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Former Gas Station on Main St. Sold!



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At the Main Street Master Plan meeting on November 13, Jon Smith of Great Falls Construction announced he had purchased the former gas station in front of Hannaford. He will tear down the existing building and plans to have three or four small businesses at the site, with construction starting April 2015. Look for further details in future editions of the Gorham Times.

Seeking a New School Superintendent

BY ROGER MARCHAND
Staff Writer

The search for a new superintendent of Gorham Schools has begun after the September announcement that Ted Sharp would be retiring on June of 2015.

A search committee of thirteen members met on October 30 to discuss the search process. The committee is made up of three school committee members, three administrators, one support staff member, two teachers, two community members, and two municipal officials. Early on the group members decided to use the Maine School Management Association as a consultant in an advisory capacity. National advertising for the position began in late October with ads in the Portland Press Herald, Education Week, The American Association of School Administrators, as well as the Serving Schools website with a deadline for completed applications of November 21.

An online survey to get a better understanding of what the community wants and expects in the new School Superintendent can be completed on the School District website at www.gorhamschools.org. The survey closes on December 1, 2014 and the results will then be forwarded to the search committee.

School Committee members also plan to meet with community stake-

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Farewell to Retiring Chief Shepard



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Many businesses displayed words of appreciation for the retiring chief.

BY SHERI FABER
Staff Writer

More than 200 people turned out to bid a fond farewell to retiring Police Chief and life-long Gorham resident Ronald Shepard. Shepard had worked for the town for the past 42 years,

a record rarely seen much less broken. While he may be retiring from the police force, he will continue his work for the Town of Gorham; Shepard has recently been elected to the Town Council.

The evening began with the Maine Public Safety Pipe and Drum Corps

who played the official songs for each of the five branches of the military, asking current and former military members to stand as their song was played. Shepard was honored by numerous speakers for his work, not

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Working to Update the Main Street Master Plan

BY ROGER MARCHAND
Staff Writer

Over fifty people participated in the Main Street Master Plan Update public workshop meeting. Zoning Administrator David Galbraith and Senior Landscape Architect Tom Farmer explained the purpose of the meeting: to review and discuss the updates to the 1998 Main Street Master Plan. The goal of the plan was to maintain the downtown character and make it more family and business friendly.

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GORHAM COMMUNITY PULLS TOGETHER TO RESTORE TRAILS

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Maine has Benefited from Health Insurance Marketplace Rollout

By REP. LINDA SANBORN

It has been just over a year since the marketplace officially opened. It was a successful first year for individuals and families. More than 44,000 people selected qualified health plans providing comprehensive health care coverage, almost all of which qualified for premium assistance.

Thanks to the rollout of the marketplace, Maine's uninsured population dropped to 13 percent in mid-2014. The number of insurers offering individual plans on the marketplace has doubled in Maine over its first year. At the same time, premium rates for 2015 have either remained static or even dropped in some cases. This is impressive considering that prices had been rising significantly for many years prior in Maine.

This is good news for both Maine people and the state's economy. Having affordable access to health care can mean the difference between financial stability and ruin. In fact, the leading cause of personal bankruptcy in the United States is an unexpected illness for a person without health insurance.

Many Mainers who have worked hard to achieve financial stability are one illness or injury away from financial ruin. Nobody should have to go bankrupt because they get sick.

As a community, we cannot plan for a strong economic future if this is a reality for so many of our residents.

With that being said, the next opportunity for open enrollment in the marketplace is upon us. I'd like to touch upon some important things to know for those who may be re-enrolling or entering the marketplace for the first time. Open enrollment begins on Nov. 15 and ends Feb. 15. To be covered on Jan. 1, you must enroll by Dec. 15. If re-enrolling, it is important to carefully review the information from your insurance company to be sure the plan still meets your needs.

Make sure the providers you see and the hospital you plan to use are part of your plan's network and that the prescriptions you need are covered. Compare your plan with others being offered in 2015.

If you decide to keep your insurance plan and continue to pay

your premium, you will be automatically re-enrolled for 2015. If you purchased your plan through the Marketplace and your income or household size has changed, you need to report those changes at www.healthcare.gov to get the correct premium tax credit and avoid owing money at tax time.

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WWII Vet Celebrates 100th Birthday on Veteran's Day

By STACY SALLINEN
Staff Writer

A World War II veteran celebrated a huge milestone surrounded by three generations of family and many friends. Burton Curtis turned 100-years-old this Veterans Day. A celebration in his honor, and for other Veterans, was held at Avita of Stroudwater in Westbrook where Burton currently resides.

Curtis grew up in Bowdoinham and was raised by his father, a woodsmen who harvested wood with horses and by his mom, the postmistress of Bowdoinham. As a young boy, Curtis had an interest in aviation. He and his childhood friend assembled a lightweight plane and learned how to fly in a nearby field, each time becoming a little more daring to go higher and further than before.

According to information compiled by Curtis' great-grandson, Xander Pippin, Curtis served in World War II as a Waco CG-4 glider pilot. The gliders, towed by larger military planes, were used to carry heavy equipment needed for airborne missions. Curtis carried out missions in France, Italy, England, North Africa and also flew during Operation Market Garden in Holland. After the war, Curtis remained with the military and in the reserves. He retired as a colonel.

Curtis attended Gorham Normal School, now the University of Southern Maine, where his part-time job was to drive a local prominent businessman around town. As a student, he lived in the boarding home operated by the mother of Rodney Quinn. Curtis and Quinn became life-long friends. While attending Gorham Normal School, Curtis met his

late wife, Jane. They married in 1940 and had three children—Joann Pippin of North Carolina; Thomas Curtis of Hollis; and Martin Curtis of Oregon. Two of his six grandchildren, Mark Curtis and Jason Curtis, reside in Gorham with their families. Curtis also has ten great-grandchildren.

Among his other talents, Curtis learned how to play the harmonica at age three. He carries it in his pocket and brings it out on request to entertain his friends. "He's modest about it but his friends love it," said Joann. "He sang for several years with a senior barbershop quartet, so he especially loves to play those kinds



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Gorham Community Pulls Together to Restore Trails

By JANET WILLIS MACLEOD

The Gorham Conservation Commission (GCC) recently held its first and very successful Volunteer Trail Day. The morning was chilly but sunny as folks from all over Gorham arrived early to volunteer their time, tools and talents to help restore some of Gorham's most beautiful trails in the Tannery Brook Preserve. The effort, a result of the award of a recent \$14,000 federal grant, was well attended by families, local Boy Scouts, members of the USM Men's Cross Country team, and business owners who lent their time and equipment.

