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Gorham Voters Weigh In



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Ward 1-2 election clerks (left to right) Carlene Petersen and Judy Ringo kept voters organized on Election Day at the Little Falls Activity Center.

COMPILED BY SHERI FABER

In Gorham, 9947 voters made it to the polls on Election Day. Below is the breakdown of how Gorham voted.

President:

4995 Hillary Clinton (D)
486 Gary Johnson (L)
161 Jill Stein (I)
3945 Donald Trump (R)

Congress:

5291 Chellie Pingree (D)
4277 Mark Holbrook (R)

State Senator:

3950 Jean-Marie Caterina (D)
5636 Amy Volk (R)

Rep. to Legislature Dist. 27:

2788 Andrew McLean (D)
2178 Jim Means (R)

Rep. to Legislature Dist. 26:

2297 Maureen Terry (D)
2257 Matt Mattingly (R)

Cumberland County Register of Probate:

4757 Nadeen Daniels (D)
4273 James Hughes (R)

Cumberland County Commissioner:

7440 Neil Jamieson Jr. (D)

Town Council (3 seats):

6109 James Hager
6429 Ben Hartwell
5945 Paul Smith

School Committee (2 seats):

7971 Kyle Currier
28 Stewart McCallister (write-in candidate)
5 Gregory Sundik (write-in candidate)

Question 1: An Act to Legalize Marijuana.
YES 4960 NO 4857

Question 2: An Act to Establish the Fund to Advance Public Kindergarten to Grade 12 Education. YES 4845 NO 4926

Question 3: An Act to Require Background Checks for Gun Sales.
YES 5532 NO 4295

Question 4: An Act to Raise the Minimum Wage. YES 5237 NO 4537

Question 5: An Act to Establish Ranked-Choice Voting. YES 5285 NO 4325

Maine Transportation Bond, also known as Question 6. YES 6016 NO 3619

Honoring Those Who Serve on Veterans Day

ROGER MARCHAND
Staff Writer

There was standing room only in the Council chambers for the Gorham Veterans Day Ceremony on November 11. The focus of the day was "The Importance of Service." After the presentation of the colors by the Gorham Police Department Color Guard, the First Parish Church choir sang the national anthem.

Baxter Memorial Library Director James Rathbun welcomed those in attendance, and recognized past Gorham residents Pam Turner and Martha Harris, who were both instrumental in organizing the first Veterans Day ceremony in 2011. He then introduced the keynote speaker, retired US Army colonel Bill Benson.

Benson has led soldiers in Iraq and Afghanistan as a battalion and brigade commander, transition team leader, and operations officer. He spent 42 months of active duty in Iraq and Afghanistan. He retired from the Army as a colonel after 24 years and now runs a small business with his wife in Gorham. He has also written a book called "Leadership Lab Iraq: Lessons in Organizational Leadership and Counterinsurgency."

The focus of his talk was the importance of service. He said that percentage-wise Maine has more people in the armed services than any other state and that approximately one in ten Mainers is in or has served in the military. He spoke about the importance of honoring the military as they return from being deployed overseas and mentioned the volunteers who greet returning servicemen at the Bangor Airport make those returning feel welcome and respected, which helps in



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Local Girl Scouts helped support veterans by honoring them at Gorham's Veterans Day Ceremony on November 11. The Girl Scouts led the Pledge of Allegiance and helped at the reception that followed.



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Veterans Day Ceremony Committee members Georgia Humphrey, left, and James Rathbun, right, posed with keynote speaker Colonel Bill Benson, U.S. Army (Retired), middle and far right.



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their adjustment to being home.

Benson said the armed services are dedicated to continuous training for its members and he wished high schools would explain how this training could be beneficial to students in the future. He continued, "There is more to life than a healthy paycheck,

and that growth in serving others is the longer lasting value."

After another patriotic song by the First Parish Church choir and a musical salute to all of the service members present, GHS sophomore Simon Roussel concluded the ceremony by playing taps.

Officers Make Arrests in Car Burglaries

SHERI FABER, Staff Writer
AND DET. SGT. DANA THOMPSON, GPD

Since last July, there have been nearly 50 car burglaries reported to the Gorham PD. There may have been additional burglaries that were not reported as the value of the items stolen did not seem to warrant a call or, in some cases,

there may have been nothing in the vehicle worth taking.

Police have been actively patrolling the areas where many of the burglaries took place. On November 1, Officer Dean Hannon responded to a report of suspicious activity in the area of Solomon Drive where a resident saw a

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Policy on News from Augusta: The Gorham Times asked our three state legislators from Senate District 30, House District 26 and House District 27 to provide us with "News from Augusta." We publish their articles on a rotating basis. The submissions are devoted to updates of legislative and administrative news, proposed and passed bills and laws, and developments and events that are of interest and have an impact to Gorham residents. The Gorham Times reserves the right to edit the submissions and it further reserves the right to reject any submission, in its sole discretion.

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Preparing for the New Legislative Session

REP. ANDREW MCLEAN

Last week, the people of Maine elected a new legislature. I am honored and humbled to have been re-elected to my third term by the people of Gorham and Scarborough. Over the next month and a half, the Maine Legislature will begin the process of organizing itself – electing leadership, appointing committee members and preparing legislation to be presented. The first day of the new legislative session will take place in early January and there is a substantial amount of work to be done between now and then.

Over the last few years, my work in Augusta has been focused on improving our infrastructure, reducing the burden of property taxes, and ensuring that young people have more opportunity in Maine. While we have made progress, there is still work to do. In the next legislative session, we need to develop solutions to our transportation funding challenges. There are too many roads and bridges that need to be fixed. We need to find long-term, sustainable funding so that we have a safe and efficient

transportation system for people and businesses.

We must also address the increasing burden of property taxes on Maine people, particularly those who are on a fixed income. I look forward to working with my colleagues in the House and Senate to craft a state budget that does not push more costs on to cities and towns. I will also work to put more money into the Property Tax Fairness Credit so that Mainers can get more money back in their taxes to offset the high cost of property taxes.

We also need to address the number of young people leaving Maine due to the lack of opportunity. I work with too many students at USM who don't see opportunity for them in Maine and are forced to go elsewhere for employment. We need to match our educational programs with the jobs that are here in Maine. We should be working to preserve our heritage industries while also investing in new industries that have the opportunity to create thousands of jobs. Maine is home to a large immigrant community, many of whom have come from other countries seeking the freedom and opportunity we treasure. These

new Mainers are doctors, lawyers, nurses, and teachers and we should ensure their integration into our community. When they are able to fully participate in our economy, they will enrich and diversify our communities.

These are just some of the many challenges Maine faces, but I believe that for all the challenges we have, there is so much more opportunity. We live in a beautiful state that is full of gracious, hard-working, and thoughtful people. When we recognize that everyone has something to contribute, and put our collective minds together to find solutions, there is no problem we can not solve.

Over the coming weeks, I hope you will share your thoughts and ideas with me about how we move our state forward. Please don't hesitate to contact me by email or phone.



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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,

I am writing to commend the services of several of your town's public servants. In this time of mistrust of government and law enforcement, I think it's important to recognize the fine work of individuals who labor to assist and protect their community. I came to Gorham to babysit for my grandchildren this past weekend. My son and his wife were leaving them in my care, overnight. After a delightful morning spent in the library, the kids and I continued on with our day. I did not discover that I left my phone in the children's section of the library until after the facility was closed (1 PM). My son has no land line telephone so I had no means of communication nor way to recover my cell until after the Columbus Day Holiday.

