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Voting Guide: What's on Your Ballot

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Editor

Election Day is Tuesday, November 8. The polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Gorham is comprised of three wards that are divided by physical address. Ward 1-1 is at Gorham Middle School on Weeks Road; Ward 1-2 is at Little Falls Activity Center at 40 Acorn Street; and Ward 2 is at Shaw Gym in the Gorham Municipal Center. Visit www.gorham-me.org and click "Voting Information" to determine which ward you are located in.

If you would like to register to vote in Gorham, visit the Clerk's office and fill out a voter registration card. If you are a new voter in Maine, you must show ID for proof of identity (license, photo ID, passport, school ID) as well as proof of Gorham residency (photo ID or license with Gorham address on it, car registration, utility bill or mail). A college student needs photo ID, license or USM ID for proof of identity. The Town office has a list with USM dorm addresses that can be used for proof of residency.

A voter who does not have a valid Maine Driver's license or Maine State ID, may register by listing the last four digits of their Social Security number. If you are eligible to vote but have none of these documents, you may register to vote by showing proof of Gorham residency, such as a utility bill or bank statement.

Voter registration can take place anytime during the Town Clerk's office hours: Monday - Wednesday 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Thursday 8:00 a.m. - 6:30 p.m., and Friday 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., or you may register to vote on Election Day.

As the office is busy before any election, residents are encouraged to register to vote well before Election Day. Absentee ballot applications are now being accepted. There will be two weeks of absentee voting from October 24 through November 3 during normal business hours.

In addition to the presidential contest, Gorham voters will elect three Town Council members, two School Committee members, a representative to Congress, a State Senator and two representatives to the Legislature. Voters will also weigh in on five state referendum questions and one bond issue.

Town Council candidates are James Hager, Ben Hartwell, and Paul Smith. Kyle Currier is running uncontested for the School Committee. Please see our issue dated October 6 to review their candidate profiles.

Candidates for other elected offices are as follows:

Rep. to Congress: Mark Holbrook (R) and Chellie Pingree (D)

State Senator: Jean-Marie Caterina (D) and Amy Volk (R)

Rep. to Legislature (Dist. 27): Andrew McLean (D) and Jim Means (R)

Rep. to Legislature (Dist. 26): Matt Mattingly (R) and Maureen Terry (D)

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Gorham Golf Earns State Class A Title



Photo courtesy of Cathy Stevens

Members of the Gorham High School varsity golf team celebrated their big win at Natanis Golf Course on October 8. Pictured from left to right are Jordan Allen, Lucas Roop, Marc Yankowsky, Brandon Desjardin, Ryan Kaczmarek and Cam Stevens.

HAL D'AMICO
Sports Editor

The Gorham and Mt. Ararat varsity golf squads intensified the gallery's excitement at Natanis Golf Course in Vassalboro on October 8 as Gorham won the State Class A title in a tiebreaker.

Five Gorham players teed off, and the top four scores produced a 317 round, mirroring Mt. Ararat's. GHS came in with Ryan Kaczmarek (77), Lucas Roop (79), Brandon Desjardin (80), and Marc

Yankowsky (81). The tiebreaker was determined by the fifth player's score. Cam Stevens' 82 sealed the deal for Gorham, who had finished 7-3 in regular season play, which included tough, close losses.

Coach Rick Altham, in his eighth season coaching the Rams, spoke of his team, "I can't say enough about them!" The players were veterans showing tenacity, poise and composure. A couple of players shot career bests. "They were not afraid of the situation," added Altham. He continued, "Experience played a role in the outcome." Kaczmarek and Roop are juniors, while the others in the tournament are seniors.

Altham's players adhere to a message delivered and reiterated from day one until the last round is played. He said, "We focus on a disciplined process of improving all the time, leadership, and hard work." He coaches them to maintain this focus and reminds them to, "Let the results take care of themselves." While they've experienced "lots of close losses to really good teams over the past few years," Altham noted signs of improvement as the season developed, and in all aspects of the process.

With three hour daily practices, they work on the long and short game. Vital to the team's success is the emphasis

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Reflections of Fall

Gorham Times photographer, Roger Marchand, captured the changing leaves while kayaking on the Presumpscot River recently. To learn more about paddling options in this area, see our Take a Hike/Paddle article on Page 6.

Photo credit Roger Marchand

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SEMIFINALISTS FOR NATIONAL
MERIT SCHOLARSHIP

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Policy on News from Augusta: The Gorham Times asked our three state legislators from Senate District 30, House District 26 and House District 27 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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Southern Maine Must Play Major Role in Bridging Engineering Shortage

SENATOR AMY VOLK

A few weeks ago I had the privilege of attending the Maine Engineering Workforce Summit in Lewiston. The purpose of the forum was to address the state's looming shortage of engineers and present a call to action to increase the number of graduates in this important field.

The need for engineers at Maine businesses is outstripping the supply at a troubling rate. Maine State Chamber of Commerce President Dana Connors recently noted in the Bangor Daily News that there were 1,450 job openings for engineers in Maine last year, and that is roughly four times the number of engineers who graduate college in Maine every year. Connors also points out that in coming years, the state will need nearly twice as many engineers as it is currently producing. Even more alarming, more than a quarter of the state's current engineers are 55 or older and will be retiring soon.

More than 70 percent of Maine's international exports rely on engineers for their design and production. The presence of qualified, reliable engi-

neers on staff is critical to the success of our businesses.

In order to bridge the gap, we need to attract more of our best students, particularly those who excel in math and science, to Maine's engineering programs. In order to do this, experts say, we need to expand and upgrade our engineering teaching facilities.

For many years, the University of Maine at Orono and Maine Maritime Academy have been regarded as the state's standard bearers when it comes to graduating engineers, and for good reason. The school is regarded among the best in the nation for engineering. But increasingly, the University of Southern Maine is coming into its own.

Carlos Lück, an associate professor of electrical engineering at the University of Southern Maine, recently noted in the Portland Press Herald that USM had been producing about 10 engineering graduates annually until 2005. But after expanding the program in 2007, USM has increased that number to 50 annually. The engineering program is growing, he says, and shows no sign of slowing down.

This bodes well for both those who

wish to pursue engineering careers in southern Maine, where the bulk of the state's population resides. For many of them, the cost and time commitment associated with studying in Orono or out of state is out of reach. Attending classes at the Gorham or Portland campus allows them convenience and flexibility. It is also a positive development for local employers who can offer students internships and then good-paying jobs — right here in Maine — when they graduate.

Despite these positive developments, the shortage of engineers in Maine is acute, and we must take steps to address it. As noted at the summit in Lewiston, finding solutions will take the cooperation of policy makers, lawmakers and industry leaders to meet the growing need of engineers so Maine can have a sustainable economy.



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Around Town

Town Manager David Cole presented a 10-year service pin to Gail Platts of the Gorham Recreation Department.

Gorham residents can now register their dogs for 2017 at www.gorham-me.org/Public_Documents/GorhamME_Webdocs/ online or visit the Town Clerk's Office. Be sure to have a current rabies certificate with you. Current dog licenses for 2016 will expire on December 31, 2016.

The last Greater Gorham Farmers Market this fall will be held on Saturday, October 29. There will be trick or treating for any child dressed up in a costume that day.

The Public Works Department will be accepting brush at 80 Huston Road between 8 a.m.- noon on Saturday, October 22. Brush disposal is offered for Gorham residents only. No stumps will be accepted.

Superintendent Heather Perry encourages anyone who wants to serve on the School Committee to contact the Town Clerk before Election Day for an opportunity to be a write-in candidate.

Letters 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,

I will enthusiastically vote for Jean-Marie Caterina for Senate District 30. As a successful small business owner herself and long-time promoter of local entrepreneurship that drives economic growth, she will translate that expertise into dynamic programs at the state level. I am convinced that the hard work and leadership she has demonstrated on the Scarborough Town Council will result in very effective representation for us in the Senate.

Our property taxes keep going up while the wealthy have received large

tax breaks in Maine. One of Jean-Marie's priorities will be to work for tax fairness for the middle class, not big corporations who fail to deliver on job promises. She was a leader on the Town Council in developing property tax rebate relief for seniors and has pledged to continue her support for senior issues such as housing in Augusta.

Sincerely,
 Caroline Lienhardt

Dear Gorham Times,

As I drive to Gorham via the New Portland Road, I look at the Chapman land each time I pass by. I enjoyed the article in the Gorham Times and look

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Warm Feet For Veterans Project

The Marine Corps League Detachment 1324 will be collecting warm winter socks, jackets, gloves, and blankets (for all ages and sizes, men, women, boys and girls and babes in arms) for homeless veterans and their families in the Portland Area during the months of October, November and December.

Collection boxes are already in place at Mr. Bagel in Gorham, Marden's in S. Portland, and Cabela's in Scarborough.

These items will be donated to local shelters or agencies that assist homeless veterans and their families in the Portland, Gorham, Westbrook, Windham and Gray areas.

FMI in the Portland area, contact Herb Broy at 207-653-3543, in Gorham and Westbrook call Robert Skinner at 207-653-1752, or in Windham & Gray, call Jay McKenna at 207-893-1969

forward to all the wonderful plans for the land.

But, today I was pleasantly surprised to see a large flock of Canada geese taking in the new pond and surrounding new sprouting grasses. I was wondering about why the other pond was being pumped to the front wet area. Now I know why.

I enjoy living in Gorham and seeing all the wonderful wild life we have here, even though we have so much development. Thank you Moody family. That made my day!

Sincerely,
Einger Desjardins

Dear Gorham Times,

It has been my great privilege and honor to represent parts of Gorham and Buxton in the State Legislature over the past 8 years. Now that I am termed out, I am anxious to pass this privilege on to a person I respect and trust to make wise and thoughtful decisions for the people of Gorham and the State of Maine.

That person is Maureen (Mo) Terry, a resident of Maine over the past 25 years, who has raised her three daughters in Gorham and understands the needs of this community well. Mo brings many excellent skills to this job.

