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Mass. Man Arrested for Hit and Run

GORHAM TIMES STAFF

At about 7 a.m. on October 5, Gorham Police Officer Robert Henckel was traveling west on Ossipee Trail. A gold sedan passed him traveling eastbound and radar showed the



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Patrick Littlefield

vehicle was doing 85 mph in a 50 mph zone. Officer Henckel turned around in an attempt to stop the vehicle. After traveling about three-tenths of a mile, he saw a large amount of debris and a motorcycle on the side of the road. Jonathan Lord, 37, of Hiram, who had been operating the motorcycle, sustained injuries to his neck and head. Officer Henckel stopped to assist Lord, who was then rushed to Maine Medical Center by Gorham Rescue. Witnesses

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Community Comes Together to Support a GHS Grad



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Ken Tuttle surrounded by supporters lining the street around Gorham House of Pizza.

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What's on your Ballot?

ROGER MARCHAND
Staff Writer

On November 3, Gorham residents will vote for Town Council and School Committee members as well as on three referendum questions.

The first is on a proposal to amend the Town Charter that will allow the town to use third party, non-taxpayer money—not exceed \$250,000—without having to go to referendum, which is presently mandated in the Charter.

A second article will ask the voters to allow the town to spend up to \$600,000 which will be combined with money from the Portland Water District and the Department of Transportation for a project of \$2.2 million to upgrade and repair water mains, storm drainage, and do

roadwork on Main Street. In recent meetings, the Town Council has discussed removing overhead wires on Main Street during the construction, despite not being part of the project and therefore possibly not financially feasible.

The third article will be for \$1.1755 million for major roof and security improvements for Gorham schools. This funding will include \$580,000 for a combination of replacing and restoring roofing at Gorham High School (GHS) and Village School. The proposed roofing replacement at GHS will not be affected by any future expansion plans for the building.

The funding would also include \$370,000 for the replacement of the old heating system at Village School with a more efficient boiler

capable of using natural gas. Four rooftop heating and ventilation units that would serve 16 classrooms, the library, and the computer system are also included.

The remaining \$225,000 would be for locks and hardware for Gorham Middle School and GHS. The current locks require teachers to exit classrooms to secure doors during an emergency. The new locks would allow them to lock doors from the inside without having to go into the corridor during a lockdown. All Gorham elementary schools already have this safety feature in place. Superintendent Heather Perry said if the referendum article does not pass, "It could lead to much larger and more expensive issues in the future."

Gorham Times General Manager Steps Down

MAYNARD CHARRON
General Manager, Gorham Times

We all overstate clichés about time: "Time sure flies by," "I can't believe the time went by so fast," and "Where has the time gone?" The Gorham Times is now in its 21st year and the time it took to produce nearly 500 issues sure did fly by.

My time has come to move on which will allow others to produce and manage our town newspaper. It has been such a wonderful experience. A labor of love is another cliché we throw around a lot; then again, it really is not a surprise when you have a 100 or so dedicated Gorham folks who care so much for their community.

I am proud of how we created and have sustained such a vital town resource. The Gorham Times helps keep Gorham more informed and engages our citizens by providing coverage of municipal events, school committee and

town council meetings, sports of all kinds, as well as the Blotter and features including "Where

are they Now?" and "Augusta," our generous invitation to our state legislatures to keep us informed about actions in Augusta. That is what I was hoping we could do back in 1995 when I had a crazy idea that a bunch of dedicated volunteers could produce a pretty darn good newspaper. We did it!

So, thank you Gorham, past and present staff members, and advertisers. My time has come to depart but the Times of Gorham is here to stay.



File photo

Maynard Charron steps down as general manager of the Gorham Times after being with the paper since its inception.

Thank You, Maynard

The Gorham Times volunteers and staff thank Maynard Charron for being our leader for the last 20 years. His vision of a nonprofit community paper coupled with his persistence was the cornerstone

of the Times. Through the years, he helped make a big impact on Gorham through this 20-yearlong community service project, the Gorham Times. Simply put, the paper would not be what it

is today without Maynard. We will not only miss his guidance and support, but also his sense of humor and smile. The staff and volunteers wish him well as he moves on to the next phase of his life.

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Popular, Effective Land for Maine's Future Program in Trouble

REP. ANDREW MCLEAN

In 1987, Maine voters established the Land for Maine's Future Program to preserve lands of statewide importance. Since then, some details of the program have changed, but the work of Land for Maine's Future to protect our working waterfronts, farmland and forests has continued to be successful and popular with the people of our state.

From the mountains to the coast, Land for Maine's Future has preserved more than 570,000 acres of conversation and recreation lands through projects in all 16 counties. Of those, 332,000 acres are working properties, including 40 working farms and 24 commercial working waterfront properties. These projects help Mainers who earn a living from our natural resources-based economy-like generations of Mainers have--to continue that work.

Other projects have protected lands important to Maine's hikers, hunters, and snowmobilers as well as habitats crucial for our wildlife. In fact, it is hard to imagine that anyone who values our state's natural resources and beauty has not benefited in some way from the many projects made possible by the program.

Land for Maine's Future uses state funding to leverage private and federal funds that make the conserva-

tion of these lands possible. For every dollar invested in land conservation through the program, an estimated \$11 is returned to the Maine economy.

It is no mystery why the program has enjoyed such broad support among Mainers who recognize the importance of the program to both our economy and our way of life. Voters have repeatedly approved Land for Maine's Future bond funds at the ballot box. In 2010 and 2012, 60 percent of Maine voters cast their ballots in support.

Despite its strong record of success and widespread popularity, the Land for Maine's Future Program is in trouble. Since early this year, the governor has been holding hostage \$11 million of voter-approved bond funds from the program as a bargaining chip in an unrelated political dispute.

The governor's decision is jeopardizing projects approved by the Land for Maine's Future board, including several in Cumberland County and a number of others across the state.

More recently, we have learned the administration has frozen existing funds within the program, effectively preventing the program from working to carry out its mission at all. When the program's board met in September, the three administration representatives were absent for the second consecutive meeting, leaving the board without a quorum and unable to take any action.

Despite efforts during this past legislative session to save the program, the voter-approved bond funds are still being withheld and, worse yet, are set to expire in November. The Legislature can and should act to extend the lifespan of the bonds when we reconvene next year, but the future of the bond funding and the program itself remain uncertain for now.

Though the issues that divide us in Augusta are often ones that make headlines, lawmakers on both sides of the aisle want what is best for our state. I am hopeful that lawmakers will come together in a bipartisan way this coming session to save the Land for Maine's Future program from the cynical politics that have put it in danger.

While we are not in session in Augusta right now, I do continue to send out periodic email updates. If you are interested in receiving these updates or have any questions, comments or concerns, you can always reach me at andrew.mclean@legislature.maine.gov or at (207) 939-8482.



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Gorham Sightings

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sion by entering your best guess on our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/gorhamtimes or email us at gorhamtimes@gmail.com. The photo in the September 24 edition a section of the memorial at the corner of South and Green Streets.

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Findview Farm



Picture above is the view of Findview Farm coming up Mighty Street. Pictured at right is the farm stand where a variety of farm fresh products are sold.

Photo credits Shirley Douglas

HANNAH DOUGLAS
Student Intern

As we drove up the gravel driveway of Findview Farm, three excited farm dogs, Dixie, Juliet and Ellie, greeted us. Jenn Grant, the owner of the farm, gave us a tour.

