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Editors

Our first editor-in-chief was Althea Masterson, a consummate professional who had high standards and an unerring sense of what was important. "Serving as editor in the early years was all about setting up a process and fine-tuning it, finding enough people to write, to proofread, and just get the job done. We were all learning," said Masterson. "I just can't imagine many towns across the country that have an all volunteer run newspaper that has grown and thrived for as long as ours. I will always be proud to have been part of the early years."

In 2000, Sheri Faber took over when Masterson stepped down. "My goal was always to provide as much information as possible about what was happening in town. We covered the Town Council, the School Board, and the Planning Board, as well as school and business news." Faber went on to say, "I believe the Gorham Times has been a very positive factor in town and I hope it will continue to be so for many years to come."

When Sheri stepped down in 2003, Kathy Garrard took over the helm. "The most fun I've had in any job was while I was at the Gorham Times. What a pleasure it was to work with such a talented and dedicated group of volunteer writers, photographers and business staff" Garrard went on to say, "It is a labor of love that gets that paper out every two weeks."

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Here's to the Next 20 Years

GORHAM TIMES STAFF

In 1995, our esteemed leader, Maynard Charron, thought the community would benefit from having a local newspaper to "bring the news to all of Gorham." He began by gathering people interested in becoming part of this project. They did some limited fund raising to cover the costs of printing an announcement issue, and got to work. Thanks to Maynard (and a great team of volunteers), here we are 20 years later, still going strong.

We would like to thank Maynard for not just starting the newspaper, but for keeping us going for all these years. Maynard will be moving on soon, but the Gorham Times will continue to move forward. It will be hard to say goodbye to him but, in his place, the nine-member board of directors will be taking a more active role in the paper.

There have been several changes in the process in the past 20 years. When we started the Times, not all of us had

computers connected to the Internet. Instead of emailing articles, we hand delivered disks to our editors along

We also want to thank everyone who has been part of the Gorham Times over the years—editors, writers, proofreaders, bookkeepers, photographers, sales people, delivery people, designers, and webmasters. We also thank our advertisers, particularly those who have been with us from the beginning. You made it possible for us to keep going for these 20 years.

with photographs we had developed at Rite Aid. A single proof of the paper was printed, and hand delivered to each proofreader who, in turn, hand wrote

their changes or suggestions. It was a much longer and time-consuming process. Today photos and articles arrive in seconds via email.

Who knows what the next 20 years will bring, but we do need help. We particularly need news writers who can talk with town staff and others in the community to keep the flow of information moving. Creative ways to enhance advertising sales is always of interest to us. If you do not want to write, take photographs, or help deliver the newspaper every two weeks, financial donations are always welcome. So if you like reading the Gorham Times, think about what you might do to help.



Photo credit Jane Charron

Maynard Charron,
General Manager,
Gorham Times

Changes in Gorham: 1995 to Today

SHERI FABER
Staff Writer

Gorham has undergone many changes since the Gorham Times began 20 years ago.

The population of Gorham grew from 11,856 in 1990 to 16,381 in 2010 and 17,024 in 2015. In fact, the Census Bureau recently identified Gorham as the fastest growing community in Maine since 2010. DownEast Magazine rated Gorham as one of the 10 best places to live in Maine in 2014.

There have been many new subdivisions and single-family homes built. A total of 146 subdivisions were approved (although not necessarily all built) between 1996 and 2014. From 2004 to 2005, 671 single-family homes, 102 condos, as well as 285 commercial properties were also approved.

While the school enrollment totals have not changed dramatically--2,456

in 1995 versus 2,630 today—the school buildings in town have.

Two new schools were built: Great Falls Elementary, which serves 492 students, and Gorham Middle School, which serves 642.

The former White Rock School on Sebago Lake Road was recently converted into apartments for people 55 years and older, and the former Little Falls School on Acorn Street is now a community center.

The newly renovated and expanded Gorham High School opened at the beginning of the 1995-1996 school year.

The former Shaw Junior High School on South Street now houses the Municipal Center, which used to be located on Main Street—the site where a new Public Safety Building is now being built.

In 1993, there were 60 full time municipal employees. In 2015 there are 84. Some of these employees

helped to build 80 new public roads in Gorham during the past 20 years.

The Police Department had 13 full time officers in 1995 along with five reserve/part time officers and an administrative assistant. There are currently 23 officers and two administrative assistants.

The Fire Department went from four paramedic/firefighters, a chief and a secretary to 10 paramedic/firefighters, a chief, a deputy chief, and two secretaries along with a mechanic who is shared with other communities. They have also gone from having two live-in student firefighters to 15.

The Gorham Post Office was located for many years on Main Street, where Gorham Savings Bank now has their drive thru. The Post Office moved to their current location off Mechanic Street in 1998.

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Blotter From Our First Edition 20 Years Ago

Property damaged by pigs at large on Sophie Lane. Owner given a warning.

Skateboarders using loud, foul language on Main Street. Gone when officer arrived.

Fight reported at Big Apple at 3:31 p.m. Suspects were interviewed. No charges filed to date.

Four boys overheard making a bomb threat at Shop-n-Save pay phone. Boys gone when police arrived.

New one-hour parking signs on Church Street. People still parking there for more than one hour. Police will be patrolling area more frequently.

Two flags were stolen from Gorham Exxon station.

Gorham Auto Parts reported a suspicious vehicle at front door. Police were given vehicle registration number.

Two juveniles "moon" cars on Winslow Road. Juveniles disappeared into wooded area when they saw cruiser.

Police called to area of Little Falls School to break up a disturbance between two brothers, one intoxicated, one sober. Police sent them along.

Every single item in the blotter is taken directly from information provided by the police department. Not one item is made up!

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Photo credits Roger Marchand

The popular local restaurant, 14 Main (located at 45 Main Street after relocating across the street but never changing their name), closed their doors and sold their property to Key Bank, which opened at that location in 1995. H&R Block are currently located at 14 Main Street.



Gorham House opened in 1990, and now employs 230 people caring for 170 elderly residents. Originally opened in 1961 as Gorham Manor, this was the first nursing home in Gorham



Photo credit Amanda Landry

and was owned by Cornelia Files--the first woman to own a nursing home in Maine. The section of Gorham House known as "The Cottage" was the original Gorham Manor.

Cumberland Farms on Main Street opened in 1984 and, in 1996, they expanded the store after purchasing and tearing down the house behind them. In 2013 the store was renovated again.

The Gorham campus of USM now has two new dormitories, an ice arena, a field house, and had a large expansion of the Mitchell Science Center. The renovated Main Stage Theater at Russell Hall re-opened on November 10, 1995.

And, at long last, the derelict Mobil Station has been torn down and a new building, which will house Subway and Aroma Joe's, as well as two businesses to be named later, is being built on that site.



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In His Own Words: 20 Years of Gorham Times

DAVID COLE
Town Manager

The Gorham Times is turning 20 years old and, as town manager in 1995, I was interviewed for the first issue. It is a little hard for me to believe that 20 years have gone by so quickly.

The changes in our community over this time have been significant. Generally the changes document our growth away from a rural community to a more suburban community. All change is not equal, some of it is good and some changes are unsettling. Through all of this, the Gorham Times has played a vital role, keeping the community informed, as issues have come and gone. Citizens need accurate information about issues in order to form reasonable opinions. Correcting the inaccurate information that almost always surfaces when a controversial issue comes to our community and providing factual information is a vital mission of community newspapers, like the Gorham Times.

