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Moody's Collision Centers Purchase former Racetrack

SHERI FABER
Staff Writer

In 1990, Hannaford purchased the 61.6 acre property on Narragansett St. (Rt. 202) for \$902,900. The property had been owned by Maine raceways and used as a racetrack for many years until it was sold to Commercial Developers in 1969. It was known to locals as "the Fairgrounds" has remained vacant since 1969.

Hannaford purchased the property as they wanted to expand their existing store but had no room to do so at the Main St. location. The company brought city water and sewer to the racetrack site in anticipation of building a new store. Local residents expressed disapproval of this plan fearing the demise of the downtown shopping area without Hannaford as an anchor store.

Ultimately, Hannaford was able to purchase property adjacent to their current location and they dropped their plans to move out to Narragansett St. The property was on the market for three years with an asking price of \$1.6 million prior to being sold to Moody's Collision Centers for \$1.2 million.

Shawn Moody, owner of nine collision centers in southern Maine, started his business when he was a senior at Gorham High School. He has been in business for 40 years and his 150 employees are co-owners of the business, owning 34% of the company.

Moody sees the purchase of this property as a "great long-term investment for our company and our co-workers." This property is just off the bypass which makes it very accessible.

It is just over a mile from the Main St. business district. The land is split by the bypass running through the property, dividing it into two parcels with 49 acres on the west side and 12.5 acres on the east side. Moody's Collision Center is across the street from this property.

Moody remembers riding on the sulky, driven by renowned local harness racer George "Buddy" Reed, after finishing his paper route early in the mornings back in the 60's. "I'd eat breakfast at 'The Paddock Diner' and walk across the street to the Fairgrounds." As a ten-year-old, he would hang on for dear life as Buddy circled the outside perimeter of the fairgrounds on the training track.

Moody is committed to development that doesn't compete with downtown businesses such as Cook's Hardware, Mr. Bagel and Jon and Cindy Smith's development plans. "We realize how vulnerable our downtown businesses can be against 'big box' retailers. We will promote value added business development that will enhance, not compete with our historic village area. We're proud of the fact we're one of the few towns in this area that still has a downtown village."

Moody is also sensitive to the fact that Gorham has had robust residential growth that needs to be offset with commercial development so property taxes don't drive people with fixed incomes out of town. "For those of us that grew up here, we want to still work and afford to live here," said Moody.

Moody and Hannaford will be issuing a press release in a few weeks with details of the plans for the property.

Don't Forget to Vote on November 8

The polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

The last day to vote absentee (request an absentee ballot or vote absentee at the Town Clerk's office) is November 3. The office will be open until 7 p.m. that day.

Absentee ballots will be accepted until 8 p.m. on Election Day. Please

drop them off in person if possible to avoid mailing delays.

Hannaford will be holding a flu clinic at each polling location from 7 a.m. - 12 p.m.

As parking will be difficult at Little Falls Activity Center, residents are encouraged to carpool.

Metro Bus Service to Expand to Gorham

BAILEY O'BRIEN
Staff Writer

At a special meeting on October 17, the Town Council approved a proposal from the Greater Portland Transit District Metro to expand Metro bus service to Gorham by the fall of 2018. This decision is in accordance with the Comprehensive Plan's objectives to explore transit service as a transportation alternative for Gorham residents. The University of Southern Maine is also in talks with the Metro to replace its current inter-campus shuttle service.

The Town of Gorham has agreed to invest \$35,000 annually during a three-year trial period after which the Town may choose to opt-out of the project depending on ridership rates and changes in cost. This early financial commitment from the Town is necessary in order for the Metro to secure the federal grants needed to purchase expansion buses in time to implement the program.

USM stands to gain quite a bit from this upgrade for roughly the same cost as their current shuttle service. Metro promises more frequent buses, extended service hours, increased destinations, and more affordability for students. However, due to the greater number of stops between campuses, there will be a slight increase in travel time between campuses.

Gorham's town stops will lie along the Husky Line, the line connecting both USM campuses and the downtowns of Westbrook and Portland. "Metro service in Gorham will complement USM's stops. They are related but not dependent on each other," said Town Manager David Cole. "The more stops there are, the slower the service, and the less useful it will be to residents and especially to students," he added. The exact route and locations of the bus stops will be determined over the course of the next few years to maxi-

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A Ripple Effect of Kindness

MALLORY CAMPBELL
Guest Writer

Regardless of your race, religion, or nationality, kindness is the language everyone can understand. - Star Teaching Society

Gorham resident Roberta Holloway found herself in search of herself dur-

ing a time when negative happenings plagued her spirit. She reached out to a non-profit called Star Teaching Society, an organization created to cultivate, nurture and foster community in order to spread kindness and compassion through knowledge and technology from ancient wisdom known as Star Teachings.

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Gorham resident Roberta Holloway created a "Kindness" display at her Main St. home to encourage compassion in the community.

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ELECTION: ONE CANDIDATE,
TWO POSITIONS**

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Nov. 9	Nov. 17
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Lack of Transparency in Public Health Frightening

REP. LINDA SANBORN

While every other state has seen a decline in infant mortality, Maine's rate has risen over the past few years. At seven deaths per 1,000 births, up from 4.7 in 2004, we are ranked at 37th in the country. These numbers represent a devastating story for each Maine family who has to endure the loss of a baby. At the same time, the state has seen a steady decline in the number of public health nurses, who play a vital role in preventing infant mortality.

Intervention by public health professionals can address the risk factors that lead to infant mortality through proper prenatal care and education around nutrition, safe sleeping positions, the treatment of drug-affected babies, and abuse prevention. That's why the Legislature voted to fund 40 of these crucial positions. So why has the LePage administration allowed about half of these positions to remain vacant?

There are some worrisome trends in Maine's approach to public health, and economically disadvantaged Mainers and other vulnerable populations suffer as a result. Babies are not the only ones bearing the brunt of the administration's public health method, or lack thereof. Communities across Maine will

now face the loss of vital public health services with the dismantling of Maine's 27 Healthy Maine Partnerships. While the swiftness of the change and lack of an explanation from the administration is alarming, it comes as no surprise that the governor is undermining these organizations, which he has been sapping with funding cuts for years.

For fifteen years, these local public health agencies have been at the frontlines of prevention in communities throughout the state. They work to address health risk factors, including obesity, lead poisoning, smoking and substance abuse. For fifteen years, they have been growing roots in communities, strengthening partnerships with local hospitals and schools and working one-on-one to make Mainers healthier.

The Department of Health and Human Services has not offered many details about the plan to replace the program, but we know that current contracts have been terminated and new contracts have been awarded to five central agencies. While some Healthy Maine Partnerships may still operate in a new form and receive funding through subcontracts, their future is unstable, and they will no longer be the primary decision-makers in public health efforts in their communities. There will certainly

be a gap in services before the new program is in place, and organizations have already had to reduce hours and lay off employees.

Mainers deserve to know the impetus behind the massive overhaul and increased centralization of our state's public health system. The lack of transparency within DHHS is frightening and leads to further distrust.

What is the department's reasoning behind abandoning a system of local, collaborative, community-based programs for an entirely new approach? And why now? With a crippling drug crisis and some of the highest rates of obesity and tobacco use in the country, Maine can't afford to lose ground in the development of our public health infrastructure.

Let's pray we get the answers we deserve soon. Maine's most vulnerable populations, including babies, the elderly and the sick, do not have time to waste.



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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,

As a life long Democrat and now registered Independent, I have always made my voting choices based on the platform of the individual, including their demonstration of the personal attributes that I seek in a leader. Traits like work ethic, integrity, a willingness to listen and collaborate with others who may not share their views. I look to see who is willing to cross the aisle and vote against their party when the issue calls for it, who is willing to compromise. Someone who is willing to stand up for what is right, not what is popular. In my opinion, Senator Amy Volk is that candidate.

Amy takes a genuine interest in the Gorham community and is always willing to show up on a moments notice when I call looking for her help or support. Her commitment to the youth of Gorham and her district has also been strong and advocates for our children and our elderly in Augusta.

Supporting fiscally conservative policies that show she understands the importance of a strong local economy while not turning a blind eye to the social needs that abound us. Issues

like supporting the growing number of asylees, drug addiction, workers with disabilities and human trafficking. Senator Amy Volk has both introduced and fought hard for legislation to improve the lives affected by these issues.

Please join me in re-electing our great State Senator Amy Volk this November.
 Al Garcia

Dear Gorham Times,

With the national focus on the presidential campaign, we can easily forget about the races that impact us directly. As a citizen concerned by what I see in Augusta, I want to explain why I support Jean-Marie Caterina for the Maine State Senate in District 30 (Scarborough, Gorham, and Buxton) on November 8th.

As someone who is deeply inspired by leadership of Bernie Sanders, I'm on the lookout for local leaders with integrity. Caterina is a woman who I believe exemplifies many of the qualities essential for transparent and effective leadership in Augusta.

One example of Jean-Marie's commitment to serving the people of Senate

District 30 is her decision to run as a Clean Election candidate. As such, Jean-

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Around Town

Town Manager David Cole recently presented Lt. Eric Winsor of the Gorham Fire Dept. with his five year service pin.

The recent installation of new water mains on Ward's Hill, Dyer, and Huston Roads increased capacity, water pressure, and fire protection capabilities for nearly 200 Gorham residents on November 1. Upgrades began in 2006 with the installation of water mains in parts of Fort Hill, Huston, and Ward's Hill Roads. The installation of a new pump station off Ward's Hill Road is scheduled for 2017 and will replace two obsolete stations built in 1898 and 1950.

Cindy Hazleton remains at the Gorham Recreation Department as the Recreation Director, while Ben Marshall was hired as Director of Recreation Programs replacing Mike Gradone who departed in June 2016.

Join us at BML for an evening with Maine author:
Bruce Coffin
 Author of *Among the Shadows*

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Ocean Gardens is All of the Above

BAILEY O'BRIEN
Staff Writer

What kind of restaurant is Ocean Gardens? Mike and Mamie Martin, owners since 2014, have a long answer: it's a top notch restaurant, a family eatery, a fresh seafood joint, a welcoming bar, a function space, and a breakfast destination. A shorter answer: Ocean Gardens does it all.