I contacted the Gorham Police Dept. for help. Christine, the dispatcher connected me with Patrolman Mark Sanborn. These two combined their efforts to help me retrieve my phone. They were kind,

helpful, courteous and diligent. Officer Sanborn ultimately contacted a member of the Public Works Dept. to open the library, allowing the patrolman to retrieve the device. Patrolman Sanborn returned the phone to my son's home much to the delight of my grandchildren who were thrilled to meet a "real policeman" in his cruiser.

I would like to express my gratitude and respect for the worthy representatives of the Gorham Police Dept. and Public Works Office who did their best to help an anxious Grammy. It pleases me to know that my family lives in a municipality where honest people patronize a well-staffed library and are protected by caring, capable Police and Public Works.

Sincerely,
 Monica Coffey

Dear Gorham Times,

Last night was a difficult night for Democrats across the country, and we face a difficult four years ahead as

a nation.

But thanks to your support, Democrats have won important down-ballot races here in Maine.

U.S. Rep. Chellie Pingree handily won re-election to represent Maine's 1st Congressional District in the U.S. House of Representatives. We will need her voice, now more than ever, in Washington.

Our party won a majority in the Maine House of Representatives, despite the fact that Democratic legis-

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Around Town

The Gorham Tree Lighting & Light Parade will be held on Sunday, November 27, in Robie Park beginning at 4 p.m.

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

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Here's Your Retirement "To Do" List

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At this time of year, your life is probably more hectic than usual so you may have assembled an impressive "to do" list. This can be a helpful tool for organizing your activities in the near future. But have you ever thought of developing a "to do" list for long-term goals, such as a comfortable retirement? If not, you may want to think about it. Here are a few list-worthy items to consider.

Examine – and re-examine – your planned retirement age. You may have long counted on retiring at a certain age, but are you sure that this goal is the best one for your overall financial situation? Think about it: If you like your job, and you stayed at it for just a few more years, you could significantly boost the funds in your 401(k) or other retirement plan, and you might even be able to delay taking Social Security, which, in turn, would result in larger monthly payments.

Put a "price tag" on your retirement lifestyle. When you retire, do you want to travel the world or stay at home pursuing your hobbies? Will you truly retire from all types of work, or will you do some consulting or take up part-time employment? Once you know what your retirement lifestyle might

look like, you can better estimate your costs and expenses – and this knowledge will help you determine how much you need to withdraw each year from your various retirement accounts, such as your IRA, 401(k) or other employer-based plan.

Be aware of retirement plan withdrawal rules. It is not enough just to recognize how much you need to withdraw from your retirement plans – you also must know how much you must withdraw. Once you turn 70 ½, you generally have to start taking money out of your traditional IRA and 401(k). These required minimum distributions, or RMDs, are based on your account balance, age and other factors, but the key word to remember is "required" – if you do not withdraw the full amount of the RMD by the applicable deadline, the amount not withdrawn can be taxed at a 50% rate.

Review your health care situation. When you turn 65, you will likely be eligible for Medicare, but you will want to become familiar with what it does – and does not – cover, so you can establish an annual health care budget. And if you are planning to retire early, which might mean losing your employer-sponsored health insurance, you will need to be prepared for potentially large out-of-pocket costs.

Think about long-term care. One service that Medicare does not cover – or, at best, covers only minimally – is long-term care. The costs of an extended stay in a nursing home could be catastrophic. A financial professional may be able to help you find a way to reduce this risk.

Develop your estate plans. Estate planning can be complex, involving many different documents – such as a will, a living trust, power of attorney, etc. – so you will want to work with a legal professional to ensure you are making the right choices for yourself and your family.

By checking off these items, one by one, your retirement "to do" list will eventually get "done." And when that happens, you may find yourself pretty well prepared to enjoy life as a retiree.



Ed Doyle operates the Gorham branch office of Edward Jones. He is experienced in all aspects of financial planning, retirement income planning, tax-advantaged education savings plans. This article printed with permission from Edward Jones.

Take a Hike... But Remember to Wear Blaze Orange

CHRIS CRAWFORD
Staff Writer

With the leaves now off the trees, it is much easier to spot wildlife as you hike at Frog Hollow Farm Preserve in Gorham. Just remember that it is hunting season, so blaze orange is mandatory, unless you hike on a Sunday.

This is a great family outing, a .4 mile hike around a peaceful pond and out to the Little River and back. The trailhead is at the end of Winslow Road in Gorham. Parking is available in the small lot on the right hand side of the road (please do not park in the driveway that is an extension of Winslow Road). This property features hiking, snowshoeing (will we get snow this winter?), and hunting (with written permission from Presumpscot Regional Land Trust).

Be sure to wear blaze orange when hiking during hunting season. No ATVs, fires, or wood cutting are permitted on the property. Animal life seen on this hike include waterfowl, blue herons, deer, coyotes, rabbits, and foxes. The woodlands are a mixture of hardwood and softwood, with an occasional apple tree.

Frog Hollow Farm Preserve, given to the Windham Land Trust in 2003, was the gift of John L. "Jack" Dunham. Windham Land Trust's properties became part of the Presumpscot Regional Land Trust when the two land trusts recently merged. Creative Trails, a nonprofit group that helps mentally disabled adults, helped to clear the trails.

Remember to Leave no Trace and to let someone know where you will be hiking.

You can also send photos from your hike to PRLT by signing up for a free account on their website at www.prlt.org. Information about nearby Geo Caches is on the website as well.



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High Absentee Voter Turnout

BAILEY O'BRIEN
Staff Writer

In advance of the presidential election on November 8, Gorham voters followed a statewide and national trend of early and absentee voting, surpassing that of previous elections.

Town Clerk Laurie Nordfors reported that 3,960 Gorham voters cast an absentee ballot which allowed them to vote days or weeks before the date of the election. This number is "much larger" than years past, Nordfors commented, and is nearly 40% of the Town's total 9,947 ballots cast. Voters may choose to vote via absentee ballot if they do not live locally, will not be available to vote on the day of the

election, or prefer the convenience of voting at home for medical or personal reasons.

New voter registration also reached unprecedented levels, said Nordfors. Although the figure may include registered voters who filled out change of address cards, the Town saw 1,040 registrations, including same-day voter registration, this election. Nordfors was surprised by this high turnout and remarked that "this is not something I've seen before."

These figures, in part, demonstrate the significance of this election to the citizens of Gorham. Approximately 800 more Gorham voters cast their ballots at the polls or from their homes than in the 2012 Presidential election.

Officers Make Arrests in Bulgaries CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

person near his car and chased him off.

Officer Hannon drove around the neighborhood and located a young man with a flashlight that was going on and off. He saw the youth in a driveway in between two parked cars. The male reemerged from between the two cars and after seemingly seeing the police car, the officer saw him place something on the ground. It turned out to be a handgun and ammunition which the youth had taken from inside one of the unlocked vehicles. Austin Swanson-Monge, age 19, of Main Street in Gorham was arrested and charged with a felony for the theft of the gun.

In addition to Swanson-Monge, officers also arrested Dylan Wilcox, 24, of Windham, after a series of events led them to his involvement in some of the car burglaries. At 5 a.m. on October 28, two men were in the parking lot at Cumberland Farms. One of them, Thomas Scott, 22, of Westbrook was passed out in his car. Officers looked into the vehicle and saw drug paraphernalia and heroin. While Scott was arrest-

ed on drug charges, the other man who had been in the car, Wilcox, fled.