The Gorham Times has also been a conduit for community events, information about neighbors and services that are provided. This kind of information helps to provide a community identity and is what I call the "glue" that helps to build communities.

Gorham will almost certainly change as rapidly during the next 20 years as it has over the last 20. Most of the change will be good for the community, some will be unsettling and I am looking forward to the Gorham Times coming along for the ride, keeping the town informed and quietly providing the glue that is so important in building communities like Gorham.

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New Police Chief Sworn into Office



Photo courtesy of the Gorham Police Department

Chris Sanborn, who has been acting interim chief since Ron Shepard's retirement last November, welcomes new Police Chief Daniel Jones at a swearing in ceremony on August 24. Jones previously served as deputy chief for the Kennebunk Police Department. Jones rose up the ranks in Kennebunk, also serving as detective, supervisory constable, and lieutenant.

Where in the World?



Photo courtesy of Sherrie Benner

Gorham Town Councilor Sherrie Benner celebrates her birthday in Old Quebec City with the Gorham Times and a tour guide wearing 1700's clothing.

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Gorham-Owned Horse Qualifies for Harness Racing's Premier Event

JEFF PIKE
Sports Editor

Mike Andrew of Three Crow Farm in Gorham was recently featured on WCSH 6 for what horse racing experts say is the first time in sixty years that a Maine-owned horse has raced in the Hambletonian in New Jersey—a race considered to be the Kentucky Derby of trotting harness racing. The race, which took place August 8th, is the first leg of the Triple Crown of harness racing for trotters, which also includes the Yonkers Trot in New York and the Kentucky Futurity.

Andrew owns and raised Donatomite. He finished third in the Hambletonian elimination race, which qualified him for the final. In the final, Donatomite drew a difficult starting position (the eight hole) and ended up finishing ninth out of ten horses.

Still, Andrew won \$10,000 for Donatomite's achievement. Obrigado—a horse that Andrew previously owned and raised but later sold—finished third.

Donatomite lived at Three Crow Farm during the previous winter but is currently living in New Jersey as he and his trainer/driver, Trond



Photo credit Curtis Salonick

Donatomite, who recently competed in the prestigious Hambletonian harness race, is shown above with his trainer/driver, Trond Smedshammer, as they compete at Pocono Downs in Pennsylvania earlier this year. Donatomite is owned by Mike Andrew of Three Crow Farm in Gorham.

Smedshammer, travel the harness racing circuit. Donatomite gave Andrew the confidence to pay the entry fees to the Hambletonian (\$15,000) by winning all

three of his races that he participated in as a two-year-old in very fast times, including the Pennsylvania Sire Stakes.

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9/11 Memorial 5K Set for September 13

SUSAN WARD MOORE

Once each year, on the Sunday following September 11, members of the Gorham Fire Department participate in the 9/11 Memorial 5K Run/Walk to benefit the Stephen G. Ward Memorial Scholarship Fund. Like other runners and walkers, they want to enjoy a beautiful morning in Maine and raise money for a worthy scholarship fund. Like the Ward Family, they also want to honor and remember the lives lost to the terrorist attacks of 2001. The firemen, though, are not like the other participants in the 5K event.

"They complete the course in full gear," says race director Katie Ward Hazel, a Gorham resident and sister of Stephen Ward. She went on to say, "They come every year. They bring the

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Courtesy photo

With the American flag flying high over their heads, Gorham firefighters head to the finish line of the 2014 9/11 Memorial 5K Run/Walk to benefit the Stephen G. Ward Memorial Scholarship Fund.

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The *Gorham Times* asked our three state legislators from Senate District Six, House District 129 and House District 130 to provide us with "News from Augusta." We publish their articles on a rotating basis. The submissions are devoted to updates of legislative and administrative news, proposed and passed bills and laws, and developments and events that are of interest and have an impact to Gorham residents. The *Gorham Times* reserves the right to edit the submissions and it further reserves the right to reject any submission, in its sole discretion.

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Maine's Highest Court Affirms Bipartisan Work of the Session

REP. ANDREW MCLEAN

With the Legislature officially adjourned for the year, it's safe to say this was an unusual session at the State House. It was in some ways defined by the record-breaking number of vetoes issued this session, but it was also marked by the way lawmakers on both sides of the aisle came together to find common ground and accomplish the work our constituents sent us to Augusta to do.

Although the business of the Legislature officially ended on July 16, the final fate of a number of bills was not finally settled until earlier this month. That's when the Maine Supreme Judicial Court weighed in on a group of 71 bills the governor attempted to veto outside the 10-day window (excluding Sundays) allotted to him by the Maine Constitution. When the Legislature and the Maine Attorney General asserted the bills had already become law, Gov. LePage asked the state's highest court for its opinion.

The Maine Supreme Judicial Court justices issued a unanimous opinion that the bills had indeed become law when the governor failed to veto them within 10 days. That means the majority of these 65 bills will go into effect on Oct. 15 of this year, which is 90 days after the session finally

adjourned. A few went into effect immediately as emergency legislation. One of these 65 bills that will go into effect on Oct. 15 is LD 140, a measure to expand access to the opiate overdose reversal medication naloxone, also known as Narcan. In light of

I am pleased that the Maine Supreme Court affirmed the work of the Legislature and proud of how Republicans, Democrats and unenrolled legislators worked together.

the crisis our state faces with regard to opiate addiction and overdose death, making naloxone available can and does make the difference between life and death.

Another is LD 756, which strengthens the existing Address Confidentiality Program by keeping the identifying information of victims of domestic violence and stalking out of the hands of their abusers. Others expand access to health care for 13,000 Maine women, put a bond question on the November ballot to provide much-needed investment in affordable senior housing and ensure public benefits do not go to

individuals in Maine illegally while providing short-term assistance to asylum seekers who want to live and work in Maine.

Many of these bills were the product of dedicated bipartisan cooperation and compromise. All were passed with input from constituents and stakeholders after many hours of hard work. I am pleased that the Maine Supreme Court affirmed the work of the Legislature and proud of how Republicans, Democrats and unenrolled legislators worked together.

Now that the session has ended, my colleagues and I are preparing for next session while spending more time at home in our districts. I hope to see many of you over the summer and fall. As always, please feel free to contact me with your questions and concerns at andrew.mclean@legislature.maine.gov.



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Letter to the Editor

Letters must be less than 300 words, signed with a first and last name, typed or e-mailed and include a phone number. Letters are solely the opinion of the writer and not that of the *Gorham Times*. They are published at the discretion of the *Gorham Times* and are subject to editing.

Dear *Gorham Times* Editor:

Our house was struck by lightning and caught fire during the round of severe weather on August 4. We believe the Gorham Fire Department deserves recognition and praise for their service; we are very proud of them! They did an exceptional job to minimize damage to our home and business. We are so grateful and cannot thank them enough for their professional service. We certainly have gained new respect, appreciation, and understanding of our local town services.

There is a science and art to fighting fire; and fire fighters can easily cause as much damage fighting the fire as the fire itself. These firemen and women went in to attack the fire at its source even though it was more perilous than to blast away with hoses from the outside from a much more safe position; and the skill, expertise, and courage of the Gorham and surrounding town fire-fighters does not go unnoticed and is very much appreciated.

Thank you very much!
 Charlene & Albert Frick

Dear *Gorham Times* Editor:

The Dorcas Society of Hollis and Buxton would like to thank all the individuals and the businesses that contributed to our successful Annual Dorcas Fair on July 18.