"The outpouring of volunteers and support for this project tells us that the people of Gorham really want, and need, a place to enjoy nature," said Dr. Rob Lavoie, chairman of the Gorham Conservation Commission. In all, over 50 volunteers spent time volunteering, logging over 200 hours of time on the trails. Bridges and boardwalks were built, invasive plants were cut back, trails were widened, and branches were trimmed on the Trunk Trail, Red Pine Loop and Bushwhack Loop in the

Tannery Brook trail system, located just off 10 Wentworth Drive, behind the Gorham Savings Bank administrative offices.

Mark Allen from V&M Rental Center donated an ATV, a Dingo dirt mover, and compactors to help fill in and smooth out holes along Bushwhack and Red Pine Loop; Dylan Knight from Knight Property Services in Westbrook donated and operated a skid steer to help move loads of material to parts of the trail inaccessible by other means. In addition to their generous equipment donations, both Allen and Knight assisted on the project all day. Members from the New England Mountain Bike Association volunteered their time and expertise, as well as a trailer full of equipment, to help with some of the more expert building projects.

The members of the Gorham Conservation Commission (GCC) hope you and your family will check out all of the beautiful trails in the coming weeks by hiking, running, and later cross-country skiing and snowshoeing. Visit facebook.com/gorhamconservationcommission to learn about future activities.

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Photo credit Janet Willis MacLeod

Members of the Gorham community kick off Gorham Conservation Commission's first Volunteer Trail Day on Sunday, October 26.



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Mark Allen of V&M Rental Center fills wheelbarrows for volunteers to move to remote sections of trail.

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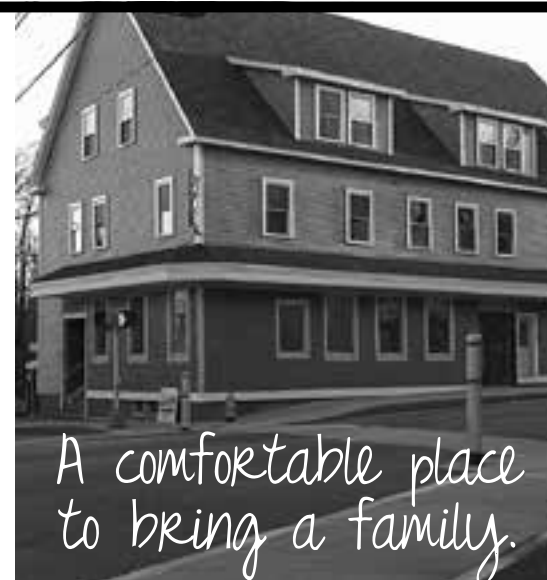
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Questions to Ask Your General Contractor Before They Begin Work

By JASON RICKETT

In order to make a sound choice when looking for a contractor to build or work on your home, you need to be prepared with some general questions to ask prior to signing them on for the job. This way, everyone will know what he or she is getting into, and you are sure to get exactly what you want. Here are some examples of what to ask while looking for a general contractor.

What's your business history? It is a great idea to figure out how long they have been in the business, whether they have completed a job like this before, if they are licensed to work in your area, what kind of insurance they have, and if they are part of a reputable professional association. This is also a good time to ask if they have any references for their work.

Can you give me a timeline? This is important because you will need to know whether there are any projects ahead of your own and whether they can complete the job in the time frame you have in mind. Ask for a start and

finish date, if possible, and have this worked into the official agreement. Proper documentation will protect you from projects that never seem to end. It may not be possible to get precise dates immediately, but they should give you an idea of the average length based on the type of project, including clean up and any changes or problems.

What is the general cost? It is absolutely necessary to get a quote on necessary materials, labor, and other factors that could come into play. Quotes that seem too good to be true probably are, and could indicate an inexperienced or hasty worker. Conversely, exceptionally high quotes could mean the contractor took things into consideration others missed.

It is important to make this choice carefully and with plenty of preparation. Get to know the contractor and feel confident in their abilities before letting them near your project.

Jason Rickett is the owner of JT Construction, a locally owned and operated company, specializing in all of your home improvement needs.

Chief Shepard Retirement Party CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

just as a police chief, but also with Special Olympics, anti-drug programs in the schools, other branches of law enforcement as well as members of the local community. Richard C. Pratt of ODAT Machine, a business in the Industrial Park, presented Shepard with an assault rifle and made a \$700

donation to the DARE program. Shawn Moody thanked Shepard for making Gorham the best town in Maine, adding that Maine was also the best state in the nation therefore making all of us privileged to live in Gorham. At the end of the evening, Shepard received a standing ovation.



Courtesy of Gorham Police Department

Gorham Police Department with Chief Shepard at the helm.



Photo credit Roger Marchand

Chief Shepard greets officers participating in the parade of cruisers from departments all over Southern Maine.




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Chief Shepard talks with prior Town Councilor Burleigh Loveitt.



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Goodbye, Chief Shepard. Thank you.



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Gorham Economic Development Corp. Meeting

- The Town reported they are still working on the project to verify income in the Little Falls area in order to qualify for a grant available only to low- to moderate-income communities.

- The owner of Amato's is interested in purchasing 21 Main St. in order to create more parking for the restaurant. He plans to eliminate the curb cut for 21 Main St. but would add an exit-only cut onto Main St. from the expanded parking lot. This was noted at the last Town Council meeting, which then went into executive session to discuss an offer for 21 Main St.

- After a massive fire, Town and Country Cabinets is operating on a

limited basis and is rebuilding with insurance proceeds. They will be required to have a sprinkler system. Town Departments are working with the owner to help find a cost effective way to install a sprinkler system. Also under consideration is the possibility of building a fire pond. Tom Ellsworth, president of GEDC, will contact Portland Water District to see what options they might offer and will also discuss the GEDC loan program with the owner of Town and Country Cabinets.

- William and Tara Benson paid \$1.1 million for New England Stair and Tread and also assumed \$66,000

left on a loan from the GEDC as part of the purchase.

- Cumberland Farms in South Gorham was granted permission by the Planning Board in September to allow expansion of their existing sign and to allow signage on their gas canopy. It was noted that a similar request by TNT/Irving gas station was denied when they converted to a Mobil Station. Cumberland Farms was given this approval as part of their contract zone, thereby circumventing the sign ordinance. GEDC recommended an amendment to the current sign ordinance that would allow non-lighted canopy signs outside the Village district.

Main Street Update

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After the introduction, the attendees divided into one of eight small groups to discuss and report back on concerns and recommendations. They focused on five aspects of the plan: developing a unified streetscape, providing more pedestrian lighting, improving pedestrian and bicycle circulation and safety, protecting historic buildings, and allowing more density in large village homes.