Our first stop was the cattle barn. They have two different kinds of beef cattle: Shorthorn and Belted Galloway. They were very friendly and allowed us to pet their noses.

In a smaller barn, they had turkeys and piglets. The turkeys will grow plump for the Thanksgiving orders, which have all been filled, and the piglets will be portly by next year.

We finished the tour by visiting the sheep, goats, and chickens. They currently have about 40 chickens of all different types of breeds. One interesting fact we learned about goats was they can be escape artists, yet once they get out they typically do not stray too far from the farm.

In 1922, Grant's great-grandparents started the 150-acre farm, which was originally a dairy farm. Grant currently runs the farm with the help of her husband, mother, father, daughter, and two sons. It takes many people to run a farm, especially when barn chores start at 5 a.m.

The farm's main source of income is beef and hay. Other products they provide include: lamb, pork, turkey, eggs, cucumbers, summer squash, tomatoes, potatoes, corn, maple syrup from Parson's Farm, and honey from Cooper Charolais Farm.

To stay competitive with other farms, they lease a sandpit to Gorham Sand and Gravel and they have a farm stand open to the public. Grant is considering expanding the farm stand to meet their customers' needs.

In addition to working the farm, Grant is the leader of two 4-H Clubs: Red and White Faces Baby Beef Club and Young Farmers Beef Club with Steers and Heifers. You also will find her participating in the Gorham Farmers Market, as well as the Cumberland and Fryeburg Fairs.

Findview Farm is open daily from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., yet Grant recommends calling ahead to confirm someone is in the farm stand before you arrive. For more information about the farm and their products, visit www.findviewfarm.com.

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DK Automotive Open For Business



Photo credit Chris Crawford

Darin Kilton of DK Automotive wants to help you keep your vehicle running in tip-top condition.

CHRIS CRAWFORD
Staff Writer

DK Automotive is open for business at 135 Dingley Springs Road in Gorham. Darin Kilton has leased the business with an option to buy from the former owner of Charlie's Battery and Tire. Kilton has more than 30 years of experience in the automotive repair business as well as experience running his own business and is ready to help keep your vehicle running in tip-top shape.

DK Automotive is a full service shop that works on all makes and models of cars and trucks, both foreign and domestic. They also carry all makes and sizes of tires. For customer convenience, there is no appointment necessary for state inspection stickers.

Kilton enjoys having his own business and prides himself on being able to provide personal service to his customers. Kilton believes it is very important to keep them well informed about their vehicle, so they can make good decisions. "People really need to understand the condition of their vehicle and to know what their options are when repairs are needed," he said. Kilton hopes that former customers as well as new ones will give DK Automotive a try.

DK Automotive is open Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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Town Council Candidate Profiles

Name: Sherrie Lynn Fontaine-Benner
Address: 8 Rustic Ridge Dr.
Education: Bachelor of Science, History/Art, 1982, University of Southern Maine
Personal: Daughter Elizabeth (Biz)



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Fontaine, 30+ years Gorham resident & business owner 25 years
Employment: Realtor, Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Northeast Real Estate, prior owner of Accounts Receivable Management of Maine, Inc. and proprietor of 2nd fl Thriftiques Shop.
Political and community experience: Elected Gorham Town Council 2012-2015, Ordinance Committee 2013-2015, Economic and Capital Improvements Committee 2012-2015, Chairman 2014-2015, Portland Jetport Noise Advisory Committee 2013-2015, Gorham Historic Preservation Committee 2015, Board of Directors USM Alumni Association, Community Liaison to USM for neighborhood/University relations, Board of Directors for ITN Independent Transportation Network (service organization for seniors) 2011-2015 Chairman 2015, Gorham School volunteer, Gorham Girl Scout Leader, member of Gorham Women's Club, Gorham Garden Club, and served on boards of several community service organizations locally and in the Greater Portland Community. Freelance writer local publications.
What do you see as your major challenge and what do you bring to the table?
 The 2014 U.S. Census showed Gorham as the fastest growing town in Maine. In the last six months, Gorham issued 64 permits for single-family homes. With a population of 17,000, Gorham has done a great job in promoting itself to be a great place

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Name: Muhammad H. Khan
Address: 54 Running Springs Rd.
Education: Currently pursuing a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology at University of Southern Maine



File photo

Personal: Humzak101@gmail.com and (207) 332-4573
Employment: Assistant Manager at Papa Johns in Gorham
Political and community experience: Class President, Member of the Town of Gorham School Board, and member of nine other high school organizations simultaneously.
What do you see as your major challenge and what do you bring to the table?
 The most important challenge I see for myself is working to give a voice to Gorham's young population. We want to bring youthful vitality to one of the fastest growing communities in Maine. Gorham is one of just four towns in the State of Maine with a population over 15,000 people. We want to make Gorham a town that encourages young and working people to live, work, and enjoy life here. Let's open up the doors for progress and success for young, working people, for people who live in Gorham, and those who will soon be a part of our community. By encouraging value added enterprises to come to our community, we will allow our youth to have successful careers right here in our town. By having a strong local economy we will be able to positively impact every citizen of Gorham—the young, the working people, and the senior citizens. We want to encourage a strong community spirit. We can do that by first giving a voice to the young people of Gorham and secondly by encouraging a stronger local economy.

Name: Shonn R. Moulton
Address: 109 Narragansett St.
Education: Bachelor of Art, History, University of Southern Maine



Courtesy of Sol-to-Soul Photography

Personal: 39 years old, engaged, 11-year-old daughter, (207) 318-4423
Employment: Director of Corporate Sponsorships, Maine Red Claws Basketball Team Minor League Affiliate of the Boston Celtics
Political and community experience: Gorham Town Council 2006-2009 & 2012-2015; Vice Chairman 2013-2014; Personnel Committee 2012-2014; Finance Committee 2006-2009 & 2012-2015; Economic Development/Capital Improvements Committee 2006-2009 & 2014-2015
What do you see as your major challenge and what do you bring to the table?
 A major challenge that the town of Gorham faces is its fast pace growth. Gorham has been in the forefront of residential growth, which puts a great deal of strain on services including public safety, recreation, roads and infrastructure. The average house in the long term does not pay for itself with property taxes. To offset the burden on the residential taxpayer, we need to continue to partner with businesses from around the world and locally to call Gorham home. Through these low strain infrastructure companies, we can help offset the taxes for our citizens, especially our low income and senior citizens who may be on a fixed budget. With growth comes other issues such as overburden of public services. Through the years I have been a forefront proponent of all of our programs, but support comes at a price. I have found no tax increase mechanisms to spur new growth in things

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Name: Marla J. Stelk
Address: 61 Johnson Rd.
Education: MA, Community Planning & Development



