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Work Continues on Historic USM Building

BY ROGER MARCHAND
Staff Writer

The University of Southern Maine recently announced they would not install vinyl siding on the USM art gallery, as was initially decided. Renovations were stopped due to apprehension by preservationists who were concerned about the work being done to the historic building. Recent meetings held between the University and Maine Historic Preservation Commission, as well as local community members, led to a solution to the issue. It was agreed that four of the building's 14 windows would be repaired and installed while the rest of the window openings will be covered with new custom-made shutters until there is enough money to repair them. White pine siding will be used for the building instead of the already purchased vinyl siding, at an increased cost of \$40,000. The extra cost will come from the contingency fund for the project. The goal is to complete the project before the students arrive for the new school year.

Gorham Sightings



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Martin's Point Opening Scheduled for September 18

BY SHERI FABER
Staff Writer

Traveling Route 25 to and from Gorham over the past several months, commuters have watched as the new Martin's Point building has gone up. After a number of years spent in somewhat cramped quarters in the Old Richardson Place nearby, the new facility is said to be very sunny and open. According to Kate Leahy of the Martin's Point Public Relations Department, the new facility is designed to be patient centered. The lobby is designed to be "homey and welcoming," said Leahy, "with a huge fireplace, comfortable seating and big windows." Past the main entrance is a central hub where all staff will be seated together as a means of enhancing communication among staff members. The facility has examination rooms and "talk" rooms, places where family members can privately talk with a provider about the care of an elderly relative or other family member. There is also a community room that will be available for seminars on medical issues such as diabetes, but will also be available to community groups. Ancillary services—laboratory and radiology—will also be available at this location. While there are no definitive plans, Leahy says they will probably be



adding one or two additional providers in the near future.

The staff members are training before they fully move in to familiarize everyone with the building. A conditional certificate of occupancy, a final step for any new building, has been issued and staff is starting to move in. A ribbon cutting ceremony will be held on September 18th.

Martin's Point also owns a roughly 14-acre parcel behind the new building, which they expect to give to the town for a conservation easement. The parcel is designated as wetlands and therefore unbuildable. Because the land is not buildable, no taxes are being paid on this property. Martin's Point is planning to build three other buildings in Maine to meet their needs for medical office space.



Photo credit for Roger Marchand

While still in the construction phase, the lobby area of the new Martin's Point Building remarkably larger than the prior office space.

Town Meeting to Address Referendum Items

BY ROGER MARCHAND
Staff Writer

The Gorham Town Council will hold an informational public hearing on September 2 at 7 p.m. on the three local referendum articles that will be on the November 4th ballot.

The first item will be for funding a new public safety building at the present Main Street location. The cost is estimated at \$4.99 million, which is down \$1.4 million from the Public Safety Building project at Little Falls that was rejected in referendum last year.

Another article would ask the voters to determine what constitutes a crime of moral turpitude that would require a councilor to resign under the Town Charter. It specifies that councilors must vacate their seats if convicted of a crime of "moral turpitude," which is not clearly defined anywhere. Town Councilor Matthew Robinson has sponsored a proposal to ask the voters to decide whether to define the term as being anyone convicted of any Class A, B, C, or D felonies.

The third article on the referendum would ask citizens if they were

willing to accept a Federal Grant for \$601,056 in federal/state funds plus \$31,634 in local funds for a total of \$632,690. The grant is for replacing ageing breathing apparatus (SCBA AirPaks) and funding thermal imaging cameras. The grant is presently waiting for approval, and, if approved, would need to be voted on in referendum, because it is over the \$250,000 threshold stated in the Town Charter. If the grant application is successful, the local match funds would come from money budgeted for that purpose under the Capital Part 2 budget, which was already approved.

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Expanding Maine's Food and Farm Economy

BY REP. LINDA SANBORN

Recently I was able to participate in a legislative Coastal Maine Agricultural Tour sponsored by the Agricultural Council of Maine. This was an excellent trip that made me aware and proud of the innovative work going on in Maine agriculture/aquaculture.

There is growing demand for food produced close to home and farming in Maine is on the rise. The number of farms in Maine grew by 13.5% from 2007-2012 and agricultural production increased by 24%. The number of young farmers has soared almost 40% in this same timeframe.

Some of the reasons for this growth include rapid growth in smaller diversified farms that raise products for sale locally, often operating outside established food-distribution channels, and new delivery systems such as on-farm stores, direct sales to restaurants and the CSA model.

Farmers have developed many new products including value-added products like pies, jams, cured meats and wine. There is a growing agritourism industry with corn mazes, day camps and farm vacations.

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While all of this is excellent to see and understand, there is not yet sufficient demand for local food at prices that work for farmers. Strategies for expanding Maine's food and farm economy are needed and fortunately we have good people laying out a plan.

Jon Piotti of the Maine Farmland Trust puts it this way: "The majority of Maine consumers are never going to get their food from CSAs, or farmers markets or farm stands. Rather, they will get their food from super-

markets and institutions like schools, workplace cafeterias and nursing homes. The goal is get more Maine food into these mainstream channels and to do so in ways that work for both farmers and consumers."

Farmers who have had success in selling direct will need to sell wholesale as well. "Food hubs," which pool products from multiple farms and may include processing and storage, are necessary ventures to enable farms to reach markets together that they could not reach alone.

Beyond the infrastructure, innovative forms of investment and innovative ways that farmland is being made affordable for incoming farmers is critical.

Expanding Maine's local food and farm economy can be realized with deliberate steps to protect more farmland, create profitability in farming, connect local food with healthy eating and support the next generation of farmers.



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Letter to the Editor

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Dear *Gorham Times* Editor:

Citizens have a right to know when phthalates are present in the products that we and our children use on a daily basis. Unless we live "off the grid", we are at the mercy of the producers of these products and as it stands, we are not told when they contain something harmful or potentially harmful.

