

What's On Your Ballot?

KATHY CORBETT
Staff Writer

Gorham voters will receive two ballots when they go to the polls on November 3, when they vote absentee, or when they vote at the Municipal Center before Election Day.

On one side of the state ballot are candidates for State Senator, State Representative, and Cumberland County positions. Ward 1-1 and Ward 1-2 voters will choose between Kyle R. Bailey and Roger E. Dinsmore, III for State Representative. In Ward 2 voters will vote for Maureen F. Terry, or George L. Vercelli. All Gorham voters will choose between Stacy Fielding Brenner and Sara L. Rivard for District 30 State Senator. In all races there are spaces on the ballot to write in candidates, but only votes for declared write-in candidates will be counted.

Candidates for President, U.S. Senator, and District I Congressional Representative are on the reverse side of the state ballot. While these contests will be determined by ranked choice voting, voters do not have to rank their choices. If there is only one candidate they want for a specific position, mark only that candidate as the first choice. There will be places for voters to rank as many choices as there are candidates for that position. There are clear instructions for ranked choice voting printed on the ballot.

In addition to the race for U.S. President, voters can choose between four candidates for U.S. Senator: Susan M. Collins, Sara I. Gideon, Max Patrick Linn, and Lisa Savage. Candidates running for Congressional Representative are Jay T. Allen and Chellie M. Pingree.

The other ballot is a local ballot with candidates for Gorham Town Council and Gorham School Committee, as well as a referendum question authorizing the town to borrow up to \$5,689,000 for capital improvements to the public schools and authorizing an amendment to the Gorham Town Charter.

Running for Town Council are Christina Paul, Suzanne E. Phillips, and Ronald W. Shepard. Voters will choose no more than two candidates for these three-year terms. Four candidates are running for three positions on the School Committee. They are James Brockman, Nicole D. Hudson, Sarah B. Perkins, and Leah Sturm. There is space for write-ins, but only votes for

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Gorham Middle School Adopts New COVID-Safe Classrooms



Photo credit Sadie Fiore

Outdoor classroom spaces have been designed around Gorham Schools to allow students to safely distance while taking mask breaks and participate in school lessons, during the coronavirus pandemic.

SADIE FIORE
GHS Student Intern

While the coronavirus pandemic continues to cause shifts in what a "normal" schoolday looks like, schools are continuing to try to adapt to CDC guidelines and, in New England, the weather.

According to Tom Smith, Gorham Middle School (GMS) assistant principal, GMS "currently has 12 outdoor classroom spaces that allow students to safely distance while taking mask breaks and participating in lessons."

Those 12 outdoor classrooms have various settings, such as stumps, buckets, and other fun materials to allow students some fresh air during the school day.

"We are very thankful to our community for the generous donations of time and materials to make this happen," said Smith.

"Terri Dawson, our technology integrator, developed a sign-out sheet that teachers use to assign spaces at the beginning of each day," said Smith. The sign-out sheets allow teachers to inform others at school where their classes are

and that they are taking a mask break outside. The sign-out sheets also help minimize interaction with other staff and students.

GMS, along with the other four Gorham Schools, is hoping to use the outdoor COVID-free spaces for as long as they can until the cold weather arrives. They are hoping students bring jackets and warmer clothes so they can use the outdoor spaces as long as possible.

When the cold weather comes to stay, all classrooms inside the schools have desks six feet apart for the safety of the staff and students.

Broadway Comes to Gorham

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On September 12, four Broadway performers sang not from a stage, but from Jane Esty's driveway in the Pheasant Knoll neighborhood. Sara Esty, Leigh-Ann Esty, and Andrew Wojtal, all Gorham High School graduates, joined with Chelsea Williams from Windham to entertain an audience of 95 masked neighbors. All had been working as professional actors until COVID-19 closed their shows.

Jane Esty organized Broadway Curbside and attendance was free. "Our neighborhood had a lot of COVID cases early and people were looking for a way to reconnect," she said. "The object was to bring joy to this hard-hit neighborhood and to give four kids a chance to do what they love." The concert of 13 musical numbers is now available to anyone on YouTube (<https://youtu.be/Zjon5Na1s6M>)

All four performers have appeared in shows that played on Broadway: Leigh-



Photo credit Jane Esty

Andrew Wojtal, Chelsea Williams, Sara Esty, and Leigh-Ann Esty welcome guests to Broadway Curbside where they entertained 95 socially distanced, masked neighbors, seated in their folding chairs.

Ann in "Carousel", Sara in "American in Paris", Andrew in "Fiddler on the Roof", and Chelsea in "Mama Mia."

The twin Esty sisters began their professional careers with the Miami City

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Making Some Progress for Mainers on Health Care

SEN. LINDA SANBORN

As someone who practiced family medicine in Gorham for many years. I've worked with patients who have struggled to afford their medications, primary care and specialist visits, lab testing and hospitalizations because of the costs of health insurance premiums, copays/coinsurance and deductibles. Nothing breaks my heart more than knowing that some Mainers cannot afford their health care, because I believe health care is a human right. As my time in the Legislature comes to an end, I am incredibly proud of the prescription drug package my colleagues and I worked on together and passed, in a bipartisan fashion, to advocate for consumers. Most of these laws have now gone into effect, but I know people are still hurting. If the federal government and state government can work together on this problem, I know we can create even more change.

At first glance, it seems like a recent federal ruling is a win for Mainers: Just weeks ago, the federal government created a process for states to begin importing prescription drugs from other countries. This seemed like it would pair well with the law the Maine Legislature passed last session, "An Act To Increase Access to Low-cost Prescription Drugs". The impetus for this law came from knowing our Canadian counterparts were paying significantly less for the same prescriptions than Mainers were. According to drugwatch.com, Americans saved an average of 65

percent on their prescriptions when they bought them in Canada. Even though our importation bill is now state law, the U.S. government has to sign-off on its implementation. Disappointingly, the recent federal ruling does nothing to change the current situation. Instead, it puts more rules and bureaucracy in place and gives too much leverage to the same pharmaceutical companies who are part of the reason drugs cost so much.

My colleagues and I did have success with other prescription drug bills aimed at protecting consumers. We passed "An Act to Protect Consumers from Unfair Practices Related to Pharmacy Benefits Management", which I co-sponsored, to hold the corporate middleman accountable when setting prescription drug prices. This law went into effect at the beginning of this year for the purpose of ensuring that pharmacy benefit managers (PBMs), the intermediaries between pharmaceutical companies and health insurance companies, pass on negotiated savings on drugs to the consumers, rather than keep large profits for themselves. "An Act To Further Expand Drug Price Transparency" creates a system to track changes in costs of prescription drugs and drug company spending and "An Act To Establish Maine Prescription Drug Affordability Board" means that consumers will have an official board to look out for their best interests.

Another law I co-sponsored was "An Act To Save Lives by Capping the Out-of-pocket Cost of Certain

Medications", which caps the amount individual and small market insurance companies can charge for insulin, a costly drug that some people with diabetes need to survive every day. The price of insulin has skyrocketed because pharmaceutical companies have no oversight to prevent this abusive pricing. Now these insurers cannot charge more than \$35 for out-of-pocket costs for a 30-day-supply of insulin.

I'm proud of the prescription drug package we passed in the Legislature, but I know there is still work to be done. There's only so much we can do at the state level. The federal government needs to step up and protect all of us when it comes to health care costs. My colleagues and I want the best for Mainers, and we will continue working to do all we can to make sure you and your family can afford the medical care you need. The federal government needs to do its part too.

If you ever have questions about how your health care is affected by the laws we passed, please reach out to me at Linda.Sanborn@legislature.maine.gov or call my office at (207) 287-1515.



Linda Sanborn is serving her first term in the Maine Senate, representing Senate District 30, which includes Gorham, part of Buxton, and part of Scarborough. She previously served four terms in the Maine House, and practiced family medicine in Gorham for 25 years. (207) 287-1515, Linda.Sanborn@Legislature.Maine.gov.

Letters to the Editor

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Dear Editor,

As a Gorham resident and voter, I am happily casting my vote for Sara Rivard to be our next state Senator. Sara is a caring, compassionate and intelligent doctor, small business owner and mother, making her exceptionally qualified to represent our great district in Augusta.

Sara's tireless campaign efforts during a time when so many Mainers are struggling is greatly appreciated, as is

her willingness and commitment to work across the aisle when she gets to Augusta to represent not her party, but the people of Maine and most importantly, our district. Her dedication to supporting small businesses, lowering our tax burden, and protecting our freedoms won my support. I believe she will be a true advocate and positive voice for all Gorham residents in Augusta. I wish her the very best on November 3 and urge my Gorham neighbors to join me and my entire family in casting their vote for Sara Rivard.

Jim Means

Dear Editor,

I've experienced a lot over the past 56 years: watched body counts on TV from countless wars; seen the Twin Towers fall taking thousands of lives, including Gorham's own Stephen Ward; lost classmates and friends tragically killed or victims of suicide when they could no longer make sense of the

world; watched my father pass on in his old age. I've experienced all of this with a stone cold heart, understanding that life is hard, bad things happen and that death is a part of life. However tragic, it's what we all have to face.

So why is the tragedy of Henry O'Neill and Jake Dupuis hitting me so hard? I've struggled to hold back tears of anguish as I talked with teachers and friends of the family about this terrible loss. My heart has ached, taking my breath away. I didn't know these young men personally. They were part of life in a small town where everyone says "hi". So why does this feel different? Is it because they were driving in my brother's business truck, so it feels closer to home? Is it because I know the parents and the children were similar ages as mine? The mere thought of losing either one of my children crushes me. Is it because this pandemic has turned our normal world upside down

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UPCOMING DEADLINES

OCTOBER 21

NOVEMBER 4

NOVEMBER 18

DECEMBER 2

AROUND TOWN

9Round Fitness, 109 Main Street, has closed.

