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Discount Prescription Program Available Now

Gorham Times Staff

The new discount prescription program, Gorham Pharmacy Saver Card, is now available to all Gorham residents. The Pharmacy Saver card is a free discount card that allows card carriers to save up to 75 percent off their prescriptions and medications at participating pharmacies. The card is available to all Gorham residents at no charge with no sign up or annual fees. It will provide an estimated average savings of 23 percent on all prescription medications at over 58,000 pharmacies nationwide including CVS, Walgreens, Costco, Walmart, Target and local Gorham pharmacies like Community Pharmacy, Hannaford Pharmacy and Rite-Aid.

Card carriers present their card at any participating pharmacy and ask the pharmacists what discount they will receive on their specific prescription.

Visit any department in the Municipal Center to pick up a free Discount Pharmacy Card or print one at www.mypharmacysaver.com.



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Gorham residents decorate for the fall season with mums, pumpkins, gourds, hay and corn stalks - often supplied from local farmers and nurseries.

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Three Men Arrested for Sexual Abuse of Minors

Sheri Faber

In unrelated cases, the Gorham Police Department arrested three men for sexually abusing children. These investigations are ongoing and Det. Sgt. Dana Thompson believes there are more victims who may come forward. Two of the cases involved children under 12 and one a child under 14.



Photo courtesy of Cumberland County Sheriff's Office

Michael Emerson

Chief Rod Beaulieu of the Frye Island Police Department and Det. Sgt. Thompson arrested 48-year-old Michael Emerson who is married and lives on Dow Road in Gorham and also has a home on Middle Beach Road on Frye Island. Emerson has recently been staying at an apartment at 175 Ossipee Trail. Emerson works as a self-employed computer programmer. He has been charged with three counts of unlawful sexual contact with two girls, a Class B felony. His two known victims were both under age 12 at the time of the alleged abuse, which was reported to the Gorham Police Department after the parents of one of the victims contacted the Department of Health and Human Services who notified police. Most of the incidents appear to have taken place on Frye Island and police have obtained search warrants for all three residences. At least one additional victim has come forward since Emerson was first arrested. Emerson served as a volunteer with children in the area and police believe there may be additional victims who may now come forward. Emerson's bail was initially set at \$50,000 and he posted \$10,000 in cash. Bail conditions include no contact with children under 18 and he must obtain a Maine Pre-Trial contract within five days of his release on bail. Maine Pre-Trial Services functions as a pre-conviction probation in which defendants are supervised so that they can be released into the community instead of remaining in jail awaiting trial.

On October 2, Michael Emerson was again arrested on a warrant charging him with one count of gross sexual abuse and one count of unlawful sexual conduct. The victim was a male who was under age 12 at the time of the incident. The parents of this juvenile had seen news reports of Emerson's arrest and recognized him as someone who might have had contact with their son. They discussed with

their son whether there had been any inappropriate contact and called the police after learning that Emerson had abused their child. Emerson is now being held without bail. Anyone who suspects that their child may have had contact with Emerson should contact Frye Island Police at 893-2810 or Gorham Police Department at 222-1660.

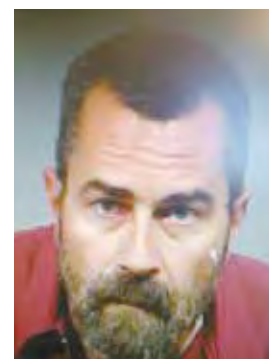


Photo courtesy of the Gorham Police Department

David Dougherty

David Dougherty, 45, of Scarborough turned himself in to Gorham Police Department on September 24. This case involved a male victim who was 10 at the time of the alleged sexual contacts that took place in 2002. The victim met Dougherty at Wassamki Springs Campground. The now adult victim, who lives out of state, reported Dougherty in April. Police have been investigating the case since then and have now charged Dougherty with unlawful sexual contact, a Class C felony. Dougherty posted \$2,500 cash bail and was released with conditions that prohibit any contact with the victim, and permit random searches and tests for sexually explicit materials without probable cause. Dougherty is to be arraigned on November 14.



Photo courtesy of Cumberland County Sheriff's Office

Michael Newton

Michael Newton, 47, of Ash Drive in Gorham was charged with four counts of gross sexual assault and was arrested at his home by Det. Lawrence Maxfield-Fearon and Det. Sgt. Dana Thompson. The female victim was less than 14 years old at the time of the alleged abuse, which occurred many times during the summer of 2012. In this case a report was made by a counseling service to the Department of Health and Human Services who notified the police. The police are continuing their investigation and may bring additional charges at a later date. Newton remains in the Cumberland County Jail.

Sgt. Thompson asks anyone with information about any of these cases to contact to call the Gorham Police Department at 222-1660.

GEDC to Hold Meeting about Village Parking Concerns

Gorham Times Staff

The Gorham Economic Development Corporation and the Gorham Planning Department will hold a public hearing on Thursday, October 25 from 4 to 6 p.m. in the Town Council chambers at the Municipal Center. The meeting will discuss parking in the Village and

whether it makes sense to tear down the town's recently purchased building at 21 Main Street with the intent of using the site to provide additional parking. Community members have spoken out against this plan as the perceived need for parking is on School Street and State Street.

The Power of Maine People

Rep Linda Sanborn

On September 21, I had the privilege to attend the 34th Annual Meeting of the Maine Development Foundation (MDF), a non-profit organization whose mission is to support sustainable, long-term economic growth for Maine. "MDF is a catalyst that moves ideas into action. We empower leaders, strengthen communities, and guide public policy."

In the past, I have written about the legislative bus tours where I have been introduced to business leaders around the state and have seen how policy decisions and public investments in transportation, education and other public systems drive economic development. This "Policy Leaders Academy" is just one component of the MDF program.

The MDF has also worked jointly with the Maine Chamber of Commerce to research and develop three comprehensive action plans for improving productivity, growing the economy and providing higher quality of life for all Maine people. The original publication, "Making Maine Work: Critical Investments for the Maine Economy" was followed by two more editions, "The Role of Maine's Public University System" and "Investment in Young Children = Real Economic Development". I highly recommend reading these booklets to understand

what drives our economy and what holds it back.

Now MDF has launched a new campaign focused on increasing the education, skills and work-training of Maine's non-traditional aged students and working adults. Partner organizations include a dozen higher education institutions, the Finance Authority of Maine, Maine Adult Education, and the Maine State Library, as well as supportive employers such as Wright Express, Bangor Savings Bank, and Cianbro. MDF, working with these organizations, will work to help improve our workforce by maximizing the skills and knowledge of these workers to meet the needs of the current and future economy.

At MDF's annual meeting Michael Dubyak, CEO of Wright Express, was given the Champion Award for Education, Training and Leadership Development. Mike is currently the chairman of Educate Maine, a business-led organization whose mission is to champion college and career readiness and increased educational attainment. He has encouraged more Maine students to get interested in and pursue educational opportunities in science, technology, engineering and math.

Educate Maine is also making investments in high-quality early childcare and education. This is an issue I have

become passionate about as the way to prepare Maine kids to excel and succeed in society, as well as a way to save many state dollars spent on remedial education, treatment of substance abuse and chronic illness, on corrections and on lost productivity. As stated in "Making Maine Work", "Investment in early childhood is real economic development. It is not just a social and moral imperative, it is an economic imperative."

These awards just touch on some of the exciting and laudable work being done in Maine. They showcase the need for and success of collaborations between business leaders, our technical schools and university system, research and development dollars, and policy makers. MDF's Annual Meeting, titled "The Power of Maine People" and the Foundation's body of work is uplifting, positive and I believe, shows us the way forward.



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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,

For several months this summer, I have had the privilege of driving Andrew McLean while he went door-to-door meeting Gorham voters. Andrew is running to represent the people in District 129 in our state legislature. As a result of these drives, I have come to appreciate the economic diversity we have in Gorham. I have also been impressed with how eager Andrew is to meet each and every voter in this diverse district.

During our drives together, he practically leaps out of the car and up to the door of each and every house on our list. His opening line at each door is "Hi, I'm Andrew McLean, and I'm running to represent Gorham in the State House in Augusta. I'm going door to door to meet the voters and I'm wondering what concerns you have about our state government." He always starts with a question. Not, "Here's what I think we should do," but "What are YOUR concerns?" Then he stands there, sometimes for 10 or 15 minutes, listening to the voter. Many end by saying things like "Thanks for stopping by; this is the first time any candidate has asked me what I think." At the end of these conversations, Andrew asks for their support in November, and many say he can count on them.

These voters are making a wise decision, because what we really need in

our district is someone who reaches out to all the families in Gorham, listens intently to what they have to say, and represents their concerns in Augusta. Andrew McLean will be that person.

Harold McWilliams

Dear Gorham Times,

As one who grew up in Gorham, I am pleased to support Jim Boyle for the State Senate. While it's too bad Phil Bartlett could not run again, I really think Jim Boyle is the right person to replace him.

Jim's not a politician. He's never run for office before. Because of that, I believe Jim will try even harder to work across the aisle and get things done in Augusta.

We talk a lot about how valuable small businesses are in Maine. Jim Boyle actually runs a small business. He knows what it takes to make it in Maine—how to deal with regulatory agencies, pay taxes, meet payroll and try to make a profit in this business climate. He believes in creating more career opportunities for our young people, allowing them to stay in Maine and raise their families here.