After an hour, each group presented the findings of their discussions. Some of the notable agreements among all groups were that pedestrian safety and parking were seen as major issues that need improvement in the downtown area. Improved lighting, with a more unified village style, along the streets was seen as important. Many groups brought up the importance of having trash containers and benches in different areas so people would feel welcome, therefore getting more people to the remain in the village rather than just passing through.

It was felt that the Maine Department of Transportation should be contacted about changing the traffic lights downtown to make them more pedestrian friendly. Developing a downtown bicycle path was brought up and some possible routes presented.

Farmer said in closing that the information generated at the meeting would be incorporated into the changes in the master plan document and put into draft form. Another workshop will be held for further discussion before it is presented to the Town Council for review.

NOVEMBER 3, 2014

Planning Board Results

- Lilac Lane, a nine-lot clustered subdivision at 91 North Gorham Road, was approved.

- Definitions in the Lane Use and Development Code pertaining to airstrips, runways and landing strips were sent to the Town Council for approval.

- Receiving preliminary approval was a request by Gilbert Homes for a 36-lot clustered subdivision (Stonefield IV) off Ichabod Lane with a 2,900-foot roadway to connect to Stonefield II and Stonefield III with

a 400-foot dead end road to support four lots.

- A request from Hartley Marsh and Greg McCormack was granted to revoke the Strawberry Fields Subdivision and to merge lot one of the subdivision with Marsh's lot on the corner of South Street and Strawberry Lane and to merge lots two and three.

- A site walk was scheduled for the proposal by Bauer & Gilman Construction, LLC for a 10-lot clus-

tered subdivision on 17 acres with a 950-foot paved private way located at 108 Shaw's Mill Road.

- Peter and Kathryn Mason's preliminary review for a three-lot development transfer overlay (at 258 Main Street) with two new lots off Donna Street was discussed and tabled.


- Avesta School St. L.P. requested approval of a contract zone to provide 24 elderly housing apartments with associated parking at 99 School Street. This item was discussed.


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GHS Fall Sports Awards

Senior All-Academic

Football: Zach Mills, Brendan Mercier.

Girls' Cross Country: Ashley Woodbury, Kristen Benson.

Girls' Soccer: Emily Lewis, Kiana Plumer.

Golf: John Ennis, Max Johnson.

Volleyball: Megan Bennett, Emily Peterson.

Field Hockey: Andrea Stemm, Isabelle Grant.

Boys' Cross Country: Andrew York.

Boys' Soccer: Cole Houghton.

All-Conference (SMAA)

Boys' Soccer: 1st Team-Cody Elliott, Cole Houghton, Trenton Bassingthwaite; 2nd Team-Jackson Fotter.

Field Hockey: 1st Team-Charlotte Smith, Andrea Stemm; 2nd Team-Megan Baker; Honorable Mention-Reagan Emerson; All-Rookie Team-Karen Stemm; Co-Coach of the Year-Becky Manson-Rioux.

Volleyball: 1st Team-Maddie Bennett, Kristen Curley; 2nd Team-Cassidy Landry; Honorable Mention-Ciara Stillson.

Golf: 1st Team-Kenny Tuttle, Max Johnson; 2nd Team-Tim O'Neil.

Girls' Soccer: 1st Team-Cady Houghton; 2nd Team-Kate Hopkins, Emily Esposito, Lizzie Sullivan, Narissa Libby; Honorable Mention-Emily Bragg.

Girls' Cross Country: 1st Team-Anna Slager; Honorable Mention-Leanna Gray.

Football: 1st Team-Zach Mills.

Boys' Cross Country: 2nd Team-Jesse Southard, Ben Foster.

Team Ram Awards

Cheerleading: Outstanding Rookie-Michaela Desrosier; Most Improved-Mykaila Rush; Most Dedicated-Michaela Williams.

Girls' Cross Country: Outstanding Runner-Anna Slager; Senior Award-Ashley Woodbury; Effort & Determination-Leeanna Gray.

Boys' Cross Country: Outstanding Runner-Jesse Southard; Senior Award-Ben Foster; Effort & Determination-Thomas Bernier.

Football: Coach's Award-Zach Mills, Trevor Nelson.

Golf: Coach's Award-Kenny Tuttle, Max Johnson, Tim O'Neil.

Boys' Soccer: Most Valuable Player-Cole Houghton; Defensive Player of the Year-Matt Hooker; Coach's Award-Nate Roberts.

Girls' Soccer: Coach's Award-Abby Perkins; Leadership Award-Cady Houghton; Hustle Award-Emily Bragg.

Field Hockey: Offensive Player of the Year-Charlotte Smith; Leadership Award-Megan Baker; Mid-Fielder of the Year-Andrea Stemm.

Volleyball: Most Valuable Player-Maddie Bennett; Coach's Award-Emily Peterson; Ram Award-Megan Bennett.

In the Zone

Fourth Consecutive Tennis

Championship: Natalie Egbert (GHS '11), a senior captain on the Endicott College women's tennis team, helped the team wrap up its fourth consecutive Commonwealth Coast Conference Championship this fall. Egbert has been an integral part of all four championships, accumulating a combined 93-33 record in singles and doubles play. She is also a four-time all-conference honoree including First Team Singles and Honorable Mention Doubles this past season. The team will now wait until May to compete in the NCAA Division III Tournament.



Photo credit David Le Photography

Natalie Egbert in action for Endicott College

Record-Breaking Goal Keeper: Patty

Smith (GHS '13) was named the North Atlantic Conference Defensive Player of the Week in field hockey for the University of Maine at Farmington after a record-breaking performance in the conference championship game on November 8th. The keeper broke the school mark with 28 saves in the conference championship as UMF lost to Husson, 1-0, in double overtime. In the conference semi-finals, Smith recorded seven saves in a 2-1 upset victory over Thomas. The UMF sophomore finished her rookie campaign with 98 saves and a conference-best .817 save percentage. She also earned Defensive Player of the Week honors in September.

Record-Setting Swimmer: Lindsey Thomsen

(GHS '13) had a record-setting day for the University of New England on November 8 during a home swim meet in Biddeford. Thomsen

set the team record and the pool record in the 50-yard breaststroke with a time of 32.35.

New England Cross Country Results:

At the New England Cross Country Championships in Connecticut on November 8th, GHS freshman **Anna Slager** finished 71st overall in the girls' 5K race and sixth among Maine runners with a time of 21:08. In the boys' 5K, junior **Jesse Southard** finished 98th overall and 14th among Maine runners with a time of 17:13.

Regional Soccer All Stars: The Maine Soccer Coaches selected four GHS players to the Western Maine Class A

Regional All-Star Team: Senior **Cole Houghton** along with juniors **Trenton Bassingthwaite** and **Cody Elliot** were named to the boys' team while junior **Cady Houghton** was named to the girls' team.

