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School Committee Denies Appeal to Remove Posters

Kathy Corbett, Staff Writer

On September 14 the School Committee voted (6-0, Gagnon absent) that the Gorham Middle School (GMS) did not have to remove two posters from the 6th and 7th grade health classroom. Eric Lane, who has a daughter at GMS, had filed a formal complaint asking the school to remove posters that defined terms related to gender identity because they were in opposition to his Christian values. He also asserted that the school was ignoring the policy for addressing controversial issues.

Superintendent Heather Perry had denied the request. Following procedures outlined in the policy for a Citizen's Challenge of Educational Materials (IJJ-RR), she then referred it to the Teaching and Learning Committee which concluded that the posters were factual visual support for vocabulary and inclusive of all views. After Perry accepted that decision, Lane appealed it to the School Committee (SC) where the decision would be final.

After discussion at the September meeting, the SC denied the appeal. Nicole Hudson stated that she believed the posters were neither controversial nor inappropriate and that to remove them would go against the district's commitment to equality and inclusion. Stewart MacCallister thanked Lane for giving the SC the opportunity to look at both sides of the decision. He noted that removing the posters could violate Maine's Human Rights Act.

School Committee Chair Anne Schools said that all procedures were followed by the parent and by school personnel. She added that she respected the decisions of professional educators and was not comfortable telling teachers what to put on their walls.

In voting to deny the appeal, Darryl Wright emphasized that the SC wants to do "what is best for all our students. Definitions on the wall help students develop skills to be critical thinkers. School should be a safe place for all students to learn how to evaluate ideas," he said.

Narragansett School Picnic

Erin Eppler, Narragansett School Principal



Photo credit: Erin Eppler

The third-grade team, along with Ellie and Molly enjoying a cool treat at the Narragansett Family Picnic. L-R: Tracy Burns, Kate Bishop, Stephanie O'Donnell, third grade teachers, Ellie Gain, and Molly Westwig.

Over 250 people attended the Narragansett Family Picnic on Thursday, September 15. Families brought their own picnic dinners and listened to live music, provided by par-

ent Matt Paul. Students played with friends while enjoying popsicles and families and teachers enjoyed the company of other Narragansett community members.

Gorham Skatepark Ribbon Cutting

Gorham Times Staff

Construction of the new Gorham Skatepark behind the Public Safety building on Chick Drive is completed, and enthusiasts of the sport have already found their way to the park ahead of the ribbon-cutting ceremony scheduled for October 6 at 4:00 p.m.

Planning began in early 2021 when a group of community members came together to advance the idea of adding a skatepark in Gorham. The Community Project Team includes Tom Dupuis, Project Community Lead; Emma Christakis, Project Management; Liam Nickerson, Community and Student Advocate; and James Rutherford, Site Selection Lead and Community Advocate.

Gorham students and the general public were surveyed, and community members were given multiple opportunities to be involved in the process of developing a design. The final concept, proposed by Pillar Design Studios, measures 10,000 square feet and caters to all ages with a mix of both novice and expert features. The park accommodates not only skateboarders, but also scooter riders, inline skaters, and BMX bicyclists.

"The skatepark project has been a fantastic process of bringing so many businesses and people working together from concept to design to



Photo credit: Courtesy of Gorham Skatepark

construction and now actual users. This park is super amazing!" said Gorham Recreation Department Director Cindy Hazelton. Town Council Chair Lee Pratt added, "This was truly a village barn raising from Tom Dupuis' incredible commitment, Town staff, corporate donations and private donations. This project never would have happened without the whole community working together."

With an outpouring of support from local businesses Gorham Sand & Gravel, Gorham Savings Bank, Sebago Technics, Maine Community Foundation, University of Southern Maine, Grondin, Auburn Concrete, PA Lyford Inc., Salmon Falls Nursery & Landscaping, The Skatepark Project, and Narragansett Number One Foundation, as well as tremendous

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Fatal Accident

Sheri Faber, Staff Writer

Richard Bernard, 47, of Limerick died on September 15 at 7:40 a.m. on County Road (Rt. 22) following a collision with a truck. The driver of a 2004 Ford Pickup which was towing a utility trailer was driving west towards Buxton on Rt. 22. The driver was attempting to turn left onto Hodgdon Road when the crash occurred. The motorcyclist was riding a Yamaha VStar motorcycle eastbound towards Westbrook. He died of his injuries before Police arrived.

Rt. 22 was closed for three hours as crash investigators from Gorham, Windham and Maine State Police Commercial Vehicle Unit investigated the crash. This incident remains under investigation for the foreseeable future.

Witnesses who have not been interviewed by investigators should contact the Gorham Police Department at 222-1600.

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NEWS FROM AUGUSTA

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.

How to Get Help Heating Your Home This Winter

Sen. Stacy Brenner

If you're like me, you've been loving the fall weather we have had so far. The sunny days and cool, crisp air are perfect for just about any activity you can think of. Sadly though, as Mainers we know these days are short lived and that another winter will be here before we know it. We also know it's important to get prepared for winter, whether it's stacking firewood or checking your generator. And with home heating prices still high, I know thinking about the season ahead can be an uncertain and even frightening time for many. That's why I wanted to make sure folks in our community are aware of a very important program that's available to help people who may struggle to afford to heat their homes.

It's called the Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP), and it's a federally funded program that's administered by local community action agencies here in Maine. For folks who struggle to afford heating bills, this program is a crucial lifeline that helps make sure no one gets left in the cold. In Cumberland County, HEAP is administered by The Opportunity Alliance. If you think you might need help paying for heat this winter, I encourage you to apply for this program as soon as possible.

To learn more or set up an appointment, visit www.opportunityalliance.org/heap or call (207) 553-5900. You can also ask about the Low-Income Assistance Program (LIAP) during your appointment, which helps folks cover electricity costs by providing a credit on their bill.

While high energy costs can largely be attributed to global factors such as the Russian war in Ukraine, my colleagues and I know we need to do all we can to help Mainers in the short and long term. That's why this year, we passed a new law that will bring greater accountability and consumer input to the electric rate-setting process. This law established a new stakeholder group that will review price-setting decisions and give Mainers a seat at the table during these conversations. To help small businesses with high energy burdens, we passed a new law that creates a tiered credit worth up to \$3,000 for eligible small businesses. This credit will help locally owned grocery stores, convenience stores and dairy farms keep the lights on and refrigerators running. We also cut red tape in the HEAP program, to make sure folks are getting the help they need, not getting caught up in a bureaucratic mess.

Finally, the Legislature passed a law that I sponsored and worked closely with Gov. Mills on, which will hold our utility companies accountable to higher standards. We all know CMP and Versant need to do a much better job serving Maine ratepayers, and this law requires it. Additionally, the law gives us a voice in planning for a clean energy future. This will be crucial in having affordable, reliable power going forward.

While I know that this winter in particular can be daunting, please know that help is available if you need it. In addition, my colleagues and I will continue doing all we can to provide relief in the face of inflation and high energy costs.

If you ever have a question, comment, or idea, you can always send me an email at Stacy.Brenner@legislature.maine.gov or call my office at (207) 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.

Fun Facts



A duck's quack doesn't echo. And no one knows why.

Walt Disney was afraid of mice.

Pearls dissolve in vinegar.

Oak trees do not produce acorns until they are 50 years of age, or older.

Venus is the only planet that rotates clockwise. Since Venus is normally associated with women, and those women are going in the 'right' direction.

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Letter to the Editor

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To the Editor,

I am proud to count Stacy Brenner as a friend, and even prouder of her service as a State Senator for District 30 covering Scarborough and Gorham.

She would rather be known for running a successful business at Broadturn Farms and being active as a board member of farm organizations than as a politician. Yet, in Augusta, she is known as a leading protector of Maine's environment and a fighter against the perils of climate change.