Easy Aquariums, 664 Main Street, has closed.

Angelos Pizza, 474 Main St., will be closed for two weeks for cleaning related to a COVID-19 case.

Lettuce Be Healthy

BARBARA T. SCHNEIDER

Sausage Stuffed Squash (Acorn/Butternut/Spaghetti)

2 squash (acorn, butternut, or spaghetti), halved and seeded	2 cups baby spinach, chopped
1 pound turkey sausage (or pork, chicken, or beef)	1 bag of fresh English peas or 10 ounce frozen peas
1 large onion, chopped	Shake of rosemary, thyme, marjoram, paprika and cayenne pepper
3 cloves of garlic, minced	Salt & pepper

Place squash of your choice open-side down in a preheated 400 degree oven for 30 min or until tender. Remove and flip over for stuffing. In large Dutch oven, sauté onion (in small amount of olive oil to caramelize). Add sausage to brown. Add garlic and peas; then spinach. Add seasonings and mix well. Stuff squash with mixture, tightly packing into squash. Return to oven (if desiring a cheesier dish; add shredded cheese of your choice to top). Bake for another 15 to 20 minutes. Enjoy!

Delightfully Simple Vegetable Roast

1 head purple cauliflower, chopped	1 bag of crinkle sliced carrots
1 bag fresh English peas (or 1 large bag frozen)	3 cloves of garlic, chopped
1 large head of fennel, chopped	1 zucchini, sliced
1 pack assorted wild mushrooms	1 bag broccoli flowerets (bite size)
1 pack sliced button mushrooms	1 bag red radishes, ends cut off, halved if large
1 large onion, chopped	Chinese Five Spice powder
	Extra virgin olive oil spray

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Prep all vegetables, toss together in a large bowl. Spray with extra virgin olive oil spray; shake mildly or generously (your choice) with Chinese Five Spice powder. Spread on an oiled baking sheet (lined with aluminum oiled foil for less mess, if you like). Spray again with cooking spray. Roast for approximately 1 hour to desired doneness. Toss and chow down. Yum!

Questions about the recipes can be e-mailed to Barbara Schneider at bts@maine.rr.com.

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and the stress is getting to me? Or has political divide in this country gotten to the point that civil unrest has entered our thoughts of what the future could hold for our democracy?

Maybe it's because I've climbed the mountain of life and realize that these young men will not be able to climb that mountain to see the glory of a life lived. It's hard to make sense of such a tragedy, but let's not let these beautiful souls be lost without learning something from them.

The only solace is that life is incredi-

bly precious and beautiful. Don't forget for one minute or one second of every day just how lucky we are to be alive. Their deaths put into perspective the trivial nature of our everyday problems.

Love from the heart is the cloth that weaves us together. It doesn't matter what our superficial beliefs are, be it politics or religion. We all breathe the same air, walk the same earth. We need each other to bring meaning to our lives, and the love we give is greater than the love we take.

Doug Carter

GORHAM - It is with enormous sadness that we share the passing of **Henry Hugh O'Neill**, our beloved son, brother, nephew, cousin and friend. In his brief 19 years, he gave us a lifetime of memories and joy that we will cherish forever.

Henry was born in Portland and grew up in Gorham, attending Gorham schools and graduating from Gorham High School in 2019.

Tall, handsome and kind-hearted, Henry made the world a brighter place. He loved his time at his family's home on Sebago Lake, where he savored his time on the water: fishing, swimming, tubing, snorkeling and executing his epic cannon balls. He had a great gift for friendship and spending time with his friends was among the great joys of his life.

Henry played on the Gorham golf team - and frequently with his family and friends - but his real passion was basketball. As a member of the Gorham Rams basketball team, he was known as both a strong defender and a stalwart teammate. He was a legendary supporter of all Gorham team sports.

Henry is survived by his parents, Timothy and Diane O'Neill of Standish, ME; his brother, Timothy W. O'Neill of Chevy Chase, MD; many aunts & uncles; 17 cousins who loved him like a brother; and his beloved dog, Tucker. We will forever be sustained by his spirit, sweetness and style.

A celebration of Henry's inspiring life was held at 12:30 p.m., Saturday, October 3, 2020 at the Fort Hill Park, Gorham. A reception on the grounds of the Old Richardson Place, 510 Main Street, Gorham followed the celebration of life. Due to COVID-19, all in attendance were required to wear masks and observe social distancing. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made in Henry's name to Gorham High School, 41 Morrill Avenue, Gorham, ME. Arrangements are in the care of the Gorham Chapel of Dolby, Blais and Segee, 76 Sate Street, Gorham, ME 04038. To express condolences and to participate in Henry's online tribute, please visit www.DolbyBlaisSegee.com



The Gorham Times would like to periodically share the stories of those who have "Come From Away" and settled in Gorham. What brought them to this town? What differences did they encounter when moving from another place? What have they come to love and appreciate about Gorham? If you, or someone you know, has a special story to share, please email gorhamtimes@gmail.com.

Come From Away

MARTY MILLER
Contributing Writer

Yovana Karasitukova could be a walking advertisement for the realty term "Location, Location, Location." With family in South Portland, a teaching job in Naples and a part-time coaching job in Sanford, Karasitukova has discovered Gorham as the most strategic spot for her busy life. Now renting half a duplex, she is on the lookout for a perfect and permanent Gorham home.

After securing a green card through Bulgaria's lottery system, Karasitukova's family left their European roots in June 2002 for better economic and education opportunities in the United States. The family found a welcoming Bulgarian community in South Portland, where 10-year-old Karasitukova and her sister became part of the school district's ESL classes. In high school, she found a passion as a member of the Red Riots' Color Guard Team.

Today, Karasitukova sees herself as "more American than Bulgarian" but recalls how hard it was to leave her friends and how scared she was to move so far away. "I wanted to go

home. The first month I cried constantly while holding my teddy bear. It played a Bulgarian song over and over again." Today, she's content looking at the tiny tattoo of Bulgaria on her left wrist.

Karasitukova graduated from South Portland High School and entered USM, traveling to Gorham for many of her classes. She recalls thinking of Gorham as a nice, pretty, and friendly town. "When I'd venture off campus between classes, my friends and I would usually wind up at Sebago Brewing Company."

After graduating from USM with a major in English, she accepted a position with Lake Region Schools as a sixth grade language arts teacher. In addition to her classroom role, she coaches the Color Guard Team at Sanford High School. Her future plans include attending graduate school to focus on Student Motivation and eventually work as a Literacy Coach.

Even though Karasitukova says that Maine gets much colder than Bulgaria, she still desires her future home here, preferably one that faces a field.

"If the fields are filled with either sunflowers or corn, I'll be happy. It will remind me of Bulgaria."

GORHAM - Jacob Patrick Dupuis, 19, of Gorham, passed away on September 24 as the result of a tragic automobile accident while working in Arundel. He was born on February 10, 2001 in Portland, the son of Tom and Leslie (Wright) Dupuis. He graduated from Gorham High School in 2019 and was a sophomore at the University of Vermont. He had chosen to study remotely from home this semester due to Covid but looked forward to returning to Burlington soon.



Growing up in Gorham, Jake had an idyllic childhood. Summers were filled with backyard playdates in the pool, trips to the beach, an annual camping trip to Bar Harbor, and a week on Sebago Lake. Winter days were spent on the slopes.

In elementary school, Jake lived in England with his family for two years. During that time, he traveled all over Europe including trips to Italy, France, Greece, and his favorite, the Swiss Alps - a place he returned to with his family and friends for a senior trip.

He was an honor roll student who played soccer, was a two-year captain on the lacrosse team, and a partner for the newly formed Unified basketball team.

Jake was a bit of a daredevil which came through in his love for snowboarding and skateboarding. Joining the snowboard team at UVM brought him great joy and he reveled in weekend trips to Sugarbush and Jay Peak. When the pandemic forced him home early, he switched gears, built a quarter pipe for his skateboard, and honed his skills in preparation for next winter.

It was wonderful to watch him become an independent and capable adult. He worked through the bumps he encountered at school and elsewhere, resolving them perfectly on his own despite our desire to intervene.

He had strong opinions, convictions, and was very well spoken. He would debate you until, more often than not, you relented. He was kind and caring, loved good music, savored a great meal, and was perfecting his culinary talents. He had a beautiful smile and a mischievous smirk. He always offered up hugs when leaving and never hesitated to say I love you.

He treasured his family, his friends, his coworkers, and his dog Maggie. He is loved beyond words and will be forever missed.

He is survived by his parents and his sister, Kate, all of Gorham; paternal grandparents, Tom and Bernardine Dupuis of Limerick; maternal grandparents, Richard and Donna Wright of Bangor; aunts and uncles: Rick Wright of Brewer; Ray and Sophie Wright of Cumberland; Charlie and Elena Dupuis of Saco; Melanie DiLorenzo of Saco; Jessica and Robert Ireton-Hewitt of Stuart, FL; Heather Dupuis of Gorham; Nick and Charlotte Wilson of Saco and Paul Farley of Gorham; and many cousins.

There was a private celebration of life. A visitation took place on Saturday, October 3, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the residence of Ted Carter and Greg Bembry, 99 Cousins Road, Buxton, ME, 04093. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to a scholarship fund in Jacob's memory. Checks can be sent and made payable to: Gorham High School, c/o Jake P. Dupuis Memorial Scholarship, 41 Morrill Avenue, Gorham, ME 04038, Attn: Barbara Quinn-Gagnon. In the memo line, please note Jake P. Dupuis Memorial Scholarship. Donations can also be made through Venmo @ JakePDupuisMemorialScholarship.

