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GHS Welcomes New Principal

Leslie Dupuis

Gorham High School began its school year with a new principal. Chris Record, 35, was hired in April to replace John Drisko, who left GHS after 10 years to become head of the upper school at North Yarmouth Academy. Record started in his new position July 1.

Record had been an Asst. Principal at Oxford Hills since 2004. He also taught Social Studies there from 2000 to 2004. He was named Maine's Assistant Principal of the Year in 2008.

A native of Wilton, Record attended Mt. Blue High School in Farmington and received his Bachelor of Arts in History from Bates College in 1995. After graduation he became an alternative education teacher in Hendersonville, NC and then served as an assistant director of an adolescent group home in Taunton, MA.

Record has a post-baccalaureate teaching certificate from Bridgewater (MA) State College and a Master's in Educational Leadership from USM. Record is married and has two young children.

Record took a few minutes out of his busy schedule to answer a few ques-

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Photo Credit: Martha T. Harris

Chris Record, GHS's new principal, is getting to know the students, parents, faculty and town.

Gorham's Public Cemeteries Unique and Historic



Bill Ambrose

Many Gorham residents drive past the Town's numerous cemeteries on a daily basis and have little or no idea of their history or function. Each of Gorham's fourteen public cemeteries has a singular background and operating method.

Town Councilor Brenda Caldwell, the retired long-serving Town Clerk, also served as the Superin-

tendent of Cemeteries. She says, "Each cemetery is unique in the way it's run and its fee system." Beginning in the 1850's, public cemeteries in Maine were required by state law to be administered by a cemetery association. In Gorham, the various associations acquired their land through purchase or donation. Each association carried

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Cemeteries can provide a wealth of knowledge for individuals tracking down family genealogy, as well as a link to the history of many families in Gorham. Each Town cemetery is managed in its own peculiar way.

Candidates Vie for Local Positions

Sue Dunn

It seems as if the entire country is caught up in the upcoming presidential election, but closer to home, Gorham residents have local seats to fill for both the Town Council and School Board. Candidates were required to turn in the appropriate paperwork by Sept. 19 to the Town Clerk, Christina Silberman, which had to include at least 25 but no more than 100 Gorham

resident's signatures showing support of the candidate.

There are four candidates running for the two available seats on the Town Council:

Matthew L. Mattingly
Noah F. Miner
Michael J. Phinney
Jody L. Thomas

There are four candidates running

for the School Board, with only three seats to fill. Those who have submitted paperwork to run for these positions include:

William T. Benzing
Katherine A. Garrard
Dennis C. Libby
Polly C. Shields

A "Meet the Candidates" event at

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#1 Fans at GHS

Gorham fans tuned out in full force to support the Rams at various sporting events during Homecoming week, September 15-20. See the PAGE 9 for more photos.

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Letters to the Times

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Dear Gorham Times,

I have known Linda Sanborn for over 25 years. We became members of the First Parish Congregational Church on the same day.

Unlike many, she has remained active, taking seats on committees and boards, all the while, contributing to the life of the church and the community. Linda is a member of the Executive Council and consistently demonstrates an open-mindedness and thoughtfulness in her deliberations.

An example of her selflessness and caring is the recent trip to Honduras where she provided medical services to a small community that had little or no access to modern healthcare. Not only did she use her vacation time for this

mission but she also paid all of her expenses and donated medical supplies.

Linda was our family physician for 25 years. We found her very patient, trustworthy, thoughtful, thorough and easy to talk to. She was always available for questions and concerns. In contrast to the stories that are prevalent about managed care, Linda was a breath of fresh air in her willingness to give us her time.

Maine faces many challenges. I trust that Linda will be an outstanding representative for Gorham residents. She is smart, caring, hard working and dedicated. Exactly what we need in Augusta!

Please vote for Linda Sanborn this November.
Sincerely,
Cherry Finck, Gorham, ME

quick clicks



HOT OFF THE PRESS
Clythie Hinnant from Alexandria, VA is one of the first people to pick up the Gorham Times. Hinnant is visiting her mother, Vera Douglass, who will be celebrating her 94th birthday soon. She has long standing ties with Gorham, her grandmother moved here in 1940. Usually visiting in the summertime, she likes to pick up the Times to keep up with what is happening in the Town. She is particularly interested in following the story of the Old Clock in the First Parish Church steeple.

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NEWS FROM AUGUSTA Thousands Eligible for Tax Refunds

Phil Bartlett



Between record heating costs and economic worries, we could all use some extra money right now. What many Maine taxpayers may not realize is that this money could be close at hand. The 2008 Maine Residents Property Tax and Rent Refund program or "Circuit Breaker," as it is commonly labeled, is now available, and those eligible could receive a refund from the state up for to \$2,000.

To find out if you qualify for this refund, there is a simple formula. The first question to ask is if you have a spouse or dependent and your 2007 household income was \$80,000 or less or you are a single homeowner whose household income was \$60,000 or less. The other requirement is if your 2007 property taxes were more than four percent of your 2007 household income. If you are a renter, then you may qualify if the rent you paid in 2007 was more than 20 percent of your 2007 household income.

Also, it should be noted that seniors do not need to meet this requirement when their household income is below \$13,600 for those living alone or below \$16,800 for those living with a spouse or dependent.

According to Maine Revenue Services, 200,000 Maine households are eligible to receive at least a partial refund for property taxes or rent paid during the 2007 calendar year. Maine Revenue Services also points out that nearly 50,000 Maine people have already applied for the tax refund program this year—barely a

month in to the application period. In my Senate District alone 1547 people have received a refund, and the average amount they received is \$624.

In the past, the Circuit Breaker program really only provided tax relief for lower income homeowners and renters, but thanks to some major changes by the legislature over the past few years, the income guidelines were changed and expanded. Since the refund is distributed at the same level, lawmakers have worked hard to preserve the bulk of the program's funding and benefits despite often challenging budget times.

Now more than ever, the Circuit Breaker program is worth checking out. An extra few hundred dollars can go along way in these difficult times.

Although the deadline to apply for the Circuit Breaker tax refund is June 1, 2009, Maine homeowners or renters can apply anytime, and will likely receive a check back from the state within a few short weeks. My office has applications available, and you can receive one by either going online to www.mainesenate.org and filling out a request form, or by calling my office at 287-1515.

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Technology Service and Products for Individuals and Small Businesses

Dede Perkins



Paul and Chris Fleury of Maine Total Technology offer a wide variety of services and products ranging from mid-size company networks to individual residential pc services.

The next time your computer has a problem, save yourself some time and money and call Maine Total Technology, located at 652B Main St. in Gorham. Owned and operated by long-time Gorham residents, Paul and Chris Fleury, Maine Total Technology, originally called Caddvantage, Inc., has evolved into a full-service technology sales and support company for small business and residential clients.

"Someone calls with a computer problem. We ask a series of questions and give a ballpark price over the phone," Paul Fleury said. "In most cases, the person drops off the computer in the morning and by the afternoon, picks up their fixed computer."

With 18 years of computer experience, Fleury has seen it all. "A client describes a problem and figures his computer is the only one with the difficulty. Luckily, we've seen fifteen cases like it in the last week and are able to efficiently and effectively fix the computer," he said.

Paul Fleury started the company in 1990, working out of his home in Gorham, but soon moved the business to Westbrook where it continued to grow. In 2005, the business was moved back to Gorham. Over the years, Caddvantage, originally CAD drafting sales and support, evolved into a full technology company geared to small to medium businesses. "We're basically an outsourced IT team for companies large enough to have IT needs, but too small to hire a full-time staff," Fleury said.

Most of the Fleury's business clients use 5 to 50 computers to run their professional or technical companies. These clients, including a number that Fleury has served since 1992, hire him on a

one-time or ongoing basis to provide hardware and software support. "It's all about the relationship," Fleury said.