She is proud of her work career as a nurse midwife protecting the health of countless newborn babies, and in Augusta she has become a champion of women's reproductive health rights and expansion of quality and affordable health care for all Mainers. During the covid pandemic, she stepped up to volunteer at a local covid vaccine clinic to save lives.

I wish we had more "politicians" like Stacy Brenner.

Thank you for considering my letter of recommendation.

Dr. Carol M. Davis

To the Editor,

I first met Sen. Brenner when she made a presentation to the Scarborough Kiwanis Club, reporting on important legislation enacted during the 2021 legislative session. Having worked for and with state legislators for nearly 25 years, I was impressed with her understanding of the legislative process and issues, despite serving her first term.

Shortly after meeting her, I contacted Sen. Brenner regarding a residential energy cost issue and when the 2022 legislative session began, she prepared an amendment to address the matter. Ultimately, Sen. Brenner was successful in working with her colleagues to address the issue I raised and the legislation, including her amendment, was enacted.

In my dealings with Sen. Brenner, I have found her to be intelligent, responsive to me as her constituent, and effective as my State Senator. That is why I strongly support her for re-election in order that my family and other constituents in her district can continue to benefit from her service.

John Grew
Scarborough, ME

Meet the Candidate Forums

Tuesday, October 11, 6 – 8 p.m. at Baxter Memorial Library

Wednesday, October 19, 6 – 8 p.m. at North Gorham Public Library

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Indigenous Peoples in Maine

Chris Crawford, Staff Writer

The Wabenaki peoples are great storytellers. They recorded their history and made sense of their world through storytelling. Stories also serve as entertainment on long winter nights. Like many ancient cultures without a written language, the oral tradition is still an important part of the indigenous culture. In honor of Indigenous People's Day, here's a story for you to enjoy.

The People believed that a being called Glooscap (or Gluskonba or Gluscab) created all the things there are in the world. Glooscap was a Kookwes: a giant nearly 10 feet tall, with magical powers. There were other Kookwes, such as the North Wind, but they did not love the people, as Glooscap did.

Glooscap loved the people so much that he made them from the heartwood of his favorite tree: ash trees, which were tall and slender and danced gracefully in the wind. The People had hearts which were growing and green. They were made as all people were made, with their heads pointing North, their feet rooted firmly in the South and their

arms pointing East and West.

Then Glooscap began to make more things in the world like animals, fish, plants and trees to help feed the people, and to use for making shelters and canoes.

While Glooscap made many wonderful things, he was not perfect, and so he made some mistakes along the way. One day while shaping fish out of clay, his hand slipped and the clay was pounded flat as a pancake. Glooscap thought, "Oh well!" and he tossed that fish into the ocean where it still lives today. The name of that fish can be found at the end of this article.

Other mistakes occurred because of his height. Glooscap created some animals to match his large size, such as moose, bears, and even beavers the size of cows. That became something of a problem when the giant beavers began gnawing and toppling huge trees and building large dams across big rivers forming huge lakes. That's why there are so many lakes in Maine.

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Land Trust Meets Their Fund-Raising Goal

Chris Crawford, Staff Writer



Photo credit: Chris Crawford

Fall color at Little Duck Pond, part of the Presumpscot Regional Land Trust's new East Windham Preserve.

The Presumpscot Regional Land Trust has announced that the \$50,000 matching challenge from Gorham Savings Bank for the East Windham Conservation Project has been reached. The Land Trust received almost 400 donations for the Project, with 150 of them being first-time gifts. There were numerous gifts from surrounding towns throughout the region, including 12 from Gorham.

The wide-spread support demonstrates the popularity of this project and other conservations efforts in the Greater Portland area. Land Trust Executive Director, Rachelle

Curran Apse said, "We are thrilled by the outpouring of community support for this regionally significant conservation/trails project. It will benefit Gorham, Windham, and the surrounding communities for generations to come." The 750-acre East Windham Project will become part of a 2000-acre corridor connecting it with Lowell Preserve, North Falmouth Community Forest and Blackstrap Hill Preserve.

Gorham Savings bank played a significant role in the fund-raising efforts. Curran Apse commented, "We really appreciate that Gorham

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50th Celebration at St. Anne's Church

Chris Crawford, Staff Writer



Photo credit: St. Anne's Church

St. Anne's Catholic Church will celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the completion of their church on lower Main Street with a Mass on October 2 at 11 a.m. led by Bishop Robert Deeley and concelebrated with Father Lou Phillips of St. Anthony of Padua Parish, to which St. Anne belongs.

Following Mass, a reception will be held to place and bless a new St. Anne statue from France, A barbeque and family activities for parishioners to celebrate this milestone anniversary will be held afterwards.

The history of the Parish dates back to 1944 when the first Mass took place in Gorham's Grange Hall, with seven

people in attendance. Over the next 19 years, the growing Mission held services in several venues, including the Town Hall and a local movie theater which seated about 300 worshipers, before the basement of the current church was completed in 1963. With a seating capacity of 450 people, it served the towns of Gorham, Buxton, Standish, Windham, East Baldwin and East Sebago.

In 1967, the mission became a parish, and within seven years, the basement was no longer adequate in size or in spiritual dignity for its growing congregation. When the base-

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Potentially Fatal Pet Hazards

Linda Mulksi, DVM

During the difficult pandemic, many of us better appreciate the very important role our pets play in our mental health and well-being. Below is a short and by no means comprehensive, list of outdoor and indoor pet hazards to keep in mind as we care for our furry, feathered, and scaly friends.

Contact with blue-green algae in murky water can result in the consumption of fatal toxins, even if a pet has merely been wading. Early, aggressive supportive care may not be enough to prevent death. Drinking swamp water can also result in severe bacterial infections. Salt water ingestion can lead to brain swelling and seizures. Bringing fresh water along on all outings is recommended.

Moldy bones, moldy bird seed and mushrooms can all be sources of aflatoxins and mycotoxins. Ingesting foreign

bodies found in compost, such as corn-cobs, kebab skewers, sharp bones and fruit pits, can often require surgical removal.

Older "antique" homes and barns may have widely scattered lead paint chips that can harm free range poultry. Additionally, the highly pathogenic Avian Influenza which visited Maine earlier this year is expected to return as migrating birds once again start to travel. This virus is highly contagious and fatal. Consider keeping beloved flocks indoors again.

Small ruminants can be poisoned by common landscaping shrubs such as azaleas and rhododendrons, as well as lily of the valley, foxgloves and even milkweed, despite the Monarch butterfly's preference for it. If in doubt about a plant's toxicity, call poison control. Better to be safe than sorry.

Please try to avoid use of insecticides which indiscriminately kill many beneficial pollinators, like honey bees and poison beloved song birds that eat insects.

Traffic is always an issue. A geriatric dog asleep on a warm driveway can be too deaf to hear a car start up, especially a quiet electric vehicle. The trend to neuter dogs later in life results in more intact males being distracted by intact females, with an increased tendency for the animals to roam and pay less attention to traffic.

In garages and out-buildings, bags of fertilizer and bone meal can seem very tasty to dogs. Cleaning agents and automotive fluids can leak and form puddles. Antifreeze in particular is reported to taste sweet.

Rodent poisons can cause fatalities in the animals that consume the dead rodents, including hawks and owls, as well as pet dogs and cats. Discussing rodent control with your neighbors can be helpful. Garbage ingestion often leads to gastrointestinal distress, so keeping pets inside on trash pick up days is highly recommended.

Dietary "indiscretions" are common. Chocolate can cause seizures, fatty or spicy food may lead to fatal raging pancreatitis. Less well known is the effect of xylitol on dogs. This common ingredient in sugar free gum can lead to a profound decrease in blood sugar.