It would be great to have someone in the state senate who actually knows how to create jobs. Jim Boyle will be a terrific State Senator for Gorham, Westbrook and Scarborough!

Janet T. Mills, Farmington, ME

Dear Gorham Times,

I am writing to express my personal appreciation for my state representative, Jane Knapp. I first met Jane three years ago when my wife, son and I moved to Gorham. My wife grew up near Gorham and we were moving "home" after my son won a long battle with a life threatening disease. We decided to purchase a home in Gorham primarily because of the good reputation of Gorham schools. Jane immediately welcomed us to Gorham and we were comforted by how caring and concerned she was for our family situation. I have since learned that Jane's heartfelt ability to care for others is genuine and a way of life for her.

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around town

Artistry in Flowers, located at 2 School Street, has closed.

Gorham House is undergoing a renovation and expansion to increase the number of private rooms and to expand parking. They are also including a new rehabilitation gym into the program, which, they say, "will further benefit both the residents of Gorham House and that of the community."

The Energy Resource Fair planned by the Gorham Ecumenical Council for Saturday, October 20 has been cancelled due to lack of responses by local area businesses and County/State Agencies.

Fire Truck Referendum

Sheri Faber

Most fire trucks have a useful life span of 20-25 years. In June, voters authorized a new fire truck to replace one that was 30 years old and no longer on the road. This November, voters are being asked to authorize an amount not to exceed \$450,000 for the purchase of a second truck to replace one that is almost 27 years old and no longer on the road for safety reasons as there is too much rust on the body of the truck. New England Fire Apparatus and a military rebuilder evaluated both trucks and determined that based on the age and condition of the trucks, they could not be productively rebuilt. Additionally, with vehicles this old, the availability of replacement parts can be problematic. While there are pre-made fire trucks known as "demo trucks" that may be less expensive, they are generally used

by much smaller communities. The town has been searching for demo trucks to meet their needs but most of these trucks would not work for Gorham. Much of the town is not on public water and Gorham fire trucks need to carry large water tanks in order to effectively fight fires in areas without public water.

Chief Lefebvre points out that while the trucks are very costly, they last more than 20 years as compared to other town vehicles such as public works trucks, which cost about \$180,000 and are usually replaced after 8-10 years. "There's a need throughout the town for fire protection," said Lefebvre, "and it impacts insurance costs for the town and its residents. We are not asking to expand our fleet but for a replacement vehicle to ensure the level of fire protection we have maintained through the years."

Open House at Public Safety Building

Gorham Police and Fire will hold a variety of activities at their open house on October 27 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Public Safety Building on Main Street. Volunteers in Police will do iris scans which are used to identify missing children. There will be a distracted driver demonstration as well as demonstrations of a seatbelt convincer, which simulates a 5 MPH crash and proves how seatbelts can prevent injury. Information will be available about the Gorham Triad for seniors and the Yellow

Dot Program that lets emergency services personnel know that medical and identifying information is in the glove compartment. Gorham Fire Department will have Sparky the Fire Dog, a smoke house, live sprinkler demonstrations every 20 minutes, child safety seat installers and equipment displays. Smokey Bear will be available for photos from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. There will be light refreshments and balloons along with tours of the Public Safety building.

Real Estate Transfers June 2012

Location	Buyer	Seller	Price
64 Gordon Farms Road	Schucker, Jason & Naomi	Caruso, Lawrence & Allison	\$385,000
46 Cumberland Lane	Doane, Paul	Smith, Ann	\$172,000
183 Ichabod Lane Ext.	Sam Strumph Builders, LLC	Gilbert Homes, Inc.	\$75,000
39 Highland Ave.	Gress, Victoria & Marshall, Traca Gress	Pope, Maurice & Shirley	\$139,000
16 Richard Road	Smith, Ann	Wise, William & Roberta	\$268,000
35 North Gorham Road	Stevens, Jessica & Emily	Santoro, David & DonnaLee	\$392,000
97 North Gorham Road	Chipman, Marc & Carissa	Amik Properties	\$188,500
19 Hurricane Road	Pusey, Scott	Jackson, Kelsey & Ryan	\$261,000
220 Sebago Lake Road	Foster, Christopher	Lear, Michelle & Damon	\$195,000
288 County Road	Mattingly, Meredith	Maine Exteriors, LLC	\$137,000
4 K De Lane	Herbert, Reginald	McPherson, Linda	\$19,000
53 Gordon Farms Road	King, Joseph & Tracy	Doane, Paul & Jennifer	\$340,000
29 Jordan Drive	Robinson, Stephanie & Willett, Daniel	Marean, Susan	\$275,000
692 Fort Hill Road	Scott, Brian & Michelle	McVetty, Christopher & Gail	\$170,000
1 Ledge Hill Road	Finley, Maureen	Giroux, Michael & Deborah	\$385,500
39 Edgefield Road	Emrich, Michael	Baptista, Regina & Michael	\$391,000
23 Calisa Lane	Kotsimpulos, Nicholai	Peeples, Bruce	\$239,000
63 County Road	Richards, Scott & Winslow, Daniel	Thompson, Judith	\$165,000

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Writing Contest Winners

Pam Turner, Director, Baxter Memorial Library

Each year the Friends of Baxter Memorial Library host writing contests for students and adults. Our youngest writers in these contests are students in the third, fourth and fifth grades. One winning submission from this creative group is below.

Future issues of The Gorham Times will feature winners from older student and adult categories.

For more information on the Friends of Baxter Memorial Library, the library and our programs, please contact us at 222-1190, on our website at www.baxterlibrary.org, and join us on Facebook (Baxter Memorial Library).

My Life with Chickens

By Hailey Rupp, Village School, Third Grade

Last spring, my family decided to get chicks. When we got chicks, my mom, my brother and I brought them home in a shoebox. We kept them inside the house in a big plastic tote. We bought a special heating lamp to keep the chicks warm. They still had down. My mom put a window screen over the top so our cat Pumpkin couldn't get them. They are New Hampshire Reds. When they are chicks, they were light blonde.

Soon, they grew big enough to move out to a chicken coop. My dad spent about a week to build a homemade one. It turned out that one of the chicks was a rooster! We named him Big Daddy. After a while, we had to get rid of him. He had spikes on the back of his feet and he would chase us around the yard.

When the Reds were a couple of weeks old, we got seven more chicks. They are bantams. We raised the bantams the same as the other chicks. Sadly, one of them died. Her name was Ivory. At eight weeks old, the bantams moved out to the coop too.

As the bantams were growing up,

we came up with some names: one of them is Peggy Sue. She is a black Frizzle. Sassy is also a Frizzle. She is golden. Fanny (a.k.a. Fanny Five Toe or Fatoe) is a Polish bantam. She has five toes on each foot.

Three of the bantams turned out to be roosters - Chip, Nigel and Cali. We didn't know until they started crowing. Chip is an English Game bantam. Nigel is a Polish bantam. Before we found out he was a rooster, his name was Daffodil. He is white with puffy feathers on his head. We got rid of Chip and Nigel because they were getting aggressive. We kept Cali because he was nice.

In the fall, the hens started laying eggs. The bantams lay small, round eggs. The big girls lay regular sized eggs. I collect the eggs, and shut the coop at night. Now we sell the eggs. We use the money to buy chicken food and hay for their coop.

My favorite chicken is Peggy Sue because she is pretty and funny. She is funny when she wants to guard her eggs. She sticks her tail up and makes a sound like "reeee."

The chickens are fun to play with. Also, they are helpful because they lay eggs.

Spring is here again and we are getting six more chicks. I'm excited to hold them in the palm of my hands and watch them grow into hens. Over the past year, the chickens have become part of our family and I look forward to welcoming the new members!



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.

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30 Brackett Road	Brown, Karen & MacDonald, Robert	Williams, Ben & Greenhill, Tracy	\$194,000
66 Cumberland Lane	Carson, Robert & Ann	Heyer, William & Janet	\$155,000
62 Morrill Ave.	Varney, Karen & Thomas	Weimer, Rita	\$155,000
25 Deering Road	Fernandez, Anthony	West, Bonita & Harry	\$192,000
11 Marathon Avenue	Burke, Diana & Scali, Jenine	Lesser, John	\$240,000
8 Wolf River Run	Benoit, Jeffrey	Lockwood Heights, LLC	\$323,500
57 Wagner Farm Road	D.A. Brackett & Co.	Kelly, Peter & John	\$85,000
2 Fox Run Court	Bearce, Clayton & Hilda	Kasprzak Holdings, Inc.	\$244,230
103 Quincy Drive	Duncan, John & Karen	Smith, M.G. & Elizabeth	\$278,500
30 Samantha Drive	Ward, Matthew	Schucker, Jason & Naomi	\$226,000
26 Standish Neck Road	Mulcahy, Nathaniel & Michelle	Strumph, Thomas	\$200,500
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Town Council Candidate Profiles

Name: Sherrie L. Benner (Fontaine)
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Education: B.A., History, USM
Personal: Daughter Elizabeth (Biz) Fontaine. I have been a Gorham resident for over 20 years.



Photo credit Trish Moulton

Employment: Past co-owner of Accounts Receivable Management of Maine, Inc. and proprietor of 2nd fl Thriftiques. Have returned to the field of real estate and am currently associated with Keller Williams Realty.