The expansive menu includes, as one would expect, a plethora of seafood fare, including lobster, haddock, shrimp, salmon, and crab, among others. Mike drives to Portland several times a week to pick up fresh seafood for the restaurant. "I picked up 200 lobsters yesterday, right off the boat," he said.

However, the menu extends far beyond seafood. Starting with the salad and soup bar, a crowd favorite, the Martins continue to emphasize their dedication to high-quality ingredients. "We've upgraded the quality of the salad bar. It's much more fresh now, and our soup is always homemade," said Mike. "Nothing is ever from a can."

Their pasta dishes feature homemade tomato and alfredo sauces alongside homemade meatballs, and the prime chuck beef for their burgers is ground in house. "We make our own onion rings, too," added Mamie. In addition, their prime rib, a popular menu item, is slow-cooked all day long every day.

As one of the changes they've made to the restaurant, Mike and Mamie have added breakfast hours four days a week. "Our breakfast is spectacular," said Mike, "and people are still just hearing about it." Perhaps Gorham's best-kept secret, the breakfast menu covers a lot of ground, from the basics to the works, boasting Dutch baby pancakes filled with fresh fruit as the most decadent item on the menu.

Other restaurant improvements have included updating the bar area with round high tables and putting local draft beers on tap, with many other improvements in the planning stages. "We want it to be a place for the regulars to feel comfortable while drawing more customers in the 30 to 50 age range," said Mike.



Photo credit Bailey O'Brien

Mike comes to Ocean Gardens with 37 years of experience working at the McDonald's Corporation where he oversaw the operations of six to eight restaurants at a time. "Systems, routine, and quality," Mike said of the most important lessons learned from his time at McDonald's. Mamie retired from working in a real estate law firm this April and has since been working at the restaurant full-time. Mike and Mamie also own the restaurant Stoneridge in Cornish, which is open seasonally.

What makes Ocean Gardens special, beyond their commitment to fresh, local, and quality ingredients, is the sense of community they have created. Mike and Mamie both grew up in Gorham, attending school together through graduation and parting ways after high school. "We met up at our 25th high school reunion, hit it off, and got married in August 2005," said Mike.

They have made Gorham their home once again and have a palpable affinity for their hometown. "This building used to be Graffam's ice cream shop when we were kids," said Mamie, reminiscing on the history of the building she now owns. After listing off the customers they've known since their high school days, Mike paused. "It's like a homecoming every day."

Ocean Gardens is located at 390 Main Street. The restaurant is open for lunch and dinner seven days a week from 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., and breakfast Thursday through Sunday mornings from 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. For more information, visit www.oceangardensrestaurant.com or www.facebook.com/OceanGardensRestaurant.

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Mark and Eric Levine

CHRIS CRAWFORD
Staff Writer

Brothers Mark (GHS '88) and Eric (GHS '91) Levine have deep roots in Gorham, but their professional lives have led them away from their hometown, which was founded by their ancestors and where their family has lived for hundreds of years. Both brothers have vivid memories of their grandfather, Raymond Phinney, who started Phinney Lumber Company. They learned the importance of a good Maine work ethic from their grandfather and other family members who taught them that, "Your word is your bond and a job is not done until you have poured your heart and soul in it," said Mark. Eric loved going to visit the lumber company, too. "To this day, the smell of sawdust still brings back great memories," he said. It most likely also influenced Eric's interest in architecture, which is an important part of his current professional life.

Mark currently serves as Head of Production for the Food Network and Cooking Channel where he oversees shows like Food Network Star, Great Food Truck Race, and Cutthroat Kitchen. He also launched the first programming for children with shows like the Kids Baking Championship, Rachael Vs. Guy: Kids Cook-Off, and Food Network Star Kids.



Photo courtesy of Eric Levine

Eric Levine



Photo courtesy of Mark Levine

Mark Levine

Mark graduated Magna cum Laude from Amherst College in 1992. His thesis was an original screenplay which he described as "wildly uncommercial and rough," but it inspired him to move to Los Angeles to become a Hollywood writer. While getting established, he worked as an extra on the TV show, Beverly Hills 90210 and also did production work before becoming a film executive at Columbia Pictures. "I worked for Jim Henson's daughter, Lisa, and Janet Yang, who had been Oliver Stone's producing partner on The Joy Luck Club," he said. Lisa and Janet created a film production company and hired Mark as their VP of Development. "This gave me a chance to come up with film ideas which my colleagues would then produce," he said. During that time, he worked on movies like Gattaca, The Craft and High Crimes.

After working in film, Mark changed directions and moved into the digital world. He launched web-

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U.S. Cellular Ribbon Cutting



Photo courtesy of Norm Rutt

U.S. Cellular, locally owned by Mainely Wireless, celebrated the opening of its new location at 109 Main Street with a ribbon cutting on October 19. The business expanded to Gorham in August of 2007. Originally located across the street in Gorham, the business outgrew its previous space but wanted to remain in the Village. Pictured from left to right is Tony Silvernagel (Chamber of Commerce), Norm Rutt (President Mainely Wireless), Mike McLaughlin, Jacob Rutt, Brendan Rutt (being held by his father), Jon Rutt and Jahanna Steindl (Portland Chamber of Commerce Vice President).

GHS GRAD NEWS

If you, or your son or daughter is a GHS graduate, we would like to share your achievements in the Gorham Times Of Interest section or in a Where Are They Now feature. Submissions should include the year of GHS graduation and should be no longer than 75 words. Contact Chris Crawford at cck5@maine.rr.com, Kathy Corbett at kcorbett@aol.com or Cindy O'Shea at coshea2@maine.rr.com.

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Photo credit Roger Marchand

Metro Bus Service CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

mize efficiency as well as convenience. A second bus line, the Blue Line, is also in development and will provide access to the Maine Mall. The Blue and Husky Lines will intersect in Westbrook's downtown so passengers may transfer bus lines according to their desired destination.

The Metro's ridership statistics proj-

ect that Gorham's non-student ridership will comprise roughly 20% of the annual boardings of these two lines. "Councilors expressed concern about the difficulty of starting service and later discontinuing it down the road," said Cole. "Overall, though, they supported the proposal and believe that it will benefit Gorham residents."

A Ripple Effect of Kindness CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

Once a member, Holloway embarked on a personal reset; she began to relearn the fundamentals of happiness and kindness. Now, signs in vivid blues, purples, pink, orange, and yellow shout an inquiring idea as they sway in the breeze on Holloway's side porch on Main Street.

It took Holloway over six months to create the signs and hone her message. "With kindness comes such a natural high," said Holloway. "Kindness creates this ripple effect of kindness."

Holloway envisions a setting that focuses more on 'we' than on 'I'. She's interested in making her signs part of a Kindness campaign, and working

to generate a large ripple effect that encourages thoughts about compassion that turn into action, in Gorham and beyond.

She's excited and is welcome to people reaching out and collaborating with her. "Perhaps an inside installation or a giant sign hung in the window of a shop in Portland," Holloway imagined.

The kindness advocate has been a Gorham resident for nineteen years. Holloway attributes her signs to personal growth. "I was seeing so much hatred have a ripple effect when there're so many good things to focus on. The crux of life is to be kind to one another," said Holloway.

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Tire Safety

DOUG CARTER

Tires are very important to the safety of your car. Many vehicles come with anti-lock brakes, traction control and vehicle stability control but none of these are going to work properly if the tires do not perform well.

Tires may all seem the same except for the price, but that is far from the truth. Tread design and composition of the rubber can vary greatly, depending on what the tire is designed for. Most passenger car tires have gotten larger over the last 20 years. Tire sizes of 17 to 22 inch are commonplace today, instead of the old 15 inch norm of the past. The larger the tire the more contact it has with road surfaces leading to better handling and control.

Most sidewall widths now are also low profile which have less give in the sidewall than a wider sidewall tire. Low profiles help the vehicle corner better. The trade off is that low profiles do not absorb road imperfections as well, making for a rougher ride.

Tire size is pretty much set when the car is designed. So while considering what car you would like to own, think about whether you like a sporty, good handling vehicle (low profile) or if a comfortable ride is more important (wider sidewalls).

Tread design is a big difference between all season and winter tires, but rubber composition also plays a role. The softer composition of a winter tire provides better traction in winter conditions than an all season tire. Hot pavement in the summer greatly reduces the life of the winter tire, wearing the tread much faster. The aggressive tread design of winter tires is also louder and will reduce your fuel mileage.

All season tires sound like the best answer, but while they may be fine for states below the snow belt, they will never have the traction of a winter tire for our Maine driving conditions. An

all wheel drive vehicle is a plus in the bad weather, allowing you to get away with a less aggressive all season S.U.V. rated tire. Many of us get by on all season tires, but you need to consider your driving habits. If you have to go out no matter what the road conditions are, then winter tires are highly recommended.

Winter tires can also be studded, and four studded tires are the ultimate setup for bad weather conditions. They can not be installed before October 1, and must be removed by May 1. By law, all four tires must be studded on a front wheel drive vehicle because with all the weight in the front of the vehicle, the back of a vehicle is very light, so if studded tires on the front are pulling the vehicle through slushy heavy snow and the light back end loses traction, the vehicle can fish tail out of control. The studs also make a lot of noise and will lower fuel mileage, but four studded tires on an all wheel drive vehicle is unstoppable.

Tire pressure monitoring systems are required on all new vehicles sold in the United States. This may seem like a useless system, and a waste of money, but tire pressure is very important. The government mandate requiring a tire pressure system stems from the 1990's when Firestone Tires on Ford Explorers blew out, causing vehicle roll overs and several deaths. As a tire loses pressure, side wall damage can occur as it flexes more than normal generating heat which can cause the tire to blow out.

Keeping your tires properly inflated can positively affect your fuel mileage. Even 5 psi can make a difference. It pays to know about your tires.