New recreational drugs laws mean that these substances may inadvertently be left in reach of pets, so please be careful. Childproof packaging is no match for a determined dog or cat. Cooking fumes from heated teflon can be toxic to birds. Ideally, they should not be near the kitchen. Decorative seasonal plants are hazardous. Easter lilies can cause kidney failure. Rabbits love to chew on electrical cords under the Christmas tree.

Luckily, there are now more emergency clinics available for our pets than ever before. Veterinarians are better able to handle many life-threatening problems especially if the pet is established with a regular veterinary clinic. Remember to use preventative medicine...tick borne disease is on the rise; and one heartworm can be fatal for a cat. Pet insurance can help with unplanned and unexpected problems.

Let's all work to keep our best buddies safe and healthy.

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Linda Mulski, VMD, has worked in Maine for the past 33 years. She and her husband, Tom Niedermeyer, VMD, own the Animal Hospital of South Gorham where a wide variety of pet species are welcome. They have raised six daughters, all proud "Maine-lacs."

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Grand Jury Indictments September 2022

Michael Fournier, 37, of Gorham was indicted for aggravated assault and 3 counts of violating conditions of release on charges brought by Gorham PD.

Cameron Mushero, 39, of Gorham was indicted for violating conditions of release on charges brought by Gorham PD.

Portland Water District Trustee Opening

The Portland Water District is encouraging write-in candidate campaigns for an open seat representing Gorham on the Board of Trustees. There will be no candidates listed on the November 8 ballot for the seat which is up for election.

The Portland Water District is governed by a Board of 11 trustees representing the cities and towns it serves. The Board sets important policy and direction to actively protect our water resources and ensure safe and clean public water for over 200,000 people in Greater Portland.

The Board generally meets twice monthly, a workshop session and a regular business meeting. Trustees receive a stipend for meetings attended.

For more information, please contact the Town Clerk's Office at 222-1670 or Portland Water District at 774-5961

Absentee Ballots Available for November 8th Elections

Town of Gorham

Absentee ballots are now available for request for the November 8, 2022 Annual Municipal Election and State Election. You may request an absentee ballot by visiting <http://www.maine.gov/cgi-bin/online/AbsenteeBallot/index.pl>, or by calling the Town Clerk's office at 222-1670, and one will be sent to you when available.

Absentee ballots must be returned no later than 8 p.m. on Election Day. You can return your ballots by mail (two stamps required) or drop them off in the Ballot Box at the Municipal Center. You may also return your ballots in person to the Town Clerk's Office during regular business hours.

How Do I Register to Vote?

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[regcard20.pdf](http://www.maine.gov/sos/cec/elec/upcoming/pdf/voter-regcard20.pdf) to complete an application and then print it out and mail it to the Town Clerk's office. Mailed applications must be received by Oct. 18 to vote in the general election.

In person: Pick up a registration application or return a completed one to the Town Clerk's Office. You can also pick up an application from any Bureau of Motor Vehicles branch office or in most state and federal social services offices. But if you try to register through another government agency within 30 days of an election, you'll be warned that your registration might not make it to the registrar in time and that you should instead register in person. You can also register to vote at the polls on Election Day.

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Planning Board Reports

Sheri Faber, Staff Writer

Planning Board, September 12, 2022

A request from Julie Colpitts to amend the approved Blueberry Ridge subdivision to reduce the number of lots from 29 to 5 was approved.

Grondin Aggregates, LLC request for approval to include the addition of stormwater infrastructure, winter salt storage shed, stump and brush processing to Brandy Brook Quarry was approved.

A request by JDP, LLC for approval of a 13-lot residential subdivision and private way off Buck Street was discussed and preliminary approval was granted.

A request by Megan and Gary Jordan for approval of a five-lot subdivision and 670 foot private way off Old Orchard Road was discussed and approved.

The Gorham School Department's request for approval to add an additional modular building to

Narragansett School was heard. The modular building would consist of 8 modular classrooms, bathrooms and office space was discussed.

The Gorham School Department's pre-application request for approval to expand the Gorham High School kitchen and cafeteria by approximately 100 seats, to add a modular classroom building to add a classroom and 20 additional parking spaces was not heard.

Stephanie Cressey's request for approval to expand an existing apartment complex by six additional buildings and another driveway from Meadow Road was not heard and was placed on the September 19 Planning Board agenda.

K/V Enterprises request for approval of site and subdivision which includes residential units, streets, open space, recreational facilities and

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Thrive Maine

Gorham Times Staff

Thrive Maine is a forgivable loan program to help small Maine businesses and nonprofits that have experienced COVID-19-related negative economic impacts. Applications for this program open on October 4, 2022. This program is funded by the American Rescue Plan and Act (ARPA) with \$58 million allocated to support Maine small businesses through Governor Mills' Maine Jobs and Recovery Plan.

In order to receive a forgivable loan from Thrive Maine, a business must have a UEI (Unique Entity Identifier) or provide proof that your business has applied for a UEI.


FAME, The Finance Authority of Maine held a webinar on September 28th to provide information about the program and how to apply. Webinars, Q&A sessions, and more can be found at famemaine.com/thrive.

Special Town Council Meeting Agenda for September 27

The Town Council is to consider when interest will be due on unpaid personal property and real estate taxes that are due on November 15, 2022.

It is proposed that all taxes on real estate and personal property shall be due and payable upon approval of this item and one-half of all real estate and personal property taxes that remain unpaid on December 30, 2022, and that the final half of all real estate and personal property taxes that remain unpaid on May 15, 2023 shall be charged an annual interest rate of 4%. No interest will be paid on real


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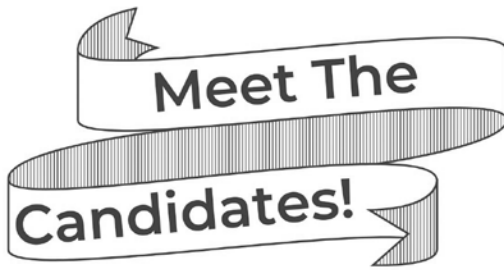


Baxter Memorial Library
October 11th, 6 pm

Join us at Baxter Memorial Library for an evening with our School Committee and Town Council Candidates! Each candidate will introduce themselves and their platforms to the audience, followed by an opportunity for conversation and questions.

GoCAM will live-stream through the Town's website, broadcast on Channel 3 and provide video to view later.





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Local Farms Up Close and Personal

Beth Orlando, Staff Writer

You may have driven past the big blue sign on Rt. 202 heading toward Windham, many times without realizing that you just passed Gorham's very own alpaca farm run by local residents and farmers Terilyn Lopez and Dave Brower. Gorham has a rich, local farming community that is to be admired with its rolling hills and local produce available at farmer's markets and grocery stores. But not everyone has put faces to the land or imagined alpacas roaming just outside of one of our most traveled "back roads."

Terilyn and Dave were kind enough to invite the Gorham Times to visit Alpacas at Holistic Farms early this fall. One is immediately struck by their passion for their land, their crops, and their affection for their beloved alpacas. In a world where we are so often motivated by immediate gratification, this is a timely reminder that passion and patience can be rewarded when you least expect it.

Terilyn first discovered her love of alpacas in the 1970's, as well as her love for all things animal and farming. Acquiring even one alpaca during that decade was an astronomical financial commitment, and Terilyn would soon learn that with one alpaca come others. She explained that alpacas are herd animals and need each other to thrive. So, with that dream on hold, life went forward.

