

Wishing You A Happy and Safe

Halloween!



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The Irish residence on Preble Street is decked out and ready for trick or treaters.

Earthquake Hits Gorham

Karen DiDonato

On Tuesday, October 16 at 7:12 p.m., an earthquake hit southern Maine. The quake originated three miles west of Hollis Center at about three miles deep. Originally deemed a Richter magnitude of 4.6, the U.S. Geological Survey downgraded it to a 4.0. There were no reported injuries.

According to the United States Geological Survey, "Earthquakes in the central and eastern U.S., although less frequent than in the western U.S., are typically felt over a much broader region." The quake was reportedly felt in parts of Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Vermont, New Jersey, New York, and southern Quebec, Canada.

Little Falls Referendum

Sheri Faber

On Election Day, voters will be asked to approve \$500,000 for repairs/upgrades to the former Little Falls School on Acorn Street. The property is currently being used for before and after school programs run by the Gorham Recreation Department and for a Senior Center for residents of Gorham and Windham that provides a variety of activities Monday through Friday. A facilities study done by PDT Architects determined it would cost approximately \$1,000,000 to bring the property up to the standards required for continued use as a school. Also under consideration was moving the Public Safety Building to this site. However, the Town Council decided to ask for \$4,000,000 to upgrade the current public safety building. That item will be voted on in an election in June in order to give the Town Council time to develop specific plans for that upgrade.

Two of the major improvements needed to be made at Little Falls are a new roof and a new heating system. There are no zones with the current system, which means that any time the heat is on, every room is heated whether it is being used or not.

Traditionally, the Recreation Department covered the costs of their programs through user fees but because of the higher costs at Little Falls School, the town had to budget money to keep the programs solvent.

At their August 22 meeting, the Council voted 5-2 (Phinney, Robinson) to send the issue to voters asking for \$500,000 for repairs to the property. Any money not spent for fixing up the building would go towards preservation or improvements to the athletic fields at the Little Falls recreation area. Also discussed was whether or not Windham might be asked to contribute to the cost of the improvements since Windham Senior Citizens also use the site.

Mike Caron is the Class A Golf Champion

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Don't Forget to Vote

Karen DiDonato

Election Day is Tuesday, November 6

The polls for the upcoming election will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 6. Gorham is comprised of two wards that are divided by physical address. If you do not know in which ward you are located, visit www.gorham-me.org and click "Voting Information."

The Town Clerk and Registrar of Voters will register citizens to vote any time during the Clerk's Office hours, and will also register people to vote on Election Day.

According to Deputy Clerk Jen Elliott, as of October 22, more than 1,334 voters had turned in their ballots, which will be counted on Election Day with all the other votes.

The General Election will include voting for president and vice president, as well as United States Senator: Danny Dalton (non-party), Cynthia Dill (D), Andrew Dodge (Independent for Liberty), Angus King (Independent for Maine), Charles Summers (R) Stephen Woods (I); Representative to Congress District: Jonathan Courtney (R), Chellie Pingree (D); State Senator District 6: James Boyle (D), Ruth Summers (R); Representative to the Legislature District 129: Jane Knapp (R, incumbent), Andrew McLean (D); Representative to the Legislature District 130: (Matthew Mattingly (R), Linda Sanborn (D, incumbent); Register of Probate (John O'Brien (D).

The following referenda questions will appear on the ballot:

1: Citizen Initiative

Do you want to allow the State of Maine to issue marriage licenses to same-sex couples?

2: Bond Issue

Do you favor an \$11,300,000 bond issue to provide funds for capital to build a diagnostic facility for the University of Maine System; for capital improvements and equipment, including machine tool technology, for the Maine Community College System; and for capital improvements and equipment at the Maine Maritime Academy?

3: Bond Issue

Do you favor a \$5,000,000 bond issue to purchase land and conservation easements statewide from willing sellers for public land and water access, conservation, wildlife or fish habitat and outdoor recreation, including hunting and fishing and deer wintering areas, and to preserve working farmland and working waterfronts to be matched by at least \$5,000,000 in private and public contributions?

4: Bond Issue

Do you favor a \$51,500,000 bond issue for improvements to highways and bridges, local roads, airports and port facilities, as well as for funds for rail access, transit buses and the LifeFlight Foundation, which will make the State eligible for at least \$105,600,000 in federal and other matching funds?

5: Bond Issue

Do you favor a \$7,925,000 bond issue to be expended over 2 years for revolving loan funds for drinking water systems and for wastewater treatment facilities, which will make the State eligible to secure \$39,625,000 in federal grants?

In the Municipal Election, votes will be cast for Town Council: Sherrie Benner, Benjamin Hartwell, Isaac Misiuk, Shonn Moulton, Edward Platts, Bruce Roullard; School Committee: Darryl Wright; and Portland Water District Trustee: write-in candidate only. There will also be two referendum questions:

Referendum 1

Shall a capital expenditure of a sum of money not to exceed \$450,000 be approved to pay for costs of acquisition of one (1) fire engine and related equipment, such \$450,000 amount to be paid from existing funds of the Town and/or raised by the issuance of general obligation bonds and/or notes of the Town, hereby authorized, with the amount to be paid from existing funds of the Town and to the amount to be bonded to be determined by the Municipal Officers, with the bonds to have such dates, maturities, denominations, interest rate(s) and other details (including provisions that the bonds may be subject to call for redemption with or without premium) as said Municipal Officers shall determine? (Total estimated debt service of \$549,000 of which the maximum principal amount is \$450,000 and estimated interest thereon at 2.75% over 15 years is \$99,000.00.)

Referendum 2

Shall a capital expenditure not to exceed \$500,000 dollars be approved to pay for the costs of renovation, improvement and equipping of the existing Little Falls School Building and Little Falls Rec Area (located at 668 Gray Road), such amount to be raised by the issuance of general obligation bonds and/or notes of the Town, hereby authorized, with the bonds and notes to have such dates, maturities, denominations, interest rate(s) and other details (including provisions that the bonds may be subject to call for redemption with or without premium) as said Municipal Officers shall determine.

Gorham currently has 11,911 registered voters, many inactive. After every presidential election the State purges the rolls and sends out cards to those who have not voted in the last two presidential elections asking them to update their information. That information is used to update the voter list.

“Making Headway” in Promoting Sustainable Prosperity and Quality Places

Sen. Phil Bartlett

Most people desire to travel to places that are unique with one-of-a-kind features that cannot be found in Anytown, USA. Here in Maine, we have many special features that attract people from around the world to visit and reside here. Our state is known for its unique villages, downtowns, Main Streets, and treasured communities. We are also known for our picture-perfect natural beauty. Whether it is our rocky coast and sandy beaches; serene lakes and winding rivers; deep forests and adventurous mountains; or the scenic wilderness; there is something for everyone to enjoy. These are all places we love and they are the places people visit, remember and yearn for when they are not in Maine. They represent our culture and they say much about who we are.

Maine has a strong brand and people appreciate our quality of place. Even our state slogan acknowledges it, “Maine, The Way Life Should Be.”

Back in 2006, the Brookings Institute released a report that embraced Maine’s unique quality of place and addressed emerging trends around the state, along with an action plan to move Maine forward. The

report, “Charting Maine’s Future: An Action Plan for Promoting Sustainable Prosperity and Quality Places,” was sponsored by GrowSmart Maine. It suggested a three-part strategy for promoting sustainable prosperity by investing in a place-based, innovation-focused economy; trimming government to invest in our economy and finance tax reductions; and supporting the revitalization of towns and cities.

Since then, many steps have been taken in support of the report’s findings. As a result, there are many positive developments happening around the state that strengthen our economy, communities, environment and quality of life. A recent follow-up report, “Charting Maine’s Future: Making Headways,” by GrowSmart Maine, reminds us that there is more we can do.

Acknowledging the negative effects of the global economic crisis and its impact on advancing Maine’s economy, there was still progress made from the original recommendations, such as investments in Maine’s quality places through working waterfronts; Land for Maine’s Future; and working forests and forever farms around the state. Efforts to revitalize Maine cities and

towns through historic preservation; community investment programs; arts and culture; better visioning assistance and planning tools; and regional collaboration also made advancements. Lastly, the report updates work on government efficiency and investments in innovation, which both could use more improvement.

Looking ahead, the “Making Headways” report urges policy makers to continue to invest in Maine’s quality natural and built places; support innovators who boost our economy; generate efficiencies in government; and enhance community planning and development.

To view the full report and learn about the specific recommendations and featured highlights, go to: www.growsmartmaine.org.



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POLICY ON NEWS FROM AUGUSTA

The *Gorham Times* asked our three state legislators from Senate District Six, House District 129 and House District 130 to provide us with “News from Augusta.” We publish their articles on a rotating basis. The submissions are devoted to updates of legislative and administrative news, proposed and passed bills and laws, and developments and events that are of interest to and have an impact on Gorham residents. The *Gorham Times* reserves the right to edit the submissions and it further reserves the right to reject any submission, in its sole discretion.

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.

The *Gorham Times* welcomes your letters. We receive many – especially at election time. We give priority to letters from Gorham and try to balance the number of letters with differing points of view.

Dear Gorham Times,

I have to write and tell you how disappointed I am in the latest edition of the GT.

A full half page dedicated to a non-profit visit by Linda does not constitute in any form, a legislative update, a constituent communication or “News from Augusta”. Perhaps you might argue while in session this would fit the criteria. But not in October and not in an election year.

We both know that Linda is a wonderful lady. We also know that she has no clean election money left to spend on marketing with your paper. For you to give her a half page that serves no purpose but to support her campaign and promote her image locally is unacceptable.

