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Thanking our Veterans



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Retired Army veteran Kimberly Boothby-Ballantyne spoke at the Veterans Day ceremony in the Council Chambers.

ROGER MARCHAND
Staff Writer

Women in the Military was the theme of this year's Veterans Day ceremony. After the Gorham Police Color Guard presented the flags, Gorham resident Carla Beaudoin, a member of Bugles Across America, played the national anthem.

Kimberly Boothby-Ballantyne, a retired Army veteran, spoke about her thirty years of service in the military. She focused on the changes in the roles of women in the Army and their gradual acceptance as an integral part of military life. At her request, several members of the audience who served in various branches of the military, from as far back as World War II up to Desert Storm in Iraq, spoke on some of their experiences while in the service.

After a musical salute to each of the armed services honoring those who served in the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard, Carla Beaudoin played a beautiful rendition of Taps which left many in the audience with tears in their eyes. The Gorham Veterans Day Ceremony Committee consisting of Georgia Humphrey, James Rathbun, Ron Shepard, and Pam Turner organized the program.

Gorham Sightings



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USM President Hopes to Strengthen Ties to Gorham

KATHY CORBETT
Staff Writer

A framed diploma awarded by The Gorham Normal School to Christine Cotton Lockery hangs in the Portland office of Dr. Glenn Cummings, the new president of the University of Southern Maine. "My connection to Gorham goes back to 1924," Cummings said, "the year my grandmother graduated from the two-year teacher's college." Sixty years later, with degrees from Ohio Wesleyan College and Brown University, Cummings, who grew up in Bath, came to Gorham to begin his career as an educator. During thirteen years at Gorham High School, he taught history and economics. He also met his future wife, Leslie Appelbaum, a GHS English teacher. Former students remember Cummings as a well-liked member of the faculty who coached basketball and started the debate team.

In 1997 he left Gorham and over the next eighteen years built a career in higher education and public service. He earned graduate degrees in public administration and educational leadership from Harvard University and the University of Pennsylvania. He spent eight years in the Maine House of Representatives, the last two as speaker of the House, where he was instrumental in establishing the Maine Community College System. He taught at Southern Maine Community College, was president of the Hinckley School, became an assistant secretary of the U.S. Department of Education, joined the faculty of USM as assistant professor of Educational Leadership, and served as interim president of the University of Maine at Augusta.

This past summer Cummings became the thirteenth president of USM. As president, he intends to strengthen ties between the town and the university. "I owe a lot to Gorham, and Gorham has been very good to our students." Cummings went on to say, "Each year the town flies banners to welcome them back. We understand our important role in this community."

The 1841 building that was once the Gorham town hall is located on the university campus and is currently used as an art gallery.



Photo credit Kathy Corbett

Glenn Cummings, president of USM, talks with prospective students and their parents at an open house on the Gorham campus.

Local residents objected strongly to renovation plans that would have undermined its historical integrity. Cummings gave assurances that USM will refurbish the gallery in keeping with its historical significance and has an "okay from the Maine Historical Preservation Commission." A Portland resident, Cummings has no plans to live in the president's house on the Gorham campus. University departments use the residence for various functions.

Gorham High School students currently take courses at the university. Cummings would like to see this expanded to include a dual-enrollment program where students would take classes both for high school graduation and for college credit. A similar program is underway in Portland. Cummings has discussed this idea with Superintendent of Gorham Schools Heather Perry. USM faculty would train GHS teachers to teach introductory college level courses to their students. Currently advanced placement courses carry college credit, but only if students demonstrate proficiency by electing to take and pay for a standardized test.

When asked if the university had plans for an independent high school on the Gorham campus, he said that if the university did, it would be a junior and senior year school market-

ed just to international students.

USM students currently work in Gorham elementary schools through the federally funded America Reads program. In addition, twelve university students are participating in a mentoring program at Great Falls Elementary School this semester.

USM has positioned itself as a metropolitan university. When asked how this would affect the university's relationship with Gorham, Cummings said he would like to see more opportunities for student internships with local non-profits and businesses as well as cooperative ventures, such as a bookstore.

Roughly 1,900 USM students live in Gorham dorms. Many university employees are Gorham residents. Building on existing relationships and finding creative opportunities for new ones, Cummings believes, will benefit both the town and the university.

Town-Owned Buildings Rezoned

SHERI FABER
Staff Writer

The town of Gorham hopes to sell the historic McLellan/Sampson House located at 77 South Street, next to both Baxter Memorial Library and the Municipal Center. The Town Council made a zoning change for this specific piece of property and also designated the parameters of the lot, which were previously unclear. A new zone was created to clarify what can be done at the site. The Town Council received offers for the property in the past but did not accept them, as the amount offered was deemed too low. The building was previously used by the Gorham Times and is still used by the Presumpscot River Land Trust as their headquarters.

The Council also approved a conditional zone for a building owned by the town at 10 Preble Street. Three apartments would be permitted along with low impact commercial use such as a real estate or lawyer's office.

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With Winter Weather Around The Corner, Focusing on Home Heating

ANDREW MCLEAN

As we approach mid-November and watch the autumn leaves pass their peak, frosty mornings and chilly evenings are a reminder that winter is not far away.

Mainers know that our state's cold winters require planning. Most of us are already thinking about heating our homes—making sure the wood is in, checking the oil tank and buttoning the house up as temperatures drop.