At 9 a.m., officers located Wilcox on Main Street. He smelled of marijuana and told officers that the backpack he was carrying did not belong to him. Officers checked the contents and found four knives, medication that was not prescribed for him, flashlights, burglar tools, gift cards, medicine including Suboxone and Clonopin, lots of change, and clothes.

Many items were linked to four of the reported car burglaries and Wilcox was charged with those burglaries as well as unlawful possession and theft of scheduled drugs, a felony, and other theft-related offenses.

Since these two arrests, no additional burglaries have been reported. Dylan Wilcox and Thomas Scott are still incarcerated at the Cumberland County Jail, but Swanson-Monge is currently out on bail. Detectives are still tracking down additional stolen items. If anyone has any pertinent information, please contact Detective Steven Rappold 222-1660.

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latures across the nation were wiped off the map. Due to the strength of our local House candidates, the next Speaker of the House will be a Democrat. We also gained ground in the Maine Senate, falling just one seat shy of taking the majority.

Your generous contributions of both your time and your money allowed us to knock on more than 150,000 doors across the state during GOTV alone. Thanks to that grassroots support, we elected Troy Jackson and Mike Carpenter in Aroostook County, Shenna Bellows in Kennebec County and Eloise Vitelli in Sagadahoc County to Senate seats that were previously held by Republicans. Notably, Governor LePage's ICE PAC spent

\$25,000 in radio ads in order to defeat Mike Carpenter, which we were able to successfully counter with your contributions.

I pledge to you that Maine Democrats will continue to stand up to racism, xenophobia and misogyny. We will continue to fight for workers' rights, LGBT rights, voting rights and women's rights. We continue to believe that our state and our country are stronger when we celebrate diversity and build a future that everyone has a stake in.

Thank you for everything you have given to the Maine Democratic Party.

With gratitude,
Phil Bartlett, Chair of Maine Democratic Party

2016 Paved Roads Listing

GORHAM TIMES STAFF

Each year, the Town of Gorham prioritizes which roads it will be able to pave based on a computer model which evaluates road conditions compared to

the cost allocated to repaving. The following roads were repaved this year: Adeline Drive, Bear Run, Bridle Path, Halter Lane, Highmeadow Drive, McClellan Road, Mitchell Hill Road, Solomon Drive, Wilson Road, Woodlawn Road.



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Clerk's Corner

Laurie Nordfors
Town Clerk

Now that the election is over, I want to personally thank all of my election workers and the Town Clerk's office staff for their hard work and dedication to me and the Town of Gorham. It would be impossible to run a successful election without each and every one of you.

Also, a huge shout out and thank you to Gorham Public Works, Public Safety, Fire Police and VIP Police for their help and to Shaw Brothers and Shaw Earthworks for donating the use of the flood lights at Little Falls Activity Center, Ward 1-2. All of you helped ensure a smooth and safe election for the Town of Gorham.

We had a total of 9947 ballots cast which includes 3960 absentee ballots. We also had over 1000 new voter registrations between the three polls. It is safe to say that this was a record voter turnout for the Town of Gorham.

The holidays are approaching quickly and Gorham has many families who need a little extra help at Christmas time to make it a wonderful holiday. If you need help this holiday, we are here to assist.

Stop by the Town Clerk's office to pick up a request form to fill out with "wishes" from family members as well as sizes to help those buying items. The deadline for getting applications in is December 1, however, the earlier the better.

Also, if you are a business or family who would like to Pay It Forward by helping a family in our town, call us at 222-1670 to sign up. As applications come in from families needing help, we will match them up with those willing to lend a hand.

Our Fuel Fund is also another way to give back. Not knowing what the heating season will bring this year, we could always use donations to our Fuel Fund for those who just need a little extra help with heat this season. You can make a cash/check or credit card donation to the fund anytime throughout the year.



Laurie Nordfors may be reached at lnordfors@gorham.me.us or 222-1675.

July 2016 Arrests

The Gorham PD made the following arrests in July 2016:

Nicole Bouchard, 26, of Gorham was arrested for failure to appear.

Brandon Lasante, 18, of Saco was arrested for OUI.

Jacob Poole, 20, of Standish was arrested for unlawful possession of scheduled drugs.

Cynthia Powers, 49, of Gorham was arrested for failure to pay a fine.

Craig Pyy II, 26 of Windham was arrested for violating a protective order and violating conditions of release.

Daniel Seavey, 29, of Buxton was arrested for domestic violence assault.

Jacob White, 18, of Portland was arrested for OUI (drugs or combo).

Arthur Wilson, 61, of Limington was arrested for unlawful possession of scheduled drugs and illegal possession of a firearm.

Nicholas Zanetich, 40, of Gorham was arrested for OUI.

Jennifer Brann, 46, of Gorham was arrested for OUI.

Louis DiStasio III, 39 of Gorham was arrested for domestic violence assault, obstructing report of a crime and domestic violence criminal threatening.

Kevin Meggison, Jr., 23, of Gorham was arrested for domestic violence criminal threatening and criminal threatening with danger.

Darryl Terry, 18, of Steep Falls was arrested for refusal to sign a uniform summons complaint and for making a false public alarm or report.

James Deane, 47, of Raymond was arrested for OUI.

Shane Dickey, 22, of Gorham was arrested for domestic violence assault and furnishing liquor to a minor.

David Gribbin, 21, of Portland was arrested for OUI and unlawful possession of scheduled drugs.

Paul LaBarge, 39, of New Hampshire was arrested and held for another agency.

Crystal Ribeiro, 25, of Connecticut was arrested for OUI.

Peter Vasapolli, 30, of Saco was arrested for OUI.

Matthew Gilbert, 19, of Hollis was arrested for OUI.

Sean Green, 24, of Gorham was arrested for OUI.

Nason Lanphier, 19, of Winslow was arrested for OUI.

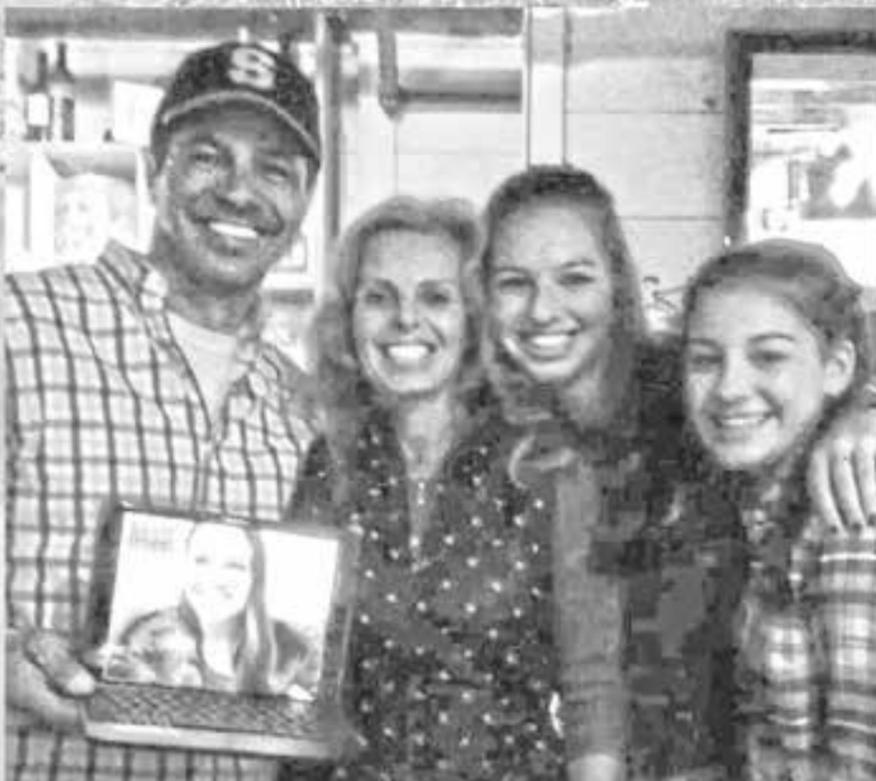
Patricia Maguire, 31, of Gorham was arrested for failure to appear.

