirit Store in 2011-2012, there was enough "profit" from store sales to allow the purchase of these carpets. The store, which is run by students, sold school supplies and other fun items throughout the year. The mission of the store is to provide financial literacy, teamwork and mathematical thinking. The fifth grade students chose to donate to the Gorham Food Pantry this past June and to purchase carpets for the lobby this fall.

There were also exterior changes that students noticed as soon as they got off their bus. The Village School garden by the library was cleaned out



Photo credit Lori Jo Rich

Collin Jones, a freshman at Gorham High School, stands beneath the picnic shelter he built for Village School as part of a service project as an Eagle Scout. Pictured with Jones (center) is Norm Justice (left), director of Facilities and Transportation, and Brian Porter (right), principal at Village School.

and new plants and chairs were added. The area by the parking lot also got a new look as overgrown plantings were removed and new ones were added in this area as well as by the entrance to the school. This beautiful new landscape was the product of the hard work of the Gorham School District's Maintenance Department.

Another addition was a new picnic table shelter for our community playground at Village School. Collin Jones, a freshman at Gorham High School, constructed this as an Eagle Scout Service Project. This yearlong project culminated with the construction of this beautiful structure at the end of this summer.

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Three GHS Teammates Recall Their Glory Days

Jeff Pike

The GHS Class of 1957, consisting of 67 students, turned out many fine athletes. But three in particular developed a special bond that continued through 20 years of service in the Air Force and still burns brightly today.

Robert Paige, who now lives in Colorado, visited Gorham in August to re-unite once again with good friends Bradford Hoyt (now residing in Portland) and Lloyd Egers, who now lives in Gorham in the same house he grew up in near the Buxton town line. All three took time out for a Gorham Times interview to relive their past glories.

Paige, Hoyt and Egers all played varsity baseball and soccer together for four years. Paige also participated on the track team and ran cross country while Egers and Hoyt were four-year standouts on the varsity basketball team that played many barn burners in a packed Robie Gym where the fans were so close they would “pull the hair on the legs of opposing players trying to in-bound the ball,” said Egers during the interview. Egers also found time in his busy schedule to compete in track for four years. He was inducted in the GHS Sports Hall of Fame this past June.

“We and all the high school kids in general just seemed a lot busier back then,” said Paige. “Just about everyone played sports and held down a regular job while going to school. There wasn’t a lot of free time.”

After graduating in June of 1957, all three decided to join the United States Air Force and went to Texas for basic training camp together in November of that year. “I had learned how to make a military bed in the Boys Scouts, so I had a jump on Lloyd and Brad when it came to bed inspection time,” Paige said tongue-in-cheek.

Over the next 20 years, they each spent numerous tours of duty separately, serving the country in various stateside and overseas locations. Today, they are all officially retired after receiving honorable discharges. All three also remain close friends and often get together to talk about their school days, sports and the military.

While in high school, all three shared the glory of playing for the soccer team that finished undefeated and won the medium school Triple C Conference championship all four years of high school. They also reached the conference championship finals one year in baseball.

In addition to playing together



Top Pic.: From left to right in 1957, Bradford Hoyt, Lloyd Egers and Robert Paige.

Bottom Pic.: From left to right in 2012, Bradford Hoyt, Lloyd Egers and Robert Paige.

on high school teams, all three played summer baseball together, and one of their coaches was Dean Evans, a teacher at GHS who went on to serve as the athletic director. Another memorable coach the three found influential was Packy McFarlane, who coached baseball, basketball and soccer.

The three met when Hoyt and Paige went to Kindergarten together, and Egers recalls meeting the other two when his family moved to Gorham as he entered the second grade. “Brad greeted me the very first day and convinced me the teachers wanted the good kids to sit up front,” Egers said. “I soon realized he was up front so they could keep a close eye on him!”

Each year, all three get together anytime that Paige visits the area, which he does on a regular basis with his mother, Ethel Paige (who turns 99 in October!) still living in Gorham. “Our wives and all of us get along very well, so we have done things as a group on regular basis,” Hoyt said.

In closing out the interview, all three pondered the past: “I have lived away from Gorham longer than I lived in town,” Paige reflected. “But there’s something that always draws me back.” Hoyt added, “I come through Gorham often, and it always brings back great memories. Egers then said, “The 50s were a great time, we were lucky to grow during that decade.”

in the Zone

GHS Girls’ Soccer Team Leaders: The Rams were 6-2 at press time and ranked fourth in Western Maine Class A. After starting the season 1-2, the Rams then ripped off five straight wins. **Kali St. Germain** leads the team in scoring with 11 goals, and the team had shut-out opponents four times—three times with **Marissa Roberts** in goal and once with **Renae Staples** minding the net.