We are grateful to Reynolds Motorsports, the Mustard House, Buxton Eye Center, Nicely & Company, Saco River Theatre, Just Your Style, Snell Family Farm, Joy Valley Woodworks, Main Street Cutters, Maine Street Florist, New Leaf Salon, Farmhouse Flowers, NAPA, Plummer's Hardware, Plummer's Store, Serenity Salon, and Winterberry Barn. Also our thanks to individuals who donated to the Community Raffle include: Catherine Lamson, Debbi Neilson, Linda Caoette, Beverly Atkinson, Teresa Blaschke, Jane Charron, and Linda Hillock. The proceeds from our fair enable us to continue to make charitable contributions to local organizations, maintain the Bar Mills Parish House, and provide a Bonny Eagle Scholarship for a senior each year. Thank you all for your help.
 Sharon House

around town

Party Time Rentals on Ossipee Trail is relocating to the current site of Lucky Thai on Elm Street. Lucky Thai is moving into the vacant building on lower Main Street in the complex that houses Dunkin Donuts.

Nicely's Market on Ossipee Trail is permanently closing at the end of August. The owners are retiring.

Nomination papers for seats on the Town Council, School Committee, and School Board are available at the Town Clerk's Office and must be returned no later than September 18. There are two positions available on the Town Council. Incumbents Sherrie Benner and Shonn Moulton are running for re-election; Marla Stelk has also taken out papers. There are two regular three-year term positions available on the School Committee. Incumbent Darryl Libby has taken out papers; Al Garcia took out papers for John Doyle, who is resigning from the School Committee. A one-year unexpired term position on the School Board is also available.

GOCAT's Video on Demand feature on www.gorham-me.org will not be available for approximately two weeks while they upgrade their equipment. The live streaming feature will continue to be available during this upgrade.

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Oct 28	Nov 5
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John and Shirley (Berry) Alden, GHS '40

CINDY O'SHEA

Many of us have attended a high school reunion, perhaps the fifth, tenth, twentieth, or fiftieth. But not many people have the opportunity to celebrate graduating from high school 75 years ago. If a reunion were planned for the Gorham High School Class of 1940, John and Shirley Alden would gladly attend.

The class of 1940, with 43 students, was the first to graduate from what was then the new high school. Today, that building houses the Municipal and School Department offices. Prior to that, high school students attended a school located on the corner of Preble and South Streets, which was later converted to a fire station and is now a green space abutting Robie Gym. Because it seemed fitting and respectful of a new building, the class of 1940 was the first to wear caps and gowns at the graduation ceremony held at the First Parish Church. Some of their classmates included Bernard Rines, Rodney Quinn, Phillip Kimball, Robert Clement, Thorton Webb, David Bonney and Shirley Batchelder.

It was Gorham High School where John and Shirley first met, where they passed notes back and forth to each other, where they participated in plays and Shirley played basketball.

Shirley, who was raised by her Scottish grandparents, grew up in the

Little Falls neighborhood where most immigrants lived because the pulp and woolen mills were located there. John, an eleventh generation descendent of John Alden who came to this country on the Mayflower, grew up on State Street. His grandparents lived in what is now the admission's office for USM.

In 1775, John's great-great-great grandfather was awarded 200 acres of land in Gorham for serving in King Phillip's War. Over the years, the property was divided between four sons and John still retains 50 acres of the original parcel.

In June of 1940, the population of Gorham was 3,494, and the dial telephone system began. Kimball's Meat Market, Phinney Lumber, Barden's Drugstore, Barrow's Greenhouses, Louie's Lunch, and the Dixon Barbershop were local businesses. There was a movie theater called The Playhouse next to what is now the Gorham House of Pizza. John's first summer job was as a bellhop and desk clerk at a resort and he was paid \$10 per week. It was 19 months before the bombing of Pearl Harbor and the United States entered WWII.

Shirley graduated from Farmington State Teachers College and became a teacher of home economics. While teaching in Gorham, she lived and taught in the Sampson House, next to the Baxter Library. The high school provided that living space in order for



Photo credit Cindy O'Shea

students to have a kitchen and sewing space available. When asked if they used her kitchen for teaching purposes, she said it was the other way around. She used the house to live in.

John attended Maine Maritime Academy and was commissioned into the Navy as an ensign. During the war, John served on oil tankers receiving oil in Venezuela and delivering it to war ships in the Atlantic Ocean. He recalls refueling ships and zigzagging to avoid being torpedoed by German submarines. While it was unknown to the sailors at that time, they were refueling ships that were making their way to Normandy for the Invasion that led to D-Day.

John and Shirley were married in 1946. John built the home where they raised their four children and still live today. John went back to school and became an industrial arts teacher. He taught for a while, then worked for an insurance company. They had opportunities to move to Lincoln, Maine and another time to Hartford, Connecticut, but John turned down both job offers, much to Shirley's delight, knowing they both belonged in Gorham. It was then that John turned his love of woodworking into a profession.

In addition to building their home, he built every piece of furniture in it. As Shirley said, "If it is made of wood, John made it." His fine furniture was sold in Connecticut and throughout Maine. Each piece is a valued work of art.

Both John and Shirley served the town they love in many ways. John served on the School Committee and Shirley volunteered in the schools and with the Camp Fire Girls. Both continue to be active and engaged with their children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren.

Fifteen years ago, at their 60th class reunion, Shirley spoke to her classmates. In her closing remarks she said, "I am proud of us, the class of 1940. We've met our challenges, we've achieved our goals, and we are rightfully called "The Greatest Generation."

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Transportation Network Companies

JASON BEEVER

There is a smart phone application for almost everything now, including transportation apps such as Uber and Lyft that allow you to request a ride using your smart phone. These are becoming increasingly popular and also controversial.

Considered a type of ridesharing, a company that uses an online-based platform to connect passengers and drivers for transportation services (using the driver's personal vehicle) is now commonly called a transportation network company, or TNC.

Because TNCs are a new type of company and service, it has been difficult to determine what regulations the company and drivers need to follow, as well as what insurance coverages apply to them. When TNCs first gained popularity, there were many questions about proper insurance coverage, gaps in coverage, and who is liable in an accident.

During the past session, the Maine legislature passed LD 1379, an Act to Establish Transportation Network Company Insurance. This new law essentially requires TNCs

like Uber to have a commercial insurance policy that covers their drivers while transporting passengers for a fee. Providing rides for a fee is called "public livery," and coverage for it is specifically excluded in most standard personal auto insurance policies, hence the need for requiring TNCs to carry their own insurance.

Since TNC drivers use their vehicles for both purposes--business and personal--it was a challenge to make the distinction between when a driver was simply driving his or her own car and when he or she was driving as a representative of the TNC. Two of the most well-known TNCs, Uber and Lyft, have clarified when drivers are covered by different types of insurance.

When a driver is driving with the TNC app off, the driver is not working and not accepting rides, so the driver's personal auto insurance is the primary coverage. When the driver turns on the app in driver mode but has not yet accepted a ride, TNCs generally offer contingent liability coverage if the driver's personal auto insurance does not offer protection. When a passenger is picked up, the TNC's policy is the primary policy until the end of the ride, because the personal auto insurance policy excludes public livery.

Each insurance company has a different approach to claims from TNC drivers, as this is a relatively new type of risk. Consult with your local Independent Insurance Agent to further discuss this and other coverage issues to be sure you are adequately protected.