We also know the cost of heating a home throughout the winter can make it even tougher for a family to make ends meet.

According to the Governor's Energy Office, Maine is the most dependent on petroleum for home heating of all 50 states. Not surprisingly, we also have the highest per capita consumption of heating oil.

There are some resources available to help Mainers with the cost of home heating. The Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) offers heating assistance to both homeowners

and renters who are eligible based on household size, income, energy costs and other factors.

Households with an income below 150 percent of federal poverty level are eligible to apply for LIHEAP. That means \$36,375 or less per year for a family of four. That income requirement is adjusted if a member of the household is over age 60, under age two or has a health condition that puts them at risk for hypothermia.

Residents of Cumberland County can apply for LIHEAP by contacting the Opportunity Alliance, our local community action agency, at 553-5900 or heatingassistance@opportunityalliance.org. Applications for LIHEAP are accepted every year from August 15 to April 30. Those eligible for LIHEAP may also qualify for additional programs through the Opportunity Alliance, including help repairing or replacing furnaces and assistance with weatherization.

Because heating oil prices are relatively low right now, LIHEAP is using a portion of its funding this winter to

help make homes more energy efficient through weatherization. These funds will be used to make weatherization improvements to inefficient Maine homes, reducing the amount of energy necessary to heat them. That means the impact of higher prices in the future will be reduced.

Especially in a state with old housing stock like ours, weatherization is an important strategy to save money on home heating. Older houses are often drafty and inadequately insulated. Through efforts like sealing air leaks and adding more insulation, Maine homeowners can cut annual fuel consumption by 25 to 30 percent, making weatherization an investment that pays off year after year.

Even if you do not qualify for LIHEAP, you may be eligible for incentives and financing through Efficiency Maine, the agency that administers state energy efficiency programs. Learn more about resources available through Efficiency Maine by visiting www.energymaine.com or calling (866) 376-2463.

As we all know, winter weather and the cold that comes with it are part of life in Maine. If you or someone you know is having a hard time keeping up with heating costs, I hope you will check out these resources and share them with others.

As always, please feel free to share questions, concerns or comments with me at andrew.mclean@legislature.maine.gov or my call me at 939-8482. Have a happy Thanksgiving!



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Around Town

Party Time Rentals reopened in the space formerly occupied by Lucky Thai across from Sebago Brewing Company on Elm Street.

Jhassa Auto has opened on lower Main Street and Bartlett Road.

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End of Gorham Farmers Market 2015

MATTHEW CONLEY
GMS Student Intern

The Gorham Farmers Market has been a town tradition for four years, being held each year in front of the Baxter Memorial Library. It is typically held across a five month season from early May to October.

Maureen "Mo" Terry of Three Daughters' Cookie Company, which produces MoMunch Granola, and is one of the market's organizers, says there have been more sales in the market this year than previous years. This could be attributed to more "value added producers," which, according to Terry, are essentially more scratch made baked goods as opposed to the

farmers who grow their items. She says the farmers are still a big part of the market but the bakers are attracting a lot of patrons.

Also this past season they tried to "bring more music into it, to make it more of an event." Terry states, and have been bringing in local and out-of-town bands to attract more customers in the summertime. According to Terry, over the summer, there were 300 to 400 people visiting the market weekly.

Terry said, "We may have a fifth year celebration next season," which is scheduled to begin May 1, 2016. So expect bakeries and music, as seen this year, and watch out for what could be a celebration of five years of Gorham's beloved tradition of the farmers market.

Correction

The photographer of the Gorham Sightings photo that appeared in the November 5, 2015 edition should have been listed as Maynard Charron. We apologize for the error.



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Start Your Own Investment “Traditions”

AL TARKINSON

Thanksgiving is just around the corner. And like all holidays, this one has plenty of traditions, such as Macy’s Thanksgiving Day Parade, which started in 1924, and football, with the first broadcasted Thanksgiving Day game, Detroit Lions and the Chicago Bears in 1934. Traditions are important, and you may want to establish some in one of the key activities of your own life: investing.

So, what sort of investment traditions could you start? Here are a few ideas:

Invest regularly. A tradition means performing the same acts over and over. This type of behavior can impose disci-

pline and consistency to your investing. For example, consider contributing the same amount of money each month to the same investments. When the price of these investments is down, your contribution will pay for more shares – in other words, you will be “buying low,” one of the key principals of investing. And when the price of your investments is up, you will be a savvy enough investor to buy fewer shares. Over a long period, this technique can help lower the per-share price of your investments, but it does not guarantee a profit or protect against loss. To make it easier to follow through, set up monthly, automatic purchases of these investments from your checking or savings account.

Increase 401(k) contributions when you get a raise. Why not make it a tradition to boost your contributions to your 401(k) or other employer-sponsored plan every time your salary increases? Your 401(k) is a great way to save for retirement, as your contributions are typically made with pretax dollars, resulting in lower taxable income, and your earnings can grow on a tax-deferred basis. Even if you do not reach the contribution limit (which, in 2015, is \$18,000, or \$24,000 if you are 50 or older), you can help yourself make progress toward your retirement goals if you give your 401(k) a “raise” every time you get one.