As the Fleury's client list grew, so did the number of requests for help with home systems. "People buy computers and find they don't always get what they think they're getting," Fleury said. "I encourage people to take a proactive approach to technology, set it up right so you get what you need."

At Gorham Marketplace 2007, the Fleurys officially introduced residential technology products and services and began to market this side of the business. In March 2008, they changed Caddvantage's name to Maine Total Technology to reflect the current nature of the business.

Besides serving their business clients, Maine Total Technology now helps residential clients design, purchase, and integrate home computers, entertainment systems, and gaming consoles. They also teach clients how to move photographs, music, and home movies onto media servers run with a single remote.

So, the next time you're looking to buy or fix a computer or set up a home entertainment system you don't need to leave Gorham. Call Paul or Chris Fleury at Maine Total Technology for all your computer and technology needs.

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Election Day: Do You Know Where To Go?

Christina A. Silberman

Election Day is Nov. 4, do you know where to vote? Voting places in Gorham were changed recently. Please visit our website at www.gorham-me.org and go to the Town Clerk's Department section and then click on "Elections" for a voting ward map and a voting-ward-by-street list to determine your voting place. If you live in Ward 1, you will go to the Gorham Middle School on Weeks Road to vote on Election Day. If you live in Ward 2, then you will go to the Shaw Gym at the Gorham Municipal Center to vote on Election Day.

Please note that you can vote by absentee ballot for any reason. The upcoming election is predicted to have the largest turn out yet. If you are concerned with traffic or long lines at the polls, I urge you to consider voting by absentee ballot. Obtain an absentee ballot by calling or visiting our office or download an application from our website under the Town Clerk's Department section and then click on "Absentee Voting". The completed application for an absentee ballot can then be mailed or faxed to our office.

If you have not yet registered to vote and would like to, please visit the Town Clerk's office at the Gorham Municipal Center, parking is at the end of Ballpark and Access Roads. If you are unable to come into our office, visit the following

website to download an application that can be completed and mailed to us. If you choose to register to vote by mail, please note that we must receive your application in our office no later than Oct. 14. Postmark dates can not be accepted. Beginning on Oct. 15 through Election Day (Nov. 4), all new voter registrations must be handled in person. You will also need to provide identification and proof of your Gorham residence address. If you have a driver's license that shows your Gorham residence address, not a post office box address, than that is all you need. Otherwise, we will need to see your identification along with some proof of your residence. This can be a copy of a utility bill that shows your name and residence address or mail that was addressed in your name and delivered to your residence address. If registering by mail, please enclose a copy of your identification and proof of your residence with your application.

The website for the Voter Registration application is: www.fvap.gov/resources/media/nvra-form.pdf. The voter registration application should be completed and mailed to: Registrar of Voters, Town of Gorham, 75 South Street, Gorham, ME 04038

If you are currently registered to vote and have had a name or address change, you should visit the Town Clerk's office to file a correction card with us.

You can reach the Town Clerk's office by calling 222-1670 and our fax number is 839-5036. Please call with any questions.

The Town Clerk's office is located on the first floor of the Gorham Municipal Center, 75 South St. Stop by or call Christina Silberman at 222-1670 for more information.

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Marvel! Now Available

Mary Collins

This is a new column that the Friends of Baxter Memorial Library will offer somewhat regularly. The purpose is to keep Gorham citizens current with what is available at the library and to help better explain how the library portion of their taxes is being spent.

This inaugural article features MARVEL! Maine's Virtual Library. Through this computer-based technology, either from home or the library, folks can access literally millions of articles from thousands of journals, newspapers and encyclopedias.

Most libraries are cutting back on magazine and newspaper subscriptions and many families, too, are needing to scale down in these troubled economic times. The "virtual library" is a useful and user friendly alternative. According to Pam Turner, the Library Director, many people are already using MARVEL! regularly. She reports that approximately 170,000 searches using this system were conducted through Maine's public libraries during the past year.

James Rathbun, Public Service Librarian, says that in Gorham most of the searches are done by students, although adults are beginning to conduct such searches, as well. He says which is one that has consolidated information from a variety of encyclo-

pedias.

There are a number of other popular ones as well including:

- Proquest Newspapers which contains coverage from the Wall Street Journal, New York Times, Portland Press Herald and hundreds of others.
- NoveList helps you find a good book.
- Health Source provides articles from leading medical and nursing journals.
- Searchasaurus may interest parents as it contains magazine articles for primary and middle age students.

To access MARVEL! from home, go to the library website www.baxterlibrary.org and follow the link to MARVEL! You will be prompted to register using your name, address and other personal information. If you prefer, you can log-in using your library card number. Some users might have to disable the computer firewall while using MARVEL!

An informational meeting for parents will be held at the library on Friday, October 17, 10:00 a.m. to introduce MARVEL! Sponsored by the library and Gorham Adult Ed., the workshop is free but registration is required (222-1095).

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Virginia Wilder Cross

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"One of the important goals for the planning committee is to make the event affordable for families and the only way we can achieve that mission is through strong community financial support," said Virginia Wilder Cross, chairperson, NYG. "We have had an early exciting response to our call for performers and at least 10 venues have committed to making this event one we won't soon forget."

"The initial call for corporate sponsorship to members of the Gorham Business and Civic Exchange provided seed money important to getting started, but we are far from our goal to raise \$20,000. With summer over, it is hoped others will step up and offer support for the fast approaching holiday event."

Businesses and individuals will find a variety of ways to contribute financially, such as: contributing to the cost of public safety; sponsoring the fireworks (\$5,000); a performance (\$100-\$250); or

bus transportation (\$100); or a family admission (\$20). In-kind contributions are also welcomed. All contributions will be posted on the website (www.newyeargorham.org) and will also be advertised with news of the event as we approach the date.

The committee hopes to keep the admission cost affordable (\$5 per person for the entire event and a family cap of no more than \$20). Corporate sponsorship will make that possible. If you or your company can help, please contact Virginia Wilder Cross at www.newyeargorham.org or call 222-2248.

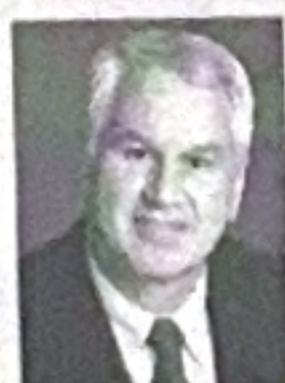
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town council update

Dear Friends,

I would take this opportunity to update you on a few things your town council has been working on over the summer.



The town council adopted Gorham's first debt management policy. This policy provides the town manager and the council with measurable standards for gauging the long-term financial impact of large capital expenditures.

Now, rather than just saying we're going to try to keep our debt to a minimum, we are using historically valid guidelines that will reference our debt load to such things as per capita debt, debt as a percent of property value, and debt to current revenue.

Your local government is serious about controlling spending and maintaining reasonable debt loads so that we can keep your taxes as low as possible. This debt management policy is a significant step towards maintaining Gorham's excellent credit rating and ensuring our good fiscal health for the long-term.

We have also adopted a change to the council rules that requires us to inform voters of the specific impact that any new and substantial spending will have on the property tax rate. Now when residents go to the polls to vote on new spending initiatives, they will see exactly how their vote will impact their property taxes before they cast their ballot.

Finally, we have simplified and streamlined the Planning Department's fee schedule. This will allow the Planning Department staff to focus their efforts on approving customers' plans and ensuring Gorham's efficient and careful growth.

Your town council, town manager, and department heads have worked together to provide Gorham residents with a municipal budget for next year that does not increase your property taxes. Very few communities have been as successful; and if it were not for higher taxes levied on Gorham residents by the Cumberland County government, we would have actually had an overall tax cut!