Susan McLeod, 60, of Gorham was arrested for OUI.

Stefano Minervino, 23, of Steep Falls was arrested for OUI.

Luke Stovall, 30, of Westbrook was arrested for violating conditions of release and operating after being a habitual offender.

Thank You Gorham



With the dust finally settling, I want to thank the voters of Gorham for the confidence you have shown in me by electing me to my second term in the State Senate. It has been a joy getting to know you and your community over the last few years and I look forward to knowing even more of you in the future. A particular thank you to all of those who help me by putting up signs, submitting letters to the editor, and speaking on my behalf to your friends and neighbors. In particular, I want to thank Jim Means, a fellow candidate, Alison House who stepped up to chair the local Republican committee and all the volunteers who contributed selflessly to the Amy for ME effort. I am truly humbled by your sacrifices. I am also honored by the opportunity you have given me to work on the important issues affecting Maine and to help make our beautiful state a better place to live, work and grow. I feel incredibly privileged to have your trust and blessed to be in a position to help make a difference. Thank you.

- Amy Volk

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Planning Board Results

The Planning Board recommended that the Town Council reformat the Land Use and Development Code from Roman numerals to a more conventional system.

Sebago Brewing's request for a brewery, tasting room, event/function center, warehouse and corporate offices on a 4.45 acre portion of the Shaw parcel on Rt. 25 was discussed and postponed pending responses to remaining issues.

STJ, Inc's request for approval of Jane's Woods, a 9 lot subdivision with a public road on 14.94 acres located between Files Road

and Line Road, was discussed and postponed pending a response to remaining issues.

Greg and Angela Fall's request to complete the lower level of their building at 380 Main St. for additional commercial office space on property located at Main and Libby was discussed.

Carters Development LLC's (Doug Carter) request for approval to construct a new 2880 sq. ft. two story building at 18 Elm St. with two commercial areas on the first floor and two residential areas on the second floor was discussed.

Gorham Sightings

Do you know where in Gorham this photo was taken? Join our visual trivia discussion by entering your best guess on our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/gorhamtimes or email us at gorhamtimes@gmail.com. The photo in the November 3, 2016 edition is a car with "Halloween riders" parked on Highland Ave.



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Real Estate Transfers July 2016

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36 LONGMEADOW DRIVE	DIXON, ASHLEIGH & DENSMORE, JEREMIAH	FLANNERY, ROGER II	\$294,000
275 DINGLEY SPRING ROAD	ZAHN, CHRISTOPHER & JORDAN	OLIVER, JOHN	\$238,000
358 MAIN STREET	HOME PLUS LLC	SURETTE, PATRIC	\$290,000
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13 MEADOW CROSSING DRIVE	SYLVIA, CHRISTOPHER & AMY	GIRONDA, JOHN	\$355,000
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First Time Voters



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The Aube twins, Sally (left) and Kelly (right), registered to vote on their 18th birthday, October 28.

Little Falls Light Damage



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The light post at Little Falls Recreation area was blown over during the thunder and lightning storm on October 22 causing approximately \$1,000 of damage. There will be no lights until the post can be replaced or repaired.

Annual Fall Book Sale



Photo credit Roger Marchand

Baxter Memorial Library held its annual fall book sale on October 14th and 15th.

Building Kinder Communities at Great Falls



Photo credit Stacey Sawyer

Students in grades 1-5 at Great Falls School recently participated in programs from The Cromwell Center for disability awareness. These programs, led by volunteers from the center, are designed to build sensitivity and understanding, reduce bullying, and help create more inclusive schools and communities through hands-on activities, group problem solving, and discussion. Every classroom received a free book and poster to reinforce what the children learned. In addition, Great Falls hosted a parent awareness night with volunteers from The Cromwell Center to educate parents in helping their children understand differences and develop awareness, empathy, and respect for those with special needs.

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Gorham High School Brings Shakespeare to Gorham in Fall Play

ABBIE VANLULING
GHS Student Intern

This fall, students at Gorham High School are challenging themselves with a new type of theater: Shakespeare.

GHS English teacher Josie Tierney-Fife is the director of this year's production of "Twelfth Night." She directed her first play at GHS last fall. When comparing "Twelfth Night" to her 2015 production of "Almost, Maine," she stated, "It's a whole [different] level of work; Shakespeare's language itself is difficult, the themes are fairly complex, and we did a lot of things to try to make that more accessible."

The script used by actors is trimmed down, as most Shakespeare performances are, allowing the students to understand what they are presenting, bettering their delivery. Tierney-Fife praised the cast of 20 student performers, stating, "They've really risen to the occasion of that challenge, they're doing really cool work, and it's exciting to watch our kids up there on stage...doing what actors have done for 400 years."

However, they are not performing the exact same way that Shakespeare did roughly 400 years ago. They have branched out in terms of their traditional backdrop, as Shakespeare himself didn't have any set to work with. Also, as Tierney-Fife put it, "gender is kind of fun and funky in [our] play; and it was for Shakespeare too as all of his actors were men. Most of mine are women...we have some female characters playing male characters, we have some male characters that we turned into female characters, because it didn't really matter if they were men



Photo credit Josie Tierney-Fife

Cast members of the fall play, "Twelfth Night," put the final touches on their performance before opening night. Missing is cast member Amna Beshir.

or women. It's kind of fun, the play itself is partly about gender, and how much does it matter."

"Shakespeare is kind of like a foundational piece of our culture in general, and of theater, and theater history in particular," said Tierney-Fife. "So, I really wanted a show that would challenge our amazing actors to do something that they hadn't done before...I think it's going to look visually really beautiful. And the kids are doing an amazing job with really difficult material."

"Twelfth Night" will be performed at GHS on November 18 and 19 at 7:30 p.m. and on November 19 and 20 at 2 p.m.

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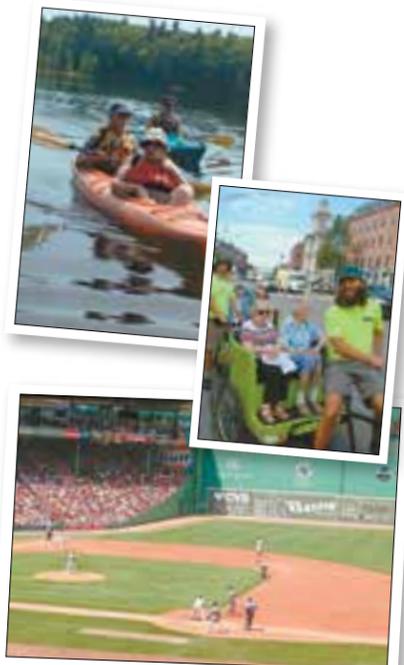


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During the summer, the Maine Department of Education sponsored a reading challenge. Any student who read at least 500 minutes during the summer of 2016 qualified for a chance to win one of 48 bikes and helmets generously donated by the Maine Freemasons. Second grade student, Peyton Wilkins, at Narragansett School, was the lucky winner of one of these prizes. Wilkins is pictured above with his mother, Trish Wilkins, and Narragansett principal, Cynthia Remick, as he received the lucky news and a gift card for his new bike and helmet. Way to go, Peyton!

