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What's on Your Ballot?

Kathy Corbett, Staff Writer

Gorham residents voting in the November 8 election will be asked to cast ballots for governor, a representative for Congress, two state legislators, three Town Council members, two School Committee members, and two local referendum questions.

Ranked-choice voting will apply only to the race between Democrat Chellie Pingree and Republican Edwin Thelander for US Congress. Voters should put their first choice in the 1st column. They may put choices in the 2nd and 3rd choice columns, but they do not have to. There are no other ranked-choice contests.

All registered voters can vote for governor. Running for senator in Senate District 30 are Democrat Stacey Brenner and Republican Timothy Thorsten. Candidates for state legislature in House District 109 are Democrat James Boyle and Republican Joseph Velozo. Profiles for these four candidates are on pages 7 and 8 of this issue.

Democrat Maureen Terry is running for the legislature unopposed in House District 108. All other candi-



Photo credit: Gorham Times Staff

dates for state office are unopposed.

There are seven candidates running for three seats on the Gorham Town Council. There are profiles for each on pages 6 and 7. Three people are running for two seats on the Gorham School Committee. Their profiles are on page 8.

Voters will be asked to vote on two local referendum questions. The Town Council voted to recommend a yes vote on both questions.

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Food Pantry Prepares for Holiday Food Drive

Janet Willis MacLeod, Vice President, Gorham Food Pantry Board



Photos courtesy of the Gorham Food Pantry

According to USDA.gov, 9.5% of Maine households suffered from food insecurity between 2019-2021. The holidays will soon be upon us, and the Gorham Food Pantry is beginning to plan for Thanksgiving meals for families in the Gorham community. The Gorham Hannaford has generously partnered with the Pantry to offer space in the parking lot on Saturday, October

29 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Volunteers will be collecting traditional food items for Thanksgiving dinner such as onions, carrots & squash, stuffing mix, cranberry sauce, gravy and more. Additionally, they'll be accepting monetary donations to shop for additional items and to cover gift cards for families to purchase their meat and dairy items for dinner.

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EcoClub Begins Composting at Gorham High School

Chloe Blanchard, GHS Student and EcoClub Project Manager and Rachael Grady, GHS Teacher and EcoClub Co-Advisor



Photo credit: Rachael Grady, GHS Teacher

Dominique helps to highlight the newly installed compost bin in the GHS cafeteria

Gorham High School is composting in the cafeteria for the first time this year, thanks to the hard work of dedicated EcoClub members and supportive administrators.

Last year EcoClub members and advisors completed a trash audit and learned that the majority of GHS "trash" from the cafe was actually food waste and paper that can be composted. Because GHS pays for trash by weight, this became a compelling economic reason to com-

post, alongside the environmental reason that anaerobic conditions (think plastic bags in landfills) create methane, which increases global warming.

With the data from the trash audit, EcoClub Project Manager Chloe Blanchard approached GHS Principal Brian Jandreau and got approval to learn about contracts with local composting companies. Garbage to Garden is a Maine business that agreed to come to Gorham to pick up the compost

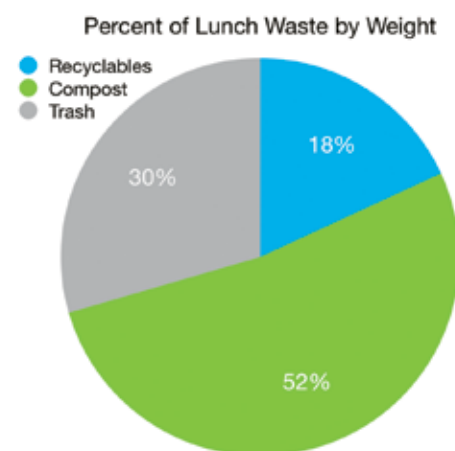


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The waste audit in the cafeteria identified the percentages that could be composted and recycled.

two days each week for a fee. Principal Jandreau has supported this effort strongly and sought full funding for the program. Although the funding did not make it through budget cuts, the plan was approved and EcoClub is committed to fund-raising to cover the costs of composting this year. EcoClub members presented to the School Committee on September 14, and they, too, are supportive of composting in our school.

EcoClub is hoping that the Gorham community will embrace composting and will even want to expand access



Photo credit: Rachael Grady, GHS Teacher

EcoClub member, Natalie helps with the audit to determine the percentages of wastes in the cafeteria

to Garbage to Garden toters at all Gorham schools, and also support having stations around town (as South Portland does), so that community members can drop off their composting. There will be a bottle drive soon, so please consider donating your returnables to EcoClub during the bottle drive, or to EcoClub's Clynk account, to help cover these costs.

Composting is just one way that we can show we care about the Earth and do our part to improve our environment.

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

Property Tax Relief Programs Can Ease the Burden of Local Revaluation

Rep. Jim Boyle

Some folks in our community may have recently received impact notices from the Gorham Town Office regarding upcoming changes to their property tax valuations. The revaluation process resets property values to reflect their current market value so that the property tax burden is equitable for all taxpayers. Without periodic revaluations, some property owners would end up paying more than their fair share, while others would pay less. Regardless of the intent to keep the property tax system as fair as possible, any adjustment that increases taxes can be painful, particularly during a time when fuel prices and the cost of basic necessities remain high.

Foreseeing some of these increases and understanding that many Mainers are still struggling from the economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, my colleagues and I in the 130th Legislature passed a number of bills that will help provide property tax relief to folks across the state, including right here in Gorham.

This session, we took steps to expand two existing state programs providing relief to homeowners and renters. We expanded Maine's Homestead Exemption Program, which allows homeowners to reduce their home value by \$25,000 and only pay property taxes on the remaining amount. The recent biennial budget approved by the Legislature increases municipal

reimbursement of the program by three percent each year until the state fully reimburses municipalities to cover the entire cost of the program. We also expanded the Property Tax Fairness Credit Program for both homeowners and renters to now provide a one-time boost in the maximum benefit from \$750 to \$1,000 for income-eligible families, and \$1,200 to \$1,500 for older Mainers.

Additionally, we advanced a new initiative, called the Property Tax Stabilization Program, which will freeze property taxes for those who are 65 years and older. While this program is intended to keep older Mainers in their homes, there are a few issues that will likely need to be addressed during the next legislative session. Municipalities across Maine have expressed concerns that costs may fall to them, and Maine Revenue Services has identified technical issues with implementing the new law. While changes to the program are likely, those who are eligible should still apply before the Dec. 1 deadline.

Furthermore, the Legislature passed a measure to restore the state's Property Tax Deferral Program, which allows qualifying individuals to postpone paying the property taxes on their homesteads until they pass away, move or sell their property.

In 2021, the Legislature also accomplished a big win for stabilizing prop-

erty taxes by fully funding the state's share of public K-12 education costs, effectively reducing the amount many municipalities will have to contribute to support our public education system. Typically, municipalities rely on property taxes to foot this bill. In 2022, we further demonstrated our commitment to sustaining this state contribution by creating the Education Stabilization Fund to ensure that our public schools continue to get the support they need in future years.

While Gorham's property tax revaluation is understandably causing some concern, there are many new and existing ways to reduce your property tax burden, and I encourage you to take advantage of them. To learn more about eligibility and application requirements for all of Maine's property tax relief programs, visit www.maine.gov/revenue/taxes. As always, please don't hesitate to reach out to me with any questions or concerns.



Rep. Jim Boyle, D-Gorham, is serving his first term in the Maine House of Representatives and previously served two years in the Maine State Senate. He is a member of the Environment and Natural Resources Committee. Contact him at Jim.Boyle@legislature.maine.gov.

Letter to the Editor

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To the Editor,

It is important to get out the vote to re-elect Senator Stacy Brenner. A new legislator this past session, she hit the ground running showing her care and passion for making a difference for us in the state of Maine. As a small business owner and nurse, she has a stake in the future of Maine. For all issues, she makes herself accessible, listens carefully, and reaches out for clarifying information. She has been an advocate for education, healthcare and the environment. She worked to strengthen drug price transparency, worked to fund 55% of K-12 public education costs, promoted access to affordable housing and health, and took on PFAS contamination to name just a few issues. She obviously is committed to improving the lives of all Mainers. Please send her back to the State House with your vote.

Ruby B. Parker
Scarborough, ME

To the Editor,

I support Stacy Brenner for State Senator. For the past 20 years, Stacy has worked and lived in Scarborough, fostering relationships and providing valuable land stewardship and leadership in the local farming community.

I have long admired Stacy's work ethic and commitment to building and growing a sustainable Maine farm that employs 30+ people. When my hus-

band and I first started hobby farming, Stacy was there for us with her expertise, knowledge, and passion for land stewardship - as she is there for all of us who seek advice and help. In addition, Stacy is a strong defender of women's reproductive rights. From her time as a nurse-midwife to her current legislative service record, she has consistently sought to provide care and access to reproductive health care for Mainers.

Audra Sinclair
Scarborough, ME

To the Editor,

We recently moved to Gorham and into Sen. Stacy Brenner's district. I met Sen. Brenner during one of the legislative sessions her committee was conducting on environmental issues in Maine. I also had a separate conversation with her, and quickly came to understand how intelligent and driven she is as a senator. She was well versed on the topic, knew the details and was clearly very passionate about its impact on Mainers.

On top of being a Senator, Stacy is a farmer, operating a farm just up the street from where we live. She is also a nurse. I feel she's an outstanding member of the community, with a good perspective on life as a Mainer, and I believe she's a good force in Augusta.

Patrick McKeown
Gorham

To the Editor,

I am writing in support of Stacy Brenner for Senate from Scarborough and Gorham. I have known Stacy since 2017 as we worked together on a team of physicians and advanced practice nurses teaching immigrant women English lessons about their bodies. As a Certified Nurse Midwife, Stacy would carefully answer their questions about pregnancy and how to and keep themselves and their unborn child healthy. With her compassionate response, she showed her understanding of the difficulties these women face, not knowing our language or our health care system. Stacy exhibits this understanding and compassion throughout her first term as our senator, as her voting record shows. She has successfully advocated for PFAS legislation, equal rights, non-discrimination, fertility care, and action to combat campus sexual assault. Her record shows us she is a senator we can be proud of to represent us toward a just world. Re-elect Stacy Brenner for Senate.

Respectfully,
Susan Davis Doughty,
Women's Health Nurse Practitioner
Scarborough, Maine

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Dreams Really Do Come True at Orchard Ridge

Beth Orlando, Staff Writer



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Orchard Ridge Farm and Specialty Market offers a wide variety of specialty products including seasonal pumpkins and mums for fall decorating and apple picking.