It has been proven that phthalates can have an effect on the respiratory, endocrine, and reproductive systems as well as being linked to behavior problems. While the European Union is being proactive and removing these toxins from products, we are simply asking the Maine DEP to require that these companies inform their consumers when a product contains phthalates. The public has spoken out overwhelmingly in favor of this in the form of a citizen initiated petition to the DEP with over 2,000 signatures.

We can and should do better for our children and the citizens of Maine.
Lana Fortier

Dear *Gorham Times* Editor:

The story of the Centre of Movement was in the making many years before it came to the heart of Gorham. Vicky Lloyd grew up in a very poor multi-racial neighborhood where she, a young white girl, was a minority. She began dancing at the age of eight. By 12 years old she was teaching private lessons at her home and choreographing the variety show for her school. Between the ages of

15-17, she performed one women shows to help pay the bills. As she continued to move forward she earned her Actors Equity. After performing in several musicals she decided she loved teaching dance and choreographing more than she enjoyed performing.

35+ years ago she began her business, the Centre of Movement (CM). The first three years the CM was located over Amato's, and for the last 32 years she has been at her current location within the walls of the old Gorham Grange building located at 19 State Street, which Ms. Vicky purchased in 2002.

Early in her teaching career she discovered she needed more fulfillment in how she was teaching. She would no longer teach just dance moves. She wanted all students to be able to walk away with self-con-

fidence, sportsmanship and a sense of pride in who they were and how the community around them helped shape them. She encouraged her students to give back to the community and to mentor other students who need help. With all of this, the Centre of Movement family was created.

It is now our turn to give back to Ms. Vicky for what she has given to everyone all these years. The Centre of Movement needs to be brought up to code per the town. Please join us in helping to SAVE THE CENTRE. Please see our fundraising campaign at <http://cmdans.org/donation.html>.
Wendy Fardon

Dear *Gorham Times* Editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the People of Poland

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Around Town

The building on Lower Main Street, just northwest of neighboring Crockett Furniture, has received the necessary approvals from the town of Gorham and the state of Maine and will be opening a used car dealership at that site.

Shaw Brothers Construction submitted a low bid of \$8.6 million for the expansion of the International Marine Terminal on Commercial Street in Portland that will connect the terminal to existing rail lines. The project is expected to cost \$18 million, which will be paid by the state. Once completed, it will allow Eimskip, an Icelandic steamship company, to continue to ship goods from businesses throughout Maine.

Newly designed crosswalks are being added to the streets in the Village. While they are more expensive due to the increase in paint and labor, they are more visible and provide greater safety for pedestrians.

Gorham resident and textile designer Erin Flett was recently featured in a three-page spread in the October 2014 edition of Yankee Magazine.

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Nicely Equipped Archery Closes after 13 Years



Photo credit Darcy Nicely

Instructors and students of the Nicely Equipped Archery Junior Olympic Archery Development Program include, from left to right, front row: Sam Benson, Gabriel Adams, Matt Bellintoni, Ben Thurlow, Jonah Smeall, Kieran Wilkins; second row, Molly Eaton, Sarah Joyce, Noah Garland, Richie Pillar, Dakota Cook, Bodhi Wilkins, Kayla St Amand, Thomas Matthews, Shannon McWilliams, Chuck Bellintoni; and back row, Matt Nicely, Bill Duncanson, Josh Hilton, Ben Bellintoni, Adam Harrington, George Eiskamp, Foster Blake, Collin Walsh.

By SHERRIE BENNER

The final arrow has been shot. After 13 years of operation, Nicely Equipped Archery closed its doors on June 1. The retail portion of the business had closed in 2007.

Coming off their best year yet, it was a hard decision to close for owners Matthew and Darcy Nicely. With both of their children, archery students themselves, on their own after graduating college, the Nicelys felt it was time to retire. "Having had in-home businesses since 1987 with our home open to the public, it was time to start enjoying our nights, weekends, and our own home," they said in a statement.

Offering junior and adult archery classes, Matthew Nicely, a Level 3 Coach, has had the pleasure of coaching students of all ages and abilities. Whether teaching recre-

ational shooters or professionals, the Nicely's taught and treated all students equally. Many students of their Junior Olympic Archery Development program (JOAD) distinguished themselves in both National and World Competitions. Most notably was daughter Kendal Nicely (GHS '09), who turned professional at age 16. Her impressive collection of trophies and titles including two world titles, 13 world records and 12 world medals was reflective of the coaching she received from her coach and father. Daughter Brenna Nicely (GHS '06) also participated in archery competitions.

"We are happy, healthy and blessed to enter this phase of our lives," said Matthew Nicely.

The Nicely's will miss their archery family and friends, and thank them for their years of support and patronage.

Local Sew-A-Thon to Benefit Sick Children



Photos courtesy of Heidi Farrin

Gorham residents Natalie Melissa and Emma Mullin collaborate on a pillowcase.

By SARAH GAVETT-NIELSEN
Staff Writer

Heidi Farrin of Gorham runs a community service group named Cricket Comforts whose mission is to create decorative pillowcases to distribute to organizations that treat sick children. The group began years ago when Farrin's son was a patient at the Barbara Bush Children's Hospital. Farrin and her daughter brought him a decorated pillowcase from home. When a nurse saw it, she remarked it would be wonderful if all the children had a nice pillowcase to brighten their rooms. What started as a small family group making pillowcases has evolved into an organization whose Facebook page has over 500 likes.



Volunteers ranging in age from seven to seventy run Cricket Comforts. The group meets once a month in the Multipurpose Room at the Gorham Recreation Department. Typically fifteen to thirty people attend the meetings where they work together to cut fabric, pin, iron, and sew the pillowcases they then distribute to a variety of organizations including Barbara Bush Children's Hospital, Spring Harbor Hospital, Kenna's Care Bags, and Bryson's Fuel. Kenna's Care Bags provides travel supplies to children receiving chemotherapy and Bryson's Fuel, a non-profit organization, provides bags to children battling cancer in addition to helping parents with travel costs associated with treatment.