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 ckck5@maine.rr.com, Kathy Corbett at kcorbett@aol.com or Cindy O'Shea at coshea2@maine.rr.com.



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GHS Students Collect Supplies for Emergency Child Life Services



Photo credit Marie Walton

GHS student members of the newly formed Interact Club put together donation boxes to help the child life services in the emergency room of Maine Medical Center. Pictured (left to right) are Garrett Higgins, Michelle Rowe, Abigail vanLuling, Aaron Farr, and Sean Pocock.

MARIE WALTON
GHS Student Intern

Student members of Gorham High School's Interact Club are currently collecting supplies for child life services in the emergency department of Maine Medical Center. The group is asking for donations of pediatric latex-free bandages, stickers, small packages of crayons, and coloring books. Monetary donations are also helpful to purchase supplies.

The Club was looking for a youth-related project their members could relate to. "We wanted to do something students would get involved with. We have 47 members in our club, so we wanted to put them to work," said Aaron Farr, a junior at GHS and Interact Club president.

As a "by students, for students" initiative, Club members put together the donation boxes and placed them at local businesses to kick off the program. "We want to get the whole com-

munity involved and helping out with something, not necessarily just our club," added Farr. "We're kind of just the facilitators of the event."

Club members plan to collect, package, and send the donations to the children at the hospital as a group as well. The Club hopes to collect an abundance of donations and to establish their group within the community with this drive. They want to encourage increased community involvement and help fellow students and youth.

Interact Club secretary and GHS junior Abigail vanLuling said of their work with the donation drive, "It's like we're all secretaries because we're all contacting people, we're all reaching out to people to say 'this is what our Club is and this is what we need you to help us with.'"

Collection boxes can be found in Gorham at Chalmers Insurance Group, Great Falls Construction, Mister Bagel and Hannaford through November 22.

Great Falls Loves Monarch Butterflies



Photo credit Stacey Sawyer

Ashyr Herrick (left) presents Great Falls kindergarten teacher Brent Stevens (right) with a beautiful hand designed print of original artwork by her dad, Matthew Herrick (center). The artwork was a gift to celebrate the enthusiasm generated by the class' study of monarch butterflies this fall.

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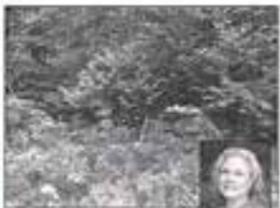
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JUSTIN CHASSE
GMS Sixth Grader

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People all around the state could donate, and could raise a huge amount of food. They could start locally and plan a Gorham Food Drive. Gorham Middle School is just finishing up a November food drive. If the community is interested in donating, they may do so by bringing non-perishable items to the front office of the middle school.

Second, one way to raise awareness about food wasting is to have a Gorham Non-Waste Day. Local restaurants could choose to host people who eat half of their meals and donate the rest to a local shelter or food pantry. Also, we could hang posters about not wasting food at local mini marts and in other visible places, so when people leave they will see the sign.

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GORHAM DINING SERVICES SERIES: PART 3 – VILLAGE SCHOOL

It Takes a Village to Compost

VILLAGE SCHOOL
DINING SERVICES STAFF

It's been a busy start to the new school year for Village School Dining Services staff. They were excited to welcome their new kindergarten students and introduce some of them to their program.

In late September and early October, many kindergartners came to visit the kitchen for a tour and taste test. They got a behind the scenes tour, including the kitchen's favorite spot in the walk-in cooler and freezer.

Students were also treated to a sample of one of the kitchen's newer menu items – chicken teriyaki. The kitchen is hoping to make that an annual event, as everyone had fun.

Over the years, the Village School Dining Services has worked with Mr. Smith's classes in their efforts to compost. Kitchen staff collects food scraps from the kitchen throughout the week and then students from Mr. Smith's class take and weigh the kitchen's compost bucket before putting it into their compost bin.

In the 2015-16 school year, they composted 466.5 lbs. and students fed their worms 11 quarts of food and three pumpkins. Village has composted over 1,000 lbs. cumulatively over the past few years.

On Oct. 5, Village celebrated the annual Maine Harvest Lunch. To help prepare, students in Mr. Smith's third grade class came in to the kitchen to shuck 13.5 dozen ears of corn. They were able to take all of the husks, weighing in at 31



Photo credit Diana Blanchard

Mrs. Underhill's kindergarten class toured the walk-in cooler in the kitchen during a behind the scenes tour.

pounds, to compost, putting them at 76 lbs. so far this school year. The finished compost is used to dress the gardens at Village School.

The kitchen staff is looking for-

ward to the rest of a great school year. They will be trying out more new menu items and continuing to work with their wonderful students and staff at Village School.

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GMS 'CAN'T STOP THE FEELING'

Gorham Middle School's latest lip dub once again showcased its awesome school spirit as students danced their way backwards through the halls of the school to the song "Can't Stop the Feeling" by Justin Timberlake. The video, which can be uploaded by using a QR Code Reader app or <https://goo.gl/3w0STS> (top right). It opens with two perpetually late students, Alysha McKay and Soraya Syafarudin, arriving at school and being greeted by office staff, Kristen Fitz and Laurie Deluca, and friendly police officers Mike Coffin and Mike Nault. The students are warned about changing their ways because they will be going to high school soon, to which they respond in unison, "But all we want to do is dance!" The camera proceeds to follow "lipsters," students, and staff around the building having fun and showing off their school spirit. The outtakes at the end are definitely worth a few laughs and so is the lip dub premiere party video (bottom right) or <https://goo.gl/wN3BC7>.



QR CODES: Terri Dawson, GMS Technology Integrator

Keeping Maine Feet Warm

Village School joined forces with Great Falls School this October to donate socks to the homeless in the state of Maine with "Socktober." Students were asked to bring new socks to school during the month and the schools assisted the following organizations with their donations: Maine Homeless Veterans Association, We Care Maine Waldo County Clothing Shed, and Portland Boys and Girls Club. FMI, visit <http://soulpancake.com/socktober>. Pictured (left to right) are Village students Finnley Spencer and Kennedy Deery.



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School Committee Meeting

KATHY CORBETT
Staff Writer

Darryl Wright, School Committee chairman, introduced newly-elected members, Kyle Currier and Stewart McCallister at the November 10 meeting. He thanked retiring members Shawn Curran and Kyle Bailey for their service on the Committee. The Committee then re-elected Chairman Wright and vice-chair Dennis Libby.

Superintendent Heather Perry introduced six students from the GHS golf team who shared their enthusiasm for the sport and for winning the State Championship this year.

She also reported that the State's Blue Ribbon Commission is meeting to address issues surrounding economically disadvantaged students, increasing Pre-K programs, and Special Education needs. Their final report will be delivered to the Legislature next year.

