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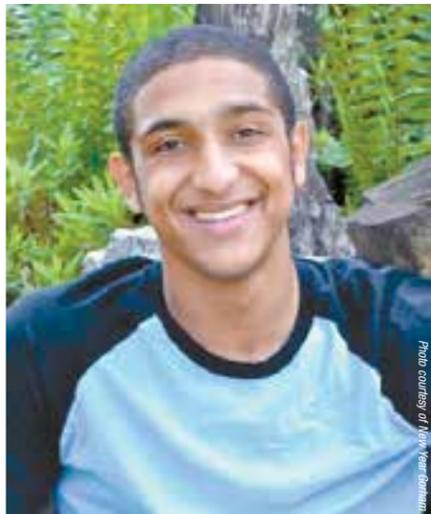
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New Year Gorham Appoints Director



The New Year Gorham Committee recently appointed Joshua Wolfe to serve as its first executive director. Joshua is a Gorham resident and is currently pursuing a degree in Leadership and Organizational Studies at the University of Southern Maine.

"We are extremely pleased to find such a perfect match for this position," said Virginia Wilder Cross, chairperson for NYG. "Joshua is energetic, resourceful, and incredibly organized. In addition to his leadership degree, he offers extensive management and public relations experience gained while serving as a Foster Youth Leader and through various leadership roles at the University and with the Sigma Nu Fraternity. For the past three years, Joshua has helped with the annual auction to support New Year Gorham, so he is not completely new to our team."

In accepting the position, Joshua commented, "I am more than excited about working with the committee that plans New Year Gorham, and I am beyond honored to have been asked to serve as its executive director. We have already confirmed several performers and venues for this year and are off to an absolutely great start."

In its sixth year, New Year Gorham is a community-wide and alcohol-free celebration of the arts. The event takes place on New Year's Eve and includes a variety of performers and family fun. If you are interested in performing or being on the committee or volunteering in any capacity, please contact Joshua Wolfe at 207-409-7361 or email: joshua.wolfe@maine.edu.

Connie Loughran Retires After 27 Years

BY SHERI FABER
Staff Writer

After 27 years working for the town of Gorham, Connie Loughran has retired. For the first 25 years she was the deputy town clerk and for the past two she was the town clerk.

Loughran has seen a number of changes in the job over the years but considers the most challenging to have been the merging of the Town Clerk's Office with the Finance Office. Initially the Clerk's Office took care of licenses (dog, fishing), elections, and meetings. Now the Clerk's office handles the minutes for the Zoning Board of Appeals and the Town Council as well as all tax collections and motor vehicle registrations. While the Finance Department does the billing for property taxes, the Clerk's Office collects the money.



"I have enjoyed working with the people of Gorham," said Loughran. "It's a nice town. It's large enough to find most of what you want and small

enough to feel like a neighborhood."

Loughran is looking forward to traveling to visit her siblings who are spread out all over the country.

New Security Measures in Place for Gorham Schools

BY STACY SALLINEN
School Coordinator

In the wake of the Newtown, Connecticut tragedy, many school districts, including Gorham, are starting the new school year with additional security measures in place.

One of the biggest changes includes renovated entrances to four of the five schools - Narragansett, Village, Gorham Middle School and Gorham High School. Facilities Director Norm Justice explained that these schools now have an entrance where visitors

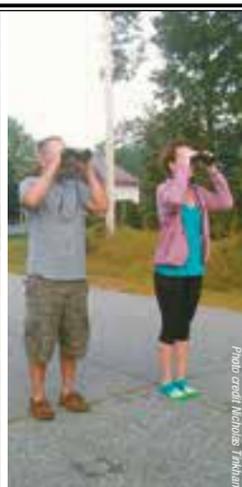
must identify themselves and explain their purpose before being allowed to enter through the secured doors. In some instances, a photo identification may be required. Visitors may communicate with the front office either through an access window or intercom/phone system.

Great Falls, which opened its doors to students in August 2011, was constructed with a secure access system in place.

Doors at each of the five schools will remain locked during school hours, but will be unlocked during high traffic times and after-school hours.

Other upgrades include additional video surveillance, a new fire and security intercom system at Village and Narragansett Schools, and an enhanced communication system with public safety officials. Additionally, select school personnel offices are equipped with a panic button.

Upgrades are funded through the school district's capital improvement budget and appropriation from the town council. Additional upgrades are expected over the next several years.



Back to School Snapshots

(LEFT) The neighborhood bus stop

(MIDDLE) Our 6th grader didn't want mom and dad at the bus stop. No problem! I grabbed my binoculars to watch him get on the bus - Ronnie Tinkham

(RIGHT) Hunter (4th grade) and Haden (2nd grade) Pelletier - Great Falls Elementary!

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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.

Bond Package is a Win for Maine

BY SENATOR JIM BOYLE

This week I returned to Augusta for a special legislative session to vote on a bond package that I believe is a win for Maine people. Democrats have long maintained that bonding is an important investment tool for economic growth. Not only does this bond package make critical investments in Maine's infrastructure, it also invests in Maine people.

Democrats and Republicans worked hard to craft a bond package that both sides could support.

The bond package includes \$100 million for improvements to Maine's infrastructure including our roads, bridges, rail, and ports. It also includes \$35.5 million for higher education and \$14 million for military armory maintenance and upgrades. These investments will strengthen our economy and put people back to work.

A strong transportation system, including safe and well-maintained roads and bridges, is the foundation for a growing economy, and Maine's infrastructure network is in serious need of repair. The American Society for Civil Engineers has rated our infrastructure a C minus, noting the decline of

our roads and bridges, and the lack of investment in our infrastructure.

The proposed bond package also allows our University of Maine System, Community College System, and Maine Maritime Academy to upgrade existing facilities. As an alumnus, and parent of UMaine graduates, I know the importance of supporting our university system. These upgraded facilities will house new science and nursing labs, and other opportunities for students concentrating in STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math). Investing in state-of-the-art classrooms and cutting-edge laboratories will provide students with the best opportunity to succeed in an evolving and competitive workplace.

Further investment in Maine's community colleges is also a huge win for the state. It will enable the seven community colleges to renovate existing facilities and build new ones to help meet the demand for skilled workers, provide new space to enroll an additional 2,400 students in high-demand, high-wage fields, and use the talents of recent graduates—like carpenters, welders, plumbers, and electricians—to accomplish much of this renovation.

It is also important that our military armories are well maintained so that members of the National Guard are well prepared and equipped. We have a responsibility to ensure that they have the resources they need to do their jobs.

While Democrats pushed for further investment in research and development and land conservation and water programs, we were met with resistance. We were, however, able to secure a commitment from the Governor and Republican leaders to take up an additional research and development bond package in January.

I believe this bond package is a good deal for the state of Maine. This is the kind of strategic investment we need to move Maine forward. Having passed overwhelmingly in the Legislature, the bond package will be placed on the November ballot for voter approval. It is my hope that together we can strengthen Maine's economy.



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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*:

Your front-page article "Noise Ordinance Continues to be Problematic" disturbs me.

This issue has the clear appearance of a witch-hunt rather than being "problematic." Putting an ordinance in effect because the town "should" have one does not support the community. To the contrary, it diminishes us by limiting community to "decibel levels."

