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New Year Gorham is ON!

Tom Hasbrouck, New Year Gorbam Planning Committee



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Over the past several months, the New Year Gorham (NYG) planning committee has been adjusting to COVID-19 regulations, recruiting volunteers and inviting topnotch entertainment

to welcome 2022 with

hopeful anticipation.

They are planning inperson activities for kids and performances geared toward young families, for seniors and for in-betweeners. Some events will be streamed live for those who prefer not to venture out. The finale of the event will be an unforgettable fire-

works display thanks to a generous promised donation.

ng NYG is committed to providing a safe and fun event, therefore it may be necessary, come December, to make changes to comply with COVID-19 procedures. However, they are striving to make NYG the best it can be for everyone.

If you have questions, would like to make a donation, or need more information, please contact NYG Coordinator, Tom Hasbrouck at trhasbrouck@icloud.com or contact Virginia Wilder-Cross at 222-2248.

What's On the Ballot?

Spending Approval for GMS Heat Pumps

Kathy Corbett, Staff Writer



The only local referendum question on the November 2 ballot will ask Gorham voters to approve the allocation

of funds to cover the increased cost of upgrading and repairing outdated heat pumps at Gorham Middle School (GMS).

The \$819,900 needed for the project will come from additional state subsidy and undesignated fund balance, an expenditure recommended by the School Committee and approved by the Town Council. The referendum does not ask for any new funds, only authorization to spend this available money.

Last year, voters authorized the School Department to borrow \$2.26 million for the project, but since then the projected cost has increased to \$3.1 million. "Unfortunately, the reason for the increase comes down to simple economics," Norm Justice, director of facilities and maintenance, said. "It is

supply and demand for both materials and labor. With COVID there has been a huge demand for heating and ventilation equipment in schools which has driven up the cost of equipment." Justice also said that due to labor shortages mechanical contractors have had to increase their rates to attract skilled help.

The HVAC system at GMS is more than 18 years old, and 7 of the 130 heat pumps have failed in the last two years. It is not possible to get replacements for the outdated heat pumps and the cost of repairing one by retrofitting parts from older units costs about \$10,000.

Justice said that if the referendum were to fail, eventually the HVAC system would not be able to appropriately heat the building or circulate and ventilate the air.

Information about the three state referendum questions will appear in the October 14 issue.

Gorham Savings Bank to Achieve Greener Operations

Gorham Times Staff



Photo courtesy of Gorham Savings Bank

From L to R: Nate Niles (Senior Project Developer, ReVision Energy), Kevin Jensen (Economic Development Director, Town of Gorham), Tom Poirier (Director of Community Development, Town of Gorham), Phil Coupe (Co-Founder, ReVision Energy), Steve deCastro (President and CEO, Gorham Savings Bank), Dan Hunter (COO & CFO, Gorham Savings Bank) and Alden Joy (Facilities Director, Gorham Savings Bank)

Gorham Savings Bank announced it has broken ground on a 1.1-million-dollar solar array that when complete will offset virtually all electricity costs across its 13 branches and several office locations, including its 29,000 square foot Operations Center.

"I think this initiative is a good representation of how our organization continuously strives to be a force for good in the communities we serve." said Steve deCastro, president and CEO of Gorham Savings Bank. "Increasing our reliance on clean power alternatives was clearly the right thing to do not just for

the bank but for our environment and the community."

The installation will generate 1 million kilowatt-hours (kWh) annually and be located adjacent to the bank's Operations Center at 10 Wentworth Drive in Gorham. Maine-based ReVision Energy designed the 866 photovoltaic panel and 5 inverter array.

"The Town of Gorham is pleased to work with Gorham Savings Bank through the permitting and construction process to see their strategic vision of investing in renewable resources be

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Hispanic Heritage Month



Photo courtesy of USM

On September 30th, USM is holding a lecture and concert Celebrating Diversity: Hispanic Heritage Month at Corthell Hall at 7:30 p.m.

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MAKING A DIFFERENCE ON AND OFF THE FIELD PAGE 6

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

Protecting A Woman's Right to Choose

Sen. Stacy Brenner

It's been about a month since the U.S. Supreme Court denied an emergency request to block a new Texas law that restricts access to abortions. The new law is extreme and cruel: It prohibits abortions after the first six weeks of a pregnancy — a time when most women don't even know they are pregnant yet — and includes no exceptions for rape or incest. The law is enforced by private citizens, who have been deputized to report one another for violating the law, which includes those who provide or help someone access an abortion. Those who are reported violators can be sued for thousands of dollars.

So many people in our community, the state, and across the country are reeling after this horrifying development. It's a huge step backward for a woman's right to choose, and it allows others to decide what women can and can't do with their own bodies. The law did not come out of thin air. Across this country, there is an organized effort to chip away at Roe v. Wade and our constitutional rights as women and as humans.