Field Hockey Rebounds: After losing the first three games of the season, the Rams stormed back to win their next five and move up to seventh place in the Western Maine Class A rankings. During the team’s 5-1 September 13 win over Portland, **Evelyn Viernes** and **Charlotte Smith** both scored two goals while goalkeeper **Patty Smith** had thus far earned three shutouts.

College Standouts: At press time, Bowdoin freshman **Kiersten Turner** (GHS Class of 2012) was tied for the women’s soccer team lead in goals-scored with two and had earned an assist while playing in three games and helping the Polar Bears start the season with a 4-1 record. USM junior **Annie Mitchell** (GHS Class of 2010), who plays for the USM women’s volleyball team, was third on the team in kills at press time with 54 in the teams’ first 14 matches. She was also third in digs with 914 as the team started the season with a 5-9 record. **Krista Keene** (GHS Class of 2008) also plays for USM and had six kill to help the Huskies to a win over Lyndon State College on September 22. **Alyssa Clark** (GHS Class of 2011), a defender on the Endicott College field hockey team, scored a goal from her defender position as the team defeated the University of Maine-Farmington, 5-2, on September 9. At press time, Clark had helped the team start the season with a 4-2 record.

Softball Award Winners



Photos credit Julie Murray

Jenkins Award Winners: Gorham Babe Ruth Softball presented seven players with the John Jenkins Award, which is given to a 12-year-old on each team who has been a role model and demonstrates sportsmanship, love of the game, and willingness to help others on the team. Pictured above, from left to right: **Kiana Tracey, Emily Esposito, Noelle Dibiasi, Molly Murray, Mariah Stout, Carli Labrecque** and **Grace McGouldrick**.



Nicely Award Winners: Pictured above for receiving the Gorham girls’ softball Felger Nicely 10th-Player Award at the awards ceremony for the Babe Ruth and Cal Ripken league, from left to right: **Diana Kolb, Bridget Rossignol, Caroline Smith, Lane Charlton** and **Amalia Ionta**. Missing from picture is **Ashley Meachum**. The award is given players who demonstrate a willingness to learn, play any position, give a hundred and ten percent, and demonstrate sportsmanship.

GHS Teams Tearing Up the Fall Season

Compiled by Jeff Pike

Four GHS fall sports teams started the season hot with one loss or less. At press time, the golf and boys' soccer teams were undefeated with records of 8-0 and 6-0-1 while volleyball and boys' cross country had just one loss each with records of 6-1 and 5-1.

Among the golf team's first six wins were four 13-0 shutouts. Seniors **Mike Caron, Spencer LaPierre, Nathan Roop** and **Andrew Scrontras** anchor the top four match slots, and at press time, Caron led in stroke average (37) while LaPierre had turned in the lowest stroke total of the year at 33. Roop led in match points (16) followed closely by Scrontras (14). "We also have a deep team beyond the first four," said head coach Rick Altham. "We have seven other golfers who have filled the last two slots and are capable of contributing at the varsity level." Looking ahead to the team and individual tournaments in early October, Altham said the key is for each player to maintain concentration and intensity. "It's easy to have a couple bad shots and then have trouble getting your rhythm back," Altham said "We have to make sure we don't let up."

The boys' soccer team, ranked second in Western Maine Class A at press time, returned seven starters from last year's squad but lost two before the season to serious knee injuries—captain **Mike Lubelczyk** and **Tyler Eldridge**. "Despite the injuries, we have played well in early tests versus Windham and our tie against Scarborough," said head coach Tim King. The Rams outscored opponents 30-4 in the first seven games with **Alex McCarthy** strong in goal and **Kyle Curley, Mike Sullivan, Chris Hardy** and **Doug Beahm** anchoring the defense. Offensively, **Connor Reagan** and **Chandler Regan** had five goals each while **Austin Bell** had scored four. "Looking ahead, we need

to improve on our intensity and consistency," King said. "Despite our record, we have not reached our potential yet."