Orchard Ridge Farm is a local Gorham farm settled along Route 202 just off the Mountain Division Trail in Gorham owned and operated by Erica Gottshalk, Kristen Walker and Mary Walker. Orchard Ridge is primarily an orchard focused on harvesting apple trees, pear trees, and blueberry bushes, each available for picking at seasonable times of year. They also care for laying hens that produce farm fresh eggs available for purchase. As wholesalers for Rosemont and Wormell markets, they bake fresh

bagels and supply eggs. The owners of Orchard Ridge look forward to adding raspberries and tulips to crops available to the public in the next (2023) year.

The property at Orchard Ridge is one of the original farm properties of Gorham dating back to 1853. Gottshalk and the Walkers purchased the farm in 2021 from Stephen and Amy Bibula who established the current orchard. Since we first reported on the purchase of the 169-year-old

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Skatepark Ribbon Cutting



Photo courtesy of Gorham Skatepark

Members of the Town Council, Gorham Recreation, the Skatepark Project Team, and area businesses took part in the October 6 ribbon cutting celebrating a great community effort. Pictured here left to right: Ron Shepard, Ginny Cross, Mark Curtis, Liam Nickerson, Tom Dupuis, Janet Kuech, Lee Pratt, and Ephrem Paraschak.

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Gorham's Ephraim Smith and the Boston Tea Party

Patrick O'Shea, Staff Writer

The 250th Anniversary of the Boston Tea Party will be taking place on Saturday, December 16, 2023. In honor of this event The Boston Tea Party Ships and Museum organization is placing commemorative markers at the graves of all 125 known Boston Tea Party participants buried in New England and throughout the United States. To date, they have placed 104 grave markers in New England with 10 being here in Maine. The Museum is placing these commemorative markers to honor "the brave people, including tradesmen and young adults, involved in the single most important event leading up to the America Revolution."

On Saturday, October 8 a commemorative marker was placed on the grave of Ephraim Smith's final resting place here in Gorham. Smith was born in Eastman, Massachusetts and became a sailor. He was 22 years old when he and a group of about 150 people threw the tea overboard from the British ships. Nine months before participating in the Boston Tea Party



Courtesy of the Boston Tea Party Ships and Museum

Commemorative Marker

he married Elizabeth Harding with whom he had nine children. The family settled in Gorham, and he became a captain. He died at the age of 84 and was buried on his farm.

If you would like more information about the major reenactment celebration that will be taking place on Saturday, December 16, 2023, (location and time TBD) check out: www.BostonTeaParty250.com and Instagram/Facebook: @bostonteaparty/250

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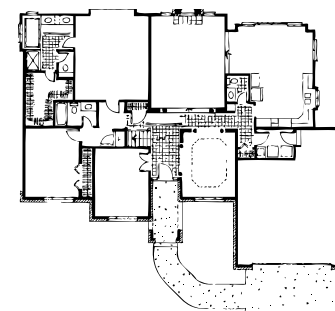
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Backyard Bears

John Ersek, Staff Writer

These two bears (a mother and cub) were recently photographed by a resident of the Woods Edge section of the Pheasant Knoll development, which is located on the east side of Rt. 114, about a half mile north of the main USM entrance road. Bears have damaged several bird feeders in the Ridgefield section of Pheasant Knoll, and presumably the same bears have been observed roaming through the yards of several Ridgefield residents during the daytime. Bears have also taken down bird feeders on Queen Street.

Area residents are advised to take precautions to prevent bears from accessing food sources on their property. This includes securing garbage bins and composting containers, as well as taking down bird feeders until bears “den up” for their winter hibernation.



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Consolidating Tax-Advantaged Retirement Accounts

Pete Watt, Contributing Writer

One of the rewards for working over several decades is the ability to contribute to tax-advantaged retirement accounts, which can help provide needed income for you when you do retire. As the years went by, you may well have accumulated several retirement accounts, such as IRAs and 401(k)s or similar employer-sponsored plans. As you near retirement age, it might be advantageous to consolidate these accounts with a single provider.

Consolidation can provide several potential benefits such as less confusion and clutter. If you have multiple accounts in different locations, it may be difficult to keep track of tax documents, statements, fees, disclosures, and other important information. Consolidating accounts could help provide clear, simplified account maintenance.

There is also less likelihood of “lost accounts.” It may be hard to believe, but many people abandon their retirement accounts, leaving thousands of dollars behind and unclaimed. In fact, at the end of 2021, there were nearly 25 million forgotten 401(k) accounts, worth about 20% of all 401(k) assets, according to an estimate by Capitalize, a financial services company that helps individuals roll over retirement plan assets into new accounts. It is possible that employers can even move small, old accounts out of their 401(k) plans and into an IRA on behalf of their former employees, thus increasing the chances that savers will lose track of their money. By consolidating your retirement plans with one provider, you can ensure you don't lose track of your hard-earned money.

With multiple retirement accounts, and different investment portfolios, you might find it difficult to maintain a unified financial strategy that's appropriate for your goals and risk tolerance. But once you've consolidated accounts

with a single provider, it will be easier to manage your investment mix and to rebalance your portfolio as needed. The need to rebalance may become more important as you near retirement because you may want to shift some of your assets into investments that aren't as susceptible to swings in the financial markets.

Consolidation may improve investment options. Often, 401(k)s may have limited investment selection, so consolidating accounts with a full-service firm may allow for a wider array of products and strategies. This broader exposure can potentially help you improve your overall retirement income strategies.

Consolidating can mean greater ease in calculating RMDs. Once you turn 72, you will need to start taking withdrawals — called required minimum distributions, or RMDs — from your traditional IRA and your 401(k) or similar plan. If you don't take out at least the minimal amount, which is based on your age and account balance, you could face a penalty. If you have several accounts, with different providers, it can be cumbersome and difficult to calculate your RMDs. It will be much easier with all accounts under one roof.

So, if you do have multiple retirement accounts, give some thought to consolidating them. The consolidation process is not difficult, and the end result may save you time and hassles, while also helping you manage your retirement income more effectively.



Pete Watt, financial advisor with Edward Jones in Gorham since 2015, builds on years of experience as a self-employed Insurance Agent specializing in health, life, medicare, and long term care insurance. This article is published with permission from Edward Jones.

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Town of Gorham

The mailing of real estate and personal property tax bills to property owners for the fiscal year 2022-2023 has begun. Tax bills for the current tax year and past tax years are also available electronically on the Town website.

Please note that if a property owner was eligible for and received a Maine Homestead Property Tax Exemption or any other exemption, this information will be reflected under one line titled "Exemptions" on your tax bill. If you have any questions regarding the amount(s) that were applied under your exemption(s), please contact the Town of Gorham finance office at (207) 222-1610 for assistance.

Arrests August

Cressey Road man, 33, was arrested for violating conditions of release and operating after habitual offender license revocation.

Hiram man, 37, was arrested for OUI (alcohol) one prior.

Tink Drive man, 32, was arrested for domestic violence assault.

New Portland Road man, 31, was arrested for failing to stop for an officer and speeding 30-35 mph over the limit.

Narragansett Street man, 36, was arrested for endangering the welfare of a child and OUI.

Windham man, 32, was arrested for operating a vehicle while license was suspended or revoked.

Highland Avenue man, 51, was arrested for domestic violence assault.

Portland man, 21, was arrested for criminal mischief.

Limington man, 38 was arrested for OUI (alcohol) no test.

Portland man, 48, was arrested for OUI.

Preble Street woman, 30 was arrested for OUI.

North Gorham woman, 71 was arrested for operating without a license.

County Road man, 26, was arrested for unlawful possession of scheduled drugs.

Gorham man, 38, was arrested for being a fugitive from justice.

Steep Falls woman, 20, was arrested for operating after suspension.

Meet the Town Clerk, Laurie Nordfors

Sheri Faber, *Staff Writer*

As the town clerk, Laurie Nordfors has many responsibilities, perhaps most importantly running local elections for the Town. Elections require several months of preparation as well as a month or so to wrap up after the election. The State of Maine provides the machines used to count votes but the Town rents more machines for presidential elections. The State pays for ballots for state elections and the Town pays for everything else. There are many checks and balances associated with voting such as having to show identification to be registered to vote. Voters must be checked into the central voter system to make sure they are registered before they are given a ballot. Absentee ballots are kept under lock and key.

Nordfors has been working for the Town since 2008, starting as assistant

clerk. She has recently completed a nine-year process to become a lifetime certified clerk of Maine.

The town clerk has responsibility for a myriad of issues including vehicle registration, licenses for fishing, hunting, dogs, snow bikes and boats as well as overseeing tax payments, and vital records. She is also responsible for doing both the agendas and the minutes for the Town Council, boards and committees, filling expiring positions on Town boards, and recruiting new people to serve on various committees every spring.

Using List Serve (a computer program) Nordfors lists the Town boards and committees looking for applicants. The Appointments Committee interviews candidates and selects

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Town Council Report 10/4/22

Andrew Martin, *St. Joseph's College Student Intern*

The Gorham Town Council met on Tuesday, October 4. Chairman Pratt opened the meeting; there were 30 members of the public in attendance. The Gorham Little League Minors All-Star Team led the council with the Pledge of Allegiance. In addition to the seven councilors, the town manager and town clerk were present at the meeting.

Open public communications included five community members expressing concerns over the town-wide revaluation's inaccuracies and errors. One community member spoke about concerns about the property tax stabilization program, asking that taxes be capped at last year's rates. One community member expressed appreciation for the repavement of Mighty Street, and thanked Councilor Hartwell for his service.

Councilor communications included a Finance Committee report from Councilor Hager, a Little Rams Committee report from Councilor Kuech, a report from the GPCOG regional meeting from Councilor Wilder Cross where they discussed plans for the upcoming year to expand housing choices for the homeless, public transportation options and the need to continue welcoming asylum seekers, an Ordinance Committee report from Councilor Hartwell, and a Jetport Noise Abatement Committee meeting report

from Chairman Pratt. He also reminded all present to give blood if they can. Nate Moody was congratulated for being recognized as one of MaineBiz 40 under 40 young business leaders. Those present were also reminded about USM's annual Old-Fashioned Outdoor Band Concert on October 15 at 1 p.m.

The town manager's report included a reminder to citizens that absentee ballots are available for the November 8 election. He noted that tax bills have gone out for the new tax year and if there are any discrepancies or errors, he encouraged citizens to apply for an abatement. He also reminded people that Baxter Memorial Library will hold their annual Halloween parade through the municipal building on October 25.