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Gorham 4-H Exhibition and Auction

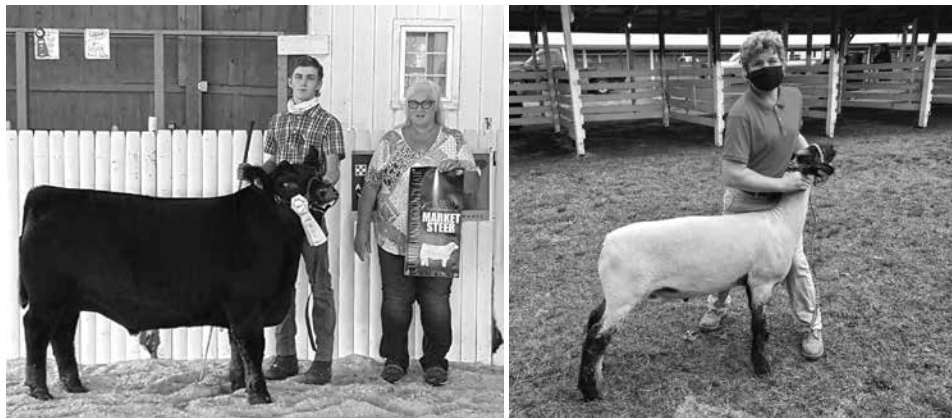


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Luke Goodwin with his fourth place steer Otis and Bode Bragdon with his seventh place market lamb Cerburus participated in the Exhibition and Sale held for local 4-H youth.

CHRIS CRAWFORD
Staff Writer

When the Annual 4-H Live Stock Exhibition and Auction was canceled along with the Cumberland County Fair this year, Jenn Grant of Findview Farm in Gorham wanted to find a way for young people to exhibit and sell the results of their hard work. After soliciting help from fellow members of the Cumberland Farmers Club, Grant organized a small scale event at the fairgrounds which met COVID safety standards and allowed about 34 children to proudly exhibit and sell their animals. In total seven steers, 22 hogs, and 20 lambs were sold.

Two of the entries from Gorham included Luke Goodwin with his fourth place steer Otis and Bode Bragdon with his seventh place market lamb Cerburus.

According to Grant, who has been the leader of the 4-H Steer Group for over 20 years and was once a 4-H'er herself, feed alone can cost around \$300 for a lamb and up to \$1,500 to \$2,000 for the steers. She said, "Caring for the animals is a huge commitment of time spent working with them, feeding them, and getting them ready for a show." She added, "Raising these animals teaches youngsters responsibility."

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Pumpkin Jokes



Photo credit Chris Crawford

What did the hungry cook say to the pumpkin? *I only have pies for you.*

What is a pumpkin's favorite sport? *Squash.*

Who helps the little pumpkins cross the road safely? *The crossing gourd.*

What do you call an athletic pumpkin? *A jock o' lantern.*

Gorham Times Seeks New Editor

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How To Help Lower Your Longevity Risk

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The investment world contains different types of risk. Stocks or stock-based mutual funds could lose value during periods of market volatility. The price of bonds or bond funds could also decline, if new bonds are issued at higher interest rates. But most people never consider longevity risk.

Insurance companies and pension funds view longevity risk as the risk they incur when their assumptions about life expectancies and mortality rates are incorrect, leading to higher payout levels. But for an individual investor, longevity risk is less technical and more emotional: it is the risk of outliving your money.

To assess your longevity risk, you need to make an educated guess about your life span, based on health and family history. Plus, consider these statistics: Women who turned 65 in April of this year can expect to live, on average, until age 86.5; for men, the corresponding figure is 84, according to the Social Security Administration.

With a reasonable estimate of the number of years that lie ahead, there are steps to take which can reduce your longevity risk. For starters, try to build your financial resources as much as possible, because the greater the level of assets, the lower the risk of outliving them. So, during working years, keep contributing to IRA and 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored retirement plan.

As retirement nears, more planning is needed. Specifically, compare your essential living expenses – mortgage/rent, utilities, food, clothing, etc. – with the amount of income received from guaranteed sources, such as Social Security or pensions. There is some flexibility with this guaranteed income pool. For example, if Social Security benefits are received as early as 62, the

amount of the monthly checks will be reduced by about 30 percent from the amount you would get if you waited until full retirement age, which is likely between 66 and 67.

It is also good to consider other investments that can provide a steady income stream. A financial professional can help you decide the income-producing investments that are appropriate and that fit well with the rest of your portfolio.

After determining that your guaranteed income will be sufficient to meet your essential living expenses, have you eliminated longevity risk? Not necessarily – because "essential" expenses don't include unexpected costs, of which there may be many, such as costly home maintenance, auto repairs and so on. And retirees always need to be aware of health care costs. Having to dip into your guaranteed income sources to pay for these types of bills, might increase the risk of outliving your money.

To avoid this scenario, think about establishing a separate emergency fund, containing approximately at least a year's worth of living expenses, with the money held in cash or cash equivalents. This money won't grow much, if at all, but it will be there if needed.

Careful planning, adequate guaranteed income, a sufficient emergency fund and enough other investments to handle nonessential costs, can help to reduce your own longevity risk. And that may lead to a more enjoyable retirement.

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Emmy Award Winning Animator

CHRIS CRAWFORD
Staff Writer

It has been a big couple of months for Dan MacKenzie (GHS '07) who recently was presented with not one, but two Creative Arts Emmy Awards.

The first was in June, as supervising animator for work on the Amazon original series "Tumble Leaf", a well-regarded series for preschoolers. The second was for outstanding individual achievement for his work on the documentary "Cosmos: Possible Worlds" episode four. "Cosmos", hosted by Neil deGrasse Tyson, premiered on FOX in September. MacKenzie's episode aired on October 13.

Interestingly, MacKenzie's Gorham friend, Eben McCue (GHS '08), also recently won an Emmy for Motion Design.

MacKenzie is fulfilling a childhood dream working as a stop motion animator at Laika Studio in Portland, Oregon. Laika's hit movies include three on which MacKenzie worked: "ParaNorman," "BoxTrolls," "Kubo," as well as "Coraline" and "Missing Link," the 2020 Golden Globe Award winner for best animated feature. Laika is known for setting high creative and technical standards and for making entertainment that has something important and meaningful to say.

As a stop motion animator, MacKenzie is the physical actor who moves the puppets one frame at a time to the sounds of the pre-recorded voice actor's performance. "Animators get cast on a shot or scene, and they pose and animate everything moving on screen, one frame at a time, 24 frames per second for features, and 12 frames per second for TV shows. I often create only a few seconds of footage per day," he said.

MacKenzie explained that much of the animation we see is made using computer generated (CG) images while the stop motion technique creates the illusion of movement by using real objects which are physically moved in very small increments between photographed frames.

When asked about the difference in the two techniques, MacKenzie said, "Stop motion is much more physical and tactile, which I like, but you're constantly fighting gravity, needing rigs and supports to keep the puppets from falling to the ground. Leaning over miniature sets all day can also be hard on your body. CG can be done while seated at a computer where you can easily make as many adjustments to the animation as needed. In stop motion, once you animate a shot... that is it. You either keep it or reshoot it."

In the world of animated films, individual departments are responsible for each aspect of making a feature film. In stop motion, the puppets, mostly constructed with a metal skeleton covered with silicone flesh and miniature cloth clothes, are made in one department. Sets are designed and constructed in another department, the lighting and camera team is its own entity, script writing and editing are also separate. MacKenzie said, "For my own short films, I found myself doing everything, but professionally, I am hired just for adding life through movement."

MacKenzie's interest in film started early when he and his brother, John, began to make movies with the neighborhood kids. He began to focus on animation in high school when he became enamored with the technique of claymation. "My parents bought me a computer and let me set up a workstation in my



Photo credit Laika Studio

Dan MacKenzie and daughter Eleanor celebrate as he receives a second Creative Arts Emmy Award for his outstanding work on the FOX science documentary series "Cosmos: Possible Worlds," hosted by Neil deGrasse Tyson.

dad's home office where I would animate into the early hours of the morning," he said. He and his mother travelled to film festivals in Chicago, Atlanta, and Austin, where his short films were screened. "My parents were amazingly supportive. I really never had any push-back for pursuing this dream, as I think they saw it was more than just a hobby for me," he added.

At the GHS talent show, as a sophomore, he wheeled out a projector and played "Become", one of his first full animations of a wire man creating himself. He said, "The audience reaction sealed the deal for me that this was the career path I wanted to take." MacKenzie said his mentor at GHS, Rob Roy, offered great guidance, support, and help with some technical aspects of the craft. His advice for students interested in animation is to work at it first as a hobby, to see

MacKenzie's movies can be seen here:

GHS movie titled "Become":
<https://youtu.be/Zjon5Na1s6M>

A clip from the "Cosmos" series on FOX TV:
<https://youtu.be/wNlibe3Y-Lo>

His other short films can be found on YouTube by searching "Dan MacKenzie animation".

if you have a real passion for it, before pursuing an expensive degree.

MacKenzie attended Savannah College of Art and Design (SCAD) and received BFA in Animation in 2011. He received a general arts education, with the last two years fully focused on animation. The summer before his senior year, he landed an internship on "Robot Chicken," an irreverent, adult comedy series. He said, "I learned so much in those two months in a true studio environment, I primarily went back to SCAD just to make a senior film, as I knew that was going to be my last chance to really focus on my own work. Animators are often hired on a project basis, so after graduation he headed to the West Coast and bounced between studios in Oregon and Los Angeles, before being hired on staff by Laika in 2019.

MacKenzie lives in Portland, Oregon, with his wife Allison, two cats, and three-month-old daughter Eleanor.

He is the son of Chris and Deb MacKenzie. His brother is John MacKenzie (GHS '05).