Mo is a small business owner and chef, currently baking her granola right here in town. She serves as a market manager of the Gorham Farmers Market, much loved by the greater Gorham community as a resource for locally grown agricultural products and for supporting our local farmers.

She has a passion to make sure our schools provide the very best education possible and allow every student to succeed. Mo acts on this passion by volunteering on the board of the Gorham Cooperative Preschool and Gorham Education Foundation.

No matter where Mo's daughters receive their higher education, Mo and her husband Parnell, as with most families, would like to see their children return home to Maine to work and raise their families. This will require more opportunities for good quality jobs in the technology, clean energy and financial sectors. Mo will work toward this goal.

Finally, Mo will work to ensure our seniors are able to stay in their homes and enjoy a secure retirement.

Please join me in voting for Maureen Terry, State Representative for Gorham in November.

Sincerely,
Rep. Linda Sanborn

Dear Gorham Times,

I am writing today because I am so enthused to endorse Maureen "Mo" Terry for state representative. Mo will fill the shoes that Linda Sanborn is leaving. Mo has a background in business and understands the needs of every resident in Gorham. One thing that I love about Mo is that she is down to earth.

If you haven't talked to Mo, I suggest you take five minutes and talk with her. You will be amazed with her knowledge of the issues that affect Maine residents. More importantly, Mo listens. Mo will be an advocate for all of us in Augusta, whether you are Independent, Republican, or a Democrat. When I think about who I want to have represent me in Augusta, one name always comes into my mind, and that's Maureen Terry.

Forrest Genthner

Dear Gorham Times,

As a fairly liberal person who long ago lost patience with the political discourse in our federal government, and over the last six years with our state government, I am at a crossroads in choosing who to vote for in local elections. I do not fully agree with one party line or another, nor have I found my views in total alignment with a single candidate.

So what is a voter to do? Cut down to the core values and discover the character of the candidates. Vote for those who display the attributes you value most. For me these include integrity, work ethic, and mutual respect. Back in the spring of this year, I reached out to Amy to ask her to vote to override the governor's veto of LD1649 (net metering). I was most impressed with her prompt response supporting the override despite specific reservations she had about its impact on energy costs. Amy was determined to stick to the commitments she had already made on the measure. This fall, I will be voting for Amy Volk. This is a vote for moderate representation for the town of Gorham in our state government. Someone who is willing and able to see both sides of the issue and vote for what she believes is right. Amy has often stood up for what she believes in and what her constituents want even if it meant sometimes crossing party lines, and Amy is most definitely the candidate that best represents my family and the town of Gorham. Even when we disagree on an issue she is always willing to listen to the concerns and perspectives of the other side. We don't need ideologues in the state Legislature, we need level headed thinkers like Senator Volk.

Senator Amy Volk has my vote, she deserves the support of Gorham as well.

Sincerely,
Bradford Sprague

Cumberland County Register of Probate: Nadeen Daniels (D) and James Hughes (R)

Cumberland County Commissioner (Cumberland County ME Commissioner District 1): Neil Jamieson Jr. (D) is running uncontested.

The statewide referendum questions, which will appear in the same order on the November 8th ballot, are as follows:

Question 1: An Act to Legalize Marijuana. "Do you want to allow the possession and use of marijuana under state law by persons who are at least 21 years of age, and allow the cultivation, manufacture, distribution, testing, and sale of marijuana and marijuana products subject to state regulation, taxation and local ordinance?"

Question 1 was designed to legalize, regulate, and tax marijuana in Maine as an agricultural product. The measure would allow individuals over the age of 21 to possess and use marijuana, and would also provide for the licensure of retail facilities and marijuana social clubs. The measure would provide that the marijuana industry be regulated by the Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, that municipalities can limit the operation of retail stores, and that a 10 percent tax be placed on marijuana sales.

Question 2: An Act to Establish the Fund to Advance Public Kindergarten to Grade 12 Education. "Do you want to add a 3 percent tax on individual Maine taxable income above \$200,000 to create a state fund that would provide direct support for student learning in kindergarten through 12th grade public education?"

Question 2 was designed to enact a 3 percent tax on individual income taxes for household income greater than \$200,000. This would mean that a household with an income of \$280,000 would have to pay an additional 3 percent on \$80,000 annually.

Question 3: An Act to Require Background Checks for Gun Sales. "Do you want to require background checks prior to the sale or transfer of firearms between individuals not licensed as firearms dealers, with failure to do so punishable by law, and with some exceptions for family members, hunting, self-defense, lawful competitions, and shooting range activities?"

If approved, Question 3 would also require that in cases when neither party is licensed, they must meet at a licensed dealer, who would then complete a background check on the transferee. Background check exceptions would include emergency self-defense, while the parties are hunting or sport shooting, and transfers between family members.

Question 4: An Act to Raise the Minimum Wage. "Do you want to raise the minimum hourly wage of \$7.50 to \$9 in 2017, with annual \$1 increases up to \$12 in 2020, and annual cost-of-living increases thereafter; and do you want to raise the direct wage for service workers who receive tips from half the minimum wage to \$5 in 2017, with annual \$1 increases until it reaches the adjusted minimum wage?"

In addition to incrementally increasing the general minimum wage to \$12 an hour by 2020, Question 4 was also designed to increase the direct wage for tipped workers from half of the minimum wage to \$5 an hour in 2017. The minimum wage for tipped workers would continue to increase by \$1 per year until it is equal to the general minimum wage, with a deadline of 2024.

Question 5: An Act to Establish Ranked-Choice Voting. "Do you want to allow voters to rank their choices of candidates in elections for U.S. Senate, Congress, Governor, State Senate, and State Representative, and to have ballots counted at the state level in multiple rounds in which last-place candidates are eliminated until a candidate wins majority?"

Question 5 defines ranked-choice voting as "the method of casting and tabulating votes in which voters rank candidates in order of preference, tabulation proceeds in sequential rounds in which last-place candidates are defeated and the candidate with the most votes in the final round is elected."

The November ballot includes a **Maine Transportation Bond, also known as Question 6** which asks: "Do you favor a \$100,000,000 bond issue for construction, reconstruction and rehabilitation of highways and bridges and for facilities, equipment and property acquisition related to ports, harbors, marine transportation, freight and passenger railroads, aviation, transit and bicycle and pedestrian trails, to be used to match an estimated \$137,000,000 in federal and other funds?"

Of the \$100 million, \$80 million is designed to go towards the construction and maintenance of highways and bridges, and \$20 million is earmarked for facilities and equipment related to "ports, harbors, marine transportation, aviation, freight and passenger railroads, and bicycle and pedestrian trails that preserve public safety or otherwise have demonstrated high transportation economic value."

If you have any questions regarding Election Day, please contact the Town Clerk's office at 222-1670.



THANK YOU!!

We would like to thank everyone who came out to support **Helping Paws ME** on Oct 1st; a great time was had by all! Special thanks to the following for the more than generous donations:

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We are so very proud to be able to share that over **\$11,000** was raised!!

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State Senate and Representative Candidate Profiles

Profile information is provided by each candidate and is the opinion/comment of the writer and not that of the Gorham Times.

SENATE DISTRICT 30

Full Name: Jean-Marie Caterina



Photo courtesy of Jean-Marie Caterina

Address: 311 Gorham Road, Scarborough

Education: B.A. in Political science/Public administration, UMO; MSW, Boston College

Personal: Married to Geoff MacLean, one adult daughter. Brother, John Caterina, is a teacher and coach at Gorham High School

Employment: Owner and President – Caterina MacLean Group, Residential Real Estate Sales; Town Councilor - Scarborough; Formerly: Assistant Commissioner of Labor for Legislative Affairs, Latin teacher, Child Protective Services social worker, Job developer for persons with disabilities.

Political and community experience: I am currently a Scarborough Town Councilor. I'm also a volunteer and supporter of Project Grace and Operation Hope, and a member of Buy Local, Scarborough. I have served as Vice Chair, Chair of Ordinance Committee, Chair of the Firing Range Committee, Liaison to the Conservation Committee, Scarborough Chamber of Commerce, and the Long Range Planning Committee.

What do you see as the major issues for our community and how do you plan to address these issues?

I am running for Senate District 30 because I think that elected officials should be responsive to the needs of our families and communities. We cannot keep asking towns to pass increased property taxes for middle class families, seniors on fixed incomes, and small business owners while corporations and big businesses receive tax breaks. I hear this frequently while talking to people at their homes.

In Scarborough, I worked on a program that make rebates of up to \$500 available to vulnerable seniors. I have been a vocal advocate for the release of bonds to build affordable senior housing. We need to take a close look at tax policy in this state and make adjustments to make sure that everyone is paying their fair share. This means restoring Municipal Revenue Sharing, examining the income tax, and restoring true Circuit Breaker programs.

Additionally, we need to view public education as an investment in our future. Funding public schools at all levels is a priority if we are to strengthen our economic vitality. The Legislature should be funding schools at 55%. The charter schools who can pick and choose whom they serve should not be allowed to draw money away from public education funding.

Finally, we need to return the state legislature to the people. I chose to run as a Clean Elections candidate because I do not want to owe any special interests anything if I am elected to this position. Having worked with the legislature previously, I have a clear understanding of the undue influence of lobbyists and others from outside the state upon citizen legislators. We must reduce the impact of this influence.

Full Name: Amy Fern Volk



File photo

Address: 4 Elbridge Oliver Way, Scarborough

Education: B.A. in Science Human Development, University of Maine

Personal: Married to Derek Volk, four children ranging in ages 12-25

Employment: Small business owner

Political and community experience: Senate Chair of Joint Standing Committee on Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development; Member of Joint Standing Committee on the Judiciary; Member of State Workforce Board; Invited to Chair Legislative Caucus on Aging; Board Secretary of The Root Cellar; Founding Board Member of Maine Connections Academy; Worship and Welcome Teams at The Rock Church; Moms in Prayer Scarborough; Volunteer for Project Graduation, Scarborough Cheering Club and Scarborough Softball Boosters

What do you see as the major issues for our community and how do you plan to address these issues?