I have spent a lot of time lately thinking about this new law, my own

life experiences and where we as a nation find ourselves today. I have had my own experiences with abortion. I was just an average woman whose birth control failed — twice — and it was not the right time in my life to have a child. Today I am able to run a thriving business, serve my community in the Legislature, and give back and contribute in so many ways. Had I not been able to make those choices for me, I know I would not be where I am today.

In the 1990s, I was a nurse providing abortion care services in New Jersey. I met countless women who were in the same position I had found myself in. Their birth control had failed after having consensual sex. I would remind them that having a choice is legal, it's their body and their right. My role was to be kind and reassuring, to try and destigmatize the choice and to abolish the shame. Most women had tears. Most women left feeling relieved.

Today, I find myself in a much different role than I was in the '90s. As a Maine State Senator, I may not be able to pass policies to protect the right to reproductive health care on the federal level, but I can work to ensure

that Maine women never, ever have to face the terrible decisions I know so many in Texas are having to do now on a daily basis. Last session, my Democratic colleagues and I fought to protect this right. We soundly rejected multiple bills that threatened access to reproductive health care in Maine.

Threats to a woman's right to choose what is best for her own health and her own life are at stake, not just in Texas, but right here in Maine. We must stay vigilant, and we must ensure that the representatives we are electing are working to protect this constitutional right. Every state is one election away from the same reality as Texas.

As always, you can send me an email at Stacy.Brenner@legislature.maine. gov or call my office at 287-1515.



Stacy Brenner is serving her first term in the Maine Senate, representing Senate District 30, which includes Gorham, part of Buxton, and part of Scarborough. She is the co-owner of Broadturn

Farm in Scarborough and is also a certified nurse-midwife.

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realized," said Tom Poirier, Director of Community Development. "The Town of Gorham's Comprehensive Plan outlines a Community Vision of Gorham to be a sustainable community. Gorham supports the sustainability of the environment and natural resources and should be open to considering new technologies or new ideas that enhance the community's sustainability and improve the living environment. The Town considers Gorham Savings Bank an important local stakeholder and is appreciative they chose Gorham to enhance their and the community's sustainability visions with a solar facility."

The system will offset more than 1.1 million pounds of CO2e annually, the equivalent of 59,042 gallons of oil. The solar array is expected to be fully operational by the end of the year.

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Around Town

U.S. News and World Report has again highlighted the University of Southern Maine among the top public universities in the Northeast. USM's recognition for social mobility and its strong Nursing program continue to mark USM's rising stature in Maine and throughout the country. USM placed 80th among regional universities in the northern US for social mobility, the second year in a row it earned this spot. USM placed 148th nationwide for best undergraduate Nursing program.

Moderne Rug on Lower Main Street is planning to erect a new building adjacent to the car wash as they need more space for their business.

Gorham Country Club has sold a parcel of land to the Maine Turnpike Authority.

Fire Safety Week October 3-9, 2021

Gorham Fire Department

The Gorham Fire Department is teaming up with the National Fire Protection Association® (NFPA®)—the official sponsor of Fire Prevention Week for more than 90 years—to promote this year's Fire Prevention WeekTM campaign, "Learn the Sounds of Fire SafetyTM."

This year's campaign, October 3-9, works to educate everyone about simple but important actions they can take to keep themselves and those around them safe.

"What do the sounds mean? Is there a beep or a chirp coming out of your smoke or carbon monoxide alarm? Knowing the difference can save you, your home, and your family," said Lorraine Carli, vice-president of outreach and advocacy at NFPA®.

The Gorham Fire Department encourages all residents to embrace

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NOTIFICATION

To all of our loyal customers it comes with great sadness that we must announce the closing of our store here in Gorham as of November 1st. There are many reasons for this with the COVID pandemic being the biggest. Although we made it through the pandemic, so far, we hope we were in some way helpful to you as well. Unfortunately, we just can't sustain it at this time and need to regroup as a business to see what our next steps may be.



We do not know at this time if there will be another location but if there is we will certainly announce it here as well as our Facebook page and by email if you are on our list. If you are not on our email list and would like to be, please stop in and we will gladly add you.

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A Tale of Two Careers

Chris Crawford, Staff Writer

Many of us may know Bill Jenks as a friend, neighbor, or member and past Music Director at First Parish Church. Maybe you know him from the Gorham Business and Civic Exchange or as the owner of Home Instead, a home care business on lower Main Street. You might recognize his byline. Bill has contributed articles to this newspaper about issues of importance to older adults and their families.

Bill is also known across the State as the President of the Board for the Maine Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association. He is a staunch supporter of the Association which coordinates fundraising for Alzheimer's research, provides educational resources, support and community engagement programs for those diagnosed with dementia, and support groups for caregivers.

Whether a family is seeking help and resources for an elderly parent who wants to remain in their own home, or a family or individual needs advice about Alzheimer's, Bill is kind, knowledgeable, and always willing to help.