Perry announced that due to large first and second grade classes at Narragansett and Village schools, she had approved hiring two additional educational technicians. By continuing to collect data, she will be able to determine whether or not additional support will be necessary. Her second Blog post on Proficiency Based Learning is available online (see link in school notes) and she is working to set up a public forum at the elementary level to discuss PBL.

Both Wright and Libby joined her in congratulating the fall athletic teams on outstanding seasons. They cited student and community support for the boys and girls soccer teams and for the talent shown. Wright reported that at a recent workshop the Committee continued to address the problem of class sizes and consideration of future options. During sub-committee reports, members reported that any changes in music personnel stipends did not mean a

reduction of programs, but simply a re-evaluation of the band and chorus content areas.

Kathy Hamblen presented a brief special education update. She discussed the appropriate screening used to determine eligibility for special services. Currently 345 students are receiving services, which represents 12.6 percent of the school population. This corresponds to a state-wide percentage of 17.2 and 13.1 nationally.

The number of Gorham students eligible for special education services has been increasing yearly. Students receive individualized education plans that involve direct instruction if they are more than two years behind in a necessary skill. The program also provides extended learning in the summer to help students retain skills. Hamblen addressed her concerns, including: more students needing services due to Gorham's population increase; a shortage of special education teachers; and increasing required paperwork. Committee members encouraged her in developing relationships with USM's education faculty and students through internships and other recruitment strategies.

The Committee passed (5-0, Currier and McCallister abstaining) minor policy changes, including ones defining criteria for naming school facilities and gifts from the public. Policies related to advertising in schools and distribution of materials through schools were made clear; the Superintendent has final discretion about what goes home.

The Committee voted (6-1, McCallister abstaining) to hire Anna Peterson as interim HS guidance counselor and Cheryl Fotter as interim assistant principal at Village School. They also approved (7-0) personnel stipends, mainly for winter sports coaches. It was made clear that volunteer coaches receive background checks before being hired.

School Notes

Village School has recently completed a hiring process for an interim Assistant Principal to fill Jodi Mezzanotte's position until a permanent posting and complete hiring process occurs in the spring. Cheryl Fotter, K-5 Math Coordinator for the Gorham Schools, will assume the role of Interim Assistant Principal of Village School for the remainder of this school year. She will begin her duties formally on November 14. Fotter is serving in her sixth year as K-5 Math Coordinator. Prior to that, she was a classroom teacher at various elementary levels for 18 years. In addition to her teaching credentials, she holds certifications in both curriculum coordination and administration. As an educator, parent, and long-time resident of Gorham, Fotter has a long-standing dedication and commitment to our district.

Superintendent Heather Perry has published a second "blog" on Gorham's PBL learning system. It gives a glimpse into what the new system means for our classrooms by answering the question: What does this new system look like in the classroom for our students? Visit <http://gorhamsuperintendent.blogspot.com> to learn more.



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Varsity Soccer Teams Fierce in Finals



The GHS girls' and boys' varsity soccer teams both earned the title of Class A regional champions on November 2.

HAL D'AMICO
Sports Editor

On November 2, the soccer Rams and Lady Rams were as bright as the lights as they illuminated the field wearing home white uniforms and, more importantly, showcased their skillful play. The boys edged Portland 1-0 on a Sam Burghardt goal off Tyler Richman's corner kick four minutes into the second half. Alex York had three saves. The girls opened the evening with a 2-0 win over Scarborough. Hallie Shiers booted both goals in for Gorham. Goalkeeper Emma Smith recorded seven saves supported by a defense that impressed all season.

Following each game, the teams were recognized by representatives of the MPA (Maine Principals Association). The energy on the field fed into the

stands as the teams gathered around their hard-earned Class A South Champions plaques and earned a spot in the Class A soccer state championship games at Portland's Fitzpatrick Stadium on November 5.

The girls, coached by Jeanne Zarrilli, battled Camden Hills, and the boys, coached by Tim King, faced Bangor. All-out efforts were not enough to close either the Lady Rams or Rams seasons with a state title. However, fans longing for a nail-biter had their expectations met. The extraordinary mirror of the boys' and girls' seasons could not be scripted. Two undefeated regular seasons. Two #1 post-season seeds. Back-to-back Class A South semifinals and then finals on Gorham's home field. The culmination was a first loss, on the same day, at the same stadium in Portland.

Camden Hills' (17-1) hard-punching offense (109 goals on the season) kept the ball on the Gorham side of the field much of the game. Lady Rams' senior Smith recorded thirteen saves. In overtime, one-and-done, so when Charlotte Messer of Camden Hills, who happens to be Smith's teammate on the Seacoast United Maine travel club, put one into the top corner, a hard-fought Lady Rams' season ended (16-1-1).

Zarrilli shared some thoughts on the season. She's proud of a team whose, "defense really came together over the course of the season. On the flip side, our offense scored really key goals." The focused effort at practice produced obvious success in a game strategy emphasizing a two-touch style, low-cross-for-far-post shots, and against

tenacious midfields, the long ball down the wing. With a commanding ground game, Zarrilli "really pushed winning the air ball" throughout the season, with proven results. With a big team, she added, "Some players didn't get the minutes, but they stayed very positive." A longtime postseason ritual, Zarrilli meets individually with every player for an open chat. She offered, "This is a team. I want to hear every voice, every perspective."

During the boys' state final, Jackson Fotter's 36th goal of the season at 1:38 of the second half, fed by Ethan Orach, wouldn't be enough for the Rams. Bangor threatened early in the game, taking six shots in the first half versus

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PRICE CHANGE

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UNDER CONTRACT

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SOLD

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GHS Fall Sport Recaps



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Volleyball: The Lady Rams varsity volleyball team suffered a season-ending defeat of 3 sets to 1 at the Maine Class A quarterfinals on October 22, but not before ending Greely's undefeated streak of 45 sets. As sophomore Katie O'Donnell detailed, "When the third set came, everyone knew that this could be the last set of our season and the last set that our seniors would ever play on the Gorham High School team. I think that made us even more determined to prove that we could take a set, that we weren't finished. That third set was honestly a blur. I remember looking at the score and being shocked that we were up 17-10. When the score came down

to 24-21, we only needed one point to win. After a long rally, the ball dropped to the ground on the other side and we had won the set. It meant the world to the whole team that we were able to achieve this feat. So even though we didn't end up winning the game, we didn't go home empty handed." The ninth-seeded Lady Rams came off a three-set shutout over eighth-seeded Cheverus in the preliminary round. Gorham, coached by Nicole Rizzo, finished the season with an overall 10-5 record.

Field Hockey: The Lady Rams field hockey squad suffered a heart-breaking defeat in the Maine Class A quarterfinals at #1-seed Falmouth, losing 4-1. The team, coached by Becky Manson-Rioux, had a 3-0 win over Windham in the preliminary round. They closed out the season with an overall 10-4-2 record.

Varsity Soccer Team CONTINUED FROM PAGE 13

Gorham's three. In a gasp moment for both maroon-school crowds, Gorham goalie York tipped a shot off the goalpost at 14 minutes. Following a 1-1 score as regulation time expired, the first 15-minute overtime was scoreless. Fotter had a goalpost thumper in the second 15-minute overtime. In the alternating 5-kick-apiece shootout,

Bangor captured the title, putting in four versus the Rams one. York recorded eleven saves, while Bangor's goalkeeper recorded seven.