The School Committee report was given and included that enrollments are slightly lower at the K-5 level and higher at the 6-12 level this year, an acknowledgment of the productive Aspire program, and an acknowledgement of current NWEA testing in Gorham schools. The report also mentioned a 'Little Rams' committee report that was released, an announcement that Gorham schools are seeking grant funding to run Pre-K programs on site at schools, and an announcement that to

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Question #1 asks if voters will approve a Charter amendment that increases the dollar amount the Town Council can spend for a capital expenditure without a referendum to \$500,000 from the current limit of \$250,000. This would not allocate new money but refers to funds already approved by the council. The amount would be adjusted annually for inflation.

Question #2 asks if voters will authorize the Town of Gorham to issue general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$10,523,215 for an HVAC system and LED lighting for Gorham High School and to complete the Narragansett Elementary School modular expansion.

Absentee ballots are being mailed to those voters requesting them. To request one, call the town clerk's office at 222-1670. They must be returned by 8 p.m. on election day, November 8. They may be mailed (two stamps required), returned in person, or dropped into the Ballot Box at the Municipal Center.

Eligible residents who are not registered to vote in Gorham may get a registration application at the town clerk's office and return it there. Mailed registration applications must be received at the clerk's office by October 18. Maine has same day registration, so residents may register and vote at the polls on election day.

Absentee voting began on October 11. Voters may vote absentee in person at the town clerk's office during regular business hours. Beginning October 24 through November 3 voters may cast absentee at the Council Chamber at the Municipal Center. There are extended hours from October 24 through October 28. Call the clerk's office for the schedule. November 3 is the last day an absentee ballot can be requested without special circumstances.


On November 8, all polling places will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Ward 1 voters will vote at Shaw Gym at the Municipal Center, Ward 1-1 at Gorham Middle School, and Ward 1-2 at Great Falls School.

Planning Board Meeting October 3

A proposed amendment to the Land Use and Development Code and Zoning Map to adopt the South Gorham Crossroads District was discussed.



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Town Council Candidates

Name and address: Claude F. Daigle III, 14 Dyer Road



Education: Gorham High School class of 1986; Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College,

Associates Degree in Ag Business.

Employment: Owned/operated commercial potato farms in Gorham and Florida, owned property services company in Gorham, and currently an agronomic manager at SiteOne Landscape Supply, Portland

Personal information: fourth generation resident of Gorham. My wife Tracey and I graduated from GHS together and have raised two children who went through Gorham schools.

Why are you running for office and how will your experience benefit the Town Council?

There are always challenges that face a growing community and they must be handled in a way that benefits all the people who live in the town. The issues facing Gorham in the recent past have attempted to be solved with too narrow a focus, not looking at the "big picture", where the solutions or expenditures only benefit a segment of the population. My career experience in agriculture has definitely shown me that each

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Name and address: Philip T. Gagnon, Jr., 91 Gordon Farms Road



Education: Master's Degree in Business; Degree in Economics; Degree in

Business Administration

Employment: senior credit officer, vice president, recipient of National Industry Award for Innovation in Banking from NACHA.

Personal information: Married with three school aged children.

Political and community experience: Currently School Committee member, member of Gorham Revolving Loan Fund, Vice Chair, formerly Town Council Chair, vice chair, and various committees, Gorham Economic Development Corp. Gorham Celebration Committee of Incorporation 2011 (Gorham Founders Festival - founder)

Why are you running for office and how will your experience benefit the Town Council?

The need for leadership and thoughtful direction will require someone with my experience and desire to move forward. With full support from the School Board, I was able to find a solution during COVID-19 to use the Municipal Building to bring students back to the High School. I championed

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Name and address: Michelle L. Inman Carlson, 37 Black Brook Road



Education: BA Psychology (UMF); Master's in Social Work (UNE)

Employment: Social worker for 20 years

Personal information: My husband, 3 sons (ages 12, 10, and 10), and I moved to Gorham 8 years ago appreciating the schools and close community feel.

Political and community experience: I have served our community by volunteering in our schools, the Backpack Program, We Love Gorham, and Life Church. I was vice president of the Gorham Educational Foundation and was a fundraiser for "Kenny, our Superhero," and "Go Pink for Vanessa." During the pandemic, I made masks that could be seen throughout town.

Why are you running for office and how will your experience benefit the Town Council?

My run for Town Council is driven by a love of Gorham! I believe we need to honor our history while planning for our future. Having concerns that the TC is out of touch with its citizens and is voting without the residents in mind, upsets me. My strength of listening to people and advocating for their needs will ensure residents'

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Name and address: Christopher M. Kelley, 14 Flaggy Meadow Road



Education: B.S., Business Finance, University of Maine, Orono

Employment: Sales & Business Development Executive

Personal information: Married to Whitney, 2 sons, Connor & Lucas, and Bernie the Scottish Terrier.


Political and community experience: Gorham Economic Development Corporation, 6 years, 3 as board chair. American Legion Dirigo Boys' State camp counselor, 10 years.

Why are you running for office and how will your experience benefit the Town Council?

It's important to me to serve our community and give back in a meaningful way. Gorham is a great town, and I'm proud to live here. We are reaching some key points in growth, and I want to help guide that growth.


I think what's important for the role of a Town councilor is the ability to gather information, couple that with the thoughts and opinions of community members, and make informed decisions based on those factors. My experience on economic development and in life has prepared me for this.

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State Senator Candidates

Name and address: Janet H. Kuech, 115 Narragansett Street

Education: BA English: Central CT State; AD: Castleton VT State

Personal information: Married 43 years, parent of 3

Employment: MSAD6 Title 1 ed tech III 3 years, Gorham School Dept. 21 years, Baxter Memorial Library 12 years

Political and community experience: Gorham Town Council 3 years (Appointments, Capital, Finance, GPCOG), MEA Board of Directors, selectperson and town auditor, regional planning board, All Day K & K-5 Configuration Committees, non-profit treasurer, VBS volunteer

Why are you running for office and how will your experience benefit the Town Council?

I am running for Town Council because I have unfinished business. My experience growing up in an agricultural family taught me the value of caring for people, animals, and the land. I have worked hard to bridge the gaps between Town Council and School Committee, and have more to learn about the Comprehensive Town Plan. I have a calm, curious wisdom and the ability to see the big picture without losing the details.



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Name and address: Robert L. Lavoie, 81 Wagner Farm Road

Education: Undergraduate Studies, University of Maine; Doctorate in Chiropractic, Palmer College of Chiropractic; Certified Chiropractic Sports Physician, ACBSP

Employment: owner and principal doctor at Chiropractic Clinic of Gorham, established in Gorham in 2006.

Personal information: Raised in Aroostook County. Married for 9 years to Amanda, who is a cardiac nurse at Maine Medical Center. We have two children, ages 5 & 7 in the Gorham school system.

Political and community experience: Past chair of Gorham Conservation Commission for 5 years. Member, Gorham Business Exchange. Current board member and past president of the Greater Portland chapter of the New England Mountain Bike Association. Long standing advocate and driver for outdoor recreation and open space utilization in Gorham. Project manager for the Gorham Pumptrack Project (Lavoie Bike Park).

Why are you running for office and how will your experience benefit the Town Council?

In 2006 I started my practice in this town because I knew that it was a community I wanted to be a part of.



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Name and address: Seven R. Siegel, 238 Main Street

Education: Master of Public Policy & Master of Business Administration (MBA) from Brandeis University, Bachelor of Science in Game Design from Champlain College

Employment: Senior product manager at Harvard Business School Publishing working on new ways to teach leadership

Personal information: I am married to my fantastic wife Becky Wartell. Please wish us luck as we're trying to start our family right now!

Political and community experience: I am a Planning Board member, and I volunteer weekly at Long Creek Youth Development Center.

Why are you running for office and how will your experience benefit the Town Council?

As this town continues to grow, it is becoming clear that the community doesn't have a say in the type of growth happening. I'm running to be the community voice. I want to shape our growth to actually benefit our residents, our schools, and our small businesses. My experience on the Planning Board and my career focus on leadership combined with



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Name and address:

Stacy Fielding Brenner, 388 Broadturn Road, Scarborough

Political Party: Democrat

Education: BS Agriculture, University of Arizona, BSN and MSN (nurse-midwifery), University of Pennsylvania

Employment: Co-Founder and operator of Broadturn Farm. Senior advisor for Land Access at Maine Farmland Trust



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Name and address: Timothy J. Thorsen, 124 Gray Road #B

Political Party: Republican

Education: BA Political Science, University of Washington

Employment: Director of project management, Rubb Building Systems, 1 Rubb Lane, Sanford, Maine. Retired US Marine Corps colonel

Personal information: Married to H. Rebecca Thorsen for 41 years, two adult children



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Name and address: James Allen Boyle, 25 Dundee Road
Education: B.S. Forest Management, University of Maine. 1981



Political Party: Democrat
Employment: I've spent my career owning small businesses that protect the environment. I started out as a forester before starting my first environmental consulting company in 1996. Today, I own and operate Environmental Permitting and Inspection, LLC.

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Name and address: Joseph Edwards Velozo, 39 Harding Bridge Road
Political Party: Republican
Education: Master's in Digital Forensic Cybersecurity Investigation, University of Maryland University College (2017) Bachelor's in Computer Information Systems, University of Maine at Augusta (2007) Associate's in Logistic Management, Community College of the Air Force (2008)



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School Committee Candidates

Name and address: Andrew M. LaPlaca, 5 Musket Drive
Education: Advanced Regents Diploma - South Jefferson High School
Employment:



Regional manager Premier Technologies; 10+ years of retail experience.
Personal information: Our family moved to Gorham in early 2019. We chose Gorham after visiting multiple schools.

Political and community experience: Volunteer firefighter and youth wrestling coach

Why are you running for office and how will your experience benefit the School Committee?

Over the past year, I have been active in partnering with our schools' leadership and I have been able to impact policies already in place and facilitate improved transparency in the Gorham School District. I believe the superintendent's 2022/2023 Goal #2 was a direct response to my concerns. My leadership experience has taught me to be an engaged listener, a direct communicator, and an advocate for policy and procedure that represents every team member. These strengths will facilitate the best outcomes for teaching with direct feedback from the community while advocating for students.

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Name and address: Stewart B. McCallister
Employment: United States Postal Service
Political and community experience: Six years



on the school committee serving in chair and vice chair roles. Part of all three subcommittees and various ad-hoc committees including Little Rams Early Childhood Education

Why are you running for office and how will your experience benefit the School Committee?

I am running for re-election because I want to continue to be an advocate for our students and support our teachers. We are in the midst of so many great things and I'd love to see those come to fruition. Public/private Pre-K, diversity, equity and inclusion work, revisioning, and facilities improvements are just some of the examples.

What do you see as the major issues for the Gorham schools and how might they be addressed.

The top issues facing Gorham Schools should be introducing new curriculum like world language, addressing overcrowding in our schools and expanding access to Pre-K and early childhood education.