Fast forward to retirement. Dave, with his extensive background in engineering and an always inquisitive mind for sustainability and per-



Photo credit: Beth Orlando

maculture, began to hatch plans to restore a local barn and begin a farm with Terilyn. As this plan began to take root, it was Dave who learned of two alpacas available for purchase via Craig's List. Imagine Terilyn's surprise and joy. Annie and Harley soon joined the farm and from there, things on the farm have been nonstop and growing.

Terilyn and Dave purchased their property in 2019, welcomed Annie and Harley in 2021, and have worked the once overgrown land into a developing farm with what seems like endless plans. They currently cultivate a large blueberry crop, fruit trees, and

an annual garden. Terilyn has learned to spin and weave from fibers produced by the alpacas and hopes to eventually be able to offer products in a future farm stand or store. Dave has plans to install a self-sustaining windmill on the nearly 8-acre property.

All of this is nothing to speak of the already 1,000-foot hand-dug trench to a newly revealed pond that had been overgrown over the years. Dave's interests in metal sharpening and woodworking and Terilyn's hopes to bring the alpacas to shows and continue to welcome new cria (baby alpacas) keep them busy, but, more than that, they are energized, fulfilled,

and a true gift to the Gorham community.

Only recently has Alpacas at Holistic Farms been prepared to welcome guests in small groups. The Gorham Times is fortunate to have been among the first to be included in what proved to be a most educational, inspiring, and fun visit for a multi-aged group. After meeting sweet Rosie, Ebony, and Shaniqua who, according to one young person on the tour, are "the softest things [he has] ever felt," we are certain we will not be the farm's last visitors. Learn more about Terilyn, Dave and the alpaca herd at holisticfarms.org/animals.

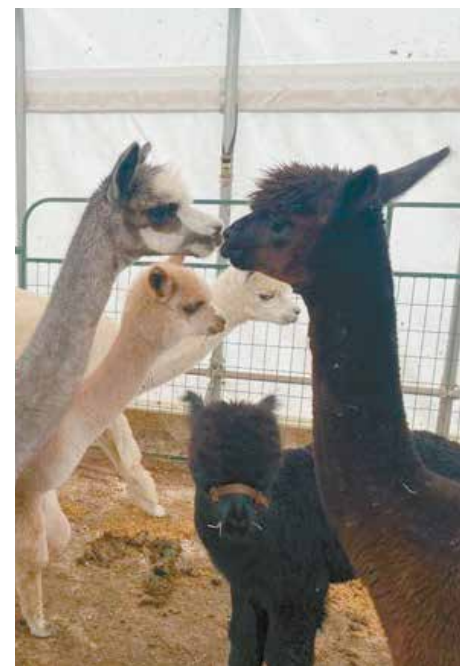


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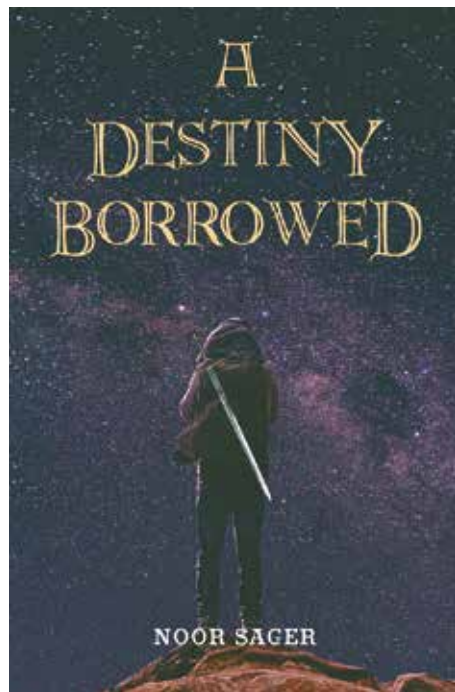
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GHS Student Publishes First Novel

Grace Johnson, GHS Student Intern



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Noor Sager is a senior at Gorham High School who has just recently released her first book, called “A Destiny Borrowed.” After months and months spent writing, rewriting, editing, and marketing, it was officially published this past August.

The novel tells the story of a 19-year-old hero named Ness Willows. Ness, the savior of a fictional world called Taisen, is prophesied to end a violent rebellion, and restore peace to their kingdom.

“The initial idea was that I really wanted to write a chosen-one story,” said Sager. “There’s this kid that doesn’t know how to drive or sign papers, but they’re going to save the world. And people are just like ‘Okay, yeah, I’ll put my faith in them.’”

Sager explained that the book was supposed to be a partial metaphor

for imposter syndrome. It follows someone who has a lot of weight to carry on their shoulders, which is relatable for many teenagers. The main character is expected to know what they’re doing at all times, even if they actually have no clue.

Although Sager started planning the basic outline of the book back when she was in eighth grade, she didn’t really start the process of writing it until she connected with the Telling Room a couple of years ago. The Telling Room is a writing program based in Portland that guides young people through the steps of writing and publishing a book.

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Schools Introduce a Thought Exchange Survey on Equity

Heather Perry

The Gorham Schools has launched a new Thought Exchange Survey to gather feedback and data on our Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion work. We need participation from our families and from our staff! Please take 10-15 minutes to share your thoughts and then go back

in and rank the thoughts of others 1-2 times before the exchange ends. The exchange is open now through the deadline of Oct. 3, 2022. The Gorham Schools thank you in advance for participating! Here’s the link: tejoin.com/scroll/151381365

GHS Fall Drama: Clue, Performance Dates and Cast

Lucia Monaco Holloway, GHS Student Intern



Photo credit: Josie Tierney-Fife, Director and GHS English Teacher

Gorham High School presents Clue, the movie written by Sandy Rustin that was based on the popular game. The show will run Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, November 11-13 at McCormack Performing Arts Center. Showtimes and ticket sales will be announced at a later date.

Clue, a movie released in 1985, was based on a 1949 board game. For those not familiar, Clue is the story of six guests who are anonymously invited to an eerie New England mansion for dinner on a stormy evening in 1954. After their host is killed, the guests, who are all given an alias to protect their identities, must work together to identify who has murdered not only the host but several subsequent victims. The movie not only offers mystery but also suspense and comedy. As captivating as the creepy mansion is, the dynamic characters steal the show with unexpected backstories and quirky personalities.

You will meet Wadsworth, the main antagonist, played by Aera Hyson/ Nick Tinkham. Yvette, the secondary antagonist, is played by Amelia Olaru/ Lila Solecki. Miss Scarlet, the femme fatal, is played by Lauren Peirce/ Emma Smith. Mrs Peacock, the talkative wife

of a corrupt senator, is played by Sofia Andrade/ Lauren Greenier. Mrs. White, a pale and tragic widow, is played by Ally Glossen/ Kaci Mollison. Col. Mustard, a stubborn militant American, played by Zack Waters. Prof. Plum, a psychiatrist with questionable morals, is played by Libbie Merrill/ Mabel Esty. Mr. Green, a military man with a secret, is played by Cece Delloso/ Paige Fowler. Additional ensemble includes Abby Fiore/ Kayleigh Greenlaw, Autumn Booth and Alauna Worden and Stage Manager Emily Lemont and Director Josie Tierney-Fife.

Emma Smith who plays Scarlett describes her character as, “very flirtatious and sarcastic at times, but she’s intelligent and takes things seriously too.” Emma is a junior and has been in every GHS production since her freshman year. Amelia Olaru who plays Yvette describes her character as, “not only slick and mysteriously sassy but also has a hilarious French accent; such an iconic character.” Amelia is a sophomore at GHS.

Clue is guaranteed to provide laughter and entertainment as GHS theater reveals who actually is the murderer, what weapon they used and in what room...

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September School Committee Report

Kathy Corbett, Staff Writer

At the School Committee's September 14 regular meeting, Superintendent Heather Perry announced that the district is beginning the school year fully staffed, although there is still a need for more bus drivers and substitutes. The district has a grant for funding the Pre-K program at Narragansett School next school year and a Department of Labor grant to fund eight education apprenticeships that will enable participants to become ed techs.