If you have any questions for me, especially about how we are handling your money, please feel free to call me at your convenience. I am honored to serve you and welcome any input.

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Julianne Farrar Named A Commended Student

Leslie Dupuis

Chris Record, GHS principal, announced that Julianne Farrar has been named a Commended Student in the 2009 National Merit Scholarship Program. Julianne is one of approximately 34,000 Commended Students throughout the nation who are being recognized for their exceptional academic promise. These students placed among the top five percent of more than 1.5 million students who entered the 2009 competition.

"Recognition of academically talented students and the key role played by schools in their development is essential to the pursuit of educational excellence in our nation," commented a spokesperson for NMSC. "The young people named Commended Students have demonstrated outstanding academic potential by their strong performance in this highly competitive program. We hope this recognition will enhance their educational opportuni-



Julianne Farrar was one of the top five percent of more than 1.5 million students entering the National Merit Scholarship Contest.

ties and that they will continue to diligently pursue their professional goals."

What's New in Educational Technology in Gorham?

Gorham Schools Technology Department

The beginning of the school year is always an exciting time for students and teachers but this year it's especially motivating for the Gorham staff. The school year begins with a new Technology Director, Dennis Crowe. Crowe was formerly the Technology Director at SAD 6. Though he'll be sadly missed there, we welcome him to Gorham where he's sure to be a great asset to educational technology. Crowe is a board member of ACTEM (Association of Computer Technology Educators of Maine) as well as the current NEISTE President (New England International Society for Technology in Education). He believes we need to put technology tools in the hands of teachers and students to cultivate 21st century skills that are vitally important to the graduating workforce.

Dervin Grady has also joined our team as a network administrator. Grady's expertise in networking a much larger district than Gorham has provided us with the necessary knowledge to make our network run efficiently. We can now begin building a wireless infrastructure throughout our schools. We welcome Grady to the team.

This summer laptops were purchased for the K-2 staff at White Rock and Narragansett. Terri Dawson, Technology Integrator, is providing professional development training opportunities. Dawson not only provides staff training workshops, but also classroom integration for teachers and students, K-12, on how to use

Internet Safety for Parents

Do you know what your kids are doing online? Technology can enhance our daily lives but the tool must be used appropriately. On October 21, Terri Dawson will present Internet Safety for Parents sponsored by Adult Education. The evening will focus on appropriate online behavior in cyberspace. We will take a look at Myspace, Facebook, Skype, 2nd Life and online gaming to make you aware of the risks and rewards of using web2.0 technologies.

Stay tuned for more exciting news about technology in our schools!

technology tools to help students and deliver the curriculum differently.


GHS has benefited this fall with the implementation of a new wireless network that allows the staff some mobility with their MLTI laptops throughout the building. The vision is to build an infrastructure throughout the schools to allow for a wireless environment for teaching and learning.

Crafts For a Cause



Members of the GMS Craft Club display some of the jewelry items being sold at the Gorham Arts Sale on October 25 at Robie Gym. The proceeds from this fundraiser will be donated to those needing assistance with oil heating bills. Pictured (l to r) are: Abbie Sladen, Devin Martin, Maddie Gotschlich, Carly Barber, Michelle Staples, Alysha Deering, Bethany Martin, K-la Scott, Riley Allen and Sarah Buotte. The Craft Club meets every other Tuesday and is open to all middle school students. Future sessions will feature jewelry making and card making to sell at the Art Sale.

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Functional Strength Training; What, Why and How

Stacey Coleman

Functional training has recently become a popular buzz word in the fitness industry, but what does it mean? Fitness experts now recommend functional strength training (FST) as another way to improve coordination, muscular strength and endurance, and to build a body better able to meet the challenges of everyday life.

FST has been defined as an integrated approach to strength training focused on exercising multiple muscles and joints together. It emphasizes the body's core muscles—abdomen and back, as stabilizers. Strength training is not just about looking good anymore, incorporating FST can enhance overall well being.

Everything we do while alive is considered functional, it is really a matter of how functional we are relative to what we are preparing for. In order for your body to function properly we must be aware of how the systems of the body relate to each other. FST is training that incorporates a full spectrum of techniques designed to elicit the optimum adaptive response appropriate for specific activities, such as sport, recreation, or everyday movements. FST is very popular because it is so practical.

Basically, FST should mimic the movements of the desired activities while working against resistance. For best results, train with movements that follow and are greater than or equal to the current range of motion and are at the same speed as the desired movement to be performed. For example, if a pitcher needs to improve his/her throwing arm

not only would you train the shoulder, but also as important would be the chest, back, biceps, triceps and abdominals as you simulate the throwing movement.

FST is not just for athletes. Let's say you are a 39 year-old mother of three who carries the groceries, kids and everything else that comes along with them, while juggling everyday movements and chores. At the end of the day you are tired and sore and can't even think about exercise. FST will help you strengthen the muscles of everyday life.

There is minimal equipment needed to perform functional training, however there are some pieces that can certainly enhance the exercises. These include, but are not limited to, dumbbells, balance platforms, medicine balls, kettlebells, etc. For more information on this equipment visit www.gorhamfitnessstudio.com and click equipment.

People are highly encouraged to seek the advice of a fitness professional before attempting any functional training movement. Functional training is great for athletes of all ages, active adults and older adults and for beginners.

Stacey Coleman is a NASM certified personal trainer and owner of the Gorham Fitness Studio. Stacey has a B.S. in Health and Fitness and 10 years of professional field experience. She can be reached at 239-0602 or by visiting www.gorhamfitnessstudio.com.



Gorham Family Celebrates Nettie's Graduation

Gorham Times Staff

The Muhs-Sharp Family, volunteer puppy raisers for Guiding Eyes for the Blind, have had their puppy graduate as a full-fledged guide dog. Nettie, a yellow, female Labrador Retriever, had been with the Muhs-Sharp family since she was 8 weeks old. Now fully trained to be part of a Guiding Eyes team, Nettie is fulfilling her potential as a working guide dog with Rechel Magario in Kansas.



Pictured are Rachel Magario with her guide dog Nettie and GEB puppy raisers Angie Muhs and Andrew Sharp.

The Guiding Eyes Puppy Raising program is comprised of approximately 500 puppy raisers from Maine to North Carolina. These caring, dedicated people are the "heart and soul" of the Guiding Eyes program. Puppy raisers nurture the young pups and familiarize them with everyday situations. They establish the loving human bond that is the foundation for the puppies' future role in a guide dog team. Raisers are provided the necessary training & support from a volunteer regional coordinator. After approximately 14-16 months, puppy raisers return the dogs to Guiding Eyes for evaluation. Dogs which pass their tests begin formal training with Guiding Eyes guide dog instructors. After four to six months of rigorous training the dogs have learned to assist

About Guiding Eyes for the Blind

In 1954, Guiding Eyes for the Blind was founded to enrich the lives of blind and visually impaired men and women. Since that time, Guiding Eyes has become one of the foremost guide dog schools in the world, graduating more than 6,500 guide dog teams. Guiding Eyes for the Blind is a not-for-profit 501 (c) (3) organization. It provides professionally trained Guiding Eyes dogs, training and lifetime support services to students free of charge with funds raised solely through the generosity of individuals, corporations, foundations and civic organizations. Guiding Eyes for the Blind's Headquarters and Training Center is located in Yorktown Heights, New York and its Canine Development Center is located in Paterson, New York.

their future blind partner in traveling safely and with confidence.