Doug Carter is the owner of Carter's Auto Service, Inc. He's been in the auto service business since graduating from Gorham High School in 1981.

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Collection boxes are already in place at Mr. Bagel and the Police Station in Gorham, Dunkin Donut and the Police Station in Westbrook, Marden's in S. Portland, and Cabela's in Scarborough, and others in Windham & Gray.

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, and other near-by towns as needed

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



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sites and digital products for companies like Turner Studios, Sony Pictures Entertainment and then oversaw Digital for ABC Daytime in Los Angeles. In 2007, he moved to New York city to take a job at the Syfy Channel. A year later, he was lured over to Scripps Networks, the parent company of Food Network, Cooking Channel, HGTV, DIY, Great American Country and Travel.

Eric graduated from Middlebury College in 1995 as a Studio Art Major with an emphasis in Architecture. He moved to Boston and began to design graphics for promotional and training software for a variety of clients such as Compaq and BMW.

Entering the rapidly expanding world of technology in the 1990's was a challenge. "I took introductory classes on Adobe Photoshop and Illustrator and read a lot of "Dummies" books to get up

to speed on HTML to learn how to design and build websites for clients in the early days of the internet," said Eric. He put his new skills to work at iXL, a dot-com start-up focused on building e-commerce websites and systems integration for large Fortune 500 corporations, eventually becoming a project manager responsible for managing teams of engineers, artists and writers who designed, built and integrated web-based products.

In 2003, Eric and his wife and two sons moved from Boston to Florida and began to take over the management of a portfolio of hotel and apartment real estate investments owned by his wife's family. For Eric, it felt good to return to his love of architecture. "As a kid I always loved to draw and was fascinated by art and specifically architecture. I loved to see houses being built around Gorham," he said. The move afforded him the opportunity to work with architects, engineers, contractors, accountants and attorneys involved in real estate. Now, instead of building software, he builds buildings. "I still love walking around construction sites and smelling fresh cut wood," he added.

Mark and Eric are great examples of the notion that you can take people out of Gorham but you can't take the Gorham out of people. Both brothers have wonderful memories of growing up and going through Gorham Schools.

Eric recalls spending lots of time playing with his cousins in their back fields, going on hikes through Alden's woods, and going to the Phinney Family Reunions with lobster bakes and frog jumping contests. Mark fondly remembers selling ice cream from the front of a tricked-out bicycle at Little League games and cruising around town in a friend's old yellow VW bug.

Mark also organized a local fundraiser called Hands Across Gorham in May of 1986. Nationwide, approximately 6.5 million people held hands in a human chain for fifteen minutes along a path across the continental United States. "I remember standing in the middle of Main Street with

a megaphone in my hand. In that moment, I realized that it doesn't matter where you are from or where you go, you can make a difference with a little

creativity and a whole lot of elbow grease," he said.

Eric and Mark both loved Mr. Willette's senior English class. Mark said, "I was convinced that he was the inspiration for the Robin Williams character in Dead Poets Society." Ms. Smith, Eric's art teacher helped him enroll in a program at Haystack School of Art. "It helped me develop a more comprehensive art portfolio when I applied to colleges," he said. Mark also credits Glenn Cummings, a former GHS teacher who is now President of USM with "...showing me that I grew up in a truly remarkable town...but there was also a big world beyond to explore."

Mark currently lives in Manhattan with his dog Bayley, who is named after the famous lobster pound in Pine Point, a favorite haunt of his family. He also spends time in Provincetown, Cape Cod where he enjoys having time to cycle, swim, run and dig and cook up his own clams.

Eric and Millie, his wife and college sweetheart, designed and built their house in Palm Beach, Florida where they live with their three children, sons Cooper (15), Carter (12) and daughter Chloe (10). When his busy family life allows, Eric enjoys competing in obstacle course races such as Tough Mudder and BattleFrog.

Mark and Eric are the sons of Sheila Phinney-Levine (GHS '63) and Phillip Levine.

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Presumpscot Regional Land Trust Needs a New Home

CHRIS CRAWFORD
Staff Writer

The Presumpscot Regional Land Trust (PRLT) is in search of a new home. For almost 25 years, the Land Trust office has been located on the first floor of the McLellan House, an 1800's colonial in the heart of the South Street Historical District, next door to Baxter Library. During that time, the Town of Gorham owned the building and generously donated the space rent free in exchange for the Land Trust assuming management of the building.

The Town of Gorham recently sold the building, upon the recommendation of the PRLT, to new owners who are committed to renovating the historic building. The new owners plan to use the first floor of the building for a den-

tist's office and maintain the apartment on the second floor. They are allowing the Land Trust to continue using the space rent free through 2016. The Land Trust is now looking to move into a new office space beginning January 2017.

Mike Parker, PRLT Board President, said, "We are very gratified by the results of this process. The new owners have successfully rehabilitated an historic building in Kezar Falls, Maine. We welcome the community minded new owners of McLellan House."

The top priority is for the Land Trust to find a space that could be donated or leased at a significantly discounted rate. A space anywhere in the Land Trust's region of Gorham, Windham, Standish, Gray or Westbrook would be ideal. Having to pay market rates for

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Small Engine Winter Storage Tips

CHRIS KELLEY
OWNER, V & M RENTAL

With winter quickly approaching, it's time to think about putting away our lawn mowers, trimmers and other equipment while we prep our snowblowers for action. Here are a few tips we recommend to keep your equipment running properly once spring comes back around:

Before doing anything with fuel, clean your equipment. This will remove dirt and other moisture trapping debris and lessen the chances for contaminating any engine components.

While it may seem like purging the fuel system will prevent the ethanol issues that plague small engines, this is not ideal. Even after draining the tank and running the engine until empty, there can still be residual fuel

left in the line and in the carburetor bowl. This tiny bit of fuel can wreak havoc over the winter, and ultimately will create the gums and varnish that call for repairs.

Fill up the tank 95% full with FRESH gasoline treated with fuel stabilizer. The emphasis here is on fresh, as untreated fuel can begin breaking down after 30 days.

Choose a quality fuel stabilizer. At our shop, we use a product called Ethanol Shield, but brands like StarTron and SeaFoam also work well. Sta-Bil 360 is also another option, but Sta-Bil Storage doesn't tend to work as well for small engines.

When it comes to two-cycle engines such as chainsaws and trimmers, the same principles apply as

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Opinion: The Importance of the Upcoming Locals Election: Maine Tradition

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"As an American, I want to see our nation recapture the strength and unity it once had when we fought the enemy and not ourselves." ... "Every human being is entitled to courtesy and consideration. Constructive criticism is not only to be expected, but sought." ... "I don't want to see the Republican Party ride to political victory on ... Fear, Ignorance, Bigotry and Smear." Those were the words of Margaret Chase Smith (R) Maine, U.S. Senator 1948-1972. Maine has a history of Republican, Democratic and Independent politicians who distinguished themselves not only with their service to us, but their willingness to respect and work with members of the opposite political party for the good of the people they represented: Margaret Chase Smith (R), Edmund Muskie (D), William Cohen (R), George Mitchell (D), Olympia Snowe (R). We hear the slogan "not a career politician", but these politicians spent entire careers serving the people of Maine well.

Prior to the past six years, Maine had a reputation for moderate, cooperative politics in Augusta recognizing that to get things accomplished you need to work together. The current Legislature is contentious and historically unproductive: fewer than 30% of proposed bills became law and the Governor has vetoed more bills than any governor in State history. The Governor of the State of Maine has become well known for his behavior. For some, this has become the acceptable, the "norm", filtering down to other members of his party: the head of the York Republican Party made news by making a slur towards an openly gay lawmaker; the Republican representative from Greene also made news with an insulting email to a woman who criticized members of the Governor's party for refusing to take any action on the Governor's ongoing indiscretions. While serving in the U.S. Congress as Senator from Maine, Republican William Cohen broke with his party and voted for impeachment of Republican President Nixon. Currently, Republicans G.H.W. Bush, William Cohen and current Senator Susan Collins have all said that they will not vote for Donald Trump for President of the United States. By contrast, in the American Journal 10/22/15, Senator Amy Volk was cited as saying she favored "censuring" the Governor for his un-civil actions, but she and other Republican members of the Legislature refused to meet in a Special Session to discuss taking any meaningful action. That article also cites that she would not say who she was supporting in the U.S. Presidential election.

The Governor has continually said that he is "working for Maine people", yet he refused to issue voter-approved bonds for highways, Land for Maine Future, and Senior Housing. He also has said job creation is a top priority, yet his plan favors cutting up to 2,300 State employees (don't they count?), risking a reduction in the services we all depend on. The Governor and his party continually talk tax cuts. For whom? In his proposed 2018-19 Budget, the Governor includes cutting the top income tax rate, not the rate for the average tax payer, those cuts likely "funded" by cuts in education, health care and revenue sharing with towns including Gorham, Buxton and Scarborough, likely resulting in a rise in local property taxes. In 2012, the Governor and his party legalized consumer fireworks again under the guise of being "business friendly" and "creating jobs". The majority of that revenue goes to out of state distributors and manufacturers, while there are a few jobs for local owners and store clerks. Most Mainers do not believe the amount of job creation and the relatively small amount of tax revenue is worth the aggravation that's been the result. If this is an example of "business friendly", who is really benefiting and who is being hurt?

Making politics in Maine work again starts at the local level, making the votes of Gorham residents so important. Who we send to Augusta to represent us will impact whether the Maine Legislature continues on a contentious, agenda-driven, non-productive path or returns to the co-operation and respect that has been Maine's tradition. We hear these political slogans: "fighting for Maine", "business-friendly"; "reforming business regulations"; "reducing taxes". But who do these hard-line agendas benefit; the majority of us, or those who have personal business interests in mind? Will de-regulating worker's compensation help the average person who works? Is fighting Town ordinances and safety codes for the good of the Gorham residents or a personal agenda? [See: "Noise Ordinance Continues to Be Problematic"] Gorham Times Archives, August 1, 2013.] Generally regulations from environmental regulations to ordinances to banking regulations exist for the benefit and protection of the majority of people.