Review your progress at least once a year. Pick one day a year – perhaps a “milestone” day, such as your birthday or wedding anniversary – to review your overall investment picture. Are your investments performing the way you had hoped? Is your portfolio properly diversified, or are there gaps you need to address? Are you investing too aggressively or too conservatively? A yearly review of your investments and long-term financial strategy, possibly with the help of a financial advisor, can help keep you on track toward your objectives. Of course, you do not

need to wait 12 months before looking over your situation; you may need to adjust your holdings during the course of any given year, in response to changes in the financial markets or your individual needs. But by committing yourself to at least one full-scale review a year, you can greatly reduce unpleasant “surprises” while staying abreast of exactly where you are and where you are headed.

On Thanksgiving, you can enjoy the holiday’s traditions, along with those that may be unique to your family. And someday, you may well be thankful that you followed some productive investment “traditions.”



Al Tarkinson is a Financial Advisor with Edward Jones Investments. He has a B.S. degree in finance with over 31 years in the financial field. He and his family have resided in Gorham for 27 years.



LifeChurch Gorham & LifeChurch Mid-Coast would like to extend a huge thank you to the community for coming out to their annual Trick or Trunk event on Halloween. This year, over 5000 people attended these events, with over 60 trunks decorated in various themes and tons of candy handed out. A big thank you to the Gorham and Bath police departments, and to David Wehmeyer & Don Sedenka for volunteering their time through VIPs to help traffic run smoothly. Thank you to the Moodys and Pompeos for use of their fields for parking. LifeChurch enjoys the opportunity to serve the towns of Gorham and Bath with a safe, fun environment for families and are grateful for the amazing support that their communities provide.

Grand Jury Indictments

The Grand Jury returned the following indictments in November:

Karen Dedomenico, 49, of Portland, was indicted for forgery (greater than \$1,000), theft by unauthorized taking (greater than \$1,000) on charges brought by the Gorham Police Department.

William Dymont, 29, of Gorham, was indicted for unlawful sexual contact on charges brought by Westbrook Police Department.

Andrew Lux, 23, of Saco, was indicted for theft (priors), forgery (priors), misuse of ID/credit card and violating conditions of release on charges brought by Gorham Police Department.

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NOVEMBER 10, 2015

Town Council Report

JACOB ADAMS
Staff Writer

At the November 10 Town Council meeting, the following items were discussed or voted on:

- Town Manager David Cole reported that he attended a meeting last week with Portland Water District about the town's assessment of the sewer system and there will be no increase in rates. Rates have remained the same for ten consecutive years.

- After welcoming the newest Town Councilor, Marla Stelk, and welcoming back Sherrie Benner, School Committee member Dennis Libby reported that he and Tim Burns were re-elected to the School Board and Sean Curran was elected to the one-year term of the School Board. GTA negotiations and budget development for FY17 have begun. Superintendent Perry reached a milestone of 200 interviews conducted as part of her entry plan as the new Superintendent of Gorham Schools.

- Deputy Clerk Laurie Nordfors reported that the election had a turnout of 3,639 voters or approximately 29 percent of Gorham's registered voters.

- Newly elected councilors Sherrie Benner and Marla Stelk were sworn in by Deputy Clerk Laurie Nordfors.

- Matt Robinson was elected as chair for 2015-2016 (6-0, Robinson absent) and Sherrie Benner as vice chair for 2015-2016 (6-0, Robinson absent).

Other appointments included:

- Finance Committee: Ron Shepard, chair; Bruce Roullard; Marla Stelk

- Ordinance Committee: Mike Phinney, chair; Sherrie Benner; Ben Hartwell

- Appointments/Personnel Committee: Bruce Roullard, chair; Sherrie Benner; Mike Phinney

- Economic Development/Capital Improvement Committee: Ben Hartwell, chair; Ron Shepard; Marla Stelk

- Representative to Greater Portland Council of Governments: Bruce Roullard; Marla Stelk, alternate

- Representative to ecomaine: David Cole

- Representative to Jetport Noise Abatement: Sherrie Benner

- Representative to PATS Policy Committee: Bob Burns; David Cole, alternate

- Representative to Metro Regional Coalition: Matt Robinson; Sherrie Benner, alternative; David Cole, town representative

Town Council adopted the same rules for 2015-2016 as for the 2014-2015 session (6-0, Robinson absent).

- A proposal to amend the Land Use & Development Code to adopt a Conditional Zone for the McLellan/Sampson House located on 77 South Street was tabled until the next meeting. (6-0, Robinson absent)

- Town Council adopted advanced amendments to the Administrative Code for the position of Health Officer. The amendments will affect future appointments. (6-0, Robinson absent)

- Liquor licenses were approved for renewal for Gorham House of Pizza and Sebago Brewing Company. (6-0, Robinson absent)

- Town Council referred a petition to the Ordinance Committee for their review and recommendations. The petition is from Dick Pratt, who is asking to ban through trucks on Files Road. (6-1, Phinney)

- Town Council also referred a request from Mark Faulkner to the Ordinance Committee. His request is to re-zone the right side of Shaws Mill Road from Suburban Residential-Manufactured Housing to Roadside Commercial. (7-0)

- A proposal was accepted from Milone & MacBroom to conduct a study of the options for removing utility lines in Gorham Village. The Council appropriated \$45,614, received from ecomaine as a recycling dividend, toward this study and any related work. (7-0)

- Hilary Hamilton was appointed to serve on the Baxter Memorial Library Board of Trustees for a term that expires in 2018. (7-0)