The Town of Gorham is experiencing a period of rapid growth. To anyone who is familiar with the community, this should be no surprise. With its diverse population, vibrant downtown, college campus and proximity to Portland, it is a great place to work and raise a family. Along with that growth, however, comes challenges. Many of the town's residents have experienced property tax increases. This creates a hardship for those who are struggling financially and are now being asked to surrender more of their hard-earned money to keep their homes.

Since I have been in the legislature I have supported policies that lower the tax burden to those who need it most: low and middle-income Mainers and small businesses in order to build a stronger economy. If I have the honor of continuing to serve the people of Senate District 30, I will continue this effort.

For the current state budget, I supported legislation that doubled the homestead exemption that allows homeowners to lower their property tax liability. The rise in property taxes is especially difficult for the elderly, many of whom are living on fixed incomes. For seniors who have owned their homes for 10 years or more, I would support a significant increase in their homestead exemption, perhaps to \$50,000.

I recently received an award for my advocacy for the senior housing bond, which was overwhelmingly approved by voters in 2015. I have also pledged to do what I can to ensure that that bond is released as soon as possible. Too many seniors in Maine live in unsafe homes or homes from which they cannot access services.

Whether it's preventing falls, ensuring access to telemedicine in rural areas, coordinating transportation or moving an isolated senior closer to services, we need to respect and protect our older citizens.

LEGISLATURE 26 REPRESENTATIVE

Full Name: Matt Mattingly



Photo courtesy of Matt Mattingly

Address: 91 South Street, Gorham

Education: B.A. in Theater, Thomas More College; M.A. Strategic Communications, Regent University

Personal: Married, 2 children

Employment: Self Employed – Innkeeper - PineCrest Inn

Political and community experience: Three years on the Gorham Town Council, Advisory Board Member for USM Tourism and Hospitality Program, Board Member for Maine Innkeepers Association, Past President Gorham Kiwanis, and Adjunct Instructor at SMCC

What do you see as the major issues for our community and how do you plan to address these issues?

If offered the opportunity and honor to represent the people of Gorham in the State of Maine Legislature I will work to put an end to our Opioid crisis afflicting our neighborhoods and communities. I will help businesses overcome growth restrictive regulation and will work to fix a poorly codified appeal process for residents and businesses.

I will promote incentives to bring out-of-state investment into our communities and will grow the number of solid good paying jobs available to those wanting employment. I will work to grow opportunities for our young graduates providing more reasons to stay in Maine.

I will work to provide municipalities with better tools to promote local economic development and assist municipalities to better provide financial information to the residents with a truth in budgeting process.

In addition I will work to ensure those enacting laws are responsible for measuring and monitoring the implementation of those laws through an act to promote responsible government.

I am the only candidate running who has authored a comprehensive Opioid prevention program to add much needed support to ending this community health crisis. I have authored multiple pieces of legislation and secured sponsors across the state to make these concepts a reality.

Even if I am not elected, my legislation will proceed making our communities and neighborhoods a stronger better place to live, work and raise families. I believe in advocacy by the people and for the people. I believe in the strength of our communities. I believe in the voices around us should resonate above all else.

Full Name: Maureen Fitzgerald Terry



Photo courtesy of Maureen Terry

Address: 9 Lombard Street, Gorham

Education: New York Restaurant School

Personal: Married

to Parnell Terry; Daughters: Maeve 18, American University, Grace 15, Gorham High School, Siobhan 13, Gorham Middle School

Employment: Sole Proprietor, Three Daughters Cookie Co, makers of MoMunch Granola; Chef, St. Josephs College

Political and community experience: Past Board member of the Gorham Cooperative Preschool and Gorham Educational Foundation; Current President of Gorham Swim Boosters and Manager of the Greater Gorham Farmers Market

What do you see as the major issues for our community and how do you plan to address these issues?

The growth of Gorham is both very exciting as well as challenging. We not only see many more young families moving to the area, but seniors as well. We are in a perfect place for those who want the stability of an educated community for their children and a central location to spend retired years.

It's exciting to see our schools challenging our kids to be better students. It's wonderful to see that there are some large parcels of land in Gorham that are being turned into trusts to hold on to our agricultural roots. We have new growth for our existing businesses and new business and homes are sprouting up all over Gorham. New homes mean new neighbors and new neighbors make us all eager to make our community a better place.

With all this exciting growth, we do face some challenges. We need to make sure our schools have the resources to keep up with new enrollment. We need to make sure that our seniors have the ability to stay in their homes and be able to afford quality care to make their lives comfortable. We need to keep improving and adjusting infrastructure to retain the charm of our downtown and rural districts while remaining safe for larger vehicles to get through Gorham without incident.

I think there is a lot Gorham does and can do to face these challenges on our own, but we will always need help from our state and federal government. I hope to be able to bring our needs to Augusta and to be part of the team it will take to make our town and our state the place we are proud to call home.

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LEGISLATURE 27 REPRESENTATIVE

Full Name: Andrew J. McLean

Address: 114 Johnson Road, Gorham

Education: B.S. Meteorology, Plymouth State University; Master's in Public Policy & Management, Muskie School of Public Service, USM

Personal: Husband, Kyle

Employment: Student Affairs Administrator, University of Southern Maine

Political and community experience: State Representative, 2012-present; Baxter Memorial Library Board of Trustees, 2011-2014; Maine Commission for Community Service, 2009-2012

What do you see as the major issues for our community and how do you plan to address these issues?

My dad is a retired firefighter and teacher, and my mom is a retired customer service manager. They taught me the values of hard work and public service. After college, I took a job with the University of Southern Maine in Gorham and attended night classes to earn a Master's in Public Policy.

Four years ago, after seeing firsthand the challenges that our young people face, I decided to run for the Maine House. I knocked on over 5,000 doors and listened to voters share their concerns, frustrations and hopes. I took these conversations to heart, and they have shaped my work in Augusta. Two years ago, the voters of Gorham and Scarborough sent me back to Augusta to continue this important work. What gets done, and doesn't get done in Augusta, matters to people and impacts their lives.

To move Maine forward we need to reform our tax code, improve our transportation infrastructure, and create jobs for Maine people, while protecting our quality of life and environment. I take seriously my responsibility to help change the tone in Augusta and get things done. I have built relationships with colleagues across the aisle and worked to find common ground on a number of different issues.

As the Chair of the Transportation Committee, I am currently leading a bipartisan working group of lawmakers and key stakeholders to find common ground on a transportation reform package to introduce during the next session of the Maine Legislature.

We need leaders in Augusta who are willing to put aside partisan agendas, find common ground, and work to create opportunity for all Maine people.

Thank you for the opportunity to represent you in the Maine House. I would be honored to have your vote on Tuesday, November 8.



File photo

Full Name: James D. Means

Address: 7 Beatrice Drive, Gorham

Education: B.S. Industrial Management, Clarkson University

Personal: Nationally Certified Property Manager, Commercial Investment Manager, and Shopping Center Manager. (CPM, CCIM and CSM)

Employment: Retired. Past Director of Property Management, Pyramid Companies, Real Estate Investment Asset Manager, National Life Insurance Company, Director of Asset Management, UNUM, Founder and President of Alliance Investment Management Company.

Political and community experience:

Financial Secretary of Knights of Columbus, St. Anne's Church, Past member (Vice Chair) of Gorham Economic Development Corp., past Trustee and Chairman of the Board and Chairman of the Development Committee, Life Long Advisor, Cheverus High School, past Scoutmaster (Troop 875), past Chairman of Friends of Scouting, current Range Safety Officer, past Chairman of St. Anne's Finance & Administration Council.

What do you see as the major issues for our community and how do you plan to address these issues?

Our leaders are heavily influenced by leadership in their party and by outside special interests and lobbyists. Confidence in the legislative process is at an all-time low because we have elected people who campaign on one thing and do the exact opposite when they are elected to office. I am immune to special interest groups; they will not affect my decision making or efforts made for the benefit of Maine, and in particular, residents of Gorham.

My successes with hundreds of businesses across the nation were achieved by learning about their problems and providing cost effective solutions. I will work to reduce taxes on businesses, I will endorse the purchase of inexpensive hydro-created electricity from Quebec, and will reduce red tape and cumbersome regulations stifling growth in Maine.

I have been endorsed by the Sportsman's Alliance of Maine. I will continue to follow the Maine tradition of protecting our environment while also protecting our sporting traditions and the Second Amendment.

My wife and I raised three boys in Gorham and we feel fortunate that two of our three boys are able to live and work here in their home state. However this is not the norm for many college graduates. If elected, I will work to attract and retain new college graduates with newly created private sector jobs and establish tuition loan income tax credits for graduates. I will encourage the development of skill sets at high schools, vocational and community colleges that businesses need.

I will work for all of my Constituents and will support only thoughtful legislation that helps the people of Maine regardless of the party affiliation of the sponsor. Let me put my experience, my work ethic and my family values to work for you in Augusta.

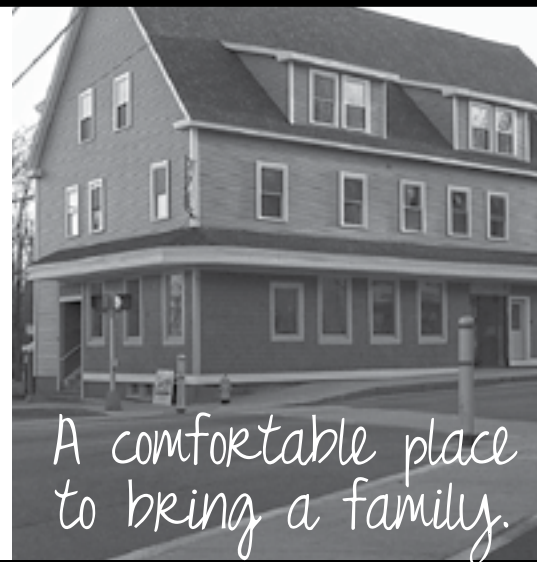


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Take a Hike or a Paddle at the St. Pierre Preserve

CHRIS CRAWFORD
Staff Writer

The fall foliage is beautiful and the weather has been great for a short hike or a more adventurous paddle down the Little River to the Presumpscot River and the Sebago To the Sea Trail. It is always wise to be prepared for emergencies. Don't forget the bug spray, sturdy shoes and water. Pack extra clothing, food, and also safety equipment such as a flashlight, first aid kit and pocket knife, and of course life vests for everyone if on the water. Remember - Leave No Trace and always let someone know where you will be hiking or boating.