The upcoming election is likely to determine whether the Legislature in Augusta continues to "fight over Maine" or "works for Maine". The Governor of the State of Maine has shown repeatedly that he and only he knows what's best for Maine people. Even in the case of voter-approved bonds. The majority of Republican legislators currently in Augusta have shown that they support his hard line agendas and also are not willing to do anything meaningful about the Governor's conduct detrimental to the people of Gorham and all of Maine. On November 8 there will be the opportunity for us to send three candidates from the Democratic Party who are committed to return the State legislature to representing the majority of Maine people and not just the few. We can expect that they will go beyond slogans and posturing and not only show respect and civility in State government, but insist on it. Hopefully we can begin to rid State government of the kind of constant contentious behavior that does not benefit us, but only seeks to affirm hard line rhetoric and agendas.

Jeff Christiansen
Gorham ME

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Making politics work in Maine again starts at the local level, making the votes of local residents so important.

School Committee Election: One Candidate, Two Positions

GORHAM TIMES STAFF

It is not necessary to notify the Town Clerk to run for the Gorham School Committee as a write-in candidate. Only one candidate's name will appear on the ballot this election, but there are two open positions.

The same is true of write-ins for Town Council. While three people have filed for three positions, all write-in votes will be counted.

Write-in candidates will not be tallied for state or federal races, however, because these require prior notification and no one has filed to be a write-in candidate.

As of press time, the Gorham Times learned that Stewart McCallister of Flaggy Meadow Road is running as a write-in candidate for School Committee. McCallister works for the Postal Service and has lived in Gorham with his wife and two young children for the past six years.

June Arrests 2016

Lindsey Mason, 29, of Mass. was arrested on School St. for unlawful possession of scheduled drugs.

Raul Ross, 30, of Westbrook was arrested for obstructing report of a crime, aggravated assault, criminal restraint and violating conditions of release.

Monika Baribeau, 22, of Westbrook was arrested for violating conditions of release.

Colton Burnell, 18, of Hollis was arrested for imprudent speed.

Wesley Childs, 31, of Main St. was arrested for operating without a license, OUI, and leaving the scene of an accident.

Patrick Collins, 39, of Gray Road was arrested for failing to pay a fine.

Shane Dicky, 22, of Pine St. was arrested for refusing to submit to arrest, and allowing

a minor to possess/consume alcohol.

Stephen Lake, 22, of Gorham was arrested on two counts of assault.

Tracy Widdecombe, 40, of Westbrook was arrested for OUI.

Brenda-Sue Beeler, 33, of Glenwood Ave. was arrested for unlawful possession of heroin, and two counts of aggravated trafficking in scheduled drugs.

Christian Molina-Mendez, 21, of Portland was arrested for operation with a suspended/revoked license, OUI, speeding and failure to stop for an officer.

Morgan Smith, 22, of Hollis was arrested for speeding, OUI, and operating with a suspended/revoked license.

Randy Rice, 32 of Old Orchard Road was arrested for OUI.

Roundabout Meeting Produces Results

KATHY CORBETT
Staff Writer

On September 22, a tractor-trailer filled with gasoline and diesel fuel toppled over at the roundabout of Route 114 and the Bernard Rines Village Bypass. This latest of four truck rollovers spurred Andrew McLean, chairman of the state legislature's Transportation Committee, to bring together Gorham Fire Chief Robert Lefebvre, Police Chief Daniel Jones, Town Manager David Cole, and Public Works Director Robert Burns with representatives from the Maine Department of Transportation to discuss the problem.

At the October 17 meeting, Maine Transportation Commissioner David Bernhardt and the DOT staff offered suggestions for short-term and long-term solutions. Over the next few months, they will implement some improvements and make specific recommendations for others.

At the meeting, Chief Lefebvre outlined his concerns about speed limit signs leading up to the roundabout, the height of the truck apron, and the confusing lane definition. He reported that seasoned truck drivers have confirmed difficulties in negotiating the roundabout.

According to the DOT, this 2008 roundabout was constructed with a 4" rise to the truck apron rather than the 3" rise currently used in designing roundabouts and with a higher cross slope than is now standard. The two lane entrance northbound, which may not be needed for current traffic flow, gives the appearance of abruptly narrowing to one

lane circulating the roundabout. The lack of landscaping in the center island contributes to the wide open feel.

In the short-term, the DOT offered to install a dynamic sign on the northbound leg of Route 114 that will be activated when a vehicle is traveling above 15 mph. Other signage will also be reviewed, including a lighted rollover caution sign.

"Since the meeting, they have painted the flush concrete island bright green to better delineate the entrance to the roundabout," Lefebvre said. The additional improvements should be completed in the next few weeks. Re-striping the circle may be done before winter with grinding strips added in the spring.

The group also discussed long-term solutions that the DOT will review. Suggestions included reducing the two-lane entrance to one lane and adding a raised curb to the splitter island. Options for reducing the reveal on the truck apron were considered, including a possible overlay. They discussed raising the mound in the central island and adding low maintenance landscaping.

According to Meghan Russo, Manager of Legislative and Constituent Services for the DOT, once the department has reviewed the long-term options, a meeting will be convened to discuss them with the Gorham officials.

Both Lefebvre and McLean were pleased with the October meeting. "The concerns of Town officials were all heard by the Department of Transportation," McLean said. "I am glad we were able to come together to solve the problem and improve safety."

PRLT Needs a New Home CONTINUED FROM PAGE 7

office space would increase PRLT budget costs significantly. The Land Trust would greatly appreciate hearing from anyone who knows of an available space that could meet the Land Trust needs. They require at least 300 square feet, but an additional conference space and storage for tools would be very helpful. Please contact PRLT at info@prlt.org with ideas.

Rachelle Curan Aspe, Executive Director of PRLT said, "Rest assured we are working hard to find a great new home for the land trust. Any help from community members as we search for a

new home would be much appreciated."

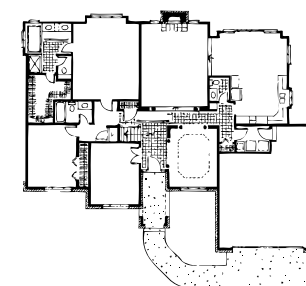
Presumpscot Regional Land Trust is celebrating its 30th year of conserving land and also its recent merger with Windham Land Trust and Presumpscot River Watch. "As we look for a new home, we are also looking forward to supporting healthy lands, wildlife and people into the future thanks to the hundreds of members and volunteers who help ensure our community based non-profit grows and thrives," said Curran Aspe.

To learn more or to become a member go to www.prlt.org or email info@prlt.org



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Special Town Council Meeting

JACOB ADAMS
Staff Writer

The Town Council approved the purchase of a new Rescue Vehicle and appropriated supplemental funds of \$20,744.01 from both the Rescue Reserve account and \$10,282 from the Rescue Savings Account. The total cost of the vehicle: \$236,025.06.

The purchase of 2 parcels of property (Tax Map 27, Lot 6 and Tax Map 27, Lot 6.1) located off New Portland Road was approved to conserve open space on land that could otherwise be developed as residential units, construct a trail and aid in protecting the Indian Camp Brook Watershed. The Town Council appropriated \$139,333 for the purchase from the open space impact fees and the Town Manager

is authorized to execute necessary documents to complete the sale.

The Town Council endorsed a proposed three-year public bus service trial to be provided by METRO, contingent upon acquisition of all necessary funding, and subject to refinement through a community and stakeholder planning process. The Town Council and Staff will work together with METRO, the cities of Westbrook and Portland, and the University of Southern Maine to finalize plans, funding requirements, transit service levels, bus stop locations and infrastructure to be formally executed as part of an Intergovernmental Agreement subject to Town Council approval at a future date.

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

Police Investigating More Car Burglaries in Village

DET. SGT. DANA THOMPSON
AND SHERI FABER

Since July 2016, police have responded to reports of 38 car burglaries. All of the vehicles were unlocked. This is a simple crime to prevent. Many vehicles have alarms that will go off if there is an attempted break-in. At least one family has reported having their vehicle burgled on two separate occasions.

Police have surveillance video of two suspects using stolen credit cards at local businesses. These photos are on the Gorham PD Facebook page and have been sent to other local law enforcement agencies but no one has been able to identify the two men. It is possible they are new to crime, new to the area and/or haven't been arrested for other crimes. More likely, they are from away and not known to local law enforcement.

Most break-ins were in the Village area between Main St. and Libby Ave. up to State Street and on

South Street and into Southwoods, ending near Weeks Road. Police find these cases frustrating to work on because the items stolen - petty cash and change, and small electronics where victims do not have serial numbers meaning they are largely untraceable. There are many places to offload stolen property as well as selling it on the street for money or drugs.

Typically, the burglars are smart enough to wear gloves and leave behind little or no evidence. The thefts occur mainly at night while people are sleeping. Either no one witnesses the crime or the descriptions of the suspects tend to be very sketchy. Many other communities are having similar problems.

Gorham PD recommends you take the following steps to prevent a car burglary: 1. Lock your vehicle. 2. Do not leave valuables such as electronics, credit cards or jewelry in your vehicle. 3. If you are the victim of a theft, try not to disturb the scene and report the crime as soon as possible.

Avesta Housing Opens

ROGER MARCHAND
Staff Writer

On October 20, Avesta Housing held a grand opening of its recently completed 24-unit senior and disabled housing facility, Ridgewood at Village Square, on School Street. The building includes one- and two-bedroom apartments targeted to households at or below 60 percent of the area's median income, or a maximum of \$37,020 for a two-person household. Subsidized rents are based on 30 percent of a tenant's adjusted household income.

The units are coming on the market amid high demand for affordable rental units, especially for older residents. "Ridgewood filled up fast and there are no vacancies," said Sara Olsen, development and communications manager at Avesta Housing.

There was a large crowd in attendance for the grand opening, including representatives from the offices of Senator Angus King and Representative Chellie Pingree. Avesta Development Officer, Drew Wing, served as emcee for the ceremony.