Brian Jandreau, Gorham High School principal, and Rachel Grady, advisor to the school's Eco Club, introduced Chloe Blanchard and other club members who gave a presentation on their Garbage to Garden project. To kick off the project they sorted 703 compostables from one day's trash at GHS. The club has produced a video that encourages classmates to recycle food waste for composting.

The School Committee (SC) thanked everyone on the district staff for their work getting ready for the new school year. The principals of the five schools all reported successful opening days, noting the positive difference between this year and last when some COVID-19 restrictions were still in effect. They were particularly grateful for the four days they had for preparation.

Norm Justice, director of maintenance and transportation, reported on summer maintenance projects. Members of the Summit Church had assisted with installing kiosks and some other projects. New heat pumps were installed at Gorham Middle School, although some classrooms still will not have them until next summer. At GHS the gym floor was refinished, new bleachers installed as well as a gym curtain and field lighting. The new sound system has been delayed due to material shortages.

Consultant Suzanne Godin gave an overview of the year-long redesign of the district's Strategic Plan. The draft plan focuses on engaged learning; social/emotional mental health; diversity, equity, and inclusion; facilities and structures; and the Pre-K program.

The SC voted (6-0, Gagnon absent) to approve the 2022-2023 SC meeting schedule, accept the 2022-2-23 Superintendent's goals, and to deny a citizen's request to have gender identity posters removed from the Gorham Middle School health classroom.

Review of the Transportation Policy was discussed, and action postponed until next month when more data are available. There have been 1300 requests for alternative

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Staff Development at Schools



Photo credit: Becky Fortier

Great Falls fifth grade teacher, Melissa Mullin, works with teachers and support staff to share ideas and work collaboratively to build and enhance their teaching skills. Each school staff participates in activities and skill development at weekly meetings and during release days, as part of their commitment to meet the learning needs of their students.

Teaching Code of Conduct



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The Code of Conduct is emphasized at all of the schools in Gorham. The Core values of Respect, Honesty, Courage, Compassion and Responsibility are introduced as important core values that encourage conduct that is fundamental to building a supportive, safe and orderly school environment. At Great Falls School, there are characters who help to demonstrate and model the core values. Here, Billy the Bunny reads a story and teaches a lesson to some of the youngest students.



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Gorham's New England Championship Team Honored at 50th Celebration

Katie Brown, Sports Editor

Gorham High's '72 New England Champions boys soccer team was honored at the varsity boys home opener against Massabesic. Attending the pregame honorary ceremony were teammates, Ed Quinlan, Jimmy Philbrick, Rusty Keene, Greg Dugas and Coach George Stevenson. The 50th celebration was organized by John Morgan (teammate) in conjunction with the GHS Varsity Coach Nick Viola.

To kick things off, to honor the '72 team, the boys varsity players wore t-shirts with the caption "Gorham's finest." It was taken from the original slogan from the '72 team. The team was then introduced individually onto the field.

During half-time the GHS sound system played an abridged version of the NE championship game broadcasted by Leroy Rand (long time Coach at Cape Elizabeth), this covered the starting line-up, with both goals scored plus the sounds of the final whistle and celebration of the win.

The 1970 team was the first team to play Friday night "under the lights" recalled Ed Quinlan. "The entire town would come out and watch the Friday night games." This not only put soccer on the map for Gorham but it also put soccer on the map for the entire state of Maine.



Photo credit: Steve Craig

Team members attending pregame honorary night

Quinlan recounted the details of how his team made it to the finals. "It really started when the team had lost in the N.E. finals the year before in New Bedford, Massachusetts. The '71 team lost nine seniors. The '72 team continued winning with the "hopes" of getting another chance at the title.

The team would face Cathedral High School of Boston,

Massachusetts, also known for its sports history with graduated professional athletes, with an enrollment of 4,000 students in contrast to a small town school with an enrollment of 600 students at the time. "Let's just say we were not the favored team to win," added Quinlan. He also credited Coach Stevenson for a lot of their success.

Gorham beat Cathedral High, 2-0, on Nov. 18, 1972, before a large crowd at Bowdoin College; the grass field was covered in snow and had to be plowed before the game. Gorham scored before the half on what would be the winning goal by Quinlan. The second (and secured goal) would come later on a goal from Dugas.

For Gorham, the win wrapped up a memorable three-year run in the earliest days of boys' soccer. The program would reign again in 1977 as state champs. David Philbrick and David Quinlan were pivotal in keeping up the winning tradition. GHS soccer came back in '83 to win a regional title and it would be 30 years for the next generation to win regional titles in 2016 and 2018.

The honorary night ended with a final celebration at Junction Bowl, a local favorite for gatherings. Dugas brought out the championship jackets and the '72 team had another chance to meet the '22 varsity boys team in person. It was a special celebration for everyone involved.

GHS GRAD NEWS: If you, your son, or daughter are GHS graduates, we would like to share your achievements in the Gorham Times. Contact Chris Crawford at ckck5@icloud.com.

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support from the Town of Gorham, Gorham Parks & Recreation, Public Works, Community Development Department, Planning Department, and the Gorham Town Council, the project has come to fruition.

Hazelton said, "The leadership group of this project interviewed five different companies for design and construction. We ended up working with Pillar Design Studios and Artisan Skateparks and that has proven to be the best of the best!" She continued, "This skatepark was fabricated all on site. No prefab parts. Fantastic craftsmanship and a professional group of guys built a park we all can be proud of!"

Through a private-public partnership, supplemented by funds from the Town's recreation impact fees, Phase I totaling 8,000 square feet was constructed by Artisan Skateparks this summer. Phase II of the skatepark project will be the addition of a bowl to the park with fundraising likely to be underway very soon, according to Hazelton. She said, "The estimated cost for the bowl is in the neighborhood of \$225,000."

The project team would also like to recognize the contributions of Mike Rich who painted the mural, Jake Nicely of Atlantic Precision Services who constructed the skatepark sign, and Matt Herrick of Apian Flower Company who completed the landscape design.

For more information, visit the Gorham Skatepark Facebook page or follow Gorham Skatepark on Instagram.



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Gorham Field Hockey Extends Unbeaten 5 Game Streak



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The Gorham field hockey team extends its unbeaten streak to five games after an 0-2 start in Class A South field hockey.

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Indigenous Peoples in Maine CONTINUED FROM PAGE 3

Glooscap realized that if he didn't do something quick to fix his mistake, the whole area would soon be underwater. So, he went all over and caught the giant beavers one by one and patted them down to a much smaller size. They could still cut down trees, but only little ones, forming small dams and small ponds.

However, there was one beaver that must have been a little smarter than all the rest, because he led Glooscap on a chase all over the northern part of the State, before Glooscap finally caught him and patted him down to size. That explains why there are more lakes and ponds up in northern Maine.

There is more to this story, and also many more of Glooscap's wonderful successes and his humorous mistakes, but for now, Kespeadooksit (kes-pea-ah-dook'-sit), the story is told. This legend has been adapted from the book *Gluscap the Liar & Other Indian Tales*, by Horace P. Beck. The Cumberland Press, Inc., Freeport, Maine, 1966 and from numerous other sources.

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Indigenous people have lived in Maine for over 12,000 years,

There are 5 indigenous tribes, though there were more groups in the pre-European times, prior to 1620's.

The tribes are: Abenaki, (also spelled Abnaki, Abanaki), Maliseet, Micmac, Passamaquoddy, and Penobscot. They are collectively called the Wabenaki or Wabunaki, meaning People of the Dawnland or People of the Dawn.