The hike is an easy .4 mile loop suitable for all family members including dogs on leash and is owned and maintained by the Presumpscot Regional Land Trust. On all Land Trust public access properties there are no fires, overnight camping, structures or cutting.

Located on Rt. 237, the St. Pierre property is about 1.7 miles from the intersection with Rt 25, just after the bridge over the Little River. Turn right into the gravel parking lot. Or from the rotary at Little Falls, follow Rt. 237 south approximately 1.2 miles. Turn left into the gravel drive just before the bridge over the Little River.

The hike starts in a large field. Follow the white flagging which will head along the bank of the Little

River. The trail crosses the field and turns left into a sizable pine tree nursery. After passing several wetlands and vernal pools, the trail reemerges into the field and returns to the parking lot.

There is also a canoe launch here with easy access for paddlers who want to paddle upstream or down the Little River to join the Presumpscot River. Paddlers can turn around and paddle back to the parking area, or continue downstream on the Sebago To the Sea water trail. The paddling route ends 4.8 miles downstream, at the Lincoln Street Ice Rink in Westbrook at a small landing just before the white house on the left. Paddlers must take out before the dam, which is marked by overhead wires and orange buoys. The rink can be accessed by following Bridge Street north from Rt. 25/Main Street in Westbrook; turn left onto Lincoln Street and look for the rink and parking on your left.

Upon arriving in Westbrook, there is also an alternate takeout river right on Mill Lane, just a block off of Main Street. This takeout is maintained by Sappi under its FERC license for the Saccarappa hydro-power station. Look for it just before the warning cable stretched across the right-hand channel leading to the power station and a short dam. Avoid this takeout during periods of high water and high flows.

Fall Gardening Tip from Linda Treworgy Faatz

Fall is here and those house plants need to be brought in. Wash the leaves with a diluted solution of soapy water and rinse well to remove any possible insects that might have found their way onto the plant during the summer. Insecticidal soup can be sprayed in the foliage for added protection. If they need to be transplanted use potting soil not garden soil and be sure the new pots are clean.

Bulbs can be planted as long as the ground can be worked. Avoid planting them too early as they will start to grow. We want them to wait until spring to grow.

Presumpscot Regional Land Trust Celebrates 30th Anniversary With a Merger

CHRIS CRAWFORD
Staff Writer

Conservation efforts in the area took a bold step into the future on the 30th anniversary of the Presumpscot Regional Land Trust (PRLT). After a year of discussion and careful planning, PRLT recently merged with two other conservation organizations, Windham Land Trust and Presumpscot River Watch. The Boards of all three organizations agreed to unify as a new entity that will retain the name Presumpscot Regional Land Trust. A unanimous vote of the membership of all three groups at the Land Trust annual meeting in early October finalized the merger and approved the slate of board members and new bylaws.

All three organizations have overlapping interests, missions and regions and believe that they will be strengthened by joining forces and working together. Mike Parker, Board President of the Presumpscot Regional Land Trust, said, "This is a wonderful confluence of events and organizations. On its 30th anniversary, the newly merged Presumpscot Regional Land Trust has much to celebrate and will be a strong force in support of its broadened mission." The Land Trust's new mission supports healthy lands, water wildlife and people across the Presumpscot River watershed through conservation, water quality monitoring, education, and public access. Rachele Curran-Aspe will remain as Executive Director of the new and improved Land Trust and Toby Jacobs will continue as Stewardship and Outreach Coordinator.

The Land Trust is committed to continuing the mission-based work of all three organizations. The unified organization will now have 25 conserved lands equaling about 1,400 acres, including 10 public access preserves with miles of trails and fishing access in the towns of Gorham, Gray, Sebago, Standish, Westbrook and Windham. The new organization will continue to coordinate the 28-mile Sebago to the Sea Trail project, and to monitor water quality along the Presumpscot River watershed.

These conserved lands include some of the most scenic, historic and naturally wild places in our area, as well as working farms. The Land Trust also offers a variety of educational/recreational programs which focus on unique aspects of the various preserves, such as a guided walk to several ancient Native American sites at the head of the Presumpscot River on Sebago Lake led by a USM archaeologist, or a hike to watch 40,000 alewives struggle up small Mill Brook waterfalls in Westbrook as they swim from the ocean up to Highland Lake.

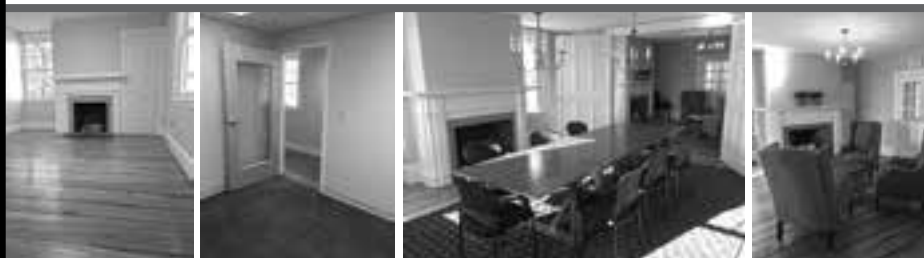
Fred Dillion, a dedicated volunteer for 20 years and past President of Presumpscot River Watch (PRW), will serve on the new Board of Directors. PRW was formed in 1989 to monitor and improve the health of the Presumpscot River watershed. The Presumpscot River flows 25.8 miles from Sebago Lake through five municipalities in the most urbanized area in Maine. It encompasses 648 square miles and is the largest freshwater input to Casco Bay. From May through August, volunteers take water samples from 20 or more locations along the Presumpscot River and its various tributaries which measure bacteria levels, water temperature, and dissolved oxygen. USM students are involved in this effort. Dillon said, "Our monitoring results are used by the Maine Department of Environmental Protection to determine compliance with state water quality standards. This merger represents an exciting and important evolution in enhancing our mission to protect and preserve the watershed for the future."

Priscilla Payne, who was Co-President of the Windham Land Trust, will also serve as a member on the new Board of Directors. Payne said, "Working together, we will be able to have a greater impact on land conservation in the area. With more volunteers, we will be better able to steward all of our properties and to monitor the water quality of our brooks, streams and rivers."

In Maine, recent mergers among local land trusts are becoming more

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Neighborhood Group Discusses Traffic Concerns with Railroad Ave. Project

BAILEY O'BRIEN
Staff Writer

On September 29, Jon Smith met with neighbors of his Railroad Avenue property to discuss their concerns of increased traffic flow due to Smith's proposed business plans. Civil engineer Owens McCullough and architect Mike Richman also met with the neighborhood group to present their plans alongside Smith.

Neighbors have expressed concern for an increase in traffic flow through the Village School neighborhood should Smith's plan be approved. Lyla Baldwin, a resident of Robie Street and active member of the neighborhood group, emphasized that the problem lies in the narrowness of the roads and the lack of adequate sidewalks for students. "Even before the proposed project, the neighbors felt the road was dangerous and over-trafficked," she said.

Smith predicts the traffic caused by his proposed building, which will include a bowling alley, several stores, a wine bar, and a number of residential apartments, will not have a severe impact on traffic. "We think the traffic created by the residents of this facility will peak at different times than the current peak traffic which seems to be related to the school schedule," said Smith. "The commercial traffic will peak Thursday, Friday, and possibly Saturday evenings and will be the greatest impact from a traffic perspective."

Baldwin and other residents are concerned about more cars driving on the narrow curve of Robie Street. "A significant amount of the [meeting's] troubleshooting focused on the narrowness of Robie Street as it curves over the culvert," said Baldwin. "Given the culvert,

there is little that can be done to widen the road. Unfortunately, that is also the point at which an exit from the parking area is planned, further adding strain to a busy, constricted area."

However, Smith has designed the parking lot to ease the traffic pressure on the street. "Since there are multiple entry points to that site, we do feel as though the traffic entering and exiting into the neighborhoods will be a fraction of the whole and most likely less than the current peak activity," he said. "Also, some of our parking is oriented in a manner that encourages people to leave the site in an easterly direction, heading away from the most troubling area."

Smith, McCullough, and Richman have developed creative solutions in response to the neighbors' concerns. Plans include a three-way stop at Railroad Avenue and Elm Street, elevated sidewalks, elevated crosswalks, and improved visibility at the intersection of Railroad and Elm. "We do think that our planned improvements to the area offer significant steps towards addressing long standing pedestrian safety issues in that area," said Smith.

Baldwin and other members of the group, though appreciative of Smith's cooperation, still worry about unsafe traffic in their neighborhood. Several suggestions have been made by the group, including: making Robie Street one-way, diverting traffic away from Robie Street by changing the direction of the exit, implementing speed bumps, and adding stop signs. "I believe it was left for the civil engineer to rethink. And of course, some of this falls on the Town's shoulders as well," she added.

Public Safety Open House



Photo credit Roger Marchand

Fire Chief, Robert Lefebvre welcomed the community during the new Public Safety complex open house on October 2. Behind him (left to right) are Police Chief Daniel Jones, Town Council Chairman Matt Robinson, State Representative Andrew McLean, Gorham High School student and National Anthem singer, Madeline Rossignol, Reverend Phil Shearman, and Deputy Fire Chief Mark Theriault.

Gorham Man Receives 10 Years for Dealing Drugs

SHERI FABER
Staff Writer

The Gorham Police Department joined forces with the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency and the Maine Drug Enforcement Agency to investigate and ultimately arrest David Thurlow, 28, for drug trafficking in heroin and fentanyl for at least five months during 2015-16. He was arrested at 551 Main St. in Gorham. Like heroin, fentanyl is also an opi-

ate but considerably more powerful. Large quantities of the drugs were seized at the time of Thurlow's arrest.