Photo credit Shawna Forstrom

Personal: I was raised in a small college town surrounded by beautiful family farms, very similar to Gorham. My father is a retired Episcopalian priest and my mother is a retired teacher. I have worked hard my whole life, starting out as a dishwasher at age 16. I love the outdoors and go hiking, camping and kayaking as often as possible. I love the arts and have run my own successful studio art business since 2000. I was part owner of a community-supported farm and strive to always buy local. I am also a homeowner and live in the Bank Development with my partner and our amazing rescue dog, Alice.
Employment: Policy Analyst, Association of State Wetland Managers; past Fundraising & Volunteer Coordinator for Sexual Assault Response Services of Southern Maine. I am a member of the American Planning Association's Sustainable Communities Division and their Environment, Natural Resources & Energy Division, a member of the Northern New England Chapter of the American Planning Association and a member of the Maine Association of Planners.
Political and community experience: Currently I serve on Gorham's Historical Preservation Committee. In 2012, I was the Stewardship Project Coordinator for the Presumpscot Regional Land Trust and I worked with the Great Falls Elementary School fourth grade class to connect the existing Presumpscot trail to the school and its students. I have also volunteered for Sustain Southern Maine (facilitating a work-

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School Committee Candidate Profiles

Name: Timothy S. Burns
Address: Gordon Farms Rd.
Education: SUNY College at Cortland, Bachelor of Science, Physical Education
Personal: Married to Stacy Burns with two children, Graceann, GHS '15, and William, currently at GHS
Employment: Currently the Vice President of Customer Care at FairPoint Communications
Political and community experience: I am just completing a three-year term on the School Committee. Previously I was active as a coach in youth sports.



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What do you see as your major challenge and what do you bring to the table?
 I believe there are three significant and/or strategic challenges we face in the coming years. The first is the inevitable adjustments that come with the change in leadership and vision as we welcome a new superintendent to the district. The second challenge we consistently face is the balance that needs to be maintained between fiscal responsibility and the desire to continue to provide the children that attend Gorham schools with the best possible education, learning environment and life experience that we possibly can. Last, but certainly not least, is the need to continue to provide the facilities, tools, support, and opportunities for growth required to continue to attract the most talented teachers and administrators we can in order to enhance the service we provide to the community.

I believe what I bring to the table is the experience I have gained over the last three years as an active member of the School Committee combined with twenty-nine years of business management experience, a willingness to explore new ideas and concepts without a preconceived notion regarding the right solution, and a strong sense of commitment to give back to the community in which I reside.

Name: Darryl B. Wright
Address: 32 Elkins Rd.
Education: Bachelor of Science, Business Administration, University of Southern Maine
Personal: Married to wife Leah with 2 children, a freshman and a fifth grader



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Employment: Vice President at People's United Bank for the last 10 years
Political and community experience: I have served on the School Committee for four years, the last two as Vice Chair. I have chaired the Finance Committee for the last two years and have served on the Personnel and Policy Committees. I was a member of several District level Committees including Drug and Alcohol Education Committee, All Day Kindergarten, and I am the SEA Representative. I am currently President of the Westbrook/Gorham Community Chamber and have served on the Gorham Founders Festival Committee. I hold the position of Treasurer for the Gorham Arts Alliance and as a Board Member for the Westbrook Housing Development Corporation.

What do you see as your major challenge and what do you bring to the table?
 The major challenge we face as a School Committee is developing a fiscally responsible budget. The difficulty is doing so while providing the needed opportunities and resources for our students to be able to receive an education that prepares them to be successful adults. This is made more difficult each year with changes coming out of Augusta and there will be even more of a challenge with the implementation of the Common Core and Proficiency Based Diplomas. I have a vested interest in the success of our district as I have two students in Gorham Schools. I have over 19 years experience in the banking and financial industry and currently am the vice president of People's United Bank in Westbrook. I have been managing budgets and examining financials in different capacities throughout my professional career and my non-profit volunteering efforts. During my time on the School Committee, I have been committed to ensuring our students have the opportunities they need to be successful in life and I will continue to work towards this goal.

Founders Festival in Fifth Year

NOAH MINER
Staff Writer

The Westbrook Gorham Community Chamber will host the fifth annual Gorham Founders Festival on the weekend of October 16 and 17.

“This year’s event has been a great opportunity to collaborate with other Gorham organizations to build community involvement and enhance the event,” said event organizer Tabitha Swanson.

The two-day event begins Friday evening with an opening reception at Spire 29 honoring the Irish family. The Irish family is one of the original families that settled in Gorham after Capt. John Phinney. Many descendants of the Irish family still live in the area today.

A live auction with proceeds supporting the festival will be held at the reception. RSVP by emailing gorham-fest@gmail.com. Child care, offered by the Gorham Arts Alliance (across the street from Spire 29), will be available for \$5.



Saturday’s family-oriented activities will be centered near the Gorham Municipal Center, with parking at Gorham High School.

“There will be a group of local old time musicians playing Appalachian fiddle tunes,” said Mo Terry representing the Greater Gorham Farmers Market. “Vendors will have special items for the day, a lot of which will be producing some great apple-themed goodies.”

At 8:15 a.m., the Gorham Cooperative Preschool 5K Coop Loop and Kids Fun Run will depart from Robie Park. To register, visit www.runinarace.com.

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Benner—

to live, work and raise a family; but this growth comes at a cost, straining our infrastructure and budget. How do we effectively manage and continue to grow (with increased demand for municipal services) while maintaining the quality of our community? This is the challenge facing the town. Managing growth means making the best use of your resources: land, buildings and green space; like the redevelopment of White Rock School into 55+ senior housing, offering tax incentives to attract businesses or appropriate use of contract zoning, i.e. Sebago Brewing expansion. To fund this growth, we need to aggressively attract and retain businesses, reviewing our zoning for business placement as well as our permitting process. Economic development broadens the tax base thereby lowering the tax burden of our residents and aids in funding municipal services. Quality of life and economic development are interdependent objectives. Commercial growth should enhance our community, being sustainable and diversified without jeopardizing the quality of life. Professionally, I work with town planning and code departments throughout Southern Maine, gaining valuable insight and perspective when dealing with our land use- zoning policies. As a business owner I understand issues facing businesses. I welcome the opportunity to discuss my plans for Gorham’s future.

Moulton—

like our athletic fields in Little Falls. As the project moved forward, we have been fortunate that local businesses have stepped up and donated time and energy to help complete the project. I am able to work with all the departments to find alternative funding mechanisms such as grants and unused money resources from previous projects to help fix roads, create and maintain new trails, and more. I bring strength and compassion to the Council and look forward to your vote on November 3 and to be able to continue to represent this great town.

Stelk—

shop discussion), the City of South Portland (helping them develop their first virtual community outreach effort for updating their Comprehensive Plan) and the town of Bowdoinham (helping them update their Comprehensive Plan).

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

My major challenge is to help Gorham successfully navigate growth. Gorham is facing a crossroads. We are the fastest growing community in Maine and although growth is a good thing, unmanaged growth can lead to traffic congestion, sprawl, crime, pollution and the loss of community identity. We are already seeing the effects of this: traffic congestion on Route 25 from Westbrook; Village School and Narragansett have many overdue maintenance needs and an increasing number of students; Main Street continues to lose its historic character; and many roads with overdue maintenance. Sprawl can cripple a community’s budget as it demands more in public services than it contributes. We must find strategic ways to bring in new industry and promote local business growth to alleviate the property tax burden on homeowners. Our current patchwork approach to development is not working. We must do more than just respond to challenges as they arise; we must proactively plan for change through proven sustainable development strategies. We won’t accomplish all of this in a three-year term, but we can build the foundation for the future while we address immediate needs. These plans can be developed incrementally and be funded by federal, state and private grants and foundations, as well as fees for new development in order to maintain low property taxes. As a professional policy analyst, community development and land use planner with an extensive state and national network of support, I am uniquely qualified to help lead Gorham to a healthy, prosperous and sustainable future.