Correction

The previous issue of the *Gorham Times* incorrectly identified the winner of this year's Lawn Mower Racing championship at the Saco Pathfinder Club. The actual winner was Fred Yerxa.

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Two Lacrosse Players Earn College Scholarships



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Two GHS seniors signed their letters of intent to play lacrosse during a November 14th ceremony at GHS. Eliza Jordan (left) will attend Division II Merrimack College in Massachusetts while MacKenzie Collins (right) will attend Division II Limestone College in South Carolina.

USM Shows the Way for Youth Soccer Players



Photo credit Stacey Coleman

The USM women's soccer team hosted a private clinic for the Gorham Youth Soccer Association Goal Rush U9 girls' soccer team on October 8th. USM women's soccer alumna and Goal Rush coach Stacey Coleman along with USM coach Lisa Petruccelli brought the two teams together to increase community connections between USM and Gorham. Throughout the soccer season, the two teams supported each other, and, on September 27th, Goal Rush walked onto the field with the Huskies during their introduction at the Family and Friends Home Game. Participating in the clinic for the Goal Rush team, front row from left to right, were Hilary Douglas, Gisselle Doucette, Summer Gammon, Lily Rubin, Caroline Morrell, Zoe Coleman, Andi Cloutier, Olivia Spickle and Amber Bretton. Participating USM players, middle row from left to right: Nicole Laplante, Dakota Warren, Kelly Burrell, Nicole Bordeau, Mariah Cropley, Ellex Loper, CC Pelletier, Devon McKay and Sam Brownell. Back Row: Katey Dowling, Analies Ross-Dyjak, Courtney Bowers, Coley Zufelt, Emma Dennison, Katherine Hunziker, Hannah Nofske, Jessica Preble and Kenzie Sullivan.

GHS Softball Star Inducted into SMCC Hall of Fame



Photo courtesy of Southern Maine Community College

Melissa Sanborn (GHS '06) was inducted into the Southern Maine Community College Athletic Hall of Fame on November 2nd. Sanborn is shown above with her GHS softball coach Pete Walker, who presented her with the Hall of Fame plaque. Sanborn received the honor based on her softball career at SMCC. She was a Yankee Small College Conference first team all-conference selection in 2008 and 2009, and she also ranks sixth all-time at SMCC in career home runs, seventh in runs scored, and eighth in runs-batted-in. During Sanborn's two seasons, the softball team amassed a 48-18 overall record that included two conference championships. During her career at GHS, Sanborn helped the Rams win a state championship during her junior season.

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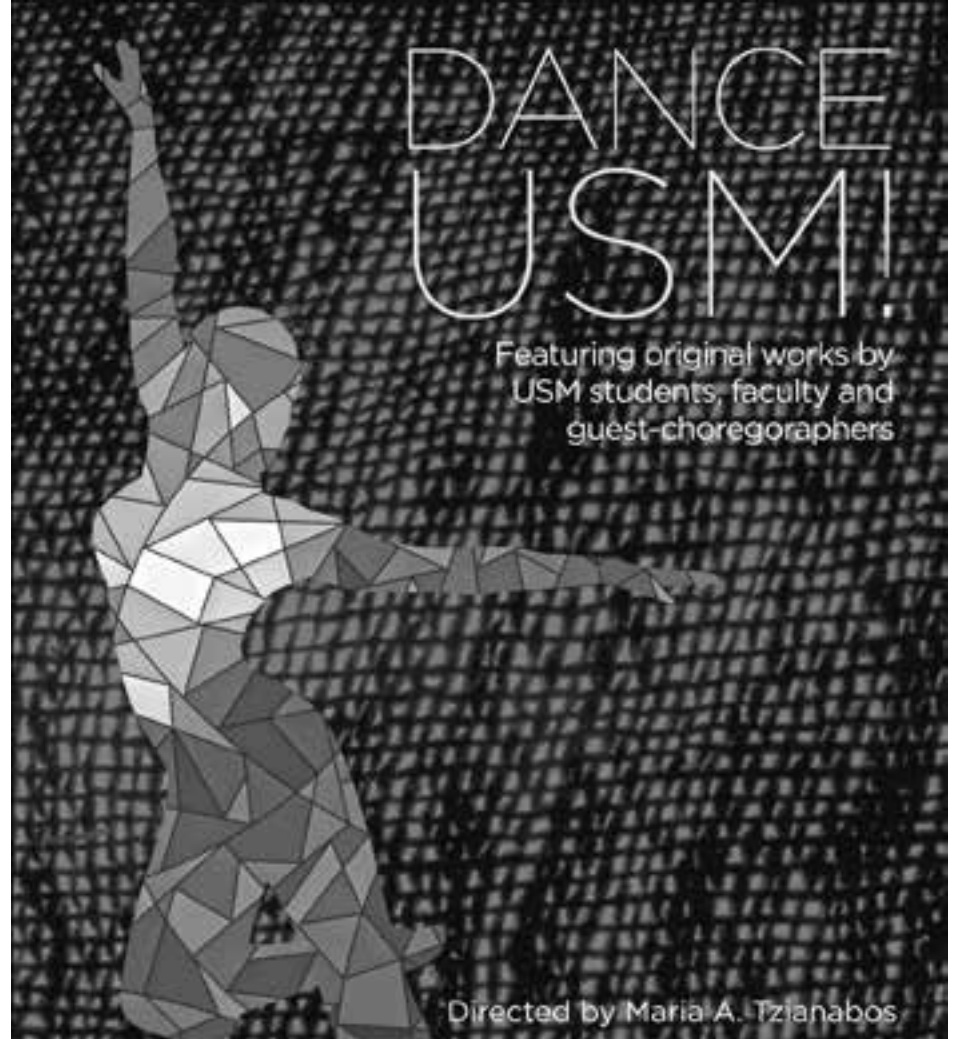
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holders to get input on the qualities they want in the new superintendent. The School Committee chairperson also plans to meet with teachers in their buildings to get their input.

A timeline has been developed that includes reviewing applications, and developing interview questions, conducting interviews, and checking references during November and December with two or three finalists being sent to the School Committee

by the end of December 2014. The School Committee will interview the finalists in January 2015. The timeline also allows for the finalists to meet with focus groups made up of citizens, parents, students, and administrators during January. The goal of the search committee is for the School Committee to choose a new superintendent by sometime in February and have the candidate start on July 1, 2015.