Thurlow was sentenced to 10 years in prison after pleading guilty in federal court and will be serving his time in a federal penitentiary, followed by three years of supervised release. Thurlow has a long history of arrests and convictions in multiple jurisdictions in Maine (including gun charges) and served time in Maine prisons.

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common and have created stronger regional organizations that have the capacity to address increasing stewardship needs. According to Curran-Apse, land trusts now hold more than twice as much Maine land in conservation as all the state parks and public lands combined. But as conserved land continues to grow, so do the resources needed to steward these lands in perpetuity. Curran-Apse said, "Membership is our primary source of funds. We are grateful

for over 300 families who are members. If you are not a member yet, please consider joining to help build healthier communities with more open space protected and more trails for the public to enjoy for generations to come."

To learn more about PRLT, view a listing of the Board of Directors, or to become a member visit <https://www.prlt.org/>; or Presumpscot River Watch visit <http://prwmaine.weebly.com/>

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13 OLD OAK LANE	WARREN, JACOB BAYARD	STICKNEY, PETER	\$152,500
309 LIBBY AVENUE	FIN LLC	ASALI, GEORGE & LITTLE, TRUDY	\$122,000
750 FORT HILL ROAD	MILLER, BRETT & LESSARD, MARY ELLEN	BECKWITH, AMY	\$242,500
175 SEBAGO LAKE ROAD	RITCHEY, NICOLE & CALER, HEATH	ZLOCKI, GABRIELLA	\$195,000
15 BALL PARK ROAD	GRONDIN, FRANK D	LETELLIER, ANDRE & BLAGDON, MICHELLE	\$115,000
288 BUCK STREET	KIMBERLEY, DAVID & PARSONS, JENNIFER	TERRY, JASON & CATHERINE	\$211,000
54 HILLVIEW ROAD	MCLEAN, KOURTNEY & MCLEAN, RANDALL	CARROLL, PATRICK & CAROL	\$284,000
36 BRIARWOOD LANE	CK HOLDINGS LLC	HINCKLEY, DAWN	\$135,000
9 LILAC LANE	JLJ CONSTRUCTION LLC	BAUER & GILMAN CONSTRUCTION, LLC	\$59,900
7 SHIRLEY LANE	SULLIVAN, SEAN E	LUNDIN, SARAH & MICHAEL	\$218,000
29 WOODSPELL ROAD	DAVIS, NICOLE & ADAM	NORMAND BERUBE BUILDERS, INC	\$330,000
15 SOUTH BRANCH DRIVE	MCCOLLOUGH, AARON & BURKE, MORGAN	HANSEN, PAULA	\$259,000
29 LILAC LANE	TRADEMASTERS INC	BAUER & GILMAN CONSTRUCTION, LLC	\$65,000
180 NEW PORTLAND ROAD	AMADON, BRIDGET	MATHER, JOAN & ROBERT	\$227,000
38 JACOB'S WAY	TCHAKIRIDES, NELSON & ALISON	SANDS, PATRICIA & MARTIN, MARY	\$371,800
72 DOW ROAD	SYAFARUDIN, ANDY & WIENI LE	KANE, DAVID	\$235,000

OCTOBER 4, 2016

Town Council Meeting

JACOB ADAMS
Staff Writer

State Representative Andrew McLean addressed the recent roll-over at the roundabout on Rt. 114. A meeting with the DOT was scheduled for October 17 to discuss the safety of the roundabout.

Councilor Hartwell expressed his concerns over the continuing drought in the State. He reminded citizens to continue to conserve water as it will be some time until the water level in the ground is back to normal.

Councilor Shepard reported that all Town finances are in good shape after the fiscal year end.

Councilor Stelk encouraged everyone to get out and experience the new walk at Tannery Brook for themselves.

Town Manager David Cole reported that Absentee Ballots should be available by next week. Starting October 24 until November 3, one can vote Absentee at the Municipal Center during regular Town Clerk Office hours.

Cole also stated that the new Town website should be up and running by the end of October.

Greg Jordan from METRO bus

made a presentation about a possible expansion of services to Gorham. The Town is being asked to consider a request to contribute \$35,000 annually to expand METRO Bus Service in Gorham for the first three trial years of the program.

The Town Council approved a new Historic Preservation Ordinance. Full details can be found online at www.gorham-me.org.

The Town's General Assistance Ordinance was amended to incorporate the updated maximum levels of assistance as required by the State.

The Town Council rezoned properties located on Tax Map 77, Lots 14 through 14.004 from Suburban Residential to the Commercial zone, and they approved the new zoning map dated October 2016.

Renewal applications were approved for the following Automobile Graveyard/ Junkyard Permits for 2017: Steve Luce, LKQ Corp/Gorham auto, 192 Narragansett Street; Jim Stone, Casco Federal Credit Union, 375 Main Street; Gary Nelson, Chet's Auto Sales, 475 Ossipee Trail; Gordon Reichert, Reichert's Auto Body, 112 Shaws Mill Road; Shawn Moody, Moody's/Insurance Auto Auction, 200 Narragansett

Street; John Dumbrocyo, Dumbo Enterprises, 86 Longfellow Road.

Rachel Sunnell resigned from the Planning Board, and the Town Council expressed its appreciation for her service to the Town of Gorham.

The Town Council authorized Councilor Robinson to work with the Recreation Director, other Staff and volunteers to do preliminary planning for a future celebration in Gorham and bring the plans back to the Town Council for their consideration.

\$3500 was appropriated from the contingency account to fund a \$500 increase in the annual pay for Gorham Town Councilors. The order will be effective in November of 2016. (5 years, 2 nays: Roullard, Stelk)

The Town Council staff was asked to draft a proposal to amend chapter II, Section V, (11) (F) Sidewalks, to allow alternatives to constructing sidewalks. Alternatives will be considered only when the Planning Board considers an alternative to be in the Town's best interest. The Ordinance Committee will review and refine the proposal and send it back to the Town Council for their consideration.

A proposal to amend the Land

Use & Development Code, by changing from a Roman Numerical System to a less confusing conventional number system, was referred to the Planning Board for a Public Hearing and recommendations. (6 years, 1 nay: Hartwell)

The Town Council changed the date for the regular monthly meeting of the Town Council from November 1 to November 22.

The Ordinance Committee was authorized to review the permitted uses in the Industrial and Commercial zone and to recommend changes to the Town Council. (5 years, 2 nays: Robinson, Stelk)

The Town Council accepted the recommendation of the Ordinance Committee to not proceed with a request to develop a contract zone on a parcel of land (Tax Map 57, Lot 1) off of Route 25 in West Gorham.

A one-year extension of the Collective Bargaining Contract with the Gorham/Windham Professional Firefighters Associations was approved from July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017.

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



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Planning Board Results

The following items were on the consent agenda:

- Freeman and Sharlene Richardson requested approval for a private way to service two new lots and an existing home at 220 Burnham Road.
- John Woods requested approval to construct an additional 36,500 sq. ft. gravel surface and two concrete block retaining walls at 21 Cyr Drive.
- Request by John Woods to revise the maximum allowed impervious area table for lot 7 and to amend plan on New Portland Parkway sub plan located off New Portland Road and Libby Ave. in Industrial Zoning District was approved with findings of fact and conditions of approval.
- Request by Railroad Ave. LLC for a contract zone to develop a mixed use building with a maximum height of 80' at 17 Railroad Ave. in the Urban Commercial District was sent to the Town Council for adoption with Planning Board changes on a 4-2 vote.
- Request by Great Falls Construction Inc. for site plan approval of a five story 20,000 sq. ft. multi-use building at 17 Railroad Ave. Building will include a first level bowling facility, food and beverage services, first level commercial retail space, recreation space, and studio, 1 and 2 bedroom apartments with associated parking. Project was discussed with a site walk to be scheduled.
- Request by Susan Duchaine, Inc. for approval of Ward Hill condominiums (originally Snowbird II), a 14 unit condominium project located at 346 Main St. was postponed until the next Planning Board meeting.

SCHOOL

GHS Big Brother Big Sister Program at Village School



Photo credit Big Brother Big Sister Facebook Page

Grace Perron, a sophomore at Gorham High School, volunteers as a Big Sister once a week at Village School.

MATILDA MCCOLL
GHS Student Intern

The Big Brother Big Sister (BBBS) program at Gorham High School is beginning to take applications. The program is run by Becky Hayward, who started running the program at Narragansett Elementary School in 2001.

At its peak, the Narragansett program had up to 50 high school students participating but transportation to Narragansett became a big issue. The program moved to Village Elementary two years ago when Hayward changed to full-time at one school, and currently has 15 high schoolers.

"We stress our matches having a lot of 1-1 TLC, so putting too many matches in the cafeteria at one time can become quite noisy and distracting to them as well as to classrooms nearby," said Hayward.

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Calling All GHS Graduates

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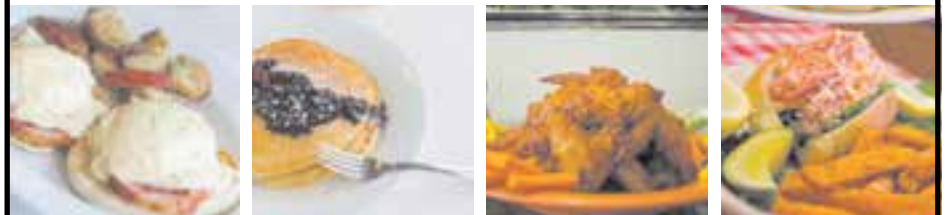
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I am not a career politician, nor do I have another job. Like our founding fathers, I believe in a citizen's legislature where common folk do their civic duty to help Maine for a few years, then return home. If elected, I will work full time for the people of Maine, and particularly Gorham and Scarborough then turn the work over to another.