American Patchwork and Quilting is hosting the 1 Million Pillowcase Challenge, a 24-hour sew-a-thon from 3 p.m. on September 19th to 3 p.m.

on September 20th. The goal of this event is to raise awareness for charities that benefit a variety of people in need. Cricket Comforts will hold an abbreviated version of the sew-a-thon at the Old Robie School, 668 Gray Road, Gorham, from 5:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. on September 19th, with the event resuming at 8 a.m. and lasting until 3 p.m. the next day.

Anyone interested in participating in the sew-a-thon is welcome to attend. Sewing knowledge is not necessary as there are other functions such as pinning fabric and ironing that need to be done. Farrin asks that people bring a portable sewing machine if they plan to sew. Youth groups are welcome to join the sew-a-thon where adults will be on hand to teach children to sew or practice their sewing skills, but please contact Farrin in advance if you plan to bring a youth group to the event.

Cricket Comforts is always looking for fabric donations and people to volunteer at any time during the year. Monthly meetings are posted on their Facebook page as events. For more information, contact Heidi Farrin at www.facebook.com/CricketComforts, cricketcomforts@yahoo.com or 839-6775.

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Some Facts about Renter's Insurance

BY JASON BEEVER

Renter's Insurance, or "Tenant Homeowner's" in insurance jargon, is very much the same as homeowner's insurance except it does not provide coverage for the building itself, which is typically covered separately by the building owner. The renter's policy covers the policyholder's personal property, like clothing, furniture, electronics, etc., but does not cover motor or recreational vehicles.

Another important coverage included in a renter's policy is personal liability. Just like a homeowner's policy, personal liability protects the policyholder and immediate family members for bodily injury or property damage to someone else. For example, imagine that you rent a home, condo, or apartment and you have a renter's policy. During a family gathering your dog bites a visitor, causing a trip to the doctor's office. The personal liability under your policy will cover all the medical bills, as well as any legal costs you might incur, up to the limits on the policy. Even if you are sued frivolously, your personal liability will pay to defend you from the charges. This is important coverage.

Do you own a home or apartment that you rent to others? If so, you should require your tenants to carry renter's insurance. The above scenario came from a real-life situation. An apartment building owner was threatened with legal action

because her tenant's dog bit someone. Obviously she bore no responsibility for the tenant's actions, but the presence of the renter's policy allowed the dog bite victim to have his medical bills taken care of, thus avoiding more legal action.

Renter's insurance might be a good idea for a college student. A student heading off to college is still considered a resident of their parent's household if they live as part of your household when not at school. If that is the case, the parent's homeowners policy provides 10% of the personal property limit for property that is "usually located" at the residence. This may or may not be adequate to cover the student's personal property. If a student is truly living on their own, they should have renter's insurance.

Another benefit of having renter's insurance is that most insurance companies will give you a credit for "bundling" your auto insurance with a renter's policy, providing savings on both policies. And renter's policies typically cost much less than homeowners insurance, primarily because they don't provide coverage for the building. Contact a local independent insurance agent to find out more about this important and affordable insurance policy.

Jason Beever is the fourth generation to operate his family-owned independent insurance agency in Gorham, part of Chalmers Insurance Group.

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Spring for donating bottled water to the Gorham Founders Festival for the first annual road race at the Festival and for the volunteers and performers who were a part of the festival.

The Gorham Founders Festival is a community event put on by the Westbrook/Gorham Community Chambers and volunteers. We provide a community Festival and celebrate a founding family each year. This year we celebrated the Hamblen Family and it was a well-attended event.

Poland Spring donated bottled water to our event and the runners were thankful for the water as were the volunteers and entertainers throughout the weekend. It was a hot and humid weekend and everyone appreciated having the water available. Slugger was particularly thankful to have water to hydrate.

The Westbrook/Gorham Community Chambers and the volunteers would like to say thank you to Poland Spring and their continued support of the Gorham Founders Festival.

Dawn Caldwell, Entertainment Chair, Gorham Founders Festival

Dear *Gorham Times* Editor:

We are a two party household and closely follow issues related to education, the environment, manufacturing, and small businesses.

Like many Mainers, we are disappointed with the uncompromising behavior of both political parties.

We recently had the opportunity

to meet with Eliot Cutler and discuss his plans for the future of Maine. We found him to be personable and articulate as well as highly accomplished in government, law and business. During his career he has repeatedly brought together people with differing views to find common ground and make progress.

Eliot is the best candidate for governor. He will bring our ailing parties back together, restore civility in Augusta and move Maine forward.


Thank you,
Jan and John Miliano

Dear *Gorham Times* Editor:


I want to take this opportunity to thank the people of Poland Spring for donating bottled water to the Bonny Eagle High School Soccer Program.

Through their generous support we are able to provide additional hydration and nourishment with our Snack Bag Program. For the past 3 years a group of parent volunteers have provided our soccer athletes with a snack bag and water bottle for each of their away games. As we all know our athletes work hard and put in many long hours and this is especially true when they travel upwards to 45 minutes to an hour to compete with other schools in the area. The Athletes generally appreciate the extra water for the ride home after a competition. Thank you Poland Spring for supporting our community and our athletes.

Patricia Martin



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Town Council Report

BY ROBIN SOMES
Staff Writer

The latest effort toward providing adequate accommodations for the Fire and Police departments progressed at this month's Town Council meeting. With a vote of 6-0 (Councilor Matthew Robinson absent), the Council approved the referendum that will determine the fate of the latest proposal to expand and renovate the existing Public Safety Building at 270 Main Street as a dedicated Fire Station, along with a new building of approximate 10,250 sq. ft. to serve as the Police Station. A Public Hearing regarding the referendum will be held at Gorham's Municipal Center on Tuesday, November 4th.

In June of last year, voters rejected a proposal to relocate the Police and Fire stations to the site of the former Little Falls School at an estimated cost of \$6.3 million. The cost estimate of the current proposed project is \$4.99 million, which includes a \$500,000 contingency and is \$1.31 million less than the prior project estimate. According to Town Manager David Cole, completion is anticipated in the spring of 2016 should voters approve it. Cole also stated the estimated increase in the tax rate is 30 cents, which would decrease each year thereafter by about one cent due to payment of debt and increases in property value.