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Cornhole Tournament to Benefit Three Local Non-Profits

DEDE PERKINS

The First Annual GBE Cornhole Tournament will take place at 11 a.m. on Saturday, October 24 at the Gorham Sports Center. Proceeds from this event will be donated to the Reed-Allen Foundation, the Julie Burnheimer Scholarship Fund, and the Gorham Business Exchange (GBE).

Cornhole, also known as "Bean Bag Toss", has been around for a very long time, but the game's popularity has surged in the last few years. Cornhole is a safe, family-friendly game. Contestants take turns tossing a bag filled with corn at a wooden box called a cornhole platform. A bag that lands in the hole on the platform scores three points; one that lands on the platform scores one point. The

game continues until a contestant reaches 21 points.

"Cornhole is a fun game that both adults and kids enjoy,"

said David Willis, vice-president of the Gorham Business Exchange.

GBE's cornhole tournament will be capped at 64 teams of two and will feature bracket-style, single elimination rounds. Registration



Photo credit David Willis

The Gorham Business Exchange will sell custom cornhole boards like this one featuring business- or family-logos.

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SCHOOL

Defining Proficiency Based Learning in Gorham Schools

HEATHER PERRY

Superintendent of Gorham Schools

Recently, the Gorham School Committee approved an outline for Proficiency Based Learning (PBL) work for the 2015-16 Year. Over the past few years, Gorham Schools has focused on creating the necessary infrastructure to support a PBL system for children as required by State Statute LD 1422.

This internal work has been focused in the following areas: creating and/or revising clear content area performance indicators for each grade level and each content across all grades K-12; creating and/or revising scoring guides for each K-5 performance indicator in the areas of ELA and math; creating and/or revising assessments to align with each K-5 performance indicator in the areas of ELA and math; working to identify a draft set of graduation standards; and working in grades 6-12 to begin creating performance indicators and aligned scoring criteria across all content areas.

For the coming year, while Gorham Schools will continue their "internal" work with teachers and administration, they are now ready to do the external work necessary to better define their PBL "vision" in more specific terms and to more fully include external stakeholders (the town of Gorham) in this important collaborative discussion.

The continued internal work with teachers and administration will have the following focus points.

K-5 focus will be on using Jumprope Software to track student learning.

Reporting of this learning to parents will be the same as it has always been; the tracking of it, however, will be different day to day using this new software system for the content areas of ELA and math. K-5 will also be working to finalize performance indicators and assessments in all other content areas, including art, PE, and music at the K-5 levels.

Grade 6-8 focus will be on solidifying performance indicators that are aligned to draft graduation standards in all content areas complete with scoring criteria and assessments. Gorham already has a great "head start" on math and ELA but needs to firm all that up and address all other content areas.

Grade 6-12 will be working to figure out how to separate academic skills for proficiency from "skills for life" in the new system. They also need to work to improve their system of interventions at this level to make sure that students who are not meeting proficiency are given time during the school day with support that will allow them to do so.

Grade 9-12 focus will be on improving assessment literacy and creating assessments that will be used to determine proficiency in all content areas. External work will be focused on communicating with parents and community members about what PBL is, and, often more importantly, what PBL isn't going to be like here in Gorham.

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Founder's Festival

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From 3 to 6 p.m., also in Robie Park, children can enjoy bounce houses and an old-time fair with a variety of games ranging from ring toss to oversized Jenga.

In the evening, enjoy the bonfire and get something to eat and drink from the food trucks or Sebago Brewing Company while listening to the ultimate disco tribute band, Motor Booty Affair.

For the adults, Pinecrest Inn will host

a wine tasting at 2 p.m. Owner Matt Mattingly said of the event, "It will be blind tasting/scavenger hunt style event. Tasters will be armed with a list of taste descriptions and will be asked to match the wine with the descriptions." Because the wine tasting is a limited seating event, reserve your seat with Pinecrest at 91 South Street.

For a complete list of activities and times, visit gorhamfoundersfestival.org.

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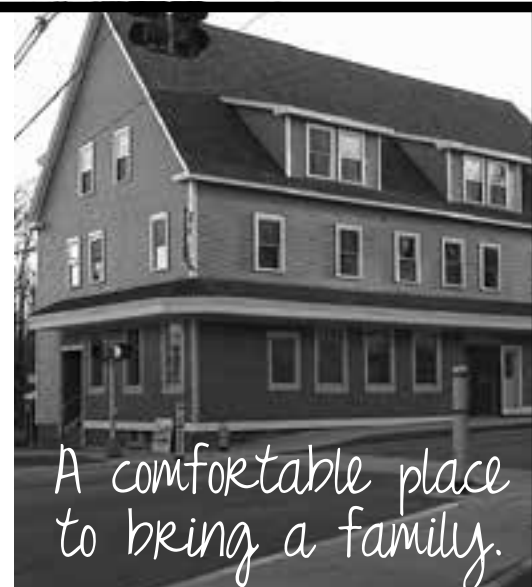
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Updates to Gorham Schools



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Gorham High School students had a nice surprise on the first day of school. Over the summer, Gorham High School's cafeteria underwent a renovation based on the design by Suzanne Morin of Portland Design Team. Capozza Tile & Flooring did the new flooring; Windham Millwork did the accent wall and booths; Welche's Painting did the painting; the furniture came from Creative Office Pavilion; and Mitchell Electric did the lightning. Norm Justice, as facilities director, acted as general contractor and coordinated all the work.



Photo credit David Willis



Over the summer, Patti Joyce, Gorham Middle School teacher, took care of the gardens around Gorham Schools.

School Notes

Gorham Adult Education will offer new classes in October: Successful Weight Loss with Hypnosis, Past Life Regression, and Yoga/Pilates Combination. FMI, visit www.gorham.maineadulted.org or call 222-1095.

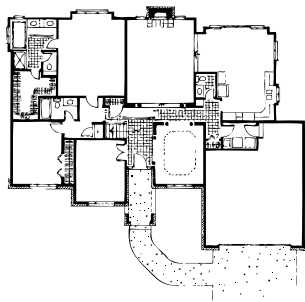
The PSAT will be held on October 14 for grades 10 and 11.

On October 20, GHS will host FAME (Financial Aid Planning for College) from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in the GHS auditorium.

The third annual Madison Prize for Written Excellence essay competition has begun. This competition celebrates the nation's history by encouraging thought and reflection on the topics presented and offers students the opportunity to express themselves through the submission of original essays. Participation is open to students in grades 6-8 who live in Gorham. The winning essayist will receive \$250 and two runners-up will each receive \$100, courtesy of the Gorham Republican Committee. Entries must be returned by November 6. For additional information, email John Doyle at doyle.johnh@gmail.com.

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Locally Sourced Food at Harvest Lunch




Photo credit Amanda Landry

Eighth graders enjoy their last Harvest Lunch on September 30 at Gorham Middle School. All food, including burgers, baked potato, salad, and corn on the cob, was provided by Maine farmers. Pictured (left to right) Front row: Carson Battaglia, Joey Hansen, Andrew Rent, Abby O'Brien, and Ryan Farr. Back row: Brittney Landry and Izzy Wareham.