Sara Gideon, Assistant Majority Chair of the Maine House, praised the cutting edge technology and energy self-sufficiency of the building. She also spoke on the importance of having health care read-

ily available for the elderly. The new building produces 50% of its energy using solar photovoltaic panels and also has the ability to provide Telehealth Services via the internet.

Virginia Manuel, State Director of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development, said the USDA was proud to help partially fund the building and help financially support the elderly in facilities such as Ridgewood.

Bill Caron, President of Maine Healthcare, said that health care is determined by many factors besides just basic primary health care. He explained how the Telehealth Services, which will be available in the complex, could help people in all areas of Maine, especially senior citizens and people in rural areas.

Councilor Bruce Roullard attended the event on behalf of the Town of Gorham. He spoke on the importance of having the University of Southern Maine and the Avesta complex so close to one another. He also thanked Avesta for using Gorham businesses in the development of the building, including Gorham Savings Bank and Great Falls Construction. Councilor Ron Shepard was also in attendance, along with Town Manager David Cole, and many Town staff members.

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Keeping the Musical Tradition Alive at GHS

JOSHUA HURD
GHS Musical Director
 WITH ABBIE VANLULING
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For years, Gorham High School has been known to produce some of the best high school musical productions around. Several Gorham alumni have gone on to star on Broadway and in National Tours. GHS is fighting to keep that spirit alive this year as it sets its sites on the rock-musical “Footloose” for 2017.

When it comes to the musical program at GHS, there’s more than just acting that goes into making the show happen and ticket sales alone don’t keep the program running. Musical producer, Michael Lortie, has been with the program for over ten years and is working diligently alongside musical director, Matt Murray, to make sure each show is a success.

While the high school budget does provide a stipend for the production team, they are responsible for making sure the program stays afloat and continues to grow.

Recently, with the popularity of musical theater, growing costs or royalties and rights to shows have soared. In 2016, the high school produced the popular musical



Photo credit Jennine Cannizzo

Pictured is the full cast for GHS’ 2016 musical, “Thoroughly Modern Millie.” A fundraising effort is currently underway to help support this year’s production of “Footloose” in February 2017.

“Thoroughly Modern Millie.” It was a fantastic production but the rights to perform the musical alone was more than \$5,000 and ticket sales were not able to cover even that expense.

There are always things that can be done to cut costs and those decisions continue to be made whenever possible. GHS has had to take shows like “Mary Poppins,” “Chitty Chitty Bang Bang,” “Shrek,”

and “Beauty and the Beast” out of the lineup, for example, due to the cost of the royalties. However, the production team can’t focus exclusively on cost. They want, and the students deserve, to produce big exciting shows too. “We need help,” said Lortie.

This year, the musical “Footloose” will be performed for one weekend only in order to hopefully increase demand for the

show. Two GHS faculty members, Amy Smith and Rocky Myers, have been cast to help pique community interest and support. It is going to be an unbelievable production that GHS is very excited to bring to Gorham.

The musical program has launched a major fundraising campaign to help cover costs and allow the production team to increase the quality of the productions as well. They are asking local businesses to consider sponsoring the GHS musical. This would defray some of the costs and allow the tradition of musicals at GHS to continue to flourish. To make a donation to the GHS musical program, contact joshua.hurd@gorhamschools.org or michael.lortie@gorhamschools.org.

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- Dramatically reduce "Red Tape" constraining businesses
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Students in Ms. Whitaker's class are pictured with a recent harvest from the Gorham Middle School's garden that was donated to the Gorham Food Pantry.

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Students in Ms. Whitaker's class at Gorham Middle School learn about growing their own food organically while at the same time performing community service. Each season, the GMS garden grows, harvests, and donates roughly 1,000 lbs. to the Gorham Food Pantry to help those experiencing food insecurity in our community.

This year, Gorham's School Street Pub & Grill will donate 10 percent of their total food sales from Monday Community Nights to support local non-profit groups. On November 14, from 3 to 10 p.m., the money donat-

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The funds raised on November 14 will help the GMS garden purchase the seeds and seedlings necessary to grow their garden in 2017.

Owner Al Asali said, "we have it in our pub's mission to give back to Greater Gorham as much as we can, and Monday Community Nights are one of the best ways we can be involved and help local organizations raise money."

Visit www.schoolstreetpubandgrill.com/community.html for more information about Community Nights at School Street Pub & Grill.

Buddy Bench Encourages Happy Recess Play



Photo credit Jaime Tardif

Student ambassadors from Great Falls School stand proudly beside the school's new Buddy Bench. Pictured are the majority of this year's fourth and fifth-grade student ambassadors who celebrated the ribbon cutting ceremony with principal Becky Fortier and vice principal Stacey Sawyer. Ambassadors are assigned the task to monitor the Buddy Bench at each recess and help other students foster friendships and encourage happy recess play. This Buddy Bench is uniquely special in that it depicts the thumbprint of nearly every student currently attending Great Falls. That is over 500 students "making their mark!"

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SCHOOL

GHS Senior Spreads Anti-Bullying Message at Racetrack



Photo courtesy of Jenna Webster

GHS senior Jenna Webster stands with her race car which promotes Free2Luv, a campaign that helps support children and teens who face bullying at school.

ERIN WENTWORTH
GHS student intern

A prominent concern in school systems around the country is the treatment of students by their peers. Unfortunately, Maine's school systems are no exception to this. Gorham High School senior Jenna Webster is a local race car driver at Beech Ridge Motor Speedway. As the 2015 Ladies' League champion, she has been racing cars for three years and go-karts for 12 years, and has decided to give back to the community through her sport.

Webster joined a campaign called Free2Luv and has been working with them to help support children and teens who struggle with bullying at school. Free2Luv is an award-winning nonprofit dedicated to celebrating individuality and equality, spreading kindness, and standing up to bullying through arts and entertainment. The campaign empowers, engages and enlightens youth to be their true, authentic selves and know that they are perfect just the way they are. Through Free2Luv, Webster has seen her life, and others' lives, change for the better.

Webster said she was bullied in middle school but learned to stand up against it and learned to make friends with everybody. She wanted to do something to get more people on board with what she did, so she decided to use her vehicle as a vehicle for awareness in bullying prevention.

On Thursday nights, at the post-race autograph session, at Beech Ridge, Webster hands out gift bags to kids promoting the anti-bullying platform. When Webster first began giving out bags with shirts, hats, and little knick-knacks for the kids who came to her, with the

Free2Luv slogan 'Friends Don't Let Friend's Bully' on them, she didn't realize that some of these kids were in fact victims of a bully. Parents would come up to her afterwards and tell her that their child is being bullied at school.

"I have become someone kids can talk to," said Webster. "I have parents and fans at the race track thanking me for doing this. It has made me feel very happy being able to have people support me in something I want to end."

"I am strongly against bullying," said Webster, "and I hate seeing kids crying or coming home sad because someone has called them a name. I feel that if I can stop people from doing this, I can save a life."

Free2Luv's slogan comes from the idea that in order to stop bullying around kids, you need to first start by stopping your friends from bullying, then move from there. Webster hopes that the bags make kids feel cared for, and she hopes they can help give kids the ability to stand up for themselves.

"I am fortunate enough to have Jenna as a student this year in physics," said GHS teacher Sally Hatch. "As a driver myself, it's nice to see Jenna display a logo which represents kindness and caring. Most of what you see on race cars represents local business. She has taken the initiative to represent a concern in public schools that isn't always vocalized by those that it effects. Jenna is a self-motivated student who puts in 100 percent effort in all that she does. She is truly someone to look up to in regards to her efforts to stop bullying."

Webster plans to continue her anti-bullying platform after graduation next year by traveling to different tracks and spreading her message.

SPORTS

Rookie Racers Impress on the Track

HAL D'AMICO
Sports Editor

The sounds of a steady whir accompany the staccato of engine acceleration at Bartlett Bridge Raceway in Lyman on Friday evenings from May through October. This is dirt track racing under the rules of the World Karting Association. In the Junior Cage Division (up to age thirteen), spectators will find two rookies from Gorham in the mix and often out front. Cruise LaBrie and Trevor Krouse are both 10-year-old fifth graders at Great Falls Elementary School.

They've been friends since kindergarten, and the bond between their families has deepened as the drivers and teams of cars #10 and #18 conclude their first year of indoor and outdoor racing. As in NASCAR and other racing, drivers adopt an identity, and are referred to by their car numbers. Cruise chose #10 to reflect his age, while Trevor chose #18. Trevor's mother, Kristie Krouse, said, "NASCAR's Kyle Busch is his favorite driver, and he wants to be just like him."

Cruise has always been interested in cars. He started watching NASCAR on television and Youtube. He explained, "If it has the word car, I'm like, 'cool.'" For Cruise's ninth birthday party, his father, Andre, set up time with local NASCAR race legend Kelly Moore as well as driving time at Maine Indoor Karting in Scarborough. Andre vividly recalled, "He immediately said, 'I want to do this. I want to do this.'"

Trevor also got his initial time behind the wheel at the Scarborough indoor facility. Both soon found themselves embracing the thrill of indoor go karts. Cruise, when asked how his first race went, told his mom, "I ran out of gas, hit a wall, and came in last. And it was the best thing ever!" Neither of these boys would be back-of-the-pack for long.

As this past May rolled around and the outdoor dirt track cage kart season commenced, both families found themselves committed and invested in the sport. In addition to purchasing a kart, necessary accessories for the kart and driver are vital to performance, and safety is foremost. Races on the short 1/10 mile clay oval have several fast moving karts mixing it up. Karts are required



Photo courtesy of Kristie Krouse

Trevor Krouse (left) and Cruise LaBrie (right) celebrate a recent win.

to have a restrictor plate installed at the engine intake, limiting the speed to under 40 mph.

Megan LaBrie shared, "We didn't envision where this would go." Upon hearing that a fire-resistant suit would be necessary, she repeated, "A fire suit?" and exclaimed, "What are we doing!" The drivers also wear gloves, helmet, elbow pad, neck brace, and racing shoes, and are seated in a space customized to their size.