To quote your web site home page text: “It does not take an editorial stance but does encourage the airing of different viewpoints by providing

a forum for fair-minded discussion.” I don’t intend on being sarcastic but I wonder if the double negative (Not... Not) isn’t a typo but actually intentional to mean the opposite. If it did, than I would understand and even accept your choices.

I have no issue with those who disagree with me or my view point. I actually encourage it. Working through issues only strengthens our own ideas, principles and commitment to individual philosophies. That’s how we work best.

Your choices clearly defines the direction you intend on taking the *Gorham Times*. While technically not taking an editorial stance you have allowed your own supported candidates to do just that for you. Make an editorial stance. Both in Septembers highly partisan printing and again in this weeks release. Offering a “rebuttal” as a letter to the editor does not qualify as providing a fair-minded discussion.

When since the creation of the GT have you promoted or provided for a public forum for fair-minded discussion? I would challenge you to show one edition that your encouraged a two sided discussion on political issues?

At this point, I am seriously considering the cessation of all personal and business support of the *Gorham Times*. I am also considering encouraging other businesses to do the same until such a time as it is obvious that you are following your stated mission.

If your actions continue, you will ensure that the paper will be supported only by like minded individuals which will over time, greatly diminish your add revenue support as well as your volunteer support and thus fully marginalize the very existence of the paper. Losing the GT would be a travesty. *Gorham* desperately needs a local media outlet that does exactly what you envisioned and intended.

None of this was necessary or even prudent. I and my business have contributed tens of thousands of dollars to local groups without political ties, tens of thousands of dollars in gift card donations. I have worked since my arrival to make this town a better place to live and work. I have done so without any consideration of who is the recipient of my time, money and efforts. I shamelessly support all businesses regardless of the personal politics of who owns or operates it. I

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would expect our local paper to do the same.

I have been 100% dedicated to the best interests of this town. But today, I honestly can say that the GT is clearly not doing the same. In the end, I am insulted and offended by your editorial actions.

With all due regards,
Matt Mattingly

Editor’s note: Mr. Mattingly is referring to the News from Augusta piece in the October 11 issue, which can be read online at http://www.gorhamtimes.com/pdfs/2012_pdf/10_11_12_web.pdf.

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Dear Gorham Times,

I wholeheartedly support Jane Knapp for reelection to the State House of Representatives. Jane is an all-star! From years of serving on the Gorham School Committee, serving as a Town Councilor, and representing us in Augusta, she has set a record of excellence and been a spark plug for the local community. Several past letters have insinuated that Jane votes strictly on party lines instead of following her conscience—that is definitely not the Jane Knapp that I know. Let me explain.

Several years back, I served on the Gorham Board of Zoning Appeals. Evidently, some of the Town Council members were not happy with my Appeals' votes as the Council did not reappoint me to the Board when my term expired. Unfortunately, no one gave me the courtesy of a phone call telling me that I had been dumped or explaining the reason for it. Instead, I received a letter from the town clerk naming my replacement. When I fired off a letter to all of the Council members about such rude treatment of a town volunteer, only Jane responded and championed my cause. Singlehandedly, Jane sponsored a provision that required notice to any volunteer who was not reappointed to a town board and an opportunity to be heard. Not surprisingly, the other Council members voted it down. Many in town could tell similar stories about how Jane has stood up for fairness and integrity.

The bottom line: Jane is a hands-down winner! She will go the extra mile for Gorham residents—let's send her back to Augusta in November.

Clinton "Charlie" Pearson
Colonel, USAF (Retired)

Dear Gorham Times,

Could It Happen in Maine?

In July 2010, a 41-year-old tar sands pipeline in Michigan broke and spilled almost 1 million gallons of tar sands oil into the Kalamazoo River. After two years, the EPA is still cleaning it up. Tar sands sinks in water making cleanup more difficult and expensive. Now, over 30 miles of the river is considered dead.

The Keystone 1 Pipeline leaked twelve times in its first year of flowing tar sands through a new pipe.

Now there's a proposal to pump tar sands from Montreal through Vermont, New Hampshire, and Maine to South Portland. The existing pipeline is owned by Exxon Mobile and is 62 years old! The pipe runs within 1,000 feet of Sebago Lake and crosses the Crooked River six times!

Tar sands oil is more acidic, corrosive and abrasive than conventional oil in pipelines.

Could our pipeline break? Could tar sands leak into Sebago Lake?

We must elect officials who understand the risks of tar sands and will oppose threats to our water supply.

Check where your candidate stands before you vote. Become informed. Don't let the money of big oil companies like Exxon Mobile rule what happens to our Sebago Lake treasure.

Andrew McLean has listened and understands the risks.

Kristin Uhlig

Dear Gorham Times,

I am a retired schoolteacher and taught in Maine for many years. Along with four other retired educators we had our picture taken with Jane Knapp in support of her returning as a state representative. Jane is a thoughtful and caring person who has served us well. I admire her campaigning style unlike candidates who seem to enjoy seeing how many derogatory and unnecessary remarks they can throw out. We need more people like Jane serving us and less negative politics.

Janice Weed

Dear Gorham Times,

Like many people, I'm a creature of habit. When I go to Hannaford I tend to buy the same brand of beer, same bread, same peanut butter over and over again. I read the paper every morning at 5:30 AM and mow the lawn in the same clockwise pattern every time. I also tend to vote for incumbents. But every now and then, I read or hear something that causes me to pause, think, reconsider...and change a habit.

Last March, Andrew McLean asked me to have coffee with him. He said that he was planning to run for State Representative. That morning I asked him questions for three hours and when we finished, there was nothing about him that I didn't like. I have initiated further interactions with Andrew through the summer and fall and I have come to know him as an intelligent, caring, savvy, focused, and very hard-working young man. He has his ear to the ground in Gorham. Over the last year, he has met and talked to several thousand Gorham citizens and has gained a strong sense of our community and needs of its people. But more than that, he also has an appreciation for the very special place that is Maine.

I am going to break a habit on November 6th. I am voting for Andrew McLean. On the other hand, I don't have to break a habit to vote for Jim Boyle. Phil Bartlett did a great job for Gorham and I am very pleased that Jim is running to fill his seat. Andrew and Jim will be able to get a lot of work done for Gorham as they commute together to Augusta.

John Tewhey

Dear Gorham Times,

I believe the time is now to bring Gorham and Senate District #6 into the realm of positive leadership.

Ruth Summers is that very candidate to lead our towns of Gorham, Scarborough and Westbrook. Ruth has tremendous background experience in leadership roles as a Lt. Commander in the Navy Reserve, serving in the United States and South East Asia. She is also a small business owner and has been actively involved in education in leadership roles as president and executive director.

Because Ruth is a small business owner, she also understands the need to support small and large businesses and will work to keep taxes low so our local businesses can survive.

Voters in District #6 have the very best choice in electing Ruth and I am very proud to give her my support and encourage other voters to support her candidacy as well!

Carolyn M. Gilman

Dear Gorham Times,

For District 6's State Senate election, I'm learning all I can. I've decided I'm voting Jim Boyle. Here's why.

I've learned Jim stands for what my friends and neighbors and I value: good jobs, affordable health care, and education investment for Maine's children.

And I've learned Jim is a small business owner. He works side-by-side with five employees. So he knows how to create good jobs, and he knows why good health care is key. Jim's work is in scientific consulting, so he knows why we should invest in educating our kids, too.

I've met with Jim and believe that he can cut through partisan bickering, and will have Augusta "roll up its sleeves" to create pragmatic economic growth. I like that.

I also like that Jim's experience is real. He's worked with loggers, landowners, and mill operators. He's worked with developers, land trusts, and utilities. All of this is real-world experience. Real Maine people, real Maine companies, and real Maine issues. That's Jim Boyle.

That's why Jim's running. He knows how to grow good jobs in Maine, and why to invest in Maine kids, so they're ready for those good jobs. So Jim's running for State Senate in District 6 - to work hard and to help move Maine forward. That's why I'm voting Jim Boyle. I hope you do, too.

Mayor Colleen Hilton, Westbrook

Dear Gorham Times,

As a long time Gorham resident I write to support the candidacy of Edward Platts for the Gorham Town Council. Ed will offer the well-needed voice of a local business owner. He will address our town's needs with a dedication to serve its residents, with professionalism to our town's outstanding employees and with civility to his fellow council members.

Ed owns and runs a successful small business located here in Gorham. As any business owner can testify, critical business skills include listening carefully to identify a client's needs, determining the right solution within the allowed budget, and treating everyone involved with professionalism and integrity. In the conduct of his business Ed does all these on a daily basis, and can bring these skills to bear on the many economic issues facing our town.

In addition, over many years I have seen Ed help folks in a wide variety of contexts. Ed has volunteered with his wife Gail for many school and recreation department activities, particularly as their three children attended and graduated from Gorham High School. He has for decades been a respected member of the National Ski Patrol and helped train young patrollers. He has served in leadership positions with the Boy Scouts of America. In short, Ed understands the concept of service to others.

This fall Ed has spent much time meeting with town employees, including department heads, asking about what they see as our town's strengths and needs. Ed recognizes that this sort of straightforward, neutral fact-finding is the basis for good decisions, as opposed to reliance on unsupported rhetoric. This approach will serve our town well.

For all these reasons I believe Ed Platts will be an excellent addition to our Town Council. Please consider joining me in voting for him.