Political and Community Experience: Served as Community Liaison with USM on several projects relating to university-neighborhood concerns; Director of USM Alumni Association Board of Directors; volunteered through Gorham Schools, specifically the music program; Girl Scout leader for 5 years; past member of the Gorham Women's Club and current Vice-President of the Gorham Garden Club; freelance writer for area newspapers.

What do you see as your major challenge and what do you bring to the table?

As a councilor I will work to balance the wants and needs of the community with the development/growth of the town. To accomplish this, we must embrace strategic and creative economic development, to think outside the box for new ideas. Gorham needs to attract businesses to diversify its tax base, effectively lowering the tax burden of our residents, while continuing to fund and provide quality services. We need to promote the community as a vibrant place to live, work and raise a family as our quality of life and economic development are interdependent objectives. I have had the privilege of meeting with Gorham businesses (family-owned, niche markets and global enterprises), and have heard firsthand their success stories. I support business growth as a means of broadening our tax base and increasing job opportunities while creating a business friendly atmosphere for new and existing businesses. I understand the issues facing businesses having been a Gorham business owner for over 20 years.

Commercial development and appropriate economic growth needs to enhance the uniqueness of our two village areas. The Town is sharing a \$80,000 Community Development Block Grant with Windham to fund improvements in Little Falls. This area has great potential for growth and hopefully the grant will serve as an impetus for commercial building and housing rehabilitation. The Main Street Village faces parking issues and is deemed pedestrian unfriendly. It will take creative measures to address all these issues. Creative thinking is my greatest strength. I welcome the opportunity to serve.

Name: Benjamin E. Hartwell
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Education: B.S., Cornell, Animal Science
Employment: Worked in the past for two different crop management companies in NY and FL. Spent about five years working for a local biotech company involved with antibody production. Currently self-employed running Sebago Lake Ranch producing grass-fed beef and also Ben Fencin' as a livestock and equine fence contractor. I also enlisted in the Army National Guard my senior year at Cornell. I spent about two years active duty, one of which was in Iraq. My last unit was B 3/172nd INF (MTN), which I left as a Sergeant.



Photo credit Zach Kazan

Political and Community Experience: I served on the Cumberland County Cooperative Extension Board; I'm currently vice president of Maine Grass Farmers Network and president of Cumberland County Farm Bureau.

What do you see as your major challenge and what do you bring to the table?

One of the major challenges I think we need to look at is what we will we do if things don't get better. Our national debt has our country heading for a fiscal cliff and the Federal Reserve's QE3 is a last ditch effort that has a very high potential to cause massive inflation. The ripple effects are going to trickle down to our community by drying up grant money, greatly reducing federal dollars that go to the state and state dollars that go to the town. We need to look at how we are going to deal with these likely shortfalls. We are likely going to have to make difficult decisions, some unpopular. We must look at the absolute necessity of everything and what the town is getting in return for their tax dollars.

I also would like to better understand what our community wants this town to be. I feel that in our state of growth we are at a crossroads. Gorham has a tradition of being an agricultural community, however much of the farmland has been swallowed up by wide spread development. As a farmer, nobody better understands the challenges faced by the few of us left in the Gorham agricultural community. If we continue on the same course, farms will continue to sell out one by one until Gorham loses all of its means to produce food. With global and economic uncertainty, I find that to be very dangerous.

Name: Isaac J. Misiuk
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Education: Political Science & Business Major at USM
Personal: 4-year-old son, Landon James Misiuk
Employment: Store Manager, Topsham RadioShack 2008-2010, REALTOR®, Keller Williams Realty 2010-2011, Sales & Leasing Consultant, Arundel Ford 2011, Senate Field Staff, Maine GOP June 2012-September 2012, Maine Field Rep., College Republican National Committee Sept. 2012-Present
Political and Community Experience: See above as well as Chair of the USM College Republicans

What do you see as your major challenge and what do you bring to the table?

Basically I bring the view of the younger generation to the Town Council. I fell in love with Gorham when I moved here in 2009 and I want others to enjoy it as well. The council is currently not working in sync and I hope to change that.

Name: Shonn R. Moulton
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Personal: Age: 36
Employment: Supermedia; Marketing Manager
Political and Community Experience: November 2006-November 2009 Elected Town Council Member, Gorham Town Council; November 2006-2008 Finance Committee (November 2007-2008 Finance Chairman); November 2006-2009 Economic and Capitol Improvements Committee (November 2008-2009 Ordinance Committee; November 2008-November 2009 Executive Council, Greater Portland Council of Governments



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What do you see as your major challenge and what do you bring to the table?

The major challenge right now in Gorham is Economic Development. We need to look at the town as a business. A business gets business by marketing itself in a positive and enticing manner. There are many other towns/cities that want the same commercial and industrial tax dollars as we do. We need to do a better job in promoting ourselves to the global marketplace. My marketing experience will help get Gorham in the right spotlight, to the right people, which will help to bring economic development. When there is more economic development, we can ease the tax burden on the citizens. At the same time that we are looking to add new business tax dollars to our base, we need to continue to help our current businesses. What businesses need are customers. So not only do we need to market our town to other businesses, we need to market ourselves to potential consumers for our businesses. Why should people come to Gorham to buy their needs and goods? Because we have one of the best towns in Southern Maine. First we need to become active in social media. There are over 950 million people on Facebook alone. We need to create better websites that show all of the great reasons to shop in Gorham, add their business to Gorham, and to move their family here in Gorham. Then we need to bring things to the present and create mobile friendly sites, so people can easily access all of their town needs on the go. Through these ideas and more, we can make Gorham an enticing place to do business, live, create jobs and increase our tax base.

Meet the Candidates

Hosted by the Baxter Memorial Library and Gorham Business Exchange


Baxter Memorial Library and The Gorham Business Exchange will host a Candidates' Evening on Tuesday, October 23 from 5:00-6:30 p.m. at the Baxter Memorial Library. The Candidates' Evening is an informal event giving candidates the opportunity to mingle with voters and discuss their position on the issues.

This is not an occasion for formal speeches but rather a simple meet-and-greet between the candidates and their constituency. Light refreshments will be served. For more information, please call the library at 222-1190 or visit www.baxterlibrary.org

Meet the
CANDIDATES
for Gorham Town Council

Please attend and see your candidates in action.

Tuesday, October 16th at 7pm
Gorham Municipal Center - 75 South Street



Georgia Humphrey, Station Manager | 207.222.1641 | gocat@Gorham.me.us

Votes for Write-In Candidates Will Count

Gorham Times Staff

The Town of Gorham has followed the State election law statute 722-A that required declared write-in candidates to file papers with the Secretary of State's office at least 45 days before the election. However, Town Attorney Bill Dale made a determination that as

long as a person is running for municipal office in a town with a population of over 15,000 and does "not engage in any formal campaign seeking contributions, making campaign expenditures or incurring financial obligations," votes for a write-in candidate will be counted.

Notes from North Gorham Library

Gorham childcare providers may request a visit from the North Gorham librarian twice a month on Thursday mornings. The 45-minute program of stories and a craft activity is designed for children aged three to six. To be eligible for this free program you must be a Gorham resident, have between four and seven children, and be within approximately five miles of

the library. For more information, call 892-2575 or email the library at libng@north-gorham.lib.me.us.

Children under three-years-old and their caregivers are invited to the library at the corner of Standish Neck Road and North Gorham Road every Wednesday morning at 10 a.m. beginning September 12. The half-hour program includes stories and activities.

Meet the Candidates— Sponsored by the North Gorham Public Library

Candidates for the Gorham Town Council will introduce themselves and answer questions from voters at the North Gorham Fire Station on **Thursday, October 25, from 7 to 8 PM**. Sponsored by the North Gorham Public Library, the short program will be followed by refreshments and an opportunity to talk informally with the candidates. Six candidates, none of them incumbents, are running for two positions on the council.

Road Work

Compiled by Krista Nadeau

If you have not yet had the chance to drive Route 237 lately, you are missing a nice, newly paved road – one of many in Gorham. Below is a list provided by Bob Burns, director of Public Works, of roads that have been or are to be paved.

Water Street, Straw Street, County Road, School Street, Sebago Lake Rd/ Newell Street (Rt. 237), Herrick Road, Mahlon Avenue, Beatrice Drive, Flaggy Meadow Road, New Portland Road

Town Council Candidates

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 4

Name: Edward E. Platts
Address: 22 Maple Ridge Rd.



Photo credit Craig Robinson

Personal: Married 31 years to Gail Ireland Platts (Disclosure: Gail is employed by the Town of Gorham in the Recreation Department as administrative assistant). We have three adult children: Asher, Devin and Alexandra. Asher and Devin are graduates of University of Southern Maine, Alexandra is a senior at Wheaton College in MA. All three children are graduates of Gorham High School.

Employment: Owner of Designer Blinds of Maine LLC for the past 10 years. Previously spent 28 years in the oil pipeline industry, concentration in community relations, maintenance, corrosion mitigation, operations and quality control.

Political and Community Experience: This is my first venture into politics, however I have served as steward, secretary, treasurer and president of two pipeline unions. Have served as a volunteer on National Ski Patrol since 1989 and am the current president of the Down East Ski Club. I have served in various leadership positions for the Boy Scouts of America, and have also volunteered for a variety of recreation department and Gorham school programs and events.

What do you see as your major challenge and what do you bring to the table?