Living in the Muhs-Sharp home, Nettie was provided with many different opportunities for socialization, including visits to shopping malls, train stations and restaurants. It takes a great deal of commitment to raise a Guiding Eyes puppy but, as Angie said "I will always remember how Nettie loved playing in the snow and flopping in front of the wood stove afterwards. From a raising standpoint, I will remember how she confidently navigated the jammed aisles of Target with me on the Saturday before Christmas. I knew then she would be a guide dog."

It costs approximately \$45,000 to breed, raise and train a Guiding Eyes dog but, there is no cost to the graduate. Funded solely by contributions from individuals, corporations, foundations and organizations, Guiding Eyes is able to cover all costs. For more information on raising a Guiding Eyes puppy, contact Guiding Eyes for the Blind at 1(866) GEB-LABS or visit their website at www.volunteer.guidingeyes.org



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in the Zone

GHS Stars: Cross Country Sophomore **JEREMY EARL** finished first in each of the team's first three multi-school meets this year. Boys Soccer Senior **BRANDON PATTEN** scored four goals and assisted on two others vs. South Portland September 12.

College Star:

Saint Joseph's College men's soccer goalkeeper **Will Pike** (GHS '06) was named the ECAC Division III New England Defensive Player of the Week on September 23. Pike was also honored by the GNAC Conference on September 22 as the goalkeeper of the week. For the week, Pike made 23 saves and allowed only two goals as St. Joseph's posted a 2-0-1 record. For the season, Pike has 55 saves, a 1.07 goals-against average, and a .859 save percentage.



GHS Fall Sports Update Jeff Pike

The GHS Fall sports teams have continued to play at their usual level of excellence so far as the teams have combined for a record of 40-8 at press time. All of teams celebrated with homecoming games during the week of September 14-20, and as they are now at or past the halfway mark and heading into the season's home stretch, here's an update on how their seasons are going:

Boys Cross Country: The team record at press time was 7-0, and the Rams were ranked 10th in the statewide, all-classes, coaches poll. "The team is young with just one senior in the top seven, but we are performing very nicely," said head coach John Wilkinson. "I am pleased with the team record and the performance of individual runners." The team is traveling to Belfast on Oct. 4 to participate in the Maine Cross-Country Festival of Champions in preparation for the State Meet, which will be run on the same course. Jeremy Earl, a sophomore, has been the team's number-one runner and has won all three of Gorham's regular season multi-school races. "Jeremy is making a name for himself as one of the best runners in the region," Wilkinson said. Close

behind Earl are junior Alex Graves and sophomore Logan Marshall who are both having nice seasons as the team's number two and three runners. Junior Jon Foster and sophomore Andy Turner have also been running well recently as have junior Adam Hawkes and senior Lucas Seiferth. "We should do well at the regional, but the key for success for in big meets will be complementing our strong one and two runners with runners that can also score well," Wilkinson said.

Girls Cross Country: The team's record at press time was 6-1 including a recent four-team meet in which the Rams defeated Kennebunk, Portland, and Noble. "We should continue our success by performing well at the regional, and we expect the team to qualify for the state meet," said head coach Kurt Schwanda. Junior Rachel Wilkinson is leading the way as the team's number-one runner for the third straight season. "She is one of the best runners in the region and the state," Schwanda said. Senior Sarah McCullough is also having a good season as the number-two runner. Junior Kelsey Rex, sophomore Jenny Thuotte and freshman Jeanette Villanueva, as well as juniors Katie Smith and Solange Carpenter round-out the team's top seven runners. Looking ahead, Schwanda said, "One runner can't win a big meet alone. To do well, we'll need strong performances from all five scoring runners, so we need the remainder of our top five to keep closing that gap on the lead runners."

Volleyball: The team's record at press time was 5-2 with recent impressive wins over Biddeford and Scarborough, and a fifth-place ranking in Western Maine. Rachel Fogarty, Megan Bilodeau, Sara Burnheimer and Hannah Shorty all have strong serving stats. Mollie Lortie has performed well as a defensive specialist while Kelsey Crowe and Chelsea Clark have been solid in the middle hitting spots. Hallie Balcomb has stepped up big in the attack role as a hitter. "We have worked hard to gel as a team,"

said head coach Lisa Curley. "After evaluating our performance in the first two matches, we changed our offense from a 6-2 to a 5-1. This allowed our spark plug, Rachel Fogarty, to run our offense and be on the court full-time to keep a high octane energy level." Looking ahead, Curley said, "This group of athletes has big goals and has shown a willingness to put team success at the top of the list. They are working hard to show improvement at each contest and will peak toward the end of the season. We expect to be a factor come playoff time." A key upcoming home game for the team takes place Oct. 6 vs. Greeley, the number-one rated team at press time.

Field Hockey: At press times the team's record stood at 7-1 with a third-place ranking in Western Maine Class A. During its first eight games, the team scored 27 goals led by Melanie Hallsworth with six, and five each from Kat Whitehead, Kayleigh Bullock and Hannah Prince. Overall, 11 players have scored or assisted, which demonstrates the balance the team features. The Ram defense and goalie Hillary Randall have also played well with five shutouts and only six goals allowed. "Things are starting to come together," said head coach Amber Hatch. "We hope to stay ranked in the top three in our league, with a big game against Scarborough at home on Oct. 4. The winner of that game will likely end up in second place and get home field advantage if we meet in the playoffs. However, we must stay focused on every contest and challenge along the way."

Boys Soccer: At press time, the team record was at 4-3 including a tough overtime loss against Kennebunk. The Rams were ranked sixth in the Western Maine Class A. Inexperience and injuries have tested the Rams' depth. "We started the season strongly with an impressive win over Deering," said head coach Tim King. "We also played well in a loss to Scarborough and then had convincing wins over South Portland and Marshwood, but then we struggled in our next two games before defeating Massabesic." Leading scorers at press time were Brandon Patten and Chris Esposito. "We need to battle back in order to make the tournament, but we have several key games remaining," King said.

Football: The team's record at press time was 2-1 with wins over South

GORHAM TRAVEL BASKETBALL TRYOUTS

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Gorham Youth Travel Basketball Association will hold tryouts for the 2008-2009 season for the Girls and Boys 5th & 6th grade teams. All tryouts will be held at Shaw Gym. Tryout dates and times are listed below:

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Tennis Back Board Installed



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A new tennis back board has been installed at the Gorham High School courts by Brian White, Gorham Recreation Facilities/Programmer. The courts are open to the public, but residents may want check the GMS Tennis team use schedule. Pictured: Sonja Frey GHS and GMS coach, and Gorham Rec. Dept. Tennis Coach and Alan Grady, Gorham Rec Youth Sports Director

Gorham Youth Travel Basketball

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Team try-outs will occur in mid-October. Leagues run mid-Nov 2008 through March 2009.