Right now, however, preserving access to learning materials in our

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Name and address: Jennifer Whitehead, 30 Gateway Commons Drive
Education: MA in Psychology and dual M.Ed in Special Education & K-6 General Education
Employment: Realtor with Coldwell Banker Realty



Personal information: Married to Elijah Whitehead and children Kai (15), Isaiah (13) and Zoe (11).

Political and community experience: School Committee member 2017-2020, active community member on the School Committee's Anti-Racism and Equity Subcommittee, former co-director of the Narragansett 5K & Fun Run and Partners in Education (PIE).

Why are you running for office and how will your experience benefit the School Committee?

I am running for School Committee because I believe that public education is foundational for a happy, healthy, and productive community. As a former teacher and parent of three school age children, I will bring a valuable perspective to the school committee. My former experience as a School Committee member will allow me to get right to work without a huge learning curve.

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7th Graders Study Ecology



On Monday, October 3rd, the 7th grade students on the Stroudwater Team went to the Ecology School in Saco. At the Ecology School they studied the relationships that all living organisms have with one another and with their shared environment. They participated in outdoor activities and learned about abiotic and biotic factors.

Pictured to the left: 7th Grade students Grant Emerson and Owen Eling play rock/paper/scissors to model succession in a forest.

Pictured below: students Amanda Neumann, Annabelle Hatch, Jaxson Chestnut, Jack Feldhaus, Jameson LaChance, John Heal, Mitch Neff, Ty Caron, Loreli Murray, Velina Doucette, Grace Amadon, Iranzi Munyaneza

Photo credit: Kim Fotter, 7th Grade Teacher



Photo credit: Angela Gospodarek

Scouting Event in Edmunds



Photo credit: Chuck Mahaleris, Town Line Newspaper

Scouts from all over Maine garbed as brave knights, powerful wizards, elven maidens, and stealthy rogues descended upon Cobscook Bay State Park in Edmunds for the 60th anniversary Cobscook/Moosehorn International Camporee on the weekend of September 16-18. The event was organized by Christopher Bernier of Winslow and his staff and saw more than 100 Scouts and leaders competing in numerous themed events. Daniel Deprez of Gorham recently joined Troop 73 and this was one of his first Scouting events. "There was a lot of fun stuff to do," Daniel said. "I'm having fun." He dressed as a brave knight for the weekend's challenges. Pictured: Daniel Deprez, Grade 6 GMS

Energy Bus



Photo credit: Christine Karcanes

Jodi Mezzanotte, assistant principal and Cheryl Fotter, principal at Village School, are fueling their students with positive energy. This year, Village School is using "The Energy Bus for Kids" to encourage students to overcome challenges and promote positivity in their lives. This important message ties into the Gorham School District's Code of Conduct. Students listened to "The Energy Bus" and learned about its "Five Rules for the Ride of My Life" that were shared at assemblies. Check out students' fantastic license plates created for a school bulletin board.



Local Business Icebreaker

Let's get to know a Gorham business a little better by asking them a few questions! This week, we talk to the new owners of Orchard Ridge Farm, a family-owned orchard, market and community gathering space —and host to multi-use trails. The farm is situated on 38 acres of hilly orchards and wooded forest with spectacular views!

1 Tell us a little about your business. How did you get your start in Gorham?

We are a u-pick orchard offering apples, blueberries, and pears with plans to expand our fruit offerings in the next few years. Our farm store operates year-round with local meats, produce, cheeses, baked goods, freshly made pizzas, burgers, and more! We purchased Orchard Ridge Farm in August of 2021. As a family Erica, Kristen, and Mary had been looking for the perfect place not only to farm, but to create a space for people to gather. Once we toured the Orchard Ridge property we knew it was the one!

2 What are you most excited about this year?

We are just now into our 2nd year at Orchard Ridge and look forward to expanding in a few areas, especially with community in mind. We have started hosting events and social gatherings, and we plan to offer workshops and classes using the property as an educational tool. We will also develop more recreational trails and camping sites over the next year. Over the next few years many of the fields will need to be replanted, which can seem daunting, but it enables us to enhance and diversify our offerings for the future. We have several varieties of apples we're excited to plant in the coming years as well as peaches, kiwi berries, grapes, cut flowers, medicinal plants, and cherries that we want to plant as well!

3 What is the best piece of advice you've been given?

'Send it!'- It's a little saying we frequently use around the farm and we wouldn't be on this journey without it!



Orchard Ridge Farm owners Erica Gottschalk, Mary Walker, and Kristen Walker

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Landon Bickford

Marilyn Lilli Livi, '82, Senior Vice President, USMMA Alumni Association and Foundation, Edited by Gorham Times Staff

Landon T. Bickford of Gorham was recently sworn in as a midshipman at the United States Merchant Marine Academy (USMMA) at Kings Point, New York and as a member of the U.S. Naval Reserve. Bickford was nominated by Congresswoman Chellie Pingree to attend USMMA, located in Kings Point, NY and one of the nation's five federal service academies.

The United States Merchant Marine Academy is a federal service academy that educates and graduates licensed Merchant Marine officers. In addition to the rigorous academic and physical requirements for admission, applicants must be nominated by their congressman or senator.

It is one of five federal service academies, which include the Military Academy at West Point, the Naval Academy at Annapolis, the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs and the U.S. Coast Guard Academy in New London, Connecticut.

Landon Bickford is a 2022 Cum Laude graduate of Gorham High School. During high school, Landon played several varsity sports and was one of the co-captains of the 2022 GHS baseball team. He is the son of Meredith Bradley and Bruce Bickford.

Kelsie Kerwin, Living Life on a Higher Level

Krista Nadeau, Staff Writer

"I pinch myself when I realize what I've been working towards is now my reality," said Gorham native, Kelsie Kerwin, daughter of Dr. Joseph and Deborah Kerwin.

After graduating from Gorham High School in 2011, Kerwin ventured off to James Madison University (JMU) in Harrisonburg Virginia, where she studied international relations and Spanish. In her second year, she excitedly seized the opportunity to study abroad. Through an auxiliary program called Conversation Helpers or 'Auxiliares de Conversacion,' Kerwin traveled to Spain, where she lived with a host madre (mother) for four months and studied at the Universidad de Salamanca.

"When I went back to the United States, I didn't consciously know that this experience would literally change the course of my life but, my heart and the flame inside of me knew that this experience had awakened something inside of me that I was going to want to follow sooner or later," reflected Kerwin.

Prior to graduating from JMU, Kerwin applied for an auxiliary position through a program she had heard about by chance from an American in line in Madrid, years earlier when studying abroad in Salamanca. It would be a conversation that marked the trajectory of her future adventures in Spain. After graduating JMU in May 2015, she was on a flight to Segovia, Spain where, for the next two years,



Photo credit: Kelsie Kerwin

she would be a cultural assistant, teaching English to elementary and secondary students across Spain. It was this experience that would further clarify her passions. The ability to work with and teach so many different students served as a learning tool for Kerwin, as well.

"While the experience was extremely rewarding, my passion was never teaching English, it was the teaching process itself—how to best motivate and work with students, in general," said Kerwin. Wanting a change and new challenge professionally and personally, she decided to up and move across the country of Spain, from Pontevedra, Galicia to Valencia, coast to coast, to pursue her master's degree at EDEM, La Escuela de Empresarios (the school of entrepre-

neurs), in Valencia, Spain.

Being fluent in the language and to further challenge herself, Kerwin took the entrance exam and then studied the accelerated intensive in entrepreneurship and leadership program, solely in Spanish—this is where the depth of her journey began. With her passion ignited, her focus became clearer as she envisioned her future and what she wanted to create.

While giving a final presentation, one of Kerwin's professors suggested they collaborate after graduation. In 2018, through that connection, she began working with ESMOVIA, a company that "organizes training experiences in mobility (moving from one place to another) aimed at students and teachers from all over Europe."

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GHS Football Program Carries on Special Tradition

Katie Brown, Sports Editor



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The fourth year of the “Staff Appreciation Night” Game took place on September 30 v. Kennebunk. Coach Morrison brought this tradition to Gorham in 2018 from his previous coaching position in Virginia.

Coach explained, “Each year sophomore through senior members of the Gorham Football team is asked to present a Jersey to a Staff member that has had a positive impact on their High School experience to this point. Players are asked to invite the staff member to the game as well and join the team for a group picture before the game.”

This year, Coach Morrison shared a few of the students’ testimonies that were recognized and announced over the GHS sound system at the game.

The coach began with, “Senior captain, Hayden Battaglia, chose Randy

Perkins. He has known Mr. Perkins for a long time.” Referring again to Battaglia’s testimony, Morrison said, “His class brought more enthusiasm to his school day. His class and the curriculum were even better than he expected; he learned a great deal that he plans to use in everyday life.”

For the second testimony, Morrison said, “Senior Ian Connors chose Ian Ryan. Mr. Ryan always checked up on him during his sophomore year when we had classes every other day to make sure he was doing okay. It meant a lot to him that even during the COVID-19 school year one of his teachers kept an eye on him.”

The third testimony was then read by Morrison. “Senior Malachi Scribner chose his advisor Ms. Soule.” Then quoting Scribner, he read, “I have been with her for 3 years now

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Great Falls Teachers Run in the Maine Marathon