David Farrar

Dear Gorham Times,

I am writing to express my support for Jane Knapp and Matt Mattingly to be our representatives in Augusta. Let me tell you why.

Upon our return to Gorham three years ago we were welcomed by Jane Knapp. She has been available to answer any and all questions regarding state legislation even if we have not agreed on all matters. She constantly communicates via e-mail, articles in local papers, direct mailers and in person if needed. Several times I have received questionnaires seeking my opinions on issue that are important to me and our state. She always takes the time to answer these mailers with responses and results. She makes me feel that my voice is heard and respected.

We need people like Matt Mattingly in Augusta for many reasons but the prominent ones are business experience and economical common sense. Matt's performance and history on the Gorham Town Council more than make him qualified and deserving of our support for the legislature. His ideas, visions, and dedication to fiscal responsibility are sorely needed at the state level. He has the ability, desire, and determination to make our state government more accountable to its citizens.

We have the opportunity to send two outstanding, experienced, qualified, and balanced budget minded candidates to Augusta. I urge my fellow residents to join me in doing so!

Bill Goff

Dear Gorham Times,

"And the moral of that is—'Be what you would seem to be'" - Lewis Carroll, *The Mock Turtle's Story*, from *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*. Television ads and polished 11 by six inch mailings to Gorham residents, some funded by Political Action Committees (you know, the ones who come up with names that everyone can [supposedly] get behind, like "Fund Your Future, Our Heritage, Taking Responsibility for Yourself and Apple Pie"), try to do two things: mock (discredit) certain candidates; and portray others as being not what they would seem to be, based on their voting records and/or past comments. The latter are, apparently, our best pals ever! Fortunately, some flyers do cite who they are paid for and they are not so "veiled"; one is from Maine Senate Republican Majority PAC. As we all know, some of these PACs are funded by wealthy individuals who have a vested interest in trying to get candidates who will support their agendas. Most of these advertisements seek to portray candidates the PACs want "out" as being against the interests of most of us.

One "mock tactic" used is to quote a "one-liner" from a candidate, taken out of context, which does not represent the candidate's overall intent. The source material for a recent flyer sent to Gorham residents, which portrays a candidate running for Senate in our district, as "wanting to raise your [gas]

taxes," is that candidate's voluntary survey for the non-partisan Project Vote Smart. In an article released today, Vote Smart says that candidate's survey was "blatantly twisted" meant to "deliberately deceive voters" Mistler, Steve. "Non-Partisan Group slams Republican PAC." Portland Press Herald 10/18/12. You can go to Project Vote Smart on line to see which candidates chose to complete their survey and which candidates declined.

We know Gorham residents will not be deceived.

Jeff Christiansen

Dear Gorham Times,

I'm writing to support Jane Knapp to be re-elected as state representative for District 129. I take my voting rights very seriously and make my decisions just as if I were hiring that candidate to work for me. Really, that's what all voters do when they vote for a candidate.

Like in any job, one looks first for experience. Jane has a total of 22 years of experience in public office working on public policy and developing budgets. Three terms on the Gorham school committee, including chairperson, three terms on the Gorham Town Council and two terms in the legislature.

The last legislature in a bipartisan vote, reduced taxes to the low and middle income so that 70,000 will no longer have to pay taxes. They also reduced the taxes for retirees and active duty military members.

Remember the unfunded liability in the retirement account. Remember the failed Dirigo health care program. Remember that Maine was consistently one of the highest taxed states in the nation to do business. Those have all been corrected. The retirees got a small cost of living increase this year. It was just announced that Maine moved from 37th to 30th this year and had the highest increase of the 50 states in reforming its tax structure.

It takes more than two years to correct four decades of problems from previous leadership. All candidates talk about supporting education, but the last legislature was the first to implement charter schools. There were 43 states ahead of us and Maine finally became

the 44th state to try charter schools. Now, we have two pristine examples, Goodwill Hinckly and Cornville.

Jane is a clean election candidate and has collected campaign funds only from district 129. Citizens may be surprised to learn that her opponent has collected funds not only in the district, but outside the district and out of state.

I do not always agree with Jane, but neither do I always agree with my wife of 51 years. Jane is part of a team that has significantly improved the financial status of our state in the last two years, thus I urge voters in District 129 to support Jane Knapp on November 6.

David Kent

Dear Gorham Times,

I am supporting Andrew McLean for State House because he will fight to restore \$250,000 in funding to Gorham schools that was cut by his opponent and the majority in the Maine Legislature last year. Augusta has no business slashing education funding that forces local schools to cut important curriculum like social studies, music and art, and denying early childhood education to our 5 and 6 year olds.

Over the last several years, funding for our community college system has gone through the floor. Andrew has my support because he wants to increase vocational education opportunities so that our young people and those who need job retraining get the skills and tools necessary to take advantage of opportunities in the free market and start small businesses that put more Mainers back to work.

We can get Maine back on track by electing leaders like Andrew who know it's wrong to short change our children's future and put up barriers for those who are struggling to make it into the middle class. As Representative for Gorham, Andrew will work across party lines and lead efforts to reinvest in early childhood education, vocational education and job retraining, and get Maine's middle class moving again. That's why I am voting for Andrew McLean for State House on Tuesday, November 6.

Kyle R. Bailey

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Increase in Crimes in Town of Gorham

Sheri Faber

The Gorham Police Department (GPD), like other local departments, does not just issue traffic tickets and arrest criminals. They investigate all motor vehicle accidents of which there were 480 in 2011, including 118 with injuries and one fatality. They prepare and present to the District Attorney's office all cases that warrant prosecution. Police also do background investigations on people seeking permits to carry concealed weapons as well as other town permits. Two officers are assigned to the schools and officers work with other municipal departments as well as other law enforcement agencies. Last, but not least, they enforce animal control laws. Last year, GPD recovered approximately \$80,000 in stolen property or roughly one third of the property that had been stolen in Gorham.

Crimes in Gorham 2009-2011			
	2009	2010	2011
Manslaughter	1	0	0
Rape	4	4	4
Robbery	1	5	2
Assault	86	84	94
Burglary	51	64	61
Larceny	170	105	122
Motor Vehicle Theft	5	13	13

Domestic assault was classified as a separate crime in 2011 and there were 42 domestic assaults last year. In previous years, domestic assaults were included in the figures for assaults.

Thus far in 2012, detectives have worked on five armed robberies (three at Community Pharmacy, and one each at Rite-Aid, and Big Apple). They have also investigated two stabbings and in one week made three arrests for sexual abuse of minors. Earlier in 2012 a series of six arsons were investigated at length with assistance from the Fire Marshall's office. Also investigated was a fire at a group home. The case in which a youth attempting to start a fire was shot by the homeowner has been investigated at great length and will be going to the grand jury shortly. The bookkeeper for a non-profit organization has been charged with embezzling \$71,200 from the organization.

Detectives in the GPD investigate primarily felony level cases as well as misdemeanor sex crimes. The arresting officers investigate other crimes. In 2008, the detective division investigated 80 cases; in 2009, 97 cases; in 2010, 117 cases; and in 2011, 172 cases. As of September 19, they had investigated 171 cases so far this year.

Detective Sergeant Dana Thompson notes that the GPD issues many more press releases now than in the past as they are looking for information from the public. In addition, when it is a case involving sexual abuse, they want the public to be aware so they can take steps to make sure their children are protected as well as to question their children who might have had contact with the person being arrested.

In response to asking why it seems there are so many more serious crimes taking place in Gorham, Thompson says "I wish I had an answer."



Chief Shepard Reports

Bradford Lacy, 40, of Gorham was arrested and charged with aggravated assault with a dangerous weapon. Police had been called to a Maple Drive residence on October 12 at 11:30 p.m. for a reported stabbing. The victim, a 42-year-old man from Windham was treated at the scene and taken to the hospital with non-life threatening injuries. At the scene, police found an unresponsive woman lying on the floor inside the house. She was also taken to the hospital. Her injuries were not believed to be life threatening. Gorham Police worked with the Scarborough Police Department and their police dog and found Lacy hiding outside, near the residence. He was taken to jail and bail was set at \$15,000. Police noted that, "Alcohol may have been a factor in this incident."

Police do not believe there is any danger to the general public from this incident and are not looking for further suspects. They have obtained a search warrant for the premises. Anyone with any information in this case is asked to call Detective Lawrence Maxfield-Fearon at 222-1600.

The Grand Jury returned the following indictments in October:

- Jeremy Crouse, 30, of Old Town was indicted for arson on charges brought by Gorham Police Department.
- Matthew Davis, 25, of Gorham was indicted for trafficking in prison contraband on charges brought by Cumberland County Sheriff's Office.
- David Dougherty, 45, was indicted on two counts of unlawful sexual contact on charges brought by Gorham Police Department.
- Mark Glantz, 49, of Windham was indicted for possession of scheduled drugs, violating conditions of release and operating after suspension on charges brought by Gorham Police Department.
- Lori Hummer, 43, of Gorham was indicted for theft (priors) on charges brought by Gorham Police Department.
- Rocco Leo III, 34, of Baldwin was indicted for theft on charges brought by Gorham Police Department.
- Lourdes Watson-Carter, 34, of Portland was indicted for possession of scheduled drugs, violating conditions of release, theft (priors) on charges brought by Gorham Police Department.

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Town Council Report

October 2, 2012

Robin Somes

In response to public concern regarding parking expansion within the Gorham village area, the Council voted 6-0 to have the Gorham Economic Development Corporation schedule a public discussion on the plans, which may affect the future of the recently acquired 21 Main Street and 10 Preble Street properties. The meeting, scheduled for October 25 at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, is intended as an opportunity for the Council, GEDC, businesses, residents and other community stakeholders to review and determine planning for this effort. The GEDC will report back at the Council's December 4 meeting.