What many in our community might not know is that all of Bill's wonderful work over the last 20 years in Maine was preceded by an equally impressive career as a professional cellist and a symphony orchestra conductor.

Bill began playing cello in 4th grade in his hometown of Batavia, NY. As he progressed, he realized that while he loved playing in the orchestra, he was much more interested in conducting it. "When you are the conductor, the orchestra is your instrument," he said. This dream would later set up the first of several life-changing visits to Maine.

After attending a liberal arts college in Pennsylvania, majoring in Music History, Bill earned a Master's degree at Case Western Reserve University and the Cleveland



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Institute of Music, where he studied cello and conducting.

In 1975, Bill became the Assistant Principal Cellist of the Oklahoma Symphony Orchestra, filling in occasionally as conductor of the orchestra, and confirming his desire to conduct full-time.

As it happens, one of the premier summer programs for conductors and orchestral musicians is the Monteux School in Hancock, Maine. The school was founded during the 1940's by Pierre Monteux, a world famous French conductor and his wife Doris Hodgkins, an opera singer from Hancock.

Bill attended the school for three consecutive summers, along with students from all over the globe. While honing his conducting skills, Bill also fell in love with Maine. He remembers thinking, "Someday I'll live here."

Bill decided to form his own orchestra as a way to gain more real-world conducting experience. After attending an orchestra management workshop in New York City, he created a nonprofit corporation, recruited a Board of Directors and launched the fully professional Chamber Orchestra of Oklahoma City. The orchestra had eight successful seasons under his leadership.

In 1984, Bill won the audition to become the Associate Conductor of the Omaha Symphony Orchestra. In Omaha, Bill also became Music Director and Conductor of Ballet Omaha and of the orchestra at the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

Bill's career was headed in a great direction, but life can often throw a curveball when least expected. In 1993, he was diagnosed with MS which began to cause balance problems when he was conducting. He had to make the painful decision to give up his life's work. "You have to be open to change and make the best of things," he said.

Bill became the musical director of KVNO-FM, the Classical Music Public Radio station in Omaha, later serving as the Program Director.

When Bill's wife finished medical school and was happily matched at Maine Med for her residency (she had spent great summers in Maine studying at the Salzedo Harp Colony in Camden), the family moved to Gorham in 2000. Bill was then inspired to open a Home Instead franchise, allowing him to provide the kind of help he wished had been available to his father.

Bill takes enormous care in helping clients determine the appropriate care levels they might need with activities of daily living such as bathing, dressing, housekeeping, cooking meals, or transportation; services that can allow older adults to stay safely and happily in their home as they age. Bill said, "I have wonderful clients, an amazing administrative staff and great love and respect for the caregivers who make our mission possible."

Bill lives in the Robie neighborhood in Gorham. He has three children, daughter Eliza, who lives in Massachusetts and sons Elliot in Colorado and Dexter in L.A. He is the proud grandfather of two young grandchildren.

One New Hire, Two Promotions

Officer Vincent Perfetto was sworn in as a new officer with the Gorham Police Department on September 13th. Perfetto holds an Associates



Degree and an advanced certificate in Criminal Justice from Central Maine Community College. He has also completed Phases I and II of the Maine Law Enforcement pre-service program. He will be assigned to the midnight patrol shift after he completes training programs at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy.

Robert Cunningham has eight years of experience with the Portland Police Department. He began his career with the Gorham Police Department in March of 2020. He will be assigned to Gorham High School, replacing Michael Coffin.

Michael Coffin has been promoted to Sergeant. Coffin holds an Associates degree from SMCC. He began his career with the Gorham Police in August 1999. He was appointed as a detective in 2003 and served as a task force agent for the Federal Drug Enforcement Agency from 2011-2015. From 2015-2021, Coffin served as the School Resource Officer at Gorham High School. He began his new assignment on September 20, supervising the midnight shift.

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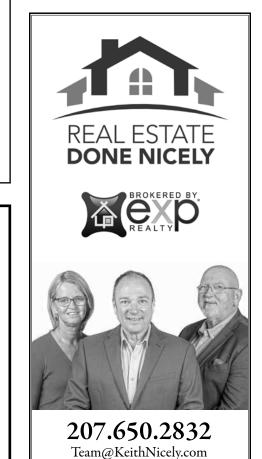
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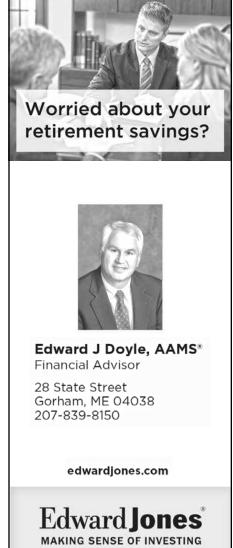
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Planning Board Results

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An amendment to the Mosher's Corner Mixed Use Development Zone was recommended to the Town Council for adoption. This amendment would allow somewhat greater density in that zone.