- Town Council asked staff members to draft an amendment to the Streets and Sidewalks Ordinance to place a two-hour parking limit on State Street and College Avenue. The Council will address the amendment at their next regular meeting. (7-0)

- The Town Manager and Public Works Director were authorized to submit a Project identification form to Portland Area Comprehensive Transportation System and the Maine

DOT for a project to pave South Street, replace traffic signal loop detectors where needed, widen shoulder where appropriate and repair structural lane pavement where needed, with an estimated cost of \$1,628,148 (Federal share \$1,221,111 and local Town match of \$407,037) with a requested project in 2018. (7-0)

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

NOVEMBER 2, 2015

Planning Board Results

In their November meeting, the Planning Board:

- approved Casco Federal Credit Union's plans for a new building with a drive thru at 393 Ossipee Trail.

- tabled and referred to the Ordinance Sub-committee an amendment to the Land Use and Development to require written permission for abutting property owners to install a farm stand directional sign.

- approved with findings of fact and conditions of approval a request by the First Russian Baptist Church at 211 Mosher Road to expand their parking lot by 5,834 square feet.

- discussed and tabled a request to approve plans by Bramblewood Estates for a 10-unit residential condominium project. They also scheduled a site walk.



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BY LAURIE NORDFORS
Deputy Clerk

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This past holiday season, 22 Gorham families requested holiday assistance for their children and teens—a total of 71 people. Consider donating new toys, clothing of all sizes, gifts for teens, gift cards, or

money any time of the year. We collect and store items to be sorted and distributed to families according to their needs.

Another great way for a community group, organization, or a whole family to get involved is to sponsor a Gorham family for Thanksgiving or Christmas by calling the Town Office at 222-1670 before the holidays and ask to sponsor a family. You will be given a "wish list" from a family along with the children's ages and clothing size.

On behalf of everyone who will benefit from this fund, I thank you greatly for your consideration. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

We all could use a little help now and then and these are ways our Gorham residents can pay it forward.



Deputy Clerk Laurie Nordfors can be reached by email at lnordfors@gorham.me.us or by phone at 222-1670.

NOVEMBER 9, 2015

School Committee Meeting

KATHY CORBETT
Staff Writer

Members attending the School Committee regular meeting on November 4 unanimously voted Darryl Wright chair and Dennis Libby vice-chair. The previous day voters had re-elected Wright and Tim Burns to three-year terms and elected Sean Curran to fill the vacated one-year term.

Superintendent Heather Perry announced that 53 Gorham High School students were inducted into the National Honor Society; more than 100 people attended the first October bonfire held at the school; the district re-visioning process is underway; and parents of elementary school students have received letters with further explanation of Proficiency Based Learning (PBL).

Committee member Kyle Bailey commended Humza Kahn for running for election to the Town Council. Kahn had served as student representative to the School Committee last year. Bailey commented that it says something good about the town when young people like Kahn are interested in government.

Larlee English, behavior specialist and attendance coordinator, reviewed the Count ME In program for reducing absenteeism in the district that Gorham is participating in. It is a data collection project that was started in Cumberland County Schools and now includes other districts as well.

Baseline information has been collected for kindergarten through fifth grades. Schools can chart change over time as they initiate measures to reduce the number of days students are absent for any reason. Teachers build rapport with parents when they call home to inquire about student absences, which may be for illness or other circumstances. Each Gorham elementary school has an attendance oversight committee that meets weekly to look at a child's attendance individually and to initiate appropriate interventions, particularly when absences exceed 16 days a school year.

The Committee voted 4-1 (absent: Phillips and Libby; abstention: Curran) to approve the Draft Graduation Standards. These standards are the guiding principles that will underlie the graduation requirements when they are revised. They spell out the proficiencies and content knowledge students will be expected to have mastered in various subject areas before graduation. The graduation requirements currently in effect have not changed.

The Committee voted 5-0 to: retain the staff resignation policy; to delete a graduation requirement policy covered elsewhere; to approve the instrument for superintendent evaluation; and to approve schedule B athletic appointments.

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Support GHS Seniors with Project Graduation Fundraising Events

SUE SMITH

Project Graduation Chairman

As the years pass, traditions can change. One tradition holding strong, however, is Project Graduation at Gorham High School (GHS).

In just seven months, the 2016 senior class will be graduates and will come together one last time to celebrate this accomplishment.

The idea of Project Graduation is to provide an evening of entertainment in an alcohol-free, drug-free environment at no cost to them.

This time also gives peace of mind to parents; for one night they know their children are safe and having fun under careful supervision.

The committee for this year began working in September to discuss plans and fundraising efforts. They are confident the Gorham community will once again come together to work toward the common goal of keeping Gorham graduates safe and providing them with a fun-filled evening.

The money raised will be used for the rented space at Saint Joseph's College as well as busing, bowling, food, and entertainment provided by a DJ, hypnotist, and comedian, just to name a few.

Fundraising activities include:

- Winners of Harvest of Gold raffle tickets, sold in October, are named on the Project Graduation Facebook page every Sunday.

- "Dance the Night Away" will be held on December 5, at Spire 29 from 7 to 12 p.m. "Under the

Covers" will provide the music, and there will be silent auction items on which to bid. Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased at the Gorham Grind or contact Allison Caruso, Cathy Niles, Amy Poulin, Paula Sullivan, Rhonda Perkins, or Sue Smith.