Prior to the vote, an overview of the project was presented by Andy Hyland of Port City Architecture, which has headed over 10 municipal projects including the Sanford Police Station, Saco Central Fire Station, Waterville Police Station and Falmouth Fire Station.



Rendering by Port City Architecture

The project, as proposed by Port City Architecture, would create a complex by expanding and renovating the existing Public Safety Building to house the Fire Station and building a new Police Station located in front of the Fire Station.

In other action, the Council voted:

- 6-0 to appropriate \$14,000 from the Rt. 25/114 Sidewalk Reserve Fund for repairs to the sidewalk on South Street from Green Street to Morrill Avenue, and for renovations to the sidewalks at the intersections of South and Green Streets and South and Preble Streets to accommodate a cross walk across South Street to Preble Street.
- 5-1 (Councilor Sherrie Benner) to refer a request to the Planning Board from Cumberland Farms to amend the contract zone to allow larger signs on the canopy.
- 6-0 to accept the bid of Portland North Truck Center for \$124,465 to provide a new chassis for Tank 2 in the Fire Department.
- 6-0 to increase membership of the Historic Preservation Committee to eight members to provide representation of the University of Southern Maine, location of one of the Town's Historic Districts, and to appoint Dahlia

Lynn to the Historic Preservation Committee as USM's representative.

- 6-0 for Jean Marie Katrina and David Cole to serve on the Maine Municipal Associations Legislative Policies Committee.
 - 6-0 for Stephen Bunker as Vice President and Cynthia Mehnert, Laurie Smith and Patricia Southard for three-year terms on the Board of Directors for the Maine Municipal Association.
- Complete minutes are available on the Town's website at www.gorham-me.org.



Chief Shepard Reports

The Grand Jury returned the following indictments in August:

- Daniel Bowie, 34, of Biddeford was indicted for criminal OUI, operating after suspension and violating conditions of release on charges brought by Gorham Police Department.
- Deborah Frothingham, 33, of Gorham was indicted on charges of theft, criminal OUI and operating after suspension on charges brought by Gorham Police Department.
- Scott Shepard, 47, of Scarborough was indicted for operating after license revocation on charges brought by Gorham Police Department.
- Laurie Williams, 29, of Gorham was indicted for trafficking in scheduled drugs and possession of scheduled drugs on charges brought by Gorham Police Department.

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Good Record Equal Savings for Town

Through the Maine Municipal Association, the Town of Gorham recently received insurance dividends of \$7,687 for workers compensation and \$11,936 for property and casualty insurance programs. Additionally, the Town of Gorham received notice that the modification rate related to workers compensation for next year will be at 0.7. As

Town Manager David Cole explained in his Weekly Report, "A modification rate, or 'mod rate,' of 1.0 is average. If your mod rate is 1.1, your program is 10% worse than average; if your mod rate is 0.9, your program is considered 10% better than average." Cole attributes the savings to the excellent record the town has compiled in recent years.

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School Committee Dusts off Old Protocol, Returns Voices to Students

By ANDREA MORRELL
School News Coordinator

During the 2013-14 school year, the Gorham School Committee decided to bring an old protocol back to life to once again invite students to join the committee as non-voting representatives to provide a student voice on matters before the committee.

The committee voted 7-0 to approve student representatives, after a 15-year hiatus, in order to engage more of the school community in decision-making to help make our good schools even better. According to Dennis Libby, School Committee chairman, the goal was to select one junior and one senior from Gorham High School through a formal application process.

Throughout a two-term period, the two student representatives would attend Committee meetings in a non-voting capacity and take part in discussions, with the expectation that they report back to the student body.

Interested students were required to fill out an application, write an essay, and have a recommendation letter from a teacher. A selection committee made up of a Committee member, principal, superintendent, guidance counselor, and teaching staff member then went through the applications and interviewed potential candidates.

Unfortunately, the Committee did not receive as many applications as expected and, therefore, elected two seniors for this year only as a stepping stone. The entire process took three months—beginning in April, concluding in June.

The two elected seniors, Muhammad (Humza) Khan and Benjamin Hincer, will serve as mentors to the two newly elected representatives for the next school year. The ultimate goal will be to have one junior who loops as a senior, becoming a mentor to an incoming junior.

“The reason I joined the school committee was because I saw the relationship between students and school committee members could be ameliorated,” said Khan. “I am confident that next year I will be able to improve this relationship by showing the point of view of each side to the other.”

The two student representatives are expected to attend every meeting and workshop, which each occur once a month. They are also welcome to attend subcommittee meetings if they wish. If confidential information is being shared at a particular meeting they will be asked to step aside and they are not allowed to attend any executive sessions.

They are also not allowed to voice any opinion on personnel decisions and have no formal vote but they can take part in deliberations and will be



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Seniors Muhammad (Humza) Khan (pictured left) and Benjamin Hincer were elected to be non-voting student representatives at Gorham School Committee Meetings for the 2014-2015 school year.

encouraged to give their viewpoints based on student feedback on matters before the committee.

“The whole rationale is to give students an opportunity to learn what it takes to run a district,” said Libby. “To see what we do for the school and the sharing of information back and forth.”

One of the things the Committee prides itself on, according to Libby, is that it has seven members from all different aspects of Gorham and all these different perspectives make for strong decisions. Now they are looking forward to gaining perspective from the students as well.

While it is not expected of the student reps, both Kahn and Hincer currently sit on the School and Student Councils, providing an outlet for the information to be shared to the student body.

“I look forward to participating in issues involving our future. I hope that as a student rep, I can further the relationship between Student Government and the School Committee allowing the students of all Gorham schools to continue to enjoy their learning experience,” said Hincer.

Libby said when they started researching the idea of bringing student reps back to the Committee he found that most schools in Cumberland County already have student representatives on their Committees. Gorham was one of the few districts not to have any.

The reason it fizzled out years ago was lack of interest from the students. However, with the addition of the school council five years ago, there has been more budding interest.

“I am really excited about getting a platform where I can express the opinions of the student body at Gorham High School and finally I hope to see a productive year for everyone on the Committee,” said Khan.