Music is not "noise" to most of us. It appears the Town Council believes it is. Sitting on the grass at Mattingly's business listening to good music and chatting with others' in Gorham I don't often see reminds me of just how wonderfully social and cultural Gorham is. His venue, as far as I know, has always been respectful of the neighbors, and has not been troublesome.

The owners of the companies affected by this "noise control ordinance" consistently and actively support the community. They are very civic minded and considerate people. They provide and support many worthy services, often free to the public. They have done nothing to deserve this ordinance.

We are all demeaned by ordinances simply because "we need one in case." Both Jon Smith and Matt Mattingly ought to be applauded for developing these places where we can all congregate and share time together, not demonized because their activities might be considered "problematic" to the community.

This "problem" has all the earmarks of political manipulation by the Gorham

Town Council. I've heard of no documented founding for the restrictions this ordinance. To pass a law simply because there isn't one is beyond the pale. We are a town of good faith, not mercenaries against outdoor assembly. We are a town

where a cow loose on the road is news in your Blotter.

There is no excuse for considering this issue "problematic." This is an attack on business, pure and simple.

Ellwood Sunnell

around town

Debbie Harmon Photography, previously located at 8 School St., is still open for business. Harmon found her business no longer required a studio space.

After lengthy discussions at the Town Council meeting on September 3, the Council voted to amend the potential cost of upgrading the Public Safety Building to \$5.8 million as this was the amount recommended in the report that detailed the upgrades and their costs. An initial proposal to move Public Safety to Little Falls at an approximate cost of over \$6 million was voted down in the election held last June. After discussion, the council voted 2-4 not to send this proposal out to vote at the November 2013 election.

The proposal by Jon Smith of Great Falls Construction to turn the former White Rock School into twelve age-restricted one-bedroom apartments was finalized by the Council. The property was sold to Jon and Cynthia Smith of Great Falls Construction for the sum of \$1. Smith will invest a minimum of \$800,000 into the property, which will pay property taxes to the town. Smith has the right to come back to the town after 20 years to terminate the age restriction. Should the property sell in the first 15 years, the town has right of first refusal. Look to the Town Council Report in the edition for more information.

East Coast Communications, a commercial communications contractor in the Industrial Park, plans to add a 3,200 square foot building expansion as well as an additional 10,890 square feet of imperious surface at their building at 29 Cyr Drive in the Industrial Park.

The town's tax rate for the current fiscal year will be \$17.30, which is a \$1, or a 6.3% increase from the prior year's tax rate of \$16.30 and is a reduction from the last estimated tax rate of approximately \$17.40. In each of the three prior years, the town actually lost assessed value in the area of personal property. This year, the town had at least a one-year reversal in that trend where it increased the amount of personal property by approximately \$3 million.

For the tenth year in a row, the town received the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association. The town of Gorham is one of the few communities in the State of Maine to have achieved this distinction.

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Betty Rines, Local Musician



BY SYDNEY BUTLER
Student Intern

One imagines that the house of a talented musician would be bursting with melodies, but when stepping into the home of Betty Rines not a single note would be heard. "I keep the house quiet, as you've noticed," she said with a small smile. "I don't like to have a lot of background music because it's not background to me."

Given her upbringing, Rines's musical inclination seems unsurprising; her father and grandfather both played the trumpet and her mother sings in a choir. Betty

herself began playing the trumpet in sixth grade and endeavored to hone that skill. She continued to play the trumpet through high school and went on to complete an undergraduate degree in Music Education and, later, a master's degree at Boston University. Betty made the move to Maine after receiving a position with the Portland Symphony Orchestra, an organization she calls "the gem of Maine that people need to hear more of and about." Still playing with the PSO, Rines also teaches trumpet at USM and gives private lessons to students in her home.

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Sammie Francis Releases Her Newest Album

Gorham Times Staff

It has been almost a decade since Sammie Francis (GHS '05) was the first female and first solo artist to be awarded the title of "Best Young Artist in the State of Maine." After the release of her EP *Just Me* at the age of seventeen, and a full-length follow up album, aptly called *The Bowdoin Years*, Francis is proud to announce the debut of her newest album, *The Kite and the Shore*. A CD release show will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 28 at Mayo Street Arts, 10 Mayo St., Portland. \$6. Tickets are also available at the door. All are welcome. For more information visit <http://sammie-francis.brownpapertickets.com/>.

Gorham Times: What's this album about and what inspired you to write these new songs?

Sammie Francis: I started writing the music that appears on this record back in 2010 when I was living in Scotland and finished the final pieces in early 2013. The songs are about friends and family; more specifically, they are about the loss of my maternal grandparents. I had an extremely special bond with both of them and continue to feel their loss in my life every day.

GT: What kind of music do you listen to?



SF: I don't know why, but I love me a good, sad, slow song. Over the years, I've made a progression from pop to folk, and that's probably just due to growing up and becoming an adult! I would say that Laura Marling has absolutely been my biggest influence in recent years. Then, of course, there's Josh Ritter, Joni Mitchell, *The Head and the Heart*...the list keeps going and going.

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CAROL ANN (THOMAS) KALP

Carol Ann (Thomas) Kalp, of Gorham, ME, passed away Tuesday, September 3, 2013, at the Gorham House, after a long battle with cancer.

Carol, daughter of H. Fred and Alverta Thomas of Johnstown, Pennsylvania, grew up in Ferndale, PA. She graduated from Indiana University of Pennsylvania and completed post-graduate studies in Maine and New Jersey. Her career in elementary education spanned 27 years, twenty of them in Randolph Township, NJ. Carol also taught in Chatham, NJ, and Bangor, ME. A popular and gifted educator, she was honored with the State of New Jersey's first "Teacher of the Year" award presented by New Jersey Governor Thomas Keane in 1987. She also participated in a symposium for outstanding teachers in 1986. With a close teacher friend, she developed a popular pre-school summer program in New Jersey called "Duck School," which ran for fourteen summers.

Carol enjoyed pinochle, arts and crafts, games with her grandchildren, music, gardening, and outdoor sports. She volunteered as a flower arranger at the Flower Box at Maine Medical Center, where she also served as secretary on the Visiting Board of Children's Hospital. She was a member of the Cosmopolitan Club in Gorham and served as the Club's president in 2010-11. In July, Carol traveled to her ancestral home in Wales with her brother, Fred. Carol was a beloved wife, mother, sister, grandmother, aunt and friend. She is survived by her husband of 55 years, Larry; her daughter Karen K. Berrell, (Robert) of Orono, MN, and son, Robert A. Kalp, (Laurie) of Brick, NJ; five grandchildren: Kathrine and Andrew Berrell; Sean, Sarah, and Brendan Kalp; her brother, H. Fred Thomas of Elkton, MD., and her nephew, Trey Thomas of Austin, TX.

A memorial service will be held 11:00am on Saturday, October 26, 2013 at the First Parish Congregational Church, UCC of Gorham, 1 Church Street, Gorham.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to: First Parish Congregational Church, UCC, 1 Church Street, Gorham, ME 04038, or The United Church of Christ at North Gorham, 4 Standish Neck Road, Gorham, ME 04038.

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Rediscovering the Garage

BY ALLAN REED

After years with a garage, rediscover what you've been missing—space and more.