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Teen Fitness Celebration

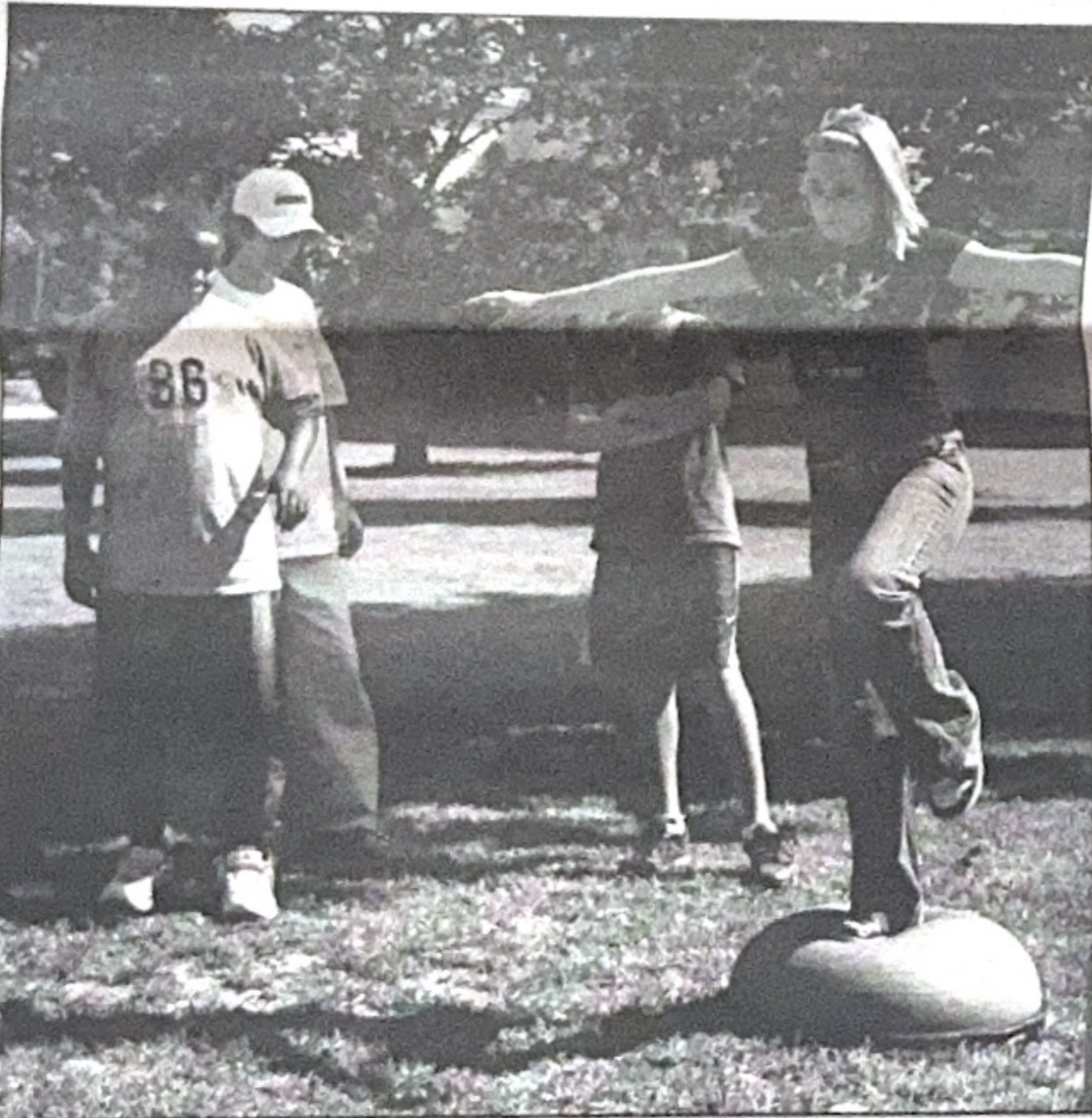


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Abbey Brown participates in the Teen Fitness Activities on the lawn of Baxter Memorial Library, Wednesday September 24. The event was filled with music, fun and games as the Gorham Fitness Studio teamed up with Baxter Library for the 2008 Teen Fitness Celebration. GHS and GMS students were invited to the event. Gorham Fitness Studio volunteered to organize and implement the program; teens participated in health and fitness trivia, fitness challenges, and dancing. Participants were able to win prizes and learn about the importance of proper nutrition, fitness and proper training techniques by working hands-on with the personal trainers. Gorham Fitness Studio owners Stacey and Jesse Coleman also served as live DJ's at the event. The event was a success and launched the release of new Health and Fitness books in the library which Kathy Stevens, the new Youth Services Librarian, successfully introduced. There is talk about another event in the spring of '09 as the importance of educating children about proper nutrition and fitness increases everyday.

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SPORTS UPDATE FROM PAGE 10

Portland and Portland, and a loss to Deering, one of the top teams in Western Maine Class A. The offense has done a decent job controlling the line of scrimmage and has the shining star so far according to head coach Dave Kilborn. He credits Frankie DiDonato, Jon Day, Cody Stover, Luke Merrifield


and Clayton Loubier for performing above average. Kilborn added that the team is still young, but a lot of players have gained valuable experience. "As long as we can keep everything simple and not over complicate what we are trying to do, our younger players will thrive," Kilborn said. "We have had

some mental mistakes and are working hard to correct those within our practice situations." Looking ahead, Kilborn hopes to keep the team healthy and get some of the banged-up players back to full strength. "As long as we play with heart, we will be a tough team for anyone to beat. Our team

motto is 'UBUNTU,' which means coming together. We need to continue to play that way."

Golf: At press time the Rams were 7-2, with both losses coming to Thornton Academy. The regular season ended September 29 with the qualifier for the state tournament taking place Oct. 6. David Gushee and Tom Stirling have led the way, averaging 35.9 and 38.4 strokes per nine holes respectively. Justin Bollinger has also had a solid year, winning 10 out of a possible 16 points in his matches. "We're about where we thought we would be," said head coach Rocky Myers. "We had a close match with Thornton Academy at home, but they played a little better than us." Gorham needs to finish among the top three teams at the Oct. 6 state qualifier at which 13 schools are participating. The state tournament then takes place Oct. 11, while the state individual tournament takes place Oct. 18. Last year, Gushee tied for first and Stirling finished fourth. "We may have as many as four golfers qualify for the state tournament this year," Myers said.

Girls Soccer: The Rams were undefeated at press time with a 7-0 record, having outscored their opponents 36-2 and having earned a first-place ranking in Western Maine Class A. This year's team has been plagued by several major injuries to key players but has managed to keep winning, including an impressive 4-1 win over second-ranked Marshwood and a nail-biting, 1-0 overtime win against Windham. "We have had a lot of players contribute in different ways, and we've been able to work the whole team into every game except one," said head coach Jeanne Zarrilli. "We're also starting to get some of our players back from injuries and illness, which helps a lot and many new players have stepped-up to play well at the varsity level." Looking ahead to the stretch run, Zarrilli said, "We need to gear-up for our big games so we can finish strong and earn home field advantage for the playoffs."




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USM Associate Professor of Archeology Nathan Hamilton (above) working in the field on Smutty Nose Island, Isle of Shoals, Maine.

Right: Samples of fish and animal remains unearthed by Hamilton and his students on the island.



When University of Southern Maine Associate Professor of Archeology Nathan Hamilton identifies centuries-old potshards, buttons, and coins found on recent digs on Smuttynose Island, Isle of Shoals, he sounds like an expert on "Antiques Roadshow" rather than the biological archeologist he is. The Gorham resident can identify the age and place of origin of the fragments of European salt glaze and earthenware vessels and other signs of human habitation on Smuttynose which allows him to know the age of the true subjects of his research - ancient animal and fish bones that have not decayed in the treeless acid-free soil of the island.

The remains of sea creatures excavated this summer in a Cornell University field school taught by Hamilton will be used to write an environmental history of the Gulf of Maine that will look at temperature, pollution, and the biological invasions that began when

European explorers first began sailing into the Gulf of Maine. All samples uncovered during the field school are being processed in Hamilton's Bailey Hall lab on USM's Gorham campus.

USM student and 2008 USM Summer Undergraduate Research Fellow Erin Taylor helped Hamilton with the preliminary digs for the field school. For her own research, Taylor analyzed the size of fish remains to definitively discover the size and diversity of the ancient Gulf of Maine fishery. While assumptions as to the size and scope of historic fish populations exist, previous data hasn't had the support of actual fish remains.