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Duncan received degrees from Bates College and New England Conservatory and studied at the European Mozart Academy in Prague. In 2003 he received the Doctor of Musical Arts degree from Boston University. He joined the faculty at the University at Albany in 2006. His book *The Fountain of Youth: The Artistry of Frank Glazer* was published in 2009. Frank, founder of S.R.F.A., was Duncan's teacher and mentor while he studied at Bates.



GHS Senior Delegate for 2015 National 4-H Congress

MALLORY CAMPBELL
GHS student intern

Gorham High School (GHS) senior Cassidy Landry is one of three students selected to represent Maine as a delegate in the 2015 National 4-H Congress in Atlanta, GA this November.

While at the National 4-H Congress, Landry will be showing her family's livestock and animals. She has been active with the organization for eight years. Landry attended her first national in 2014 at the National Washington DC Conference.

"I always meet new people, not just from Maine, but also out of state," said Landry.

4-H is an organization for positive youth developing and mentoring. National 4-H Congress is designed to address the needs and issues of young people while helping to develop capable, competent and caring citizens. The program is designed to help young people develop the knowledge base and leadership skills to effect change in the world.

Landry has belonged to several clubs over the years. After just three years of working with 4-H, she accumulated



Photo credit Susan Costa Photography

GHS senior Cassidy Landry will show her family's livestock and animals at this year's 2015 National 4-H Congress in Atlanta, GA.

over 150 hours of community service. Along with spending much of her time volunteering, Landry is also on the varsity volleyball and swim teams at GHS.

"I just started by going to fairs with my mom to show our livestock and animals. It sort of developed from there," said Landry of her interest in 4-H.

She is excited about the trip later this fall as she has not traveled to Georgia before and is excited about the warm weather.

Three GHS Seniors Recognized for Exceptional Academic Merit



Photo credits Debbie Stirling

Senior Coleman Dowdle, pictured with principal Chris Record, was named a semifinalist and seniors Doris Beane (left) and Jordanne Mercier were named commended students in the 2016 National Merit Scholarship Program.

COMPILED BY MALLORY CAMPBELL
GHS student intern

Coleman Dowdle, a senior at Gorham High School, has been named a 2016 National Merit Scholarship Program semifinalist. Dowdle is the only candidate from Gorham in the running along with 37 other schools/home schools across Maine.

There are approximately 16,000 semifinalists nationally competing for some 7,600 scholarships worth around \$33 million.

Out of the 16,000, approximately 15,000 will become finalists and will be notified of that achievement in February of 2016. Merit scholars are selected on the basis of their skills, accomplishments, and the potential for success in rigorous college studies.

To become a finalist, Dowdle will have to submit a detailed scholarship application, have an outstanding academic record throughout high school, be endorsed and recommended by a high school official, write an essay, and earn SAT scores that confirm his earlier performance on the qualifying test.

As well as being outstanding academically, Dowdle is a key member and competitor for Gorham High School's math team. Over the summer, he attended the 2015 American Regions Mathematics League Competition at Pennsylvania State University.

Additionally, seniors Jordanne Mercier and Doris Beane have been named commended students in the 2016 National Merit Scholarship Program. Principal Chris Record recently presented a Letter of Commendation from the school and National Merit Scholarship Corporation, which conducts the program, to these scholastically talented seniors.

About 34,000 commended students throughout the nation are being recognized for their exceptional academic promise. Although they will not continue in the 2016 competition for National Merit Scholarship awards, commended students placed among the top five percent of more than 1.5 million students who entered the 2016 competition by taking the 2014 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test.

Community Comes Together to Support a GHS Grad

JENNIFER P. BANKS

"One Town. One Family." The slogan on the t-shirts seen all over town on September 26 proved itself to be true for a Gorham graduate recently diagnosed with cancer.

Ken Tuttle graduated from Gorham High School in June and had plans to attend Endicott College this fall. The Gorham athlete's plans were abruptly changed this summer when he learned he had Hodgkin's Lymphoma. But Gorham was not going to let Tuttle feel he was alone in his battle, and Tuttle Strong was born.

It started with encouraging posts on Facebook and quickly transformed into a fundraiser started by Al Garcia of Gorham. "I told [his father] that Kenny would not go through this battle alone. This great community of Gorham would be there to help fight this illness."

Garcia went on to say, "I've watched Kenny grow not only as an athlete but as a young man. Kenny is a kid any of us would be proud to have as a son. He is one of our own. This town is one big family and I knew that I had to do something to help one of our own family members." Garcia enlisted the help of Angelo Sotiropoulos of Gorham House of Pizza, iSpoon and David Eid (of WGME) and the Tuttle Strong event started taking shape.

Gorham House of Pizza donated t-shirts and, on September 26, hundreds

of people stopped by GHOP to buy pizza, display their t-shirts, rally on the sidewalks, get signed baseball cards from Tuttle, and show their support. Sotiropoulos was excited to be a part of the event and stated, "What I saw that day was the love and care that Gorham has for anyone who needs it."

At the time of the event, Tuttle had completed three of his four scheduled rounds of chemotherapy and was embracing this challenge with a smile, a positive attitude, and determination. He said, "Hopefully just one more round of chemotherapy. If everything goes as planned, I will be at Endicott College starting next year majoring in psychology."

The Tuttle family was overwhelmed by the support, not only witnessed at the event, but around town and on social media. Tuttle's father, Ben, participated in the day-long festivities with his wife Lisa and daughter, Sarah. "I am humbled and grateful for the outpouring of support for my son. To see so many friends, coaches, teachers and family was an experience I will never forget. I am proud of Kenny. His attitude, spirit, and humor, even during this period, have been inspiring. He is truly a product of this wonderful town of Gorham."

The events raised around \$5,000, a portion of which the Tuttle family plans to donate to the Dana Farber Cancer Institute in Boston.

Lauren's Team – Tuttle Strong! Fights Cancer



Photo credit Amanda Landry

Year after year, the Gorham Youth Soccer Association (GYSA) turns out in force in the fight against cancer by participating in the Maine Children's Cancer Program Walk, which took place this year on September 19 at seven locations across Maine. This year was no different as GYSA raised funds once again as part of Lauren's Team, in memory of Lauren Hawkes, an 11-year-old girl who lived in Gorham, played soccer, and loved to dance. Lauren was diagnosed with a rare form of leukemia in 2001 and walked for Lauren's Team the first year but sadly passed away in 2003. For this year's walk, GYSA expanded its efforts and welcomed the Gorham High School boys' soccer, girls' soccer and golf teams to join as the four groups also walked in support of Kenny Tuttle, the 2015 GHS graduate diagnosed with Hodgkin's Lymphoma who is featured on page one. Walking as "Lauren's Team – Tuttle Strong!" the groups are pictured above at the Maine Medical Center campus in Scarborough, one of the hosting sites for this year's walk. Tuttle is shown in the center of the front row wearing a white hat. The Maine Children's Cancer Program is vital to the state because it allows children who have been diagnosed with cancer and other blood disorders to receive their treatment in Maine. All the money raised by the four groups—\$6,426 thus far at press time—goes to the program directly.