MacKenzie can be reached through www.mackmation.com and his Instagram handle is @Mackmation.

Gorham 4-H Exhibition and Auction CONTINUED FROM PAGE 4

ity and a lot about time management, money management, and market skills."

The steer project is a year-long effort with the youth catching their steers at the Cumberland County's Calf Scramble held the previous year. The hog and lamb projects start in the spring once the animal is weaned from its mother.

Since an official Calf Scramble will not be held this year, members of the Cumberland Farmers Club have committed to ensuring the young people who signed up will receive a calf this fall. In addition to Luke Goodwin, Elizabeth Phinney will also be receiving a calf to raise and sell at next year's Cumberland County Fair.

4-H, a national organization for youth aged five to 18, is run by the Cooperative Extension which is part of the University of Maine. It offers hands on experience with STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) related projects and provides leadership and citizenship opportunities. While farm-related projects are a large part of 4-H, there are many opportunities for other projects dealing with citizenship, healthy living, science, engineering, and technology. For more information, to volunteer, or enroll in 4-H, call the Cumberland County Cooperative Extension Office at (207) 781-9066.

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Ballet, and since then have appeared in many musical theater and TV productions. They toured with the national company of American in Paris for two years, performing in 40 cities. Last year they both sang and danced as members of the Jets in Steven Spielberg's film of West Side Story which will be released in 2021. Currently Sara is in New York, the only one from Broadway Curbside currently performing. Leigh-Ann is teaching at Maine State Ballet and taking an online course in cinematography.


Andrew Wojtal, a 2007 GHS graduate, was in the cast of Hamilton and understudying the role of King George in San Francisco when the show closed down

and he is there now. Chelsea Williams, who played the Puerto Rican grandmother in "Mama Mia," is home taking courses at the Maine College of Art.

Alden Berliner, also from GHS, ran the sound-system for Broadway Curbside. Andrew sang his last number, "New York, New York" in the Esty driveway, accompanied by a karaoke soundtrack from YouTube. He said the city was his favorite place — "Oh, after Gorham."

Although the four young professional musical actors were happy to entertain back home where they started their careers, all are eager to once again stand on bigger stages performing for audiences all over the country.





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What's On Your Ballot?

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declared write-in candidates will be counted.

On the reverse side of the ballot, Question 1 lists the capital improvements that the bonds will fund if authorized. Question 2 clarifies the qualifications of office for a Town Council member. If passed, no one currently employed by the Town or Gorham School District would be eligible to serve on the Council. The Town Council voted 7-0 to place these questions on the ballot.

Gorham residents can register to vote at the Municipal Center during regular business hours and at their designated polling place on November 3 by showing a photo ID and proof of a Gorham address. Registered voters may request an absentee ballot by calling the Town Clerk's office or by visiting the State election website. If a voter has received an absentee ballot, the completed ballot may be mailed or dropped off at the outside drop box at the Municipal Center, but it must be received by Election Day to be counted. Absentee voting will take place at the Municipal Center from October 19 through October 30.

On November 3, residents living in Ward 1-1 vote at the Gorham Middle School; Ward 1-2 residents vote at Great Falls School; and Ward 2 residents vote at Gorham High School; Ward boundaries can be found on the Town of Gorham website. The polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Town Council Candidates

Name:

Christina
Marion
DesRochers
Paul

Address: 25
Maple Ridge
Road

Education:
Bachelor
of Music
Performance

from University of Southern Maine with a Minor in Leadership and Organizational Studies; Associate Degree in General Studies from Central Maine Community College

Personal Info: I am Christina Paul, a mother of a Great Falls Elementary student, and a non-traditional 2019 graduate of USM.

I eagerly listen to community members' ideas and concerns, and will work to turn those ideas into actions. Serving this beautiful community would be an honor not taken lightly by this candidate.

Employment: Freelance editor
Political and community experience: Arts leadership experience magnifies the importance of connection, diversity, and fostering community. Operating nonprofit boards and creating student organizations, events, and experiences has given me a unique perspective. As Vice President and founding



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Name:

Suzanne Phillips
Address: 108
Harding Bridge
Road

Education:
B.A. in Art
Education at
USM; Early
Childhood
Education at
SMCC; 1994

Gorham High School Graduate
Personal Info: Married; I enjoy photography, painting, crafting, reading, gardening, motorcycle riding, and snowmobiling.

Employment: Gorham Business Exchange Executive Director

Political and community experience: One term on the Gorham School Committee; two terms on the Gorham Town Council, one year as Vice Chair, currently serving as Chairperson; Town Council Comprehensive Plan Amendment Committee Member; High School Building Committee Member; Gorham Historical Society, President since 2016; Gorham Founders Festival Committee Member, currently Chair; Member of the Gorham SnoGoers Club, and Gorham Taste Walk Coordinator.

Why are you running for Town Council? As an active member of the community, I desire to continue to



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Name:

Ronald W.
Shepard
Address:
6 Field Crest
Drive

Education:
Gorham High
School, 1966;
S.M.V.T.I
- Associate

Degree, 1982;
U.S.M. - Bachelor Degree, 1984; F.B.I. National Academy, 2000

Personal Info: Married to Debra; three children, four grandchildren, one great grandchild

Employment: Currently employed at Plummer's Ace Hardware, part-time; Retired from Gorham Police Department after 42 years service, 19 years as Police Chief; U.S. Air Force veteran

Political and community experience: Two terms on Gorham Town Council 2014-2020; member of Gorham Historical Society; former Cub Scout Pack Leader; former member Gorham Fire Department; former member of Gorham Business Exchange

Why are you running for Town Council? Other than my four years of service in the military, I have been a resident of the town of Gorham. Since retiring from the Police Department I have been fortunate to serve on the Town Council. I believe the decisions



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Legislative Candidates

HOUSE DISTRICT 27

Name: Kyle R. Bailey
Address: 114 Johnson Road, Gorham

Education: Master's in Public Policy, Planning and Management, University of Southern Maine (2019); Bachelor's in Political Science, University of Georgia (2005)
Employment: President and CEO of Peachtree Strategies LLC, a project management consulting firm based in



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Name: Roger E. Densmore III
Address: 185 Barstow Road, Gorham

Education: Southern Connecticut State University and Husson University

Personal Info: I have lived in Gorham for a little over five years with my girlfriend Karla and our three rescued four-legged fur babies, Fenway (an almost four-year-old black lab),



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STATE SENATE DISTRICT 30

Name: Stacy Fielding Brenner
Address: 388 Broadturn Rd., Scarborough

Education: University of Arizona, Bachelor of Science in Agriculture; University of Pennsylvania, Bachelor of Science in Nursing; Master of Science in Nursing, specialty in Nurse-Midwifery.

Personal Info: I've been a farmer for 19 years and a Scarborough resi-



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Name: Sara Rivard, DC
Address: 57 Underhill Drive, Gorham

Education: Gray-New Gloucester High School, Gray, Maine, Diploma, 1989; Simmons College, Boston, Massachusetts, B.S. in Biology, 1993; Sherman College of Straight Chiropractic, Spartanburg, South Carolina, Doctorate in Chiropractic, 2002



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HOUSE DISTRICT 26

Name: Maureen Terry
Address: 9 Lombard Street, Gorham

Education: New York Restaurant School, Culinary Arts and Restaurant Management

Personal Info: In addition to being a mother and wife of an amazing family, I have worked as a chef for nearly 30 years. I have owned two restaurants and a small food



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Name: George Louis Vercelli

Address: 16 Distant Pines Drive, Gorham

Education: Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering from Newark College of Engineering (Now New Jersey Institute of Technology); Master Degree in Sanitary Engineering from New York University

Personal Info: Widower with two



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Government Loan Programs for Local Businesses

KEVIN JENSEN
 Economic Development Director

Two new programs were recently announced to help support Maine businesses during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Maine Department of Economic Development (DECD) has broadened program eligibility for its Maine Economic Recovery program to allow businesses with up to 250 employees, as well as those operating for less than a year, to apply for grants. The application deadline is October 23.

The Greater Portland Council of Governments announced a Microenterprise Loan program, which provide up to \$5,000 for business operation costs for businesses with zero to five employees. Business owners must meet HUD's income eligibility earning 80 percent of the area median income, based on town of residence. There is also a Job Program targeted to help businesses maintain employees who are most at risk of losing their jobs providing up to \$10,000 for businesses with two to 25 employees.

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connected smoke with carbon monoxide alarms provide the best protection.

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For more information, visit <https://www.usfa.fema.gov>, <https://cpsc.gov>, <https://nfpa.org>, and/or contact the Gorham Fire Department at (207) 222-1660.

Planning Board Meeting Results

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Gorham Savings Bank's proposal for a ground mounted solar array on an undeveloped lot adjacent to their operation center at 10 Wentworth Drive was discussed and postponed.

Susan Duchaine's proposed amendment to the current site plan for 166 Narragansett Street to meet the standards of the urban residen-

tial zone including amendments to landscaping, storage area, addition of a deck and removal of a concrete apron was discussed and postponed.

A proposed amendment to the Land Use and Development Code was discussed and referred to the Board's Ordinance Subcommittee for review.

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member of the National Association for Teachers of Singing USM student chapter, I collaborated with a team to create educational events, culminating with a highly successful masterclass planned cooperatively with USM, Maine NATS, and USM Student NATS. My participation with the Gorham Anti-Racism Development group, particularly their small action groups, was an eye-opening experience demonstrating the wisdom, drive, and passion of Gorham's young people whom I hope to uplift.