This immersion included the realities of the wider junior racing community. While both families were inexperienced, they quickly learned that the family is the team. It's unlike other youth sports. As Kristie stated, "It's a bonding experience. All in. No coach and you're (the family) the team. We're the ones to celebrate and to hold their hands." Both mothers turned to each other and added simultaneously, "And wipe their tears (of disappointment)," if it came to that.

Team LaBrie includes younger sister Ella, who has grown accustomed to being out at the track and said, "I couldn't care less about go karting, but I'm supporting my brother!" Team Krouse has videographer Tyler, Trevor's younger brother.

Many of the families involved have multi-generational experience, and often have sponsors. Trevor LaBrie pointed out that, "The other trailers can reveal the difference. There might be a spare kart, compressors, lots of parts." Trevor LaBrie has put his signature on the scene, as he stands out with his manual bicycle tire pump. Trevor has

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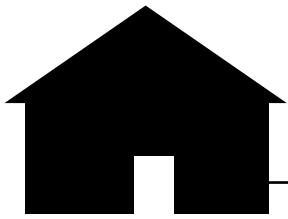
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Undefeated GHS Varsity Soccer Teams Advance to Regional Finals

HAL D'AMICO
Sports Editor
AND BRUCE WYATT
GHS Student Intern

It's not every day that a town can boast that its boys' and girls' soccer teams completed undefeated seasons and earned #1 postseason seeds heading into the playoffs.

The boys, coached by Tim King, achieved a regular season record of 13-0-1, which concluded with a 2-0 win against Marshwood on October 18. Senior Jackson Fotter reached 50 high school career goals during the regular season, a rare achievement.

Earning a first-round bye, the Rams handled Westbrook 5-1 in the quarterfinals on October 25. Fotter scored three goals, while Tyler Richman and Kyle Patterson put one apiece on the scoreboard. Alex York recorded five saves.

The boys' team played in the semifinal game against Scarborough under the lights on Halloween night. Goals by

Ethan Orach, Jackson Fotter and Ryan Firmin propelled the team to a 3-1 win. They will meet Portland in the regional final on November 2.

The girls, coached by Jeanne Zarrilli, claimed their own impressive 13-0-1 regular season record. While the team earned a first-round bye, their quarterfinal game against Kennebunk on October 26 came

down to the wire. The game remained tied at 1-1 as regulation time ended.

After two scoreless sudden death periods, the Rams were forced into penalty kicks. A

tense and vocal crowd witnessed an exciting five-penalty-kick per team finale which ultimately ended with Gorham claiming victory and a spot in the semifinals against Falmouth on October 31.

With goals from Jenna Cowan and Tiril Wiig, the team continued its winning streak with a 2-0 shutout against Falmouth on Halloween evening.

They advanced to the regional final against Scarborough on November 2.

IT'S NOT EVERY DAY THAT A TOWN CAN BOAST THAT ITS BOYS' AND GIRLS' SOCCER TEAMS COMPLETED UNDEFEATED SEASONS AND EARNED #1 POSTSEASON SEEDS HEADING INTO THE PLAYOFFS.



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Small Engine Winter Tips CONTINUED FROM PAGE 7

above, with the only addition being to mix your oil in your stabilized fuel to the recommended specifications. When in doubt, it's better the mix be more rich than lean.

Another great option for two cycle engines is pre-mixed fuel in quart sized cans. This fuel is ethanol free and already mixed to the correct ratio for many applications. Even using this fuel just for winter storage will prevent many of the issues expe-

rienced with fuels containing ethanol.

Once fresh fuel has been added to your equipment, start and let them run for two minutes to let the treated fuel cycle through the fuel system.

We hope these few tips will help you in prepping your equipment for its winter slumber. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Chris Kelley is owner of V & M Rental in Gorham.

Rams Cross Country

HAL D'AMICO
Sports Editor

Gorham's cross country teams competed in the Southern Maine Regional Meet on October 29 at Twin Brook Recreation Area in Cumberland. Three Gorham runners advanced to the Maine State Championships.

Although the rain had abated to a drizzle by the Class A starts, runners faced cold and muddy conditions. The Gorham qualifiers are Anthony Chase (25th, 17:58), Anna Slager (4th, 20:27), Iris Kitchen (6th, 20:32).

On the boys' side, junior captain Anthony Chase had an exceptional season. Prior to the regionals, Anthony was the Rams' first finisher in every race he ran. "He has been achieving many PRs over his last few races, which bodes well for our upcoming meets," said Coach Jason Tanguay days before the regional meet.

Lady Rams captain Anna Slager, a junior, and freshmen Iris Kitchen and Kate Tugman also had strong seasons according to Tanguay. Slager only competed in three races this season as she recovered from knee surgery last March. "She is looking strong right now and getting stronger with each workout she is able to complete in the final stages of this cross country season," offered the coach. He added, "Anna is a very competitive athlete, so I am excited to see her progress through championship season."

Kitchen and Tugman have been vital to the team with their outstanding performances. "They are learning a lot about what it takes to train and compete consistently. Our team has enjoyed the addition of these two hard working young ladies," said Tanguay.

The Maine State Championships will be held on November 5 in Belfast.

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someone to provide modest technical assistance with the #10 kart, while John Krouse is the senior mechanic for #18, with Trevor helping. Both dads joke that they "count on the parts truck" at the track.

With heats of 15 laps and feature events at 25 laps, clearly both teams

possess talent and determination. As the Bartlett Bridge Raceway website posts regarding the recent 4th Annual 2 To Go Show Twin 25, "Trevor Krouse and Cruise LaBrie picked up Junior cage wins, Cruise would pick up the overall win by winning the second feature which was the tie breaker. Krouse finish second..."

The families concur that the track teaches and reinforces many translatable traits. As Cruise says, "Anything can happen in life." References to friendship, responsibility, respect, and the Great Falls Elementary School Code of Conduct are peppered throughout the conversation.

When these two boys are not racing or involved in their other sports, don't be surprised to catch them together singing while chugging a beverage in emulation of the NASCAR "Can You Feel It" Coca Cola ads.

GHS Boys' Soccer First Team

The GHS Boys Soccer First Team completed an impressive 10-1-4 season. Coach Brian King said, "It was a great season for all. As a team, we scored 39 goals. Nick Strout was our leading scorer and Seth Richardson had the most assists. Luke Lamontagne and Wesley Brinegar led our defense in an incredible season only conceding 4 goals over 15 games, and never more than a single goal in a game. Many players improved individually and look to have a promising future as a part of the soccer program at Gorham High School. But most importantly we played great passing and attacking soccer and had a ton of fun." Pictured left is Nick Strout (9) and Seth Richardson (17) in their last game on October 13.

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Marie has committed to funding her campaign one single \$5 donation at a time (from voters in the District). She believes that big money has no place in politics, and is committed to remaining accountable only to the people. She won't sell out to large donors or outside interest groups.

It is not surprising to me that her opponent made a different choice and is, instead, raising money from a few wealthy donors. That is just one of many reasons I question where her opponent's allegiance lies.

As a former social worker, teacher, and current small business owner, Caterina understands what the people of Scarborough need from their leaders. And as Vice Chair of the Scarborough Town Council, Jean-Marie's qualifications for the position are significant. She knows how to get things done.

I urge you to consider Jean-Marie Caterina for the State Senate on November 8th—I think it's time that our voices are heard in Augusta.

Thank you,
Eli Edgecomb

Dear Gorham Times,

It is important to me to have people at the State House who not only bring forward good policy but also have a sense of community and know the district and people they represent in Augusta. That's why I'm voting to reelect Amy Volk for in November. Amy is running for her second term representing Scarborough, Buxton and Gorham in the Maine Senate, and she truly knows the people who she represents. Amy can always be found volunteering at a local community event, speaking with her constituents at sporting events, or honoring individuals in her district for their accomplishments.

I admire Amy not only for the work she does in Augusta to help all Mainers but also for the time she dedicates to helping her constituents. She does this not out of duty or because it is "part of the job" but because Amy is a genuinely caring and thoughtful person. As I've come to know Amy as a friend, I have quickly discovered that she has a good heart and strong faith. These are the core of her beliefs and they drive her actions. She is not a career politician. She is not in the job for the fame or attention or to further herself in any way. Amy is a loving wife of almost 30 years and mother of four impressive children...who happens to be in politics. That makes her very unique and very special. It makes her someone we need in Augusta representing Gorham, Scarborough and Buxton.

I encourage you to join me in November to send our Senator Amy Volk back to Augusta.

Alison House

Dear Gorham Times,

I support Andrew McLean and Jean-Marie Caterina for election this November. With people in this state so divided on so many issues, Maine needs people in Augusta who are willing to work together and reach a compromise. McLean and Caterina are more prepared to do this. The other two candidates are more influenced by money and party politics. We need to work together and respect each other's differences and need people in government who put the welfare of all people of Maine before their political gain.

Ruth Kelly

Dear Gorham Times,

I'm writing to express my enthusiastic support for Jim Means.

As I'm sure most of your readers know, Jim is a candidate for State Representative, in district 27. I've lived in Gorham all my life. I married a Gorham girl, and we've raised three children in Gorham. In all that time, I've seen politicians come and go. Some have lasted, some have not. Most have done a good job. Some have not.

Right now, this town, this state, and this great country all need the same thing: Leadership. I support Jim Means because he is uniquely qualified to tackle the important issues facing our town. He doesn't have a hidden agenda, he doesn't have a political axe to grind, and he isn't interested in preserving any status quo in Augusta.

I've known Jim for some time now. He doesn't say things to hear himself talk. He doesn't espouse a particular cause simply to agree or disagree with people. He does what he says. He is a man of his word. What you see is what you get. His direct, no nonsense approach to problem solving is sadly lacking in Augusta. Jim has an almost immediate ability to evaluate a problem, set goals, and achieve success.

Jim Means understands the same values that I do. Family, faith, hard work, honesty. He has lived these values, as I have, and instilled them in his children. Jim is a man of integrity. It has served him well, in his professional life, in his family, and in his community. Our community. It will serve him well in Augusta.