I recognize that at times there is a need to invest in infrastructure and equipment to avoid larger costs down the road. I feel the biggest challenge will be balancing the needs of the town and residents within the constraints of a budget, making sure the residents are delivered needed services and the town maintains its infrastructure with an affordable tax load.

I do NOT see the fact that my wife is the administrative assistant for the recreation department as one of my challenges in serving as a member of the legislative body of the town. Maine Revised Statute Title 30-A requires that I would make full public disclosure and possibly abstain from voting if there is even an appearance of self-interest or conflict.

What I bring to the table is experience in contract negotiation, budgeting, and community relations. I enjoy living in the Town of Gorham. I believe we have a great community, excellent schools and I like the village downtown layout. These are some of the things that attracted me to Gorham, and I am interested in working to preserve them. I am not interested in divisive politics, but interested in serving all the residents of Gorham.

Name: Bruce A. Roullard
Address: 26 School St.



Photo credit Stacy Symbol

Education: B.S., Business Administration, USM 1984; MBA, University of Maine, 1987
Personal: Single, born and raised in Skowhegan and resident of Gorham since 1999. Special interest in historic buildings and Maine History. Enjoy travelling and spending time with family and friends.

Employment: Retail Manager, Bank of America, years and in retail finance industry for 24 years

Political and Community Experience: President of the Portland Lions Club and member since 1994, Immediate Past President of the USM Alumni Association, member of the board of directors and development committee of the Iris Network, committee member of New Year Gorham and co-chair of the silent auction committee, member of the board of the Gorham Times 2006-2009.

What do you see as your major challenge and what do you bring to the table?

Gorham has experienced significant population growth in the past decade, which has prompted the need to encourage and promote economic development. Because we are a college town, I believe we must involve USM in planning for current and future economic development.

The University, its students, staff and faculty are a tremendous resource for Gorham and the business community. If elected, my goal will be to actively engage the Council and USM in discussions related to economic development and growth. As an active USM 20+-year alumnus, I will work to bridge the gap that currently exists between the town and the University.

I bring to the table over two decades of serving on boards of several non-profit organizations, as well as experience in overseeing the renovation and restoration of historic buildings in the village center and managing a small business from within. It is from these experiences that I have come to understand the needs of our town. In addition, we must make it easier for responsible businesses to do business in Gorham. Compliance with expansive building codes often makes it difficult for small and large businesses to start up operations and expand in this municipality. I believe we should examine codes with appropriate reason.

Finally, the decisions and discussions of the Council must be made with clarity and include public input. If elected, I pledge to hold the Town Council accountable; this includes keeping matters of public interest public.

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Jane's empathy comes from her experiences raising a diabetic child, dealing with medical emergencies under pressure and caring for the special needs of numerous children throughout her career as a teacher.

Jane has been committed to Gorham for decades and her long-term commitment has made a real difference for the town, the schools and families like ours. As a former chairperson of the Gorham School Committee, she has a passion for providing children like my son with the best education possible. Her years of work helped strengthen the positive reputation of Gorham schools that was so important to us when we decided to move to Gorham. Her depth of knowledge about Maine and our local community has made her an effective legislator in Augusta at the State level.

Gorham is fortunate to have a representative that is not only an accomplished public representative, but also a caring person who is deeply rooted in the Gorham community. I respectfully encourage you to help re-elect Jane Knapp by voting for her in November so she can do more great things for the State, Gorham and local families.

James Beardsley

Dear Gorham Times,

I strongly support the re-election of Jane Knapp as Gorham's Representative in Augusta. I had the privilege of spending a full day with her during the last session and can tell you that she works tirelessly on our behalf and is widely respected on both sides of the aisle. She is focused on job creation by lessening burdensome regulations; she wants young Mainers' to earn high quality educations and be able to stay here for their entire careers. She is also a strong steward in protecting our environment. What is not to like? Let's send her back to Augusta with our vote on November 6 so that she may continue working hard on the issues about which we are all concerned.

Jim Means

Dear Gorham Times,

It has been an honor to represent the people of Senate District 6 for the past eight years. Thank you for the opportunity to serve.

Now, as we approach the 2012 election, I want to make sure everyone in District 6 knows about Jim Boyle. Jim is a local small business owner with real-world job creation expertise here in Maine.

As a small business owner, and as someone who works side-by-side with his five employees, Jim knows why economic growth matters in Maine, and why education matters, too. His view is that education helps Maine workers obtain better jobs and afford quality health care. And he knows that investing in education is important for Maine's businesses, because a skilled workforce helps all types of businesses grow and thrive.

Jim offers District 6 important expertise in small business development. Every bit as important, he has expertise and experience in building consensus and solving problems pragmatically. These skills are vital for success in Augusta. Jim has 30 years' experience getting things done in Maine. He'll do it as a State Senator, too.

I encourage everyone to vote on November 6. This is an important election. And I encourage everyone to learn more about Jim through his website, www.boyleforsenate.org. Jim is running to work hard in Augusta, not play politics. I have great confidence that he'll serve District 6 well.

*State Senator Phil Bartlett
(D-District 6)*

Dear Gorham Times,

Please do not let us be bullied by corporate McDonalds. It would be great if they came to town. But their proposed restaurant CAN fit in with a Village landscape concept. Witness their facilities in Falmouth and Freeport - setbacks, rear parking, gable roofs and all!

Irwin Novak

TRIAD Presents Check to Martha's Cottage



Photos courtesy of Ted Hatch

Gorham Westbook TRIAD presented a \$500 check to a representative of Martha's Cottage, a transitional home for elder victims of abuse. The exact location of the facility is not made public to protect the residents. Martha's Cottage is one of very few housing options in the country and was named after a woman named Martha who endured decades of abuse from her husband. Martha's Cottage houses three women who are seeking safety from a violent home. The women can stay up to 24 months and are offered support services to transition them to a safe and secure setting. In addition to the check, the Standish Quilters Club donated 35 handmade pillow quilts to the cause. **Pictured above from left to right are: Captain Tom Roth of Westbrook; Ricker Hamilton, director for the Office of Elder Services in Maine; Rick Mooers, director of Adult Protective Services at DHHS; TRIAD Chair David Garthe; Co-Chair Doris Ames and Officer Ted Hatch, Gorham Police Department.**

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TECH CORNER

Remember to Back Up

Rick Lorello

Every tech says it: Please make sure you back up your data. Very few people do. This can be a very costly mistake in terms of lost data and lost time.

While dealing with several new clients recently, it was discovered that they were not running a backup. In fact, one accounting firm had not run a successful backup since the fall of 2011. They had gone through the entire tax season on a server that was more than five years old and without a backup. They changed the tape every day thinking the software was doing its job. They had even come back to the office on several occasions because they had forgotten to change the tape but had never actually looked at the backup application. When the owner looked at the backup report, he said he felt sick to his stomach. Another customer's backup software e-mailed the daily reports to two people in the office. Neither read the e-mails and months went by without a backup.

More often, it is an individual's personal devices that are never backed up. Nobody is really concerned about their data until there is some type of failure, like a virus infection. When there is no recent backup, that can spell disaster.

Fortunately, there are some really easy solutions. An online cloud backup like Carbonite at \$59 a year is an affordable and easy service. Pictures or music can be accessed on the Carbonite website from a computer or from a mobile device. MyPCBackup and Crashplan are good options, too. iCloud for newer Macs allows data to be stored and retrieved. Crashplan and Carbonite will work with Mac or PC. A web search for online backup reviews will bring up several useful articles and links to products.

The other solution is to buy an external drive, available online for about \$60 to \$70. Seagate and Western Digital have software on the device

that will install a backup program on your computer. It can be used if you have multiple PCs in the home. The Seagate software on my laptop examines files that have been added or changed and copies them to the external storage. This technique is called syncing the data and works really well. Seagate and Western Digital have externals for Mac devices, too.

Remember that external drives are most likely in the same location as the computer, so fire, theft, water, etc. would be a concern. Some people tell me they put the external drive in a fire safe, which is a good idea, but keep in mind that those boxes are meant to keep paper from igniting and plastics will melt/distort at a lower temperature.

If you have a small business, do yourself a favor. Contact your IT provider and have them do an assessment of your system. Make sure the backups are running without error. More importantly, several times a year, try recovering a couple of files just to be sure it is working. Also, check that there is enough hard drive space on your server or vital computers. Please make sure that your antivirus programs are up to date and providing some level of protection against data loss.

If you have data on your computer that you really care about, please back it up. If problems arise, it is so much easier to resolve them if you have a backup as a safety net. A good tech wants your system up and running correctly rather than getting a code red call telling him you have a crisis.



Rick Lorello has a degree from Husson University and a Master Degree in Information Systems from Florida Institute of Technology. Before starting T7 Technology, he was the Data Center Manager for TD Insurance. He lives with his family in Gorham.



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New Structure in Guidance Services for GHS Students

Stacy Sallinen

Significant changes have been made in the way the guidance department at Gorham High School (GHS) delivers services to its students.

For years, the traditional guidance counselor at the high school managed a caseload of approximately 300 students and activities in a generalized capacity. Starting this fall, students will receive support from guidance counselors based on their grade and specific need rather than being assigned one counselor for their four years.