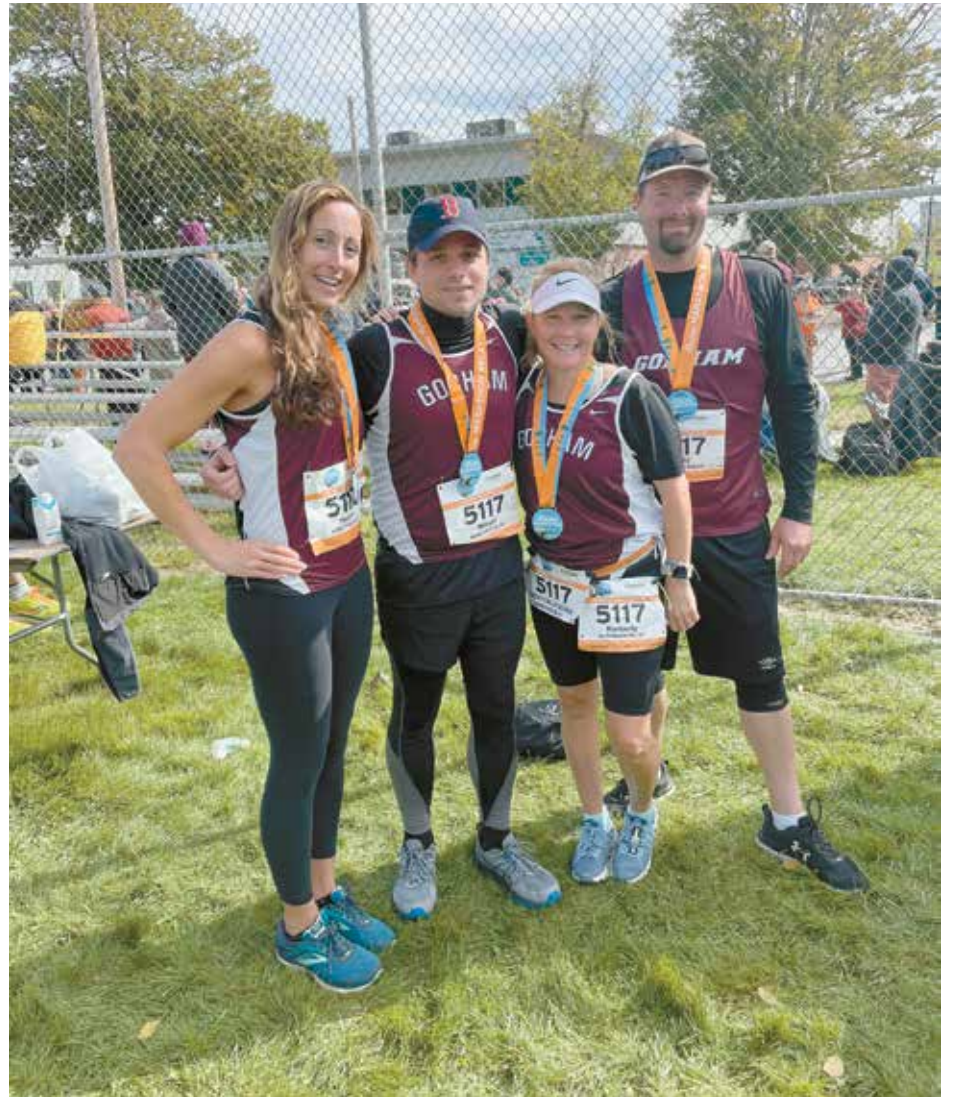


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Great Falls teachers: Heather Dupuis (first grade), William York (special education), Kim Kelly-Brewster (third grade), Todd Gangon (student resource officer)

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Remember When: A Gorham Icon

Wilma Gould Johnson, *Contributing Writer*

If you were lucky enough to have been a Gorham teenager in the 50's and the 60's, this story may bring back some fond memories. Do you recall where you might have taken your special date to top off the evening? Double dating, as well as "Dutch treat" were common. Following a basketball game, a movie, or a dance, many would have enjoyed a burger and fries at a special little Cape Cod red-colored building at the corner near Mosher Road, known as Fat's restaurant.

Fat's was operated by Vivian and Bernard Leathers. When Bernard died, their son, Dana, took over the business along with the help of his mother. The quaint little red restaurant seated about 50 diners and on a Saturday night, you would often find couples sharing a booth and enjoying a delicious "Fat's" hamburger and fries.

Fat's also provided job opportunities for many young people who were employed as a waitress or behind the scenes as a cook or kitchen line worker. This was not only a local spot for teenagers, but it also accommodated local families, working people, as well as tourists traveling through.

Fried clams were a specialty, but the western T-bone half pound steak dinners were also a great hit. The summer time menu included a variety of salads, including the lobster salad along with potatoes, vegetables, and rolls. A special treat was the cool tomato surprise (tomatoes stuffed with chicken salad).



Photo shared by Ron LeTarte

Fat's was a popular restaurant in the 1950's and 60's in Gorham shown here on a Christmas Card.

Fat's also offered convenient take-out service so busy families could return home with a full-sized, healthy hot meal. They also provided takeout service to many S.D. Warren night shift workers. Around 9 p.m., a takeout order would be placed which might include 12 pints of fried clams, 15 clam cakes and as many as 20 hamburgers.

Many recall Fat's as a great teenage hangout while others remember the good food, good prices and pleasant atmosphere. One evening a group of pretty collage girls were sharing a booth and enjoying a fun evening. That afternoon, Dana had carefully washed all the inside windows. To his dismay, the girls were having fun

writing their names and other things on the clean but steamed up windows. Upon their leaving, Leathers insisted that the girls stay and clean the windows and provided them with the cleaning tools to make the windows shine again.

One of the most memorable stories was an occasion when Dana and his staff hosted a group of State Policemen. The day before his lease was ending, Dana reached out to the policemen and invited them to stop by for a tasty last meal. He was known for treating them yearly to a free meal, but this would be the last. About twelve police cars were parked in the driveway that day and the next morning, the closed sign was placed in the window.

There was much gossip between many Gorham and Westbrook locals, about what had happened at Fat's that would require a dozen police cars, and result in a closed sign the next day.

It has been said that the building was moved and is now a private residence. Let's hear it from those in the know. Where is the original Fat's building now located and is it a private home being enjoyed by its present owners? Please get in touch.

Wilma Gould Johnson, born and raised in Gorham, graduated GHS ('62). She enjoys sharing Gorham History with others. Anyone with a question or more information may contact her at iamwilma@comcast.net

Do you have a piece of Gorham History that you would like to share? Send your story and photos to editor@gorhamtimes.com



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House District 109

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Maine Senate, District 30

"Doing the right things and doing those things right has been at the heart of my professional life as a Marine Corps aviator and leader, project manager, and in my personal life as a husband and father. I believe this focus has been missing in Augusta and I am ready to do my part to fix that. I ask you to do your part to elect me to the Maine Senate to put things right!"-Timothy Thorsen

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Kelsie Kerwin, Living Life on a Higher Level CONTINUED FROM PAGE 10

In 2022, Kerwin began contracting with ESMOVIA more consistently. "I had a few classes at EDEM that truly inspired me and awakened my interest in social emotional intelligence, creativity, and personal branding," she said. Through her education, experience, and research, she not only provides professional trainings on social emotional strategies in school, but she also writes the curriculum for these trainings.

After receiving her master's degree, Kerwin knew that owning her own business was her goal. Her company, still in its infancy, is called Bienestardom, a name born during her studies. The name is a play on words between her current two languages English and Spanish; the word 'bienestar' in Spanish, means wellness. This word is linked with the English word 'stardom,' being your own star. Therefore, the name represents the objective of her work; participants who work with her are the stars of their own wellness.

Kerwin is a strategist and at the heart of her purpose is empowering people with specific evidence-based strategies and tools, to oversee their own wellness, their direction, and realizing that the capacity to do so is already available to them if they so choose to engage with it.

"My passion is stimulating individuals of all ages to have a conversation with themselves, internally. The process of self-awareness is at the center for all other relationships and teaching people how to appreciate their strengths, honor themselves



Photo credit: Kelsie Kerwin

and their process, and work toward what they want in the future, is so very empowering! Watching someone interact with themselves in a positive way and then reach new conclusions based on that conversation, translates for me into a feeling of sustained happiness. In my trainings, I teach about emotional anchors, which bring you back to your purpose and your 'why.' I have the word 'evoluciono' tattooed on my body, as this has become a mantra for the work I do, both personally and professionally. When I am serving others through my work, I am nothing more than the channel to ignite a spark for this process to happen for them as well."

It is fitting that the tagline for

Bienestardom is "Live at a Higher Level," something Kelsie Kerwin lives by. For more information, please visit her website www.bienestardom.com.



Photo credit: Kelsie Kerwin

This Early Day

Dave Thompson
Village School Contributor

It was the yellow tree I went to see,
along the river it grows.
On the old stone wall,
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action affects every aspect of a system, not just the challenge you are focused on at the time.

What do you see as the major issues for Gorham and how might they be addressed?

Property taxes and growth are the issues on the minds of most people I have spoken with. Taxes are driven by the budget. Spending must be brought under control. I believe we need a culture change in the way money is spent on the municipal level and how businesses are supported in Gorham. As these changes come, taxes will level out, businesses will stay and multiply, and open land retention will increase.

Philip T. Gagnon, Jr.

the creation of the Facilities Committee for joint collaboration with the Town Council. My prior experience for both town and school will allow for stronger decisions making.

What do you see as the major issues for Gorham and how might they be addressed?

The challenge for any community is maintaining its unique character, while meeting the needs of a growing town. Our village centers and commercial areas should be a priority to attract business and diversify our tax base. Gorham is at a crossroads with residential growth, which is straining capacity within our schools. As former Town Council chair, I sought to expand conservation and trails, expansion and improvement of Little Falls fields and Community Center, while minimizing taxes.

Andrew M. LaPlaca

What do you see as the major issues for the Gorham schools and how might they be addressed?

I will advocate for fiscally responsible capital improvements including school expansion at all levels. Creating a safe and welcoming environment for every student is crucial for success. I believe every school should have a resource officer; the impact of SRO at Village has been outstanding. Parents want to be partners in their children's education. School districts need to focus on transparency, communication, and partnerships. I will continue to focus on improved transparency and facilitate community forums where you can speak with me directly as well as with educators from the Gorham schools.

Stewart B. McCallister

schools and libraries has become the main focus as we deal with repeated attempts to limit selection available to our students. I believe that it is the school's role to provide information to students in a controlled and safe environment. I would prefer they get their information from the professionals in our schools and not strangers on the internet.

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voices are always in the room for every decision.

What do you see as the major issues for Gorham and how might they be addressed?

Gorham faces a significant problem of growth without sufficient infrastructure to support it. It is imperative to focus on attracting businesses while managing residential growth so that our schools and emergency services have the resources needed. Although traffic and parking have improved since COVID-19 hit, it remains an issue. The recent re-evaluation of homes and continued approvals of housing developments show the pleas of residents are not being heard, and the current plan to address growth is more distressing than effective.

Christopher M. Kelley

What do you see as the major issues for Gorham and how they might be addressed?

The major challenge on a lot of folks' minds is growth. We can't keep moving on this same trajectory and expect a different result. I think the recent tax reassessment made it clear that we need to take a hard look at our plans for the future. Bringing in new businesses to Gorham will help reduce the tax burden on our residents. We need to continue to work toward becoming more business friendly, and steps have already been taken in that direction.

Balancing growth while maintaining our village character will be challenging, but it is possible.

Timothy J. Thorsen

Political and community experience: Member of and elected office holder in the Marine Corps League, member of and elected office holder in the Veterans of Foreign Wars, 30 years military service

Why are you running for office and how will your experience benefit your constituents?

During my Marine Corps career, I had to be officially apolitical. After active duty I focused on supporting my family; I literally minded my own business. The turmoil sparked by COVID-19 and increasing government disregard for our civil rights pushed me over the threshold into taking action. I refuse to be governed by a foolish minority any longer. My project management and leadership experience suit me perfectly to be your Senator.