Many of Maine's place names for rivers, bays, mountains, valleys, waterfalls and even counties are known by a close approximation of their ancient native names. For example Androscoggin means "a fishing place on the river." Accominticus became Agamenticus meaning "small tidal river beyond."

In the Abenaki language: "kwai kwai" (rhymes with "bye bye") is a friendly greeting "woliwoni" (pronounced woh-lee-woh-nee) means "thank you."

50th Celebration at St. Anne's Church CONTINUED FROM PAGE 3

ment roof began to leak, a Building Committee was formed, fundraising began, and parishioner's ideas were sought for plans to complete the upper structure.

St. Anne's Church was built in a contemporary and casual style which was thought to be appropriate for its rural setting. Natural cedar siding used outside was carried inside to demonstrate the importance of spirituality to the inner and outer lives of its parishioners. The interior is spacious, welcoming, and inspirational, filled with light from its beautiful stained glass and mirrored windows. The seating was carefully designed

so that the congregation is gathered around the sanctuary, like a family.

The basement is still in use and houses a Thrift shop, a fully equipped kitchen, classrooms, and a large hall for group activities such as suppers and socials. The Gorham Food Pantry operated out of St. Anne's church for a number of years but had outgrown its space. In 2008 the Gorham Food Pantry found a permanent home in a donated portable building located in a corner of the parking lot at St. Anne's.

For more information about the celebration on October 2, contact the parish at (207) 839-4857.

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pickup and delivery stops, which calls for a review of the current policy.

Superintendent Perry discussed data from the State of the Schools report that showed much of the data in flux due to in large part to disruption caused by COVID-19 restrictions the previous two years. Math scores were not as

good as expected which could be attributed to introducing a new curriculum. Although practices are the same at all elementary schools, chronic absenteeism varied, again probably due to COVID-19. More information on these data and on other reports can be found on the Gorham Schools website.

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5 cloves of garlic, chopped

Mix all ingredients in a bowl. Place steak in a zip lock bag. Add mixture to steak and seal securely. Marinate 2 or 3 hours, or overnight. Grill over high heat to desired doneness.

Questions about the recipes can be e-mailed to Barbara Schneider at btsme21@gmail.com

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"I'm really grateful to the Telling Room for giving me the opportunity to stretch my wings and grow, and for giving me a safe space to write within my comfort zone," Sager said.

Sager will be holding a book launch at Baxter Memorial Library on Wednesday, October 12. She's hoping to do a short reading from a few parts of "Destiny Borrowed," then will be available to answer questions and hopefully sign copies of her book. She encourages younger people who are interested in learning more about the Telling Room to attend, as they are a great resource for anyone looking to explore their talent and build writing skills.

Meanwhile, Sager is already working on her next book. It's in the early stages of planning, and has no real working title yet, but will take place within a new fantasy world set among floating islands in the sky. As for "Destiny Borrowed," she hints that she may not be done telling stories from that world yet either.

"A few have asked me about a sequel," Sager said. "It's certainly open enough for me to write a second book, and I'd love to explore the world more, so I guess we'll just have to see."

"A *Destiny Borrowed*" ISBN: 9781737593874 was published in 2022 by The Telling Room, and can be purchased online at <https://www.tellingroom.org/bookstore/a-destiny-borrowed>.

Land Trust Meets Their Fund-Raising Goal CONTINUED FROM PAGE 3

Savings Bank took a leadership role, providing a \$50,000 matching challenge, which inspired hundreds of people to generously give to the Land Trust to meet the matching challenge." A comprehensive list of the foundations, businesses, and organizations which supported the project can be found on the project webpage: www.prlt.org/east-windham-project.

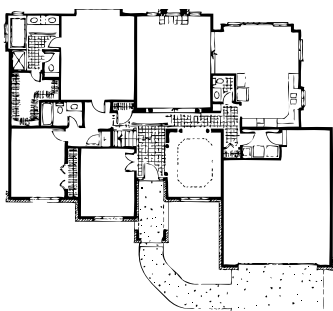
The Land Trust is now working with the Town of Windham to complete the Land for Maine's Future

grant requirements this fall and in order to conserve the land within this calendar year. Once that has been finalized, work will begin on building the trailhead and 10 miles of trails which will connect to 20 existing miles for walking, running, biking, snowshoeing, and wildlife watching. A grand opening is expected in the Fall of 2023. For more information about this project and any of the other Land Trust Trails and Preserves, visit www.prlt.org

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The Town of Gorham requests proposals for the design, implementation, and maintenance of a technology solution that supports the Town of Gorham's plan review, permitting, and inspection processes. Submit questions in writing no later than October 4, 4:30 p.m.; written proposals due by October 28, 4:30 p.m. FMI: <https://www.gorham-me.org/home/news/request-proposals-buildings-permit-inspection-software>

The Mission of Hope Clothes Closet at Cressey Road Church will be open on Saturday, October 1 from 9 a.m. to Noon. Free.

Veterans of Foreign Wars, Gorham Memorial Post 10879 will meet next on Tuesday, Oct 11 at 5:30 p.m. in the Fire Department Training Room, 270 Main St. FMI contact the post at vwfpost10879@gmail.com.

Gorham Lions will meet at Elmwood School on October 11 and 25 at 6:30 pm; guests welcome. FMI 207-929-9182 Ken Aldrich, Membership Chair.

The University of Maine Cooperative Extension offers a free six-session educational series for parents and caregivers via Zoom beginning on Tuesday, October 4 from 1 – 2:30 p.m. Additional sessions are scheduled October 11, 18, 25 and November 1. Register on the program webpage for one or more sessions to participate. For more information or to request a reasonable accommodation, contact Melanie Bryan, 207-342-5971; melanie.l.bryan@maine.edu.

SENIOR NOTES

Lakes Region Senior Center is holding an OPEN HOUSE on Wednesday, October 12, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 40 Acorn Street (in Little Falls, of Gorham). Visitors will be acquainted with the Senior Center and the many programs offered. Refreshments will be served. Please bring a friend.

Gorham/Windham/Westbrook TRIAD is a cooperative partnership between law enforcement agencies, elder service providers, and seniors in our community. The primary mission of TRIAD is to reduce the criminal victimization of older citizens, enhance the delivery of law enforcement services, and improve the quality of life for seniors. Visit a TRIAD meeting to learn more. The next meeting is on Friday, October 14 at 9 a.m. at the Gorham Police Department, 270 Main Street. Free coffee and snacks.

PUBLIC SUPPERS

White Rock Community Clubhouse Public Bean Supper is back inside at 34 Wilson Road, Saturday, October 1 from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Eat in or take out, no pre-orders. The meal includes baked kidney & pea beans, coleslaw, potato salad, macaroni & cheese, biscuits, hot dogs and dessert. Wearing of masks for those who are not vaccinated is suggested. \$10 adults, \$5 under 12. FMI: facebook.com/whiterockcommunityclub

Buxton Centre Baptist Church Bean Supper, Saturday, October 8 from 4:30 – 6:30 p.m. Beans, hot dogs, American chop suey, cole slaw, rolls and dessert. 938 Long Plains Road, Buxton. \$10 per person.

LIBRARY NEWS

At the North Gorham Public Library, a weekly story time with songs and crafts is open to children and their caregivers at 10 a.m. every Wednesday. The library is open on Mondays from 3 – 5:30 p.m., Wednesdays from 10 – 11:30 a.m. and 6 – 8 p.m., Thursdays from 3 – 5:30 p.m., and Saturdays from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Home delivery and contact less parking lot pickup are also available. Visit north-gorham.lib.me.us, and facebook.com/northgorhampubliclibrary/.