The four guidance counselors at the high school are now providing support in the following specialized roles:

The transition specialist, filled by Ryan Watts, splits time between the middle and high school. Serving as a liaison between the two schools, Watts helps eighth grade students transition to GHS and provides additional support throughout their freshman year. Watts also supports activities including the facilitation of four-year planning, eighth grade parent night, and step up day.

Two guidance counselors – Carole Moore and Stephanie Goss – are courses, planning and support specialists. Working with sophomores and juniors,

they facilitate various testing (PSAT, SAT, NWEA, AP, etc), address concerns from parents and students, and support scheduling, academic progress and additional academic opportunities for students.

The post secondary specialist works to support juniors in the spring and seniors to ensure progress towards graduation and to guide them through career and post-secondary opportunities. This role, filled by Kim Bedrosian, supports college visits and college admission night, as well as offers guidance to students after graduation.

The change is a result of district-wide committee that looked at ways for the guidance department to be more effective in helping students to succeed and schools to operate.

“We have very talented and dedicated counselors at GHS, and we think we can offer more effective guidance services by adapting our structure and moving to a ‘specialist’ approach,” GHS Principal Chris Record wrote in a letter to parents. “We are confident this change will lead to better guidance service for our students in the years to come.”

Raising the Flags at Narragansett School

Jordan Blakeslee, Michael Darasz, Josh Labrie, and Cassidy Rioux, Students



Photo credit Nancy Packard

Mr. and Mrs. Small's fourth grade students are responsible for raising and lowering the flags at Narragansett School. Pictured are (front row) **Jordan Blakeslee, Delaney Seed, Cassidy Rioux;** (back row) **Michael Darasz, Gwen Miramontes, Julia Edwards, Josh Labrie, Griffin Loranger.**

At the beginning of our school year, Chuck Bellantoni came in and trained the fourth grade flag raisers from Mr. and Mrs. Small's classes about flag etiquette.

First, we learned the proper way to hold and fold the flag. It has to

be folded in a special way with all of the stars facing up. We also learned that our flag has 50 stars that represent our states, and 13 stripes that represent our original colonies. The flag is raised to half-mast whenever someone important dies. More importantly, we learned that we must respect and handle the flag carefully.

The flag is raised every morning at the beginning of school, and taken down each day before dismissal time. We put up the American flag first and then the State of Maine flag. Our school has two sets of flags – one to use on sunny days and another to use on rainy days.

We enjoy having the responsibility of raising and lowering the flags each day. We alternate this job each week between our classes. We would like to thank Mr. Bellantoni for teaching us about our flag, as well as training us in how best to do this important job.

GHS Senior Named Commended Student in National Merit Scholarship Program

Compiled by Stacy Sallinen

Gorham High School (GHS) is pleased to honor a student for being named a commended student in the 2013 National Merit Scholarship Program (NMSP). A letter of commendation from the school and the NMSP was presented to Patricia Smith, a senior at GHS.

About 34,000 Commended Students throughout the nation are being recognized for their exceptional academic promise. Although they will not continue in the 2013 competition for National Merit Scholarships, Commended Students placed among the top five percent of more than 1.5 million students who entered the 2013 competition by taking the 2011 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT).

“Patricia is an outstanding young

lady. She shines in our classrooms, on our athletic fields, and as a school citizen. We are proud to honor her achievement, and we look forward to her future success,” said Record.



Photo courtesy of Gorham High School

Gorham High School Principal Chris Record presented a letter of commendation to **Patricia Smith**, a Commended Student in the 2013 National Merit Scholarship Program.

school notes

The Gorham Middle School band concert will be held **November 5 at 7 p.m. in the GMS auditorium.** Special guests include the Casco Bay Community Band. Concert is free. Proceeds from the bake sale, 50/50 raffle and ticket sales for an Apple iPad and iPod gift certificate raffle will support the band's efforts to fundraise for their concert trip to Europe next summer.

Gorham Adult Education is offering new classes including kid-friendly cooking classes and personal enrichment classes. **FMI or to register, visit www.gorham.maineadulted.org or call 222-1095.**

The GHS Guidance department will hold an App Party for students to learn how to complete the Common Application, an undergraduate college admission application that applicants use to apply to over 480 member colleges and universities. Students can also learn about the new Naviance system that will enable them to track applications, acceptances, ask for letters of recommendation, and inform future students on how they match up against past students at colleges to which they are applying. Refreshments will be served. **October 11, 2:15-3:30 p.m. and October 17, 5-6:30 p.m.**

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GHS Golf Team Captures State Title—Again

Ryan Baillargeon

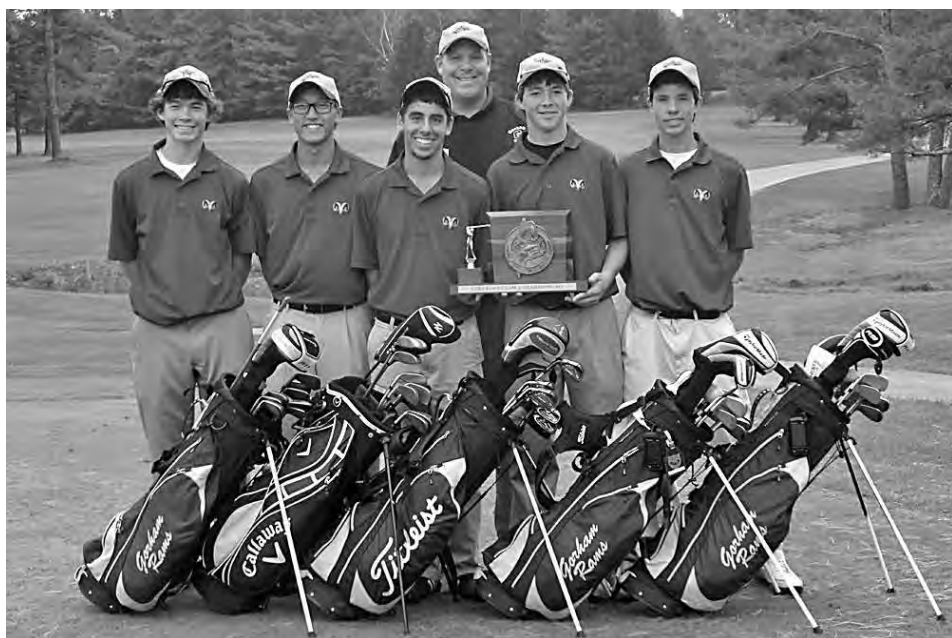


Photo credit Jim Caron

GHS won the Maine State Class A team championship at Natanis Golf Course in Vassalboro, Maine capping off an undefeated season. Pictured from left to right are **Nate Roop**, **Brian Rex**, **Andrew Scontas**, Captain **Mike Caron**, **Spencer Lapierre** and Coach **Rick Altham** (back row).

For the second time in three years, the GHS golf team won the Class A State Championship. Seniors Mike Caron, Spencer LaPierre, Andrew Scontas and Nathan Roop turned in a four-player stroke total of 309 to defeat second-place finisher Greely by five strokes at Natanis Golf Course in Vassalboro. It was a perfect October day for golf at Natanis, around sixty-five degrees and sunny with the wind picking up as the day progressed. Caron, LaPierre and Roop also played for Gorham in the 2010 championship tournament. Brian Rex competed for the Rams as the team's fifth golfer whose score would have factored in if there were a tie with another team.

"It was a true team effort," said Gorham coach Rick Altham. "Nathan Roop shot his lowest career tournament score and Spencer LaPierre had a career best at Natanis. Everyone did their job and that is why Gorham is holding another state trophy. They played three practice rounds throughout the season at Natanis so they were well prepared," said coach Altham.

In this year's title win, Roop led the way with a stroke total of 73 while LaPierre, Caron and Scontas turned in scores of 76, 77 and 83, respectively. The four players also helped the Rams win the SMAA Championship by turning in a team score of 320 during an

October 1 tournament that was also held at Natanis. As the Central Division regular-season champion, Gorham defeated the other division champions, Falmouth and Kennebunk, to win the SMAA title.

It is pretty special to win it with all seniors," said captain Mike Caron. "We knew it was our last chance and that we could definitely pull it off." Caron made a tough triple bogey on his final hole to finish with a 77, but he said, "I knew my teammates would come through with great rounds to put the team in position to win."

During the team's 10-0 undefeated regular season, Roop was the top match-point earner, winning 20 out of 20 possible maximum points, followed by Caron and Scontas with 16 and LaPierre with 13. Caron had the lowest nine-hole average for the season (37.6) while LaPierre turned in the low nine-hole score of the year with a 33. Gorham was considered the favorite to win the championship entering the season because of their strong senior core group of players. They performed well all season and used that momentum and confidence in the championship.

Caron, LaPierre and Scontas have also qualified for the State Individual Championship that will take place at Natanis on October 13—look for coverage in the next Gorham Times.

Rob Williamson Captures State Fishing Championship

Jeff Pike

Gorham's Rob Williamson won the Maine B.A.S.S. Federation Nation State Championship September 8-9 during a fishing tournament that took place on Sebago Lake. He won the title by catching the heaviest combined weight of ten large-mouth or small-mouth bass. The fish he caught weighed a total of 26.86 pounds. By winning the state title, Williamson qualified for the Eastern Divisional Championship that takes place in September 2013 at Sebago Lake.