The Town Council voted 6-0 to solicit bids for properties that were acquired by Tax Lien Foreclosure. The following items are requirements for bidding:

- Minimum bids need to be the amount of all outstanding taxes, interest and costs.
- Conveyance of the property will be by quitclaim deed.
- The terms state that a 10% deposit must be remitted with sealed bids, nonrefundable to the highest bidder, in cash or certified check made payable to "Town of Gorham." The balance will be due and payable within 45 days from the date the bidder is notified of their bid's acceptance. Non-winning bids will receive full deposit refunds.

The properties are located on Canal Street, Brackett Road, Tow Path Road, 2 Gambo Road, 91 Evergreen Drive, 216 North Gorham Road and 198 North Gorham Road.

In his report to the Council, School Committee Chair Jim Hager stated that an All Day Kindergarten subcommittee has been formed as a result of the September 13 community forum. Committee member Dennis Libby is the chair for the nine-member subcommittee, whose other members include Darryl Wright, Narragansett School Principal Polly Brann, Elementary Literacy Coordinator Kim Fadrigon, Assistant Director of Instructional Support Services Kathy Hamblen, and four citizens: Kelli Deveaux, Rhonda Sawyer, Margery Clark and Janet Kuech.

Hager reported that the Gorham High School Exploratory Committee, formed in 2009 to study the three problem areas of inadequate classroom space, lack of parking, and lack of athletic fields, completed its work in this past July. The resulting document from PDT Architects and engineering firm DeLuca Hoffman Associates was presented to the Committee and includes possible solutions: the addition of some 23,000 square feet through an expanded second floor; the use of abutting land to create an extra 182 spaces; the purchase of an eight-and-a-half acre parcel in the school vicinity to accommodate additional athletic field space.

Determination of whether or not to continue with the project will most likely happen after November 6 according to

Superintendent Ted Sharp. Forthcoming information from PDT should provide a time frame as well as cost estimates, with approval by public vote through subsequent referendums. According to Sharp, the next phase of the process will start with the formation of a Building Committee to examine details and determine costs.

Councilor Suzanne Phillips made a statement about her May 4 OUI, noting that the case was resolved last month with the District Attorney in Portland. She expressed her apology and said she thanked "those citizens who have contacted me over the last few months encouraging me to remain on the Town Council." She concluded, "I'm truly sorry for what happened and I would like to move on."

Later in the meeting, Chair Brenda Caldwell pointed out the presence of "an elephant in the room" and requested Town Attorney Bill Dale to explain what constitutes a crime of "moral turpitude," which according to Gorham's Town Charter, immediately disqualifies a Councilor from sitting on the Council. In his response, Dale noted, "What constitutes a crime of moral turpitude is not defined in the Charter or in local law." Finding nothing under Maine law, he did find information within Federal Statutes and noted its recent relevance in regard to resident aliens who have committed crimes, and if deemed of "moral turpitude," may be legally deported. Dale surmised, "A crime is a crime of moral turpitude if it is done with some sort of intentional, wrongful purpose or conduct in mind ... usually serious personal injury." A subsequent vote to determine if the OUI was a crime of moral turpitude failed 1-3 (nays from Caldwell, Pressey, Gagnon, with Phillips, Mattingly recused and Phinney absent), effectively putting an end to the incident. Stated Caldwell, "The elephant is dead."

Complete meeting minutes are available on the Town's website at www.gorham-me.org.

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Clerk's Corner

Town Clerk Connie Loughran

Happy fall! There is a lot going on in the Clerk's office. First and foremost the upcoming November 6 Election. Absentee ballots are available in the Clerk's office during normal business hours, until November 1. After November 1, absentee ballots are only issued under special circumstances. Voted absentee ballots must be returned to the Clerk's office before 8 p.m. Election night. Registering to vote needs to be done in person from now through Election Day. The registrar must see a photo ID and proof of residence in Gorham. If your driver's license does not have your current residence address, you must bring with you something that shows your name and current Gorham street address. If you use a post office box, a utility bill will show the address they service in addition to the mailing address.

In 2012 we licensed 2,170 dogs in Gorham. Dog licenses for 2013 are now available. All dog licenses expire on December 31 each year. Come into

the office or license your dog online. New and renewal licenses may be done online using a credit card as the means of payment. When a license is done online we will mail you a license and 2013 tag for your dog.

I realize there is no snow yet, but snowmobile registrations and stickers are now available. Registration fee for a snowmobile is \$41.00.

Finally, taxes are due November 15, 2012. Payments may be made at the Town Clerk's office or through the mail to Town Clerk, 75 South Street, Gorham, Maine 04038. Please put your account number on your check. You may view or print a copy of your tax bill from our website www.gorham-me.org.



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School Committee Report October 10, 2012

Robin Somes

In his monthly report, Superintendent Ted Sharp provided a status update on the district's anti-bullying efforts. He cited the beginning of work with Safe Schools for All, an organization that works with schools and communities to reduce bullying and peer aggression. Chuck Saufler of that organization has been in the district working with the full administrative team. Sharp noted that Saufler will be working in the district on November 1 with teams of teachers from each school. On November 30, 23 teachers representing all schools will attend a daylong conference that Saufler will be co-hosting with Ansley Newton of the Maine Department of Education. Also in November are plans to work with Saufler on various events and sessions along with other staff and the student body. This will include at least one parent night.

Sharp reported that by 2013-2014, the Common Core standards for Math and English Language Arts must be implemented. Common Core is an initiative that provides standards for Math and English Language Arts designed to be substantial and relevant to the real world, reflecting the knowledge and skills students need to be successful in higher education and careers. All but five states currently participate in Common Core; Maine signed on in the spring of 2011.

The Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) results for Gorham's schools have been received. AYP measures the progress of schools under the federal No Child Left Behind Act. Sharp reported that Gorham Middle School, Great Falls Elementary and Narragansett Elementary schools all made AYP with all groups in all subjects. Village Elementary School and Gorham High School missed AYP due to a sub group score. According to the Maine DOE website, "as the federal law now

exists, Maine schools are required each year to meet higher testing targets than the previous year in order to make adequate yearly progress. As a result, even as school performance remains the same, or even improves, fewer and fewer schools meet the increased progress requirements. Under existing federal rules, 100 percent of students in all subgroups must be proficient by the 2013-14 testing year for a school to achieve the status of making adequate yearly progress." Village Elementary Principal Brian Porter will be making a presentation to the Committee.

Sharp announced that the Middle School Concert Band will perform a concert on Monday, November 5 at 7:00 p.m. in the GMS auditorium.

Committee Vice-Chair Roger Marchand awarded Chair Jim Hager with a crystal apple, the special honor in recognition of outstanding service. Marchand commented on Hager's 12 years on the School Committee, chairing the Building Committees for Gorham Middle School and Great Falls Elementary as well as the exploratory efforts for a possible expansion/renovation of Gorham High School. "You have always been a wise, although sometimes grumpy mentor, to many of us on the Committee," stated Marchand. "What do you mean by that?" Hager abruptly demanded. Marchand went on to note that despite being fiscally conservative, Hager had always fought to ensure that budget discussions focused on addressing the needs of all the students of Gorham. This is Hager's fourth crystal apple - a record.

Marchand presented two new policies for their initial readings, Use of Physical Restraint and Seclusion Policy and Management of Concussions and Other Head Injuries Policy. Committee members will provide feedback for editing, a second review and reading at the next meeting.

Fifteen GMS Band Students to Go on Concert Tour in Europe

Sam Langley

Fifteen of Gorham's talented youth musicians will participate in the John Phillip Sousa International European Concert Tour, where they will travel and perform with a group of students from all over the United States.

This summer students will spend from July 4 through 20 travelling to Austria, Belgium, Holland, France, Germany, Italy and Switzerland. They will have the opportunity to perform before European audiences and with European bands while touring historic sites and participating in a once-in-a-lifetime educational opportunity. Historic sites will include the America WWII cemetery in Brussels, Beethoven's birthplace, Dachau Concentration Camp, Mozart's birthplace, La Scala Opera House, Fontainebleau castle where Napoleon was crowned, Eiffel Tower, Chopin's house, Notre Dame Cathedral, Arc de Triomphe and the Louvre. Students will also experience the Rhine River Valley, Austrian Alps, Italian Alps and Mont Blanc, the highest peak in Europe.

In addition to playing for audiences at each stop, the band will have their performance recorded at Salon de Musique, a major European recording studio in Switzerland. Throughout the trip, students will participate in various "home stays" that will provide them with even greater opportunities to absorb the culture and make new friends. Kim Mathieu-Palmer, GMS band director, will accompany them as one of the chaperones and guest conductors.

Students and their families are fundraising \$65,000 for the trip. Upcoming events include a benefit pasta dinner at the American Legion on Rt. 25 on October 27. A concert with the GMS band and Casco Bay Concert Band will take place on November 5 at 7 p.m. at GMS, where there will be a bake sale, 50/50, and final sales and drawing for the chance to win an iPad, iPod and gift certificate to a local restaurant.



Photo credit Rich Obrey

Fifteen musicians from the Gorham Middle School band will participate in the John Phillip Sousa International European concert this summer. Those attending are: (back row) Shelby Leach, Evie Turnbaugh, Zeb Leavitt, Owen Smith, Elsa Alexandrin, and Haley Poitras; (front row) Stella Rojecki, Lizzy Lemieux, Miles Obrey, Caitlyn Clowes, Sam Langevin, and Phoebe Johnston. Also attending but not pictured: Carson Kuschke, Branden Kuusela, and Connor Goodall.