Why are you running for Town Council? I was once advised that to change the world I needed to begin in my own corner. My own corner began with raising my child (still a ways to go on that one), and expanded to my relationships and friendships. Now I am expanding that corner to run for Town Council in an effort to better understand the challenges facing our community and how to enact positive change because I believe challenges can be transformed into growth opportunities. I strive to bring positivity, a fresh perspective, representation of young families raising kids who attend Gorham public schools, a passionate female voice for the future, and a compassionate ear for residents of our community.

I am running for a seat on the Gorham Town Council because I believe it is imperative to secure our future and our children's futures, and I understand that this work never stops. I know how to collaborate, debate, discuss, compromise when necessary, and find workable solutions to all kinds of scenarios.

What do you see as the major issues for our community and how might they be addressed? The issue that is foremost in many of our minds currently is the COVID-19 pandemic, that, although unprecedented, has exacerbated issues and weaknesses that already exist in the fabric of communities nationwide. We have witnessed the consequences of being unprepared for an emergency. From here, with the experiences of the past six months, we must move forward together.

I believe one of the major issues currently facing Gorham is a need for a Public Health Committee. Many of the challenges our community faces could be met by this committee. I acknowledge there are population growth challenges, never ending taxation debates, infrastructure needs, and many more issues that have been debated for years. This year has brought many new challenges to overcome. To be firmly planted in the present, we need to learn from what is happening in our community, address it sustainably, and move forward with plans that honor the learning taught by mistakes made during this time.

I understand the importance of reducing traffic congestion and plans for sustainable, responsible residential growth, and the importance of many of the issues presented in previous years, while keeping a firm handle on the related fiscal implications required by actionable solutions.

How would your perspective or experience benefit the Town Council? I am creative, determined, compassionate, a deep thinker, an advocate, realistic, committed to lifelong learning, all with a growth mindset, and dedicated to every endeavor I undertake. Through participation with the Gorham Anti-Racism Development group I have had the honor and pleasure of speaking with members of our community who expressed concern about issues that are often not being discussed. While I believe that each of these individuals would make excellent Town Council candidates themselves, I am [honored] that they shared their thoughts on issues with me and have encouraged me to pursue this seat. Gorham is full of people who have put a lot of thought, research, and work into issues our town faces that are important to them. It is my great desire to transform their concerns into solutions and keep these issues on the forefront of town planning as we face current issues and shape the foundations for our future.

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Seniors Missing Out on Fall Season Not Deterred

DESTINY COOK
Sports Editor

While volleyball and football will not be played during the fall, there are hopes of a spring season for both. The two teams will each have “play time” in the fall. Having said that and knowing there is also the possibility the athletes may not play, the Gorham Times would like to honor the seniors of both sports.

Volleyball, Coach Emma Tirrell

Even though volleyball will not happen this fall, Athletic Director Tim Spear said GHS has purchased two outdoor volleyball net systems that will be used on grass. There are more than 60 girls practicing Monday through Thursday working on skills and team play, with no games scheduled against other schools.

Sia Hydson is a middle/outside hitter playing all four years of high school. “My favorite memories are those of when I got to bond with all of my teammates on the bus rides home from games when we would all sing our cheer for when we won,” she shared. “I am hoping that there will be a competitive spring season so we can have a great final high school season!” she added. Hydson’s plan is to play volleyball wherever she attends college.

Kelly Curran is a middle/outside hitter and has been playing for six years. “My favorite memory is getting ready together in our locker room before quarter finals last year. I’m really hop-

ing for a spring volleyball season for my senior year,” she said. Curran is interested in being an athletic trainer and going to Endicott College in Massachusetts.

Maddy Berry is a right side hitter and has been playing volleyball for her four years of high school. “One of my favorite memories was an away game my junior year when all of us were singing our hearts out on the back of the bus after a crazy win. I had that feeling that we all felt like a team in that moment, and that we were one big family singing together in unison. Looking back on it always makes me so happy and one of the many memories I have on repeat,” she shared.

Berry said she never imagined going into her senior year things being so different. She said, “As humans we learn to adapt, and even though I dread change, it’s something we all have to deal with. Not having what most would say a ‘normal’ school year, has forced our minds to look for new opportunities and face new challenges.” Like her teammates, she hopes there will be a spring season. She added, “I am one who believes everything happens for a reason, so even if I don’t get a season, I am so thankful to everyone I got to meet and play along with.”

Berry hopes to play volleyball in college.

Sylar Prince is in her fifth year playing volleyball as a middle hitter. “Some

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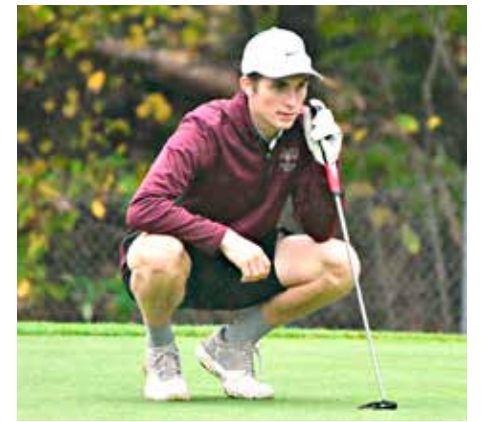


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Middle School Athletics' Response to COVID

AIISLYN McLEAN
GHS Student Intern

School sports have been very up in the air amid this pandemic, but fortunately, Gorham Middle School has it figured out. For many kids, sports are an outlet. For a couple hours after school, athletes can sweat it out and focus on something other than homework. It's tough to be a student right now; things are very hectic. Thankfully, though, all fall sports are a go at GMS!

As of Monday, September 28, athletes were back on the courts, fields, and trails. With a little extra work, coaches and teachers were able to get kids registered and ready to go. Along with registration, each athlete needed to obtain proof of an up-to-date physical. As of right now, athletes are only permitted to practice on their

designated in-school day. This keeps numbers low, but also gives everyone a chance to get involved.

Cross country, soccer, field hockey, and even tennis have been doing skills and drills plus plenty of conditioning. Even though there will not be games or meets against other schools, each team is working hard, getting active, and having fun. Similar to Gorham High School, face masks are required all throughout warmups, but not when actually playing or running. Sanitization stations are being provided, and social distancing is being maintained.

Sherry Coyne, teacher and athletic organizer at Gorham Middle School said, "Coaches are positive and ready to work!" Hopefully, with all these safety precautions and guidelines, sports will continue throughout the school year.

Former GHS Graduate and Teacher Receives 2020 Richard A. Costello Special Achievement Award

COMPILED BY DESTINY COOK

Walter Ridlon (GHS '67 and USM '87) was recently named the University of Southern Maine Athletic 2020 Richard A. Costello Special Achievement Award Recipient. The award is presented annually to a USM graduate who has distinguished themselves through their commitment to student-athletes and athletics. A talented multi-sport student-athlete during his years in Gorham, at the high school and collegiate level, Ridlon has been influential in the lives of students, student-athletes and his community since receiving his undergraduate degree from Gorham State Teachers' College and then his Master's Degree in Educational Administration from the University of Southern Maine.

Working as a teacher at Mt. View and his alma mater Gorham High School, assistant principal and principal of Sacopee Valley High School, Ridlon was president of the Western Maine Principals Association, earned

the Presidential Scholars Distinguished Teacher Award and was a nominee for the Walt Disney Teacher of the Year Award. He then moved to higher education where he has held many roles, and presently is the Student Services Coordinator at Lake Region Vocational Center.

Sharing his love of athletics, Ridlon took turns coaching a variety of sports including baseball, soccer, track, golf and basketball at the junior varsity, varsity and collegiate levels, with his greatest success coming from the sidelines of the hardwood. Ridlon served as a coach in some capacity for Gorham High School, Sacopee Valley High School, Mt. View High School, Central Maine Community, and the University of Southern Maine. Positively affecting hundreds of young student-athletes as an educator and a coach, Ridlon was named the Maine Basketball Coach of the Year in 1974 as the Gorham High School head coach, and was also inducted into the Gorham High School Sports Hall of Fame.

In the Zone

Kate Tugman (GHS '20) is having an outstanding cross country season for the Florida State cross country team. She recently completed a 5k at the FSU Cross Country Invitational and recorded a lifetime personal record time of 17:53. Tugman finished 35th overall and 10th on her team. According to her former cross country coach Jason Tanguay, while this might not sound impressive at first, he said the program at FSU is a national contender. Coach Tanguay also shared that she actually tripped and fell just before the finish line and got back up to still break 18 minutes, showing her perseverance!



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of my favorite memories of the season are singing our hearts out on the bus to away games, and drinking our pre-game slushies. I want to make the most of our upcoming season by playing hard and having fun with my teammates," she said.

Prince plans to study Biology and play volleyball in college.

Shannon Lawrence is a defensive specialist/ Libero. (The libero wears a different color from the rest of the team and is not allowed to serve or rotate to the front line.) She is in her sixth year playing the sport. One of her favorite memories was winning the fourth set of last year's semi-final game against Scarborough. Lawrence said, "Even though we may not have won the game overall, the energy and spirit our team and fans created in the gym that night was unmatched. The gym was filled with so much enthusiasm and excitement for the sport we all loved. It will forever remind me what it was like to be a part of the Gorham Volleyball family. Volleyball will always hold a special place in my heart and I plan on continuing to find ways to play in years to come."

Football, Coach Andy Hager

Like volleyball, football is not participating this fall. They are, however, practicing daily. Coach Hager said 7x7 isn't the season the boys hoped for, but he is proud of his team for their great attitudes and showing up to work every day. Hager stated, "The senior leadership of Beck and Nick has made it even easier to get out there in these different circumstances. They have great attitudes and really work hard to make the time we have together enjoyable as

coaches and players." 7x7 football hovers around the 30 to 40 players most days.