Jim Understands the Challenges we Face

During the past several months, hundreds of good people from Gorham have shared their thoughts and concerns about our state government with me. Common themes quickly developed: they are tired of the partisan politics and vitriol in Augusta. Over and over I have been asked “when did our representatives stop working for us? They seem only interested in advancing their own political agendas”. Other common concerns are about how they have lost faith in their children being able to lead better lives than their parents. They are tired of their kids moving away from the Maine they love to seek better opportunities in states like New Hampshire. I have heard that not enough is being done to combat our drug addiction problem and welfare dependencies. Everyone recognizes that we need more and better job opportunities in Maine.

Jim Has the Experience to Get the Job Done

My experience includes operating businesses and investments in 35 states, turning struggling operations into successes, employing thousands of people and providing them with career advancement opportunities. Many of them (including janitors and bookkeepers) were able to start saving for their retirement and purchase their first homes under my leadership. I developed relationships with dozens of local governments and learned what works and what does not.

I have worked for private and publicly held companies and then formed my own firm. I have signed the front of paychecks and lost sleep worrying about how to meet payroll and learned how to negotiate through myriads of governmental regulations.

A History of Service to Others

As an advocate of education, I have not just “talked the talk” but have “walked the talk”. I served on the Board of Trustees at Cheverus for many years, including being its Chairman and transitioning the school to becoming co-educational. I have been appointed one of their few life long advisors.

As an outdoorsman and steward of Maine's environment, I am pleased to have received the endorsement of the Sportsman's Alliance of Maine, which is rarely awarded to anyone other than an incumbent. As a Scoutmaster, I enjoyed helping young men appreciate their environment while learning new skills.

I have always used common sense to guide my decisions. I will do the same while working full time for you, providing Common Sense Leadership in Augusta.



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Making a Difference



Photo credit Kimberly Kelly

Great Falls School students pictured (left to right) Madison Tibbals, Teagan Brown, Olivia Price, Lucia Holloway, and Zsa Zsa Dolley raised money last year in Ms. Kelly's third grade classroom in support of children with leukemia. They sold homemade bracelets and new erasers last May and June. The students showed true kindness and maturity as they thought about what a "cause" meant and thought about how they could make a difference. A special thank you to Mrs. Fortier, Great Falls principal, and parents for supporting these students. The group received their check at the beginning of this year and will mail out their donation of \$21.50 with a short letter.

Popcorn Anyone?

The functional life skills room at Gorham Middle School received a popcorn machine donated by John Kenzie. Thank you, John! Pictured (left to right) are John Kenzie, River Cummings, Niko Gagne, LuAnne Amell, and Bradley Parker.



Photo credit Sandy Morrell

Gorham Dining Services Series: Part 2 – Narragansett School

This Isn't Your Grandma's School Cafeteria

NARRAGANSETT SCHOOL
Dining Services Staff

Long gone are the days of hair net wearing, hairy-mole lunch ladies slopping food onto the lunch trays as often portrayed on TV and in the movies.

At Narragansett Elementary School, they pride themselves on serving lunches that are healthy and also appealing to the students. The salad bar has fresh fruits and veggies daily, including apples from Brackett Orchards. They also work with parents of children with allergies and the school nurse to make sure every student is provided a safe meal.

Last year, the Gorham School Nutrition Department took steps to become more involved with their school communities. With just two kitchen staff at Narragansett, both with children in the Gorham School System, it was easy for them to get involved.

They ran the Narragansett 1M/5K with students, teachers, and their families. And when they're not in school preparing delicious lunches for the students they might be found with the staff: standing with Mike Fortier, the gym teacher, at the Dance Studio of Maine; cheering on the GHS swim team with Tracy Burns, a third grade teacher; or laughing in



Photo credit Raina Lee Cooper

Ayress Cook, a fifth grader in Mrs. Grady's classroom, wishes there was enough pickles in the bucket to warrant pickle day every day at Narragansett School.

the stands at a soccer game with Carrie Chasse, the school nurse.

Narragansett is a small school with a lot of heart and that extends into the kitchen. They serve lunches with love. They know who the kids are and what they like and they try their best to make everyone happy. When students have suggestions they always try to bring them to fruition – although, sorry Ayress Cook (pictured above), not every day can be pickle day.

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A Growing Business

Gavin Thomas (left), a third grader at Great Falls School and his brother, Wyatt Thomas (right), a sixth grader at GMS, work at their pumpkin stand on Gray Road. With the help of his parents, Andy and Kate Thomas, Wyatt began growing pumpkins in 2015 from seeds harvested the year before. The results were plentiful and he started selling the pumpkins in front of the farm located at 642 Gray Road in Gorham. Wyatt expanded his business again this year, planting over 750 plants for the 2016 harvest. Results include snowball pumpkins, giant white pumpkins, a variety of gourds and, of course, your typical orange carving pumpkin. Recently, Wyatt worked with a family friend to provide 50 snowball pumpkins to the kids in the Barbara Bush Children's Hospital as well as to the Ronald McDonald House. Family and friends, including fellow GMS student and volunteer, Asa Farley, help to make this a rewarding experience.

Two GHS Seniors Named Semifinalists for National Merit Scholarship

ELLE SPURR
GHS Student Intern

GHS seniors Sam Roussel, son of Rich and Kelly Roussel, and Thomas Matthews, son of Peter Matthews and Mary Schultz, have applied to become finalists in the running to win the National Merit Scholarship, a highly esteemed award given for academic achievement.

Semifinalists submit a scholarship application to be considered for finalist standing, which includes essays and information about extracurricular achievements, awards, and leadership positions. About 8,000 of the 15,000 finalists go on to receive Merit Scholarship awards, and all finalists are considered for other awards.

Matthews and Roussel were chosen as semifinalists based on PSAT scores from the fall of their junior year. All juniors who take the PSAT are considered for semifinalist standing.

"With all the standardized testing we go through for so many years throughout school, it would be very gratifying to personally see something come of it, beyond the



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Seniors Samuel Roussel (left) and Thomas Matthews (right) have been chosen as semifinalists for the National Merit Scholarship.

benefits of the scholarship itself," said Matthews. "As amazing as the reward would be, it would be so nice to see something to make all the effort worth it."

There are several different types of scholarships involved, and the process is fairly involved. About 50,000 students are recognized annually by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation for PSAT scores, and of those about 16,000 go on to become semifinalists.

Finalists will be announced mid-February of 2017.

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School Committee Meeting

KATHY CORBETT
Staff Writer

The School Committee welcomed students from all the district's schools to the October 12 meeting.

The Northern Force Robotics Team opened the meeting with a presentation that explained how this "sport for the mind" engages students in STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) activities that produce robots for annual competitions. The team includes students from Gorham and Falmouth schools. Team 176 demonstrated the robot they took to this year's World Championships.

Students from every Gorham school gave short presentations on their school leadership groups. Student ambassadors from fourth and fifth grade in the three elementary schools welcome and help younger students, demonstrate the district's code of conduct, and serve as positive role models. Middle school student council members organize activities for the school and community, such as food drives and School Spirit Week. Also speaking were representatives of the newly formed GHS Interact Club, a 40-member group whose mission is interna-

tional understanding of world problems.

Superintendent Heather Perry announced that the Substitute Job Fair, held in cooperation with three other districts, produced 70 applicants for Gorham, which should alleviate the shortage, although there is still a need for transportation substitutes.

Perry also said that the water in all the district's schools tested fine. On November 22, she will report to the Town Council about how the district spent bond money approved last year. She encouraged anyone who wants to serve on the School Committee to tell the Town clerk they want to be a write-in candidate, since only one person has filed for the two open positions.

The Committee took action (5-0, Libby and Bailey absent) that will permit them to work with the Athletic Boosters on the athletic field's capital campaign. They voted unanimously to create a joint wrestling program with Westbrook. They approved the stipends for department heads, team leaders, and personnel with co-curricular responsibilities. Chairman Darryl Wright expressed a desire to see equal opportunities for each elementary school.

Mezzanotte Moves On

VILLAGE SCHOOL STAFF



Photo credit: Lifetouch

Jodi Mezzanotte, Village School Assistant Principal, has been offered and accepted the position of Assistant Superintendent in the Westbrook

School Department.

"This shift parallels a career move for Jodi that combines her love of working as a building administrator with children, staff members, parents, and community members, to a new level and setting, as she applies her knowledge and passions in her new role," said Village Principal Brian Porter.

"Jodi has a long-standing interest in the area of administration, leadership curriculum development, and community activism that will offer much to the Westbrook Schools," Porter continued. "She will be missed for her many years of service to Gorham students, staff, parents and community members. We wish her well and offer our full support as she begins this new endeavor."

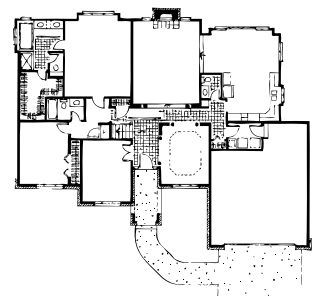
"Although I am extremely excited about my new position and the opportunities ahead of me, I will greatly miss the Gorham School Department and especially the staff, students and families," said Mezzanotte. "I would like to thank my colleagues within the Gorham School Department for their support and guidance throughout my tenure in Gorham. I have been given

responsibilities and opportunities to lead at many different levels, which have shaped the professional that I am. As I move to my next endeavor, I look forward to collaborating with the Gorham School Department."

In the interim, Superintendent Heather Perry, Mezzanotte and Porter are in the process of working to develop a transition plan to insure that Village School will get all of the support necessary for the remainder of this year to continue the strong, high quality services that they provide to their students.

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Students can apply to be a Big Brother or Sister as early as ninth grade. To participate, students must fill out an application, write an essay on why they wish to be a Big Brother or Sister, and include personal references.

Students are then matched to an elementary student at Village, and the two meet once a week. The Big Brothers and Sisters check in with Hayward before and after meeting the child. As long as the match is working out for both of them, they

remain matched until the high school student graduates.

Hayward said that once the program was implemented, high school attendance improved. High schoolers learn skills in leadership, get to give back to their community, and become excellent role models.

The best part of working with all the students Hayward said is "getting to know the high school kids. They really bring a smile to the kids' faces as well as mine."