Fun (and Learning) at Pumpkin Valley



Photo credit Donna Pastore

Students from the Gorham Middle School, as well as the High School, recently took a trip to Pumpkin Valley in Dayton. Students enjoyed the corn maze, jumping pillow, and hayride while learning more about how corn is grown, as well as the importance of local agriculture in Maine. Pictured are: Ryan Coyne, Warren Donnelly, Jayden Monroe, Kyle Hulit, Ben Rohner, Kaleb Apt, Katie Corbett, Ben Demers, Chase Olin, Evan Morrell, Tyler Pelletier, Tyler Bergeron, Adam Oulette, Henry O'Neil, Tyler Weeks, River Cummings, Xander Tillman, Kayleigh Mitchell, Ian Taylor, Amanda Thompson, Joe Harper, Matthew Norris, Jaela Boucher, Denisha Beeler, Jesiah Bickford, Michaela Taiani, Jarrett Ocegüera, Brandon Davis, Kaylea Laughlin, Jada Emery, Althea Baker, and MaKenna Laughlin.



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Village School Takes Historical Field Trip



Photo credit Betsy Nygren

The Village School third grade classes of Mr. Smith and Mrs. Rudolph enjoyed exploring the historical sites of Gorham on their field trip on Oct. 29. They even paced out the site of the original fort on Fort Hill.

GHS Fall Concert



Photo credit Avery Arena

Gorham High School had their fall concert on Oct. 30. Led by Matt Murray and Tim Ebersold, the concert and jazz bands, concert and treble choirs, and the chamber singers performed pieces including: "The Dark Knight Rises," "Brave," "The Argument," and "The Dram Keeper." Many of the students performing have also been accepted into the 2015 Maine Music Educators Association (MMEA) District I Music Festival in the concert band as well as the treble and mixed choirs.

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School Note

The Verizon Foundation and the Technology Student Association have issued the third Verizon Innovative App Challenge to middle and high school students across the country. This competition challenges student teams to develop an app concept that solves a community problem. The 2014-15 Challenge will reward eight schools with \$20,000 grants as well as tablets for each student team member. Winning teams also will work

with professionals from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology Media Lab and Verizon to help build their apps and bring them to market. As no coding experience is needed to enter, students from all backgrounds can collaborate to identify an issue they want to address and create an app that could solve it. The Challenge is open for app concept submissions until Nov. 24. FMI or to register, visit www.verizon.com/appchallenge.

Scary Bananas at Narragansett

On Halloween, Narragansett students were treated to Halloween "Boonanas" at lunch. Pictured (left to right) are second-graders in Mrs. Durant-Harthorne's classroom: Evelyn Hill, Juliet Sargent, and Brooke Pialock.



Photo credit Raina Lee Cooper

Don't Forget – "You Can't Take It With You!"

By GRACEANN BURNS
Gorham High School Senior

Gorham High School kicked off its 2014-15 drama season this weekend with Moss & Hart's "You Can't Take It With You." The show focuses around Alice Sycamore, played by sophomore Esther Eaton, and her zany family of misfits as they try to impress Tony Kirby, played by freshman Grant Hawkes and his uptight family, played by senior Bailey Daigle and junior Jordanne Mercier.

Each scene takes audience members straight into the home of the Sycamore family, showing just how incredibly strange each family member is. Senior Katie Stickney charms the audience with her portrayal of Mrs. Penny Sycamore, a charmingly sweet mother of Alice, as well as aspiring manuscript writer and painter.

Her husband, Paul Sycamore, played by senior Jeff McNally and his close friend and Italian colleague Mr. DePinna, played by JP Touchette, make a perfect comedic pair, between their kismet comedic timing and use of visual comedy. Also notable is the chemistry between sophomores Dorothy Stickney and Miles Obrey, who are the Sycamore's servants Rheba and Donald. Stickney's Latin American accent exclaiming that "The eggs done fell down de sink!" is a scene-stealer that left audience members in stitches.

Senior GraceAnn Burns's boisterously attention-grabbing Kolenkhov has also been known to liven up a scene with her exceedingly Russian getup and accent, taking every chance she gets to include a word or two about the state of the Soviet government.

Essie and Ed Carmichael, played by junior Becca Cupps and senior Abraham Eaton have effortlessly proven that even the seemingly unnoticeable aspects of an actor's job, if done right, will never be ignored. Everything from the way Cupps takes up the majority of space in a room with her extravagantly large tutu and Eaton's bizarre attachment to his beloved xylophone have yet to fail at catching audience's attention.

Lastly, senior Brendan Kelly, as Grandpa Martin Vanderhoff, has not only mastered the art of dry humor and the use of puns without over doing it, but has shown a wisdom beyond his years, reminding audiences that, at the end of the day, happiness is what really matters.

The production will leave audiences with a sore belly; giggling all the way home. The motif of the importance of happiness will remind audiences' young and old that it is not your yearly income or the size of your home that matters, because, after all, you can't take it with you! The two final performances are Friday, Nov. 21 and Saturday, Nov. 22 at 7:30 p.m. Doors open at 7 p.m.

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Fundraising Continues to Save The Centre of Movement

By KRISTA NADEAU
Staff Writer

The Centre of Movement, owned and operated by Vicki Lloyd, has been fundraising for months in an effort to raise enough money to save the Centre. The building located at 19 State Street, has many code violations that must be brought up to code.

Lloyd has been working with the Gorham Fire Department and Code Enforcement, as well as the State Fire Marshal's Office and the State Electrical Office regarding these violations. The building was to be brought up to code this past October, but an extension was

granted to Lloyd; the new deadline is May 2015. Lloyd said that each month there are items to complete, in fact, on November 5, the electrical work was approved by the State Electrical inspector. Fire Chief Robert Lefebvre said she was meeting her deadlines.

To date, fundraising efforts for the Centre of Movement have brought in just over \$10,000. There have been car washes, yard sales, a Halloween ball and more.

Lloyd extends her thanks to everyone involved in the effort to Save the Centre. For more information, please call 839-3267.

Minimal Progress on Art Gallery



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Work has continued at the USM Art Gallery on College Avenue, but at a slow pace. Only one original window has been replaced while the rest of the window spaces are covered over with wooden slats painted black. Much more needs to be done at this time, especially on the front of the building.

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Farmers Market Season Ends

By MATILDA MCCOLL
GMS Intern

The 2014 season of the Gorham Farmers Market recently came to an end. With many new vendors attending, the market's performance went very well, said Maureen Terry.

One new vendor was Old Wells Farms from Limington. Stowe Watters had been with the market for many years with Rippling Waters Farm in Standish, but his fiancée Marina and brother Dylan started Old Wells Farms at the end of last season.

Other new vendors new to the 2014 season were Blue Star Soap

Company from Gorham, Glad Harvest Farm from Brownfield, and Tortillería Pachanga from Portland. The Gorham Arts Alliance kept a table at the market for a few weeks this summer, letting those in town know about all their programs. The market even had performances from local bands, musicians, and actors.