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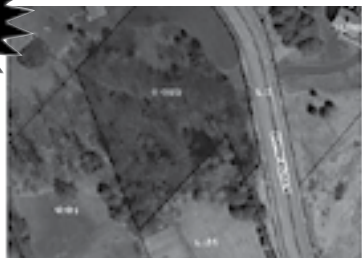
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More Than a Tennis Coach

JOHN CURLEY
Gorham Times Sports Writer

Long-time Gorham tennis coach Sonja Frey moved to Newport, Maine in September to be closer to family and begin a new chapter of her life. For her fans and former players, this feels like déjà vu, but this time is different. Gorham will have to get used to life without a person who has functioned as its tennis ambassador for the last 30 years.

As current GHS player Thomas Brent said, "Ms. Frey loves her tennis more than anybody I know, and it was always a blast having her out on the court. Even on the weekend, you could always expect to see her stopping by at the courts. She is a lot of fun to have around, and I know the Gorham community will greatly miss her."

Frey is one of those special people—whenever you see her, you know two things: You will most likely have to wait in line to talk to her; and a visit with her will make your day a little brighter. She has had a major influence on her players' lives, on and off the tennis court, for many years. As current GHS player, Avery Arena said so eloquently, "Coach Frey is one of those people you know you will never, ever forget."

During the summer of 2011, Frey ended her 25-year tenure as GHS girls' tennis coach and travelled to her hometown of St. Joseph, Missouri to help her family. She did not sell her house so the Gorham community knew it was a temporary hiatus. She returned a year later and



Photo credit Rich Obrey

Sonja Frey at one her last practices this fall for the Gorham Middle School tennis teams. Frey recently move from Gorham to Newport, Maine after 30 years of coaching tennis for the Gorham school system and the town at all age levels.

plugged back into her role as the GMS tennis coach.

It was business-as-usual for the next three years, which included volunteering as an assistant for the GHS girls' and boys' tennis teams. She had a huge influence on the group of Gorham boys who won the 2012 and 2013 state tennis championships. As former GHS player and a member of those championships, Kyle Curley said, "Sonja Frey was a big part of my decision to start playing tennis, why I loved playing tennis so much at GHS, and why I still love tennis today."

At Frey's going-away party in the GHS cafeteria, the queue of people waiting for their moment with her was not a surprise. Three current GHS players helped greet the steady

stream of visitors: Avery Arena, who organized the party; Lauren Poirier, who assists with the GMS tennis team; and Delaney Burns, who said, "Ms. Frey was the one who saw the potential I had as a tennis player, and gave me the confidence I needed to believe I could do better."

This is a great example of how there is an unmistakable look on the face of a teenager when an adult has truly earned their respect. Frey's influence left a permanent imprint such as this one on many in the town of Gorham.

At the end of the going-away party, Frey was holding two tickets for the women's final at the 2016 US Open Tennis Championships—a gift from her former players. It will be interesting to see who will accompany her to Flushing Meadows next September. That will be a lot of Sonja time.

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Gorham Sports Center Open House:

The Gorham Sports Center will host an Open House on October 18 from 4 to 6 p.m. The Board of Directors will deliver their annual report on recent improvements to the facility, new programs, volunteer opportunities, and planned projects for the coming year. As a community non-profit, the Gorham Sports Center is looking for input and support from the general public. All are welcome to attend, and the field house will be open for general use. Refreshments will also be provided. For more information, contact general manager Tyler Maroon at 839-6767 or tyler@gorhamsportscenter.com.

Big Win for Stock Car Racer



Photo credit Joseph Johnson

Gorham's Joey Pastore earned \$3,500 for winning the Gravelly New England Street Stock Nationals at Oxford Plains Speedway on September 26. Pastore started from the pole position and battled hard to stay in the lead throughout the 125-lap distance. He also won the Pro All-Star Series Sportsmen Division Championship last season, but that series was discontinued for his type of car, so this win serves as redemption for a racing year in which his opportunities were limited.

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Shirley A. (Titcomb) Mader - 90



SALEM, NH: Shirley A. (Titcomb) Mader, 90, of Salem, N.H., died Thursday, September 17, at Salemhaven. She was born and educated in Houlton, Maine, the daughter of the late Ruth (Davis) and Alton Titcomb.

Shirley graduated from Boston University and received the following three degrees, Bachelor's, Masters, and her PhD. She was an Ordained Minister and she did pastoral counseling. She was a Methodist missionary in Liberia, West Africa. Upon returning from Africa, she and her husband, John, lived in Gorham for 33 years and were proud to call it home.

After their retirement, Shirley and her husband traveled the world. She was predeceased by her husband, John Mader, and her siblings. Shirley is survived by her children, Vernon Mader of Tarpon Springs, Fla., Johanna Ferguson of Newton, N.H., and Robin Fulton and husband, Stanley of Mesa, Ariz.; seven grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

There are no calling hours. The Funeral Service will be held on Saturday, September 26, at 1:30 p.m. at the Salemhaven Chapel, 23 Geremonty Dr., Salem, NH. In lieu of flowers, donations in Shirley's name may be made to Salemhaven Resident Council Fund, 23 Geremonty Dr., Salem, NH 03079. To send a message of condolence to the family, please view the obituary at www.douglasandjohnson.com.

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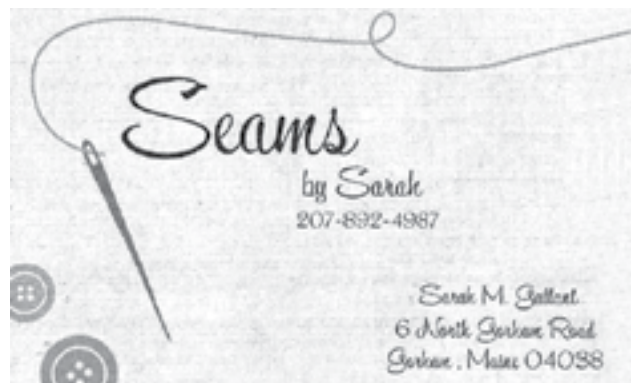


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SPORTS

In the Zone

Mountain Biking Champion: Ben Parsons, a sophomore at GHS, appears on the podium after winning the Solo Open Junior Division of the Bradbury 12-Hour Endurance Ride. The mountain biking event required participants to complete as many laps as possible around Bradbury Mountain within a 12-hour time window. Parsons won by completing seven laps around the mountain over the course of nearly 10 grueling hours. See article in next edition.



Photo credit Gear Works Productions/Brittany Finnie

Double Hat Tricks: GHS boys' soccer player **Jackson Fotter** scored three goals as Gorham defeated Sanford September 22 and then accomplished the same feat again on September 28 in a 6-0 shut-out over Massabesic. At press time, the team's record stood at 6-0-1 with a fourth-place ranking in Class A South.

State Golf Tournament Qualifier: Sydney Caron shot an 88 September 26 at Willowdale Golf Club in Scarborough to finish seventh in the SMAA/WMC Girls' Qualifier golf tournament. The performance qualifies Caron to compete in the girls' Maine State Individual Tournament at Natanis Golf Club in Vassalboro on October 17. Caron is the only girl on the GHS boys' varsity golf team, and at press time, she had compiled a 5-1 record in league match play.

Undefeated Cross Country Runner: At press time, **Jesse Southard** was undefeated in three multi-team regular-season meets for the GHS boys' cross country team.

First Fall Family and Friends Field Day is Fun!

VIRGINIA WILDER CROSS

New Year Gorham and the University of Southern Maine hosted its first Fall Family and Friends Field Day Event on a September 26. The event was a collaboration of efforts to combine USM's Family and Friends Weekend with Gorham's Fall Family Field Day.