What do you see as the major issues for Gorham and how might they be addressed?

Maine's economy impacts Gorham: Augusta stifles commerce by over-regulation and shuns abundant energy sources, harming all Mainers, especially those on fixed incomes. We MUST make Maine highly attractive to business, benefiting ALL Mainers.

Education: Our children deserve first class educations that prepare them to prosper. Parents should be in charge of exactly what their children are being taught. Taxpayer funded school curricula should be completely transparent to the public and subject to taxpayer scrutiny.

Janet H. Kuech

What do you see as the major issues for Gorham and how might they be addressed?

Gorham is experiencing growing pains. There are tensions between using land for housing, agriculture, commerce, and conservation. There are concerns that Gorham has become unaffordable. I have learned a lot in my first three years on the Town Council and will continue to advocate for Gorham by sharing information and advocating at the local and state levels. We have many energetic folks willing to help using whatever talents and resources they might have.

Robert L. Lavoie

That decision has allowed me to develop deep relationships with my patients and also with other local business owners and town folk. I am running for council because I hear all the concerns and needs of our residents. These people live and work here on limited budgets. They are trying to start businesses, trying to preserve farmland, come from major cities, etc. I want to represent them in deciding what Gorham will become.

What do you see as the major issues for Gorham and how might they be addressed?

Balancing residential and business growth is critical while maintaining our village and community appeal. The schools will always be a priority. We need to make sure that our kids have a safe and rewarding educational experience. A balanced town council that honors Gorham's roots while planning for its future, in a fiscally responsible way, is what we need.

Jennifer Whitehead

What do you see as the major issues for the Gorham schools and how might they be addressed?

The great reputation of the Gorham School System is well earned, and it continues to attract wonderful families to our town. The issue is that we have limited space and resources and continued growth. The most pressing issue is the overcrowding at the high school. I would advocate for a new, state funded high school. In the meantime, we need to provide additional space through modulars or use of other public and private spaces.

Research of the cognitive and social-emotional benefits of preschool has been well documented. Because we currently do not have the required space, I would support partnerships with local preschools that provide an excellent education.

Seven R. Siegel

my passion and energy will bring new thinking currently missing from the Town Council.

What do you see as the major issues for Gorham and how might they be addressed?

All of Gorham's major issues are interconnected. The key isn't just to address a few issues, the key is to develop a long-term strategy designed to create a balanced tax base and budget; Gorham doesn't have a current long-term strategy. You can see that through our crowded schools, growing debt, lack of businesses, and high residential taxes. My strategy and vision for the future of Gorham can be found on my website, www.SevenForGorham.com.

Stacy Fielding Brenner

Personal information: Married to John Bliss with two daughters. Emma, a nurse at Maine Medical Center, and Flora, a high school Junior.

Political and community experience: State senator (since 2020), former board member of Maine Farmland Trust, currently on the Board of Maine Organic Farmers and Gardeners Organization (MOFGA).

Why are you running for office and how will your experience benefit your constituents?

I am running for reelection to continue the work I began when first elected in 2020. I have learned that the best work we do as a legislative body is when we work across the aisle. Whether it's free school meals, affordable housing, technical education programs or addressing the effects of PFAS pollution, the most effective results are bipartisan achievements. I want to build on the relationships I've worked hard to create. As a nurse-midwife, I believe abortion is health care and I will continue to fight for safe, legal access to reproductive health care. As a farmer and small business owner, I know that farming and small businesses are bedrocks to our state's economy and way of life.

What are the major issues facing Gorham and how might they be addressed?

My role in supporting Gorham is to listen to all the concerns of Gorham residents and learn about the issues. I carry those conversations with me every day to Augusta. Between property taxes and fear of inflation to balancing affordable housing and economic development. I will continue to fight for our schools to be fully funded, for child-care options, for property tax stabilization, and for measures that make Gorham a livable and prosperous town for all its residents.

Meet the Candidate Forum

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

James Allen Boyle

Personal Information (spouse, children, etc.): I have a wonderful, blended family with my wife, Sue Durst. We are very fortunate that our four children and four grandchildren all live in Maine.

Political and community experience: I have served as the Senate chair of the Environment and Natural Resource Committee and as a member of the Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry Committee. In a January 2022 special election, voters elected me to serve in the Maine House where I'm a member of the Environment and Natural Resource Committee. I am a former Board member of the Efficiency Maine Trust and have served on the Board of the Presumpscot Regional Land Trust, and as President of the Maine Association of Wetland Scientists.

Why are you running for office and how will your experience benefit your constituents?

I've lived in Gorham for twelve years. I was elected to the House in January 2022 and the Senate in 2012. I serve on the Environment and Natural Resource Committee, and I was chair of the committee and a member of the Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry Committee while in the Senate. I have a good mix of life, small business and legislative experience that allows me to advocate for my neighbors in Gorham.

What are the major issues facing Gorham and how might they be addressed?

The economy and climate change are the biggest issues. As a business owner, I understand what the state can -- and can't -- do to help people create jobs and grow their businesses. We need more renewable energy and less fossil fuel. It's important that state government keep an eye on the bottom line, like every business I've run. I will focus on combating increases in property taxes, prescription drugs, and other basics like gasoline, heating oil and groceries.

Joseph Edwards Velozo

Employment: Automation systems manager of Ion Networking based in Windham. Retired United States Air Force, retired computer science and math teacher Turner Middle School, fire fighter, safety officer for Greene and Turner Fire Department.

Political and community experience: I have served for over 12 years on Greene and Turner Fire Departments. While in Gorham, I volunteered at Gorham's community trash pickup.

Why are you running for office, and how will your experience benefit your constituents.

As we move forward from the difficult times that COVID-19 has put on the people of Gorham, you deserve to be represented in the Maine House by a thoughtful, compassionate, and strong leader who will listen and will be a strong voice for Gorham. I will be taking on tough issues and solving complex problems such as improving lives, building the community and creating more opportunities for small businesses to grow. Growing up in a family of military veterans, I was raised to value service. My family instilled in me the values of integrity, empathy, conviction, hard work, and perseverance.

What do you see as the major issues for Gorham and how they might be addressed?

The bypass the highway department is going to put through the old golf course, property taxes, road traffic, housing availability and affordability, and educational issue such as school crowding and providing alternative educational paths for a generation that may need more of a vocational technical education over a college degree. These are all important issues that require difficult conversations, hard choices, and real solutions. This is a time for leaders in the legislature to put partisanship aside, work collaboratively, think differently and act boldly. I am that leader who will make the necessary changes to help the citizens of Gorham.

further promote transparency, Gorham schools have decided to make all public record requests, along with corresponding records that were shared public. You can view this information by going to the Town of Gorham website and clicking on "Community" and then "FOAA Requests."

Four public hearings were held to hear comments on:

Item #2022-10-1, a request for renewal applications for Automobile Graveyards/Junkyard Permits for 2022-2023. With no comments from the public, Proposed Order #22-114 passed 7-0;

Item #2022-10-2, a proposal to issue a Large Outdoor Event License to Daniel Walker for an event at Raceway Drive on October 29, 2022. With no comments from the public, Proposed Order #22-115 passed 7-0;

Item #2022-10-3, a proposal to amend the Town's General Assistance Ordinance by updating the maximum levels of assistance as required by the State. With no comments from the public, Proposed Order #22-116 passed 7-0; and

Item #2022-10-04, a proposal to issue a Large Outdoor Event License to Shawn Moody for an event at Raceway Drive on October 15, 2022. With no comments from the public, Proposed Order #22-117 passed 7-0.

Other decisions of the Council included the following:

Order #22-118, to amend the Zoning Map to change the area in the vicinity of South Street to Brackett Road from Rural and Suburban Residential District to the Urban Expansion District and the area in the vicinity of New Portland Road and Lowell Road from the Rural District to the Suburban Residential

District, Voted 5 yeas 2 nays (Hager, Wilder Cross)

Order #22-119, to amend the Fire Suppression Systems Ordinance, Voted 7 yeas

Order #22-120, that the Town Council forward to the Planning Board, for review and public hearing, amendments to the Land Use and Development Code to promote effective multifamily development in the Town of Gorham, Voted 7 yeas

Order # 22-113, that the Town Council approve when interest will be due on unpaid personal and real estate property tax bill that are due on November 15, 2022, Voted as amended 7 yeas

Order #22-121 that the Town Council appoint the following people to the Robie Park Master Plan Steering Committee: Robie Park Neighborhood Resident: Michael Chabot, Resident not from immediate neighborhood: Katherine Garrard, Business Community Member: Rob Delaney, Conservation Commission Representative: Jacinda Wilson, School Committee Member: Sarah Perkins, High School Student: Laurel Emerson, Council Members: Virginia Wilder Cross, Ronald Shepard, Voted 7 yeas

Order #22-122 that the Town Council forwards to the Planning Board, for review and public hearing, a proposal to add a contract zone on Map 29, Lot 4.001 in the Rural zone to allow for a dog kennel business, Voted 7 yeas

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

The complete minutes, as recorded by Town Clerk Laurie Nordfors, and the meeting video can be found online at gorham-me.org/.

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new members. The Town generally receives multiple applicants for each seat. These boards include the Zoning Board of Appeals, Economic Development, Conservation, Library Trustees, Historic Preservation, Fair Hearing, Assessment Review, Board of Voter Registration Appeals, Revolving Loan Fund (for TIF Loans), Board of Health. Nordfors also provides information about elections, dog licenses, and more including writing a monthly column for the Gorham Times.

Another responsibility of the town clerk is following up with liens on approximately 120-150 properties

where taxes have not been paid for 12 months. Homeowners have 18 months to demonstrate that they are making an effort to pay. At 18 months, homes go into foreclosure with close to a hundred foreclosures annually.

Finally, the town clerk is responsible for the twelve cemeteries in Gorham on properties owned by the Town. Burials are permitted from April to November with the burials being scheduled through the Public Works Department except for North Gorham Cemetery (contact Priscilla hopkin at 892-6292) and White Rock Cemetery (contact Karl Hartwell, 892-3783).

Food Pantry Prepares for Holiday Food Drive CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

On Saturday morning, October 29, shoppers can drop off purchases for Thanksgiving baskets either in the parking lot at the Gorham Hannaford or at the Pantry, located in the parking lot at St. Anne's. Many donors place a Hannaford to Go order that morning and swing it by the tent as they exit Hannaford.