To purchase raffle tickets (one ticket for \$5 or five for \$20) or to submit your tax-deductible donations, send a check to Gorham Middle School (c/o Kim Mathieu); 106 Weeks Rd., Gorham, ME 04038. All proceeds go towards the trip. In return, you will have the great pleasure of knowing you helped make it possible for a blossoming musician to have an amazing musical experience. Additionally, send us a business card or link to your website and we will mention your business in all of our programs for the 2012-2013 school year. We'll also keep you included in our travels with our blog of the tour and complimentary CD of our recorded performances. Please include your email address with your donation.

Students would like to thank Carter's Auto, Music and Arts, Moody's Collision and Michand Distribution who have already made contributions. If you have any questions about the trip please contact Kim Mathieu at Kimma@gorham-schools.org.

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Scarborough's Walmart Honors Village School Teachers

Lori Jo Rich, Village School

On October 4, Village School staff had a nice surprise as representatives from the Scarborough Walmart made a visit to Village School to recognize teachers for their hard work and dedication. Ben Pendergast, shift manager, and Tami Linscott, personnel coordinator, arrived at the school with gift bags, gift cards and a cake courtesy of Walmart. In addition, Walmart customers donated school supplies, which will be distributed to those students who might need them.



Photo credit Lori Jo Rich

Walmart honors teachers and staff at Village School with gift bags and gift cards for school supplies.

Although the store manager was unable to attend due to another commitment, he sent along the following remarks that Pendergast read to the staff members. "On behalf of everyone at Walmart, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you and acknowledge the dedication and sacrifice of the teachers of Village Elementary School. We realize that you care for our children and treat them as your own. We believe that the knowledge and skills you teach them now shape them into the men and women they become. We know that in these challenging times you and teachers across this country continue to provide for them out of your own pockets to maximize their learning experience."

Pendergast continued, "Whether it's a child who needs a pencil because his is a stub or a child who cannot learn because she is hungry and cannot concentrate, we know that you use your own money to meet the needs of those children so that they can learn. Again, we thank you!"

"Walmart wants to help offset the money that you spend out of your

own pockets for classroom supplies during this back-to-school season," Pendergast added. "To do that, Walmart has launched the fourth annual Teacher Rewards program which will provide up to 4.5 million dollars to 90,000 teachers across the United States this fall. Today we are honored to provide each of you with a \$50 Teacher Rewards card that can be used to purchase the classroom supplies you and your students need to start the school year off right."

It was a great honor for the Village School teachers to receive the generous donations from Walmart and their customers as well as being valued for their ongoing work with the children in our community.

"It was really nice to be recognized for our hard work by someone from outside our school," said Kathy Baker, a kindergarten teacher at Village. "The gift card will allow me to purchase items for special projects that I do in my room without having to take it out of my own pocket."

Student Tag and Release Monarch Butterflies



Photo credit Emily Murray

This butterfly is one of several monarchs tagged and released in Gorham this fall. Monarch tags are from the Monarch Watch Program associated with the University of Kansas. **Over 90 monarch caterpillars were raised and released this year by Mrs. Gospodarek and middle school students and three classrooms at Narragansett.** The monarch will soon begin its 3,000-mile journey to the overwintering grounds in Mexico. The annual monarch migration is the longest migration of any insect.

Residents Invited to Participate in Accreditation of GHS

Gorham High School Principal Chris Record invites parents of school children and other interested community residents to assist in a self-study currently being conducted by the school professional staff.

The self-study is a significant component in the accreditation process of the Committee on Public Secondary Schools for the accreditation of Gorham High School by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges.

Record said that all aspects of the school will be evaluated during the self-study. Volunteers are most urgently needed to serve on committees that will evaluate the areas of Core Values, Beliefs, and Learning Expectations; Curriculum; Instruction; Assessment of and for Student Learning; School Culture and Leadership; School Resources for Learning; and

Community Resources for Learning.

The New England Association of Schools and Colleges is a voluntary membership organization of more than 1,850 public schools, colleges and universities, independent schools, and vocational/technical and career institutions. Approximately 650 public schools throughout New England are currently accredited through the Association's Committee on Public Secondary Schools. The Committee works with individual schools to improve the quality of their programs at all levels through a process of self-study, evaluation, and follow-up activities.

Anyone interested in volunteering or in learning more about the self-study should contact Susan McCarthy at SusanM@gorhamschools.org or Deborah Roy at DeborahR@gorhamschools.org.

school notes

The math department at GHS is looking for scientific and/or graphing calculators for students to use. FMI or to donate, contact Jason Tanguay at jasant@gorhamschools.org or Susan McCarthy at suem@gorhamschools.org.

Flu vaccines for students will be available in Gorham schools on October 25-26.

Attend your parent/teacher conference and then drop by for a flu vaccine. Clinic times and locations are as follows:

- October 25, 8 to 10:30 a.m. at GHS for high school students.
- October 25, 3 to 6 p.m. at GMS for any K-12 public, homeschooled or private school student who resides in Gorham.
- October 26, 8 a.m. to noon, at GMS for any K-12 student.

Parent or designated adult must attend the clinic with their K-8 student. **FMI visit www.gorhamschools.org.** Special thanks to Gorham rescue, Gorham Health Council, parent volunteers, and Gorham staff for helping at our clinics!

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Correction

The article entitled "New Structure in Guidance Services for GHS Students" that appeared in the October 11 issue of the Gorham Times should have identified the two support specialists in the GHS guidance Department as Stephanie Goss and Tim Hayes.

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Candidate Profiles

State House of Representatives, District 129

Name: Jane S. Knapp
(R, incumbent)
Address: Valley View Dr.

Education: primary and secondary schools in Maine; Colby College, B. A.; University of Maine, M.Ed.

Personal: Two adult daughters

Employment: High School Biology Teacher (retired, now)

Political and community experience:

Public Service includes: Gorham School Committee member- 3 terms, Chairperson; Middle School Building Committee (As a committee, we pushed to have the State Department of Education approve the construction of the geothermal system); Gorham Town Council member - 3 terms; Great Falls School Building Committee; Town of Gorham recycling committee. Community experience includes: Gorham Historical Society member, Gorham Garden Club member, New Year Gorham committee member. Political experience includes: Served in 124th Legislature (My committee assignment was Natural Resources), Served in 125th Legislature, Committees Environment and Natural Resources Marine Resources, Listen to citizens by sending out questionnaires every spring and going door to door.

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

The most important issue is to keep Maine moving ahead. There are three parts to this: (1) the economy - Maine citizens need jobs; (2) education - Maine people need access to quality education so they may qualify for good paying jobs; and (3) the environment - We must keep Maine's pristine environment. The issue of the economy is multifaceted. Mainers have a good work ethic which businesses value. However, businesses may shy away from investing capitol in Maine because of our high energy costs. The Legislature must work to find good solutions to this and other problems holding Maine's economy back. As a moderate, I like to listen to people and work to create common sense decisions. We must be educating a work force that has the skills for the available jobs. I understand the value of education in a successful economy. I have attended meetings and learned about the skills that various businesses need and have listened to the curriculum changes at SMCC and USM that address the issue of a degree matching a job.

Environmental decisions also affect our economy. I have served 4 years on the Environment and Natural Resources Committee and 2 years on the Marine Resources committee. The decisions made by these committees have a significant impact on Maine's environment as well as the regulation of industry. During this past season, I sponsored a bill, now law, that simplified and improved DEP's annual wastewater discharge fee system.



File Photo

Name: Andrew J. McLean (D)
Address: Ridgefield Dr.

Education: Bachelor's Degree, Plymouth State University; Master's Degree in Public Policy, Muskie School of Public Service, University of Southern Maine

Personal: Kyle, fiancé

Employment: Student Affairs Administrator, University of Southern Maine, Gorham

Political and community experience:

In 2009, I was appointed by Governor Baldacci to serve on the Maine Commission for Community Service which is responsible for building capacity within the volunteer sector in Maine. I also serve on the Board of Trustees for the Baxter Memorial Library. I have been involved in many political campaigns but have never held elected office before.

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

Eight months ago, I started a conversation with voters in Gorham, knocking on over 4,000 doors, listening to people and discussing how we build a stronger future for Gorham and our state. Gorham residents are concerned about a number of issues. The biggest concern is the economy, and the lack of smart and strategic investments in education, economic development and job creation in the state. Gorham residents understand that it takes a good education from kindergarten through post-secondary to create a strong economy.

Government must equip Maine people with the skills and tools they need to succeed in our economy by strengthening the public education system. Unfortunately, state government has dropped the ball, failing to fulfill its commitment to our schools - forcing local governments to increase taxes to compensate for funds promised by state government. Beyond education, we need to do more to support small businesses and entrepreneurs so they have the resources they need to expand and create jobs in Maine. This will improve the lives of Maine families and protect the quality of life that makes Maine a truly special place to live.

Maine also needs to make critical long-term investments in research and development that spur innovation, job creation, and help small businesses, while making strategic investments in education. We need leaders who are willing to listen and be responsive to constituents. I will be a Representative for Gorham who will set the right priorities and work across party lines to find sensible solutions to the challenges Maine faces.



Photo credit Roger Marchand

Name: Linda F. Sanborn,
(D, incumbent)
Address: 170 Spiller Rd.

Education: BS, Michigan State University. MD, University of Illinois.