- Let volunteers haul your tree away at the cost of a donation to Project Graduation. Tree removal will be available January 2, 9, and 16. Contact Wayne Young at 839-5092 or Philifan99@aol.com to schedule pick up.

- A Clynk account has been set up at Hannaford to collect returnables. Bags will be available at the December 5 Spire 29 event and throughout the year.

- A scrapbooking event is planned for January or February to benefit Project Graduation.

Look to the Project Graduation Facebook page for updates in the coming months. Gorham High School's home webpage also has a link to the Project Graduation page with information and committee needs.

Currently the committee has a small group of parents of GHS seniors. They would welcome any new parents at any time. Meetings are held at 6:30 p.m. on the first Monday of every month in the GHS library.

The Gorham community has always been generous in supporting Project Graduation and the committee appreciates that support. For more information, contact sue.smith@gorhamschools.org.

Students Collect Socks in Socktober



Photo credit Missy Mullin

Last month, Great Falls Elementary School took part in Socktober. Students and families donated new socks that went to three different organizations that help the homeless in the state of Maine. In total, 1,324 pairs of socks were collected. Then on October 30, Great Falls celebrated their success with Fun Sock Day, when students and staff wore their craziest and most fun socks to school. Pictured (left to right) are: Rebekah Libby, Lindy Moreland, Hannah Bickford, Adam Lambarra, and Jack Mazaris-Atkinson.

Student of the Month: Maine Connections Academy



Maine Connections Academy October Student of the Month is senior Melinda White of Gorham. Maine Connections Academy is the state's first virtual public charter school.

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Haiku Winners at GMS

GORHAM TIMES STAFF

Each year seventh grade teacher Jason Lambert challenges his students on his Stroudwater Team to create a haiku. The winners, as chosen by their peers, were Maddie Tryon, first place; Daniel Popov, second place; and Reed Henderson, third place.



Photo credit Many Pease

First Place – Maddie Tryon
Orange, red, and brown
the leaves float onto the ground
falling all around.

Second Place – Daniel Popov
The Ocean Deep
Creatures of all sorts
Beauty every where you look
Undiscovered life.

Third Place – Reed Henderson
Air heavy with fog
Leaves bending with drops of dew
Sun blocked by the clouds.

Gorham Middle School seventh grade teacher Jason Lambert presents the winning paper clip to his student Maddie Tryon for her haiku.

Author Visits Village School



Photo credit Donna Landry

On October 26, Gorham author and illustrator Cathryn Falwell visited with the kindergarteners and first graders at Village Elementary School. She read some of her stories and shared how she creates her illustrations for her books. Falwell read books that focused on healthy eating and exploring nature, including: "Turtle Splash," "Feast for 10," "Pond Babies," and "The Nesting Quilt." Village School would like to thank the Gorham Educational Foundation for making the visit possible.

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Tough Loss in State Final for GHS Girls' Soccer

JOHN CURLEY
Sports Writer

The GHS girls' soccer team took its fans on a magical ride this season. A victory at Marshwood in the last regular-season match earned the number three seed and began a journey that would eventually lead to the state title game on November 7 at Fitzpatrick Stadium. After a scoreless first half, Class A North champion Bangor found the back of the net on a penalty kick and later scored again to earn a hard-fought 2-0 victory.

Head coach Jeanne Zarrilli knew over the summer and during pre-season that her team would be competitive. She was not sure what that meant in terms of how far they would make it. Zarrilli said, "We had our struggles early on, but they worked things out, and this group became united, team-focused and consistently supportive of each other." This was apparent on the field as the Rams' unselfish style and mixture of youth and experience allowed them to attack from anywhere on the field.

All season long, the team was defined by depth, defensive toughness and offensive versatility. The ability to substitute regularly with talented players and play in the air on both sides of the ball separated these girls from the rest of the pack. Twelve different players scored 65 goals while the defense surrendered only nine goals and recorded 11 shutouts.

Heroes during the playoff run included freshman Hallie Shiers,



Photo credit Rich Obrey

Home Field Celebration! The GHS girls' soccer team celebrates its November 18 4-0 win over Marshwood at home to capture the Class A South Championship. The Rams then went on to the Class A State Final where they lost to Bangor, 2-0, November 21.

who scored the game winner in a 1-0 quarterfinal win over Thornton Academy. In the 2-1 semifinal win at Scarborough, a huge Gorham crowd erupted as freshman Emma Forgues gave the Rams an early second-half lead. After giving up the equalizer, relentless pressure by the Gorham offense resulted in the game-winner by senior Lizzie Sullivan.

In the Class A South final against Marshwood, the Rams scored early and often on the way to a 4-0 victory. Goal scorers were Forgues, Shiers, Sullivan and freshman Brittany Desjardin.

Looking ahead to next year, Gorham will face the challenge

of replacing six seniors including captains Cady Houghton and Jenny Darasz, who anchored the backfield, and captains Emily Bragg and Lizzie Sullivan, who directed activity in the front. Key junior performers—including goalkeeper Emma Smith, defender Noelle Dibiase and midfielders Narissa Libby, Jenna Cowan and Meghan Perrin—will return to the pitch. Their experience along with a strong group of playoff-tested sophomores and freshmen should have the Rams in the mix once again as a contender.