Williamson, who has lived in Gorham for the past 16 years, has fished for fun since he was very young and currently belongs to the Mainely Bass fishing club. "I began fishing competitively about six years ago after watching a national fishing tournament during a family vacation visit at Disney World," Williamson said. "I thought that I could do well, and my family has been very supportive in the time I've spent fishing since then."

2012 is the first year Williamson won the Maine state title, but he has also finished among the top 12

competitors in Maine four times in recent years. This has qualified him to compete in the Eastern Divisional Championship, so he has vast experience going up against the top fisherman in New England.

"I think the biggest key to winning tournament fishing is finding where the fish are living by knowing their seasonal and day-to-day patterns," Williamson said. He also has a quick pointer for those fishing for fun: "For bait, I recommend using a Senko, which is a rubber worm that looks like a ball-point pen. As it floats, it has a subtle shimmy that attracts fish effectively."

Williamson is now currently preparing for the B.A.S.S. National Tournament that takes place in Alabama October 25-27. He qualified for this tournament by first winning the New Hampshire state title in 2011 and then finishing first among New Hampshire competitors (and fifth overall) at the Eastern Divisional Championship tournament that took place this past September 15-16 in Boston.



Photo courtesy of BASSMASTER

Gorham's **Rob Williamson** shows off two of his biggest fish after winning the **Maine B.A.S.S. Federation Nation State Championship** September 8-9 during a fishing tournament on Sebago Lake. He will compete in the BASSMASTER national tournament October 25-27 in Alabama.

sports Etc.

Zombie Run to Benefit Families of Diabetic Children:



My-FIT-24 in Gorham is sponsoring a Zombie Run at its 17 Railroad Avenue location on October 20. The half-mile Kids Monster Mash starts at 9 a.m. while the 2.5 mile adult run starts at 10 a.m. The course features obstacles, mud, and Zombies! A percentage of the proceeds benefit Maine Parents and Providers of Diabetics (P-PODs),

which provides families of diabetic children with education and support. FMI and to register, visit www.my-fit-24.com. See advertisement on next page.

GHS Volleyball Takes On ALS: The GHS volleyball team recently contributed \$1620 to the fight against Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS)—also known as Lou Gehrig's disease. The team raised funds by holding a car wash and participating in the Maine Games volleyball tournament.

Upcoming GHS Varsity Sports Events

Thursday, October 11

6:00 p.m. Boys' Soccer @ Noble H.S.
6:00 p.m. Girls' Soccer vs. Noble @ GHS

Friday, October 12

4:00 p.m. Girls' Cross Country Multi-Team Meet @ Narragansett School
4:00 p.m. Boys' Cross Country Multi-Team Meet @ Narragansett School
6:00 p.m. Volleyball @ Scarborough H.S.
7:00 p.m. Football vs. Biddeford @ GHS

All games subject to change. For up-to-date schedules of all GHS sports teams, visit www.digitalsports.com

GHS Sports Highlights

Boys' Soccer: The team remained undefeated at press time with an 8-0-2 record and a second-place ranking in Western Maine Class A. The regular season ends October 16 after which the Rams will seek a strong run in the post-season tournament. Brothers **Connor Reagan** (8 goals/5 assists) and **Chandler Reagan** (6 goals/8 assists) led the team in scoring while goalkeeper **Alex McCarthy** had five shutouts. In recent games, **Cody Elliott** scored the only Gorham goal in a 1-1 tie vs. Kennebunk while **Austin Bell** scored the only goal with five minutes remaining in a 1-0 victory over South Portland. Bell also scored both goals in a 2-1 win over Deering while Connor Reagan scored three goals in a 7-0 win over Sanford.

Volleyball: The Rams were 9-2 at press time and ranked fourth in the state-wide Class A division. The team faced a big match vs. top-ranked Biddeford on October 5 and finishes the regular season October 12 in another big match vs. Scarborough. Stat leaders through October 3 included **Lindsay Chapman** with 80 kills and 26 solo blocks; **Kaitlyn Seehusen** with 140 assists and 46 serving aces; and **Samantha Robinson** with 75 digs.

Girls' Soccer: After winning six of its last seven games, the Rams were 7-3 at press time and ranked sixth in Western Maine Class A. The team finishes the regular season October 16 vs. Cheverus, a team the Rams are neck-and-neck with in the regular-season rankings.

Field Hockey: At press time, the field hockey team was 6-6 and ranked seventh in Western Maine Class A with one more game on October 5 before the start of the post-season tournament. **Evelyn Viernes**, **Gabby Martell** and **Darcie Brown** were leading the team in goals-scored with four each while **Charlotte Smith** had scored three goals while handing out five assists. **Jaime Hansen** was also among the team's goal-scoring leaders with three while goalkeeper **Patty Smith** had 102 saves on the season. Martell scored all three goals in wins over South Portland (2-1) and Kennebunk (1-0) to earn Honorable Mention from the Portland Press-Herald in its Player of the Week honor roll. Brown scored both goals in a 2-0 win over Westbrook.

Cross Country: At press time the boys' record was 5-2 while the girls' were running at 2-5. Against Massabesic and Biddeford, **Thomas Bradshaw** was the top Gorham finisher (eighth overall) with a time of 18:37. In the girls' race, **Jackie Turner** was the top Gorham finisher (sixth overall) with a time of 23:31.

Football: The Rams had their highest offensive output of the season during a 48-20 loss to Sanford on September 21. Quarterback **Damon Wallace** completed 10 of 17 passes for 127 yards and two touchdowns. On just five carries, **Nick Greatorex** rushed for 87 yards, including one run of 63 yards. Greatorex also caught a pass for a touchdown as did **Jon Woods**.

GHS Sports Freeze Frames



GHS senior **Kali St. Germain** (right) battles a Portland defender during a 3-1 win on September 15 at Fitzpatrick Stadium.

Good Sportsmanship



Josiah Irish, right, who plays soccer for the Gorham Youth Soccer Association U9 boys' team, demonstrates the ultimate in sportsmanship by lending a hand to **Bronson Damon** of Westbrook during a recent game. With a broken right hand, Bronson needed help tying one of his soccer cleats, and Josiah enthusiastically offered his assistance. Less than a minute after his good deed, Josiah scored a goal!

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Fifth Annual Chili and Chowder Cook-off



The fifth annual Chili and Chowder Cook-Off sponsored by the Gorham Business Exchange will be held on Saturday, October 20 under the tent in My-FIT-24's parking lot. The event will take place from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., immediately following the fitness center's Zombie Obstacle Run. Everyone is welcome.

Sample chili and chowder entries and help choose Gorham Business

Top Chefs. Four awards will be given. Besides popular voting, the entries will also be judged by members of the Gorham Town Council. Who will win this year? Stop by, enjoy the great food and cast your vote!

If you are a member of the Gorham Business Exchange and would like to enter the competition, please call 892-5515 or email dede@gorhambusiness.org.

Project Graduation Planning has Begun

Colleen Plumer

As high school seniors head back to school, parents have already started planning for graduation night. Project graduation is an all night chemical free event that begins shortly after the graduation ceremony. The purpose is to keep the kids safe and entertained while allowing them to celebrate their graduation.

In Gorham the event is traditionally organized and hosted by parents and kept as a surprise for the seniors. Parents and other volunteers, through the Project Graduation Committee, provide all fundraising, entertainment, food, and chaperones. Organizing a party for 200 or more students takes a lot of planning and money. Fundraising has already started and will continue throughout the school year. Fundraisers include:

- Harvest Gold Calendars will be sold in October. The calendars cost \$10 and provide a chance to win a prize of cash or gift cards on each day in November. FMI, Terri Darling at 776-0707.
- Saturday, November 3, all-day Scrapbooking Crop event, St. Anne's Church from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The cost is \$30, which includes breakfast and lunch. There will be thank you gifts for each attendee and raffle prizes. Vendors and consultants will be on hand from Creative Memories, Home Hi-Lights, Pampered Chef,

Avon, Close to my Heart, Tastefully Simple, Stampin'Up! and Scentsy. The church is handicap accessible and there will be people on hand to help carry supplies. FMI or to register contact Kim Ashby 637-2189 / kimbera@hotmail.com. Walk-ins are welcome.

- Wednesday, November 7, Silpada Designs open house hosted by Cheryl Ahearn, Gorham Recreation Department from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. Cheryl will donate 100% of her profits to Project Graduation. This is a great way to pick up holiday gifts and help PG at the same time. To order online or pick up a catalog ahead of time, contact Cheryl at cahearn@maine.rr.com or 892-2407.
- Also in November be on the look out for information on a Harvest Dinner/Ho Down.
- Project Graduation has a CLYNK account and bags are available. Contact Julie McPherson at jmcpherson@maine.rr.com.

There are future plans for more fundraisers and many hands make light work. To volunteer with fundraising or other committees including entertainment, food and decorations, please contact the committee at ghsprojgrad@aol.com. Keep updated by clicking the Project Graduation button of the GHS website.

Sebago to the Sea Trail is Completed

Chris Crawford

What began as a dream in 2007, the creation of a contiguous trail beginning at Sebago Lake and ending at Casco Bay, has now become a reality. The final section of the Sebago to the Sea Trail, from the Maine Turnpike pedestrian underpass in Falmouth to Portland's East End Beach, has been completed. The public is invited to come celebrate this grand accomplishment at a Trail Designation event on Saturday, October 13 at the East End Beach in Portland. There will be a six-mile run or bike ride at 10 a.m. followed by live music by Jerks of Grass at noon and food for purchase by Hella Good Tacos.