The Gorham Rams (16-1-1) left an impression against a composed Bangor squad (16-1-1) as they reintroduced themselves to the state finals, their first since 1983.

In the Zone



Photo credit Barbara Slager

The three Gorham runners who advanced to the State Championships are joined by their coaches on November 5. Pictured (left to right) is **Anthony Chase**, **Anna Slager**, **Iris Kitchen**, Coach Jason Tanguay and Assistant Coach Charlie Ewers. GHS junior Chase placed 45th (17:34) at the Boys Maine Class A State Cross Country Championships on Nov. 5 at Belfast's 5,000 meter course. GHS junior Slager finished 6th (19:24) and freshman Kitchen placed 12th (19:45) at the Girls Maine Class A State Cross Country Championships on the same course.

Jeremiah Sands, a Falmouth HS senior and son of Great Falls Elementary School teacher Gregg Sands, won the Southern Maine Class A Regional XC Championship (16:39) on Oct. 29 at Twin Brook Recreation Park, Cumberland. He went on to finish 3rd (15:59) at the State Class A Championships.

UMAINE senior and Gorham native **Jesse Orach** was the individual champion at the America East Cross Country Championships in Baltimore, Maryland on Oct. 29, crossing the line first with a time of 24:35.3. Orach is Maine's first cross country champion since 2011 and it's only the fifth time that a Black Bear has won the men's America East Championship. Orach was honored with the Elite 17 award. **Ben Foster** (GHS '15) was also a part of the winning UMAINE team, crossing the line in 26:40.93.

Michael Caron (GHS '13), a three-year team captain of Saint Joseph's College golf team, was recently honored by the New England Intercollegiate Golf Association with the annual Guy Tedesco Award. The award is presented to the "2016 outstanding New England College golfer who displayed the qualities Guy Tedesco was noted for: unselfish leadership, outstanding talent, love of golf, and a willingness to promote the positive aspects of golf to others."

GYSA Teams Capture State Titles



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The GYSA U13 Division 1 girls' and boys' teams both won the state championship on October 30 in Yarmouth. The boys' team beat Yarmouth 1-0 in the final game while the girls' team beat Dirigo 2-0. Both teams went on to win the 2016 New England Tournament in Pembroke, NH on November 12-13.

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BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Theodore Laureat Taylor was born on October 24, 2016 to Samantha Francis-Taylor (GHS '05) and Maximillian Taylor. Theodore weighed 9 pounds 2 ounces and was 21-and-a-half inches long. Grandparents are Jackie and Gain Francis of Gorham and Tricia Taylor and Scott Taylor.



COLLEGE NOTES

Mikalah Wright successfully auditioned into the Bob Jones University (Greenville, SC) Symphony Orchestra (BJUSO), the core ensemble of the university's three-tiered developmental orchestral program. Wright is a sophomore majoring in Accounting.

Sarah MacLeod (Cheverus '14) has been inducted into the Beta Omicron Chapter of Delta Epsilon Sigma, the National Scholastic Honor Society at Saint Joseph's College of Maine. Currently in her junior year at SJC, MacLeod is wrapping up a semester abroad at Queen Mary University of London as she continues to pursue a Bachelor of Science in Biology.

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.



Five members of the Gorham-based Beta chapter of Alpha Delta Kappa, an international organization for teachers and retired teachers, recently attended the annual Founders' Day Luncheon in Ogunquit. They are, L to R, Anne Tewhey, Gorham; Jackie Leeper, Gorham; Lynn Silcox, Hollis Center; Jean Davis, Hollis Center; and Barbara Caiazzo, Gorham.

LifeChurch in Gorham is collecting new or gently used blankets to give to the homeless.

The Maine Homeless Veterans Alliance (MHVA) and Project Blessing will give out the blankets. Donations will be accepted through November 30. FMI, 839-6354, pam@lifechurchmaine.org, or drop off at 8 Elkins Road during business hours.

The Gorham Lions will sell Christmas trees in the Cook's Hardware parking lot starting Saturday, Nov. 26. Trees will be available on Friday nights, plus Saturdays and Sundays until they are all sold. Proceeds will go to Gorham Lions local charities, including Gorham High School scholarships, vision screenings and eyeglasses, plus other unique special requests. FMI, 929-9182.

Orchard Community Church, 1 Church St., is collecting gift-filled shoeboxes for children living in poverty overseas through the Samaritan's Purse project Operation Christmas Child. The shoeboxes filled with school supplies, hygiene items, notes of encouragement and fun toys, such as a doll or soccer ball, will be delivered to children in need around the world. Drop items between 4:30 and 7 p.m. on Nov. 15-18 or Nov. 19 from 12-3 p.m., Nov 20 from 2-3 p.m., or Nov 21 from 9-11 a.m. FMI (603) 617-9102



The Girl Scouts from Gorham Troops 2009 & 2300 recently held their Annual Ornament making for "Be A Santa To A Senior" program through Homestead Senior Care Services. The Senior Gifting Christmas Trees with gift requests and the ornaments are available at area businesses. Girl Scout Troops 2009 will sponsor and maintain a Christmas tree at Blue Seal Feeds in Windham, ME and Girl Scout Troop 2300 will sponsor and maintain a Senior Gift Tag Tree at Pat's Pizza in Windham, ME. The Blue Pig and Sebago Brewing Company will also have trees.

Small Business Saturday Shopping Palooza will take place on Saturday, Nov. 26 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Spire 29, 29 School Street. Vendors, crafters, Christmas photos, cash bar. FMI, 222-2068.

An Illinois couple has a large number of pictures and personal possessions of Frank Libby Douglass formerly of Gorham. The items include turn of the century (1900's) pictures and correspondence for many of Douglass's classmates and friends. The couple would like to return these items to the Douglass family. FMI, jjoffice@aol.com.

Edward Jones, 347 D. Main St., will hold a Toy Drive through December 11. Drop off your donations Monday through Friday. FMI, 839-8233.

Drop off new and gently used winter coats at the Gorham Police Department by November 30 to help keep a senior citizen warm. For each coat donated, Goodwill will provide a voucher to Maine Association of Area Agencies on Aging (M4A) to give to older adults in need so they can choose their own coat. Additionally, LL Bean will donate \$5 to M4A's low-income fuel assistance program that helps older adults access needed fuel after all other sources have been exhausted. FMI, 838-8719.

The Gorham Tree Lighting & Light Parade will be held on Sunday, November 27 in Robie Park beginning at 4 p.m.

Crafters wanted on Saturday, Nov. 19 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at North Gorham Public Library, 2 Standish Neck Road, to help construct paper wreaths to be sold at the December 3 book and craft fair. FMI, 892-2575.

ON-GOING EVENTS

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



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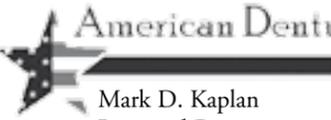
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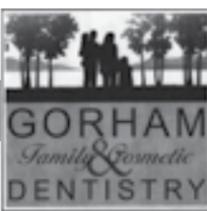


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Suspicious person on Ossipee Trail was removing dog feces from shoe.

Maplewood Drive caller reported being harassed by text message. He did not answer phone when officer called back.

Ridgeway Ave. caller reported her daughter missing. Daughter ultimately responded and was on her way home. She fell asleep at boyfriend's home in Poland.

Multiple callers reported IRS and other scams.

Officer advised Dow Road caller how to handle a harassment situation.

Animal Control Officer advised caller a dog could bark to protect livestock.