Photo credit Rich Obrey

GHS senior Cady Houghton, the SMAA Defensive Player of the Year, proves she knows how to use her head in the girls' soccer Class A State Final where the Rams lost to Bangor, 2-0, November 21 at Fitzpatrick Stadium in Portland.

Now that the team's season has come to an end, it is a good time to also embrace the success of three former GHS soccer players—Kiersten Turner (Bowdoin), Audrey Adkison (Harding) and Erin Smith (Lasell)—who are starters on college teams that have done really well in post season play. We wish them luck as they compete in the upcoming NCAA tournament.

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League Champs: The Gorham Grizzlies!



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Stunning the second-seeded Noble Squires of Berwick with a 28-14 victory, the seventh and eighth grade Gorham Grizzlies emerged winners of the Mountain Division of the Southern Maine Youth Football League. Offensively, the Rollins brothers led the charge with Isaac Rollins scoring three touchdowns and Tyler Rollins scoring one. Defensive standouts included Tyler "Tugboat" King, Aaron Mains, Tim O'Brien, Joey Hansen and Peter Richards. Playing for the team and pictured above, from left to right, bottom row: Zach Rivera, Kaitlyn Crockett, Benjermyn Rohner, Joshua Martin, Jacob Polchies, Luke Tarbox, Ayden Lindsay, Joey Hansen and Shawn Stevens. Second row: Ryan Doughty, Beck Carrier, Tyler Rollins, Peter Richards, Adam Michaud, Ryan Reno, Jack Collins, Jack Van Zandt, Kyle Ouillette, Sebastian Haines and Timothy O'Brien. Third row: Brydon Walker, Tommy Ruby, Jake Lesser, Isaac Rollins, Cody Smith, Noah Hatch, Anthony Valley, Gavin Valente and Gage Young. Top row: Assistant Coaches Jeremiah Rohner and Michael Foley, Head Coach Daniel Hager, and Assistant Coaches Benjamin Moody and Alicia Jeffords. Missing from photo are Aaron Mains, Tyler King, Johnny Howard and Jesiah Bickford.

Slager and Southard Shine for GHS Cross Country

MARTIN GAGNON
Sports Writer

For many, competitive running can be viewed as a solitary sport where an individual's pounding footsteps and inner thoughts are the soundtrack of the race. However, behind every runner's triumphant dash to the finish, there are several unseen supporters.

For GHS cross country teammates Anna Slager and Jesse Southard—determination, support and experience have culminated in a highly-successful season. Slager, a sophomore, won the girls' Class A Regional and State Championships and was also named the girls' SMAA Runner of the year.

Southard, a senior, was selected as the boys' SMAA Runner of the Year. He finished third in the Class A state meet while helping the Rams qualify as a team. He also finished fifth in the Western Maine Class A regional. He said that running began as a family activity when he would visit his grandparents on North Haven. What began as one-mile runs in the summer led to him competing against the fastest runners in the state.

Both runners qualified for the New England Championships November 14 in Vermont. Among the approximate 260 runners in both races, Slager finished 38th fourth among Maine girls while Southard finished 88th sixth among Maine boys.



Courtesy Photo

GHS Sweeps Cross Country Top Runner Awards GHS cross country runners Anna Slager (left) and Jesse Southard (right) were named as the girls' and boys' SMAA Runners of the Year in recognition by the coaches in the conference as the outstanding runners for the season. Slager won the girls' Class A State Championship while Southard finished third in the boys' race. The two runners are pictured with their head coach, Jason Tanguay.

GHS cross country Coach Jason Tanguay said that Slager realized she had talent while in the sixth grade and has continued to work hard in developing her skills. "In seventh grade, she invested even more of herself in the sport and was hooked by eighth grade," Tanguay said. "However, as a freshman in high

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State Soccer Semifinalists: The GYSA boys' U12 soccer team reached the semifinals of the Soccer Maine Fall Classic League state tournament before losing to Kennebunk in a penalty kick shootout. During the regular season, the team posted a 4-1-1 record and then won three tournament games. Players included **William Perry, Colin Albert, Curran Bassingthwaite, Hunter Connors, John Sutton, Thaddeus Shane, Brandon Verrill, Jacob Graham, Quinn Doyle, Aiden Warren-Vanhorn, Asa Farley, Eli Wyatt and Ty Gammon.**

Regional Soccer All-Stars: Five GHS soccer players were named to the Southern Maine Class A Soccer Coaches Regional All-Star Team: Seniors **Trenton Bassingthwaite** and **Cody Elliot** along with junior **Jackson Fotter** were selected to the boys' team while senior **Cady Houghton** and junior **Narissa Libby** were selected to the girls' team.

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school, her transition would at times be challenging."

In high school, the race distances increase and so does the competition level. While middle school races typically are 1.5 miles long, high school races are over a 3.1 mile distance. This difference in distance has now become a favorite for Slager. "I love how every cross-country course is different, and 3.1 miles is a really fun distance to run." Slager said.

Competing at the state championships as a freshman was a new experience that may have caused Slager some nervous jitters. When asked what he saw as the difference between last year and Slager's championship run this year, Coach Tanguay credited familiarity with the competition and improved

health. "Anna was less stressed and was dealing with fewer injuries," said Tanguay. "Last year, a hip injury affected her performance and preparation."