The Sebago to the Sea Trail connects six towns: Standish, Windham, Gorham, Westbrook, Portland and Falmouth. It provides opportunities for healthy activities like walking, biking, snowshoeing, skiing, and canoeing/kayaking, all while enjoying the beautiful outdoors along the scenic Presumpscot River. The Sebago to the Sea Trail also promotes land conservation and enhanced watershed protection along the Presumpscot River and provides access to the cultural/historical heritage of the area including the Cumberland and Oxford Canal, the Mountain Division Rail Line and the native Abenaki people.

The trail includes the 10-foot wide bicycle and pedestrian path along the Mountain Division Rail Corridor as well as trails that are part of Portland Trails' 32-mile network. The Standish end of the trail is a beautiful spot on Portland Water District's Sebago Lake Land Reserve.

In the future, the Sebago to the Sea Trail will likely follow the Mountain Division corridor from Route 202 in South Windham to Bridge Street in Westbrook. Currently, while this trail

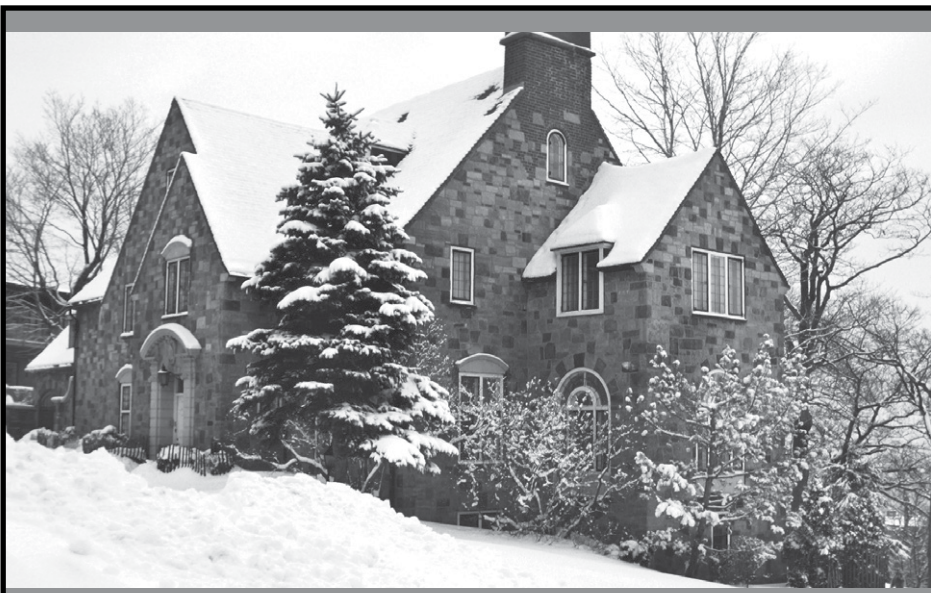
segment is under engineering and then construction, the Sebago to the Sea Trail follows the Presumpscot River via a five mile Sebago to the Sea Trail Paddling Route as an alternative option to get to downtown Westbrook.

From downtown Westbrook, follow the Sebago to the Sea Trail Downtown Westbrook Connector Loop featuring the Westbrook River Walk. Thanks to Portland Trails, the City of Westbrook and the City of Portland's trail network, the remaining eight mile trail segment follows both an on and off-road trail along the Presumpscot River, through Riverton Trolley Park, past the Riverside Recycling Facility and Riverside Golf Course, and on to the Maine Turnpike in Falmouth.

For more information, contact prland-trust@yahoo.com or visit www.sebago-tothesea.org.

The Presumpscot Regional Land Trust (PRLT) facilitates this project which brings together approximately 14 separate organizations that make up the Sebago to the Sea Trail Coalition:

- Bicycle Coalition of Maine
- City of Westbrook
- Cumberland County Healthy Maine Partnerships- Healthy Casco Bay, Healthy Rivers, Healthy Lake and Healthy Portland, and Communities Promoting Health Coalition
- Maine Department of Transportation
- Mountain Division Alliance
- National Park Service, Rivers, Trails & Conservation Assistance Program
- Presumpscot Regional Land Trust (Project Facilitator)
- Presumpscot River Watershed Coalition
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FREE Thanksgiving Dinner on Thursday, Nov. 22 at 12 p.m. at Mr. Bagel in Gorham for folks that would otherwise be alone or unable to fix this meal. Sit down with us (we can pick up in wheelchair assessable van) or we can deliver within ten miles. Reservations preferred! Please call Roxanne Moody at 839-4516. Be prepared to leave a message.

Girl Scouts of Maine will host a Parent Information and Registration Meeting on Monday, Oct. 15, 6:30 p.m. at Great Falls School, Gorham. FMI, girlscoutsofmaine.com.

Celebrate women and celebrate health. Sample Arbonne all natural, plant based products, with free foot soaks and free facials. All proceeds support Citizens for a Green Gorham. Sunday, Oct 21, 6 p.m. at 80 Wescott Road, Gorham. FMI or to register, visit Citizens of a Green Gorham Facebook group.



The Douglass family recently vacationed in Santa Monica, California. Pictured above with an issue of the Gorham Times are: (front) **Jamie, Elizabeth, Emmaline,** (back) **Jeff, Peggy and John Douglass.**

Learn the facts about the proposal to pipe tar sands from Montreal to Portland's harbor on Thursday, Oct. 11, 5:45 p.m. at the Gorham Grind. Hosted by Environment Maine.

In cooperation of the Religious Coalition Against Discrimination and Equality Maine, **First Parish Church will hold a community forum on marriage equality** from the perspective of people of faith including a rabbi, a Methodist Minister and an Episcopal Priest. Discussion includes issues that make marriage equality a difficult subject for people of faith. October 17, 7:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall, First Parish Church. FMI, 839-6751.

Gorham Woman's Club will meet Thursday, Oct. 11, 12:30 p.m. at First Parish Church. This will be a lively get-acquainted Pot Luck Luncheon. Everyone bring a friend! All Gorham-area women are welcome.

Fiddle-icious, Maine's largest fiddle orchestra of traditional Celtic music, will perform on Saturday, Oct. 20 at 7:30 p.m. at the McCormack Performing Arts Center at Gorham High School. Tickets available at the door, \$10.

The 5th Annual Gorham Business Exchange "Chili and Chowder Cook-Off"

will be held on Saturday, Oct. 20, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., under the tent at My-Fit-24, 17 Railroad Ave. This is a free event. Everyone is welcome! For a sign-up competition form write to dede@gorhambusiness.org.

A Halloween Costume Swap will take place on Saturday, Oct. 13 from 12 - 3 p.m. at the Dance Studio of Maine, 6 School St. Drop off a costume before or on the day of the event to get a free ticket to pick out a costume. FMI, 839-6161.

More than 40 dancers, including Gorham's own **Charlotte Feinberg,** will take the stage in **Maine State Ballet's presentation of "Can-Can Parisien"** Oct. 6 - 13 at 348 U.S. Route 1, Falmouth. \$20/\$15/discounts for seniors and children under 12. FMI, 781-3587 or mainestateballet.org.

Free Fall Workshops at O'Donal's Nursery. Growing Fruit Trees with Barbara Murphy on Sunday, Oct. 14 from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. and Landscape Design with Jeff Tarling, Portland's City Arborist, Sunday, Oct. 21 from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. FMI, 839-4262.

The Nimble Thimbles Chapter of the Pine Tree Quilt will sponsor "A Medley of Color" Quilt Show on Saturday, Oct 13 from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. at First Parish Church. Admission \$5/under 12 free. FMI, 688-2262.

The Southern Maine Agency on Aging will hold office hours every Thursday from 9 a.m. - 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.

Harvest Supper to benefit Heifer International, First Parish Church, October 19, 6 p.m. \$6.00 adults/\$3.00 children. FMI, Cherry Finck 730-2525

Close to Home

There will be a free community information meeting - Food Addicts in Recovery Anonymous, a 12-Step Program for individuals suffering from food obsession, overeating, under-eating and bulimia, on Thursday, Oct. 18 from 6:30 - 8 p.m. at the Larrabee Village, 30 Liza Harmon Dr., Westbrook. No dues, fees or weigh-ins. Everyone welcome. FMI, 839- 7302 or foodaddicts.com.

Celebrate the completion of the 28-mile Sebago to the Sea Trail on Saturday, Oct. 13, 12 p.m. beginning at East End Beach in Portland. 8-mile run at 9 a.m. and 2-hour bike ride at 10 a.m. FMI, prlandtrust@yahoo.com.

Saint Joseph's College of Maine will host a Fall Open House for prospective high school students and their families on Saturday, Oct. 27, from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., at its campus on Sebago Lake in southern Maine. In addition, a Nursing Focus Day will be held Friday, Nov. 2, from 10:00 a.m. to 2 p.m., and a Student-Athlete Day will be held Saturday, Nov. 10, from 10:00 a.m. to 3 p.m. FMI or to register, please call 800-338-7057.

Roast Turkey Supper at the Highland Lake Grange, 9 Hardy Road, Westbrook on Saturday, Oct. 20 from 4:45 - 6 p.m. \$8/\$4. FMI, 854-2379.