School Committee Approves Hire of Five New Teachers

By ANDREA MORRELL
School News Coordinator

The Gorham School Department approved at a special meeting on Wednesday, August 20 the hiring of the following new teachers to its schools for the start of the 2014-2015 school year.

Kristina Fitzgerald is teaching special education (FLS) at Great Falls. She received a B.S. and M.Ed. in Science from the University of Southern Maine.

Mary Guimond is teaching ELA at Gorham Middle School. She completed her ETEP Program and a B.A. in English from the University of Southern Maine.

Kimberley Kelly is teaching third grade at Great Falls. She received a B.A. and M.Ed. in English from the University of Southern Maine.

Joanna Payne is teaching 3/5th English (1 year) at Gorham High School. She received a B.A. in English and Women’s Studies from the University of Connecticut and a M.A. in Politics & Education from Columbia University.

Meghan Rounds is teaching ELA at Gorham Middle School. She received a B.A. in English from Keene State College.

School Notes

Gorham Adult Education is offering a 15-week college transition course designed to prepare English Language Learners for reading and writing at the college level. The course meets Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. The fall class begins on Sept. 9, 2014. Candidates must have college as a goal. To apply, call 222-1095 to set up a meeting with Kate Rotroff to discuss the program; take CASAS testing; and complete paperwork and writing sample.

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Students with the day's harvest, from left to right, include Avery Arena, Mercy Dunn, River Dunn, Jared Foss, Mia Gallant, Tyler Williams, Wil Rossignol.

BY AVERY ARENA
GHS Intern

Nine years ago, teacher Heather Whitaker began a community garden at Gorham Middle School. Whitaker cares for the garden with her students during the school year, and during the summer former students are paid a stipend or earn community service hours. For many students this is their first job, and there have been 45 volunteer hours donated this summer.

The harvested food is donated to the Gorham Food Pantry, and last year's total was 877 pounds. This year, the current total is 390 pounds and rising. Some of the crops harvested include cucumbers, squash, tomatoes, green beans, lettuce, asparagus, rhubarb, and strawberries.

This has been the first full season with the fence in the main area of the garden and there is also a fence being installed across the street to allow protection from the deer, which have been known to snack on several of the crops. In addition, a generous donation from the Gorham Garden Club will be used for new compost bins, season extenders, and picnic table repairs, and Dan Levesque from Family Fun Pools has been rototilling to get ready for planting next season.

The garden is getting geared up for its ten year celebration by preparing it for new plantings and replacing some equipment that has been there since the garden was first founded. Here's to another ten years!

OFF THE PAGE

Book Reviews

BY JAN WILLIS

Illness, death, and grief touch the lives of everyone. Each of us finds a way to cope, to get through the rough times, and eventually to get to a better place. Many writers choose to share the journey with their readers. Here are two of my favorite memoirs:

Tolstoy and the Purple Chair: My Year of Magical Reading by Nina Sankovitch. The title and the cover are equally appealing. What reader doesn't want to curl up in a comfortable purple chair and get lost in a good book? The author's oldest sister died at age 46 after a short but miserable battle with cancer. Sankovitch's answer to "How do I deal with this overwhelming grief?" is to embark upon a full year of reading a complete book daily. Her self-imposed rules are that she would not read any books that she had already read, no author could be read more than once, and she would write about every book that she read. She already had established a website called Read All Day, and she uses this forum to record the books she read. This memoir deals with the loss of her sister but also the love shared by a very close-knit family of immigrants who place a high priority on education. At the end of the year Sankovitch is grateful that she was given "the space I needed to figure out how to live again after

losing my sister." She says, "Our only answer to sorrow is to live. To live looking backward, remembering the ones we have lost, but also moving forward, with anticipation and excitement. And to pass on those feelings of hope and possibility through acts of kindness, generosity, and compassion."

The End of Your Life Book Club by Will Schwalbe. While reading a copy of this memoir, I reached page 44 and called my local bookstore to see if they had a copy in stock because I needed to own this book. The author accompanies his elderly mother to her appointments with cancer doctors and for chemo treatments during her two-year struggle. The mother and son share a love of reading and spend their time either reading together or discussing what they had just read. Sometimes they would read the same book, and other times they would read different books. Reading provides a platform for them to discuss the world, the past, and even her present illness. Upon remembering one of his mother's favorite professors who had often been a dinner guest, Schwalbe says, "He remains for my family the perfect model of how you can be gone but ever present in the lives of people who loved you, in the same way that your favorite books stay with you for your entire

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GHS Football Turns to One of Its Own

By EMILY LEWIS
GHS Intern

It's an exciting time of year for all fall athletes as they begin their pre-season practices in preparation for the upcoming year. There's always a buzz in the air around this time when players endure double sessions and seemingly endless sprints and pushups, but this is what bonds a team. The Gorham Football team has an extra surge this year thanks to their newly-appointed head coach, Andy Hager.

Hager has always loved the game of football and excelled in it. He began his career at the age of 12, right here in Gorham. He played through middle school and high school, and then graduated from GHS with the class of 2006. He was an all-state football player and helped his team win the Western Maine Class B championship during his sophomore year.

Hager then went on to play Division 1 college football at Wagner College in New York as an offensive lineman. In college, he won the Socrates Prize, which is awarded to top scholastic graduates.

Besides an impressive playing career, Hager is well-versed in the world of coaching. He began coaching at Gorham High School in 2010 as a line assistant. From there, he became an assistant coach in the Gorham Junior Grizzlies program for elementary school children. Last year, Hager



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GHS Football Standout Returns as Coach: The new head coach at Gorham High School, Andy Hager, calls his team together at the conclusion of a morning practice during the first week of the preseason. Hager was a four-year starter for the Rams, playing during the 2002-2005 fall season.

was the head coach of the Grizzlies middle school team. With a record of 6-2, the Grizzlies finished the season as the league runner-ups.