Completed the Daniel Hanley Health Leadership Development course 2012.
Personal: Married to Jeff Sanborn, 3 adult sons

Employment: Retired family doctor, State Representative District 130

Political and community experience:

Served in the 124th and 125th Maine State Legislatures. Currently serve on the Child Care Advisory Committee, HIV Advisory Council, and the Substance Abuse Services Commission. Served on the Joint Select Committee on Health Care Reform, Opportunities and Implementation 2010. Serve as a Deacon of First Parish Congregational Church, UCC. Volunteer at the Gorham Ecumenical Food Pantry. Corporator, Gorham Savings Bank.

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

The major challenge is the lack of jobs in Maine that pay a living wage with adequate benefits. We need a more skilled workforce for the current and future needs of Maine businesses. Rising health care costs are a burden to our families and businesses. Nearly everyone in Maine is feeling the economic pain.

What I bring to the table is the willingness to work collaboratively with other legislators, educators and business leaders to create a jobs plan for Maine that addresses the underlying cause of these issues. Investment in quality early child care and education is the first step, as raising capable children is the basis of a prosperous and sustainable society. I would promote education beyond high school for all our students as high paying jobs require a skilled workforce. I would work to ensure education is affordable, especially for low and moderate-income families. Graduates with STEM degrees as well as technical degrees, such as precision manufacturing are essential. We must promote public-private partnerships between our institutions of higher learning, research facilities, health care institutions and businesses to spark innovation and entrepreneurship.

Finally, I would speak positively about the great state of Maine and all that we have to offer. Consider our great natural resources, a Yankee work ethic, cutting-edge research facilities like Jackson Labs and the Maine Cancer Institute, our traditional industries and our cherished quality of life. I am able to put aside political differences, work together and build on our strengths to move Maine forward.



File Photo

Name: Matt Mattingly (R)
Address: 91 South St.

Education: BA - Thomas More College

Personal: Married to Amy, two amazing daughters in GHS.

Employment: Owner of PineCrest Inn, Vice President of the Eastern Fairfield County United Way, Director of Development for Butler County United Way, Director of Instructional Media for Thomas More College

Political and community experience:

Gorham Town Council, Board Member of the Maine Innkeepers Association, USM Advisory Board for the Tourism and Hospitality Degree, Founder of the Gorham Taste Walk, Various town committees, helped launch the Yellow Dot Program.

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

The biggest challenge facing the next legislature is one of discipline. We must identify our major threats, weaknesses, opportunities and our strengths. From this we can set our goals, act efficiently on them and build a future that will greatly benefit all Mainers.

THREAT: Our economic growth fails to outpace the declining dollar and what we can buy. Tens of thousands slip deeper and deeper into poverty. Our welfare rolls continue to swell adding an ever increasing burden onto the working families until our state government is no longer able to provide needed services for an aging and declining population.

GOAL: Strong growth heals many wounds. Our schools benefit, our neighborhood becomes stronger, residential tax rates decline, college graduates stay closer to home, when you need to sell your home - there will be a buyer and not at a loss. More opportunities mean more jobs. More jobs mean fewer on our welfare rolls lessening the demand on resources. More resources mean our indigent care system can appropriately take care of our needs and our children in rural areas find opportunities that don't include destructive behaviors.

SOLUTION: Focus in a unified direction that will set Maine on the course for economic prosperity. Too many submitted bills distract our elected leaders from efforts that are important but not critical to rebuilding an economic base that will stand strong for the next generation. There should be no question. The day has come to remove the band-aid approach to governing and get to the root of our issues.



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Correction

In the October 11, 2012 article entitled "Town Council Candidate Profiles," Bruce Roullard's photo credit should have gone to Jared Bourget. Additionally, Roullard's home address should have been 46 School Street. We apologize for the errors.

Gorham Times Receives Certificate of Appreciation



Photo credit Kattia Lomando

Gorham Times editor Karen DiDonato was recently presented with a certificate of appreciation by some of the children who attend 4 Seasons Preschool & Childcare located at 10 Hickory Lane. Becki Yahm, director and owner, was thankful the *Gorham Times* featured her preschool in the June 10, 2011 issue. Since opening, she has worked hard to attain Certification of Accreditation for Family Child Care through the National Association for Family Child Care, meaning she attained the highest standards of quality by completing the accreditation process. Pictured from left to right are: **Karen DiDonato, Dexter Vance, Lola Vance, Amidah Soong, Owen Beaumont, and Becki Yahm.**

Yellow Dot Kicks off in Gorham



Photo credit Martha T. Harris

Officer Ted Hatch placed the first Yellow Dot sticker on the rear window of Dyana Rossignol's vehicle. Rossignol, who works with In-Home Senior Services, volunteers with Gorham-Westbrook TRIAD. According to YellowDotME.org, "Yellow Dot is a free program designed to help first responders provide life-saving medical attention during that first 'golden hour' after a crash or other emergency. A Yellow Dot in the driver's-side rear window of your vehicle will alert first responders that vital medical information is stored in the glove compartment." For more information, contact Officer Ted Hatch at thatch@gorham.me.us or 222-1681.

Maine State Senate, District 6

Name: James A. Boyle (D)
Address: 25 Dundee Rd.

Education: B.S. Forest Management, University of Maine, 1981

Personal: Partner - Sue Durst, son Jared Boyle, daughter Lindsay Boyle
Employment: Owner, Boyle Associates; Owner, Avant

Political and community experience: No political experience. Organizations and activities: Greater Presumpscot Regional Land Trust, Stewardship Committee; Maine Association of Wetland Scientists; Small Woodlot Owner's Association of Maine; Westbrook-Gorham Rotary Club; Gorham Business Exchange; Environmental and Energy Technology Council of Maine



Photo credit Sue Durst

Name: Ruth A. Summers (R)

Address: Scarborough
Education: Bachelor of Science, Journalism & Mass Communications

Personal: Husband, Charlie; Children, Tricia (28), Chas (24), Thomas (3)
Employment: Lieutenant Commander, U.S. Navy Reserve; small business owner, Little Hands Consignment & stay at home mom

Political and community experience: American Legion; Run for the Fallen; Mom-to-Mom of Maine; American Foundation for Suicide Prevention; Former President, Junior League of Portland



Photo courtesy of Rhonda Farnham Photography

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

The most important challenge facing the person elected to serve the citizens of District 6 will be making decisions that allow businesses in Gorham, Scarborough and Westbrook to create jobs. Although I don't see our elected representatives as job creators directly, they can influence policy-making in directions that help job creators in the private sector to succeed. I have real-world job creation experience, and I think it's vitally important that Maine has the perspective of an entrepreneur in the Senate during these challenging economic times.

The most important aspect of small business success is recruitment and retention of well educated, highly skilled employees. That's why I place so much importance on investing in the education of our students. Like my parents and my two children, I am a graduate of the University of Maine, so I know the importance of supporting public education at all levels.

I believe that the skills I've learned building consensus and solving problems in my small business are the same skills that are needed for success in Augusta. We hear a lot of talk about how important it is to "work across the aisle" in Augusta. After 30 years in the business world, I know that I have the attitude and abilities to successfully lead and build consensus if elected as District 6's State Senator. I will bring to the Senate a small business, education-oriented perspective that I believe will serve Gorham, Scarborough, Westbrook and Maine well, and I ask for your vote on November 6. Thank you.

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

As your next state senator I will work toward three things – building a vibrant job market, a strong economy and the future of our state.

I will prioritize job creation by working with small businesses in Maine to increase tax incentives that will help them expand and hire more Mainers. We need to have a strong job market, keep our tax rates low and our regulatory burden reasonable.

These jobs will help build a strong economy that will benefit every town in Maine.

It's our responsibility to leave this world a better place than when we arrived. That is why I believe we need to ensure that Maine is better for future generations. Through being good stewards of the land to ensuring our education system is strong from daycare and preschool to universities and trade schools.

I am a Lieutenant Commander in the U.S. Navy Reserves. Growing up in the Marine Corps, I understand, and have lived, the importance of taking care of our veterans. My husband has served in Iraq and Afghanistan and I have served throughout the world. I was on Active Duty on 9/11 aboard the USS Howard at Bath Iron Works. Just one of the many great ships defending our country worldwide that was built by hardworking Mainers.

As your State Senator I will work toward a more vibrant job market, a stronger economy and the future of our state.

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Mike Caron: Class A Golf Champion

Jeff Pike

As GHS senior Mike Caron teed his ball on the final hole at the Natanis Golf Club Tomahawk Course in Vassalboro on October 13, he knew he was in contention to win the Class A State Individual Golf Championship. But the memory of the previous week on the same hole had to be lurking in his mind.

During the October 6 Class A Team Championship, which Gorham won, Caron triple-bogeyed the 18th hole after putting his second shot in the water. But he made sure the story did not repeat itself. His tee shot in the individual tournament landed in the middle of the fairway, and his approach shot to the 395-yard par four landed within 10 feet of the cup. Caron calmly two-putted for the par and a 75-stroke total on the par 72 course to win the tournament by one stroke over Brad Smith of Brunswick.

The back-nine was where Caron won the tournament as he shot a one-under par 35 to follow up the four-over-par 40 on the front nine. "After a double-bogey on the second hole, I didn't make the key putts on the front nine," Caron said. "But the putts fell on the last nine holes, and on the 13th, I sank a 17-foot putt for par that might have been the key shot of the round."

Two of Caron's teammates also qualified for the tournament. Spencer LaPierre shot an 83 to finish tied for 12th while Andrew Scontras shot and 85 to finish tied for 17th.