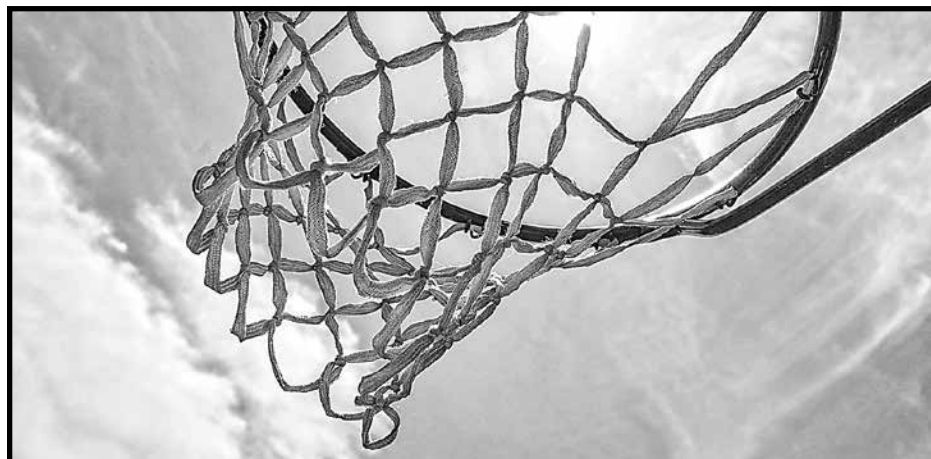
Pantry volunteers will have a shopping list available at the tent on the morning of the drive, and it also can be found in the advertisement section in this edition of the Gorham Times.

The Pantry continues to be grateful for the support of local businesses, donors and volunteers who are helping to feed our neighbors right here in Gorham. The pantry is

open every Thursday morning from 10 a.m. to 12 noon and is free to any Gorham resident in need; residents can reach out confidentially by calling 222-4351, visiting www.gorham-foodpantry.org or by messaging the Pantry on Facebook at Gorham Food Pantry Friends.



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Gorham Youth Basketball Association (GYBA), is pleased to open pre-registration for the 2022-2023 season for the boys and girls 5th & 6th grade Travel teams. Important to note, all players must register with the Gorham Rec Dept for Travel Basketball for the upcoming season: https://gorhamme.myrec.com/info/activities/program_details.aspx?ProgramID=28844

Player assessments will occur at the **SHAW GYM** as follows:

MONDAY	OCTOBER 17	6:30-7:30 pm	5TH GRADE BOYS
		7:30-8:30 pm	6TH GRADE BOYS
TUESDAY	OCTOBER 18	6:30-7:30 pm	5TH GRADE GIRLS
		7:30-8:30 pm	6TH GRADE GIRLS
WEDNESDAY	OCTOBER 19	6:30-7:30 pm	5TH GRADE BOYS
		7:30-8:30 pm	6TH GRADE BOYS
THURSDAY	OCTOBER 20	6:30-7:30 pm	5TH GRADE GIRLS
		7:30-8:30 pm	6TH GRADE GIRLS

Please arrive 15 minutes early.

Players should plan on attending both sessions. A minimum of one session is required to be considered for a travel team.

REGISTRATION CLOSES ON OCTOBER 16

For more information contact Ethan Johnson at ethanjohnson1@gmail.com

Gorham Skatepark Official Ribbon Cutting

Lucia Monaco Holloway, *GHS Student Intern*

On Thursday, October 6, the official ribbon cutting at the new Gorham Skatepark took place. Liam Nickerson, a student advocate for the skatepark and fellow skateboarder said, "I am very excited that skateboarders of this town now have a safe place to come down and skate." A local father named Jack said, "I used to skateboard in the 90s. I grew up in Pennsylvania and the church didn't approve of having a skatepark where we lived. I'm so glad kids now have a safe spot to skate."

Lee Pratt, Town Council chairman said, "I have never seen a project come together so quickly." When Tom Dupuis, the Skatepark Project community lead, spoke at the event he said, "Thank you for believing in this." Later he added, "I'm super excited in terms of how well this came together. I am overjoyed with the amount of support we got while proposing this project."



Photo credit: Lucia Monaco Holloway

The event had a huge turnout on a sunny afternoon and everyone who attended received a free Gorham Skatepark sticker. The park is now open to bikes, scooters, and skateboards.

GHS Football Program Carries on Special Tradition

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and she always keeps it fun during advisory time. I always feel comfortable that I could stop by and ask her anything during the school day. She has always been very helpful."

For the fourth testimony, Senior Cody Sellick chose Coach T to give his Jersey # to wear. Quoting Sellick, Morrison announced, "I chose Coach T because he was really influential to me my freshman year. Also, throughout the years, I've known him, he's

become a friend to me and has helped with a lot of things. Seeing him in the hallways and everywhere puts a smile on my face."

This community tradition has also caught the attention of other area schools who have applied a similar event into their season. It is such a fun way to be recognized and stay connected to students for years to come.

Congratulations to all of this year's participants.

GHS alumni, do you own a business in Gorham?

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COMMUNITY

OF INTEREST

Climate Caretakers, the first in a free film and discussion series on climate actions in Maine and nearby will be held on Friday, October 28, 6:30-8:30 p.m. at First Parish Fellowship Hall, 1 Church Street. The film is "Down to Earth: Climate Justice Stories" in which Maine activists of diverse ages and backgrounds share their compelling stories of addressing accelerating climate disruption.

The Gorham Food Pantry, located at 299-B Main St. (parking lot of St. Anne's Catholic Church) is open every Thursday morning from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. and is free for any Gorham resident in need. FMI, 222-4351, visit www.gorhamfoodpantry.org or message us on Facebook at Gorham Food Pantry Friends.

The Gorham Medical Closet located at the Municipal Center 75 South St is free and available to Gorham residents in need of wheelchairs, shower seats, commodes, walkers, canes, crutches and more. Hours are by appointment with a volunteer. Call Gerry Day at 839-3859 and she will connect you with a volunteer.

Fall Foliage Walk at Hawkes Preserve on Saturday, October 22, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. on a scenic walk-through the forest and along the Presumpscot River. An adult group will focus on the natural history of trees and the changes that take place between the seasons as well as the unique history of the Oxford canal and towpath. A family group will enjoy a scavenger hunt and other fun activities for young kids. This Presumpscot Regional Land Trust event is free, but space is limited, and registration is required. RSVP at prlt.org click on Events.

Mainers of the Year 2022 - The Presumpscott River Land Trust's work on the East Windham Conservation Project is being recognized along with Executive Director Rachelle Curran, as one of Maine Magazine's Mainer of the Year for 2022. The Project is one of the largest conservation and trail projects in Greater Portland and larger than Bradbury State Park. If you have not been there yet, Mill Brook Preserve features six miles of hiking trails with four trailheads to explore in Westbrook.

Gorham Rec will be holding the Gorham Scarecrow Festival on Saturday, October 22 from 2 - 4 p.m. at the Gazebo next to Baxter Memorial Library. There you will find a petting zoo, games and activities, fall photo booth, snacks and treats. To participate in the Scarecrow Festival, scarecrow frames are available from the Gorham Recreation Department, located at 75 South Street. The contest is open to all with two divisions, Gorham Businesses and Gorham Residents. Winners for most creative scarecrow will win a prize donated by Sullivan Bakery. Scarecrows will be set up at the Gazebo, next to the Baxter Library, and must be set up by Friday, October 20 to be entered to win a prize. Scarecrows must be built on provided frames to be properly displayed.

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

Veterans of Foreign Wars, Gorham Memorial Post 10879 will meet next on Tuesday, Nov 8 at 5:30 p.m. in the Fire Department Training Room, 270 Main St. For information contact the post at vwfpost10879@gmail.com.

Calling all Crafters! Craft Fair at the White Rock Grange. The Grange is hosting an annual Homemade Christmas Craft Fair and looking for crafters to participate on Saturday, November 19, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. There will be twelve second-floor 6-foot table spots for \$20, or bring your own 6-foot table for \$15.00. First come, first serve. Please call 892-1875 to reserve your space.

PUBLIC SUPPERS

First Parish Church will hold a takeout chicken pie dinner on Saturday, October 22, 2022. Preorder for 4:30 to 6 p.m. pickup only at firstparishgorham.org; click "shop" to place an order.

SENIOR NEWS

The Lecky Brown Center is reopening from the pandemic hiatus. As it gets up and running, contact Lisa Becker at leckybrowncenter@gmail.com for more information about the cribbage club, weekly Wednesday speakers, and ARTrageous Seniors on Fridays!

The Gorham/Windham/Westbrook Triad meeting will be held Wednesday, November 9, at the Gorham Police Department at 9 a.m. The change from the usual date is due to Veteran's Day. TRIAD is a cooperative partnership between law enforcement agencies, elder service providers, and seniors in the 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.



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LIBRARY NEWS

Meet the Candidates for Town Council and School Committee at North Gorham Public Library on Wednesday, October 19 at 6 p.m. The October 11 livestreamed session at Baxter Memorial Library can be seen on GoCAM through the Town Website.

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/.

Baxter Memorial Library continues its Discovery Times for children, reading books, singing songs, and moving bodies. As weather changes, this story time will come indoors. Outdoor Story Adventures (ages 3-5yrs) is on Tuesday, October 18 from 10 to 10:45 a.m., Baby Discover Time (birth-18 mos) is on Wednesdays, October 19 and 26 from 9:30 - 9:50 a.m., and Toddler Discovery Time (18mos to 3 yrs) are on Thursday, October 20 and 27 from 10 to 10:30 a.m. On October 14 and 15, join the Friends of the Baxter Memorial Library for the semi-annual book sale from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. with a train display by Maine3Railers. Baxter the reading dog is back for Baxter Digs Reading! on Tuesday, October 18 at 3:30 p.m. Nature Weaving for ages 7-13 takes place on Wednesday, October 19 at 12:30 p.m. The Book Club is discussing "The Island of Missing Trees" by Elif Shafak on Thursday, October 20 at 10 a.m., followed by the Sewing Club (ages 7+) at 2:30 p.m. On Tuesday, October 25 there will be a Halloween book and costume parade (birth-5yrs) on the lawn with Ms. Heidi and Mr. Jeff, and in the evening at 6 p.m. and Author Event with Charlene D'Avanzo, author of the Mara Tusconi series of environmental mysteries. On Wednesday, October 26 from 3:30 to 5 p.m. there will be an "epic throw down" presented by the Baxter Memorial Librarians and South Portland Librarians on the lawn to determine who is the more popular animal, dogs or cats.

USM NOTES

Congratulations to the USM Huskies Women's College Soccer for defeating the Bates College Bobcats 1-0 in a non-conference game on Sunday, October 2 at Hannaford Field in Gorham. Winning its sixth straight game, Southern Maine is now 9-1 on the season, defeating the Bobcats for the first time in 34 years, and earning the program's second in 35 contests. Overall, the Huskies have outscored their opponents 32-5. Twelve different Huskies have scored this season. FMI: usm.maine.edu/athletics.