The fun began with USM's annual Outdoor Old Fashioned Band Concert and barbecue, and concluded with an Open Mic contest that ended at dusk. It is impossible to say exactly how many people participated in the event because so many options were busy throughout the afternoon. But, it was easy to see that hundreds of folks of all ages enjoyed the music, warm sunshine, family games, silent auction, noon barbecue, evening meal, and the Open Mic contest.

"The silent auction to support New Year Gorham raised nearly \$1,000," reported Bruce Rouillard who coordinated that effort. "More than 25 businesses and individuals contributed to the silent auction held Saturday, and to the live auction that will take place at a date to be announced soon," he continued.

The Gorham Rec. Department introduced its newest game of Human Foosball, which was clearly the hit of the afternoon. The game appealed to families with children of all ages, USM students, staff, and faculty, as well as the onlookers who cheered their favorite teams.

"We knew the new game would be a hit," said Cindy Hazelton, Gorham Rec. Department Director, "and we are sure we'll see a lot of Human Foosball games in the future." She added that anyone wishing to know more about the game should contact the Rec. Department.

Other activities included Wiffle Ball, kickball, spike ball, face painting, ladder golf, and cornhole games.

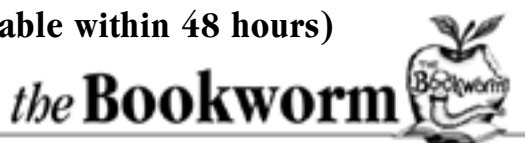
The Open Mic contest ran concurrently with USM's evening meal, which was held outdoors. More than 150 students, family, and friends enjoyed a barbecue meal while performers entertained them.

"We were treated to a wide range of talent," said Duane Dreger, who emceed the contest. "Unfortunately, only one performer could win the \$100 prize, and because all the participants were good, the judges struggled with choosing the best one." After final scoring, the winner was Ellie Murphy who played her guitar and sang "All About That Bass." Ellie's son, Mike Murphy (a USM student), signed her up for the contest.

Joy Pufhal, Dean of Students, was pleased with the student participation when she commented about the event. "We appreciate the opportunity to collaborate with the Town of Gorham for this first effort and we look forward to working together on many more community events, such as New Year Gorham."

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ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCEMENT

Mike and Jennifer Mitchell of Gorham are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, **Megan Mitchell (GHS '11)**, to **Louis Andrew Arné IV** son of Lou and Vicky Arné of Medford, Oregon. They are both attending Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah. A December Wedding is planned.



OF INTEREST

Gorham's Got Talent family show will be held on Saturday, Oct. 10 at 6:30 p.m. in the GMS Auditorium. Show tickets \$5/\$3.

A Two-Day Rummage Sale will be held at the Cressey Road United Methodist Church in Gorham on Friday, Oct. 16 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Saturday, Oct. 17 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Fill a bag for \$1 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday. Bargains in clothes, dishes, books, furniture, toys, puzzles, jewelry, knick-knacks, small appliances, houseplants, holiday decorations and more. Sponsored by United Methodist Women. Muffins and donut holes available in the coffee shop. A big recycling event!

The First Parish Congregational Church in Gorham will hold a **Chicken Pie Supper** on Saturday, Oct. 10 from 5 to 6:30 p.m. \$10 adults / \$5 children under 12. FMI, 839-6353.

The White Rock Friendship Club, located at 34 Wilson Road, Gorham, is sponsoring its **Third Annual Vendor Fair** on Saturday, Oct. 10 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. A portion of the sales will go toward the Gorham High School Scholarship fund. Light refreshments will be served. FMI, 310-1387.

The Gorham Founder's Festival will take place on Friday, Oct. 16 and Saturday, Oct. 17 in Gorham Village. See article on page 5. FMI, www.gorhamfoundersfestival.org.

Thirty people attended a 3-mile round-trip guided hike led by Presumpscot Regional Land Trust on the newly opened for hiking section 4 of the Sebago to Sea trail which runs from the South Windham post office on Route 202 to Westbrook. The trail offers scenic vistas of the Presumpscot River. The hike was part of the Great Maine Outdoor Weekend. The opening

of section 4 for hiking was made possible with the support of Gorham Savings Bank, the City of Westbrook, Westbrook Trailblazers, and the Town of Windham Parks and Recreation.

The Gorham Women's Club, celebrating its 90th year, will meet on Thursday, Oct. 15 at noon for a Pot Luck Luncheon and Meeting featuring guest speaker Marjorie Goodwin, Maine State Speaker of the Women's Club Federation. Members, friends and guests are welcomed to attend this event at the First Parish Congregational Church in Gorham and learn what the Women's Club is all about. FMI, meow04038@yahoo.com.

An Electronic Recycling Event will take place on Saturday, Oct. 17 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Windham Mall, off Route 302 in Windham (next to Friendly's). The following items will be accepted: TV's all sizes, computers and monitors, hard drives, laptops, printers, cordless phones, cell phones, VCR, DVD audio equipment, stereos and speakers. Please, NO household appliances accepted (e.g. stoves, refrigerators, microwaves, vacuum cleaners). Sponsored by windhamhillucc.org & ewastemaine.com. FMI, Phyllis 232-8291 or Judy 653-5989.

Fiddle-cious, a fiddle-based orchestra with over 100 musicians, will perform at the GHS McCormack Performing Arts Center in Gorham on Saturday, Oct. 24 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets available at door. \$10 adults/\$5 students/under 12 free. FMI, visit www.fiddleicious.com.

The 9th Annual Haunted House at First Parish Church in Gorham will be held on Friday, Oct. 23 and Saturday, Oct. 24 from 7 to 10 p.m. Tour the 200-year-old historic landmark while it is converted to an asylum of dark terrors and horror. Not recommended for anyone under age 5. Children under age 10 require adult supervision. Costumes encouraged! Kids \$5, Adults \$7, Family 4-pack \$20.

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, located at the Little Falls Activity Center, 40 Acorn Street in Gorham is open Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Fridays starting at 10:30 a.m. Join them daily for coffee, tea and socializing. Ongoing daily activities include Mahjong on Mondays - beginners welcome. FMI, Diane 892-9529. Tuesdays include crafts, poker, cards and table games. FMI, Avis 892-0298. The Memoir Writing Group meets the second and fourth Wednesday of the month. FMI, David 892-5604. Thursday Bingo at 10 a.m. Want to play Bocce Ball? Call David, 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

Visiting Artist Ellen Babcock, a former Maine resident, will hold a lecture with visual examples, on Friday, Oct. 23 from 12 to 1 p.m. at Burnham Lounge, Robie Andrews Hall, Gorham campus. Babcock draws inspiration from landscapes and a panoply of materials, often scavenged or re-used, for her sculptures and installations. FMI, 780-5008.

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Police were called to White Birch Lane for a report of people spitting on each other.

Man on North Gorham Road was arrested for domestic violence assault and refusing to submit to arrest or detention. He was taken to jail.

Cape Elizabeth caller asked for a welfare check on a woman on Tink Drive. Officer checked on woman who was very uncooperative.

Tink Drive caller had concerns about the activities at another Tink Drive residence. Caller was advised that police were aware of the situation and trying to take care of the issues.