The conditions on October 13 were cold and windy, but Caron was helped by an experience two years ago on the same course during the 2010 Class A Team Championship, which Gorham also won. "It was just as cold and windy that day, but it was also raining," Caron said. "Playing the course in worse conditions definitely helped this time. I played as I normally do and put the weather out of my mind."

At the beginning of the season, Caron established winning the individual championship as a goal along with winning the team championship. He did not start playing golf until the summer before his freshman year but quickly picked up the



Photo credit Jim Caron

GHS golfer Mike Caron proudly displays his plaque for winning the Class A State Individual Championship October 13 at Natanis Golf Course in Vassalboro.

game and realized he might contend for the state championship after winning a pre-season tournament this year.

"Mike had a successful season because he is a natural leader and has matured as a golfer," said GHS head golf coach Rick Altham. "He has worked hard on his course management skills, and the improvement helped him shoot low scores in state tournaments. Mike's desire to be the best not only helps him, but also helps his teammates reach their goals."

The win by Caron continues the recent State Class A dominance the Gorham golf program has displayed in recent years. In addition to winning the team championships in 2012 and 2010, Mike Arsenault won the individual championship in 2010, and David Gushee was the co-individual champ for three straight years from 2006 to 2008.

Looking ahead, Caron is deciding which colleges he will apply for, but he definitely wants to play golf wherever he might end up. "I owe a lot of my success to coach Altham and (JV) coach (Wayne) Drown, who both helped me improve my swing all four years and inspired me to win," Caron said. "My teammates have also been supportive and helped push me to play better."

in the Zone

Kayleigh Ballantyne (GHS '10) was leading the Bryant University (Rhode Island) field hockey team in combined goals and assists with five and eight respectively at press time. She was also ranked fourth in the nation among all NCAA Division I players in assists. In back-to-back wins over Siena and Holy Cross on October 7 and October 9, Ballantyne scored three goals and handed out one assist.

Gorham Golfer Earns Spot on Highly-Rated Team: Mike Arsenault (GHS '11) earned a spot on Methodist University (North Carolina) fall golf team, which was ranked second among NCAA Division III colleges in the nation at press time. Arsenault is one of 10 players to make the team among the 60 who tried out.

Gorham Bowler Wins in Bangor: GHS sophomore **Austin Hicks** bowled his first-ever 600 series (612) to win the A Division of United States Bowling Congress travel league 10-pin event in Bangor on October 13. In the playoff round, Hicks rolled a 213 string to win the match and take the championship. His current travel league average is 157.

13 Wins for JV Volleyball: The GHS JV volleyball team turned in an outstanding regular season with a match record of 13-1 while winning 30 out of 36 games. In the team's final game on October 12, the Rams avenged its only loss of the season by defeating Scarborough, 25-21, 19-25, 15-11. **Tori Small** led the way with 13 service points, four kills and 10 assists while **Emily Peterson** had 12 digs and **Ciara Stillson** had four kills.

My-Fit-24 Zombie Run



Photo credit Martha T. Harris

My-FIT-24 sponsored a Zombie Run where the course featured obstacles like the A-frame above, mud, and zombies. A percentage of the event's proceeds were given to Maine Parents and Providers of Diabetics (P-PODs), which provides families of diabetic children with education and support.

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GHS Varsity Sports Updates

Boys' Soccer: The Rams closed out the season with five straight wins to finish 12-0-2 and ranked number one in Western Maine Class A. The team was scheduled to open the playoffs at home October 24 against an opponent to be determined. On the season, the team scored 54 goals while allowing seven. **Connor Reagan** was the leading goal scorer with 13 goals and also handed out six assists. He earned Portland Press-Herald Player of the Week honors for scoring three goals in the Rams 5-0 win over Marshwood on October 4. Connor's brother, **Chandler Reagan**, was also a top scorer with nine goals and 11 assists on the season. **Austin Bell** was the third top goal scorer with seven while goalkeeper **Alex McCarthy** earned seven shutouts and allowed only six goals during the season.

Volleyball: At 11-3, the volleyball team finished the regular season ranked fifth in the state-wide Class A Division and with the program's best record since head coach **Lisa Curley** began coaching the varsity in 2008. The Rams finished in exciting fashion with a 3-2 come-from-behind win over Scarborough October 12 after losing the first two sets. **Kate Curley** turned in 32 service points while **Sam Robinson** had 38 digs, **Kaitlyn Seehusen** had 34 assists and **Lindsay Chapman** had nine kills. On October 20, the Rams defeated Mount Desert Island, 3-1, in the quarterfinals of the Class A State Tournament to advance to a semi-final match at #1 ranked Biddeford on October 24.

Girls' Soccer: The team won its last five games while outscoring opponents 21-4. The Rams finish the season 11-3 and ranked seventh in Western Maine Class A. **Kali St. Germain** has led the way all year in scoring with 19 goals, including a four-goal performance in a 7-0 over Noble on October 11. In the team's last three games, **Germain** scored seven goals and earned an Honorable Mention in the Portland Press-Herald Player of the Week honors. Other team leaders include **Megham Cushing** with six goals and **Marissa Roberts** with five shutouts in net. The Rams defeated Massabesic October 19 in the preliminary round of the Western Maine Class A playoffs to advance to a quarterfinal game at #2 ranked Thornton Academy on October 23.

Field Hockey: The Rams finished the regular season 8-6 and ranked sixth in Western Maine Class A. The team then defeated Deering, 3-0, in the preliminary round of the Western Maine Class A playoffs before losing 2-1 against second-ranked Cheverus in the quarterfinals. Against Deering, the Rams were led by a goal and an assist from **Charlotte Smith**. **Darcie Brown** and **Jamie Hansen** also scored. Leading the way on defense to earn the shutout were goalkeeper **Patty Smith** along with midfielders **Gabby Martell**, **Delaney Shiers** and **Elle Lavoie** as well as sweeper **Caitlin Shaw**. For her efforts, **Charlotte Smith** earned an Honorable Mention in the Portland Press-Herald Player of the Week honors. She along with **Hansen**, **Evelyn Viernes**, **Brown** and **Martell** all scored five goals during the season to lead the team while **Patty Smith** earned six shutouts in goal and **Shaw** had six defensive saves.

Boys' Cross Country: The Rams ended the regular season with 10 wins and 3 losses and was ranked eighth among all Maine teams based the top times of all runners statewide. The team finished fourth in the October 20 SMAA Championships at Twin Brook in Cumberland to qualify for the Class A State Championship to be held October 27 in Belfast. **Jesse Southard**, who finished 12th, led the way with a time of 18:12.77. **Jesse Southard** and **Thomas Bradshaw** were the next top Gorham runners at 27th and 30th respectively.

Girls' Cross Country: The team finished the regular season 5-10, and **Kelsey Mitchell** was the top runner for the Rams during the October 20 SMAA Championships at Twin Brook in Cumberland. She finished 34th with a time of 23:21.74. The top 5K times of the season were turned in by **Mitchell (21:48)**, **Laura Turner (22:27)** and **Ashley Woodbury (22:56)**.

sports Etc.

New Group Run: A new running group is forming that meets Saturdays at 7:30 a.m. starting at The Gorham Grind at 18 South Street. The group runs on a weekly basis in all types of weather with the chance to socialize afterward with other runners over coffee and a treat in a relaxed setting. All ability levels are welcome. Runners group themselves based on pace and run routes ranging from two to over ten miles. For

more information, please email Jim Haddow at jhaddow@pmhlegal.com.

Basketball Clinic: The USM men's basketball team will host the annual Huskies' Shooting Clinic from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on November 3 at the Costello Sports Complex on the Gorham campus. The clinic is open to boys in grades 3-10 with a fee of \$45 in advance and \$50 the day of the clinic. For more information, contact Karl Henrikson at karlh@usm.maine.edu.



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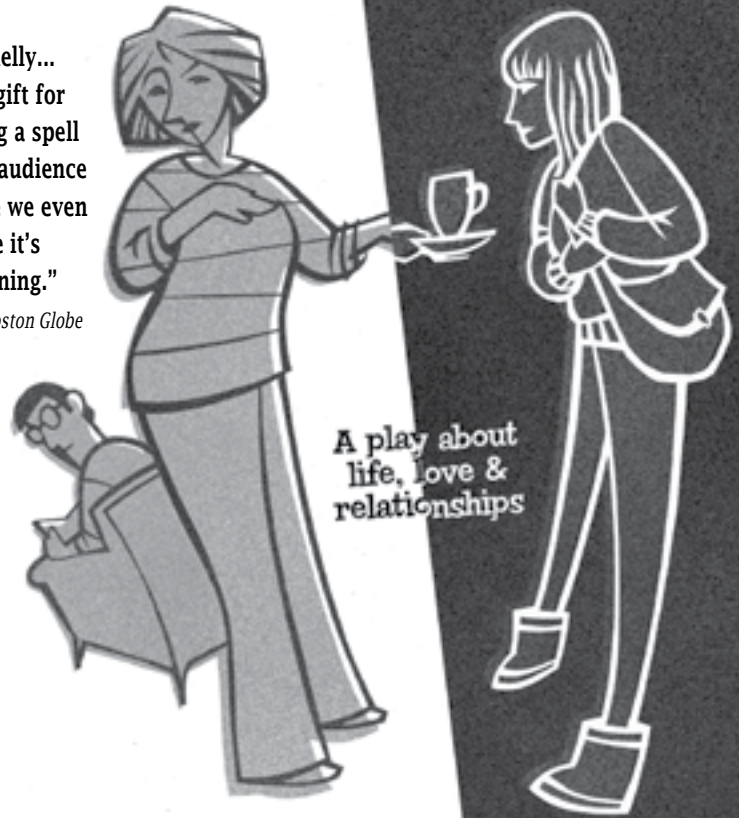


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Birth Announcements

Kayla Grace Wolfe was born on October 11, 2012 to Kaitlin and Johnny Wolfe, weighing 9 pounds, 7 ounces and was 21.5 inches long.