Looking for an alternate party location in the event of rain? Spend some time tidying up the ultimate extra room of the house. This is the place where, by definition, the family auto(s) should be kept but in spite of thousands of dollars invested in our vehicles, they are sometimes the last to see the dry sanctuary of this hallowed place. Instead, family "stuff" accumulates in the garage, maybe at an even faster rate than it does in the attic and basement. Bicycles, tools, lawn mower, snowmobile, motorcycle, scrap wood, and other assorted stray items of our family end up here. An investment of about four hours of clean up time can yield space for 20 or so family members and friends to gather in the event of rain on party day.

Not surprisingly, cleaning up the garage can give your family a new appreciation of the space you have out there. At the same time, the garage is the one place that allows a family the freedom of creating a dumping area for everything that doesn't fit somewhere else in the house. And an extra bonus is that the garage doesn't have to be kept up. In fact, there is almost an expectation that there will be an ongoing project, with tools scattered, paint drying, or someone's vehicle in some state of repair. The cleaning up of the garage also gives you the opportunity to get rid of trash and items that can be boxed up for the

Goodwill store—and consideration for the end of year tax deductible donations.

Unlike the attic or the basement (which serve essentially in the same capacity as the garage), there is no guilt in bringing anyone into the garage that appears to be in shambles. In fact there is almost something a little bit wrong with a perfectly neat garage. You simply don't need an excuse if the garage is a disaster area and there is some pride that the ever-changing stuff that greets you when the door is opened, is okay.

If you're a trades person, the garage allows you to have a place to do special tasks when it's more convenient than bringing everything to the job site. Depending on the project, it can take some time to set up and take down a table saw, miter saw with a stand, or let painted items dry over saw horses to let them dry in a predictable environment.

The garage gives you the luxury of space as a family without having to straighten things out when visitors stop by. It is the ultimate extra room for the whole family to use. If you find that the garage is getting out of hand, you may need more storage to keep things organized. Try looking for cheap shelving at the Goodwill store when you drop off the junk you've cleaned out.



Alan Reed is a retired Army helicopter pilot, facilities manager for several government leased buildings, and proprietor of Handyman in Gorham.

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GT: How do you manage to play gigs while teaching high school English?

SF: Oh boy, it's definitely a balancing act. I'm slowly coming to terms with the way teaching and music are playing out in my life and I am so grateful for them both.

GT: What does performing music on stage mean to you?

SF: Performing has been a part of my life since I was three! It feels very natural to me and I love playing for a live audience. It sounds cliché, but I feel alive—like life could end in a few minutes, and I'd be okay with it, because I was doing what I felt I was really meant to be doing—and truly happy. In many ways, I

think teaching is performance too. So, for me, they are very much linked.

GT: In a perfect world, where would you be with your music?

SF: Back when I won the Rock-Off, I did it without doing any of the online promotional stuff. Part of me loves that, because it means that I was recognized for my music alone. But it's a different world. Long gone are the days when you played in a bar and someone offered you a record deal. I pine for those days—when it was all about the music. Now, you have to do everything yourself. But, I'm really giving it a go this time around and that makes me feel proud.

Rines CONTINUED FROM PAGE 3

In a recent Letter to the Editor, Betty was cited as the "Best Kept Secret in Gorham" for her rendition of Taps. Although this past holiday was her first Memorial Day performance in Gorham, Rines is no stranger to the piece; she played Taps for the Memorial Day services in her hometown throughout high school and college.

When Cindy Hazelton asked her to perform the piece for Gorham's Memorial Day service, Betty said she was honored. "Taps is something that people think is so simple. It is simple," she emphasizes, "but you have a great deal of responsibility and honor when you are performing." Rines underscored the gravity of Taps, iterating several expectations of the musician during the performance instilled in her by her father, a former Marine. These tenets include a dignified arrival and departure as well as the correct and

respectful execution of the piece. Betty tries to impress these same traditional values upon her students, stressing that playing the piece is a duty as much as a performance. Considering both the public and personal importance and significance associated with Taps, Rines emphatically stated the "letter written to the Gorham Times by Donna Green meant more to me than anything that anyone has ever commented on in my playing."

If you missed Betty's Memorial Day performance, fear not; she is opening the faculty spotlight series at USM. She will be playing with Maine-ly British Brass, an ensemble conducted by Dr. Peter Martin. The concert will be a tribute to the Philip Jones Brass Ensemble, one of the first modern brass ensembles, and will take place on September 13 at 8 p.m. in Corthell Hall.



Dan Libby
Auto Technician

After graduating from Bonny Eagle High School, Dan Libby continued his education at Westover Job Corp for auto technician training. Once his training was complete, he worked for Norman David Lincoln Mercury from 1994 to 1999; he left Norman David to work for Forest City Subaru for a few years, but returned to Norman David but

to the Isuzu Franchise. He remained in this position until he moved to Carter's Auto in 2004 and has been there since. Although Dan prefers working on Ford products, he has been an asset to Carter's Auto with all vehicles that come into the shop.

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Free Disposal of Banned, Unusable Pesticides

This October, the Maine Board of Pesticides Control (BPC) will team up with the Maine Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to dispose of banned pesticides or pesticides that have become caked, frozen, or otherwise rendered unusable. This free disposal program is open to homeowners, family-owned farms and greenhouses. Registration by September 27, 2013, is mandatory—drop-ins are not permitted. To register or for more information, visit thinkfirstspraylast.org or call 207-287-2731.

In the Market for a New Lawn Mower?

BY GORHAM TIMES STAFF

Whether your old one just died or you are making your first purchase, now is a good time to buy a new lawn mower. Stroll down the aisles of any home center or equipment dealer and you will see lots of lawn mowers that look almost exactly alike. Sure, they might be different colors and have nifty decals, but they will all be powered by identical engines and will offer similar features. Here are a few features that

might be important for you to consider:

Mulch Capability

Most mowers can mulch, but the more expensive mowers will recycle clippings back into the turf more efficiently and with less obvious signs, such as clumps of grass and an uneven cut. Look for mowers that have advanced cutting decks with special blades and mulch fans.

Self-Propulsion

You should not have to push a mower around if you do not have

to. Self-propelled mowers come in two varieties: front- and rear-drive. Front-drive is easy to maneuver—just lift the front end slightly and turn. Rear-drive is handy if you use a rear-bagger and want to maintain good traction on hills. Rear-drive is also less likely to tear up your lawn. Whether front- or rear-drive, look for a mower that will allow you to set a comfortable walking pace.

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Harvest Moon

This year's Harvest Moon, the full moon closest to the Fall Equinox, will fall on September 18-19. While traditional lore tells us that this moon is bigger and fuller, that is not actually the case. The size of the moon as viewed from Earth is actually dependent on how close the moon's orbit is to Earth during any given cycle. The Harvest Moon this year will actually be an average distance away.

The Harvest Moon, rising right after sunset, provides extra light for farmers to work longer. Any full moon can appear to be larger and more orange because it rises so close to sunset.