Nick Williams has played football for seven years with a few years off in between due to injuries. For the majority of those years he played quarterback and safety. "I would say my favorite moments of playing were after wins in the locker room. Everyone was hyped up and ready to go play again if we could." Williams does not want the lack of a football season (as of now) to affect him. He hopes to do well in school and his other sports. His future plans and goals after high school are to attend college and play baseball. Williams said, "Some advice I'd give to underclassmen of any sport would be that there's always someone working harder to get better, so try to be that person who's out working everyone else."

Beck Carrier is in his ninth year playing football and he is a running back and linebacker. "My favorite memory so far was going back to Westbrook last year on the same field I broke my leg just a year before and dominating them", he shared. As one of the captains, Carrier said he hopes to gain more qualities that come with being a leader, as well as to continue to pave the way for the underclassmen who follow when he graduates. Carrier added, "It's too hard to give one piece of advice, but the two most valuable things the underclassmen should be doing is lifting in the off-season as much as possible and being a sponge, soaking up all the little things coaches tell them to become the best young men they can possibly be."

Beck will be studying biomedical engineering at Johns Hopkins University next fall and hopes to also play football.

SCHOOL

USDA Funds Free Meals to All Students



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All Gorham students are encouraged to pick up a free lunch or breakfast through the end of 2020.

MICHAEL SANBORN
Director School Nutrition

The Gorham School Department is providing breakfast and lunch free for all students through the end of the school year, Monday through Thursdays. These meals are funded by the USDA.

By providing these meals, the hope is that this program will help stretch the household food budget. If families have struggled or fallen behind on bills during the coronavirus pandemic, this can free up some funds to help families get caught up.

School meals are time saving and convenient. Parents do not have to sign up, call or email anyone, or fill out a survey; students just come

down to the cafeteria and pick up a lunch. They are available on in-school days (no pre-ordering) or on virtual learning days and may be picked up at Village and Great Falls Elementary Schools from 10 to 10:45 a.m.

Lunch time has always been one of the most looked-forward to times of the day for students. The tables may look a little different and lunches may not come on trays anymore, but Gorham's kitchen staff is still pouring love into every meal. Let them help put a little "normal" back into students' lives.

School meals use local products and help sustain the local economy and create jobs. Kitchens are sanitized, employees are clean, and the food is fresh.

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Police Announce Appointment of K-5 School Resource Officer

EMMA SMITH
GHS Student Intern

The Gorham Police Department (GPD) recently announced the appointment of School Resource Officer (SRO) Todd Gagnon. He was sworn in on October 2 at the Gorham Public Safety Complex.

The responsibilities of a K-5 SRO include: attending and participating in school functions; building working relationships with the school's staff as well as with student and parent groups; initiating interactions with students in the classroom and general areas of the school building; promoting the profession of a police officer; and being a positive role model.

School resource officers also support a safe school environment by providing law enforcement and police services to the school. They establish and maintain a close partnership with school administrators and assist in conflict resolution efforts.

Additionally, they work with social workers, guidance counselors, and other student support staff to assist students as well as to provide services to students involved in any situation where referrals to service agencies are necessary.

Gagnon joined the GPD in July of 2000 and has been assigned to the Patrol Division. He has filled in for SRO positions in the past and he now assumes



Courtesy of Gorham Police Department

The Gorham Police Department held a swearing in ceremony for school resource officer Todd Gagnon at the Gorham Public Safety Complex.

this new role certified as a basic SRO.

He will be assigned to the three elementary schools in Gorham. Becky Fortier, principal of Great Falls, is excited about Gagnon starting his new partnership with Gorham Schools.

"On a daily basis, he checks in with each K-5 building and is working on being visible while developing positive relationships with our staff and students," said Fortier.

Chief of Police Christopher E. Sanborn stated that he is "looking forward to working with him in his new role and I am delighted to support his desire to grow his law enforcement career with the town of Gorham Police Department."

Additionally, Sanborn wishes to congratulate Gagnon on his appointment as a new SRO.

School Notes

The School Committee (SC) will consider a new draft of the Anti-Racism Policy for its first reading at their October 14 meeting at 7 p.m. The meeting will be at the Gorham High School Auditorium and will be open to community members to provide feedback in person.

The policy approval process involves two steps. The first will be the initial reading on October 14 where the policy will be officially placed on a public agenda and its consideration will be announced. The policy will then return to the Policy Committee for specific adjustments based upon the feedback provided by community members at the October 14 meeting. It will then be brought back to the SC for a second reading, which will occur on December 9.

Assistant Superintendent Chris Record explained that the SC is purposefully placing extra time between the first and second reading due to the significance of the conversation and because of the election of new school committee members.

If anyone cannot attend the October 14 meeting, feedback can be emailed to either Dr. Record (chris.record@gorhamschools.org) or directly to the chair of the policy committee Anne Schools (anne.schools@gorhamschools.org).

Superintendent Heather Perry's latest blog with voting and bond information can be viewed at: <https://gorhamsuperintendent.blogspot.com>.

GFWC GORHAM WOMAN'S CLUB Domestic Violence Awareness Project



The goal of the GFWC Signature Program is to increase awareness of and help prevent the widespread occurrence of domestic abuse in communities across the nation by working with national domestic violence networks, supporting existing activities, working with various established programs, and initiating educational opportunities for club members and local citizens. GFWC aims to be a powerful voice for those who have no voice.

With this in mind the GFWC Gorham Woman's Club is looking for community assistance to put together **First Night Kits** that can be distributed to our first responders and other appropriate groups to be given to individuals when it is necessary for them to leave their homes to get to a safer place.

We would like to include in the kits: (new items only)
Colored T-shirt that could be used as a nightshirt (L-3XL)
Travel Size: toothpaste & toothbrush, soap, deodorant, shampoo, conditioner & tissues
Socks, large combs & chapstick
(We would also like to put together kits for children.)

To help – you can drop off donations at the Baxter Memorial Library or call to arrange a pick up. Financial assistance to purchase items is also welcomed.

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make a positive impact in the place where I grew up. I know that as a Town Councilor, it is my job to educate myself on the needs and issues of our growing town. My experiences on the School Committee and Town Council have helped bring a better understanding of the town as a whole to the Council. Having spent most of my life here, in the community I have grown to love, I will continue to enhance all things that make Gorham a great place to live.

What do you see as the major issues for our community and how might they be addressed? Currently the pandemic is in the forefront. The Town Manager and I have been working diligently on planning for the financial impact it may have on our town. The safety and the success of the people and businesses in our community are the priorities.

Another issue for Gorham has been business attraction and retention, in order to offset the burden on taxpayers. Last year we hired a new full time Economic Development Director and the focus is being in touch with current businesses as well as assisting new ones. In addition, the citizens authorized the purchase of land for a new industrial park, which I think is a step in the right direction. I will continue to push forward with updating the town zoning to meet the comprehensive plan which was adopted three years ago.

How would your perspective or experience benefit the Town Council? My experience on the Town Council will help to move our town forward. There are many things that have begun in my terms and I hope to see them finished. For example, I look forward to inviting businesses to our new industrial park.

I also believe that leading the town through the COVID-19 pandemic has been challenging. However, it has

given me a perspective of how the town leaders can truly come together for the citizens.

Working with the Gorham Business Exchange Board members on outreach and connecting with local businesses has been beneficial to me in my understanding of the needs of our business community.

I will continue to listen to residents' concerns, questions and ideas. As always, I hope together we can strive to plan and build a strong and vibrant Gorham!

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made by the Council have been made in the best interest of the citizens of Gorham. I hope to continue my service to the town by being re-elected to the Town Council.

What do you see as major issues for the community and how might they be addressed? The school facility needs are an issue that will require input from all stakeholders, much "out of the box" thinking and a willingness of all involved to compromise and reach a consensus on a workable and affordable solution.

If the economy continues to be negatively impacted as a result of the COVID-19 virus the Town Council will need to be ready to address possible funding cuts from the state. Any action by the Council would be dependent on what losses the town would be facing.

How would your perspective or experience benefit the Town Council? I always listen to, and respect, the input of the other members of the Council. The discussions we have on the agenda topics are important and help us to make sound decisions.

I also keep in mind that many of the issues we discuss have dollar amounts attached to them and we have to make sure we are not placing unreasonable demands on taxpayers and businesses.

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Gorham. During my 15 year career, I have managed budgets of up to \$2 million and teams of up to 40 employees. Past job titles: Campaign Manager, Chief Operations Officer, Finance Director and Community Relations Manager.

Political and community experience: Served as an elected member of the Gorham School Committee for three years; on the leadership team that won and protected the freedom to marry for same-sex couples; as campaign manager for the legislative, referendum and legal initiatives that won, protected and expanded ranked-choice voting to give more voice to voters; member of the Gorham Business Exchange.

What do you see as the major issues affecting our community and how might they be addressed? During these difficult times, you deserve to be represented in the Maine House by a thoughtful, compassionate and steady leader who listens and will be a strong voice for Gorham.

Improving lives, building community and creating a more vibrant democracy have been my life's work. I am an entrepreneur, civic leader and former Gorham School Committee member with a proven record of working across the political spectrum, taking on tough issues and solving complex problems.

Growing up in a family of Methodists and military veterans, I was raised to value service. My father was a Marine, educator, lawyer and judge. My mother worked for her family's electrical contracting business and was a leader in our church community and town. When I was three, my father died of leukemia. My mother and grandmother encouraged me to embrace his commitments to justice and fairness, and instilled in me the values of integrity, empathy, conviction, hard work, and perseverance.

Among the issues that concern Gorham voters are: the health and well-being of their loved ones during the COVID-19 pandemic; the

long-term economic impact of the pandemic on their families and local businesses; the skyrocketing costs of healthcare and prescription drugs; property taxes, school crowding, road traffic, childcare costs, housing availability and affordability, and internet connectivity and reliability; the lack of transitional support for people in recovery; and, the need to mitigate the negative impacts of climate change.