Jason Beever is Managing Partner at Chalmers Insurance Group in Gorham

9/11 Memorial Walk

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ladder truck and use it to suspend the American flag over the starting line. They also run in boots, turnout gear and helmets, and they wear the number 343 on their faces to represent the number of first responders who lost their lives that day. They then cross the finish line arm-in-arm. It's pretty amazing to see. We have lots of people: runners, walkers, moms pushing strollers, grandparents, teens, competitive athletes and spectators; but when those firefighters come down the alley, it's really something."

Ward, a GHS graduate and CPA who had recently taken a position at the bond trading firm Cantor Fitzgerald, moved to Manhattan during the summer of 2001 and was at work on the 101st floor of the World Trade Center when the terrorist attacks took place. He was 33 when he died.

His family created the scholarship fund in his name as well as the 5K event that funds it in an effort to bring something positive out of the events of the terrorist attacks. This past June, a \$3,500 scholarship was awarded to Abigail Hamilton of Gorham, who will attend Wheaton College this fall. Hamilton is the 20th recipient of the scholarship fund and the recipient of the largest single award to date.

The Ward family pledges continued fundraising in order to increase the amount of the annual award. "Our goal is to be able to send a kid to college on our dime," says Ward's mother, Victoria Randall, who now lives in Scarborough. "We have a long way to go to achieve that goal, but we'll be here every year, and we hope the community will continue to come out and support us. We've been blessed with amazing community support. We have such a good time every year. We have laughter and balloons and trophies. We have amazing corporate sponsors, volunteers and runners who spend this day with us every year. And, yes, we have firefighters. We'll keep coming back."

An annual event, the 9/11 Memorial 5K was run for the first time on the tenth anniversary of the terrorist attacks and continues every year at the Gorham Recreation Department on the Sunday following September 11. Advance registration is available online at www.911memorial5k.com.

This year's event takes place September 13 with doors opening at 7:30 a.m. for registration. The Kids' Fun Run kicks off at 8:30 a.m., and the 5K Run/Walk takes place at 9:15 a.m. with awards to follow at 10:30 a.m.



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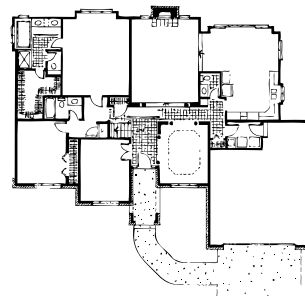


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Town Council Report

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Councilor Bruce Roullard reported that the Historical Committee is working on a master database for historic properties in town and hope to have it completed by October or November.

Town Manager David Cole reported that nomination papers became available at the Town Clerk's Office on August 5, and need to be returned by September 19. There are two positions on the Town Council, two regular three-year term positions on the School Board, and a one-year unexpired term on the School Board. Cole also reported that the new Police Chief, Daniel Jones, would begin on August 27.

School Committee member Dennis Libby reported several school-related items: Prior assistant principal at Great Falls School Becky Fortier was appointed new principal, and as previously reported, Stacy Sawyer was appointed assistant principal. School will begin on August 31 for kindergarten, sixth, and ninth grades, while all other grades will begin September 1. Bus schedules have been posted on the school website under the transportation tab. The next school committee meeting will be held on September 9.

With regard to Gorham Schools, the Town Council voted against amending the order to add mechanical projects. (3-4 Robinson, Hartwell,

Benner, Moulton) and voted to amend the Order and add roofs, locks and hardware, and mechanical equipment. (6-1, Roullard). To this end they authorized a referendum on November 3 to borrow and expend \$1,175, 500 for major roof, locks and hardware, and mechanical equipment projects at Gorham Schools. A public hearing will be held on October 6.

As part of the public hearing, Craig Sterling of Canal Street spoke against the proposal to divide Ward 1 into two voting districts and have registered voters, who reside North of the Little River, vote at the Little Falls Activity Center. The motion to change the boundary lines from north of the Little River to north of Queen Street failed (2-5, Robinson, Benner, Phinney, Shepard, Moulton). The order will be postponed until staff returns with a different drawn boundary line for the voting district.

The Town Council also:

- agreed to vote for the officers of the Maine Municipal Association, as proposed. (7-0)

- voted to accept Ichabod Lane, located in Stonefield III subdivision off Harding Bridge Road, as a public road, and that Ichabod Lane be locally classified as a rural sub collector road. (7-0)

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

Recognizing the Fallen

GORHAM TIMES STAFF

On Sunday, September 13 at 2 p.m. Cressey Road United Methodist Church will hold a blue service. Local area fire fighters, rescue personnel and law enforcement and their families will be recognized for their faithful commitment, dedication and self-sacrifice. The term blue service refers to the blue uniform worn by so many public safety personnel.

People of all faiths are encouraged to attend in support of our dedicated professionals and their families.

Continuing to recognize the fallen, the Gorham Fire Department is still raising funds for their memorial that will be located in an alcove between the new police headquarters and the refurbished fire department building. The monument will have a 6-foot-5-

inch statue of a fireman in full gear in front of three granite tablets that will contain information about the fire department, as well as the names of firefighters who have lost their lives while on duty. According to Fire Chief Lefebvre, the statue, made by Collette Monuments of Lewiston, has been completed and will be shipped next week. He went on to say they have raised \$40,000 toward the final cost of approximately \$55,000.

The Gorham Fire Department is continuing to sell brick pavers to be placed around the monument. These pavers will commemorate past and present members, or their families, of those who served on the fire department. Pavers can be purchased through the town website, www.gorham-me.org, or by calling the Gorham Fire Department at 222-1660. Donations will also be accepted.



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MK Kitchen Treats GEDC Members to Open House



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Members of the Gorham Economic Development Corporation and other invited guests were recently treated to an open house at MK Kitchen. Owner and chef Mitchell Kaldrovich gave a tour of the facility to approximately 15 people, explaining in detail how the restaurant was created, designed and furnished. Pictured from left to right are Town Assessor Mike D'Archangelo, School Superintendent Heather Perry, School Committee member Kathy Garrard, Town Manager David Cole, former Town Councilor Brenda Caldwell, and MK Kitchen owner and chef Mitchell Kaldrovich.

SCHOOL

Gorham Hosts Fresh Air Kids

MALLORY CAMPBELL
GHS student intern



Photo credit Terry Bartick

For the past few years, Gorham families have been taking part in the Fresh Air Fund, a non-profit organization that provides free summer experiences for more than 1.8 million New York City children from low-income neighborhoods.

Each summer about 4,000 inner-city children visit suburban, rural, and small towns across 13 states from Virginia through Canada.

The Barticks, of Gorham, have been a host family for the past three years. This summer will be their third year hosting the same child, Alexander. The family includes Alexander in their summer adventures, while showing him beautiful Maine in the summer.

Greg and Theresa Bartick have two sons, Jackson and Tyler, ages 7 and 9, who get along very well with Alexander. "They do everything from having water gun fights, playing soccer in the yard, to even wrestling just like brothers," said Greg.

Fresh Air Fund children range from ages six to 18. Host families can request an age to fit with their family, and the

The Fresh Air Fund provides kids like Alexander (pictured on left with Tyler on right) with an opportunity to experience activities he normally would not otherwise do at home.

child or teen can stay for up to two weeks experiencing a different lifestyle outside the city.

The Barticks would like to see more families in Maine host kids so they can experience activities and take part in adventures they would not normally be able to do otherwise during their summer.

To become a host family, or learn more about the program and hosting a family in Southern Maine, call Dawn Hansen at (207) 608-0004 or visit www.freshair.org.