Thursday Community Meals, Westbrook-Warren Congregational Church, 810 Main St, Westbrook. Every Thursday ongoing through May 23, 2013, noon, suggested donation \$5.

Craft Fair, Saturday, Oct. 20, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Westbrook Eagles, 89 Saco St., Westbrook.

USM Notes



The USM Office of Undergraduate Admission will host an Open House for prospective students and their families on Sunday, Oct. 21 from 12:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Costello Sports Complex on the Gorham campus. Register online at usm.maine.edu/admit/campus-tours-and-events or call 780-5670.

Saturday Information Sessions and USM Campus Tours in Gorham will be held from 10 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. on Oct. 13 & 27, Nov. 3, 10 & 17 at Bailey Hall, Gorham. FMI, visit usm.maine.edu/admit/campus-tours-and-events or call 780-5670.

Friday Campus Visit Days are Nov. 2 & 16 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. beginning in the Alumni Reception Center, Ice arena on the Gorham campus. Lunch provided in the Brooks Dining Center. Register on line at usm.maine.edu/admit/campus-tours-and-events or call 780-5670.

USM Theatre presents the comedy "You Can't Take it With You" from Oct. 12-21 at Russell Hall, USM Gorham campus. \$15/\$11/\$8. FMI, usm.maine.edu/theatre or 780-5151.

USM School of Music presents Laura Kargul on piano playing the Great Romantic Classics, Friday, Oct. 19 at 8 p.m. Corthell Concert Hall, Gorham campus. \$15/\$10/\$5.

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Virginia Wilder Cross, chair,
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"We are excited about this year's auction as we have some extraordi-

nary items for sale," said Alice Grover, co-chair of this year's sale. "Among the items are gift certificates from many local businesses, valuable antiques, beauty products, jewelry, Bruins tickets, fudge, pottery, new books, and much, much more. We are also raffling a beautiful handmade quilt!"

Bruce Roullard, also co-chair, added: "The event is free of admission and we will serve some great food and provide live entertainment while you browse and bid on the items for sale. We are always pleased to present this event in our building [Odd Fellows Building] and we hope folks who have come in

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Anonymous caller reported a bike was parked in the handicapped spot at the Post Office.

Officer observed a vehicle with no plate on Gray Road. Summonses were issued for no inspection and no insurance. Both male subjects were extremely argumentative and claimed Gorham Police Department was harassing them.

Gray Road caller stated that there was a male taking pictures of the caller's license plate on property that the caller is in the process of buying. The male stated he was a HUD inspector, but the caller requested an officer to respond.

Caller from Fort Hill Road and Wolf Run Drive reported an odd smell at the natural gas pipeline. Smell was coming from a deceased deer.

School Street caller stated he reported his vehicle stolen the previous Friday, but later found out that his friend took it. He then cancelled the theft report. Now

he says that his friend cannot locate the vehicle and caller would like a phone call as to what he should do.

Caller reported a child had gotten their foot stuck in the shopping cart. While on the phone with caller, the child was able to free their foot.

New Portland Road caller reported that a skunk was stuck in a bulkhead and caller couldn't get it out.

North Gorham Road caller requested help getting her 13-year-old daughter who is possibly intoxicated and her friend from a residence.

Brookwood Drive caller requested to speak with an officer regarding items that were taken from his home at some point last week. He wanted a phone call from an officer to "clear the air."

Queen Street caller requested to speak with an officer to report a theft of diamond rings that happened months ago.

A Portland man, a Massachusetts woman and a Daniel St. woman were arrested for OUI.

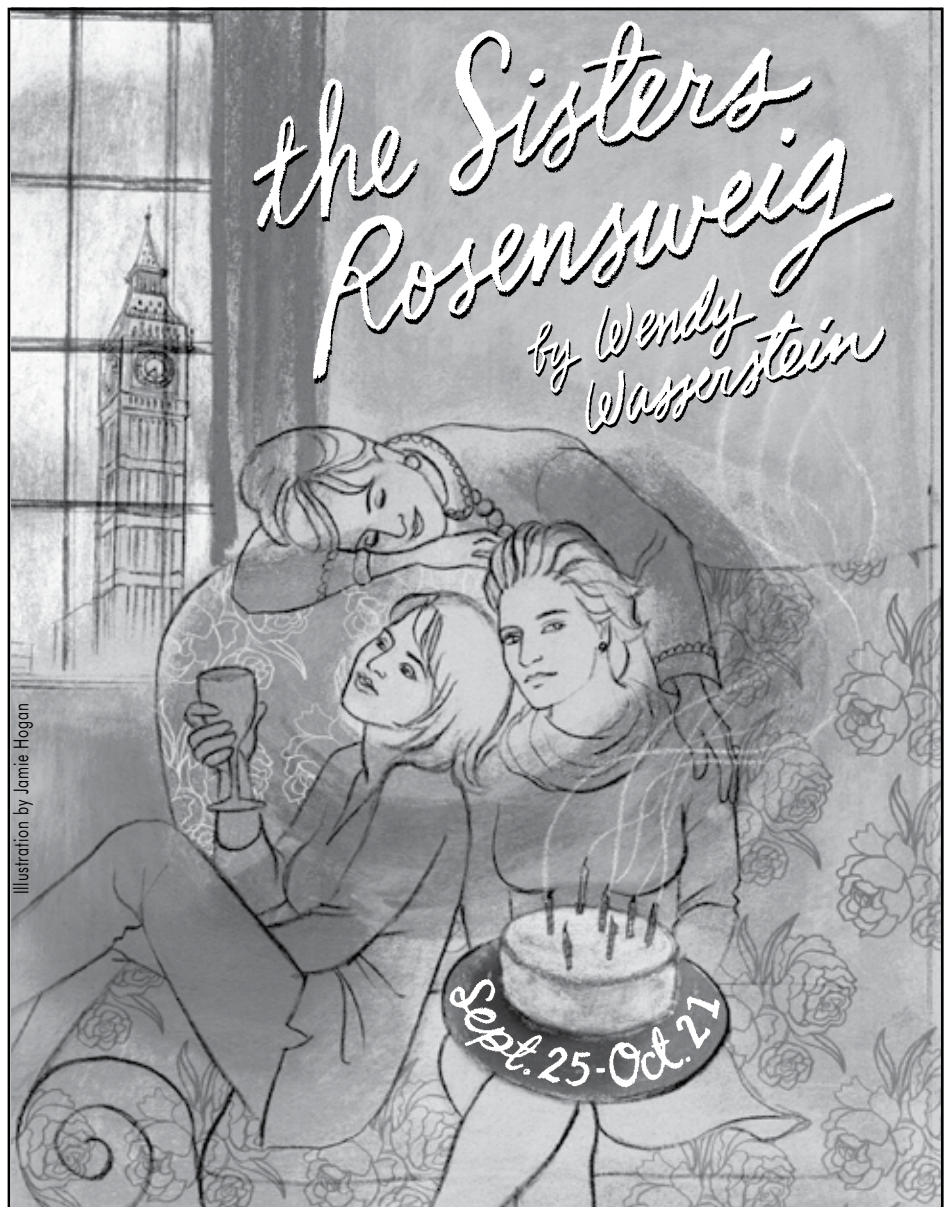


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- Baby and Me, baby story time for ages birth to 18 mos., Baxter Library, 9:30 a.m. FMI, 839-5031.
- Toddler Time, story time for ages 18-36 mos., Baxter Library, 10 a.m. FMI, 839-5031.
- Gorham Food Pantry, 9-11 a.m., located in St. Anne's Catholic Church parking lot.

FRIDAY, OCT. 12

- Gorham/Westbrook TRIAD meeting, Gorham Municipal Center, 8:45 a.m. Learn how you can help senior citizens in your community. FMI, 839-5407.
- Two-day Rummage Sale, Cressey Road United Methodist Church, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

SATURDAY, OCT. 13

- Lego Build, Baxter Library, 10 a.m. FMI, 839-5031.
- Nimble Thimble's Quilt Show, First Parish Congregational Church, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. \$5/under 12 free. FMI, 688-2262.
- Gorham Farmer's Market, 8 a.m.-12 p.m. (next door to Baxter Library).
- Two-day Rummage Sale, Cressey Road United Methodist Church, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

SUNDAY, OCT. 14

- Growing Fruit Trees, free workshop, O'Donal's Nursery, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. FMI, 839-4262.

MONDAY, OCT. 15

- Gorham Food Pantry, 6-7 p.m., located in St. Anne's Catholic Church parking lot.

TUESDAY, OCT. 16

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

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 17

- 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.

THURSDAY, OCT. 18

- 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.
- Sewing Group at Baxter Library, 2:30 p.m. FMI, 839-5031.

SATURDAY, OCT. 20

- Gorham Farmer's Market, 8 a.m.-12 p.m. (next door to Baxter Library).

SUNDAY, OCT. 21

- Landscape Design Workshop with Jeff Tarling, O'Donal's Nursery, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Free. FMI, 839-4262.

TUESDAY, OCT. 23

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

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 24

- 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.
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Activities listed above are located at:
Baxter Memorial Library, 71 South St.
Cressey Road United Methodist Church, 81 Cressey Rd.
First Parish Congregational Church, 1 Church St.
Gorham Farmer's Market, South St., next to Baxter Memorial Library
Gorham Food Pantry, St. Anne's Catholic Church parking lot, 299 Main St.
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