An amendment to the Land Use and Development Code Home Occupation Ordinance regarding allowed uses and standards was recommended to the Town Council for adoption.

Summit Community Church's request for approval for a 28,000 sq. ft. community church, daycare, and function center on property owned by Moody's Co-Workers and located at Narragansett Street and Cressey Road was tabled.

The Dance Studio's requested approval to construct a commercial building with a cafe for patrons and families, associated access and a parking lot on five acres located off Main Street and Dolloff Road was discussed and postponed.

Gorham Bike and Ski requested approval for a 7,150 sq. ft. building with parking lot, patio and dumpster on Narragansett Street across from Moody's. The two story building will include a retail store and a restaurant. An accessory building will include a garage and residential apartment.

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Things to Know About ADHD

Jaime Racine

October is ADHD Awareness Month and is dedicated to educating and drawing attention to exactly what ADHD is, its signs and symptoms, ways to get diagnosed, and different treatments. The term ADHD means Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder. Years ago, two forms were recognized: ADD (Attention Deficit Disorder) and ADHD. The ADD designation was eventually eliminated.

In 1994, the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM-IV) added ADHD as its own diagnosis with three different types: hyperactive, inattentive, and combined (meaning both hyperactive and inattentive). Each has very different ways of presenting itself

Some believe that ADHD is not a "real diagnosis," but in fact there are over 100,000 scholarly articles about it published in medical and psychological journals dating as far back as 1775. ADHD is much more than difficulty paying attention or "bouncing off the walls." It is truly a deficit in the brain that impacts many important functions

These functions all live in the front part of the brain, called the frontal lobe. Our Executive Functions are essentially the bosses of the brain. They control your ability to make safe decisions, control your body, plan and prepare for important events and keep track of due dates. They are responsible for the organizational skills needed for keeping track of everything you need to leave the house in the morning,

making sure lunch is packed, making sure your cell phone is charged and in a bag, and keeping track of car keys so you can actually leave the house in a timely manner. Unfortunately, it is very common for those with ADHD to really struggle in these areas.

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Here are some things that you might notice in your child if ADHD is in question or if something just doesn't seem "right" but you don't know what:

- Excessive talking, almost not taking a breath
- Very forgetful—even of important things
- Extremely emotional and easily agitated even if it's a minor situation
 - Difficulty completing tasks
 - Daydreams a lot
- Teachers may say that kiddo is smart, but needs to apply herself more
- Acts as if they don't hear you—then has a delayed response
 - Seems shy or appears withdrawn
- Seems unmotivated or "lazy"—does not appear to try

- Disorganized and messy in most areas of life
- Is highly sensitive to noise or fabrics (a seam could be the end of the world)
- Difficulty with focus or is easily distracted by minor situations
- Might rush through schoolwork and make careless mistakes
- Tends to blurt out answers or frequently interrupts others who are talking

If any of these sound familiar (for you or your child), it would be a good idea to get screened for ADHD. The best place to start is with your Primary Care Doctor who will have a list of resources to help you get the necessary screening. It is not uncommon for folks to feel relieved once they receive a diagnosis of ADHD, because it can help everything begin to make sense, often after years of struggle.

ADHD is nothing to be ashamed of, but it is also not something to ignore. The more support you have in learning to manage ADHD the better the outcome. People with ADHD are abundantly able to be successful as long as they learn the tools they need to manage and navigate their brain.



Jamie Racine, LCSW, is a clinical social worker living in Gorham and is on a mission to destigmatize mental health.



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Meet Gorham Schools' Resource Officer Todd Gagnon





Officer Todd Gagnon, pictured here with Narragansett School children, regularly visits the playgrounds around town and mingles with the students. He explains, "I want them to see me walking around so they're not fearful or worried that something is wrong."

Meet Gorham Schools' Resource | Reading Friends at Village School



The Rotary Reading Friends is a program in which volunteers read with students (usually 1st or 2nd graders) to provide additional reading opportunities. Volunteers are needed for about 1 hour, once a week, usually during the first period of 9-10 a.m. to read with up to three students in 15 to 20 minute blocks. The day of the week is negotiable with the assigned teacher. Please contact the Rotary Club of Westbrook-Gorham for more information.

School Notes

Superintendent of Gorham Schools Heather Perry has posted her latest blog. To learn more about Gorham Middle School Tech Start Program, NWEA Testing, and more visit: https://gorhamsuperintendent.blogspot.com.