The Annual Old Fashioned Outdoor Band Concert at the Osher School of Music will begin at 1 p.m. on Saturday, October 15, on the lawn at Corthell Hall, featuring the Osher Concert Band directed by Will Kinne. Gather at noon with lawn chairs and blankets, and enjoy a BBQ lunch, cash, or credit cards at old-fashioned prices. Come and see the University of Southern Maine's new president conduct one piece on the program. The concert is free and open to the public. FMI: usm.maine.edu/music

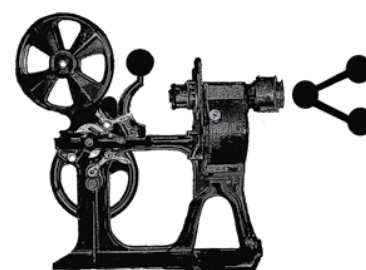
CORRECTION: We mistakenly published in the September 29, 2022 issue a 2021 production for the USM Department of Theatre that is long past. But stay tuned...

At the USM Department of Theatre this fall, tickets are now on sale for "The Thanksgiving Play" by Larissa FastHorse, directed by Rachel Price Cooper. Opening night is Thursday, November 3, 2022, and the show runs through Saturday, November 19. Good intentions collide with absurd assumptions in Larissa FastHorse's wickedly funny satire, as a troupe of terminally "woke" teaching artists scrambles to create a pageant that somehow manages to celebrate both Turkey Day and Native American Heritage Month. FMI: usm.maine.edu/theatre.

The current exhibit at the USM Art Gallery on the Gorham campus is *Pulped Under Pressure*, running until December 10, and focuses on traditional hand papermaking. FMI, usm.maine.edu/gallery.

For a complete listing of a variety of events on the USM Gorham campus, visit usm.maine.edu/events.

The University of Maine Cooperative Extension provides practical, locally based solutions for farmers, small business owners, kids, parents, consumers and others. Visit umaine.edu for programs, workshops, classes and events about garden and yard, agriculture, food preservation, food safety, nutrition information and more.



GO CAM

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Dreams Really Do Come True at Orchard Ridge CONTINUED FROM PAGE 3

farm, the owners have continued the orchard and expanded the use of the property into a community-based hub with special events and workshops and are proud to have created a farm and property with welcoming spaces for neighbors to gather.

Most locals know Orchard Ridge as an orchard and farm store, however, they also house and tend to pigs, goats, chickens, and rabbits. The community expansion began with a newly established public multi-use perimeter trail system for anyone to use. Even on-leash dogs are welcome to explore the trails and property from the first of December to the end of March.

The Orchard Ridge market carries many products from around Maine. These include local meats, vegetables, milk, grocery, beer, wine, soaps, honey, snacks, salt, jams & jellies, pies, fresh bagels, cookies, coffee, a full hot food menu, including but not limited to pizza and burgers, hot cider, ice cream, and much more. Patrons and visitors are encouraged to enjoy prepared food and libations while sitting by the fire in the dining areas after an afternoon of enjoying farm life on the property or may choose to investigate the greenhouse experience.

Orchard Ridge has and hopes to continue to host monthly happy hours and recently hosted a local Artisan Market coordinated by Maine Micro Artisans on Tuesday, October 1. They



Photo credit: Beth Orlando

will hold their 2nd annual community pig roast on Saturday, October 22 from 1 to 6 p.m. The farm also books private events and has been hosting birthdays, community groups, and a few corporate gatherings most recently. Future plans include the offering of campsites as well as opportunities for farm education and the addition of an event lawn with hopes to expand on the mission of welcoming locals, families and the wider community as people look to get out of “everyday life” and enjoy the “38 acres of hilly orchards and wooded forests” at the farm.

Visitors to Orchard Ridge Farm can expect to be able to enjoy the farm in any way they choose whether it is to take a walk, pick some fruit, have a snack, visit the animals, play on the swing set, or just explore and take a look around. Event spaces for groups overlook the orchards and offer an authentic Maine experience. Information about Orchard Ridge Farm events can be found on the website (orchardridge.farm) and tickets for events can be booked through Eventbrite.com, or call 712-1433.



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Farm animals welcome attention from visitors and a sunny snooze.

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Burnham Rod caller received a text asking him where he lived. He was advised that no crime had been committed and that he should block that number.

Caller reported a male and a female were arguing in a parking lot on Main Street. There had been many calls about these two people as they both speak very loudly. Both told the officer there was no problem.

Officers responded to Dingley Spring Road for a disturbance. One party was issued a summons for criminal mischief and given a criminal trespass notice not to return to the property.

Officer was asked to do a welfare check on an elderly gentleman. He was just taking a nap.

Raceway Drive caller reported people had been threatened. They were contacted and said "they had nothing to fear". Officer did not believe there was any genuine threat.

Caller reported erratic driving on New Portland Road. Vehicle was in the Hannaford lot. The front tire had blown out. Driver was responsive and cooperative and had called husband to pick her up and arrange to have the vehicle towed.

Huston Road caller reported a bird problem. Officer found out the bird is a Chuka and was likely brought as a game bird from out West for recreational hunting. It was not a pet and was left alone.

A Mahlon Ave. caller thought someone might be in the backyard. Officer searched the property and found a dead turkey in the woods and fresh tracks leaving the area. Nothing else was found.

Police received a call about a possible structure fire. There was no fire and Gorham Fire Department took over the investigation with no findings.

Employee asked if they could turn in a couple of found wallets.

Two people were reported pulled over on the side of Narragansett Street and were arguing. Man was walking around on the grass looking for something. A verbal argument had taken place. Officer gave one party a ride to the bus stop and the other party drove home.

Officer found a woman on the side of New Portland Road in her powered wheelchair. She was off to the side of the road and did not appear to be having difficulty operating the wheelchair. Officer spoke to her, and she confirmed she was on her way home and was just fine.

Fort Hill Road caller wanted to know if her daughter had bail conditions. Officer told her to have the daughter call in and Officer would give her the information.

Portland air control tower reported someone pointing a green laser at aircraft in the vicinity of New Portland Road at the Gorham Westbrook line. Officer was not able to locate anyone with a laser.

Officer observed a female walking on the wrong side of Narragansett Street at about 12:20 a.m. She had no reflective gear nor anything lighting her up. Officer asked her if she was okay, and she said she was walking to a house on New Portland Road. Officer offered her a ride, but she said she was all set and would continue walking home.

White Birch Lane caller reported he had bought a four-wheeler and wasn't given a bill of sale. There were things wrong with the four-wheeler and he wanted to give it back. He was advised this was a civil issue and there was nothing the police could do. Officer ran the VIN and confirmed it was not stolen.

Caller reported a man waving his hands while walking on the bypass. Officer checked area and did not locate anyone.

School Street caller complained about a vehicle that was parked so it blocked his driveway. Before the officer was able to respond, the caller called back and said the car had left.

GICELA (CHAPMAN) DAVIS, 86, of Boulder City, NV passed away surrounded by her children after a short illness due to Covid Pneumonia. Gicela was born on June 12, 1936 in Emerita, Cuba and grew up in Guantanamo, Cuba where she met her late husband, Marine Sergeant Elwood Clark Chapman, who she married on June 10, 1955 and in 1973 became his widow. She came to Gorham, Maine in July, 1955; became a United States Citizen in 1966, which was one of her proudest moments. Gicela, also fondly known as Bella to many, was a homemaker, baker, cook, knitter, seamstress, avid reader, and loved all types of music. In May of 1975 Gicela married her second husband, Howard Davis, who passed away in 2001. When Gicela gave you a piece of her heart, it was forever and unconditional. The loves of her life are her children - daughter, Valerie Chapman, and her wife, Joanna, of Boulder City, NV; daughter, Gloria (Chapman) Coulston (GHS Class of '75) and her husband, Vance of Boulder City, NV; son Clifford Chapman (GHS Class of '80) and wife, Pamela of Gray, ME; five Grandchildren, Aaron Chapman of Gray, ME, Marleena Barber and her husband, Marc of Anaheim, CA, Alex Coulston of Oahu, HI; Amanda Wolfanger and Alicia Scherlek of Henderson, NV; and five Great Grandchildren, Kara and Emma Barber, Abigail, Jameson and Jonathan Wolfanger. She also leaves behind her sister, Myda Lara of Guantanamo, Cuba and brother, Geraldo Sanchez of Santiago de Cuba. Service and Celebration for Gicela's life will be held on November 5, 2022 at 2 p.m. at the Boulder City Municipal Cemetery; reception following at 1314 Dreamcatcher Dr., Boulder City, NV. A separate Celebration of her life will be held in Maine in 2023, Date TBD. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Nathan Adelson Hospice, <https://www.nah.org> or The Boulder City Animal Shelter - animalshelter@bcnv.org.



CALENDAR

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14

Baxter Memorial Library Friends of BML Book Sale and Train Display, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15

Baxter Memorial Library Friends of BML Book Sale and Train Display, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
 Old-Fashioned Outdoor Band Concert, Osher School of Music, 12 p.m. lunch, 1 p.m. concert

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18

Baxter Memorial Library
 Outdoor Story Adventures (ages 3-5yrs), 10 – 10:45 a.m.
 Baxter Digs Reading! 3:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19

Baxter Memorial Library
 Baby Discovery Time (birth-18mos), 9:30 – 9:50 a.m.
 Nature Weaving 9 (ages 7-13), 12:30 p.m.
 North Gorham Public Library Story Time, 10 a.m.
 North Gorham Public Library's Meet the Candidates, 6 p.m.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20

Baxter Memorial Library
 Toddler Discovery Time (18mos to 3yrs), 10 – 10:30 a.m.
 Book Club Discussion of "The Island of Missing Trees" 10 a.m.
 Sewing Club (ages 7+) at 2:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22

Fall Foliage Walk at Hawkes Preserve, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., RSVP prtt.org, click "events."
 Gorham Scarecrow Festival, 2 – 4 p.m. at the Gazebo
 First Parish Church Takeout Chicken Pie Dinner, 4:30 – 6 p.m., firstparishgorham.org, click "shop" to order

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25

Baxter Memorial Library
 Outdoor Story Adventures (ages 3-5yrs), 10 – 10:45 a.m.
 Halloween Book and Costume Parade (birth-5yrs), 10 – 11 a.m.
 Author Event with Charlene D'Avanzo (Mara Tusconi series) 6 p.m.
 Gorham Lions meeting, Elmwood School, 6:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26

Baxter Memorial Library, Most popular animal, dogs or cats? 3:30 – 5 p.m.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27

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

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