School Notes

Great Falls School will have an open house for grades one through five on Monday, August 31 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Village will host an orientation for kindergarten students on Monday, August 31 from 9 to 10 a.m. and grades one through five will have an open house from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. on August 31. Tour the schools, visit new classrooms, meet new teachers, and say hello to new and old friends.

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Two New Faces at the School Committee Board Meetings This Year

ANDREA MORRELL
School News Coordinator

Last year the Gorham School Committee decided to once again invite students to join the committee as non-voting representatives to ensure students a voice in school issues.

Through a formal application process, seniors Muhammad (Humza) Khan and Benjamin Hincer were elected last year to attend Committee meetings and take part in discussions, with the expectation that they were to report back to the student body on current issues in front of the board.

Due to a lack of applications submitted last year, they elected two seniors. Ultimately, however, the Committee wanted to elect one junior who would loop as a senior, becoming mentor to an incoming junior.

After a selection process including: filling out an application; writing an essay; and having a recommendation letter from a teacher, students were then interviewed by a panel of a Committee member, principal, superintendent, guidance counselor, and teaching staff member.

This year Gorham Times intern and GHS senior Avery Arena and senior Kaialee Mercado were chosen. According to Gorham High School assistant principal Brian Jandreau, who was involved in the selection process, "Both are remarkable students who care deeply about GHS and possess a strong desire to help make GHS the best it can be."

"Avery has been a strong student leader since she started high school. In addition to being a stellar student in the classroom and athlete on the field, she has been committed to advocating for students in leadership positions like the GHS Student Council," said Jandreau.

Arena said she applied to the School Committee because she is very interested in local governing and policy. She would like to be able to better understand how each Committee in a community can influence and impact the people both here in Gorham and on a larger scale.

Additionally, she has been involved with student government organiza-



Photo credit Kim Arena



Photo courtesy of Kaialee Mercado

Gorham High School junior Avery Arena and senior Kaialee Mercado were elected to be non-voting student representatives at the Gorham School Committee meetings for the 2015-2016 school year.

tions in the past, like School Council. Arena said, "I would like to see greater involvement of students in the governing bodies as well as expanding participation in extra-circulars. I am really looking forward to having the opportunity to learn from the local leaders and apply what I learn to further my education and future career," said Arena.

"Kaia was new to GHS last year and quickly sought out leadership opportunities including raising awareness of diversity in our school community. As a newer student to GHS, she brings a unique perspective and a strong desire to advocate for her fellow students," said Jandreau.

"I applied because high school is supposed to be the best years of our lives. But for a lot of us it isn't and being on this Committee could possibly help shed some light on why it isn't and change it for them," said Mercado. "There is so much to learn and gain from this position. You see a high school and you think teenagers, teachers, homework, but there is a lot more to making a school run. And I think this is a great chance to see how things fuse together to make Gorham High School what it is."

The two student representatives are expected to attend every meeting and workshop, which occur once a month. They are not allowed to voice any opinion on personnel decisions and have no formal vote but they can participate in deliberations and will be encouraged to give their viewpoints based on student feedback.

GHS Grad National Merit Scholarship Recipient

MALLORY CAMPBELL
GHS student intern

Abraham Eaton, who graduated in June from Gorham High School, was one of eight 2015 seniors in the state of Maine to receive the National Merit Scholarship.

He joins more than 2,200 other college-sponsored award recipients who were recognized at the end of May. National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) works with college sponsors to "recognize scholastically talented youth and encourage the pursuit of academic excellence."

The National Merit Scholarship awards can range from \$500 to \$2,000 annually for up to four years of undergraduate study at the institution financing the scholarship.

Each semifinalist completed a scholarship application that included: an essay, providing proof of leadership contributions and positions in school and community activities; an outstanding academic record, recommended



Photo credit Facebook

Abraham Eaton was one of eight graduating seniors to receive the National Merit Scholarship in the State.

by a high school official; along with SAT scores that fit the requirements of the scholarship.

Eaton was homeschooled, but was an active member of the GHS theatre program and he represented Gorham in wrestling and lacrosse. Eaton ultimately decided to decline the National Merit Scholarship to Liberty University and is currently a student at the United States Air Force Academy.

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Photo credit Ted Chapin

In the Zone

Junior Open Golf Stars: At the Gorham Junior Open on August 12 held at the Gorham Country Club, several Gorham golfers finished among the top three in their respective flights: in the boys' Championship Flight, **Lucas Roop** took first place with a 71 followed by **Marc Yankowsky** (76) and **Cam Stevens** (78). In the boys' A Flight, **Ryan Kaczmarek** finished third with an 84. In the boy's B Flight (9 holes), **Lucas Castles** finished third with a 47.

Gorham Country Club Member Champs: Former GHS athletic director **Gerry Durgin** and current Gorham police officer **Wayne Drown** teamed up to win the Gorham Country Club Member/Member Tournament the weekend of August 8-9. The tandem turned in a stroke total of 118 (24 under par) in the two-round tournament based on the net best-ball stroke total for each hole.

Among the Best Golfers in the State: By performing well in various Maine State Golfing Association events throughout this golf season, **Mike Caron** (GHS Class of 2013) was one of 32 golfers statewide to qualify for the Maine Match Play Championship at Martindale Country Club in Auburn (August 11-13). Caron lost in the first round against John Hayes IV, the reigning state amateur champion.

Gorham Resident Competes in Pickleball Maine Senior Games

CHRIS CRAWFORD
Staff Writer

Karl Frank represented Gorham in the 60-64 age bracket for men's doubles at the Maine Pickleball Senior Games held recently. Frank and his partner, Mark Gray from Freeport, were one of seven teams in their age bracket competing in the double-elimination tournament.

Almost 100 players, men and women, from all over New England and from as far away as Texas, came to participate. The oldest player was 78. The two-day event was scheduled to be played on newly-built courts at the Little Falls Recreation Area but was moved indoors to the Fitness and Racket Center on Route 22 in Westbrook because of the heat and threat of thunderstorms.

Frank, who is new to pickleball, began playing this spring. As a new partnership competing against more advanced players, Frank and his partner set and met their goal of winning at least one game. More importantly, they had a great time playing.

A soccer and basketball athlete in high school, Frank said, "It's been years since I've felt that kind of adrenalin rush that you get in competition." When asked what he likes best about pickleball, Frank said, "Pickleball has not only made me feel 10 years younger, but the good people you meet and the

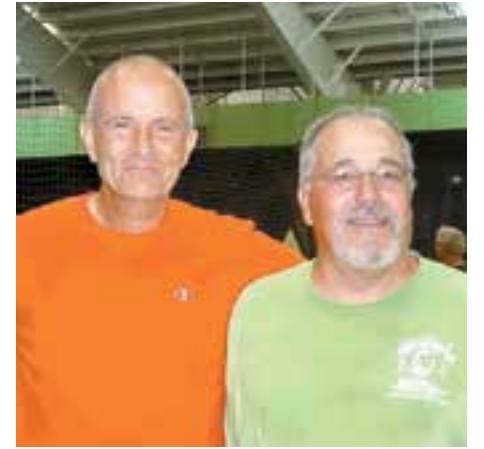


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Karl Frank of Gorham (pictured on right) and Mark Gray of Freeport and competed in the recently-held Maine Senior Pickleball Games.

friendships that develop are also very rewarding."

The Maine Senior Games for men and women ages 45 to 100 are held in various locations around the state from June through November. They offer an opportunity for older adults to have fun and stay fit as they participate in a wide variety of sports and activities such as archery, bowling, basketball, cornhole, cycling, fencing, flag football, golf, horseshoes, racquetball, table tennis, tennis, and track & field. Athletes compete in age brackets in five-year increments.