School Custodian Day is Friday, October 1. Please take the time to thank and celebrate custodians for all they do behind the scenes to make sure buildings are clean and safe, especially in this pandemic world. THANK YOU! GHS HOMECOMING POSTPONED:
Due to weather, Gorham High School (GHS) Homecoming is moving to the week of October 10th. The pep rally is postponed to Friday the 15th, the fireworks are postponed to the football game with Deering on Friday the 15th, and the Homecoming event is postponed to Saturday the 16th. Any student who purchased tickets for the event can hold on to their tickets until October 16th. Ticket sales will resume the week of October 10th. Any student who unfortunately cannot attend on the

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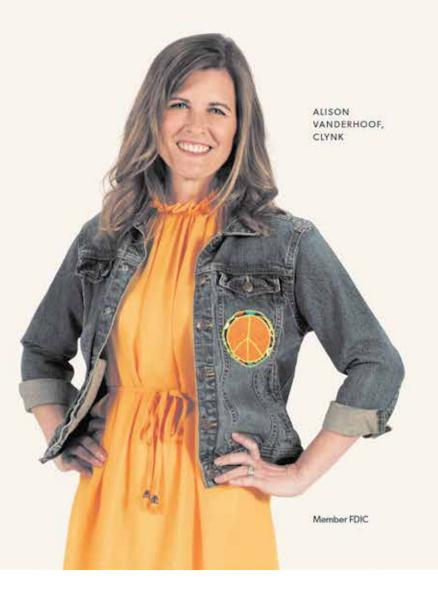
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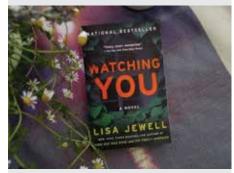
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Watching You

by Lisa Jewell



In Melville Heights, a posh neighborhood in Bristol, England, there's a murder. No spoilers here - it happens immediately.

Do we know who the dead body is? Nope! Are there a lotta suspects? You betcha!

As the police question the suspects, we see what happened leading up to the murder ... and we meet the people of Melville Heights. Normal people leading normal lives, right? Not a chance.

These people are like ducks—gliding through life while paddling frantically under the surface. Why? 'Cause each one of 'em has a secret, each one of 'em is nosy, and each one of 'em THINKS they know juicy gossip about the others. Some do, some don't, and some are way off base.

Lisa Jewell has written a slow burn story about an affluent neighborhood full of busybodies, secrets, lies and a murder. Building in intensity with each chapter as new info is unveiled, and keeping you guessing right up until a HOLY MOLY ending, Watching You is a great suspense story.

Dell Gray is a book reviewer for several publishers on Instagram. Her handle is @ abookorafewandjavatoo.

SPORTS

Making a Difference On and Off the Field

Katie Brown, Sports Editor

The Gorham High School (GHS) Field Hockey Program got together on 9/11 to support the Stephen Ward Memorial 5K race/walk. This included both JV and Varsity players, coaches, and parents. Coach Becky Manson announced on the Gorham Sports Facebook page, "Annie Cunningham and Natalie Miner were first and second in their age group. Amazing team effort!"

Heart and energy radiate from this team. During the JV Field Hockey game against Scarborough last Saturday morning, the Varsity players were cheering on their JV teammates while waiting for their game to be played afterward. They were focused, excited, and ready to go. A great example of how being together off the field accentuates teamwork and trust and value towards one another.

On 9/30, the GHS Field Hockey Program will be holding a Mental Health and Suicide Prevention and Awareness Game. Donations will be taken at the gate and will go to support the Rylie Wareham Scholarship Fund.

The GHS Football Program participated in Autism Awareness night on 9/17, during their Week 3 Game. GHS Coaches, Athletic Director Tim Spear, and Athletic Trainer Natalie Hunt all wore autism awareness shirts during the GHS Football home game against Massabesic. Although the game ended in a loss, it's a win for the program doing great things.



GHS Field Hockey Program participants at the Stephen Ward 9/11 Memorial 5K.

The Football Program does a nice job supporting and advocating important causes. Coach Sam Morrison explains, "the BL Lippert Head Football Coach at Cony High School started this a few years back and has shared the initiative with any coach in the state that wants to participate. That is just what we did for our Week 3 Game."

Be looking for more great things to come from these sports programs on and off the field.



5K Winners, Annie Cunningham and Natalie Minor

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Left to Right: Shawn Mckeage, Coach
Morrison, Elijah Wyatt

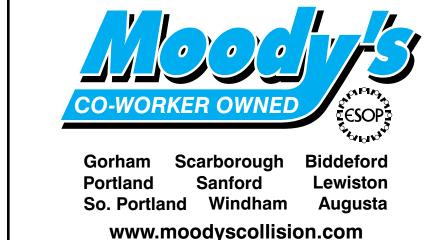


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the 2021 Fire Prevention Week theme. "It's important to learn the different sounds of smoke and carbon monoxide alarms. When an alarm makes noise—a beeping or chirping sound-you must take action," said Fire Chief Ken Fickett. "Make sure everyone in the home understands the sounds of the alarms and knows how to respond. To learn the sounds of your specific smoke and carbon monoxide alarms, check the manufacturer's instructions that came in the box, or search the brand and model online."

Gorham Fire Department wants to share safety tips to help you "Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety"

A continuous set of three loud beeps-beep, beep, beep-means smoke or fire. Get out, call 9-1-1, and stay out.