Shiers Meadows woman wanted to know if she could drive an electric scooter as she did not have a driver's license.

Mosher Road caller reported her cat had run away a week ago.

Driver stopped on Water Street was charged with OUI (one prior), driving to endanger, speeding, and failure to provide evidence of insurance.

Officer saw vehicle parked behind a Main Street business with its lights on. As officer approached, passenger got out and started running. Driver was laughing. Both were employees of the business and told officer they were just "messing" with him. Officer advised them this was not a good idea.

Maplewood Drive man reported his sister's boyfriend had an outstanding warrant. There was no warrant.

Dingley Spring Road caller told officer her former tenants had not taken their property yet. Officer told her to dispose of it but she wanted to be nice.

Officer stopped to talk to a man walking in the travel lane on Sebago Lake Road. It was dark out and man was wearing dark clothes. He told officer he was using his phone and did not mean to wander into the road. He declined a ride home.

Hit and Run CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

reported a gold sedan struck the motorcycle, and then fled the scene. Police determined Patrick Littlefield, 23, of Burlington, MA, had rented the sedan. Litchfield was located, arrested, and charged with criminal speed,

driving to endanger, reckless conduct with a dangerous weapon, leaving the scene of a personal injury crash, operating after license revocation, possession of scheduled drugs (heroin), and trafficking in dangerous knives.

Cornhole Tournament CONTINUED FROM PAGE 6

is open, and organizers expect spots to sell out quickly. Anyone interested in playing can visit www.gorhambusiness.org; click on the "Cornhole Tournament" to sign up. Teams of two are \$40 in advance or \$50 at the door on the day of the event with registration beginning at 10 a.m.

"We are excited to establish a new annual fall event that will bring the community together," said Megan LaBrie, executive director of the Gorham Business Exchange.

In addition to the tournament, the event will feature a DJ, a 50/50 raffle, a practice area, room for kids to play inside the sports center, great food and beer with food trucks outside and GHOP pizza inside.

The Gorham Business Exchange will be selling custom boards featuring business-or family-logos. Anyone interested in ordering a set of customized cornhole boards can call Megan LaBrie at (207) 892-5515 or email mlabrie@gorhambusiness.org for more information.

Proficiency Based Learning CONTINUED FROM PAGE 6

There are many misconceptions about what PBL is and school systems across the state of Maine are implementing this work differently.

Fundamentally, the term "proficiency" means mastery or competency as measured by a body of evidence over time. A PBL system of education uses "mastery" as the basis of the entire system. In other words, a proficiency-based system of learning is based on the concept of students mastering specific skills over time. The major way that this differs from the traditional system of education is that the focus is on the learning of skills, not necessarily the learning of content. Most adults were educated in a system of education where content was the basis of everything and learned skills through that content.

In a PBL system, the skills themselves become the core and the content becomes the vehicle through which educators teach these skills. In older models of education, students were often assessed on their understanding of content and not necessarily their mastery of skills. In a PBL system, mastery of

skills is what is assessed. These can be very content driven, but content is the means, not the end. Even though it may not sound like much of a difference, it is a significant shift, and one that most educators believe is in the best interest of all of their learners.

Over the course of this year, a shared vision will be created for work with PBL and helping to define the new terms that are out there when PBL is discussed. This external work will help to clarify and align the internal work with what the overall outcomes should be for the students.

Ways that parents and community members can get involved will be publicized; stay tuned and be sure to participate as the process unfolds over the course of this year. Keep an eye out on Gorham Schools' website, www.gorhamschools.org and/or student's school newsletters for more information about how to get involved in this important conversation moving forward.

The Gorham School Department looks forward to working with the town of Gorham to create the best PBL system for its children.

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- Baby and Me, ages birth-18 mos., 9:30 a.m., Baxter Memorial Library.
- Toddler Time, ages 18-36 mos., 10 a.m., Baxter Memorial Library.

FRIDAY, OCT. 9

- No School for grades K-12. Inservice for teachers.

SATURDAY, OCT. 10

- Lego Club, 10 a.m.-12 p.m., Baxter Memorial Library. All ages. No registration required.
- Greater Gorham Farmer's Market, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
- Chicken Pie Supper, 5-6:30 p.m., First Parish Church. \$10/\$5 under 12. FMI, 839-6353.
- Gorham's Got Talent Family Show, 6:30 p.m., Gorham Middle School Auditorium. Tickets \$5/\$3.
- Third Annual Vendor Fair, White Rock Friendship Club, 34 Wilson Road, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. FMI, 310-1387.

MONDAY, OCT. 12

- Baxter Memorial Library closed for Columbus Day.
- No School for grades K-12. Columbus Day.

TUESDAY, OCT. 13

- Pre-School Story Time, ages 3-5 years, 9:30 a.m., Baxter Memorial Library.
- Coloring for Grown-ups, 4-7 p.m., Baxter Memorial Library.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 14

- Town of Gorham Senior Lunch Program, St. Anne's Church. 12-1:30 p.m. \$4. FMI, 839-4857.
- Free Open Mic Night for music, poetry and more, Spire 29, 6-9 p.m.

THURSDAY, OCT. 15

- Baby and Me, ages birth-18 mos., 9:30 a.m., Baxter Memorial Library.
- Toddler Time, ages 18-36 mos., 10 a.m., Baxter Memorial Library.
- Sewing Group at Baxter Memorial Library, 2:30-4:30 p.m., Ages 7 & older. 7 & 8 year olds must be accompanied by adult.
- Coloring for Grown-ups, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Baxter Memorial Library.
- Gorham Woman's Club Pot Luck Luncheon and Meeting, 12 p.m., First Parish Church. All are invited.

FRIDAY, OCT. 16

- Two-Day Rummage Sale, Cressey Road United Methodist Church, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
- Gorham Founder's Festival, 6-10 p.m., Gorham Village. FMI, gorhamfoundersfestival.org.

SATURDAY, OCT. 17

- Two-Day Rummage Sale, Cressey Road United Methodist Church, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
- Greater Gorham Farmer's Market, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
- Gorham Founder's Festival, 7 a.m.-8 p.m. FMI, gorhamfoundersfestival.org.

SUNDAY, OCT. 18

- Open House, Gorham Sports Center, 4-6 p.m. FMI, 839-6767.

TUESDAY, OCT. 20

- Pre-School Story Time, ages 3-5 years, 9:30 a.m., Baxter Memorial Library. Pumpkin Theme.
- Gorham House Itsy Bitsy Store, 1:30-3:30 p.m., Gorham House lobby. FMI, 839-5757.
- Coloring for Grown-ups, 4-7 p.m., Baxter Memorial Library.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 21

- Town of Gorham Senior Lunch Program, St. Anne's Church, Gorham. 12-1:30 p.m. \$4. FMI, 839-4857.
- Free Open Mic Night for music, poetry and more, Spire 29, 6-9 p.m.

THURSDAY, OCT. 22

- Baby and Me, ages birth-18 mos., 9:30 a.m., Baxter Memorial Library.
- Toddler Time, ages 18-36 mos., 10 a.m., Baxter Memorial Library.
- Coloring for Grown-ups, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Baxter Memorial Library.
- Sewing Group at Baxter Memorial Library, 2:30-4:30 p.m., Ages 7 & older. 7 & 8 year olds must be accompanied by adult.

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Gorham Middle School, 106 Weeks Rd.
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