The volleyball team won its first five matches before losing a tough battle vs. Scarborough September 19 (three sets to two) after the Rams won the first two sets. "That game was within our reach," said head coach Lisa Curley. "A key to our success has been how well the players have supported each other and played as a team. Another key according to Curley is the off-season commitment many players made this past summer. "We had 17 players in summer programs compared to a handful a few years ago," Curley said. "We've learned that summer experience makes a big difference." Team stat leaders at press time included **Lindsay Chapman** with 47 kills; **Kaitlyn Seehusen** with 87 assists, 69 service points, and 22 service aces; **MacKenzie Bowers** with 31 blocks; and **Samantha Robinson** with 59 digs and 64 serves received.

Despite many young runners, boys' cross country is off to a strong start led by sophomore **Ben Foster**, with two top-team finishes and freshman **Jesse Southard**, with one top-team finish at the first three multi-team meets. Juniors **Jeremy Collett** and **Thomas Bradshaw** as well as sophomore **Mitch Rossignol** have also looked strong. "This group has become the front runners for us," said head coach Jason Tanguay. "But there are many new faces too. Freshmen **Sean Pratt** and **Spencer Linscott** are improving and fighting for spots in the regional championships."

Considering the early-season success of these teams as well as the current success of girls' soccer and field hockey (6-2 and 5-3 at press time), this could be an exciting playoff season for GHS!



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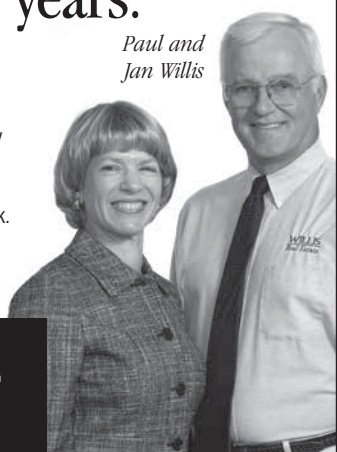
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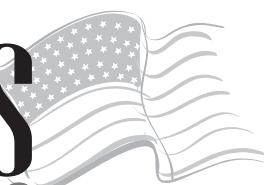


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Birth Announcements

Amanda Bradstreet Bachelder, daughter of Mary and Steve Bradstreet of Gorham, gave birth to a 10 lb. 4 oz. baby boy, **Lincoln David Bachelder**, on August 27. Amanda and her husband Kevin, who were married on June 26, 2011, reside in Cumberland.

Of Interest

The Southern Maine Agency on Aging will hold office hours every Thursday from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at St. Anne's Catholic Church in Gorham to help seniors with questions regarding Medicare benefits, prescription drug programs, property tax and rent rebates and more. FMI, call SMAA at 396-6500.

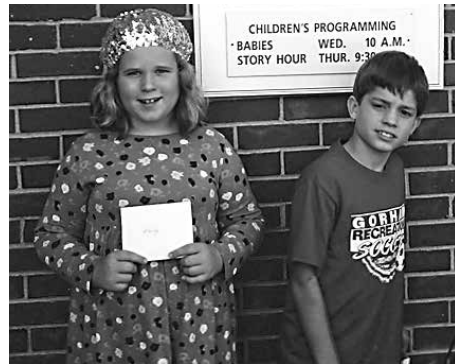
The Lakes Region Senior Center, 40 Acorn St., Gorham, offers a variety of daily activities and drop-in classes for seniors. Stop in for morning coffee or play pickleball, poker, bingo or cribbage. Join in on exercise, watch a movie or learn to knit. FMI, 893-9088.

Cressey Road United Methodist Church will host a **Bean Supper** to benefit a mission trip to Guatemala, on Saturday, Sept. 29 at 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. There will be a Silent Auction and Guatemalan items for sale. Tickets \$8. FMI, 839-4383.

The Nimble Thimbles chapter of the Pine Tree Quilt is sponsoring "A Medley of

Color" Quilt Show on Saturday, Oct. 13 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at First Parish Congregational Church, 1 Church Street. Admission is \$5 (children under 12 free). There will be a large display of members' quilts as well as vendors, quilter's walk raffles, a craft table and light refreshments. FMI, Linda, 688-2262.

North Gorham Public Library recently announced the winners of its summer chapter book challenge. **Emily Wilcox** and **Evan Verrill** each read eight books over the summer and won a gift certificate to Longfellow Books.



There will be a **FREE public Thanksgiving Dinner** at noon on November 22 at Mr. Bagel for those who would otherwise be alone or unable to fix a meal. Wheelchair accessible rides and delivery within 10 miles are available upon request. Reservations preferred (especially if you need a ride) but no one will be turned away. FMI, Roxanne Moody at 839-4516. Be prepared to leave a message.