A single chirp every 30 or 60 seconds means the battery is low and must be changed.



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All smoke alarms must be replaced after 10 years.

Chirping that continues after the battery has been replaced means the alarm is at the end of its life and the unit must be replaced.

Make sure your smoke and carbon monoxide alarms meet the needs of all your family members, including those with sensory or physical disabilities.

For more information about Fire Prevention Week and fire prevention in general, visit www.fpw.org.

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Grondin Corporation's request for approval for a residential cluster subdivision, Mountain Trail Meadows with approximately 50-60 lots on 103 acres was discussed. Ther location is off Wescott Road, near the Mountain Division Trail. This project will be subject to new standards which include natural resources review before the lots are laid out with consideration of streams, flood plains, historic and natural resources.

Maide for You requested approval to relocate the existing driveway, expand parking and to convert the garage to a tanning salon was discussed.

A proposed amendment to the Land Use and Development Code to require phased build outs of subdivisions was moved to the Board's Ordinance Review Committee for

A proposed amendment to the Land Use and Development Code to allow agricultural event centers and agricultural tourism was moved to the Board's Ordinance Committee for review.



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OF INTEREST

Benjamin Shields has been named as one of the 16,000 semi-finalists for 2022 National Merit® Scholarship Program. To be considered for a Merit Scholarship® award, semifinalists must fulfill several requirements to advance to the finalist level of the competition. Winners will be announced beginning in April, 2022 and concluding in July.



The Maine Beta chapter of Alpha Delta Kappa, an international altruistic organization of teachers and retired teachers, recently held its first fall meeting social-distancing style on the lawn of the Gorham Community Building. Pictured are Reggie Minott, Lynn Silcox, Ellen Lucy, Jackie Leeper (President), Anne Tewhey, Jane Sexton, Judy Wing, Sandy Jones, Teresa Keahon, Caroline McCormack, and Lucille Bowers.

Veterans of Foreign Wars, Gorham Memorial Post 10879 is now accepting essay contest entries for Patriot's Pen (6-8 grades) and Voice of Democracy (9-12 grades) Scholarship Contests. For information on how to enter for a scholarship, please email vfwpost10879@

gmail.com. The VFW Post's next meeting is on Tuesday, October 12 at 5:30 p.m. in the Gorham Fire Department Training Room, 270 Main Street. For information, please contact vfwpost10879@gmail.com.

The Gorham Lions Club next meeting will be on Tuesday, October 12 at 6 p.m. at the Old Elmwood School House at 414 South Street. Regular dinner meetings are the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month. New members are always welcome. FMI 929-9182.

Gorham Recreation Department has something going on for everyone. Check the calendar and register for events early. Learn more at Calendar: gorhamrec.com/info/calendar/ and Activities: gorhamrec.com/info/activities/ or call 222-1630.

Gorham Cleans Up Day - The Gorham Conservation Commission and the Gorham Village Alliance along with folks at GHS and GMS are coordinating another "Gorham Cleans Up" day on Sunday, October 3 from 8:30 a.m. to noon, focusing on picking up trash around the Village and all along South Street to Route 22. Sign-up at https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAlpQLSdSO0p2ZgW9cbgHu-Ot1YmX5OuWNqurOlnAlTVqa4W0sCdkOw/viewform.

LIBRARY NOTES

The North Gorham Public Library, serving Gorham and Standish since 1897, is located next to the fire barn at the corner of Standish Neck Road and North Gorham Road. The library serves the surrounding community with a focus on fiction for adults and children, although most any book is available through inter-library loan. The library has WiFi service and computers for patron use. The library is open on Mondays from 3-5:30 p.m., Wednesdays from 6-8 p.m., and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Home Delivery and contact less parking lot pickup is also available. Visit on the web at north-gorham.lib. me.us, and on Facebook at facebook.com/northgorhampubliclibrary/.

The Baxter Memorial Library invites parents with young children to attend the October Story Adventures, 10 to 10:30 a.m. on Tuesdays for 3yrs-5yrs with Ms. Heidi and Mr. Jeff presenting books, songs, movement activities and rhythm instruments; and 9:30 – 10 a.m. on Wednesdays with Ms. Dani presenting books, finger-plays, movement activities and songs. The Book Club discussion on Thursday, September 30 will be on "The Vanishing Half" by Brit Bennett. On October 7, children ages 4-8yrs are invited to join Dance Studio of Maine to learn some cool new moves. These events are all scheduled for the lawn. In case of inclement weather, youth events will be cancelled, and book club events will be held in meeting rooms if COVID restrictions allow, or via Zoom (email Nissa for the link). FMI, visit the Library at 71 South Street, or the website at baxterlibrary.org, or call 222-1190.