Caller reported two intoxicated females were fighting on Deering Road.

Suspicious person on Finn Parker Road had a permit to go door to door selling children's books.

Police received several calls about this salesperson and checked out his credentials.

Woman stopped for erratic driving was not under the influence. She was programming the radio.

Suspicious persons reported on Buck St. were smoking, drinking coffee and talking. They were moved along.

Newell St. caller reported neighbor's dogs had been barking continuously for an hour. Officer spoke to dog owner who said she had been in the shower and forgot dogs were outside. A written warning was issued.

Standish woman called to complain about a vanity plate. She was told to contact DMV.

Officer stood by while manager fired an employee on Gray Road. There were no issues.

Officer stopped a four wheeler driven by a young man with no helmet. Officer discussed his operation and failure to stop when officer had lights and siren on. Man was very apologetic and was given multiple warnings.

Mosher Road caller was advised that just because a dog barks, it does not make him dangerous.

Of Interest CONTINUED FROM PAGE 16

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

The Gorham Medical Closet located at the Municipal Center, 75 South St., is free and available to Gorham residents in need of portable wheelchairs, hospital beds, shower seats, commodes, walkers, canes and more. FMI, call 839-4579, 839-3630, 839-2484 or 839-3859.

GORHAM CRAFT FAIRS

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.

White Rock Friendship Club will sponsor a Christmas Craft Fair to support their Gorham High School Scholarship Fund at the White Rock Community Building, Wilson Road, on Saturday, Nov. 19 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Local crafters, white elephant table, 50/50 raffle, bake sale, lunch. FMI, 892-9521.

Gorham Tri-Town Ext Group Holiday Craft Fair will be held on Saturday, Nov. 19 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Harmony Masonic Hall, 33 Cressey Road. Crafts, baked goods, knitted items, greens and wreaths, Tupperware, children's books, raffles, light lunch. Come meet Santa! FMI, 892-4249.

First Parish Church, 1 Church St., will hold their Christmas Fair on Saturday, Dec. 3, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Silent auction, café luncheon, dessert auction, crafts, greens, gifts and more! FMI, 839-6751.

USM EVENTS

USM Youth Ensemble Fall Choral Concert, Thursday, Nov. 17 at 7 p.m., Corthell Concert Hall, USM Gorham Campus. Free will donations accepted at the door. www.usm.maine.edu/music.

USM Jazz Ensemble directed by Christopher Oberholtzer, Friday, Nov. 18 at 8 p.m., Corthell Concert Hall, USM Gorham Campus. \$8 adults, \$5 seniors/USM employees/alumni/students. www.usm.maine.edu/music

Graduate Showcase, Saturday, Nov. 19 at 8 p.m., Corthell Concert Hall, USM Gorham Campus. Free. www.usm.maine.edu/music

USM Concert Band conducted by Trae Blanco, Sunday, Nov. 20 at 2 p.m., Gorham Middle School, 106 Weeks Road. \$8 general public, \$5 students/seniors/ USM employees/alumni. www.usm.maine.edu/music

Joyous Sounds for a Festive Season: USM Chamber Singers conducted by Nicolas Alberto Dosman, Tuesday, Nov. 29 at 7:30 p.m., Williston-Immanuel United Church, 156 High Street, Portland, ME. \$12 suggested donation. www.usm.maine.edu/music Sponsored by Norway Savings Bank.

Barkada Sax Quartet with Anastasia Antonacos, Wednesday, Nov. 30 at 7:30 p.m., Corthell Concert Hall, USM Gorham Campus. \$15 general public, \$10 seniors/USM alumni, \$5 students. www.usm.maine.edu/music Sponsored by the Warren Memorial Foundation.

CLOSE TO HOME

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.

Highland Lake #87, Rt. 302 and Hardy Road, Westbrook, will hold a Roasted Turkey Dinner on Nov. 19 from 4:45 to 6 p.m. Roasted turkey, vegetables, mashed potatoes, stuffing, beverages and dessert. \$8/\$4.FMI, 854-2379.

North Congregational Church, 22 Church Hill Rd., Buxton (Groveville), will hold a Christmas Craft Fair and Luncheon on Saturday, Nov. 19 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Crafts, jewelry, knitted items, raffles, cookie walk, baked goods, candies, books, white elephant room. Lunch: chili, soup, chowder or hot dog & chips. FMI, 929-5600.

Congin Elementary School, 410 Bridge Street, Westbrook, will host their third annual Craft Fair on November 19 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sixty vendors, raffles, door prizes, concessions, bake sale, and more! FMI, 854-0844.

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CALENDAR

THURSDAY, NOV. 17

- Baby & Me (birth-18 months), 9:30-9:50 a.m., Baxter Memorial Library, 222-1190.
- Toddler Story Time (18-36 months), 10-10:30 a.m., Baxter Memorial Library, 222-1190.
- Sewing Group (ages 7 and up), 2:30-4:30 p.m., Baxter Memorial Library, 222-1190.
- Westbrook author Kathy Eliscu will speak at the North Gorham Public Library, 2 Standish Neck Road, at 7 p.m. Free and open to all. FMI, 892-2575.

TUESDAY, NOV. 22

- 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 (ages 3-5), 9:30-10:15 a.m., Baxter Memorial Library, 222-1190.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 23

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

THURSDAY, NOV. 24

Happy Thanksgiving!

SUNDAY, NOV. 27

- The Gorham Tree Lighting & Light Parade, Robie Park, between Morrill Avenue and Ball Park Road, 4 p.m. FMI, 222-1630.

MONDAY, NOV. 28

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

TUESDAY, NOV. 29

- Preschool Story Time, 9:30-10:15 a.m., Baxter Memorial Library, 222-1190.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 30

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- 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, 222-1190.
- Home for the Holidays: Create traditional holiday crafts from around the world. 3:30-4:30 p.m., all ages; no registration required, Baxter Memorial Library, 222-1190.

THURSDAY, DEC. 1

- Baby & me (birth-18 months), 9:30-9:50 a.m., Baxter Memorial Library, 222-1190.
- Toddler Story Time (18-36 months), 10-10:30 a.m., Baxter Memorial Library, 222-1190.
- Sewing Group (ages 7 and up), 2:30-4:30 p.m., Baxter Memorial Library, 222-1190.

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Dear Gorham Residents!

I want to thank my family, supporters, voters and volunteers. I especially want to recognize Allison House, who put her heart and soul into my campaign along with the entire Gorham Republican Committee. Many took days off from their work, helping me in meeting many good people in Gorham and Scarborough. It was a real pleasure listening to people of all stripes and economic circumstances.

Nearly all that I met shared my vision for increased jobs, lower electricity costs, reduction in the size and scope of government (lower taxes) and providing a sound economic path for college graduates and professionals to choose Maine instead of moving away from their families.

I provided specific proposals to accomplish these goals. Over 2,500 people (45%) chose to elect me. Unfortunately, more chose the path of growing government, higher taxes, fewer jobs and the certain prospect of more college graduates continuing their exodus from Maine, adding to our aging population demographic.

I congratulate Andrew McLean, who won his third term. I look forward to him fulfilling his written promises, including "to end Maine's drug crisis" because he has the "courage and the plan to take on Maine's toughest problem." as he stated in his mailer.

November 8th was a great day for America! I only regret that I cannot represent your interests in Augusta.

- Jim Means, former Candidate for Maine House District 27





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