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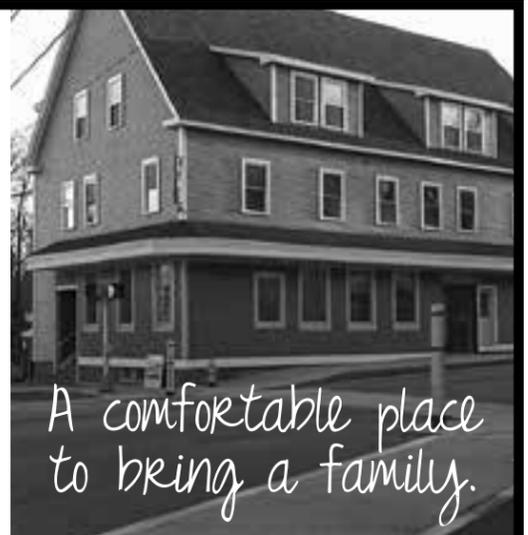


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Clerk's Corner

BY CONNIE LOUGHRAN
Town Clerk

This is my last column for the Gorham Times as I am retiring. I want to thank all the citizens of Gorham for making my 27 years with the Town Clerk's office interesting and enjoyable. Registering vehicles, issuing licenses, performing marriage ceremonies, helping you research your genealogy and getting to know all of you has made my career one to look back on and savor.

Thank you to everyone who attended my retirement reception last week. A special thanks to Councilors Robinson and Moulton; and department managers Mike D'Archangelo, David Galbraith, Sharon LaFlamme, Ron Shepard, Bob Lefebvre, Pam Turner, Bob Burns and Cindy Hazelton. The town of Gorham is very lucky to have you leading the way. I would also like to acknowledge my staff: Deputies Jennifer Elliott and Laurie Nordfors, and Assistant Clerks Paula Nystrom, Alida Landry and Beth Benson. I know you will support the next Clerk as you have supported me. Thank you.

Now, to attend to one final piece of business. It is that time of year again when nomination papers are available for Town Council and School Committee Elections on November 5, 2013. Nomination papers must be returned to the Clerk's office by September 23, 2013. And, if you are interested in working an election, contact the Town Clerk's office as we are always looking for election clerks. It is an enjoyable day seeing your friends and neighbors at the polls.

The people of Gorham are special. We may be a town of 16,000 but we care about our neighbors and our town. I am sure I will see many of you around town and I am looking forward to the next chapter in my life.



Town Clerk Connie Loughran can be reached by e-mail at cloughran@gorham.me.us or by phone at 222-1670.

New Acting Town Clerk



At the September 3 Gorham Town Council meeting, Jennifer Elliott, the new acting Town Clerk takes the oath of office administered by retiring Town Clerk, Connie Loughran.

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Spotlight On The Lego Club

BY KATHY STEVENS
Youth Services Librarian

Baxter Memorial Library's Lego Club meets on the second Saturday of each month from 10 a.m. to noon. We owe a huge thank you to Nate Hills for running this popular program.

Nate has been a devotee of Lego blocks since 1973. He was three years old when his parents found his first set of bricks at a yard sale. With his dad in the Navy, Nate lived in many places as a child and his Lego blocks went with him each time his family moved. After graduating from the University of Maine at Orono with a degree in chemical engineering, he now lives in Gorham and makes his living as a software engineer.

Nate's love of building with Lego blocks continues to this day. Nate introduced his children to the activity and they love it as much as he does. His wife Meg has also taken to Legos, although it is not clear if it is by necessity or by choice.

The format for Lego Club has, up to now, been freeform, but Nate is looking for ways to strengthen and enrich the program; ideas from club members or others are most welcome.

One idea is to hold a more structured build on an early release day or to hold evening programs. Other ideas also include home builds or challenge builds. Bring your ideas to any meeting or share them with any Youth Services Staff Member.

Come and join the fun, everyone is welcome. Bring your own bricks. Don't have bricks? No worries. You can use ours. Each builder will have his or her own space to use. We ask that participants go home with the same bricks they came with (no swapping) and that builders under eight years of age have a parent or other caregiver with them.

For more information, please contact Kathy at kstevens@msln.net or 222-1190.

Veterans Survey

In conjunction with the annual Veterans Day Ceremony held at the Baxter Memorial Library, the Veterans Day Committee is developing a database of veterans from Gorham or with Gorham ties. This is an effort to preserve this part of our local history. Veterans, and the loved ones of veterans, are welcome and encouraged to participate.

Veterans are asked to take the survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/GORHAMVETERANS>, while loved ones of a veteran(s) should this link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/lovedonesofgorhamveterans>. Be sure to complete a separate survey for each veteran. Paper versions of both surveys are available at the Baxter Memorial Library front desk.

For questions about either survey or this database project, contact Pam Turner at 222-1190 or pturner@msln.net.

Thank You, Sydney Butler

Sydney Butler, a Gorham resident and sophomore at Wellesley College, began volunteering with the Gorham Times in May and has been extremely helpful in writing, editing, and proof reading. Despite being back at college, Sydney has agreed to continue proof reading the entire paper for us. Thank you so much, Sydney, for your enthusiasm, dependability, and love for the English language.



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GHS Fall Sports: The Captains and Comments from the Coaches

COMPILED BY JEFF PIKE
Gorham Times Sports Editor

Boys Cross Country: Seniors Jeremy Collett and Thomas Bradshaw as well as junior Ben Foster and sophomore Jesse Southard will serve as captains. "We return all seven of our scorers from last season, leaving the expectations for this season very high," said head coach Jason Tanguay. "Many of the veterans put in a good amount of summer training so I am optimistic and hopeful that this season will be even better than our last one."

Girls' Cross Country: The team elected seniors Jackie Turner, Laura Turner, Kelsey Mitchell and Karen Knight as captains. "We have a small squad with only 11 girls, but they have the talent to be very competitive," said head coach

John Caterina. "The key will be developing depth with some girls new to the sport and, above all, avoiding injuries. Our number one goal is to qualify for the state meet."

Field Hockey: Senior Hannah Southard and junior Charlotte Smith have been elected as the team captains. "We are looking to focus on communication as a primary means to a successful season," said head coach Becky Manson-Rioux. "With the necessary communication, the team can achieve goals set for the season. We are striving to attain a spot in the playoffs again this season."

Volleyball: Team captains include seniors Tori Small, Hallye Anderson and Charlene Landry. "We graduated four senior starters but are looking to reload and come on strong," said head coach Lisa Curley. "I

like our chances to be competitive, and we will continue to refine our game strategy and search for offensive fire power."

Football: Seniors Gage Pratt and Andrew Briggs as well as junior Zach Mills were selected as team captains. "We have one returning varsity player but are looking at an exciting season now that we are in Class B," said head coach Jamal Chatman. "We have a lot of young players ready to take on the challenge."

Boys' Soccer: Seniors Austin Bell and Tyler Eldridge will be joined by junior Cole Houghton as the team captains. "We lost several starters from last year's team that lost in the regional final but have many talented players ready to continue the winning tradition of recent seasons," said head coach Tim King. "The team needs to develop its own identity

and consistently perform at a high level for an entire game."

Golf: The senior captains are Tucker Buteau and Dylan Turner. "This year's team is young and will have to work hard to remain competitive," said head coach Rick Altham. "We have a lot of new faces because we graduated the majority of last year's starters, but this team is full of hard workers committed to helping each other reach their goals."

Girls' Soccer: The Rams have elected Meghan Cushing, Morgan Cushing and Jessica Rexrode—all seniors—as team captains. "Our team strengths are our quick play, ball handling and excellent leadership from the seniors," said head coach Jeanne Zarrilli. "But we will need to work on our speed. We should be competitive in every game and expect our biggest opponents will be Scarborough, Thornton Academy and Windham."