Amanda Pastore (GHS '03) has joined in partnership with **Lisa Allen** to establish Eventfull



Planning. Together they will cater to the Southern Maine area organizing events for every occasion. Eventfull planning works in collaboration with Party Time Rentals. They are also hoping to access local Gorham locations and vendors as much as possible.

The Friends of Baxter Memorial Library will sponsor a **blood drive** in honor of Library Director Pam Turner at Gorham Recreation Dept. on October 5 from 1 to 6 p.m. To register, please call 800-GIVE-LIFE. Registration encouraged and ID is required.

Friends of Baxter Memorial Library will hold its **annual Book Sale** at the Gorham Recreation Dept. Preview night is Thursday, October 4 from 5 to 7 p.m. Members - Free! Not a member, no problem; join at the door or pay \$5 for a guest pass. Public Book Sale is Friday, October 5 from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday, October 6 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

O'Donal's Nursery will offer **free Sunday Fall Workshops** on September 30 (Fall Bulbs) and October 7 (Growing & Pruning the Small Home Orchard) from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Sign up or FMI, 839-4262.

Rebecca Harris, a senior account manager with Clark Insurance, has been **elected to the board of directors of the Biddeford-Saco Chamber of Commerce**. Harris, a resident of Gorham, chairs the chamber's Ambassador Committee and also is active with PIE in Gorham.



The Gorham Social Tennis Group began their 26th season of tennis.

Pictured, front row (L to R) are: **Donna Allen, Sue Dermond, Fran Gleason, Jan Willis**. Back row: **Paul Allen, John Tewhey, Al Hardy, Paul Willis, Carol Hardy, Jeff Sanborn, Linda Sanborn, Phil Coleman**. Missing from photo are **Jane and Maynard Charron, Pete Gleason, Judy Coleman**.



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Close to Home

Presumpscot Regional Land Trust will hold their **annual meeting** at Alford Hall Auditorium at St. Joseph's College on Tuesday, Oct. 2 from 7 to 9 p.m. The program includes a meet & greet, PRLT highlights, election of new board members, and a presentation about land conservation in river basins in Africa and conserving the Presumpscot River Watershed. Free and open to the public. RSVP at prlandtrust@yahoo.com or 839-4633.

Andrew Wojtal (GHS '07) performed September 6 at the MTV Video Music Awards. Wojtal, took dance lessons and trained at the Dance Studio of Maine, then went on to receive his Bachelor's Degree from The California Institute of the Arts where he majored in Performance and Choreography. He was recently awarded the Dance Fellowship from the Princess Grace Foundation and is a Company Member of Body Traffic in Los Angeles. Wojtal currently resides in California. He is the son of Ann Withington and Michael Wojtal of Gorham.

USM Notes

USM Women and Gender Studies program is hosting "U.S. Senate Candidates' Forum on Issues Affecting Women and Girls" on Thursday, Oct. 4 at USM Portland, Hannaford Lecture Hall, Abromson Center, 88 Bedford St. Reception begins at 6 p.m., forum begins at 7 p.m. Free, open to public.

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New Time For Energy Fair

Christine Kimball

The Energy Fair sponsored by the Gorham Ecumenical Council will be held at Cressey Road United Methodist Church on Saturday, October 20 from 9 a.m. to noon. Vendors will participate to show the public how to best save energy while saving money and being safe.

The video "An Inconvenient Truth" will be shown, which explains and warns about the effects of global warming. If you have not seen this, you owe it to yourself to come. If you have seen it, you might want to view it again to see how the predictions of global warming are coming true, and why we need to

be conscious of saving energy.

If you are interested in having your company or agency participate, it is not too late, but the time is drawing near. Contact Chris Kimball, 892-9437 or ckimball2@maine.rr.com, or Judith Garland, 839-6986 or jag1965jfg@aol.com. Those who will demonstrate their products or services will be provided with a free lunch.

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Cressey Road caller reported that they got home and found a male subject sitting in their driveway texting.

Murray Drive caller requested to speak with an officer regarding a dog owner who allows the dog to go into caller's yard and use it as a bathroom.

Douglas Street caller requested to speak with an officer regarding an individual whom they found to be intimidating.

School Street caller reported loud noise outside that sounded like a large number of leaf blowers.

Narragansett Street caller reported they towed a vehicle that had drug paraphernalia in it.

Caller reported suspicious activity at the bank. Subject was doing bank business.