Coach Hager has proven himself in the Gorham Football program both as a player and coach, and that gives him an edge as the head of the high school team. "I fell in love with the game of football in Gorham and have always wanted to coach the team that helped mold me into the young man I am today," Hager says. "It is a great

responsibility and honor for me that I take a lot of pride in."

As the new head coach, Hager will look to return GHS football to the past glories the program experienced while he was playing. The Rams will compete in Class B for the second year after competing in Class A from 2005 to 2012. Gorham opens the season September 5th with a home game starting at 7 p.m. vs Falmouth.

We look forward to seeing what Coach Hager brings to the field.

In the Zone

Gorham Swimmer Among the Best at Sebago Lake: Sierra Lumbert finished fourth among the 71 swimmers that competed in the Sebago Challenge Open Water Swim that took place August 4th on Sebago Lake. Also a member of the Westbrook Seals swim team, the 13-year-old swimmer completed the race in with a time of 30:57. Other Gorham competitors included **Evan Russo** (33:35), **Trebor Lawton** (39:02) and **Caelyn Smith** (42:47). Additional Gorham swimmers were noted in the August 14 issue of the Gorham Times.

Youth Golfers Shine at Local Tournament:

In the Gorham Country Club Junior Open on August 14th, three Gorham players tied for second in the Championship Flight, shooting 39 for nine holes: **Kenny Tuttle**, **Max Johnson** and **Tim O'Neil**. **John Ennis** finished fifth with a 43 while **Marc Yankowsky** finished sixth with a 44. **Ryan Kaczmarek** was the top Gorham golfer in the Boys' A Flight, with a 51 stroke total for eighth place. In the Boys' B Flight, **Lucas Castles** won with a 44 stroke total while **Billy Ly** took third with a 46 and **Aidan Owens** placed fifth with a 55. **Brylee Bishop** (Girls' B Flight) and **Cole Bishop** (Boys' C Flight) placed fourth and fifth respectively.




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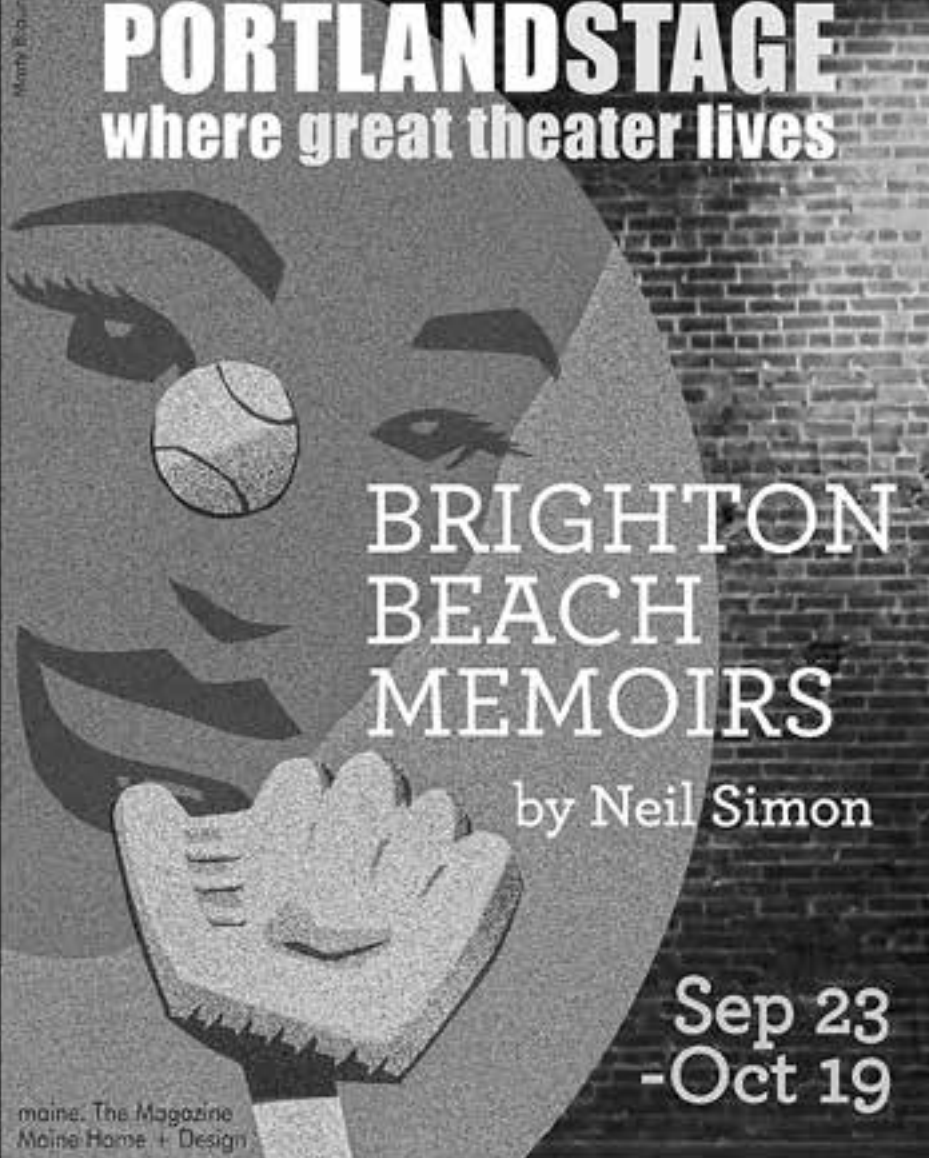
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A Big Kick for Community Service



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To wrap-up the week of the U13/14 Gorham Youth Soccer Association Challenger Soccer Camp, the entire camp helped collect donations for the Gorham Food Pantry.

State Golf Champions!



Photo credit Mallory Lewis

Jim Caron and his daughter Sydney teamed up with the Maine State Golf Association Mixed Team Championship August 17th at Willowdale Golf Club in Scarborough. The duo shot a low net score of 60 in the alternating shot event.

sports Etc.

Now and NBA Coach: Former GHS boys' varsity basketball head coach Josh Longstaff has been signed as an assistant coach by the New York Knicks professional basketball team. For the past four years,

Longstaff was a video analyst for Oklahoma Thunders, also a member of the National Basketball Association.