Gorham Boosters Seeking to Unify Support for All GHS Sports Teams

BY JEFF PIKE
Gorham Times Sports Editor

Lenny Holmes came onboard as the Gorham Boosters president this past spring after finding out the program consisted primarily of just one person coordinating concessions at various sporting events. Outside of concessions, some teams have had strong support groups in place while others have not had any organized support.

"Each team has run its own fundraisers for the past few years, which

means each team hits the Gorham community with many requests for donations over the course of the year," Holmes said. "For some programs, the coaches divert time away from coaching to help raise the funds."

With the revival of the Gorham Boosters, the organization's leaders want to unify the efforts of the programs that support individual teams at GHS. Holmes said the organization hopes to coordinate overall fundraising efforts and run two major fundraising efforts each year that would support

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all teams. "This would alleviate a lot of the fundraising the coaches have to do," Holmes said. "They can then focus more time on coaching."

The Gorham Boosters also want to establish a stronger presence in the community. The organization now has a full slate of officers and nearly 150 parents have indicated they want to help. "We anticipate having 30-40 active members with many more willing to pitch in when needed," Holmes said.

All of the teams have agreed to help with concessions, and Holmes said the initial response from the coaches and the community as well as the individual sport booster programs has been very positive. "Individual sports with high opera-

tional costs and existing strong booster programs will continue to have their own programs that run separate fundraising events," Holmes said. "We just want to help where we can and try to coordinate the efforts so that programs don't compete with each other for donations."

In addition to the two major fundraisers the Gorham Boosters hope to sponsor, Holmes said the group will focus on raising school morale and pride in the community. "We don't want to just raise money; we also want to help support the student-athletes as much as possible."

Ideas that Holmes has for helping to raise school spirit include selling school apparel and hosting a captains' breakfast. "We want to show the captains how much we want to support the athletes as well as ask for their help in getting our efforts off the ground," Holmes said.

The Gorham Boosters meet the second Monday of every month at 6:30 p.m. at the GHS Library. The next meeting takes place October 14. Anyone wishing to help can contact Lenny Holmes at gorhamboosters@gmail.com.

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Upcoming GHS Varsity Sports Events

Thursday, September 12

3:30 p.m. Golf @ Windham (course TBA)
4:00 p.m. Field Hockey @ Biddeford
6:00 p.m. Volleyball vs. Biddeford @ GHS
6:00 p.m. Boys' Soccer @ South Portland

Friday, September 13

4:00 p.m. Boys' Cross Country multi-team meet @ Deering
4:30 p.m. Girls' Cross Country multi-team meet @ Deering
7:00 p.m. Football vs. Hampden Academy @ GHS

Saturday, September 14

10:00 a.m. Girls' Soccer vs. South Portland @ GHS

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



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Defending State Champs Break Fast at Start of New Season



On the left, Kenny Tuttle, the number two golfer on the GHS golf team, chips onto the third green during the season-opening match September 4 vs. Westbrook at Nonesuch Country Club in Scarborough. On the right, Tucker Buteau, the team's number one golfer, lines up his putt on the same green. Gorham, the defending Class A state champions, won the match 12.5 to 0.5.

in the Zone

A Hat Trick and a Shut-Out: Tyler Richman scored three goals and Matt Bennett did not allow any goals in net to lead the GHS boys' soccer team to a 7-0 win over Marshwood in the opening game of the season.

GHS Grads Shine in Early-Season Action: Saint Joseph's College freshman Michael Caron (GHS Class of 2013) claimed medalist honors for the lowest individual score in his first collegiate event on August 30th as the USM men's golf team edged the Monks (303-310) in season-opening action

at Gorham Country Club. Caron, who shot a 72, is the only Saint Joseph's freshman to medal in his inaugural event over the last 14 seasons... Bridgton Academy's Connor Reagan (GHS Class of 2013) came out firing for the men's soccer team, scoring two of the team's four goals in the first 16 minutes of play as Bridgton Academy went on to defeat Southern Maine Community College, 4-2 on September 4th... Alyssa Clark (GHS Class of 2011) scored a goal as the Endicott College (Salem, MA) women's field hockey team defeated Salem State, 5-4 on September 5th.

Mercy Hospital is now accepting applications for the Robert Masterson Model Critical Care Unit Nurse Scholarship

Applicants should be senior nursing students pursuing a BSN who are currently attending a Maine college /university that sends students to Mercy Hospital. Applications for this \$1000 scholarship must be submitted by October 1, 2013.

To download an application, go to: www.mercyhospitalstories.org/cms/masterson-scholarship/.

For additional information, contact Terri Mathew, RN, BSN, Clinical Educator, Mercy Hospital, at 822-2549.

This scholarship has been made possible by the generosity of family, friends, and colleagues whose donations in memory of Bob will allow this annual scholarship to be awarded for the next 20-plus years.

sports Etc.

Three GHS Girls Participating on Traditionally-Male Teams: In a double rare occurrence, the GHS football and golf team rosters both include girls for the upcoming

fall season. Junior Videlia Marandola will play on the offensive and defensive lines for the Rams football team while Mckenze Coyne and Sydney Caron are playing for the golf team.

GORHAM YOUTH TRAVEL BASKETBALL

SOLICITATION OF INTERESTED COACHES

5th and 6th Grade Girls and Boys

The Gorham Youth Travel Basketball Association (GYTBA) is soliciting interested parties who desire to coach 5th and 6th grade travel teams. The GYTBA is anticipating up to approximately 6 travel teams, and both head coach and assistant coaching positions are expected to be available for both girls and boys teams. The travel basketball season will occur from approximately November 1, 2013 to March 31, 2014.

Interested parties should contact the GYTBA by September 23, 2013.

GORHAM YOUTH TRAVEL BASKETBALL ASSESSMENTS

5th and 6th Grade Girls and Boys

The Gorham Youth Travel Basketball Association (GYTBA) will hold player assessments and placement for the 2013-2014 season for the Girls and Boys 5th and 6th grade teams.

Assessment dates, times, and location are listed below:

Monday	September 23	GMS	6:00-7:00 PM	5th Grade Girls
Monday	September 23	GMS	7:30-8:30 PM	6th Grade Girls
Tuesday	September 24	GMS	6:00-7:00 PM	5th Grade Boys
Tuesday	September 24	GMS	7:30-8:30 pm	6th Grade Boys
Wednesday	September 25	GMS	6:00-7:00 PM	5th Grade Girls
Wednesday	September 25	GMS	7:30-8:30 PM	6th Grade Girls
Friday	September 27	GMS	6:00-7:00 PM	5th Grade Boys
Friday	September 27	GMS	7:30-8:30 PM	6th Grade Boys

For more information and interest in coaching, please contact Lyle Tracy at 839-4833 or tracyklack@maine.rr.com

Back to School Snapshots...Say Cheese!