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Jenny Skolfield Goes the Triathlon Distance

JEFF PIKE
Sports Editor

After giving birth to two sons—Kyle (now 11) and Casey (now 7)—Jenny Skolfield wanted to find something to do that was active, fun and would help her get back in shape. She sure did take her mission seriously: On August 16, Skolfield completed her first Ironman triathlon—a 2.4 mile swim, a 112-mile bike ride and a 26.2-mile run.

Skolfield began her quest about five years ago trying out shorter-distance triathlons, starting at the Sprint level and then working her way through the Olympic and the Half triathlon distances. “I really enjoyed the experience and the other people that competed were fun to be around,” Skolfield says. “As I completed each level, I felt comfortable moving up.”

After finishing more than a dozen triathlons at the three initial levels, Skolfield made the commitment to go for the Ironman distance in 2013. She realized it was a big time commitment and began working with a coach (Bob Turner of 207 Multisport Coaching) for help not only with training, but also in balancing workouts with work commitments and family commitments.

“It takes a family commitment for someone to do this,” Skolfield says. “I received a lot of support from my husband Stan and my sons.”

As Skolfield, who is 41, went through her rigorous training sched-



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Jenny Skolfield completes the August 16 Ironman triathlon that took place at Mont Tremblant in Quebec, Canada. Her adjusted finish time was 13:52:22 for a 2.4-mile swim, a 112-mile bike ride and a 26.2-mile run.

ule, she tried to swim, bike and run three times each week. She used the weekends to stretch the distances. Prior to becoming a triathlete, Skolfield had been a long-distance runner for many years, including competing in cross country and track in high school, but she had never consistently run more than eight or nine miles. She also had no prior experience in either formal biking or swimming.

“But the triathlon was always something I was always interested in,” Skolfield says. “I decided to start biking and swimming at the same time while resuming my running. I also found a women’s triathlon training group and eventually joined the Orthopedics Associates triathlon group in Saco. They helped keep me on track.”

The August 16 triathlon took place at Mont Tremblant in Quebec, Canada. Skolfield set a goal of finishing in 14 hours and managed to come in at 13:52:22, finishing 59th in the female 40-44 division. “It was very hot and humid, so I needed to make sure I cooled down and re-nourished during the breaks,” Skolfield says. “While I was running, I also needed to stop at one point to stretch—I did not want to end up visiting the medical tent!”

In the end, Skolfield finished strong as she knew she would. “I found the mental challenge tougher than the physical challenge,” she says. “I just wanted to finish happy and healthy.”

Looking ahead, Skolfield plans to keep competing in triathlons and will take on another Ironman, but that will be somewhere down the road: “Right now, it’s time for me and my family to take a break.”

Based on her amazing accomplishment, Skolfield and her family definitely do deserve a break.

Harness Racing Event

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 3

“His trainer really liked what he saw during his workouts and his races, so we were confident Donatomite would do well in the Hambletonian,” Andrew says.

Andrew grew up at Three Crow Farm and was a professor at the University of New Hampshire for many years. He moved back to Gorham in 1975 and started raising horses for harness racing in 1980. He currently owns 25 horses.

In addition to the success of Donatomite, Andrew has owned and raised several other successful horses. This includes Like a Bat Out of Hell, who earned more than \$1 million and was the world harness racing champion in 2006. “He was the first world champion bred in the state of Maine since the 1890s,” Andrew says. “He’s now retired and living here on the farm.”

Malvictorian, Donatomite’s mother, also lives on the farm. She gave birth to another horse—Little Brown Fox—that earned more than \$1 million as a three-year-old. Donatomite also has a one-year-old sister at Three Crow Farm.

As for the near future for Donatomite, Andrew says, “We will probably hold him out of the second leg of the Triple Crown, but we plan to run him in other big races. We also plan to enter him in third leg of Triple Crown.”

That event, the Kentucky Futurity, takes place October 10. The town of Gorham will certainly be pulling for a big day for Donatomite.

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SPORTS

Gorham Athletic Boosters Rebuilds and Contributes to GHS Sports

MALLORY CAMPBELL
Gorham Times Intern

For last two years, the Gorham Athletic Boosters has not only been successful in rebuilding their program, but also in raising money for new equipment and overall enhancements for the sports programs at GHS. Just this past year, the program provided a new batting cage, replaced an old sound system for the outdoor fields, and bought new equipment bags for the GHS lacrosse teams.

On June 19, the Gorham Athletic Boosters partnered with Gorham Business Exchange and held a golf tournament at the Gorham Country Club to help raise money for two scholarships that will be given to graduating seniors—one who plans on pursuing a career in business, and

the other who has shown interest in civic affairs. The two organizations proudly raised \$5,000 with the tournament.

Currently, the Boosters are working on funding for a new weight room at GHS. The plan is to make the weight room friendly for all athletes in Gorham, no matter the sport they play. For the 2015-2016 year, the Boosters are also planning on purchasing a new pole vault mat for the track team.

The current board members for the organization include President Kelley Burghardt, Vice President Jodi Polchies, Fundraising Director Marie Rowe, Communications Director Chris Gordon, Secretary Brenda Orach, Treasurer Lisa Burns, and Concession Director Ellen Gowen.

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Gorham High School Class of 1975 40th Reunion will be held at Moody's Collision Center Function Room, 200 Narragansett Street in Gorham on Saturday, Sept. 12 from 4 to 10 p.m. FMI, Donna Keene Shaw at 831-2203, dks321@aol.com; Peter Godfrey at 892-5976, pgmcginn@gmail.com; or John Sawyer at 839-6771, johnsawyer@maine.rr.com.

Gorham Savings Bank recently announced the appointment Christopher Claudio of Yarmouth to its Board of Directors. Claudio is the CEO and co-founder of Winxnet, an IT outsourcing and consulting firm.



The Gorham Garden Club will hold a "Pies, Plants & Produce" fundraiser on Saturday, Sept. 12 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at 67 South Street in front of the Baxter Museum. FMI, 839-3878.

West Gorham Union Church, located at 190 Ossipee Trail, will hold a Public Supper on Saturday, Sept. 5 from 5 – 6 p.m. Tickets on sale at 4 p.m. \$8/\$3 under 12. Three kinds of beans, hotdogs, casseroles, salads and pies! FMI, 839-4208.

Gorham Community Access Television (GOCAT) is looking for musical groups and poets to record at the studio. Please send a recording or a link to a recording for submission. You may also contact us at gocat@gorham.me.us or 207-222-1641 for more information. You will be provided with a copy of the performance and GOCAT will run your session on local television.

Noted pianist and organist, Hanna Powell, will play an organ recital at Redeemer Lutheran Church (410 Main Street in Gorham) on Saturday, Aug. 29 at 4 p.m. The concert will include works by Reger, Lubeck, Stanley, Bach, Kuusisto, and Vierne. The concert is free.

A Baked Bean Supper will be held at Cressey Road United Methodist Church in Gorham on Saturday, Aug. 29 at 5 & 6 p.m. Proceeds to benefit No More Malaria. \$8pp.

Cressey Road United Methodist Church in Gorham will hold a "Blue Service" (referring to the blue uniform worn by public safety personnel) on Sunday, Sept. 13 at 2 p.m. Aerial ladder trucks from Buxton and Windham Fire Departments will display a large American flag honoring area fire fighters, rescue personnel and law enforcement and their families for their faithful commitment, dedication and self-sacrifice. People of all faiths are encouraged to attend to show their support for these dedicated professionals and their families. FMI, 839-3111.