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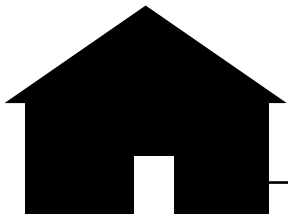
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Ben Marshall Hired as Director of Recreation Programs

HAL D'AMICO
Sports Editor

Gorham's new Director of Recreation Programs is Ben Marshall. Marshall began at the Recreation Department on September 26, and, although based in the Rec offices, don't be surprised to see him around Gorham's fields, courts, and other facilities in these early days.

Marshall's priority is "to learn as much as possible, as quickly as possible." He is a footballer (soccer player) from the United Kingdom, and remains an "avid soccer player and Newcastle United fan." He also loves cricket.

He has been in the United States for six years, and spent the five years prior to his arrival in Gorham as a Program Manager for America SCORES in Boston. "America Scores is an after school program bringing soccer and creative writing to Boston Public Schools," Ben described. He continued, "I was in charge of training Boston teachers to be soccer coaches and also in charge of all elementary and middle school soccer logistics, permits, and busses." The program had 1,600 youth participants in the most recent school year, and according to its website, "empowers youth to create positive change in their lives, in their communities and around the world."

Marshall described his role in Gorham as being generally responsible for all of the programs overseen by the Gorham Recreation Department. He provided that, "Tasks range from enrolling and scheduling rec sports to managing our Yoga/Pilates instructors, to thinking of new exciting programs to bring to the town." On the latter, he con-



Photo courtesy of Ben Marshall

siders futsal (a version of soccer, typically 5-on-5, often played indoors), as well as more child-adult classes among his ideas. He is also responsible for planning several Town events, such as Burn Off the Turkey 5K.

Why Gorham? Marshall expressed that, "I am passionate about public programming and making sure everybody has access to recreational activities." He added, "I also know how important local sports and events are in creating a sense of community in a small town." Ben thought it an ideal match when combining Gorham's needs with his "ample experience running large scale events and planning youth sport" and "wanting to move up to Maine for some time and am glad to finally be here!"

Complementing his personal interests and the move to Maine, Marshall said he likes "to spend my free time hiking." In that light, he added, "Very excited to live so close to the White Mountains and can't wait to get up to Acadia National Park."

Ben Marshall may be reached at: bmarshall@gorham.me.us or 222-1633.

Gorham Runners in Maine Marathon and Half Marathon

HAL D'AMICO
Sports Editor

On Sunday, October 2, approximately 2,600 runners were at the Portland starting line for the Maine Marathon and Half Marathon. Among the 733 marathoners, Gorham resident Dick Graves once again turned in an impressive performance. He finished first in the male 50+ division and 55th overall (3:18:56 chip time). Other Gorham marathoners were Aaron Cianchette (219th, 3:51:44),

Francois Nobert (544th, 4:52:39), Cynthia DiBiase (617th, 5:15:34), and Erica Hale (647th, 5:29:11).

In the half marathon, 21 Gorham residents were in the field of 1,862 starters. Kevin Downing finished 5th in the male 35-39 division (39th, 1:26:30). Top-ten age division performances were also turned in by Timothy Zerillo, Greg Hughes, Shane Zerillo, Diane Bell, Joan Lavin, and Daria McNamara. The results for Gorham residents in the half marathon are as follows:

Place	Name	Time	Place	Name	Time
39	Kevin Downing	1:26:30	960	Julie Martin	2:06:39
154	Timothy Zerillo	1:38:41	1067	Lisa Lestage	2:10:33
162	Greg Hughes	1:39:01	1080	Toni Chabot	2:11:01
230	Shane Zerillo	1:43:21	1293	Ginger Reoch	2:17:23
324	Robert Herring	1:47:22	1337	Jennifer Dubail	2:19:12
589	Joe Allen	1:55:33	1338	Jason Dubail	2:19:12
734	Rachel Baillargeon	1:59:23	1444	Daria McNamara	2:25:33
869	Diane Bell	2:03:53	1522	Charles Hartford	2:29:23
958	Ashley Martin	2:06:35	1675	Casea Parady	2:50:46
959	Joan Lavin	2:06:36	1770	Emily Keniston	3:14:11
			1853	Robert Kutzer	4:05:38

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Gorham Golf Wins State Title

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on the individuals' ball flight (a player's control of the ball in relation to the technical aspects required for various shots). Altham offered, "We worked on ball flight and the confidence shots that each player could rely on under pressure, which led to good results." For instance, "Cam Stevens was 10 over par through 10 holes but was able to grind through to an 82," said Altham. Brandon Desjardin closed out with a birdie.

Five players returned to Natanis Golf

Course on October 15 for the Class A Individual Championships. Lucas Roop claimed second place. His two-over-par 74 was one stroke behind Cole Anderson of Camden Hills. The other GHS qualifiers were Jordan Allen, Brandon Desjardin, and Ryan Kaczmarek.

As for the future, there were 26 participants in the 2016 program. Coach Altham offered, "JV had 12 matches and played very well." He added, "Several sophomores are ready to step up."

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GRADUATIONS

Alexander Swiatek (GHS '13) graduated Magna Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Arts from Emerson College on August 30.

Donna L. Piccininni, PMHNP-BC, (GHS '87) earned a Master of Science in Nursing from USM in May, graduating with honors. She is a psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner and is working with children and adolescents at Sweetser in Saco and Sanford.

OF INTEREST



Gorham House Preschoolers took a trip to the Gorham Police and Fire Department on October 12 to deliver cookies and Thank You cards for all of the hard work they do for our community.

Skip, Scamper, Scoot! Stories by the Pond. Join PRLT and Maine children's book author and illustrator Cathryn Falwell for animal stories, games, and a nature walk. This program is designed for families with preschool through elementary school aged children. Saturday, October 22, 10 a.m., Hawkes Preserve, Gorham. The event is free, but space is limited, RSVP required, www.prlt.org/links.

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The Lakes Region Senior Center will hold a question and answer session presented by Rocky Clark titled "Why Stocks? Why Bonds? Why Banks?" Non-members welcome. October 24 at 10 a.m. Little Falls Activity Center, 40 Acorn St. FMI, 839-6353.

Erin Smith has been named to the Varsity Soccer Women team at Lasell College for the 2016 fall semester.

Spending Thanksgiving alone? Unable to fix a Thanksgiving dinner? Join Mister Bagel, 13 New Portland Rd., for a homemade Thanksgiving dinner with all the fixings on Thursday, November 24 from 12 to 1:30 p.m. Transportation available upon request. Delivery available. FMI, Roxanne Hanscom Moody, 839-4516.

The Gorham Garden Club will meet at First Parish Church on Church Street on October 25 at 7 p.m. Heather McCargo, director of the Wild Seed Project, will speak about Native Plants in the Maine Landscape. The public is welcome. FMI, 839-3630.

A Prayer and Reconciliation Service will be held at Cressey Road United Methodist Church, 81 Cressey Road, on the eve of Election Day, November 7 at 7 p.m. The purpose of the service is to offer a venue where people can come together to consider and pray about their own choices and to promote civility and respect for all choices. Sponsored by the Gorham Ecumenical Council of Churches.

Chicken Pie Supper, First Parish Church, 1 Church Street, October 22, 5-6 p.m. \$10/\$5. FMI, 839-6751.

The First Parish Church Youth Group will hold their 10th Annual Haunted House on October 28-29 from 7 to 10 p.m. Take a tour of the 200-year-old church converted into a horrific scene. Not for the faint of heart. Students and youth \$6, adults \$8, families (up to 4 members) \$20. All proceeds go toward funding volunteer efforts, both local and abroad. FMI, 839-6751.

Lakes Region Senior Center recently presented \$200 to Windham Neighbors Helping Neighbors for oil assistance. Presenting the check to Bill Diamond, president of Neighbors Helping Neighbors, and Mark Bryant, Resource Committee Chair, is Blanche Alexander, president of Lakes Region Senior Center, and Diane Menario, LRSC member. During the year, Lakes Region Senior Center members have food sales, lunches and other mon-eymakers to raise funds in order to help charitable organizations.



Westbrook author Eleanor Phillips Brackbill will speak at the North Gorham Public Library, 2 Standish Neck Road, on Thursday, October 27 at 7 p.m. The event is free and open to all.



Dance Studio of Maine (DSOM) members recently volunteered as part of the Dance Studio of Maine's Giving Back campaign. Over 100 DSOM dancers volunteered for various projects in and around Gorham including attending the Stephen Ward Memorial 5K road race, cleaning the grounds surrounding Great Falls and Village Elementary Schools, creating and personalizing greeting cards for veterans, and making breakfast and doing some house-cleaning at the Ronald McDonald House.

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.

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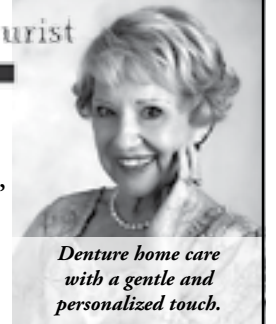
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State St. caller believed rugs she had put outside had been stolen. Rugs had been put in the garage by a neighbor.

Officer was not able to catch a loose peacock on Deering Road.

Mosher Road caller reported that a clerk had told him two \$20 bills were counterfeit. Officer found bills had all security features and that the clerk was wrong.

White Birch Lane caller reported the theft of a vehicle. If officers saw vehicle, she wanted them to tell her son to bring the car home.

Veranda Drive caller said a Portland caller had threatened through social media to come to her house and fight with her. Officer told caller to cease contact with other person and to call 911 if person did show up at her house.

Meadowbrook Drive woman walked into the police station and was banging on doors at 3 a.m. She had locked her keys, phone and coffee in her car. Officer drove her home and unlocked her car. She was thankful.

County Road caller was given hints on how to get rid of groundhogs. Caller was to try and to call back if not successful. Officer told caller groundhog was probably just protecting her young.

Caller found phone, credit cards and money bag while out for a walk on Cressey Road. Officer found ID on phone and contacted owner who came to PD to collect the items.