1. Justin Broy and Rozada Spiers - Photo Credit Wendy Broy

2. A.J. Booth (6th grade, GMS) and Autumn Book (1st grade, Great Falls Elementary) - Photo Credit Ester Booth

3. Hunter Dean of Barstow Rd. on his first day of Kindergarten - Photo Credit Rebecca Dean

4. Matilda, 7th grade; John, 4th grade; and James, 2nd grade - Photo Credit Daralyn McColl

5. Matthew, 1st grade; Tommy, 4th grade - Photo Credit Stacy Sallinen

6. Emily Beal, Age 6, Excited for her first day of first grade at Great Falls - Photo Credit Tena Beal

7 & 8. Hunter, 4th grade; Haden, 2nd grade; both at Great Falls Elementary - Photo Credit Amy Pelletier

9. Andrew and Kaylyn Migliorini, Village School - Photo Credit Kristin Migliorini

10. Bode & Zoe Coleman - Photo Credit Jesse Coleman

11. Aidan, 2nd grade, and Cailyn who is in her last year (5th grade) at Great Falls Elementary - Photo Credit Lynette Wheeler

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school notes

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Building Teams at Great Falls Elementary



Mother Nature cooperated on Tuesday, September 3 and all the rain held off for the 3rd annual Great Falls Fall Team Building Day! The intention of this day is to start the year with an active opportunity for teachers and students to get to know each other as a classroom community. In order to maximize the benefits of this event, teachers took time with their students before, during, and/or after to talk about what makes teams work well and what makes a classroom community strong.

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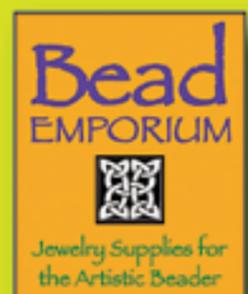


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Familial Connection: Town of Gorham and USM

BY DALIA LYNN,
UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MAINE

More than School Street links the town of Gorham and the University of Southern Maine. Interest in education started early in Gorham's history and has continued since—the town helping to support a university, and the university helping to shape a town. Linked by both history and geography, the University of Southern Maine and the community of Gorham aren't just neighbors, but family. As the young town began to grow, founders knew that education would be crucial in assuring a bright future for the community and its people. USM originated in 1878 as Gorham Normal School, later Gorham State Teachers College and then Gorham State College. In 1970 that institution merged with the University of Maine at Portland and in 1978 became the University of Southern Maine. Even as both have matured, the dynamic has remained, with USM and Gorham shaping and strengthening one another in many ways as they have grown together for over 135 years.

The positive relationship is fostered by the over 800 Gorham-area residents who are alumni, but it goes deeper than that. Faculty, staff and students are active volun-

teers, committed to serving their community in many ways. Gorham residents frequent arts events, music concerts, scholarly presentations and the university's athletic activities. This academic year, the Gorham community will welcome over 1,100 students who will live in our residence halls.

What makes a successful relationship between a community and a campus? The best town-gown relationships that I have discovered have students very much engaged with town leaders, school districts and non-profit organizations, serving in internships, engaged in community service and volunteering opportunities. I believe USM students, faculty, staff and Gorham residents actually enjoy and look forward to the work they do together and engage in making their community stronger as a whole. We all get to know each other, all from different backgrounds and ages, but we have that commonality... we are after all, family.

If you have questions or want to discuss some ideas on how to deepen the community-campus relationship, please contact me at 780-4544, dlynn@usm.maine.edu

Dahlia Lynn is USM's associate provost for academic affairs and in that role is the senior administrator on the Gorham campus.

Gorham House Nursing Assistant to be Honored



Later this month the Maine Health Care Association will hold their 11th Annual Excellence in Long-Term Care Awards event at the Blaine House in Augusta. Annie Fortnam, pictured above, from Windham, who has been employed at Gorham House since 1998 as a CNA, will be awarded in Excellence in Long-Term Care Award. The Director of Nursing at Gorham House, Gail Hauser, nominated Fortnam for her "unyielding commitment to making each resident and co-worker feel special and cared for on a daily basis."

To be considered, nominees must meet certain criteria, including demonstration of extraordinary leadership among her peers, dedication to resident rights and a commitment to providing excellent care. Nominations for the award were submitted by long term care facilities statewide and an independent panel of judges with long-term care expertise selected winners.

Gardening Tips

BY LINDA FAATZ
Staff Writer

This is the time of year when we add new trees and shrubs to our landscape. For the health of the plant, dig the hole at least three times bigger than the root ball and twice as deep. Mix compost with the soil you took out and back fill the hole so you can plant the shrub to the level it is in the pot. Fill the hole with water and

then plant, tamping the soil around the plant. Water deep regularly so the roots will reach deep.

When planting foundation plantings close to your home remember the plants will grow in all directions because of the reflection off the house. Measure three feet from the building to the center of the plant. That is where to dig the hole. Your plantings will look a lot healthier and live a lot longer.

Lawn Mower CONTINUED FROM PAGE 5

Rear Bagging

Rear bags come in handy in the spring and fall, when you need to collect yard debris such as leaves and twigs. Rear bags are easier to attach and remove than mowers with side bags, and they usually hold a lot more.

Easily Adjustable Cutting Height
Many homeowners fail to adjust their mower's cutting height according to the season. It is best to start low in the spring and then gradually raise the height as the weather warms. The easier it is to adjust the cutting height, the more likely you will do it. Look for a mower with clearly marked settings so you don't have to guess what cutting height you are using.

Mowing Basics

Mowing is always a stress to the grass. Try to mow in the morning or evening. Mowing at the heat of the day can shock the plant.

Make sure the mower blades are sharp. Dull blades tear the grass instead of cutting it, allowing fungus to grow.

Use a mulching mower and leave your clippings on the lawn. They add nutrients and keep the grass healthy.

Mowing lays the grass over slightly. It is important to mow in different directions.

Never mow off more than one third of the blade in one mowing.

Mowing to a longer height (three inches) keeps the soil cooler and moister by preventing evaporation. It slows the growth of the grass, too, necessitating less frequent mowing. Longer grass also inhibits weed growth.

Root growth is directly proportional to blade length. The longer the blades, the deeper the roots, and the healthier the grass. However, if the grass gets too long, it can fall over and smother the grass below, which can cause fungal disease.

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Cynthia Reynolds (GHS '09) graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree from the College of Arts and Sciences at Simmons College in Boston, Mass. She is the daughter of Paul and Tami Reynolds.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Charles and Sandra (Rowell) Sendzik of Gorham recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at a lake house in Naples, Maine with family. Attending the celebration were family members: Michele and Rich Miller of Windham; Tami and Scott Baker of Candia, NH; Regina Sendzik of Limington and Stacey and David Sanborn of Standish. Grandchildren: Anna, Monica and Haley Landry; Alexandria and Isabella Baker; Dylan Lefebvre and Nicholas and Colby Sanborn. Married August 31, 1963 in Harmony, Maine, both Charles and Sandra retired from teaching careers (he a science teacher from GHS and she a preschool and special education teacher) with 74 years of teaching between them. The Sendziks were involved with their family in the Gorham Merry Makers 4-H club and the North Street United Methodist Church.



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OF INTEREST

A Community Dinner, sponsored by the Gorham Ecumenical Council, will be served at the First Parish Congregational Church, Gorham on Monday, Sept. 23 at 5:30 p.m. Free food and fellowship. All are welcome.

The Gorham Woman's Club will hold a meeting on

Thursday, Sept. 12 at 12:30 p.m. with guest speaker Sally Manchester talking about Osteoporosis at 1 p.m. First Parish Congregational Church, Gorham. FMI, 839-8399.