St. Anne's Catholic Church Faith Formation Classes begin on Sunday, Sept. 13 at 9:20 a.m. for grades K-8. A presentation of new diocesan policies for sacramental preparation will be explained. High school teens and parents are invited to a welcome pizza party on Saturday, Sept. 12. Fr. Nathan March will work with teens and adult volunteers. And finally, a 24-week historical overview of the Old Testament will be offered in October on Wednesday evenings or Thursday mornings. FMI, 839-5427 to receive materials.

There is still time to register for Book Club Celebration on Wednesday Sept. 16. This event is for adults in local book clubs or who are interested in learning more about book clubs. Catered refreshments will be served. Please register by Sept. 9 at www.baxterlibrary.org. FMI, please call the library at 222-1190.

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 in the former Little Falls School on Acorn St., is a great place for daily socializing, inde-

pendent activities and good conversation with Mahjong lessons on Monday; poker, crafting and card games on Tuesday; Chair Yoga with a Nutrition and Weight Support Group on Wednesday; and Bingo on Thursday. FMI, call Cheryl 892-9879 or Blanche 892-5604.

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

CLOSE TO HOME

The Maine DEP will be sponsoring a free disposal program for banned or unused pesticides in October. The collection will take place in Portland. You must pre-register for this event by Sept. 25, 2015. Click [HERE](#) to register. FMI, www.thinkfirstspraylast.org or 207-287-2731

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The 5th Annual Woodard & Curran Foundation 3.14 mile "Easy as Pi" Road and Trail Race will take place on Saturday, Aug. 29 at 41 Hutchins Drive, Portland. \$20 pre-register/\$25 day of race. Pie for runners and walkers at the end of race! FMI, amasterson@woodardcurran.com or www.woodardcurranfoundation.org or 774-2112.

53 Years and Counting in White Rock: The Place to Live Perennially



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Annette and Jon Stevens currently live in Perennial Place, the converted apartment complex that, until last year, used to be White Rock Elementary School. For 53 years the Stevenses lived one street over from the White Rock School. In fact, their daughter was among the first students to attend the school. Now they live in the space that was the school cafeteria.

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\$5,000 Raised for GHS Scholarships! The Gorham Athletic Boosters and Gorham Business Exchange (GBE) co-hosted a golf tournament in June to raise \$5,000 for two college scholarships to be presented to graduating GHS seniors in 2016. Shown above in the ceremony during which the GBE presented the check, from left to right, are Steve Smith, Gorham Athletic Boosters past president; Tim Spear, GHS athletic director; Kelley Burghardt, Gorham Athletic Boosters current president; Megan LaBrie, GBE executive director; David Willis, GBE Golf Scramble chair and GBE vice president; and Keith Nicely, GBE president.

Burghardt talks of how the community can get more involved in the Boosters and fundraising: "We are always looking for new members, or for those in the community to just come in and listen during our meetings."

Burghardt also mentions how she would like to better inform the community about the organization's mission and what their plans for the future hold. The Gorham Athletic

Boosters would also like to get students more involved in fundraising in order to bond the community more. There has even been talk of a homecoming week up to celebrate GHS and its sport programs.

Meetings are held the second Monday of every month with the next meeting taking place September 14 at 6:30 p.m. in the GHS library. Anyone interested in helping is welcome to attend.

The Eagle has Landed



Photo credit Cindy O'Shea

This bald eagle has been seen many times in the meadow in front of the Meadow Crossing housing development on Fort Hill Road. Cindy and Pat O'Shea heard a loud banging on their roof. When they went outside to determine the cause of the noise, they found an eagle sitting on their roof holding a large branch.



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Caller from Douglas Street said a dog from Sunrise had come over and was harassing her cat and cat should not have to put up with it.

Tink Drive caller reported kids in his neighborhood were speaking negatively about him as he is a registered sex offender. Caller's girlfriend tried confronting the mother of some of the kids but got turned away. Officer spoke with both families and they agreed to avoid further contact.

Suspicious person on North Gorham Road was collecting water for his son's pool.

Suspicious person who had pulled over at Fort Hill Park was making phone calls as he had better service at that location. He was asked to move along.

Alden Lane man wanted to provide an additional statement about more charges he wanted to press against his ex.

Following a crash in the rotary at the bypass on South Street, the driver was arrested for OUI, operating without a license and violation conditions of release. He had knocked over a light pole and the pole was blocking traffic. Another driver had not seen the downed pole and had driven into it causing his front bumper to come loose.

Officer escorted an elderly driver, who was lost on River Road, to her destination in Windham.

Several officers responded to Fort Hill Park for a disturbance. Multiple people were yelling. The fight was over cigarettes but no crime had been committed.

Suspicious person on Hebert Way was man sitting in his truck on his own property talking on his phone.

Officer called male subject and told him to stop calling and coming into the store while the complainant was at work. Man claimed woman was exaggerating the entire deal.

Officer assisted Cumberland County Sheriff's Office with verbal domestic involving three intoxicated subjects.

Baby squirrel fell from its nesting area on Elm Street. It was small and unstable but people were feeding it pecans. Officer advised he was not going to dispatch a squirrel. Residents left it alone and it took off.

Driver stopped on Flagg Meadow Road was charged with OUI refusal and operating without a license.

Lawn Avenue caller had a skunk in her Havahart® trap instead of the intended groundhog. Animal Control Officer placed a tarp over the trap and opened the door. Skunk did not leave. Door was left open and caller was advised to watch for skunk activity.

Sanborn Street caller reported his dog had barked at a car that had driven by multiple times. He did not have description of the vehicle.

Officer responded to a disturbance on Dragonfly Lane. Two brothers were arguing over a tree that had been cut down.

Caller from church on Cornucopia Way requested special attention as a church member had made threats.

Report of something suspicious on the bypass turned out to be a lunch box.

Suspicious person on New Portland Road had pulled over to look at something.

Veranda Drive caller looking for assistance in evicting a tenant was told both times it was a civil issue.

Officer located woman being sought by Windham Police Department and stood by with her until Windham arrived to arrest her.

Free ranging chicken had been strolling into caller's yard on Barstow Road. Caller concerned about his liability if his "bird" dog attacked the chicken. Animal Control Officer told man he was not liable for any injuries to chicken while it was on his property.

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CALENDAR

SATURDAY, AUG. 29

- Greater Gorham Farmer's Market, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
- Organ recital, Redeemer Lutheran Church, 4 p.m. FMI, 839-7100.
- Baked Bean Supper, Cressey Road United Methodist Church, 5 & 6 p.m. Proceeds to benefit No More Malaria. \$8pp.

MONDAY, AUG. 31

- Back to School for grades K, 6 & 9.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 1

- Back to School for all grades.
- 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.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 5

- Greater Gorham Farmer's Market, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
- West Gorham Union Church Public Supper, 5-6 p.m. \$8/\$3 under 12.

MONDAY, SEPT. 7

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

TUESDAY, SEPT. 8

- Pre-School Story Time—Apple Theme, 9:30 a.m., ages 3-5, Baxter Memorial Library.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 10

- Baby and Me, 9:30 a.m., birth-18 mos., Baxter Memorial Library.
- Toddler Time, 10 a.m., 18-36 mos., Baxter Memorial Library.
- Goodwill Industries Warehouse Tour, 34 Hutcherson Drive, Gorham, 2-3 p.m. Open to public. FMI, ken.christian@goodwillnne.org or (207) 774-6323.
- Gorham Woman's Club meeting, First Parish Church. 12:30 p.m. refreshments and 1 p.m. program. Guests are welcome.