I know Jim Means, and I know he can make a difference in Augusta. Thank you for your time.

Respectfully,
Daren Mallory

Dear Gorham Times,

Effective leaders learn and grow as they serve us all and Andrew McLean is a fine example of this fact; he's learned a lot! As our House Representative to the Maine Legislature, Andrew has not only worked hard to support us in our own home district, but also has

been a strong co-chair of the legislature's Transportation Committee. He's learned about the committee's issues, the challenges of its budget, all while also working to develop a bi-partisan approach to solving the significant problems with our aging roads and bridges. The results of his work are making the lives of all us Mainers safer.

Andrew has great positive energy and an even greater sense of commitment to his constituents and his work in the House. He is a true listener and a capable thinker. He consistently demonstrates the best qualities of a leader: integrity, a powerful work ethic, and dependability. He applies the reasoned practice of considering all sides of an issue.

I've known Andrew for a number of years now and worked with him on projects long before he was a legislator. I've both witnessed and appreciate Andrew's sense of ethics. He believes in showing respect and fairness and he recognizes the inherent value of compromise in the decision-making process. He knows how to disagree without being disagreeable. His very genuine warmth is as real as his very solid strength of character. We couldn't have a better leader in Augusta! Let's all vote to keep him there.

Sincerely,
Peggy Marchand

Dear Gorham Times,

I am writing to make a plea to vote for Amy Volk for State Senator. Ms. Caterina is a good person but clearly seeks to spend her energy collecting more taxes ostensibly from those not paying their fair share and in particular businesses abusing tax breaks. That reads well but the real challenge is jobs. Businesses employ people who pay taxes, multiples of what businesses pay and a tax break for a business is vetted by the community, so why challenge it? Thus I reject Ms. Caterina's premise that in effect would increase taxes, undoubtedly to be spent on liberal ideas. I will vote for Amy Volk for State Senator because she has a record in the legislature spending her energy supporting job growth as well as controlling the tax burden.

The priority of the legislature must be to increase jobs; the ghosts of vetted business tax breaks can be chased after the real work is done.

Brian C. Jones

Dear Gorham Times,

At a time when there is too much negativity and polarization in politics, we need leaders who know how to solve problems and bring people together. Mo Terry is just that kind of leader.

Mo is a small business owner who understands the challenges that Maine's entrepreneurs face every day. Not only has she found innovative ways to grow her business, but she has

used it as an opportunity to engage her children and teach them about the challenges and rewards of building a business from scratch.

She has also found time to share her time and talents with the Gorham Business and Civic Exchange, the Gorham Education Foundation, the Gorham Farmers Market and the Gorham Swim Boosters.

Mo's upbeat, collaborative leadership style is in stark contrast to her opponent's divisive brand of politics. She will find ways to work with legislators from both parties, with a focus on getting results for Gorham.

Her focus on entrepreneurship, workforce training, and attracting technology and clean energy firms to Maine demonstrates her forward-thinking, long-term approach to economic development.

Please join me in supporting Mo Terry for State Representative.

Phil Bartlett

Dear Gorham Times,

For many years, my life's work has been in the field of helping young people aspire to a brighter future. Part of that effort is connecting them to good mentors. A good mentor helps build life-long relationships that impact our young people so they can become successful, productive citizens of our community. A good mentor needs to be reliable, practical, resourceful, optimistic, and accessible. There are many people I interact with every day who exemplify these values that are so important in my line of work. One of these people happens to represent me in the Maine House of Representatives. Andrew McLean is a role model for our community. He lives out his values every day: kindness, compassion, dedication, a strong work ethic and one that is particularly important for me, his ability to build relationships with others - especially those he may disagree with. Gorham is lucky to have Andrew representing us at the State House.

If there is anything that we have learned in this election cycle, it is that we cannot afford more divisiveness. We need leaders who work together, who recognize that compromise is a sign of good work, who listen more than they talk, who recognize the value of diversity in our community, and who understand the issues that are facing young people as well as working families and seniors. Andrew does not get bogged down in petty partisan disputes. He truly cares about what is best for his community.

Andrew has been a tireless advocate for our community and our state. He has a positive and inclusive vision for our future and I hope you will join me in voting for him on November 8th to send him back to Augusta to continue this important work.

Sincerely,
David Perron



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Open Letter to the People of Gorham,

When one rises above what seems to be overwhelming partisan induced ideology, we discover that we are all very much the same. If you look through the fog of polarization intently, you see people for who they are and ultimately realize many of our goals are the same.

The people of Maine can agree that we....

- need jobs that afford us a comfortable life.
- need education that focuses on our children.
- need energy costs that make our winters a little warmer.
- need health care that isn't a worry for our seniors or veterans .
- need an environment free of harmful toxins.
- need opportunity to live our dreams and those of our mothers in the manner we choose.
- need debt that doesn't weigh on the shoulders of our children.
- desire faith that we openly or quietly practice .
- desire to not be imposed upon or forced to adopt ideas we don't believe in.
- desire the right to have our own thoughts and opinions respected.
- need the preservation of rights we stand on today when we call ourselves Americans.



We must commit ourselves to developing and implementing a 25 year strategic plan that accomplishes our mutual goals in an effective and expedient manner.

A long term plan will unit all who are willing and ensure that our children and our children's children will enjoy this very place we call home.

Together we can steady those walking out of poverty and lift those can't.

Together we can guide those to better themselves through education and opportunity.

Together we have the choice to put aside those who would divide us, pitting neighbor against neighbor, community against community.

Together we can let the only competition we enjoy be that of the athletic fields and take the sport out of our politics.

Elections should not become an absolute end to our governing process. We elect and consent to be governed, not by outside interest groups but by the people we know, those we encounter at church or at the grocery store and those we care about and in turn care about us.

It's time we take the politics out of our lives and put people back in them.

Matt Mattingly

Candidate for Maine Legislature
Gorham (Municipal Center Voting District)

PS: Thank you for your thoughts and deepest consideration on November 8th.



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COMMUNITY

COLLEGE NOTES

Jessica Day and **Emily Kurz** of Hofstra University recently volunteered at the 2016 Presidential Debate. Almost 400 students volunteered in areas ranging from media and production to credentialing and ticket distribution.

Timothy J. Daigler, a junior at Hamilton College, was selected as a peer advisor in Hamilton College's Career Center. Timothy, an economics major, is the son of Karen and David Daigler.

Kiara Day (GHS '14), a junior at the University of Vermont, is in the top 20 of her class. Last year, Kiara was admitted to the Honors College, received the Elementary German Award and was inducted into Phi Alpha Theta (the History National Honor Society). Her paper, archival research on Dorothy Thompson, was selected to be published in the UVM History Review. Kiara also received a Germany Close Up Fellowship.

Lindsey Thomsen (GHS '13), a senior at University of New England, will graduate with a degree in Medical Biology. She plans to go to graduate school to be a Physicians Assistant (PA). She is a captain of the UNE swim team and holds the record for the 50 breast stroke.

Meagan Thomsen (GHS '15), a Sophomore at Colby Sawyer College, is majoring in Psychology. She is a member of the Colby Sawyer swim team.

OF INTEREST

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 Woman's Club will be having their annual Christmas Card signing meeting on November 10 from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. at First Parish Church. The cards will be sent to veterans. FMI, gorhamwomansclub@gmail.org or call 207-239-2766

The Gorham Woman's Club is having their Holiday Craft Fair on November 19 at the Harmony Masonic Hall, 33 Cressey Rd., Gorham. Light lunch available along with crafts, baked goods, raffles and lots of fun with a real Santa. FMI, 239-2766

North Gorham Public Library will host its annual Holiday Craft Fair & Book Sale Saturday, December 3 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Crafters can reserve a table for \$10 or half table for \$5. FMI, libng@north-gorham.lib.me.us or 892-2575.

Gorham residents may now begin registering their dogs for 2017. Current dog licenses for 2016 will expire December 31. To register, visit the Town Clerk's Office, 75 South Street, or www.gorham-me.org/Public_Documents/GorhamME_Webdocs/online. FMI, 222-1670.

With the help of Boy Scout Troop 73, the Gorham Lions recently lowered the 100 flags gracing Gorham's main thoroughfares. The Boy Scouts washed the flags prior to storing them.

LifeChurch in Gorham is collecting new or gently used blankets to give to the homeless. The blankets will be given out by the Maine Homeless Veterans Alliance (MHVA) and Project Blessing. Donations are being accepted through November 30. FMI, 839-6354 or pam@lifechurchmaine.org, or drop off at 8 Elkins Rd during business hours.

The GHS Interact Club is collecting donations of pediatric latex-free bandages, stickers, and small packages of crayons and coloring books for pediatric patients at Maine Med's emergency room. Monetary donations are also welcome and will help with the purchase of items. Collection boxes can be found in Gorham at Chalmers Insurance Group, Great Falls Construction, Mister Bagel and Hannaford through November 22.

White Rock Community Club will hold their next bean supper on November 5 from 4:30 to 6 p.m. at the Club at 34 Wilson Rd. \$8/\$4.

Gorham Woman's Club presented and thanked Alice Keddy, a 50 plus year member of the club, with Alice's Book Bag in honor of Alice's work for over 25 years with the Gorham Libraries Books for Tots program.

West Gorham Union Church, 190 Ossipee Trail E., will hold a public supper on Saturday, Nov. 5 starting at 5 p.m. with tickets on sale starting at 4 p.m. Hot dogs, 3 kinds of beans, chicken pie, American chop suey, casseroles, homemade pies. \$8/\$3. FMI, 839-5946

Nicole Shaffer was recently promoted to senior proposal coordinator in the marketing department of Baker Newman Noyes.

The Memoir Group at Lakes Region Senior Center, 40 Acorn St, Gorham, is hosting a special Veterans Week program on Wednesday, November 9, at 10 a.m. with several speakers. Senior Center members as well as other veterans and their families are invited to attend.