Solomon Drive caller reported that several items were missing from their home and believed taken by an unknown subject.

Green Trees Drive caller reported that their teenager had been missing for

about a week and thought they knew where they were.

Caller reported they had arranged a time to pick up a television from the person who took it and that person was giving them the runaround.

Newton Drive caller reported that a vehicle was sitting at the end of caller's driveway looking at the equipment in the driveway.

Solomon Drive caller reported an unknown subject walking around a neighbor's house. Subjects were trying to deliver firewood.

Two callers reported their cell phones stolen while at Shaw Park.

Brackett Road caller reported that when they were leaving the parking lot, a male subject was dumping trash into the back of caller's truck. Man then placed a cart behind the truck to block caller in. Man was yelling at caller claiming that caller had scratched man's vehicle.

Fort Hill Road caller reported that they believed that a known subject had been pouring kerosene on caller's lawn.

Ossipee Trail caller requested to speak to an officer as they found a camera in the woods that was pointing to their house.

Caller reported a disturbance involving two male subjects.

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- Bean Supper, Cressey Road United Methodist Church, Silent Auction, and Guatemalan items for sale. 5 & 6 p.m. FMI, 839-4383.
- Car wash to benefit Project Graduation. 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Crockett Furniture, 673 Main St.

TUESDAY, OCT. 2

- Pre-School Story Time, ages 3-5 years, 9:30 a.m., Baxter Library. FMI, 839-5031.
- Gorham Cancer Prayer and Support Group, 6 p.m., Cressey Road United Methodist Church. FMI, 839-311.
- Presumpscot Regional Land Trust annual meeting, 7-9 p.m., Alford Hall Auditorium, St. Joseph's College. Free and open to public. RSVP: prlandtrust@yahoo.com or 839-4633.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 3

- 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. Everyone welcome. FMI, 839-4857.
- Toddlers in the Library, for children under 3 yrs., 10-10:30 a.m., No. Gorham Public Library, 2 Standish Neck Rd. FMI, 892-2575.
- Scrapbooking event to benefit Project Graduation, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., St. Anne's Catholic Church. \$30, includes breakfast and lunch.

THURSDAY, OCT. 4

- Baby and Me, baby story time for ages birth to 18 mos., Baxter Library, 9:30 a.m. FMI, 839-5031.
- Toddler Time, story time for ages 18-36 mos., Baxter Library, 10 a.m. FMI, 839-5031.
- Gorham Food Pantry, 9-11 a.m., located in St. Anne's Catholic Church parking lot.
- Harvest Dinner, 5:30-7 p.m., Westbrook Eagles, 89 Saco Street, \$10. Proceeds benefit many different charities.
- Friends of Baxter Memorial Library Book Sale Preview night, Gorham Recreation Dept., 5-7 p.m.

FRIDAY, OCT. 5

- Friends of Baxter Memorial Library Blood Drive, Gorham Recreation Dept., 1-6 p.m. To register, please call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE.
- Friends of Baxter Memorial Library Public Book Sale, Gorham Recreation Dept., 9 a.m.-7 p.m. and Saturday, October 6 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
- Gorham/Westbrook TRIAD meeting, 9-10 a.m. at the Gorham Municipal Building.

SATURDAY, OCT. 6

- Gorham Farmer's Market, 8 a.m.-12 p.m. (next door to Baxter Library).
- The Gorham Clothes Closet, 40 Acorn St., Gorham, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. FMI, 839-3104 or rhondasawyer@maine.rr.com
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- Public Supper, West Gorham Union Church, 5-6 p.m. \$7/\$3 under 12, FMI 839-4208.
- Bean Supper, White Rock Community Club, Wilson Rd. off Rte 237 in Gorham, 4:30-6:00 p.m., \$7/\$3 children, FMI 892-4395.

TUESDAY, OCT. 9

- Pre-School Story Time, ages 3-5 years, 9:30 a.m., Baxter Library. FMI, 839-5031.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 10

- Prayer Shawl Knitting Group, 1-2:30 p.m., St. Anne's Catholic Church. All are welcome. FMI, 839-4857.
- Toddlers in the Library, for children under 3 yrs., 10-10:30 a.m., No. Gorham Public Library, 2 Standish Neck Rd. FMI, 892-2575.
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THURSDAY, OCT. 11

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- Toddler Time, story time for ages 18-36 mos., Baxter Library, 10 a.m. FMI, 839-5031.
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Activities listed above are located at:
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