Former GHS Coach Moving Up the Ranks: On August 11th, USM announced Ashley Dyer as the head coach for the women's lacrosse team. Dyer was the varsity coach for the GHS girls' lacrosse team from 2008-

2011 and spent the last three years as an assistant coach at the University of New England in Biddeford.

Next GHS Boosters Meeting: The Gorham Boosters meet the second Monday of every month at 6:30 p.m. at the GHS Library. The next meeting takes place September 8th. Anyone wishing to help can contact Lenny Holmes at gorhamboosters@gmail.com.

Got an Idea?

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Speed & Agility Training



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On August 17th, My-Fit-24 conducted a speed and agility clinic that was free for athletes and coaches at the Gorham Sports Center. The event served as a fundraiser for the non-profit organization. Also highlighted on the WCSH6 news, the session focused on active dynamic warm ups, in-season speed and strength essentials, and education of the importance of recovery (nutrition and physical). The session also presented tips on how to avoid concussions.

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Gorham Athletes Placing Among the Top Five:

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Devan Sherry (9-10 Girls): 1st-100 meters (15.30); 1st-high jump (4-02); 3rd-200 meters (33.63).

Samuel Waggoner (11-12 Boys): 1st-1500 meters (5:14.12); 2nd- javelin (99-02).

Hayley Bickford (15 Girls): 1st-1500 meter race walk (8:42.99).

Tyler Bartick (8U Boys): 2nd-long jump (10-05.50); 3rd-high jump (3-02); 5th-shot put (17-11.25).

Delaney Hesler (9-10 Girls): 2nd-800 meters (2:59.72); 5th-1500 meters (6:20.77).

Andrew Farr (11-12 Boys): 2nd-800 meter race walk (5:03.25).

Jack Luciano (8U Boys): 2nd-800 meters (3:06.73).

Rowan McDonald (8U Boys): 2nd-800 meter race walk (5:29.82)

Kilee Sherry (11-12 Girls): 3rd-triple jump (28-03.50); 4th-long jump (12-10).

Ian Luciano (9-10 Boys): 3rd-high jump (3-10); 4th-400 meters (1:15.45).

Camryn Caruso (8U Girls): 3rd-800 meter race walk (5:32.81).

Anna Nelson (9-10 Girls): 4th-800 meters (3:06.61).

Alyvia Caruso (9-10 Girls): 4th-long jump (10-04.50).

Meaghan Champagne (11-12 Girls): 4th-3000 meters (12:43.16).

Meseret Day (8U Girls): 5th-800 meter race walk (5:46.29).

Emma Green (9-10 Girls): 5th-high jump (3-06).

4x400 meter relay (9-10 Girls): 1st-Alyvia Caruso, Delaney Hesler, Emma Stevens, Emma Green (5:24.34).

4x100 meter relay (9-10 Girls): 4th-Ella Novak, Alyvia Caruso, Allie Hesler, Anna Nelson (1:11.02).

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life, no matter how long it's been since you turned the last page. I wondered if I would be able to talk about her the same way when she was no longer here." In the epilogue Schwalbe reflects on things his mother taught him during the two years. "Books can be how we get closer to each other, and stay close, even in the case of a mother and

son who were very close to each other to begin with, and even after one of them has died."

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OF INTEREST

Fiddle-icious, Maine's largest fiddle orchestra teamed up with Matt and Amy Mattingly of the PineCrest Inn of Gorham to raise over \$900 for the Gorham Food Pantry on Aug. 3. Chef Jim Turner served up BBQ pulled pork, corn on the cob, coleslaw, and fried apple while Fiddle-icious provided toe-tapping tunes for diners.

Maine author **Jean Flahive** will talk about her Civil War era books, "Billy Boy, The Sunday Soldier of the 17th Maine" and its just-published sequel, "Railroad to the Moon," on Thursday, Aug. 28 at the **North Gorham Public Library**, 2 Standish Neck Road, Gorham. Light refreshments will be served at the free 7 p.m. program. FMI, 892-2575.

The **West Gorham Union Church** at 190 Ossipee Trail will hold a **Public Supper** on Saturday, Sept. 6 starting at 5 p.m. Beans, chop suey, chicken pies, casseroles and homemade pies. \$8/\$3 under 12. FMI, 839-4208.

A **Baked Bean Supper** will be held on Saturday, Aug. 30 at the **Cressey Road United Methodist Church**, 81 Cressey Road, Gorham. Beans, hot dogs and American chop suey. Two seatings at 5 and 6 p.m. Proceeds to benefit the Salem Economic Ministry in Salem Township, ME. \$8pp.

Saint Anne's Catholic Church will begin **Faith Formation Classes** for grades K-8 beginning Sunday, Sept. 14 from 9:30 to 10:20 a.m. Registration information posted at stannegorham.com. FMI, 839-4857.

There will be a **Benefit Yard Sale** for Family Crisis Services on Saturday, Aug. 30 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 71 South Street, Gorham.

The **St. Anne's Council of the Knights of Columbus** will sponsor a **blood drive** on Wednesday, Aug. 27 from 1 to 6 p.m. at St. Anne's Catholic Church in Gorham. FMI, (877) 410-3373 or red-cross.org/donation to make appointment. Walk-ins welcome.

Peter Pan Auditions will take place on Tuesday, Sept. 2 from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Shaw Gym. FMI, www.gorhamartsalliance.org

ON-GOING EVENTS

The **Gorham Food Pantry**, located at 299-B Main St. (parking lot of St. Anne's Catholic Church), is open every Thursday morning from 9 to 11 a.m. and the second and fourth Wednesday of every month from 6 to 7 p.m. Free for Gorham residents in need. FMI, 222-4351 or visit www.gorhamfoodpantry.org.