The research Hamilton and Taylor are conducting has piqued the interest of researchers at the Gulf of Maine Census

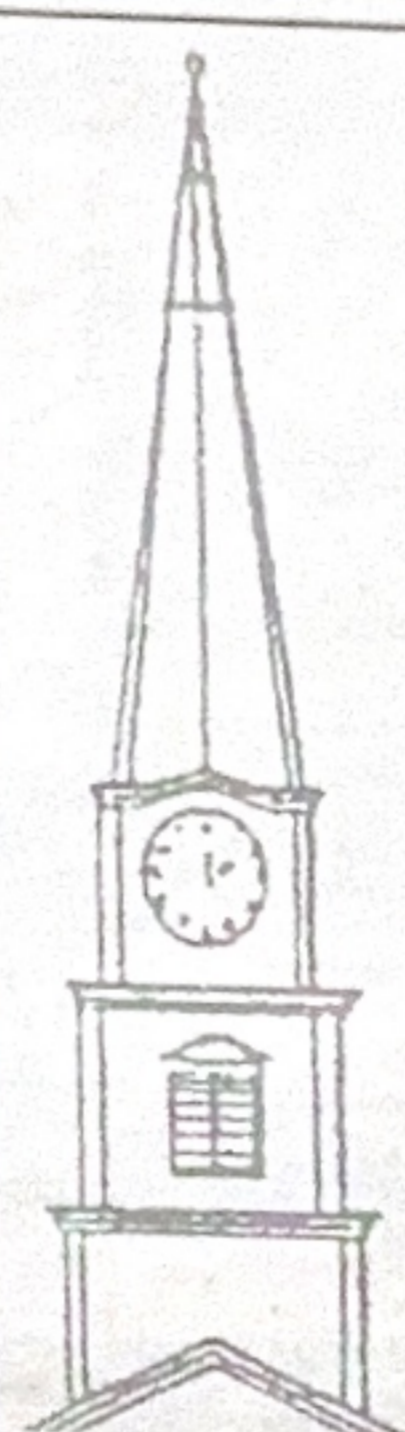
of Marine Life, and this fall, researchers at Bates will be conducting isotope experiments on Taylor's fish remains.

The work begun by this USM professor/student team can have applications not only in understanding the ebb and flow of fish populations over the centuries, but the layers of sediment they uncover can also explain ancient New England weather patterns and shed light on current questions regarding climate change.

CANDIDATES FROM PAGE 1

Baxter Memorial Library will be held Oct. 29 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. All local and state candidates will be invited to attend. This is an informal, low-key evening, sponsored by the Library and

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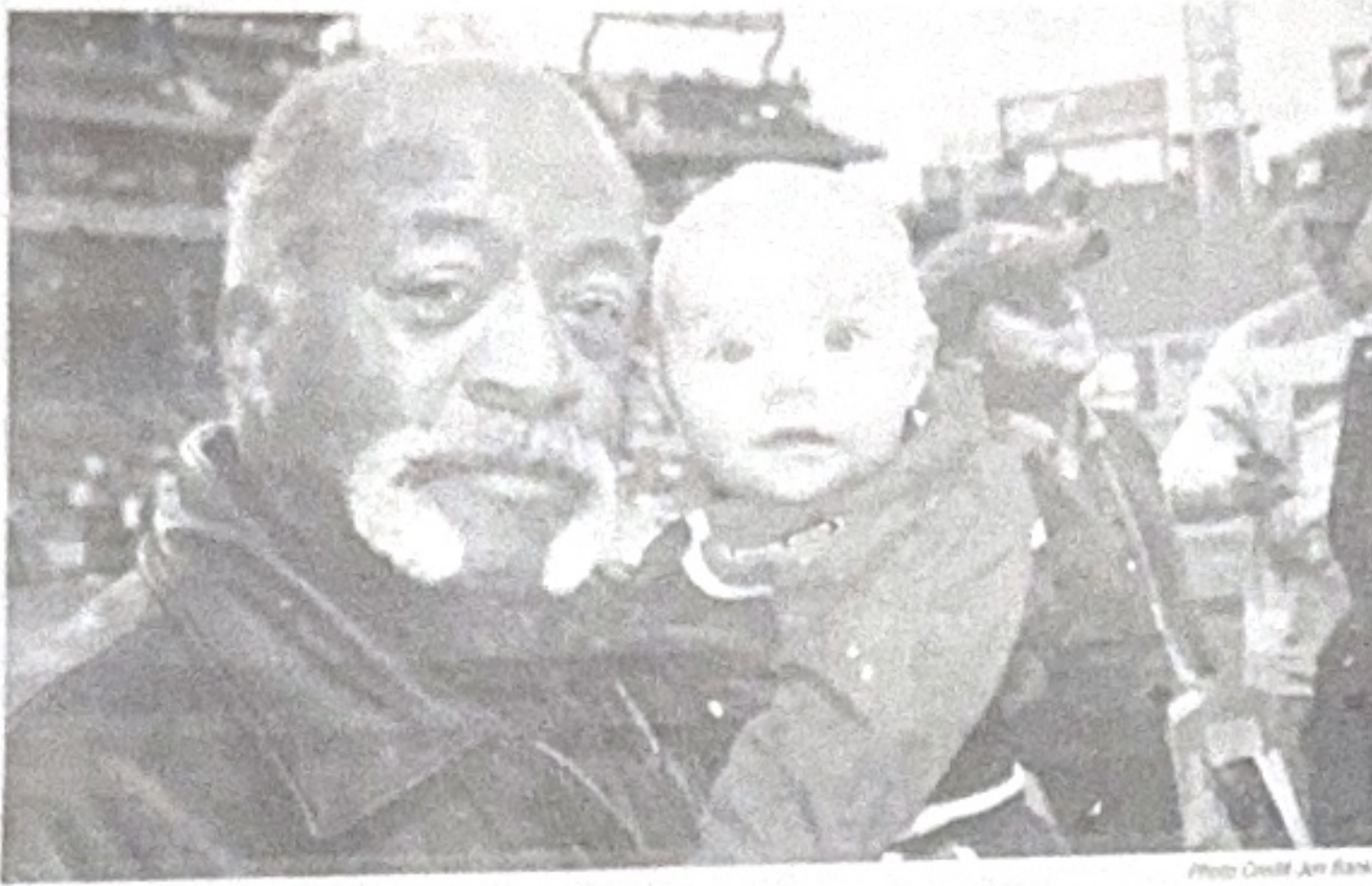
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Cherry and Doug Finck of Gorham are happy to announce the recent marriage of their daughter, **KELLY FINCK**, to **ALEX WATERS**, son of Louise and Harry Waters of Union City, California. Kelly and Alex, who met at Dartmouth College, were married on July 20, 2008 in Gorham. They reside in Norwalk, Ct.

of interest

The **GHS Chamber Singers** will sponsor a Gorham High School Talent Show on Wednesday, Oct. 15 at 7 p.m. in the MPAC. Admission is \$5. Public welcome!

All You Can Eat Baked Bean Supper on Saturday, Oct. 4 from 4:30 to 6 p.m. at the White Rock Community Club, Wilson Rd. Off Route 237 in Gorham. Beans, hot dogs, biscuits, salads, homemade desserts Adults: \$7, kids \$3. FMI 892-4442.

The **Friends of Baxter Memorial Library Book Sale** will be held on Friday, Oct. 17 from 9-5 p.m. and Saturday, Oct. 18 from 9-1 p.m. at the Gorham Recreation Activities Room next door to the library. Friend's members may purchase books at the sale on Thursday, Oct. 16 from 5-7 p.m. Non-members may join at the door! Thousands of books have been donated and all books in this sale are fresh donation since the last sale in the spring. FMI 839-5031.