Woman ran out of gas on Main St. and was waiting for AAA. She was advised to update her address for bail conditions.

Officer advised Alberta Way resident that if male was not paying court ordered child support, he was in contempt of court but was not in violation of a protection from abuse order.

Officers responded to Tink Drive in reference to a call about Domestic Violence Strangulation.

Couple sleeping on Brackett Road told officer they could not find a campsite. They were moved along.

Following several complaints about fireworks on Tink Drive, homeowners were warned about lighting fireworks without a permit. Woman had gotten her information from a Portland paper but was shown the Gorham ordinance on the Town website.

Flaggy Meadow Road caller reported being forced off the road by another vehicle which drove off. She pulled over too far and went in a ditch. Officer did not see any damage to vehicle. AAA was contacted.

Chestnut Circle caller was trying to sell an item on line. The person making the purchase requested money to ship the item. Officer told caller this was a scam and he should be wary.

Community Events CONTINUED FROM PAGE 16

The Lakes Region Senior Center, located at the Little Falls Activity Center, 40 Acorn Street, is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Join them daily for coffee, tea and socializing. Ongoing daily activities include Mahjong on Mondays - beginners welcome. FMI, Diane 892-9529; Tuesday crafts and card games. FMI, Avis 892-0298; The Memoir Writing Group meets the second and fourth Wednesday of the month. FMI, David 892-5604; Thursday Table Games at 10 a.m. and Friday Art Workshop at 9 a.m. FMI, 892-0299.

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, 839-2484 or 839-3859.

USM EVENTS

"The Language Archive" by Julia Cho and directed by Sara Valentine begins November 10 through November 13. Visit usm.maine.edu/theatre for specific dates and times. \$15 general public; \$11 seniors/USM employees/alumni; \$8 students.

The University of Southern Maine is hosting numerous events this fall relating to Maine's growing engagement in the Arctic region. Leadership, Exploration, and Survival: A Blueprint for Thriving in Our Changing World, Portland Campus, October 26, 5 p.m. FMI, (800) 800-4USM.

Join a university class with visiting artist George Longfish on October 27 and November 15 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the USM Art Gallery, Gorham campus.

USM School of Music presents Laura Kargul in concert. Kargul, an internationally acclaimed pianist and music professor at the University of Southern Maine School of Music, will give a solo recital entitled "Composers on the Edge" at Corthell Concert Hall at USM in Gorham on Friday, October 21 at 8 p.m. FMI, 780-5555 or www.usm.maine.edu/music/boxoffice.

CLOSE TO HOME

Third Annual Community Fall Craft Fair & Expo hosted by Westbrook Seals Swimming, Saturday, November 12, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Westbrook Community Center, 426 Bridge Street. Free admission.

Highland Lake Grange, Rt. 302 and Hardy Rd., Westbrook, will serve a **Roasted Turkey Supper** on October 15 from 4:45 to 6 p.m.. Turkey, potatoes, vegetables, stuffing, bread dessert and beverages. \$8/\$4. FMI, 854-2379.

Little Shop of Horrors, presented by Windham Center Stage Theater, 8 School Rd., Windham Town Hall, October 21 and 22 at 7 p.m. and October 23 at 4 p.m. \$15/\$10. FMI, windhamtheater.org or 893-2098.

CALENDAR

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20

- Ultimate Frisbee Pick Up Game, 5:30 p.m. Gorham Middle School fields. No charge. Beginners welcome. FMI, Benjamin Quang, benquang@gmail.com.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22

- Greater Gorham Farmer's Market, 8:30 a.m.-12 p.m., 71 South Street (Public park adjacent to Baxter Memorial Library). May through October.
- Skip, Scamper, Scoot! Stories by the Pond! Nature walk, animal stories, and games with PRLT and Maine children's book author and illustrator Cathryn Falwell. Families with preschool through elementary school aged children. 10 a.m., Hawkes Preserve. Free, but space is limited, RSVP required, www.prlt.org/links.
- Fiddleicious in Concert, McCormack Performing Arts Center at Gorham High School, 7:30 p.m. Tickets available at the door; \$5 students/ \$10 adults /children 12 and under are free.
- Chicken Pie Supper, First Parish Church, 1 Church Street, 5-6 p.m. \$10/\$5. FMI, 839-6751.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 24

- The Gorham Republican Committee meets every fourth Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. All registered Republicans are welcome. FMI, call 415-2673.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25

- The Gorham Garden Club, 7 p.m. First Parish Church Heather McCargo of the Wild Seed Project will speak about native plants in the Maine landscape. The public is welcome. FMI, 839-3630.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26

- Story Time, birth-3 years old, 10-10:30 a.m., North Gorham Public Library. FMI, 892-2575 or libng@north-gorham.lib.me.us.
- Town of Gorham Senior Lunch Program, St. Anne's Church, Gorham. Opens at 11 a.m. Lunch served promptly at 12 p.m. \$4. FMI, 839-4857.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27

- Ultimate Frisbee Pick Up Game, 5:30 p.m. Gorham Middle School fields. No charge. Beginners welcome. FMI, Benjamin Quang, benquang@gmail.com.
- Book Club: "A Man Called Ove" by Frederick Backman, Baxter Memorial Library, 10 a.m. FMI, 222-1190.
- Local author Eleanor Phillips Brackbill speaks at North Gorham Public Library, 2 Standish Neck Road, 7 p.m. Free. FMI, 892-2575 or libng@north-gorham.lib.me.us.
- After School Board Games with Crossroads Games: Games will be provided or bring your favorite. North Gorham Public Library, 2 Standish Neck Road, 3-4:30 p.m. Free. FMI, 892-2575 or libng@north-gorham.lib.me.us.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29

- Greater Gorham Farmer's Market, 8:30 a.m.-12 p.m., 71 South Street (Public park adjacent to Baxter Memorial Library). This will be the last Market for this year. Trick or treating will be available for any child dressed in a costume.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1

- Gorham Lions meeting, Old School House on South Street (Rte. 114), 6:30 p.m. New members always welcome. FMI, 298-9182.
- Gorham House Itsy Bitsy store, 1:30-3:30 p.m., Gorham House lobby, 50 New Portland Rd. FMI, 839-5757.
- The Gorham Cancer Prayer and Support Group meets the first Tuesday of every month at 6 p.m. at the Cressey Road United Methodist Church. All are welcome. FMI, 321-1390 or 839-3111.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2

- Story Time, birth-3 years old, 10-10:30 a.m., North Gorham Public Library. FMI, 892-2575 or libng@north-gorham.lib.me.us.
- Town of Gorham Senior Lunch Program, St. Anne's Church, Gorham. Opens at 11 a.m. Lunch served promptly at 12 p.m. \$4. FMI, 839-4857.
- Adult Zentangle Class with Sarah Copperberg, Baxter Memorial Library, 6-6:45 p.m. FMI, 222-1190.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3

- Ultimate Frisbee Pick Up Game, 5:30 p.m. Gorham Middle School fields. No charge. Beginners welcome. FMI, Benjamin Quang, benquang@gmail.com.

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My name is Kathryn Caron. I am a wife and mother to two beautiful children living in Gorham. I am writing this letter on behalf of a lady who entered into our lives close to nine months ago and answered a prayer for not only our family, but many families in Maine, New England... Her name is Amy Volk and I am excited to share our story. Close to a year ago I had read snippets of a book called "Chasing the Rabbit" written by Derek & Dylan Volk. After barely getting through the introduction, I had to keep putting the book down as my mouth would drop & tears would stream my face. I continued reading and it just kept becoming so real, especially when I read how Amy shared her part of the story of raising their son with Autism.

You see, we have a beautiful 19 year old daughter who has a condition called Turner Syndrome. It is a genetic chromosomal disorder which only affects girls. Heart issues, hearing loss, short stature, infertility and social issues are some of the varied symptoms these young ladies may live with. Similar to the Volk's story, my husband and I have struggled since our daughter was born trying to get answers to explain some of the issues we were encountering with our daughter. Time and time again, doctor after doctor simply brushed off our daughter's symptoms as "typical" or tried to cure her with medications and surgeries. It wasn't until her 10th birthday, when she hadn't grown and presented multiple symptoms that we learned it was in fact Turner Syndrome.

Now fast forward to nine months ago. As a State of Maine Advocate for the Turner Syndrome Foundation I was asked by the president of the foundation to work on taking that next bold move for our girls and reaching out to our state to have February be recognized as Turner Syndrome Awareness Month in Maine. As the years have moved on we met some families and women who have TS who also struggle for support, so this was a motivating challenge...anything to help our daughter! But the next question was "how?"

It hit me one night- Senator Amy Volk! I literally woke my husband and said "I'm reaching out to AMY! She has no clue who I am but I know her story, she is a mom, a lady with similar faith and values. I HAVE to contact her!" Within minutes I signed onto Facebook and contacted her spilling my guts pleading for her help to bring awareness to this cause: how families, teachers, doctors, lawyers and women needed to know more about Turner Syndrome. It was not long at all until I received her response. "Of course I will help!" In all honesty, emotions over took our family. Finally, after 19 years people in Maine will hear, learn and become aware of what Turner Syndrome is.

On February 2nd 2016 Amy Volk had February listed on the books in Maine as Turner Syndrome Awareness Month! She gracefully and without hesitation accepted our request to bring this important condition to light on behalf of the Turner Syndrome Foundation and all women living with TS. Amy, her husband Derek as well as her staff have worked diligently to make this happen. New doors are opening! Awareness is taking place! Girls in Maine with Turner Syndrome will now be heard and hopefully diagnosed at a younger age. I will never forget that day! The foundation received numerous emails and congratulations on what a great job our Senator did for making this happen, even using her as an example to help motivate other states! Saving lives, supporting girls and raising awareness is the goal. Amy Volk has put us on the map and her sincere beautiful smile is one that shows her pride for our state.

Thank you Senator Amy Volk! YOU helped make this movement happen!

Sincerely,
Kathryn Caron
State of Maine Advocate for the Turner Syndrome Foundation



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