USM NOTES

USM linguist Dr. Conor Quinn has co-authored the Penobscot children's book, "Still They

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Remember Me: Penobscot Transformer Tales Vol. I." published by the University of Massachusetts Press and available now. Co-authored by Quinn, UMaine English Professor Margo Lukens, and Carol Dana, Language Master for the Penobscot Historical Preservation Department, the book contains a collection of stories about the natural world and traditional Penobscot value, recited for generations and finally written down in 1918 in English and phonetic Penobscot. After more than a year of work on the project, the resulting children's book contains illustrations, and stories transcribed into modern Penobscot with an English translation. The primary audience is young people from the Penobscot Nation growing up in English who may be able to reconnect with traditional Penobscot language through these stories. The book's first printing of 1000 copies sold out within the first two weeks of its release. Funded by multiple private and public grants, some of the funding will provide a copy of the book for every Penobscot household. Learn more at https://usm.maine.edu/publicaffairs/usm-linguistco-authors-penobscot-childrens-book

The USM Department of Theatre has announced the 2021-2022 performance season which opens on October 8 with "The Marvelous Meep Island Adventure" based on the play "Meep" by Ed Swidley. The show is directed by Sara Valentine, and presented in partnership with the towns of Gorham, Westbrook, South Portland, Portland, Freeport, Bowdoinham, Lewiston, and Auburn. Running from October 8 to October 17, the show's Gorham performance will take place on the USM Gorham campus on Sunday, October 17 at 2 p.m. The event is free (donations welcome) and no reservation is necessary. FMI, visit usm.maine.edu/theatre, or 780-5151.

The newly named Dr. Albert and D. Suzi Osher School of Music at the University of Southern Maine, (formerly USM School of Music) will hold the 19th Annual Old Fashioned Outdoor Band Concert on Saturday, October 9 at 1 p.m. conducted by Dr. William Kinne and featuring the USM Concert Band. The concert will take place on the lawn at Corthell Hall. A cash-only BBQ begins on the lawn at noon with old fashioned prices, open to the USM campus community and general public, and the concert is free. Bring the whole family and lawn chairs or blankets for seating and enjoy this old New England favorite entertainment. Note: USM requires the wearing of masks in all indoor spaces.

The USM School of Music has become the Osher School of Music at USM with the Osher's \$10 million gift in support of the School's continued excellence in performance, education, and community programming.

AROUND THE STATE

The Cumberland County 4-H Leaders Association will be holding their annual 4-H Pig Raffle Ticket Sales and 4-H Kitchen Food Booth Fundraisers during the 2021 Cumberland Fair, open daily 7:00 AM - 9:00 PM, Sunday, September 26 to Saturday, October 2, 2021, 197 Blanchard Road, Cumberland, ME 04021. FMI 781-6099, sara.conant@maine.edu.

Hispanic Heritage Month

Cathy Walter, Staff Writer

In 1968, US President Lyndon B. Johnson created an Hispanic Heritage Week. In 1988, President Ronald Reagan expanded the idea of honoring American citizens whose ancestors hailed from Spain, South and Central America, the Caribbean and Mexico to the 30-day month from September 15th to October 15th as we know today.

Having the recognition span two months may be unusual, but it makes sense when you realize how many significant Hispanic historical dates fall in the time frame. Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua all share an Independence Day of September 15th. Mexico and Chile celebrate their Independence on the 16th and 17th of September respectively and also Dia de la Raza, which falls on October 12th.

There are many ways to honor Hispanic Heritage month, and it's not all about the entertainment and food, though that is a highlight.

- Try some new recipes, and maybe create a once a week Hispanic family dinner night working as a family exploring new foods and inspiring insights.
- Read a book or two written by a Latinx author. Read some of the amazing children books that have come out recently to the children in your life to initiate conversations and deeper understanding.
- If television is your thing, Turner Classic Movies (TCM) is curating a selection of Hispanic films and discussing ways Hollywood helped and hindered the Latinx community.

- Dine at local Latinx restaurants, focusing on those owned by Latinx folks: Azul Tequila at 29 School Street, Gorham is an excellent option.
- Support Latinx green companies when doing your shopping: https:// www.greenmatters.com/p/latinxowned-sustainable-companies
- Learn more about Hispanic Heritage in general. The federal government has set up a website that has a list of links to a wealth of information on a large variety of topics from literature to economics from culture to history: https://www.hispanicheritagemonth. gov/exhibits-and-collections/

Today there is an ongoing debate on the use of the word Hispanic with many preferring the more colloquial Mexican American, Chicano, Latino, or the more recent Latinx.

In a recent NPR article, a History Professor at the University of Florida, Paul Ortiz, explained that "a large part of that, is based on the origins of the word Hispanic, which is the English translation of the Spanish 'Hispano', meaning a person whose cultural traditions originate from Spain which immediately erases all of the centuries of pre-Columbian history, culture and civilizations that existed before the European conquest and colonization of the Americas ... and that's understandably upsetting to people who are not white".

Be it Hispanic or Latinx Heritage Month, it is a time to contemplate how words matter, educate ourselves, and celebrate the melting pot that is the United States.