Members of the Farmers Market already plan to add more vendors and entertainment for next summer. Terry says they hope to make the market a place for families to meet and start their weekends with loads of fun and activities.

Free Lending Library Now Open

By LUKE NADEAU
Seventh Grade Student

Gorham's newest Little Free Library is located on Grant Road (off Route 114) and is always open. Olivia Gobel, a third grader at Great Falls Elementary, is the official steward. The library, recently honored as a Little Free Library of Distinction, belongs to the community and is available to everyone. How does it work? Take a book, share a book, return a book. Olivia suggests, "Anyone who likes books and likes to read should come check it out." Pictured from left to right are Jessi Ellis, Olivia Gobel, and Adeline Falardeau.



Photo credit Luke Nadeau

WWII Vet Celebrates 100th Birthday

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of songs." At his own celebration, Curtis played along on his harmonica while well-wishers sang "Happy Birthday" to him.

Curtis has said that luck is what got him to see 100 years old. His grandson, Mark, says his grandmother made some of that luck. "She was always looking out for him," he said. His grandmother was always a stickler for eating the right foods and exercising. They also both loved to travel outside of the country.

"Burton is a very generous and loving man," said Eileen, his daughter-in-law. "While he is made of good New England stock and not

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The **Gorham Veteran's Day Ceremony** focused on "**Military Medicine: Caring for Our Soldiers.**" Presenters included (left to right) Blanche Alexander, a U.S. Air Force Nurse Corps veteran, Elle McCarty, U.S. Army Nurse Corps veteran, Town Counselor Ron Shepard, Baxter Library Director Pam Turner, Public Services Librarian James Rathbun. Not pictured are Wayne Morrill, Chaplin Gorham VFW Post 10879, and GGETV Station Manager Georgia Humphrey.



Photo credit Roger Marchand

Sam Parenteau, son of Dawn and Michael Parenteau of Gorham and a third grader at Village Elementary School, recently made a very generous donation to Mercy Hospital's scholarship honoring his friend, the late Bob Masterson. Shown with Sam are his sister, Jackie, and Althea Masterson, who gratefully accepted Sam's gift.



Photo credit Dawn Parenteau

Joseph Seale, tenor, and **Virginia Pomeroy**, alto, will participate in the **Choral Arts Society's 27th Annual Christmas** at the Cathedral Concert Series. For tickets and more information go to www.choralart.org.

The **Dance Studio of Maine** hosted a **Master Tap Class with tap great Savion Glover on Nov 5.** The class, as pictured below, was attended by tap dancers from all over Maine and New Hampshire.



An **Early Release Event for ages K-12** will be held at the **Baxter Memorial Library on Wednesday, Dec. 10 from 2 to 3 p.m.** Northern Stars Planetarium will bring an inflatable Super Dome Planetarium to Shaw Gym for an interactive presentation. Space is limited and registration is required. Please call the Library at 222-1190 to register.

South Gorham and North Scarborough residents and business owners interested in providing ideas on how these two adjoining areas on Rte. 22 could develop over the long term, are invited to a meeting at the North Scarborough Grange Hall on Thursday, Dec. 4 at 6 p.m. FMI, cmorris@morriscomm.net.

Gorham students **Ashley McBreairty** and **Maya Lee** will perform in **Schoolhouse Arts Center's** production of "**Jungle Book Kids**" from **Nov. 7 to 9.** \$10/\$8/\$5. For reservations, call 642-3743 or schoolhousearts.org.

Gorham's Community Theater presents "**The Adventures of Peter Pan**" on **Friday, Nov. 21 at 7 p.m. and Saturday, Nov. 22 at 1 p.m. & 7 p.m.** at the Gorham Middle School Auditorium. Directed by Mary Wassick. FMI, www.gorhamartsalliance.org or 318-0584.

A **Baked Bean Supper** will be held on **Saturday, Nov. 22 at 5 & 6 p.m.** at the **Cressey Road United Methodist Church in Gorham.** There will be beans and hot dogs as well as American Chop Suey. Proceeds to benefit Operation Christmas Child. \$8 pp.

The **North Gorham Public Library**, 2 Standish Neck Road, Gorham, will hold a **Big, Big, Book Sale on Saturday, Dec. 6 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.** The Library is selling hundreds of older books to make room for its new computers and seating area. Crafts, Silent Auction and a Unique Edibles Sale will also be available. FMI, 892-2575 or libng@north-gorham.lib.me.us

The **Honor Guard of the Gorham Police Department** with members of six different local **Gorham Girl Scout Troops** participated in the **Gorham Veteran's Program on Tuesday, Nov. 11** at the Gorham Middle School. Girl Scouts also helped usher the event and helped serve at the reception following the program.



Mr. Bagel in Gorham will host a **Homemade Thanksgiving Meal with ALL the fixings on Thursday, Nov. 27 from 12 to 1:30 p.m.** This is a FREE meal but donations will be donated to the Gorham Ecumenical Food Pantry. Transportation available upon request. Meals delivered upon request. Please call Roxanne Hanscom Moody at 839-4516 or tmood6@maine.rr.com.

Brian Johnson, manager of **Sebago Brewing Company in Gorham**, presents a **\$1,025 check to Janet Willis MacLeod, Gorham Food Pantry board member**, representing the proceeds from Sebago Brewing Company's Summer Classic Car Rally. Many thanks to Sebago Brewing Company and their generous patrons as this donation will be used to help stock the shelves at GFP for the holiday season and beyond.



Photo credit Diane O'Neill

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 2nd and 4th 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, White Rock Grange at 33 Wilson Road (off Rt. 237), 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.

USM NOTES

Gorham residents **Elizabeth Henderson** and **Sarah Henderson**, both environmental science majors at USM, were recently **inducted into the Environmental Science and Policy Honor Society** at the third annual induction ceremony for the University of Southern Maine's chapter of Kappa Alpha Omicron.

The **USM Faculty Jazz Ensemble** will celebrate the progression of jazz with a concert of original works called "**Not Your Grandpa's Jazz**," on **Friday, Nov. 21 at 8 p.m.** USM Gorham campus. Corthell Concert Hall, USM campus. \$15/\$10/\$5. FMI, 780-5555.

HOLIDAY FAIRS

The **Gorham Extension Group** will host a **Holiday Craft Fair on Saturday, Nov. 22 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.** at the Harmony Masonic Hall, Cressey Road, Gorham. FMI, 893-4249.

Cressey Road United Methodist Church in Gorham will host their "**Annual Cookie Fare**" on **Saturday, Dec. 6 from 9 to 11 a.m.** Choose from thousands of home baked cookies and fill a box for \$8. Candy and fudge will also be available. Children can decorate a large sugar cookie for \$1. FMI, 839-3111.