While Slager has accomplished much in the sport, she remains appreciative of the support she has received. "Anna is a very talented runner, but she is also a very humble runner," Tanguay said. "When you see her finish her race and then turn around and cheer-on her competitors, you realize how humble she is. It says a lot about her and her upbringing."

This supportive upbringing has not been lost on Slager. "The biggest influences on my running career have been my coaches, my parents, and my team," Slager said. "Without them, I would not be where I am now."

GHS Fall Sports Season Wrap-Up - Part II

COMPILED BY JEFF PIKE
Sports Editor

Boys' Soccer: The Rams finished the regular season 12-1-1 and ranked second in Class A South. The team then lost to Cheverus in the regional tournament quarterfinals. During the season, goalkeeper **Trenton Bassingthwaite** posted nine shutouts while **Jackson Fotter** and **Cody Elliot** led the team in goals scored with 15 and 12 respectively. **Jackson Taylor** led the team in assists with nine followed by **Erik Andreasen, Ethan Orach** and **Fotter** with five each.

Cross Country: The boys' team finished the regular season with a record of 12-3 while the girls' team finished 6-9. In the regionals, the boys' team placed ninth to qualify for the state championship led by **Jesse Southard, Collin Jones, Sean Pratt, Cam Tracy, Tommy Bernier, Anthony Chase** and **Carlos Monsen**. The girls' team finished 13th in the regionals with Anna Slager qualifying for the state championship. In the state championship, the boys' finished tenth as a team led by Southard who finished third in the individual competition while Slager won the individual competition in the girls' race.

Fitness Inspired Donation



Photo credit Jennifer Banks

Throughout the fall football season, Dawn Stevens conducted fitness classes on Wednesdays for parents of football players during practice time. Instead of taking payment, Dawn and Gorham Youth Football decided to donate food to the Gorham Food Pantry in exchange for participating in the fitness class. On November 1, Gorham Youth Football donated 169 pounds of food to the Pantry. Pictured above with some of the donations are Trent Stevens (in the back) and Thomas Curtis (front) representing Gorham Youth Football.

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Attorney Anne Schools of Gorham, a partner at **Douglas, McDaniel, Campo and Schools** in Westbrook, was recognized by New England Super Lawyers as a top attorney in Maine as a "Rising Star" for Family Law by the industry publication.

The Gorham High School Key Club will sponsor the **6th Annual Santa Breakfast (and Silent Auction)** on **Saturday, Dec. 12 from 8 to 10 a.m.** at Cressey Road United Methodist Church in Gorham. Proceeds go to Camp Sunshine. \$5pp. FMI, 9391136.

First Parish Congregational Church will host a **Family Art Showcase** featuring art created by talented artists of all ages on **Friday, Nov. 20 from 5 to 9 p.m.** and **Saturday, Nov. 21 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.** There will be activities for children and adults, along with gift certificates, raffles and refreshments.

Be a Santa to a Senior® program, sponsored by Home Instead Senior Care, provides gifts and companionship for lonely and isolated seniors. Members of the community are asked to help by purchasing and donating a gift at either of these "tree" locations: Sebago Brewing Company, 48 Elm Street, or the Blue Pig, 29 School Street. Gifts will be collected from Dec. 12 to 14.

Spurwink recently honored the **Volk family** of Scarborough for their autism awareness advocacy at a dinner and award ceremony held on November 14. Derek Volk, recently wrote a book titled "Chasing the Rabbit: A Dad's Life Raising a Son on the Autism Spectrum."

Books for Christmas: Each year the **Bookworm** asks customers to donate \$2 to purchase a gift-wrapped new book with a small toy attached. These books are donated to the town to accompany Christmas baskets being prepared for needy area families. Well over a thousand books have been donated to families over the past 15 years and the Bookworm looks forward to community support again this year. Many thanks for your help with this project.

Mr. Bagel will once again host a **Homemade Thanksgiving Meal with all the fixings** on **Thursday, Nov. 26 from 12 to 1:30 p.m.** This is a free meal, but if you choose to donate, all donated money will go to the Gorham Food Pantry. Transportation and meals delivered upon request. Contact Roxanne Moody at 839-4516 or tmoody6@maine.rr.com.

A community fundraiser for the Eid family--Dave, Lisa, Drew and Dani--will be held on Saturday, Nov. 28 from 5 to 11 p.m. at the USM Field House in Gorham. Lisa Eid has been diagnosed with lung cancer and is struggling with her health. This family friendly event will feature a cash bar, dinner, silent auction, 50/50 raffle, Patriot tickets raffle (\$1,300 value) and dancing. \$20 pp. Cash only. FMI, contact Al Garcia at 400-5590 or alberto.garcia.85@hotmail.com.

The Lakes Region Senior Center located at Little Falls Activity Center at 40 Acorn Street will be closed Nov. 25, 26 & 27 for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Shaw Brothers Construction of Gorham has earned the National Asphalt Pavement Association Diamond Quality Commendation for its Brickyard Quality Plant. The commendation is a nationally recognized program that focuses on plant practices resulting in excellent product quality.

The Annual Cookie Fair at Cressey Road United Methodist Church, 81 Cressey Rd., will be held on Dec. 5 from 9 to 11 a.m. Choose from thousands of home baked cookies and fill a box for \$8.50. Candy and fudge also available. Children can decorate a large sugar cookie for \$1. FMI, 839-3111.