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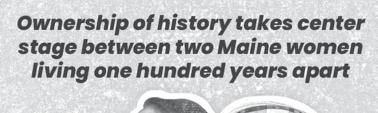
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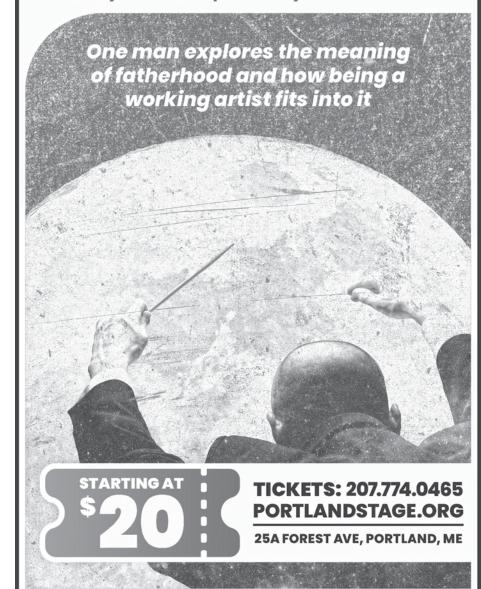
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PORTLAND STAGE



Woman sleeping in her car on Ossipee Trail was advised to move into a business parking lot so that she was safely off the road.

Officer responded to a call of a man slumped over in a car. After yelling and grabbing his shoulder, the man came to. He did not want EMS, said he was extraordinarily tired, and that earlier he had fallen asleep at work. He went into store and purchased Red Bull. Officer tested him and he was fine. He drove away after finishing the Red Bull.

Officer responded to Main St. and Mosher Rd. for a hit and run. Woman had been stopped at a red light when she was hit from behind. She pulled over, but the other vehicle went up Main St. She got the license plate. Her vehicle had only a small scratch, but she wanted operator of other vehicle spoken to as she was concerned he might have been under the influence of something since he didn't stop to check on her.

Main St. caller wanted advice on how to stop someone from harassing him on social media and saying he knew where caller lived and was coming over. Officer advised caller of her options.

Caller said he had blocked the number for now but wanted the call noted.

Ledge Hill Rd. caller reported some yard decorations were missing. She did not know when or how. She was told to call back if anything unusual happened in the area.

Suspicious person on Main St. told officer he was yelling because he felt the person who was looking for a dog was yelling at him.

Officer responded to Millet Dr. for a couple who were arguing over keys and being in each other's faces. Officer referred them to court if they want paperwork.

Officer responded to Libby Ave. and answered questions about people in a truck bed.

Two students were throwing rocks against a building on the maintenance parking lot side of Weeks Rd. There was no visible damage. Officer discussed what the consequences could have been if there had been damage and warned them to make better choices in the future.

Suspicious person on New Portland Rd. was picked up by his aunt. He was not very cooperative.

Officer responded to Main St. in reference to a possible disturbance by a rude customer. Man was gone when the officer arrived and the clerk said he was all set.

Wassamki Dr. caller reported a parrot 70 feet up in a tree. This was the second call about the parrot. Officer spoke to a neighbor of the parrot who said it frequently gets out but eventually returns to its owner.

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Q Memorial Block Party, FMI, qmemorialsponsors@gmail.com, or 615-5626.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3

Gorham Cleans Up Day, 8:30 a.m. to noon. Sign-up at https://forms.gle/N2ckrVc4F7PHjcrX6

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 5

Baxter Memorial Library October Story Adventures (3yrs-5yrs), 10-10:30 a.m. on the lawn Gorham Rec goes to the Fryeburg Fair, learn more at

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6

Baxter Memorial Library October Story Adventures (birth-3yrs), 9:30-10 a.m. on the lawn

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7

Baxter Memorial Library Dance w/Dance Studio of Maine (4-8yrs), 3:30-4:30 p.m. on the lawn

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8

Friends of Baxter Memorial Library Book Sale, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Shaw Gym USM Theatre opening night, "The Marvelous Meep Island Adventure" Boys and Girls Club, Brick Hill, South Portland, 4:00 p.m. (coming to Gorham on October 17 at 2 p.m.)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9

Friends of Baxter Memorial Library Book Sale, 9 a.m.to 1 p.m., Shaw Gym Osher School of Music at USM's 19th Annual Outdoor Band Concert, cash BBQ at noon, free concert on Corthell Lawn at 1 p.m. Bring lawn chairs, blankets, kids and all.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 11

Indigenous Peoples' Day

Baxter Memorial Library, Closed in Observance of Indigenous Peoples' Day

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12

Baxter Memorial Library October Story Adventures (3yrs-5yrs), 10-10:30 a.m. on the lawn Gorham Lions Club regular meeting, 6 p.m., Old Elmwood School House VFW Gorham Memorial Post #10879 regular meeting, 5:30 p.m., Fire Department **Training Room**

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