"**Slides, Whistles, and Songs**," is an evening of musical fun with Boston-based USM artist faculty, trombonist Brian Diehl, accompanied by pianist Anastasia Antonacos. The concert is the second in the USM School of Music's 2008-2009 Spotlight Series. The performance will take place at 8 p.m. October 17 in Corthell Concert Hall on the USM Gorham campus. Tickets range from \$15 to \$5 for students. Call 780-5555 for reservations. A reception to meet the artist will follow in the first floor lobby. Sponsor for the evening is Norway Savings Bank.

In response to the current energy and financial crisis many are facing, the Gorham Ecumenical Council, is sponsoring an Energy Resource Fair, free and open to the public. It will be held at Cressey Road United Methodist Church, Cressey Road (west on Route 25) in Gorham, on Saturday Oct. 11 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Many state agencies and organizations will provide information, and/or

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assistance for those who are concerned about how to afford heating their homes this winter, and to learn more about energy efficiency around the home. There will be valuable door prizes, and the first 100 who attend will be given free "energy bars".

The **Second Annual Scarecrow Festival** will be held on Saturday, Oct. 4 on the Gorham Municipal Center lawn, 75 South Street. The event will include a scarecrow contest, drawings for scavenger hunt prizes, hayrides, apple cider making, and more. A \$5 fee will allow individuals, groups and merchants to participate in the scarecrow contest. Prizes will be awarded for Best in Show and People's Choice. Completed scavenger hunt forms must be returned to Gorham Recreation by Oct. 3 or at the Festival on Oct. 4. Scavenger Hunt and Scarecrow Contest Registrations are available at Gorham Recreation Department and on the website www.gorhamrec.com. FMI, 222-1630.

The **Directors of Macdonald Page & Co LLC**, a Certified Public Accounting firm with offices in South Portland and Augusta, are pleased to announce that Lindsay Buteau has joined the Firm as a Staff Accountant in their South Portland office. Lindsay received her Master of Science degree in Accounting earlier this year from Boston College. She has her BA in Business Administration, with a concentration in Accounting from the University of Maine. She is the daughter of Bev and Gerry Buteau.

The **North Gorham Library** will hold their annual meeting on Saturday, October 18, 9:00 a.m. The public is invited to attend. FMI call Virginia Rundell, 892-8940.

close to home

The **Schoolhouse Arts Center** will present "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown," October 9-26. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday performances are at 8 p.m. and Sunday matinee at 2 p.m. FMI, 642-3743.

Buxton Garden Club's October 9 meeting will be held at the Groveville Firebarn, Turkey Lane, Buxton. The meeting begins at 7 p.m. The speaker is Laura Turner from "Wild Birds" and she will be presenting a program on feeding the birds through the winter and other ideas for bird lovers. All are welcome. FMI: buxtongc@yahoo.com or 929-8283.

An **AARP driver safety course** for drivers 50 years of age and older will be presented from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Windham Public Library, 217 Windham Center Rd., Windham, October 4 & 11. Participants must attend both days to complete the course. The registration fee is \$10 a person and advance registration is required. To register, phone John Hammon, AARP volunteer instructor, at (207) 655-4943. Class size is limited and registrations will be accepted first-come, first-served as long as space is available.

Second Annual Gorham Art Fair

The second annual Gorham Art Fair will be held on October 25, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. A wide variety of talented local artisans will gather at the Shaw Gymnasium inside the Gorham Municipal Center to display and sell their work just in time for the holidays.

Building on the success of last year's Gorham Art Fair, the organizers are busy preparing a full day of activities for folks of all ages. In addition to dozens of art vendors, Gorham Art Fair attendees can look forward to enjoying live local music, storytellers, an all-ages art making area, a bake sale and a traditional American cookout. Donations of artwork of all types are being accepted now for the silent auction. All proceeds raised at the silent action are to benefit The Gorham Food Pantry, and if you'd like to donate artwork please let us know.

Local artists who are interested in showing and selling their work may call 839-3003 to reserve one of the few remaining slots. The Gorham Art fair is a rain or shine event, and admission is free. FMI carson@gorhamgrind.com or call 207-839-3003.

First Annual Chili Chowder Cook-Off Huge Success

Dana Redmond

This year's Gorham Business & Civic Exchange's (GBCE) Top Chef for Chowder is Susan Sinnett of Sinnett representing Gorham Women's Alliance (GWA), with jalapeno shrimp chowder. Top Chef for chili is Ray Mathieu, "The Chili Maestro," and band leader at Gorham High School, sponsored by Writing Words & Graphics. Over 100 hungry "tasters" sampled the wares of 28 businesses' chili & chowder offerings at the GBCE's Kick-Off Event, Sept. 18. The cook-off was open to the public at no charge. "We were really excited about the turnout," said Donna Reinheimer, president of GBCE. "There were so many different variations, it was hard to judge. We had seafood chowders, corn chowder, and even chicken and white bean from Sebago Brewing's chef, Paul Kennedy. The chili category included vegetarian and venison chilies. The public voted for their favorite and three "secret" judges helped select the two winners. The "Top Chef" from each category received a \$50 savings bond, donated by Norway Savings Bank & Gorham Savings Bank and a first place plaque. Kim Hart, owner of R.O.O.T.S., provided activities for children, including glitter face painting. Cases of water were donated by Gorham Savings Bank and Poland Springs. The big raffle winners were Doug Forrester who won two season passes to USM's Theater Productions and Alexandra Stresser who won two rounds of 18-hole golf at Spring Meadows.



Photo credit: Martha T. Harris

Diane and Henry O'Neill serve up their chowder at the GBCE's First Annual Chili/Chowder Cook-Off.

"This was so much fun. We'll definitely have a second annual Cook-Off," Donna said, "and there's even talk of a Dessert Cook-Off in the winter." For more information about the GBCE's meetings and events call 892-5515 and www.gorhambusiness.org.