Baxter Memorial Library, 71 South St.
 Cressey Road United Methodist Church, 81 Cressey Rd.
 First Parish Church, 1 Church St.
 Gorham House, 50 New Portland Rd.
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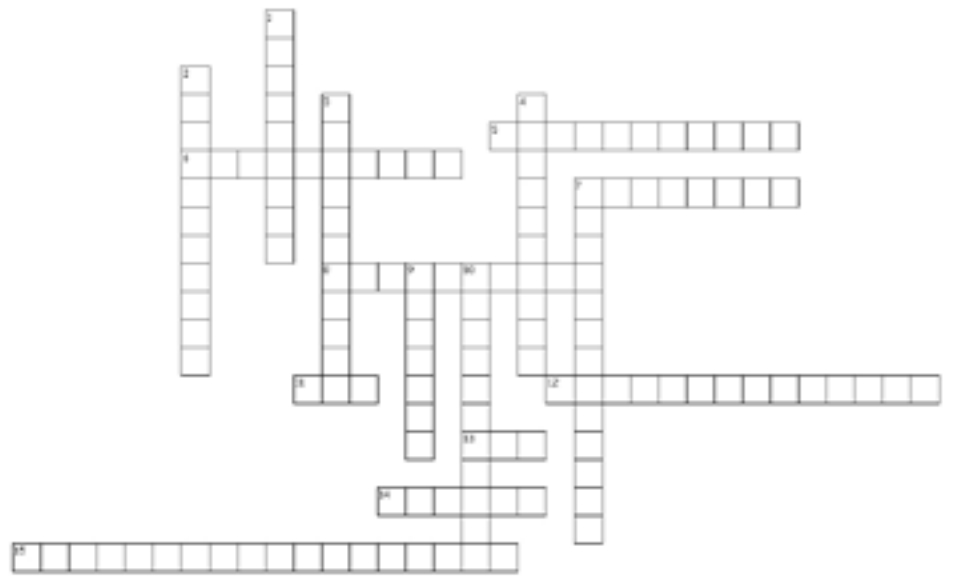
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Across:

- 3. Created the "Gorham's Rangers"
- 4. Gorham store for bibliophiles
- 5. Gorham's favorite news source!
- 8. Gorham's newest restaurant
- 10. Local pizza joint
- 11. Founder of Beal's Ice Cream
- 12. July 18, 2008
- 14. Raid that resulted in the burning of the Gorham meeting house and sawmill in this 1745 war

Down:

- 1. Founded in 1908
- 2. Gorham's collision Center
- 3. Born in the Baxter House
- 5. Founded in 1824 on the Presumpscot
- 6. Gorham physics teacher who won Survivor
- 7. Bridge that connects Windham and Gorham
- 9. Acronym for where a series of speeches took place during a snowstorm on December 26, 1878
- 13. GHS mascot

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Staff of Over Two Decades

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In 2007, Andrea Morrell, our current school news coordinator, became editor. Morrell originally interned as a recently graduated senior at Gorham High School when the paper initially was created. She recalls interviewing influential members of our community, including Maurice Whitten. When Morrell became editor she worked with the layout coordinator to start building gorhamtimes.com.

Sue Dunn took over as editor in 2008. She had been involved with the paper for many years as interim publisher and writer. During her tenure, the Gorham Times became available online. "Having one place to find all the issues for reference seemed like a great idea." Dunn also commented that the Times is an integral part of the community that really does bring all of the news to Gorham--in print and online.

Bob Sharp held the editor position for a short while in 2010, and in July of that same year our current editor, Karen DiDonato, came on board. DiDonato brought technology to the paper by using file-sharing programs to better streamline the editorial and advertising processes. DiDonato thought it important to interact with the community by stepping up communications on social media. The Gorham Times went from a few hundred Facebook fans to nearly 1,500 today.

Layout Coordinators

While their titles have somewhat changed over the years, we have had four layout coordinators. The person in charge of this role takes the editorial content, photographs, and advertisements (some of which they have designed), and places them on the page as you see it today.

Ginny Wilder-Cross was our first layout designer and publisher. It was Wilder-Cross who put our ideas for the paper into perspective. Her busi-

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Lennie and Dennis Cross took over the layout and publishing of the paper. They were a godsend and worked countless hours learning how to produce a newspaper. They turned their living room into a maze of computers, screens, and ever increasing technical equipment and software.

Jeannine Owens took over as designer in 2003. Owens worked not only on the design, layout, and production, she also created a broader web presence.

Shirley Douglas is the current layout coordinator. She has been designing ads and creating the layout since August 2012. Douglas enjoys being a part of the production team, bringing the news to the Gorham community.

Business Managers, Bookkeepers, Advertising Coordinators

Lennie Cross, an original member of the startup team, worked as advertising sales coordinator while her husband Dennis Cross kept us in good financial shape.

Our very first sales team was Donna Shaw and Vickie Woodbrey. They walked around town collecting hand written ads, which we then created for the paper.

Mary Sawyer, Nancy Hawkes, and Nancy Robitaille were also extremely helpful with the book keeping.

Sandra Wilson, a do-all Gorham Times volunteer who started in our second year, took over the advertising and business functions for

the paper for many years. Wilson proved to be the ultimate volunteer/staff member, always doing whatever was needed and with little fanfare or notice.

Sue Dunn, another longtime do-everything staff member, took over the finance and advertising load for a couple years.

When Dunn stepped down, Stacy Sallinen stepped up from her role as school news coordinator to business manager. Sallinen started much like Wilson and Dunn, volunteering in various areas of the paper and soon rising to critically important roles. She is now both our business manager and advertising coordinator after DaraLyn McColl stepped down.

We always seem to need more volunteers. Who will be the next to start slow and move up the ladder?

Special Thanks

Thank you to our distribution team for getting the paper to over 100 pick-up locations as well as Hannaford. Specific thanks go to Jason Beever, Scott Burnheimer, Chris Crawford, Bob Mulkern, and John Richard for being with us the longest, and to Janice and Jim Boyko for the use of their barn for so many years.

Gorham in 1995

President: Bill Clinton

Vice President: Al Gore

Maine Governor: Angus King, Jr.

Maine State Senator (Gorham, Standish, Westbrook): Donald Esty, Jr. (D)

State Representatives: Robert Pendleton, Jr. (R) and Janice Labrecque (R)

Cost of a first-class stamp: \$0.32

Cost of a gallon of regular gas: \$1.15

Cost of a dozen eggs: \$1.16

Cost of a gallon of milk: \$2.96

Jess Allen was GHS Senior Class President.

The newly expanded and renovated Gorham High School and Gorham Performing Arts Center was dedicated on December 10, 1995.

Gorham High School presented "The Importance of Being Earnest" in December 1995 at the Gorham High School Performing Arts Center.

Crossword Answers

Across: 3. John Gorham, 4. Bookworm, 5. Gorham Times, 8. MK Kitchen, 10. GHOP & Amatos, 11. Roy Beal, 12. Microburst, 14. King George's War

Down: 1. Baxter Library, 2. Moody's, 3. James Phinney Baxter, 5. Gambo Powder, 6. Bob Crowley, 7. Babb's Bridge, 9. USM, 13. Rams



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