Presumpscot Regional Land Trust will hold a guided hike of Explore Black Preserve in Windham on Sunday, Nov. 5 from 10 a.m. to noon. This 100-acre preserve, now a part of the Presumpscot Regional Land Trust, has it all: rolling hills, mature trees, brooks, a variety of wildlife, plant life, and birds. The walk will be guided by Dennis Hawkes, a steward of the

land and will be approximately two miles on mostly flat terrain. The event is free, but space is limited and RSVP is required at <https://www.prlt.org/> and click on Events.

Lakes Region Senior Center recently donated \$200 to Town of Gorham Fuel Assistance Fund. Accepting the donation is Town Clerk Laurie Nordfors, presenting the check are Kim Foss, treasurer; Blanche Alexander, president; and Gerry Day, secretary of Lakes Region Senior Center. LRSC also donated \$200 to Windham Neighbors Helping Neighbors.



LOCAL FAIRS

Gorham House will host a Craft Fair on Friday, Nov. 4 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Saturday, Nov. 5 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. 50 New Portland Rd. FMI, 839-5757.

An Annual Christmas Fair will be held at **St. Anne's Church**, 299 Main St. (Rt. 25), on Saturday, Nov. 12 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. with a pasta dinner between 5 and 6 p.m. Breakfast, chili and haddock chowder lunch, raffles, arts and crafts, jewelry, silent auction, wreaths & greens, candy, baked goods, Mr. & Mrs. Claus, knitted goods, frozen apple pies and much more. FMI, 839-4857.

Old Fashioned Christmas Fair will be held at **West Gorham Union Church**, 190 Ossipee Trail, on Saturday, Nov. 19 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Baked goods, candy, jewelry, decorations, knitted and quilted items, raffles, lunch, a shopping room only for children. FMI, 839-5946.

ON-GOING EVENTS

The Gorham Food Pantry, located at 299-B Main St. (parking lot of St. Anne's Catholic Church), is open every Thursday morning from 9 to 11 a.m. and the second and fourth Wednesday of every month from 6 to 7 p.m. Free for Gorham residents in need. FMI, 222-4351 or visit www.gorhamfoodpantry.org.

The Lakes Region Senior Center, located at the Little Falls Activity Center, 40 Acorn Street, 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 (card games only on Election Day, Nov. 8). 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.

Join Visiting Artist Gina Adams, on Thursday, Nov. 3 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the University of Southern Maine AREA Gallery, Woodbury Campus Center, Portland campus. Free. Adams will also present a Slide Talk on Friday, Nov. 4 from 12-1 p.m., at the University of Southern Maine Burnham Lounge in Robie Andrews Hall, Gorham campus. Free.

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.

Windham Historical Society's Annual Christmas Craft Sale will be held on Saturday, Nov. 12 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Historical Society's Town House Museum on Windham Center Road in Windham. FMI, 655-3421.

Sebago Lake Congregational Church's Annual Christmas Fair will be held on Saturday, Nov. 19 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 410 Northeast Road, Sebago Lake Village, Standish. FMI, 642-4911.

Busy Angels Craft & Bake Fair, Scarborough Free Baptist Church, 55 Mussey Rd., Saturday, Nov. 5 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. FMI, 247-8469.

Bean Supper, Scarborough Free Baptist Church, 55 Mussey Rd., Saturday, Nov. 5 from 4 to 6 p.m. \$8/\$4. FMI, 247-8469.

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Senator Amy Volk



- 2-Term State Rep, 1-Term Senator with a proven track record of serving her constituents
- Widely endorsed; NFIB, Maine Realtors Association, The Sportsman's Alliance of Maine, The Affordable Housing Coalition
- Despite being a small-business owner and having a young family with four kids, Amy has invested herself and involved herself in the communities she serves.

Jean-Marie Caterina



- Supports higher taxes on businesses and job creators and believes in significantly increasing the minimum wage.
- Claims to support the 2nd amendment, but wants to punish law-abiding Gorham gun owners by adding new onerous gun-control regulations
- Has twice voted to raise property taxes on the people of Scarborough

House District 27

Jim Means



- Successful business person having done business in 35 of 50 states and managed asset portfolios in excess of \$350 Million.
- Endorsed by the Sportsman's Alliance of Maine a leading organization protecting Maine's wildlife habitats.
- Proposes a common sense approach to tackling rising energy costs by lifting the 100 MW cap and utilizing cheap, renewable hydro power from Quebec.

Rep. Andrew McLean



- Sent the same mailer used by 30 other democrats this cycle indicating that he has the solution to the opioid crisis in Maine. That's great, but what has he been doing about it for the last four years?
- Limited (if any) business experience, works for the USM Dean of Students
- Believes in utilizing "Green" energy sources at all costs, even when not financially viable.

House District 26

Matt Mattingly



- Successful business owner who believes in limiting regulation on businesses to allow them to grow and create jobs.
- In favor of lowering Maine's income tax rate to encourage less demand on earned income and more demand on goods and services.
- Against the 2016 gun control referendum and opposed to outside special interests enacting laws in Maine.

Maureen Terry



- In favor of raising the minimum wage, even for tipped positions which will hurt the restaurant industry.
- Against lowering Maine's income tax rate, making it easier for small businesses to operate and job creators to buy equipment and hire new staff.
- Wants to punish law-abiding Gorham gun owners by adding new onerous gun-control regulations

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Officer advised a man receiving telephone solicitations from Jamaica that it was part of a scam.

Officer suggested man have caller's number blocked or change his phone number.

County Road caller reported a bonfire in someone's yard and knew no permits were permitted that day. Fire was in a brick burn pit. Man had no permit and agreed to put the fire out.

Burnham Road caller thought she could hear a prowler on the other side of the trees and it sounded as if the person was talking to her. She thanked officers for checking it out for her.

Officer checked on two adult males walking up the street at 2:30 a.m. They were both intoxicated.

Two persons from New York parked on Blue Ledge Road told officer they were in a rental van and could not find a campground that late.

Caller reported a vehicle driving up and down Highland Ave. and sitting in his driveway. Driver was looking for a specific

house number but could not find it. Officer directed him to the correct location.

Maple Drive caller reported a bear in the area. Bear left before police arrived.

Officer stood by on Tink Drive while man collected his belongings from the garage.

Tink Drive caller reported fraudulent withdrawals from her bank account. They were for her gym memberships.

Main St. caller reported finding three dead squirrels on his property and wondered if he should report it to the state biologist. Biologist advised that if there were 10 or more dead squirrels, that would warrant further investigation.

Lowell Road caller wanted help in getting rid of a family of raccoons in his chimney. He was given the names of ADC agents he could call.

Dog missing from Pleasant St. was found swimming in the Presumpscot River.

Ledge Hill Road caller reported a possible scam. He was advised not to deposit or forward any money and to tell caller item was no longer available for sale and that police and postal service had been notified.

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- Baby & Me (Birth-18 months), 9:30-9:50 a.m., Baxter Memorial Library. FMI, 222-1190.
- Toddler Story Time (18-36 months), 10-10:30 a.m., Baxter Memorial Library. FMI, 222-1190.
- Sewing Group, 2:30-4:30 p.m., Baxter Memorial Library. FMI, 222-1190.

SATURDAY, NOV. 5

- Presumpscot Regional Land Trust will hold a guided hike of Explore Black Preserve in Windham on Sunday, Nov. 5 from 10 a.m. to noon. Free, but space is limited; RSVP is required at <https://www.prlt.org/> and click on Events.

TUESDAY, NOV. 8

- Gorham Lions meeting, Old School House on South Street (Rte. 114), 6:30 p.m. New members always welcome. FMI, 298-9182.
- Preschool Story Time (3-5 years), 9:30-10:15 a.m., Baxter Memorial Library. FMI, 222-1190.
- Adult Board Game Night, 6-7:30 p.m., Baxter Memorial Library. FMI, 222-1190.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 9

- Story Time, birth-3 years old, 10-10:30 a.m., North Gorham Public Library.
- 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.
- Toddler Story Time (18-36 months), 10-10:30 a.m., Baxter Memorial Library. FMI, 222-1190.

THURSDAY, NOV. 10

- Baby & Me (birth-18 months), 9:30-9:50 a.m., Baxter Memorial Library. FMI, 222-1190.
- Toddler Story Time, 10-10:30 a.m., Baxter Memorial Library. FMI, 222-1190.
- Sewing Group, 2:30-4:30 p.m., Baxter Memorial Library. FMI, 222-1190.

FRIDAY, NOV. 11

- Veterans Day Ceremony, 10 a.m., Municipal Council Chambers, 75 South Street.

SATURDAY, NOV. 12

- North Gorham Chess Club, North Gorham Public Library, 2 Standish Neck Road, Gorham, 10:15- 11:30 a.m. Drop-in sessions open to players of all ages and skill levels. FMI, libng@north-gorham.lib.me.us or 892-2575.
- Lego Club, 10 a.m.-12 p.m., Baxter Memorial Library. FMI, 222-1190.

TUESDAY, NOV. 15

- Gorham House Itsy Bitsy store, 1:30-3:30 p.m., Gorham House lobby, 50 New Portland Rd. FMI, 839-5757.
- Preschool Story Time (3-5 years), 9:30-10:15 a.m., Baxter Memorial Library. FMI, 222-1190.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 16

- Story Time, birth-3 years old, 10-10:30 a.m., North Gorham Public Library.
- 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.
- Toddler Story Time (18-36 months), 10-10:30 a.m., Baxter Memorial Library. FMI, 222-1190.

THURSDAY, NOV. 17

- Baby & Me (birth-18 months), 9:30-9:50 a.m., Baxter Memorial Library. FMI, 222-1190.
- Toddler Story Time (18-36 months), 10-10:30 a.m., Baxter Memorial Library. FMI, 222-1190.
- Sewing Group, 2:30-4:30 a.m., Baxter Memorial Library. FMI, 222-1190.
- Maine writer Bruce Coffin, author of "Among the Shadows", will give a talk at 6:30 p.m. at Baxter Memorial Library. FMI, 222-1190.

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