At Baxter Memorial Library, on Tuesday, October 4 at 6 p.m., hear from Thomas Bennett, Prince Memorial Library director and historian, and USM Archaeology Professor Nathan Hamilton about their research funded by the Island Institute. They have been examining shell middens along the coast of Maine, uncovering both the natural and human history of the land. The Book Club will discuss Jennifer Chiaverini's "The Women's March" on Thursday, October 6 from 10-11 a.m. On Wednesday, October 12, enjoy an evening with GHS student and author Noor Sager with her first novel, "A Destiny Borrowed." Find more library events in this issue's Calendar and on the web. Baxter Memorial Library hours are Monday and Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The Library will be closed on Monday, October 10 in observance of Indigenous People's Day. FMI call 222-1190 or visit baxterlibrary.org

USM NOTES

The University Art Gallery fall exhibition, "Pulped Under Pressure" is now open and runs through Saturday, December 10. With traditional hand papermaking at its core, the exhibition underscores important contemporary issues steeped in history and craft. Enticed through touch, these works encourage a contemplative slowing down even as they urge acknowledgment of some of the most pressing issues, such as the environmental crisis and global marginalization facing civilization today. FMI: usm.maine.edu/gallery.

The Osher School of Music at USM is preparing for the season-opening faculty concert, "All of the High Notes an Encore Performance." In this concert, Osher's voice faculty sings "higher, faster, and louder than ever." The concert is sponsored by University Credit Union,

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and features performances by Ed Reichert, Alexandra Dietrich, Mary Johnston Letellier, Amanda Roswick, Scott Wheatley, Malinda Haslett. Friday, September 30 from 7:30 to 10 p.m., general admission tickets are \$15. FMI Music Box Office, 780-5555. usm.maine.edu/music.

The USM Department of Theatre opens the 2022/2023 Academic year with "The Marvelous Meep Island Adventure" based on the play by Ed Swidley, and directed by Sara Valentine. As told by the Department of Theatre, "On the marvelous Meep Island, the Meeps play all day long; until, one fine day, the Somethings come along... Are these Somethings unpleasant? Will these Somethings be kind? What sort of Somethings did the little Meeps find? Come be part of our story and see how it ends; maybe Somethings and Meeps can somehow be friends." This is a free theatre event for audiences of all ages, presented outside in October on a variety of stages. Bring a blanket, chairs, a picnic; tell your friends and join the fun. This one-hour theatrical adventure is meant for everyone. Presented by the University of Southern Maine Department of Theatre in partnership with the towns of Gorham, Westbrook, South Portland, Portland, Freeport, Bowdoinham, Lewiston and Auburn. The Gorham show will take place on Sunday, October 17 at 2 p.m. on the lawn at Corthell Hall, USM Gorham campus. Rain location will be on the Main Stage at Russell Hall. The USM Department of Athletics hosts a full season of exciting sports events. Visit usm.maine.edu/athletics/events to learn more.

To learn about more events at the University of Southern Maine, visit usm.maine.edu/events

CLOSE TO HOME

The West Buxton Public Library is continuing to offer an online memoir writing class via Zoom. The class meets monthly, on the second Wednesday of each month, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. There is no cost, and new participants can join at any time. Writers of all levels are welcome. For more information, contact: Lorraine Lindstedt at lindcabin@gmail.com

Special Town Council Meeting Agenda for September 27

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estate and personal property tax rebates due to overpayment.

Any property tax payment received will be applied against outstanding or delinquent taxes on that property in chronological order beginning with the oldest unpaid taxes. No such payment

shall be applied to any tax for which an abatement application or appeal is pending unless approved in writing by the Tax Office.

The results of this meeting were not available at the time of the printing. FMI, contact the Gorham Town Council.

Absentee Ballots Now Available CONTINUED FROM PAGE 5

Important Dates:
August 8 – Absentee ballots may be requested REQUEST ONLINE | PAPER APPLICATION We will mail your ballot to you once absentee ballots arrive (around October 8)

October 11– Absentee voting begins
If you requested your ballot, we will mail it to you. If you would like to vote absentee in person, you may do so at the Town City Clerk's office, starting Tuesday, October 11 and any time the Town Clerk's office is open: Monday-Wednesday, 8 a.m.- 4 p.m., Thursday, 8 a.m.- 6:30 p.m. and Friday, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

October 18 – Last day for Registrar's office to receive mail-in voter cards After this date, voter registration changes and enrollments must be done in person

Beginning October 24 thru November 3 You may vote absentee in the Council Chambers at the Municipal Center,

October 24-October 28:
Monday - Wednesday, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Thursday, 8 a.m.- 6:30 p.m., Friday, 8 a.m.-1 p.m., and October 31-November 3:
Monday-Wednesday, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Thursday, 8 a.m.-7 p.m.

November 3– Last day an absentee ballot may be requested without special circumstances

November 8-Election Day: All polling places will be open from 7 a.m.-8 p.m.. Absentee ballots must be returned to the Town Clerk's Office by 8 p.m. on Election Day. New voters may register to vote and vote at the polling place on Election Day.

Planning Board Reports CONTINUED FROM PAGE 5

trail networks was not heard and was placed on the September 19 Planning Board agenda.

Planning Board, September 19, 2022

The following items were carried over from the previous meeting. These items were discussed and again postponed to the next Planning Board meeting.

Gorham School Department's request to expand the kitchen and cafeteria by 100 seats, to add a modular classroom building and 20 additional parking spaces was discussed


and placed on the next Planning Board meeting agenda.

Stephanie Cressey's request to expand an existing apartment complex by six buildings was discussed and placed on the next Planning Board meeting agenda.

K/V Enterprises request for approval of a subdivision plan to include residential units, streets, open space, recreational facilities and trail networks was discussed and placed on the next Planning Board meeting agenda.

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Two tenants on Narragansett Street were issued disorderly conduct warnings for moving items and blocking each other's paths.

Little Wing Lane caller reported someone had parked near his apartment, got out of his truck, pulled his hood up and walked across the street. When he returned to his truck, he was carrying a saw. Caller was asked to hang on to the video until officers can confirm the theft.

Fire Department requested assistance due to the possibility of a confrontation with intoxicated residents about putting out a fire on Daniel Street. Residents were cooperative and said they did not know they needed a permit for a bonfire.

Winding Brook Way caller wanted to know why officers were on her street. Officer advised they were on patrol and sitting there to do paperwork.

Officer went to Kings Grant Lane to serve a warrant but the only occupant of the house at the time appeared to be a dog.

Barnfield Lane caller wanted information on getting a Protection from Abuse Order. She went to court and got a temporary order. Later a firearm was relinquished.

Officer noticed a vehicle parked on the side of the road in the Industrial Park. Given the number of catalytic converter thefts, the officer stopped and spoke to the driver. He was on a phone call.

Caller reported she hit a turkey on Burnham Road. There was no damage to the car and turkey had departed the scene as well.

Officer picked up a feral kitten from Brandon's Way along with a have-a-heart trap. Kitten was transported to the Animal Refuge League.

Caller reported a suspicious man sitting on a bench outside Aroma Joe's for quite some time. Man was gone when the officer arrived. Employee locked up and went home.

Caller requested more patrols on Burnham Road and around the new development on Oliver Lane.

Queen size mattress was in the middle of the road on the bypass. Public Works was notified to pick it up.

Officer told Eagle Cove Road that police do not have the technology to scan for electrical devices that are used for tracking.

Caller reported he was having issues with his phone and wanted police to know if they received any 911 calls from his phone, it was accidental. Police had not received any calls.

Harding Road caller reported a theft. He was not sure where the theft had occurred but thought most likely it was at his apartment in New Hampshire. Caller said it definitely did not happen in Maine. He was advised to contact local police in New Hampshire.