A **Christmas Craft Fair** will be held on **Saturday, Nov. 22 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.** at the White Rock Community Building, Wilson Road, Gorham. Corn Chowder lunch with hotdogs and pies. White Elephant table, Rada knives, 50/50 raffle, bake sale and crafts!

A **Christmas/Craft Fair & Luncheon** will be held at the **North Congregational Church**, 22 Church Hill Road, Buxton (Groveville) on Saturday, Nov. 22 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Crafts, Jewelry, Food Table, Cookie Walk and Raffles.

Sebago Lake Congregational Church's Christmas Fair will be held on **Saturday, Nov. 22 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.** at 410 Northeast Road, Standish (Route 35). A hot lunch along with Silent Auction, Home Baked Treats, Hand Crafted Gifts, White Elephant Room, and Holiday Decorations will be available.

Gratitude: Mister Bagel



Photo credit Sarah Adams

Heather Moody, owner of the Gorham Mister Bagel, stands with nine-year veteran employee Julie Sabasteanski.

BY SARAH ADAMS
Gorham Business Exchange

Driving past Mister Bagel on Portland Road, you have probably noticed their ever-changing announcements just below the sign. This month we dropped in on Gorham High School graduate Heather Moody to learn a bit more about what this entrepreneur had on her mind.

In March, Heather Moody will have owned Mister Bagel for nine years - purchasing it after working for the previous owner since she was 19 years old. A busy mother of two daughters—Madison, age five, and Gemma, who is not quite two years old—Heather is incredibly appreciative of the team of co-workers who love Mister Bagel as much as she does. There are twelve employees on the Mister Bagel payroll and at her right hand is Julie Sabasteanski, who has been there for nine years.

Like many local businesses, Mister Bagel has had its own staffing challenges, with the months of August and September being two of the most hectic business-wise. The shop employs three to four during the week, and on the weekends they have five on the floor. Saturday is the busiest of day of the week for Mister Bagel, and Heather says the 45 minutes each week when there is a line out the door can be so challenging, since they are committed to every customer being happy.

Heather lights right up when asked about her mentor and father, Thad Moody. "He always believed in me, and

he gave me the opportunity to have all this," Heather exclaims, looking around the colorful and busy shop. "Three years ago, I fully paid off my debt and this shop is now all mine. My dad has taught me more than any college could have. The most important lesson is that the customer is number one, and a successful business is a tremendous amount of hands-on hard work." Heather shares that the whole team of co-workers know many customers by name and most of their coffee preferences. "The customers here at Mister Bagel are my second family," shared Heather.

Mr. Bagel will be hosting a Thanksgiving dinner for the fourth year at noon on November 26th. Last year they served over thirty meals—some enjoyed in the shop while others were delivered. Any of the unused goods were delivered to the Good Shepard Food Bank, and monetary donations went to the Gorham Food Pantry. The tradition of serving a free Thanksgiving meal is the brainchild of Heather's mother, Roxanne. It is a true family affair, with siblings Tasha and Chris rolling up their sleeves to help, too. Mister Bagel is always open on Thanksgiving morning for the regulars, who are able to enjoy the homemade donuts that are a family tradition.



Mister Bagel
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Gorham, ME 04038
(207) 839-2802



Safety First

Officer checked on a stopped vehicle on Narragansett St. Operator had stopped to look for a dropped lighter.

Duchaine Drive caller reported receiving a call on her cell phone from an unknown male who said she should not be home alone. Caller commented that woman had arrived at her mother's approximately an hour prior to the call. Woman has been receiving phone calls from this unknown person for the past month or so.

Police verified the George St. address of a registered sex offender.

Caller wanted police to call a man and tell him caller did not want to have contact with him anymore.

Officer met with Waterhouse Road residents who had a rabbit on their rear deck. Officer felt rabbit was domesticated as it was not afraid of humans, appeared to be healthy and was obviously eating well. Officer said he would look for a home for the rabbit.

In response to a call from Evergreen Drive, officer told vacuum cleaner salesman to leave.

Officer responded to a noise complaint on Water St. Man was hammering in some boards on his deck. It was not late and the noise was determined not to be excessive.

Officer was sent to Finn Parker Road for a male who wanted his girlfriend removed.

Leaha Lane caller had questions about returning property to someone who used to live with her. Officer suggested she drop it off at his place of employment.

After hitting a stop sign and almost hitting another vehicle, man was arrested for OUI and failing to register a vehicle.

Officer responded to Gray Road for a report of a male beating up a female in the road.

After speaking with a Day Road caller, contact was made with his mother who stated all of the items he needed had already been picked up and that today was not a good day for him to get the remaining items. The caller was told to make arrangements for another day.

Officer spoke with two parties on School St. Both stated they grabbed onto each other while yelling at each other, neither of them wanted to take action. Argument started over use of a parking space on School St.

Phinney St. caller received a suspicious call from a blocked number, telling the homeowner that caller was inside the residence. Husband checked the residence and found nothing unusual.

Officer stopped to check on subject running down State Street. He was coming from USM and stated he was just trying to get across the road.

Officer responded to Hannah Drive for a domestic disturbance.

Caller reported theft of a motorcycle from White Birch Lane. Bike owner told officer he had pushed it from his residence so the engine noise would not wake his neighbors. He was waiting for his uncle who had a truck to transport it.

School Street caller reported a confrontation with a neighbor about parking in the handicapped zone. Caller thought he should have the spot as he had lived at School St. the longest.

Caller stated he had some work done but had not yet paid for some of the work. Person who did the work told him if he was not paid, he would be in to remove the cabinets that had been installed. Caller was told to contact the police if the subject arrived at the business and caused problems.

Officer made contact with man who admitted to leaving trash on multiple occasions. He was apologetic and stated it would not happen again.

Shirley Lane caller reported she and her son's father have been receiving lewd text messages.

Man was stopped on Gray Road and charged with OUI, operating without a license and speeding for doing 67 in a 50 mph zone.

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CALENDAR

THURSDAY, NOV. 20

- Baby and Me with books, music and movement, 9:30 a.m. ages birth-18 mos., Baxter Memorial Library.
- Toddler Time, 10 a.m., ages 18-36 mos., Baxter Memorial Library.
- Sewing Group, 2:30-4:30 p.m. Baxter Memorial Library.

FRIDAY, NOV. 21

- "Not Your Grandpa's Jazz," 8 p.m., Corthell Concert Hall, USM Gorham Campus. \$15/\$10/\$5. FMI, 780-5555.
- Gorham Community Theater presents "The Adventures of Peter Pan," Gorham Middle School Auditorium, 7 p.m. FMI, 318-0584.
- Peg's Itsy Bitsy Store, Gorham House, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Proceeds provide scholarships for students entering the Health Care Field. FMI, 839-5757.