These are all important issues that require difficult conversations, hard choices and real solutions. This is a time for principled and pragmatic leaders who will put partisanship aside, work collaboratively, think differently and act boldly. I believe that I am that leader, and I ask for your vote. Thank you for your consideration. Please contact me at (207) 939-8600 or kyle@baileyformaine.com to share your concerns or ask questions.

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dent for 14 years. I currently co-own Broadturn Farm in Scarborough with my husband, John, and work as a nurse. I have two wonderful daughters: the youngest, Flora, attends Scarborough High School and my oldest, Emma, is also a nurse.

Employment: Organic farmer/small business owner at Broadturn Farm; Registered nurse at Northern Lights Mercy Hospital Birthplace

Political and community experience: I am the Board Vice President of the Maine Organic Farmers and Gardeners Association and also on the board of the Maine Farmland Trust.

What do you see as the major issues affecting our community and how might they be addressed? The foremost issue is how the pandemic has impacted our local economy. Our governor's response to this crisis has so far kept our case count low, but a weak tourism season has already caused some small businesses to close and puts thousands of others at risk of shutting their doors. My own small business was at a standstill for nearly a month at the beginning of the pandemic; I've been forced to make one painful decision after another, like deciding to not run our yearly summer camp at the farm and deciding to not hire on as many workers as we did pre-pandemic. We need everyone

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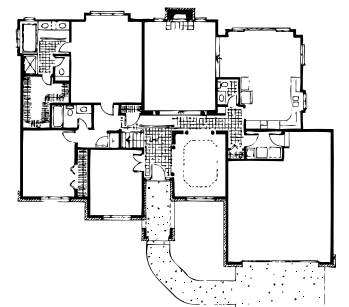
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from our community at the table to start brainstorming strategies to keep businesses afloat and strengthen local, forgivable grant programs — like the one recently made available to help small businesses in most towns and cities in Cumberland County — to support businesses that have no way to safely operate in the winter.

Secondly, as our small businesses struggle, thousands of workers in our community are struggling as well. We need to support our workers through eviction moratoriums, rental and mortgage assistance, food programs, and improved access to health care. We cannot rebuild our economy if working people in our community are forced out onto the streets during a pandemic.

On top of the pandemic, our climate emergency is making a bad situation even worse. Maine has so far been spared wildfires and powerful hurricanes, but our summers have gotten drier and we are experiencing a historic drought. As a farmer, I'm worried about our local food supply and the future world our children will have to inhabit. We need to treat climate change as the emergency it is and transition our economy to a green economy as soon as possible.

Densmore III CONTINUED FROM PAGE 7

Gillette (a three-and-a-half-year-old Retriever), and Bruin (one-and-a-half-year-old boxer/terrier).

Employment: For the last six years I have been the Business Manager at Camp Sunshine in Casco changing the lives of children with life threatening illnesses and their families through the various stages of the child's illness. Prior to that, I enjoyed a 16-year career in the golf industry as a General Manager and Golf Professional. I previously owned and operated a small business in Maine for almost nine years.

Political and community experience: This is my second time running for the State Representative seat in District 27.

What do you see as the major issues for our community and how might they be addressed? The major issue, as I see it, is finding a way to repair the financial havoc COVID-19 has caused to the state and local economies. The Maine Legislature has done

nothing for over six months to help out the state while leaving the governor unchecked in her decision making. We need to find ways to increase commercial and retail businesses not only in Gorham but across the state. Far too many businesses have closed, and too many people are still out of work due to restrictions implemented from Augusta, which will continue to add to the decline in the state's revenue. These issues will be especially important in Gorham to help assist with the property tax liabilities and school funding, while not overloading our already overburdened school systems. Lowering taxes and reduced spending are two of the four major issues I feel need to be addressed in Augusta along with reducing health care costs and fighting the opioid epidemic, which seems to have been forgotten about but is still a real problem in Maine. I will always look to find sensible ways to reduce spending rather than increase taxes on an already overtaxed community/state. I would also advocate a year-to-year capital budget to fix/properly maintain/upgrade assets rather than kicking the can down the road and having major capital expenditures every five to 10 years. It seems whenever cuts to a budget are needed, the first place looked at is capital expenditures, roads, and infrastructure. Many times, bonds are then needed to fill in the gaps which ends up costing us more in the long run.

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Personal/Bio: I'm a wife, mother, chiropractor, and native Mainer. I reside in Gorham with my husband Scott and we have six children, with my two teenage boys still at home. I grew up knowing Maine can be a very challenging place to live, something I share in common with many neighbors.

Employment: Chiropractor and Owner, Back On Track Wellness, South Portland (Current); Chiropractor, Mall Road Chiropractic, South Portland; Chiropractor, Farrer Chiropractic, Standish; Co-owner, The Gorham Grind Coffee Shop, Gorham (now closed)

Political and community experience: Currently, I'm a member of the Gorham Republicans Club and my business, Back On Track Wellness, continues to regularly donate to char-

itable events and causes in Southern Maine via funds and services. In the past, I've volunteered at local nonprofits including the Animal Refuge League and for school events in Gorham — campaigning now takes up much of my free time!

What do you see as the major issues affecting our community and how might they be addressed? Currently, the issues most affecting our communities are the COVID-19 shutdown and pace of the economic reopening plan, along with Maine's estimated \$1.4 billion budget shortfall.

The COVID-19 shutdown hit Maine particularly hard, decimating many businesses and industries, leaving many without jobs and Maine with the highest unemployment rate in years. I believe business owners and operators, which are our lifeblood, should have had more input into the decisions that impacted their livelihoods. They should also have input into all future decisions to recover our communities. Augusta should bring legislators and business people together to make decisions to move the state forward. Utilizing the resources we have at home, our knowledgeable and industrious people of Maine, to help recover our state gives us an advantage and a greater investment in the state we love.

Additionally, Maine is facing an estimated \$1.4 billion budget shortfall in the next three years, and since our shortfall is large, we have to work together to find ways to close that gap without further damaging our

economy and leaving our vulnerable behind. Maine also has the fourth highest burden in the nation and when we consider that juxtaposed against the looming budget deficit, it seems impossible to bridge the divide without increasing taxes in some way. But I believe any tax increases will only further burden our elderly, our veterans, and our young families who are trying to build a life here. We need to attract more people to our state, and make living here as viable as it is to visit. I understand that no one "likes" budget cuts, but we have done it before with success. Since the state budget is complex, how and where to make changes would have to be carefully considered before anything is final.

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production company. I have spent the last 4 years representing not only my town but the thousands of small business owners across the state in my role on the taxation committee at the state house.

Employment: Business owner, Three Daughters Cookie Company; Chef, Carters Green Market

Political and community experience: Two terms in the Maine House of Representatives, Current; Board member, Gorham Village Alliance; Treasurer, Greater Gorham Farmers Market; prior Board Member, Gorham Cooperative Preschool and Gorham Educational Foundation, prior President, Gorham Swim Boosters

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What do you see as the major issues affecting our community and how might they be addressed? Our community will continue to find challenges with making our schools fit our growing population. We live in such a great town, it's no wonder more people than ever want to move here.

The pandemic has rightfully put a hold on the school rebuild projects, but we still need improvements and more space. The tricky part will be funding, of course.

So many of our families are on the tightest of budgets and will be feeling the financial hardships of the pandemic for a long time to come. We will need to spend our resources wisely and save where we can.

We will also need to find ways to support and bolster our town's small businesses. We have a thriving small business community in Gorham but, again, the pandemic has already taken its toll on a handful and, going into winter, will undoubtedly stretch the limits on many more. In addition to finding solutions in Augusta, we will need to rely on and work with our federal partners to make sure our small businesses not only survive, but find ways to grow.

Maine is in a better financial position than a lot of other states, fortunately, and because of that we will find ways to support our schools and our small businesses without putting additional burdens on our property owners.

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sons, one daughter-in-law and one grandson. I have always loved the outdoors. My career as a professional engi-

neer was in improving the quality of our environment with focus on providing cleaner water for drinking and for discharging to rivers, lakes and oceans.

Employment: Retired. I was licensed in six states as a professional engineer. Most of my career was working for professional engineering consulting firms managing the planning, design, construction management and assistance in operations of municipal and industrial water and wastewater treatment facilities. I worked with many local, state and federal government codes, regulations and administrators preparing studies and funding applications to secure Federal money for communities. These projects were complex, requiring approval of many departments and agencies with some large projects having total costs of hundreds of millions of dollars.

Political and community experience: I am a Life Member of the New England Water Environment Association and the Water Environment Federation, have presented at many public meetings, been a member of a town's Architectural Review Board, a present member of the Gorham Republican Committee and of the Portland Camera Club. In the past, I was involved with my boys in Indian Guides and the Boy Scouts of America.

What do you see as the major issues affecting our community and how might they be addressed? I expect by the time I am in office, the State of Maine should be open again for business, albeit, with some health guidelines still in-place. The impacts from the pandemic and statewide shutdown will be significant and will

create the two top issues facing the state over the next few years, they are:

The Economic Impact on the State Debt, Businesses and Families: The state projects the debt to be \$1.4 billion over the next 3 years. Efforts need to be focused on rebuilding our community businesses and encouraging new businesses in Maine. A robust business climate will greatly mitigate the state's debt, provide stability, safety and security for the state's economy and families. Online purchasing has skyrocketed this year but those goods must be produced somewhere. We need to encourage businesses, especially the clean businesses, to locate in Maine. Also, supporting high speed internet in Maine will increase the ability of Maine's large and small businesses to be successful.