The **Lakes Region Senior Center's** summer location is the White Rock Grange at 33 Wilson Road (off Rt. 237) in Gorham. The LRSC is a great place for daily socializing, independent activities and good conversation. Mahjong lessons on Monday; poker, crafting and card games on Tuesday; Chair Yoga with a Nutrition and Weight Support Group on Wednesday; and Bingo on Thursday. FMI, call Cheryl 892-9879 or Blanche 892-5604.

The **Gorham Medical Closet** located at the Municipal Center, 75 South St., is free and available to Gorham residents in need of portable wheelchairs, hospital beds, shower seats, commodes, walkers, canes and more. FMI, call 839-4579, 839-3630 or 839-3936.

CLOSE TO HOME

The **Schoolhouse Arts Center** will present a murder mystery "The Mousetrap" by Agatha Christie from Sept. 12 - 28 in their newly refurbished theater. \$14/\$12. FMI, 207-642-3743 or www.schoolhousearts.org.



Five Days of Summer Adventures



Photo credit Meredith Bradley

Twelve children from Gorham enjoyed five days of summer adventure at King and Bartlett, a fish and game club located in Eustis, Maine. Activities ranged from fly fishing, trolling, hiking, camping, team building, tubing, and other summer fun. Many of the children had never been away from home for such a duration of time, but all thoroughly enjoyed the Maine outdoors. Pictured on the porch of the main lodge are Tommy Sallinen, Kyle Skolfield, Cole Allen, Jackson Smith, Quinton Wise, Hunter Pelletier, Quentin Riiska, Curan Bassingthwaite, Matt Reno, Dawson Allen, Hannah Bickford and Landon Bickford. FMI on the King and Bartlett experience, please visit www.kingandbartlett.com or e-mail Meredith Bradley at bradleymeredith3@gmail.com

Local Couple Go On Wyoming Cattle Drive

Debbie Buker, technical services librarian at Baxter Memorial Library, and her husband Phil took an unusual vacation this summer and went on a cattle drive in the Big Horn Mountains of Wyoming with family members who live in Wyoming. The drive was on horseback and 350 cows were driven over 50 miles from winter range at 3,000 ft. through Wyoming and Montana into the high country of Wyoming to summer range at 8,700 ft. The family-owned Double Rafter Cattle Drives operates as it did in the 1880's--they rode for long hours, slept in teepees and ate food cooked in Dutch ovens. They rode in the mountains with wildflowers in bloom but also across some areas of grassland and along a gravel road. Debbie said, "One time a car from New York arrived while we had the cows on a road, so we had to move all the cattle aside so the car could pass. With amateur cowboys helping, I'm not sure the Wyoming traffic jam was any faster for them to get through



Photo courtesy of Debbie Buker

than one in New York City!" Pictured from left to right are family members Nancy Vonberg and Alicia Kerns with Phil Buker and Debbie Buker taken at end of trail in the Big Horn Mountains.



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Summer Fun

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Patrick Nichols enjoyed biking on his trike.

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Deacon Graeme McDevitt, seven months old, enjoyed the swings at Robie Park.

Photo courtesy of Marcia LaPierre



Two-and-a-half-year-old Edel enjoyed a snack after berry picking.

Photo courtesy of Sarah Rimkunas



Rosie Nichols beat the heat with ice cream.

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Tess Libby, left, and Mia Guimond, right, visited Storyland. Tess will be entering six grade at GMS and Mia will enter tenth grade at GHS.

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Suspicious person told officer he was taking a nap. After speaking earlier with a clerk and learning the store was open 24/7, he felt the parking lot would be a safe place to nap before he went home.

Intoxicated subjects hired a cab to Shirley Lane. Subjects were unsure where they were going and ran up a tab. When they arrived, they paid but left trash in the cab. Cab driver called because he wanted the rest of his money and wanted them to pick up the mess. Officer made contact with the subjects and they paid the difference. They were highly intoxicated. Cab driver left their mess in the driveway.

Child playing at Village School playground lied to officer about his dad knowing where he was. Officer made contact with dad who went to get child. Child also lied about his dad's phone number. Dad was going to do parental discipline.

South Street caller had questions about her liability if she hosted a drinking party at her home. Officer explained the criminal and civil concerns, emphasizing that she would be breaking the law if under age drinkers were

present at her home. She said she was going to use a portable breathalyzer to test people before letting them leave. Officer explained that was not protection for her.

Camper at Wassamki Springs Campground wanted to report being assaulted by his girlfriend. Man had an outstanding warrant for his arrest.

Officers responded to Village Woods Circle for a domestic disturbance between a mother and son.

Officer interviewed a driver who had driven rapidly onto Ossipee Trail and into a ditch. Officer determined that man was operating under the influence. Driver was also charged with operating after suspension, speeding and being a habitual offender.

Maple Ridge Road man was advised to change his checking account and to close down the one his soon-to-be ex-wife was using.

CALENDAR

TUESDAY, AUG. 26

- MemoryWorks Memory Café, 1 p.m., Gorham House Sunroom. Share your memory concerns with others. FMI, 797-7891.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 27

- School begins for grades K, 6 & 9.

THURSDAY, AUG. 28

- School begins for all other grades.

FRIDAY, AUG. 29

- No school for grades K-12.

SATURDAY, AUG. 30

- Save the Centre Yard Sale, Centre of Movement, 8 a.m.-2 p.m.
- Benefit Yard Sale, Family Crisis Services, Baxter Memorial Library. 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
- Baked Bean Supper, Cressey Road United Methodist Church. 5 & 6 p.m. seatings. \$8pp.
- Greater Gorham Farmers Market, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., South St. next to Baxter Memorial Library.

MONDAY, SEPT. 1

- Labor Day. No school for grades K-12.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 2

- Gorham Cancer Prayer and Support Group, Cressey Road United Methodist Church. 6 p.m. All are welcome. FMI, 321-1390 or 839-3111.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 6

- Greater Gorham Farmers Market, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., South St. next to Baxter Memorial Library.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 7

- Praise and Bagels Service, Cressey Road United Methodist Church. 9-10 a.m. FMI, 839-3111.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 10

- Book reading and signing with author Kevin Mills at Baxter Memorial Library, 6 p.m. FMI, 222-1190.

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