SATURDAY, NOV. 22

- Gorham Community Theater presents "The Adventures of Peter Pan," Gorham Middle School Auditorium, 1 p.m. & 7 p.m. FMI, 318-0584.
- Christmas Craft Fair, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., White Rock Community Building.
- Craft Fair hosted by the Gorham Extension Group, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Harmony Masonic Hall. FMI, 893-4249.
- Baked Bean Supper, Cressey Road United Methodist Church, 5 & 6 p.m. seating. Proceeds to benefit Operation Christmas Child. \$8 pp.

MONDAY, NOV. 24

- Gorham Republican Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m. FMI, 415-2673.

TUESDAY, NOV. 25

- Preschool Story Time, 9:30 a.m., ages 3-5 yrs. Baxter Memorial Library.
- MemoryWorks Memory Café, 1 p.m., Gorham House Sunroom. Share your memory concerns with others. FMI, 797-7891.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 26

- No School for grades K-12.
- Town of Gorham Senior Lunch Program, St. Anne's Church. 12-1:30 p.m. \$4pp. FMI, 839-4857.

THURSDAY, NOV. 27

- Happy Thanksgiving!

FRIDAY, NOV. 28

- No School for grades K-12.

SATURDAY, NOV. 29

- Super Saturday: Maker Space, 11 a.m., Topics will include literature, science, math, and the arts. Open to all ages. No registration required. This month children create holiday cards and crafts. Baxter Memorial Library.

TUESDAY, DEC. 2

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

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 3

- Town of Gorham Senior Lunch Program, St. Anne's Church. 12-1:30 p.m. \$4pp. FMI, 839-4857.

Baxter Memorial Library, 71 South St
 Cressey Road United Methodist Church, 81 Cressey Rd.
 Gorham House, 50 New Portland Rd.
 Gorham Middle School, 106 Weeks Rd.
 Harmony Masonic Hall, 33 Cressey Rd.
 St. Anne's Church, 299 Main St.
 White Rock Community Building, Wilson Rd.

What's on Gorham Cable Access Television (GOCAT)?



Visit the Stay in Touch section of www.gorham-me.org for program guides for Gorham Government Education TV (Channel 2 on Time Warner Cable) and Public Access (Channel 3 on Time Warner Cable). Live streaming and video on demand is available.



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What a week! I guess my feet have touched the ground a few times since last Tuesday night, but not many. I am honored to have been elected to be the next state senator from most of Scarborough, Gorham and most of Buxton. I know some of you were disappointed to realize that I wasn't on your ballot. I was disappointed to lose some of my most loyal supporters when the district was redrawn and I decided to run for the Senate post, but it worked out just fine. Please know that I will consider everyone from Scarborough to be my constituent, so do not hesitate to call on me.

I want to congratulate the other ladies from Scarborough, Karen Vachon and Heather Sirocki, who were also elected on Tuesday. Heather, Karen and I work together very well and have become close friends through this process. We are overjoyed to be going to Augusta together! Karen and I may even carpool, depending on committee assignments and responsibilities. The trust you have placed in us as your public servants is humbling, especially considering the type of campaign I, in particular, endured. I know without a doubt that those who know me best were most responsible for neutralizing the negative and untruthful ads among our three communities. After four years of communication from me and years of seeing me engaged in our community and schools, you knew the real Amy and not the Amy they were trying to portray. Thank you for talking to your neighbors and spreading the word.

Now I need to thank the men and women behind the scenes who played a huge role in helping me become your next state senator.

Some of you may know Drew Serbin. He is Scarborough GOP's town chair and just took on that role this year. Annalee Rosenblatt had kept the fires burning on the town committee for years and she is an amazing work horse, who has donated a hefty portion of her free time to candidates and elections for many, many years, cheerfully completing many unglamorous tasks. Annalee is one of those people who ALWAYS SHOWS UP. Drew decided to take a very active role in our campaigns and I would say we all benefited tremendously from that. He and I spoke almost daily and he acted as my consultant, cheerleader and, when necessary, therapist. It's safe to say that Heather, Karen and I may not have won our elections without his guidance and help. When you consider that he was also coaching soccer, running a business and being a great dad and husband to his wife Sandra while also running our town committee as a volunteer, you begin to understand his level of commitment.

Jan Love, town vice-chair, was a huge support to Drew, spent time working on my campaign and is another person who can be counted on to always show up.

I also want to thank Jim Means and John Doyle who run the town committee in Gorham. I think I underestimated their ground game, considering how well I did in Gorham. I expected to lose Gorham all along, but I actually lost by a smaller margin there than I expected. They personally placed and watched over signs all over town. Jim Means drove for me while I did doors and helped spread the word through social media. Another amazing Gorham volunteer was Pat Surette, who spent many hours driving me and keeping me laughing with his humorous quips. Al Shurtleff also spent a few days in the Amy for Maine mobile.

In Buxton I had Jake Stoddard and Bob McMannus helping me. Jake personally drove me and took care of signs for me, also keeping me laughing with his witty observations. Bob made himself available as a chauffeur almost every week, tirelessly driving me all over Buxton and Gorham.

The last few weeks, my parents lived at our house and my dad spent nearly every day driving me, while my mother helped enormously at the house. I never expected to see my parents actively campaigning, but as they realized what I was up against, they both did doors on my behalf and spent all day greeting voters on Tuesday. I thank them for delaying their annual journey to Florida in order to help.

Nick McGee took charge of our awesome Get Out The Vote effort which ensured that my supporters did, in fact, make it to the polls on Tuesday. Helping him were numerous people in all three towns who checked off names at the poll and called voters one last time.

There are so many other people who played small, but very important roles. Alison and Luke House showed up in 'Amy for Maine' gear at events to support me, Jennifer Eaton wore her "Amy for Maine" shirt everywhere, talking to people all over the district, and spent time greeting voters on election day. My running buddy Susan Clark acted as my personal trainer and therapist, also helping with events and greeting voters on Tuesday. And thank you to all who put your name on the line for me by writing letters to the local papers. Not to be forgotten or underestimated are the number of people who prayed for me. My faith really did get me through this experience with amazing peace of mind.

Finally, I need to thank my husband for encouraging me, even though this campaign required tremendous sacrifice from our family. Derek campaigned with me every weekend he was available and comforted me when things got dark. He has amazing political instincts and is the most loyal, loving man I can imagine. I would not be where I am without him.

Last but not least, I am grateful to my daughters for what they have sacrificed. They were put in a position that kids should not be in, but they handled it admirably.

So there you have it. I owe a debt to so many people, including and never forgetting the people who put me in this position, the wonderful voters of Scarborough, Gorham and Buxton. Thank you all!

Amy F. Volk