The Education System. Already two school years have been greatly affected. Students from kindergarten through college have lost much due to the impact on education. Teachers, to their credit, are doing their best to continue to educate their students. The education system will benefit from a robust economy. Funds would be available to enhance the education of the students by focusing on the lessons learned from the present online education. The cost for upgrades to brick & mortar buildings might be reduced by implementing smart online learning or specific grades and classes. Unlike nearly total online learning, which took place in the spring of 2020, I propose working with the state and local educators to implement a phased remote learning approach to elevate Maine's education system to the top 10 in the Country.


Gorham Sightings





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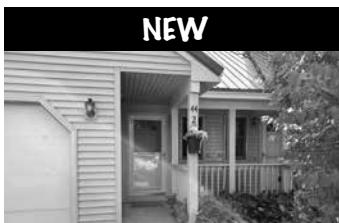


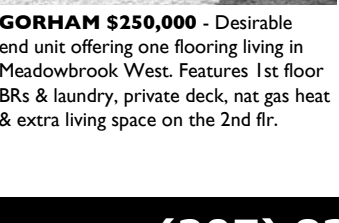
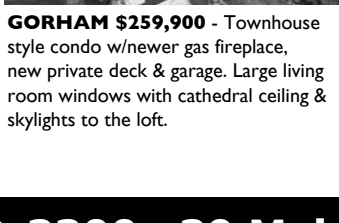


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DEAN'S LIST

Jessie Southard, Seton Hall University, South Orange, New Jersey

GRADUATIONS

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CONGRATULATIONS

Evan Johnson recently completed an eight-month-long Wastewater Operator training offered through JETCC in conjunction with Maine Department of Environmental Protection and Maine Water Environment Association, associated with his work at the East End Wastewater Treatment Facility.

Tyler Fitz and Brandon Caron have completed their Oil Heat Technician training at MEMA Technical Education Center in Brunswick, Maine.

OF INTEREST



The Westbrook-Gorham Rotary Club recently presented PPE face masks to public organizations and non-profits in Westbrook and Gorham as part of the Million Mask Challenge Tour, thanks to a million mask donation by a Rotarian in Connecticut for distribution throughout New England. Led by local club president Kathi Perkins, Gorham's share of 2,400 masks for the two towns were distributed to The Inn at Village Square, Toddle Inn, Gorham Adult Education, and the Gorham House. Pictured above left is Carmel Sullivan and pictured above right is Jane Moody.

Presumpscot Regional Land Trust's new, interactive online map called Paddling the Presumpscot River map is available at www.prlt.org/water-trail. This online map will be constantly updated and improved. You are invited to send your feedback and paddling photos.

Gorham Lions meeting, Old Elmwood School House on South Street (Rte. 114), Regular dinner meetings are the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month 6:30 p.m. New members always welcome. The next meeting is Tuesday, October 27.

Classical music lovers will love the (mostly) free streams guide listing many free performances from around the world that can be viewed from home on your computer. Find it at musicalamerica.com.

FOOD PANTRY NEWS

As we head into the holiday season, the Gorham Food Pantry is planning a community wide food drive to help provide our neighbors with holiday staples. On Saturday, October 24, board members and volunteers will staff a number of outside tables in front of the pantry from 8 a.m. -2 p.m. to collect items such as stuffing, cranberry sauce, onions, carrots, gravy and dessert items, to name a few. Donors can drive through and drop off items or make monetary donations, which would be used to shop for additional purchases and to cover gift cards for purchase of meat and dairy items to complement the shelf-stable items. Please see the quarter page ad in this edition for additional information on page 10.

The Pantry is so grateful for the generosity of the Gorham community during this pandemic; donations of food and personal items as well as monetary donations go right back to our neighbors in need. As a reminder, the Pantry is open every Thursday from 10 a.m. and 12 noon, and the 2nd and 4th Monday evening each month from 6 - 7 p.m.

The Gorham food Pantry is available to any Gorham resident; you only need to visit during pantry hours with proof of residency (a utility bill with your name and your Gorham address). The volunteers look forward to seeing everyone at the Community Holiday Food Drive!

SENIOR NEWS

Lakes Region Senior Center needs a volunteer editor for the monthly newsletter. A computer and all supplies will be available. Must have knowledge of navigating Microsoft Word, Excel and Publisher, the printing of labels and communicating by email. FMI, Jeanne Rhein, president, 207-572-4042 or 732-425-0604.

LIBRARY NEWS

North Gorham Public Library is open to the public. Library hours are Monday's 3-5:30, Wednesday's 6-8 and Saturday's 10-1. Home delivery and parking lot pickup is also available.

Baxter Memorial Library hours have returned to normal. Current hours are Mon and Friday: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., Tues, Wed, Thurs: 9 a.m. - 7 p.m., Virtual Preschool and Toddler Discovery Times are held on Facebook. On Wednesday, October 21, join Ms. Deb on Facebook for a virtual STEAM activity, Playing with Shadows, geared toward K-5 learners, with opportunities for higher-level thinking, and require minimal supplies that you'll likely have right on hand, driveway chalk and your shadow. On Friday, October 23, show off your costumed critter in the interactive Zoom Pet Costume Contest. Ribbons will be mailed to all participants. Register at baxterlibrary.org under the "youth" heading. On Wednesday, October 28 Ms. Deb will host another virtual STEAM event on Facebook, "Guess the Level: How Water & Gravity Work Together, learning properties of gravity and water, making predictions,

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USM NOTES

The **USM School of Music** will host the 12th Annual Northern NE Collegiate Symposium on Music Education on October 17 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., sponsored by the Maine Music Educators Association, with four prominent guest speakers. On October 18 at 2 p.m., opera workshop students present a concert inspired by black, indigenous and persons of color, streamed live from the front steps of Corthell Hall.

The **USM Office of Admissions** has created a series of specially-curated Zoom webinars offering a personalized introduction to an area of study that interests you. For more information, visit usm.maine.edu/experience-usm.

The whole **USM community continues to share the responsibility for a transparent and effective management of pandemic protocol** in partnership with the University of Maine System, for the benefit of the faculty, staff and students, and the surrounding communities. Learn more at usm.maine.edu/healthy-huskies.

UPCOMING EVENTS

The **West Gorham Union Church is having a bake sale on Tuesday, November 3** at the Gorham High School Gym during voting. The bake sale tables will be near the exit door. Stop in for cookies, sweet breads, pies, jams, etc Everyone is welcome.

The **October Bean Supper at White Rock Community Clubhouse, 34 Wilson Road, Gorham, is postponed to November 7**. Regular monthly bean suppers will resume in a new format, a pre-order drive through dinner, \$20 for double or \$10 for single orders. Please call 892-9521 by November 4th to reserve your order.

White Rock Friendship Club Christmas Craft Fair, 33 & 34 Wilson Road, Gorham, Saturday, November 21. Over 30 crafters, jewelry, sewn & knitted items, goat soap, soy candles, home decor and much more!



WHEEL-Y FUN!

Patrol officers were asked to be on the lookout for a motorcycle doing wheelies on Ritz Farm Road.

Suspicious person told officer he was out for a long run and girlfriend had dropped him off at Cressey and State St.

Officer spoke by phone to a male who was verbally combative. He was told to cease contact. Male alleged caller had wronged him somehow.

Caller wanted to know if permits were being issued so he could return to Maine if he went to New York. He was advised that was not being done at this time.

Ossipee Trail caller said police don't care and only answer emergency calls. Woman further stated that Time Warner Cable is conspiring to steal from the elderly. Officer assured her they would look into it.

Officer stopped a man on a bicycle that had no lights at 3 a.m. Rider told officer he was coming home from work. He had a suspended license and couldn't drive. He was warned for having no lights.

State Street caller reported seeing a black panther in her backyard. Panthers are not found in the U.S. She described it as a very tall black cat. She was told to call if it came around again.

Officer attempted to locate a driver near Deering Road who had tried to hit turkeys. Caller received e-mail demanding bit coins or they would release material about caller.



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CALENDAR

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15

Baxter Memorial Library, Virtual Toddler Discovery Time, 9:30 – 9:50 a.m., Facebook

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20

Baxter Memorial Library, Virtual Preschool Discovery Time, 9:30 – 10 a.m., Facebook

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21

Baxter Memorial Library, Playing with Shadows, a virtual STEAM activity, 10 a.m., Facebook

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22

Baxter Memorial Library, Virtual Toddler Discovery Time, 9:30 – 9:50 a.m., Facebook

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23

Baxter Memorial Library, Zoom Pet Costume Contest, 3 – 4 p.m., register at [baxterlibrary.org \(youth\)](http://baxterlibrary.org/youth)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27

Baxter Memorial Library, Virtual Preschool Discovery Time, 9:30 – 10 a.m., Facebook
Gorham Lions dinner meeting, Old Elmwood School House, 6:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28

Baxter Memorial Library
Babies en Plein Air (all safety protocol), birth-18mos., 9:30 - 9:50 a.m.
Guess the Level: How Water & Gravity Work Together, 10 a.m., Facebook

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Caller was advised to set up privacy settings on social media sites and not to respond to e-mails.

Officer located a vehicle blocking the entrance to a trail on Dundee Road. A tree had been uprooted and had fallen onto the vehicle. Owner advised he had put vehicle on the trail to block access to the trail which was on his own property.

Family on Barstow Road would not allow daughter to drop off her sentimental vehicle until she was ready to scrap it. Officers helped her get it towed.

Caller reported doors were wide open at Pine St. house and dogs could get out. Doors must have been left open after resident had been arrested earlier that morning. Officer went to the house and closed doors.

Connor Drive man was advised he was not allowed to shoot off fireworks in that neighborhood and that he needed a permit as neighbors were less than 100 feet away.

Robie St caller reported someone left her a note about picking up her dog's poop. She told officer she always picked it up.

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