Gorham residents Rene and Heidi (Jensen) Custeau celebrated with over 40 members of their family at the Jensen Family Reunion held at Fort Williams in Cape Elizabeth on August 11.



The Italian Heritage Center awarded Johna Doyle (GHS '13) a \$1500 Amato Scholarship donated by Mr. & Mrs. Dominic Reali. Doyle is attending USM studying veterinary medicine.

The North Gorham Public Library, 2 Standish Neck Road, will begin its weekly story time for babies, toddlers, and their caregivers beginning Wednesday, Sept. 11 from 10 to 10:30 a.m. Children will learn about the library by hearing a few stories, singing a few songs and sometimes making a simple craft. FMI, 892-2575.

The North Gorham Public Library's fall session of "Storytime on the Road" will bring stories and crafts to childcare facilities beginning September 12. If interested in having this free 45-minute program every other Thursday at 10 a.m., please call 892-2575.

St. Anne's Catholic Church in Gorham will resume faith formation classes beginning Sunday, Sept. 15 after the 8 a.m. mass followed by a pancake breakfast served by the Knights of Columbus. An information and registration session will follow for parents of K-8. FMI, 839-4857 or stannegorham@portlanddiocese.org.

Chicken Pie Suppa, First Parish Church, 1 Church St., September 28, 5-6:30 p.m. Adults \$10; Children 12 and under \$5.

The Gorham High School Class of 1983 will hold its 30th Class Reunion on Saturday, Oct. 26, 2013 at Spire 29, Gorham. \$25pp. RSVP by Oct. 1 and mail checks to: DBA GHS Reunion, Class of '83, 129 Settler Road, South Portland, Maine 04106.

Cartoonist/Writer Lincoln Peirce, a New York Times bestselling author and creator of the comic strip Big Nate, will demonstrate drawing techniques and talk about his books on Thursday, Sept. 19, 6 p.m. at the Baxter Memorial Library. FMI, 222-1190.

The White Rock Baptist Church located at 300 Sebago Lake Road, Gorham ends its Free Summer Concert Series with David and Diane Benson performing vocal duets on Saturday, Sept. 21 at 6:30 p.m. FMI, email hschoolma@roadrunner.com.

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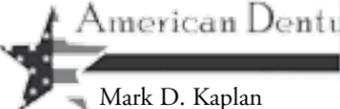
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Gorham Cooperative Preschool (GCP), a nonprofit preschool serving 3-5 year old children, will hold their first ever 5k fundraiser on October 6. Mister Bagel's Coop Loop 5k walk/run will start at GCP at 9 a.m. with a kids run at 8 a.m. Adults, \$22; Children 13 and under, \$5. Register at runinarace.com. FMI, Erin Curtis curtis929@securespeed.us.

ON-GOING EVENTS

Attention All Gardeners! The Gorham Food Pantry will accept donations of fresh locally grown produce throughout the growing season on Wednesday evenings from 6 to 7 p.m. Located at 299B Main Street next to Saint Anne's Church.

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, 274-3537.

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.

USM NOTES

The Southern Maine Area Resource Team (SMART) at the University of Southern Maine will offer a new afterschool tutoring program in Gorham. The program will provide free and low-cost reading tutoring for children in kindergarten through grade five. Tutoring will be provided by USM School of Education graduate students two days per week at a cost of \$30 per week or free for students who qualify for free or reduced lunch at school. FMI, contact Dr. Alexis Kiburis, alexis.kiburis@maine.edu.

USM School of Music presents Maine-ly British Brass: A Tribute to the Philip Jones Brass Ensemble and the London Brass on Friday, Sept. 13, 8 p.m. Corthell Concert Hall, USM Gorham Campus; \$15/\$10/\$5. FMI, usm.maine.edu/music or call 780-5555.

USM School of Music presents Pianist Bridget Convey performing music by composer John Cage Friday, Sept. 20, 8 p.m. Corthell Concert Hall, Gorham Campus; \$15/\$10/\$5. FMI, usm.maine.edu/music or call 780-5555.

USM Art Gallery presents Persian Visions: Contemporary Photography from Iran, Sept. 17 - Dec. 8 from Noon-4 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday, Sept. 17-Dec. 8. Free and open to the public. FMI, <http://www.usm.maine.edu/gallery>.

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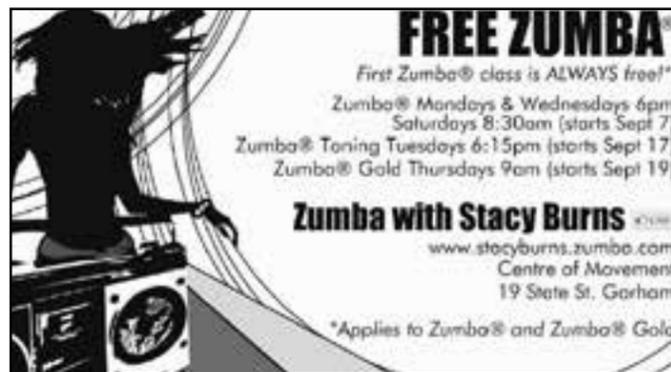
49th Parallel Dance Company will perform at the Saco River Theatre in Bar Mills on Saturday, Sept. 21 at 7:30 p.m. \$16/\$14. FMI, 929-6472.

The Windham Historical Society, 234 Windham Center Road, will host a program about Joseph K. Manchester, a Civil War soldier from Windham, on Monday, Sept. 23 at 7 p.m. Refreshments. Suggested donation \$5. FMI go to www.windhamhistorical.org or call 892-1433.

Performances of "Arsenic and Old Lace" will be held at the Schoolhouse Arts Center in Standish from Sept. 20 to Oct. 6. \$16/\$14. FMI, 642-3743 or visit www.schoolhousearts.org.

A benefit concert featuring "The Downeasters Barbershop Chorus" will be held at North Windham Union Church on Saturday, Sept. 14 at 7 p.m. \$12/\$10. Proceeds go towards Neighbors Helping Neighbors, a heating assistance program. FMI, 892-7149 or www.mwamconcerts.com.

The Westbrook Seals Swim Team, located at the Davan Pool in the Westbrook Community Center, will have an open review of swimmers interested in joining the team on Saturday, Sept. 14 from 10 to 11 a.m. Contact head coach John Smith at 632-6379 to talk about the team, or visit www.sealsswimming.org.