Police received a report of a large gathering of juveniles with fireworks at the middle school. Officers checked the area and no one was there.

Rust Road caller reported two peacocks in her barn. Officer tried to sneak up on them but they escaped. Peacocks, like chickens, are classified as free range. Officer contacted other homes in the area to determine who owned the peacocks.

Officers went to Gambo Road to serve a warrant. Resident said the man had not lived there in a long time and she had not seen him.

Rust Road caller reported two peacocks attacking her chickens. Peacocks were gone when the officer arrived. Later one peacock was trapped on the ceiling of the garage. Garage door was left open for the night at the request of the homeowner.

Suspicious person On Harding Bridge/Huston Road had run out of gas and planned to return in the morning to have the car moved.

Real Estate Transfers July 2022

ADDRESS	BUYER	SELLER	PRICE
85 FALCON CREST DR UNIT #7	WALSH, DAVID & LLOYD-WALSH, JULIE	COTTAGE ADVISORS, ME LLC	\$549,900
45 BARTLETT ROAD	HA INVESTMENTS, LLC	STAUDENMAIER, JENNIFER	\$240,000
86 FALCON CREST DR UNIT 14	CORLISS, PAULETTE	COTTAGE ADVISORS, ME LLC	\$473,500
84 FALCON CREST DR UNIT 13	VENTRESCA, GEORGE	COTTAGE ADVISORS, ME LLC	\$450,000
11 E GORHAM INDUSTRIAL PKWY	J.K. PROPERTIES, LLC	G.HARMON ASSOCIATES, LLC	\$320,000
60 HURRICANE ROAD	HOLMES, KENNETH & ANGELA	SNOW, DUSTIN & EMILY	\$605,000
19 GOODALL ROAD	DEFRIES, NICHOLAS & TARBOX, MELISSA	SABASTENSKI, KRISTINA & MATTHEW	\$465,000
62 ANNIE'S WAY	KNUDSEN, TODD & KAREN	ARNETT, CHRISTY	\$625,000
16 NATALEE DRIVE	SLAVITTER, LAWRENCE	ROBIE HOLDINGS, LLC	\$398,600
81 FALCON CREST DR UNIT 6	GILMORE, THOMAS	COTTAGE ADVISORS, ME, LLC	\$549,900
98 FINN PARKER ROAD	PAYNE, MATTHEW & CHAU, DENISE	SOUTHERN MAINE PROPERTIES, LLC	\$584,425
97 BROOKWOOD DRIVE	MANGONE, NICOLE & GOUGAIN, RICKY	FITZGERALD, MYLES & KRISTINA	\$385,000
14 NATALEE DRIVE UNIT 15	ALLEN, JANET	ROBIE HOLDINGS, INC.	\$420,900
223 DINGLEY SPRING ROAD	PARENT, CHRISTOPHER & LINDSEY	BIELICKI, DEBRA & LAVERRIERELE	\$572,000
10 OLD ORCHARD ROAD	KAMANZI, JACQUES & MUTESI, NADINE	CENTURY BY, LLC	\$486,000
22 CLEARVIEW DRIVE	PLOURDE, CRAIG & KENDRA	HOTHAM, DAREN	\$659,900
31 TOWN COMMON DRIVE	STEVEN & DEBORAH MOON TRUST	LESTER & JUDITH BERRY TRUST	\$550,000
102 BURNHAM ROAD	COYNE, SUSAN & ECKER, CAMERON	WEBB, BRUCE & LINDA	\$550,000
93 FLAGGY MEADOW ROAD	NOYCE, MARILYN	PONTBRIAND, DANIEL & KRISTINA	\$375,000
19 MEADOWBROOK DR UNIT 4	WALLACE, BETHANY	INMAN, SUSAN	\$350,000
18 NATALEE DRIVE UNIT 13	TARDIFF, IVAN & LESLEY	ROBIE HOLDINGS, LLC	\$446,875
9 BRAMBLEWOOD LANE	MARTIN, ELMIRA & DILLON, RICHARD, JR.	MARIANA, OLIVIA	\$587,500
PLUMMER ROAD	WOODBURY, JILLIAN & MATTHEW	GRIMALDI, MARIO	\$46,000
8 ACADEMY STREET	SMITH, CYNTHIA & JONATHAN	GREEN, SHARON	\$230,000
20 NATALEE DRIVE	JOHNSON, CHRISTOPHER & HEIDI	ROBIE HOLDINGS, LLC	\$449,950
18 SANBORN STREET	L'HEUREUX, MEAGAN	RAY, JEFFREY & NANCY	\$317,000
9 WINDING BROOK LANE	CARLO, STEPHEN, JR & CAITLIN	GAWLICK, GREGORY & NADLER, KRISTIN	\$600,000
24 NATALEE DRIVE, UNIT 10	FRYER, MAURY	ROBIE HOLDINGS, LLC	\$428,745
560 MAIN STREET	FRANCOIS, JAMES	SUSAN DUCHAINE, LLC	\$135,000
22 NATALEE DRIVE UNIT 11	STRONG, THOMAS & MOLLY	ROBIE HOLDINGS, LLC.	\$455,465
20 LONE BELLOW LANE	RUHARA, DAVID & BIBICHE	BLATTI, COURTNEY	\$450,000
40 BRACKETT STREET	ISHERWOOD, MACKINLEIGH	PALLOTTA, RYAN & CHELSEY	\$503,000
77 LIBBY AVENUE	UPHAM, THOMAS & JAMES	AST REVOCABLE TRUST	\$430,000

CALENDAR

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

Baxter Memorial Library Toddler Discovery Time (18mos-3yrs), 10 – 10:30 a.m.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

WinterKids Downhill 24 Outdoor Fund last chance to vote for Gorham kids, go to winterkids.org/downhill-24/winterkids-downhill-24-outdoor-fund/ to cast your vote before it's too late.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1

Mission of Hope Clothes Closet, Cressey Road Church, open 9 a.m. to noon, free White Rock Community Clubhouse Public Bean Supper, 34 Wilson Road, 4:30 to 6 p.m.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4

Baxter Memorial Library
 Outdoor Story Adventures (3-5yrs), 10-10:45 a.m.
 Baxter Digs Reading, 3:30-4:30 p.m., registration for 15-minute slot is required.
 The Archaeology of Casco Bay, 6 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5

Baxter Memorial Library Baby Discovery Time (birth-18mos), 9:30-9:50 a.m.
 North Gorham Public Library Weekly Story Time for children and caregivers, 10 a.m.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6

Baxter Memorial Library
 Toddler Discovery Time (18mos-3yrs), 10 – 10:30 a.m.
 Book Club: "The Women's March" by Jennifer Chiaverini, 10-11 a.m.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8

Buxton Centre Baptist Church Bean Supper, 938 Long Plains Road, Buxton, 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.

MONDAY OCTOBER 10

Baxter Memorial Library closed in observance of Indigenous Peoples' Day

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11

VFW, Gorham Memorial Post 10879 meeting, 5:30 p.m., Fire Department Training Room
 Gorham Lions meeting, Elmwood School, 6:30 p.m.
 Baxter Memorial Library
 Toddler Discovery Time (18mos-3yrs), 10 – 10:30 a.m.
 Meet the Candidates for Town Council and School Committee, 6-8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 12

Lakes Region Senior Center OPEN HOUSE, 40 Acorn Street, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
 Baxter Memorial Library
 Baby Discovery Time (birth-18mos), 9:30-9:50 a.m.
 Author Event: GHS Student and Author Noor Sager, "Destiny Borrowed," 6 p.m.
 North Gorham Public Library Weekly Story Time for children and caregivers, 10 a.m.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14

Gorham/Windham/Westbrook TRIAD meeting, Gorham Police Department, 9 a.m.

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