A blood drive in honor of Stephen Carpenter of Gorham will be held at St. Ann's Episcopal Church, 40 Windham Center Rd., Windham on Saturday, Nov. 28 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Carpenter suffered life threatening injuries after being hit by a car on Middle Jam Rd. Schedule an appointment at www.redcrossblood.org using sponsor code StAnnsWindham, or call (800) 733-2767.

CHRISTMAS FAIRS

Old-Fashion Christmas Fair, Saturday, Nov. 21 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the **West Gorham Union Church, 190 Ossipee Trail, Gorham.** Baked goods, jewelry, knitted items, raffles and lunch.

Christmas Craft Fair, Saturday, Nov. 21 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. **White Rock Community Building, 34 Wilson Road, Gorham.** New crafters, white elephant table, Rada knives, 50/50 raffle, bake sale and lunch. Sponsored by the White Rock Friendship Club.

Annual Christmas Fair, Saturday, Nov. 21 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. **Sebago Lake Congregational Church, 410 Northeast Road, Standish.** Luncheon with warming soups and sandwiches.

First Parish Church Fair, 1 Church St., Saturday, Dec. 5 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Silent auction, café luncheon, dessert auction, crafts, greens, gifts and more.

Christmas/Craft Fair, Saturday, Nov. 21 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the North Congregational Church, 22 Church Hill Rd. (Off Flagg Meadow Rd.), Buxton. Crafts, raffles, cookie walk, baked goods, candies, jewelry, white elephant and luncheon.

Maine Christmas Holiday Fair, Saturday, Dec. 5 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., First Congregational Church of Scarborough (167 Black Point Road). Handmade items with Maine theme, holiday greens, antiques & collectibles, books, quilts, crafts and baked goods. Lobster roll luncheon/\$15. FMI, 883-2342.

Gorham Tri-Town Extension Group Holiday Craft Fair, Saturday, Nov. 21 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Harmony Masonic Hall, 33 Cressey Road, Gorham. Crafts, baked goods, knitted items, greens, Tupperware, raffles and more. FMI, 893-4249.

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Spiller Road woman, who owns guinea hens, was having trouble keeping them corralled on her property and they had been wandering.

Following a motor vehicle rollover accident on Brackett Road, driver was charged with OUI, driving to endanger and operating without a license.

Officer made contact with two separate people who had left large non-recyclable items at Public Works and sent them back to pick up the items.

Following an accident on Gray Road, driver was charged with OUI, operating after suspension and unauthorized use of property.

Vehicles were broken into on New Portland Road, Pinecone Lane and Dow Road.

Shaw's Mill Road caller reported she was the victim of a romance fraud.

Equestrian Lane caller had been receiving calls and texts and did not want him calling, texting or setting foot on his property. Officer was unable to make contact with caller.

Suspicious persons on Spiller Road were the homeowners.

Longfellow Road caller was upset that Jehovah's Witnesses were dropping off literature. Caller stated he had engaged with them but then got angry because they were on his property. Officer helped him place a keep out sign in front of the house and thought that made the caller happy.

White Birch Lane caller complained her neighbor was harassing her. After researching prior history, officer learned caller had made several similar complaints, all of which were unfounded.

Two females were given verbal warnings to stop contact via electronic devices. Both told similar stories but pointed to the other one as the root cause.

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CALENDAR

THURSDAY, NOV. 19

- 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.

FRIDAY, NOV. 20

- Family Art Showcase, First Parish Church, 5-9 p.m. Activities, raffles and refreshments.

SATURDAY, NOV. 21

- Family Art Showcase, First Parish Church, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Activities, raffles and refreshments.

MONDAY, NOV. 23

- Gorham Republican Committee meeting, 6:30 p.m. All registered Republicans are welcome. FMI, call 415-2673.

TUESDAY, NOV. 24

- Pre-School Story Time, 3-5 years, Baxter Memorial Library, 9:30 a.m.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 25

- Town of Gorham Senior Lunch Program, St. Anne's Catholic Church. Opens at 11 a.m. Lunch served at 12 p.m. \$4. FMI, 839-4857.
- No school for grades K-12. Inservice or flex day.

THURSDAY, NOV. 26

- No school for grades K-12. Thanksgiving Holiday.

FRIDAY, NOV. 27

- No school for grades K-12. Thanksgiving Holiday.

SATURDAY, NOV. 28

- Christmas Tree & Wreath Sale, Fresh cut, Maine grown, Robie Gym lawn, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sponsored by GHS Swim and Ice Hockey Team.

SUNDAY, NOV. 29

- Christmas Tree & Wreath Sale, Fresh cut, Maine grown, Robie Gym lawn, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sponsored by GHS Swim and Ice Hockey Team.

TUESDAY, DEC. 1

- Pre-School Story Time, 3-5 years, Baxter Memorial Library, 9:30 a.m.
- Gorham House Itsy Bitsy store, 1:30-3:30 p.m., Gorham House lobby. FMI, 839-5757.
- 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. 2

- Town of Gorham Senior Lunch Program, St. Anne's Catholic Church. Opens at 11 a.m. Lunch served at 12 p.m. \$4. FMI, 839-4857.

Baxter Memorial Library, 71 South St.
 Cressey Road United Methodist Church, 81 Cressey Rd.
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 Gorham House, 50 New Portland Rd.
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