Milestones

Pvt. Kyle Fitzwilliam (GHS '12) graduated from Basic Combat Training in Fort Jackson, SC and will continue his Advanced Training at Fort Lee, VA. (PIC)

Of Interest

Baxter Memorial Library will hold a program and reception to honor Gorham veterans, with a special emphasis on Korean War vets. The program will also include a presentation on the War of 1812. All veterans will be honored. **Monday, November 12, 10 a.m.**, Baxter Memorial Library. FMI, call James at 839-5031.

Jennifer Kennedy (GHS '09) will present her **Senior Voice Recital** commemorating the completion of her Bachelor's Degree in Music Education on **Saturday, Oct. 27, 8 p.m.** at Corthell Concert Hall, Gorham campus. All are welcome to attend.

Alex Bailey (GHS 2007) has accepted an engineering position with Lowes Churchill and Associates in Bunbury, Australia, a southern coastal town in western Australia.

Gorham resident and sculptor, Ed Twilley, was recently commissioned to create a sculpture titled "Open Book," at the Dover Public Library in Delaware where the artist was raised. "The once formidable I-beam appears to simply unfurl in opposite directions like pages in a book," says Twilley.



There will be a Hunter's Breakfast at Cressey Road United Methodist Church every Saturday in November. Breakfast served from **5 a.m. to 9 a.m.** Enjoy eggs, pancakes, sausage with gravy over biscuits, and more. Breakfast is free but donations will be accepted for church mission to Guatemala. FMI, 839-4383.

The Gorham Woman's Club will hold a meeting on Thursday, Nov. 8 at First Parish Church, Gorham. The program begins with refreshments at **12:30 p.m.** followed by speaker Mary Brunet from Back in Motion at 1 p.m. Members are encouraged to bring

completed Newborns in Need projects. FMI, 839-6375.

USM Gorham students Tyler Boothby and Richard Lamirande are pictured with Portland Lions Club president **Bruce Rouillard**, as they prepare to lead the charge for the Lions Club and Sigma Nu Fraternity at the 17th Annual White Cane Awareness Walk, which raised money for The Iris Network, an organization that provides services to the visually impaired.



Gorham House will host their Annual Craft Fair on Friday, Nov. 9 from 1 to 6 p.m. & Saturday, Nov. 10 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will be over 35 vendors selling goods ranging from jewelry, unique art, furniture, clothing and holiday crafts. There will be a sandwich bar, beverages and sweets for sale to benefit the Gorham House Wellness Program. Admission is FREE.

The Gorham Ecumenical Council will sponsor a Prayer & Reconciliation Service on election eve, **Nov. 5 at 7 p.m.** at the First Parish Congregational Church in Gorham with Rev. David Butler, Rev. Norman Rust and other Gorham clergy participating. The purpose of this service is to offer a venue where people can come together to consider and pray about their own choices and to promote civility and respect for all choices.

GHS Project Graduation will sponsor an All Day Scrapbooking Crop Event on Saturday, Nov. 3 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at St. Anne's Church in Gorham. \$30 fee includes a light breakfast and lunch. "Thank You" gifts for each attendee, raffle prizes, vendors and consultants. FMI, Kim Ashby 637-2189 or kimbera@hotmail.com.

Silpada Designs will hold an Open House at the Gorham Rec. Dept. on Wednesday, Nov. 7 from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Hosted by Cheryl Ahearn. 100% of profits will be donated to Project Graduation. FMI, cahearn@maine.rr.com or 892-2407.

Harvest Hoedown fundraiser for Project Graduation at the Odd Fellows Hall (across from Thatchers) on **Friday, Nov. 9.** This is a 21+ event. Music by Tricky Britches with harvest buffet. Social hour



THEY DID IT!!! Jacqueline Lara and Daniel McDermott were married in a beautiful ceremony at Saint Hyacinth Church in Westbrook on July 7, 2012. Dinner, dancing and a fun filled evening followed at the Marriott Sable Oaks in South Portland. The newlyweds spent a glorious 10 days on beautiful St. Johns in the US Virgin Islands! Jacqui and Dan are excited to be back, living in Maine after both being away for several years at college!

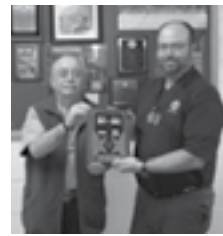
at 7 p.m. Tricky Britches start at 8 p.m. Tickets \$20 pp. FMI, Maria Doyle 839-8941 or edoyle3@maine.rr.com.

All-You-Can-Eat Baked Bean Supper on Saturday, Nov. 3 from 4:30 to 6 p.m. at the White Rock Community Club, off Rt. 237 (Wilson Rd.), Gorham. Beans, hot dogs, mac & cheese, biscuits, salads, homemade desserts. \$7/\$3. FMI, 892-4395.

The West Gorham Union Church will hold a Public Supper on Saturday, Nov. 3 from 5 to 6 p.m. Beans, hot dogs, chicken pie, chop suey, casseroles, salads and more. \$7/\$3 under 12. Tickets on sale at 4 p.m. Corner of Rt.112/25.

Citizens for a Greener Gorham will meet on Thursday, Nov. 15 from 5:30 to 6:45 p.m. at the Gorham Grind.

St. Anne's Knight's of Columbus was recently honored for enlisting seven new members into the Gorham council. They are **Brian Bishop, Mike Chabot, Jim Crawford, Paul Morse, David Slater, Larry Worster** from Gorham, and **Doug Gee** from Buxton. District Deputy **Joseph Mathew** presents **Grand Knight Mike Foster** with the award.



Chicken Pie Dinner will be held at First Parish Church on November 3 from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Adults \$10, Children under 12 \$5.

Ongoing

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.

FREE Thanksgiving Dinner on Thursday, Nov. 22 at 12 p.m. at Mr. Bagel in Gorham for folks who would otherwise be alone or unable to fix this meal. Reservations preferred. Please call Roxanne Moody at 839-4516. Be prepared to leave a message.

First Parish Church will hold their sixth annual Haunted House on Friday, October 26 and Saturday, October 27 from 7 to 10 p.m. Not recommended for children under 5; under 10 require adult supervision. \$6 adults, \$4 kids, \$20 family five pack.

USM Notes

Isaac Dyer Galleries, 180 Fort Hill Road, Gorham, will host an opening reception for Maine Artists and USM Art Alum Judy O'Donnell and painter and print-maker Ed McCartan on Friday, Oct. 26 from 4 to 7 p.m.

Close to Home

Saint Joseph's College will present a lecture titled "Jesus' Ethic, Politics, and the Common Good" on Tuesday, Oct. 30, 7-8 p.m. Free and open to the public. FMI, 893-7951.

A Christmas Fair will be held at 80 Longfellow Street: (Longfellow Place), Westbrook on Saturday, Nov. 3, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. White Elephant, baked goods, hand made crafts. Lunch will be Fish Chowder, Hot Dogs, and other items.

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THURSDAY, OCT. 25

- WWCC Community Meal (810 Main St, Westbrook), 12 p.m. Shepherd's Pie served. Everyone invited. \$5.
- 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. 26

- USM Faculty Jazz Ensemble, "Stuff We Dig!," Corthell Concert Hall, USM Gorham. \$15/\$10/\$5.

SUNDAY, OCT. 28

- USM Wind Ensemble, 2 p.m. Corthell Concert Hall, USM Gorham. \$6/\$3.

MONDAY, OCT. 29

- Evening Story Time, 6 p.m., "Apples, Apples Everywhere!," Baxter Library.

TUESDAY, OCT. 30

- Preschool Story Time, 9:30 a.m., ages 3-5 yrs, Baxter Library.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 31

- 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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- Gorham Cancer Prayer and Support Group, 6 p.m., Cressey Road United Methodist Church. All are welcome. FMI, 839-311.

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Cressey Road United Methodist Church, 81 Cressey Rd.
Gorham Food Pantry, St. Anne's Catholic Church parking lot, 299 Main St.
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Caller reported they were bicycling when a subject in vehicle yelled "Whoo!" at them when they passed by.

Main Street caller reporting three males in gorilla suits running into traffic and they almost hit them.

Caller reported that they were in an argument with another individual because that person put their finger in caller's face.

Main Street caller reported a female sleeping in the lobby who would not leave. Female had an ankle injury.

Dingley Springs Road caller reported seeing three male subjects with gas cans in a vehicle. Caller thought they were siphoning gas out of people's vehicles. Caller then reported that after investigating the gas can subjects, the officer left.

Another vehicle drove by caller's house, honked the horn, and pointed a spotlight at their garage. This vehicle turned out to be another police officer who was still in the area investigating.

South Street caller reported that someone broke into their residence and "trashed the house."

South Branch Drive caller reported that their teenager works at a farm and was verbally yelled at by an individual who used expletives. Teen was advised to call if an escort was needed to pick up final paycheck.

Flaggy Meadow Road caller requested an officer check on neighbor's property after seeing a suspicious male subject emerge from the neighbor's yard. Male stated he was there to work on the pool but his truck wouldn't start.

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