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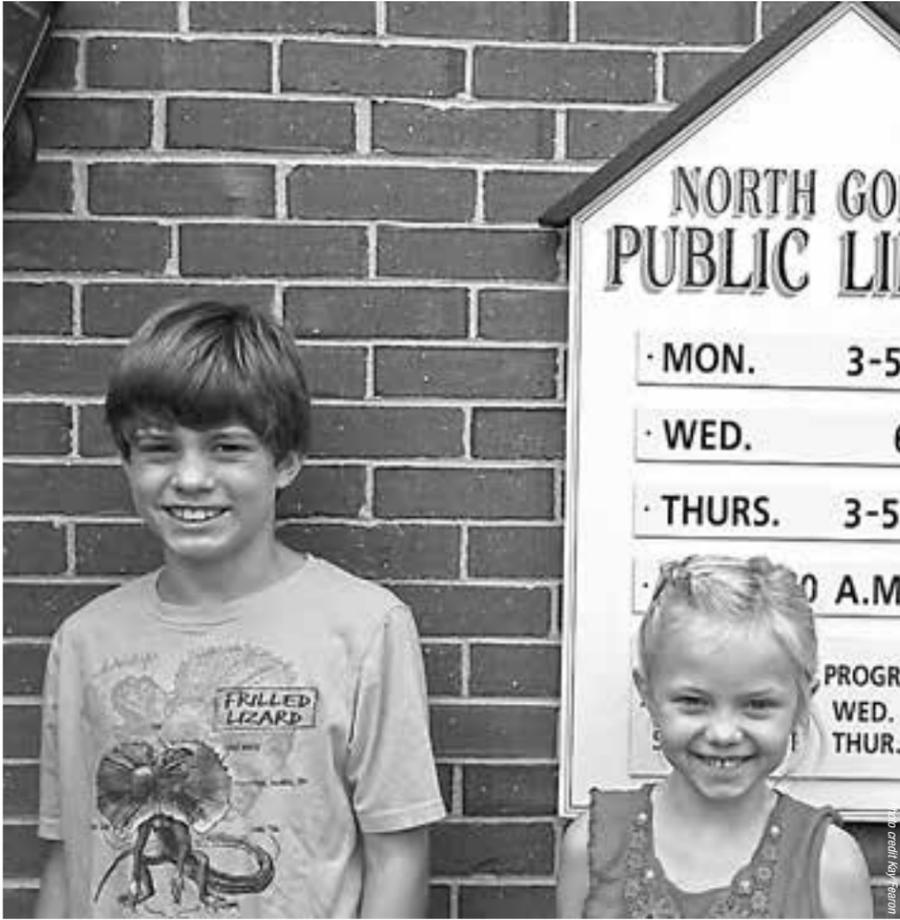
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Book Challenge Winners



Evan Verrill and Annabelle Fearon, winners of the North Gorham Public Library Chapter Book Challenge, received bookstore gift certificates on September 7. Over the summer they each read at least eight chapter books from the library's collection.

September: Hunger Action Month Take the SNAP Challenge

BY DIANE O'NEILL
Gorham Food Pantry

Millions of low-income Americans face hunger every day. The goal of Hunger Action Month in Maine is to end hunger by raising awareness and encouraging action in local communities. Can you and your family eat on just \$4.50 a day? The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP, formerly known as Food Stamps) provides monthly benefits to supplement the food budgets of millions of low-income families in need. By accepting the SNAP Challenge, you commit to eating all your meals for a specified time from a limited food budget, similar to that of a SNAP participant. Get

a sense of what life is like for those struggling to put food on the table by shopping for your meals with the daily average per person benefit (\$4.50) provided by SNAP. The goal is to gain understanding of the struggles vulnerable families in our communities face each day. For more information about the SNAP Challenge contact eraines@feedingamerica.org.

The Gorham Food Pantry provides food assistance at no cost to Gorham residents in need. The Pantry is located at 299B Main Street, next to Saint Anne's Church, and is open on Thursdays from 9 to 11 a.m. and the second and fourth Wednesday of each month from 6 to 7 p.m. For more information call 222-4351 or visit www.gorhamfoodpantry.org.

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Saco Street caller requested assistance getting their intoxicated spouse into caller's vehicle.

Maple Drive caller wanted to speak with an officer regarding receiving harassing phone calls from a blocked number.

McLellan Road caller reported a male subject walking down the road with a shirt over his shoulder.

Alden Lane caller wanted to make a complaint about the construction company that was working on a house near caller. Caller had to go over their lawn twice to get out of their own driveway because trucks were blocking it.

Patio Park Lane caller stated they received a call from Medicare trying to confirm their information, and asking for their bank information.

Sebago Lake Road caller wanted to speak to an officer about getting their husband's gun back.

Ossipee Trail caller reported they had a vehicle that was abandoned by a tenant who moved out months ago.

Liberio Lane caller reported receiving an unsolicited package from FedEx containing a check for \$1,900 from someone they did not know.

A ten-year-old Tink Drive caller reported that a male and female were fighting in the street.

Caller reported that a doe and two fawns were trying to cross the road and causing a hazard.

Brackett Road caller reported there was a male subject walking up and down the road screaming and talking to himself.

Gray Road caller reported that their neighbor came to caller's apartment and told caller that neighbor's fiancé attacked them.

Main St. man was arrested for OUI.

Liberio Lane caller requested to speak with an officer regarding a check fraud case and the suspect that caller stated has contacted them via text.

Tink Drive caller would like to speak to an officer about the protection order they were served yesterday and how they are supposed to get their mail.

Dingley Springs Road caller reported a male subject was in the kitchen breaking objects and threatening to hurt himself and other people.

Primrose Lane caller had questions about how old of a car requires a title.

Gray Road caller wanted to file a fraud complaint as someone accessed their wi-fi and set up a website offering massage services possibly using caller's credit card.

Dorval Drive caller reported that someone got hold of their credit information and ran up thousands of dollars on their account.

Justice Way caller reported a suspicious vehicle in the area. Woman had stopped to text.

New Portland Road caller called 911 because they were unsuccessful at raising a staff member to assist them.

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- Toddler Time for ages 18-36 mos., 10 a.m., Baxter Library.

Saturday, Sept. 14

- Greater Gorham Farmer's Market, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Next to Baxter Memorial Library.
- Lego Club for everyone who likes to build, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Bring your own or share our Legos, Baxter Library.

Tuesday, Sept. 17

- Pre-school Storytime for ages 3 - 5, 9:30 a.m., Baxter Library.

Wednesday, Sept. 18

- Storytime for babies & toddlers, 10 a.m., North Gorham Public Library, 2 Standish Neck Road, FMI, 892-2575.

Thursday, Sept. 19

- Baby and Me Storytime for ages 0-18 mos., 9:30 a.m., Baxter Library.
- Toddler Time for ages 18-36 mos., 10 a.m., Baxter Library.
- Gorham Food Pantry Open, 9-11 a.m., 299-B Main St., Gorham. (St. Anne's Catholic Church parking lot).

Friday, Sept. 20

- Peg's Itsy Bitsy Store, Gorham House, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. FMI, 839-5757.

Saturday, Sept. 21

- Greater Gorham Farmer's Market, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Next to Baxter Memorial Library.

Tuesday, Sept. 24

- Pre-school Storytime for ages 3-5, 9:30 a.m., Baxter Library.

Wednesday, Sept. 25

- Storytime for babies & toddlers, 10 a.m., North Gorham Public Library, 2 Standish Neck Road, FMI, 892-2575.
- Gorham Food Pantry Open, 6-7 p.m., 299-B Main St. (Parking lot of St. Anne's Catholic Church, Gorham).

Thursday, Sept. 26

- Baby and Me Storytime for ages 0-18 mos., 9:30 a.m., Baxter Library.
- Toddler Time for ages 18-36 mos., 10 a.m., Baxter Library.
- Gorham Food Pantry Open, 9-11 a.m., 299-B Main St., Gorham. (St. Anne's Catholic Church parking lot).

Baxter Memorial Library, 71 South St.
 North Gorham Public Library, 2 Standish Neck Rd.
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