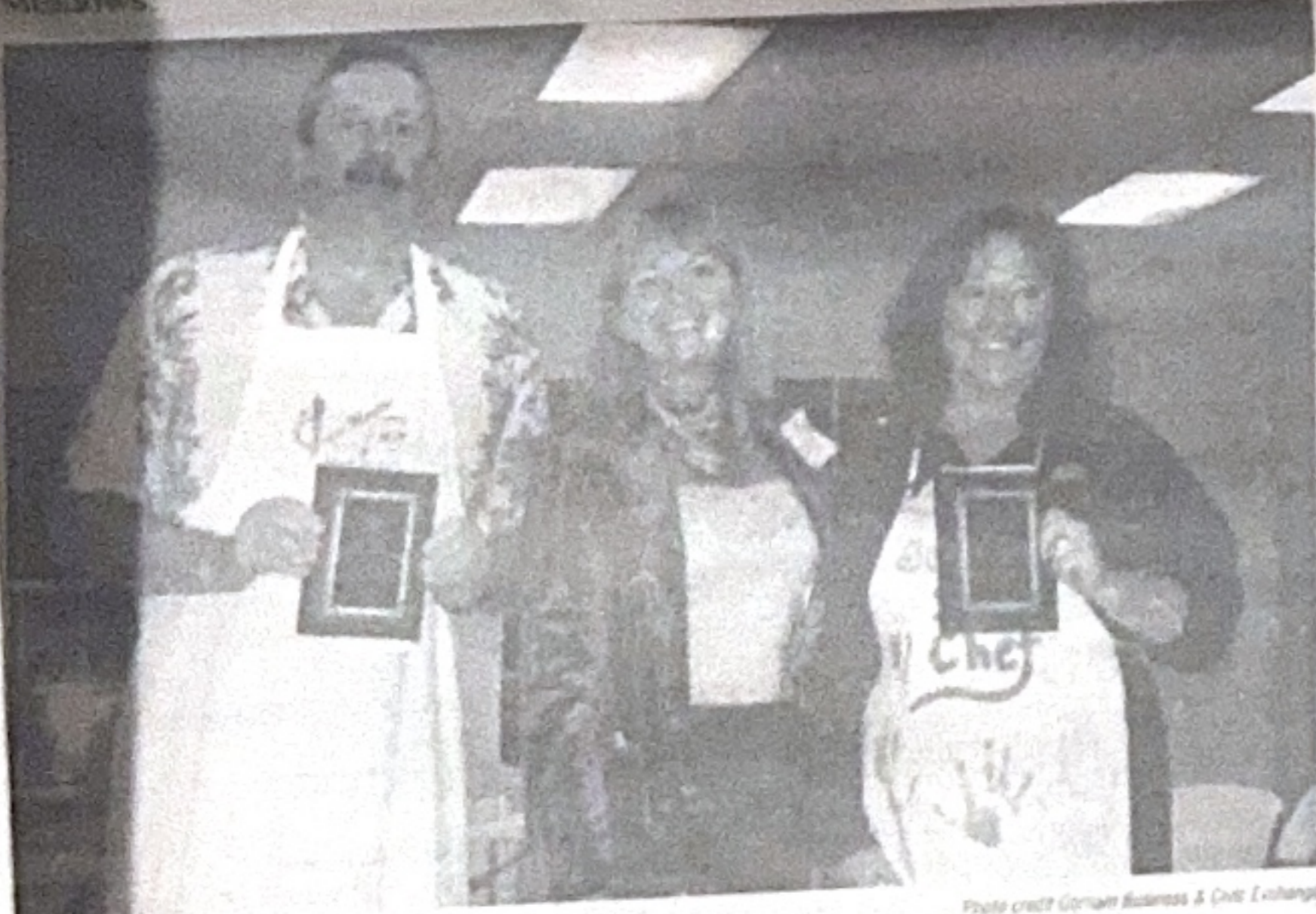


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...and the Winner Is? The Gorham Business & Civic Exchange's (GBCE) First Annual Chili Chowder Cook-Off was a huge success with over 100 people in attendance. Pictured (left to right) Ray Mathieu, chili winner, Donna Reinheimer, president of GBCE and Susan Sinnett, chowder winner.

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Pies, Produce and Plants

Sherri L. Fontaine

On September 13 the Gorham Garden Club, joined by both the Friends and Trustees of Baxter Memorial Library, held the first annual "Pies, Produce & Plants Sale" with resounding success. The event was held on the lawn of the Baxter Library on a perfect Indian Summer day, there were tempting and tasty pies, jams and pickles, displayed alongside the vibrant colors of fresh produce just picked from the garden. The aroma of hot coffee, generously donated by the Gorham

Grind, lured customers to the pastry table where difficult decisions were being made, "the apple pie or the toasted coconut pecan pie?"

The variety of plants being sold was impressive. Included were hardy specimens dug up from Garden Club members' own gardens as well as a large assortment of houseplants like Lavender, Scented Geraniums and Christmas Cactus. Area businesses who generously donated plants were O'Donal's Nursery, Ossipee Trail Gardens and Pettingill

Landscaping. Signs around the sale acknowledged the donations and encouraged customers to support these local businesses.

To add to the farmer's market atmosphere, tables offering garden related goods were sold. The donations made to this table from Cook's Hardware were greatly appreciated and quickly sold.

The Gorham Garden Club provides flowers, Christmas wreaths, gardening books and DVDs for the Baxter Memor-

ial Library, as well as seasonal plantings and maintenance at civic project locations. The club also provides yearly scholarships for students both young and old interested in gardening and related environmental issues. Monies raised by this event will be used to help fund these club projects as well as used by the Trustees of the Baxter Memorial Library for projects associated with the Library.

Linda Frinsko, pictured below left, helps customers at the first annual "Pies, Produce & Plants Sale."



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tions about his initial thoughts regarding GHS and some of the changes he hopes to bring to the community.

What do you see as the primary strengths of Gorham High School?

One of my major objectives as a new principal is to get to know GHS as well as I can. I have interviewed almost the entire faculty, met with parents, talked with school board members, and of course chatted with students in my quest to learn more about the strengths and areas of need at GHS. The following strengths have been readily apparent: 1) the faculty and students of GHS feel very positive about their school and their community; 2) the faculty is full of strong student-centered teachers; 3) the community and school board truly care about kids; and 4) many students are actively engaged in extra-curricular activities.

What is the most difficult part of being a principal at the high school level?

First of all, I want to stress that I am lucky to have a tremendous office staff and two fantastic assistant principals who make my job more manageable everyday. That being said, high schools are tremendously active and exciting places to work that demand an amazing amount of energy and perseverance. As a new principal at GHS, the most difficult part for me is learning about GHS as I am leading it. I am learning so many new things everyday and it is a challenge to stay on top of everything at once while making well-informed and thoughtful decisions.

What is the most rewarding part of your job?

Wow, good question I enjoy many aspects of my work, but the most rewarding part is being able to work on a daily basis with both students and

adults to try to improve GHS in some way. I interact with so many people everyday and no matter the issue it seems at the core (of every issue) is the goal to improve something for someone. I look at each interaction as an opportunity to make things better.

What are your primary goals for GHS in the next year or so?

As the principal, my overarching goals are as follows: 1) To ensure that GHS is a safe and welcoming place for all students and staff; 2) To assist each student in achieving his/her academic/social/artistic/athletic potential; and 3) To strive to improve teaching and increase learning. This school year in particular my goals are as follows: 1) Implement the homeroom/advisory program; 2) Finalize the Standards Based Reporting (SBR) Grading System; 3) Increase parent involvement at GHS; and 4) Personally continue to learn more about GHS and the Gorham community

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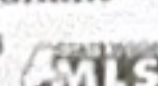
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Gray Road caller reported being assaulted but decided not to make a report.

Burnham Road caller reported that there was a horse loose in the middle of the road and that it appeared to be injured.

Caller from Sanford Drive reported that a known subject had stolen wood from behind their building. The subject agreed to return the wood and no charges were filed.

Suspicious debris in the middle of School Street was determined to be the remnants of a crossbow. Debris was removed from the road.

Caller reported that they had had a sneezing spell and went off the road and hit a sign.

Longmeadow Drive caller requested to speak with an officer regarding a subject contacting a family member on the computer.

Main Street business reported that they had received a counterfeit \$100 bill. Business called back to say that the wrong marker was used to check the bill and that the bill was real.

Ichabod Lane caller reported their dog had attacked a skunk and they were afraid of rabies.

Weeks Road caller reported an adult chasing kids on the pathway between the Middle School and the High School

Caller reported a suspicious vehicle leaving school property. Police checked the vehicle and found that the subject had been talking on their cell phone.

County Road caller reported that some sort of foam product had been sprayed on their bark mulch.

Main Street caller reported a suspicious person standing in front of their business.

Patrick Drive caller reported their vehicle had been stolen and had been involved in a crash in Standish.

Running Springs Road caller reported that juveniles were trespassing on their property.

Caller reported their vehicle had been vandalized while caller was at work.

Caller wanted to speak with an officer regarding their bail conditions.

Caller requested to speak with an officer regarding a neighbor making inappropriate comments.

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out its responsibilities in its own way. Some sold individual gravesites, while others sold only larger, family lots.

The associations also differed in the precision of their record keeping. In some cases, the exact location of the older graves remains in doubt. In others, the property boundaries of the entire cemetery are unclear. To this day, although the Town now owns all the public cemeteries, their management and maintenance is handled on an individual basis. Some of the cemeteries continue to be run by their associations, while others are completely managed by the Town government.

The oldest cemetery in Gorham is the Fort Hill Cemetery, located on Fort Hill Road near the top of the hill on the left. Almost as old is the "Old Village Cemetery," on South Street across from the Robie Gym. The Town's largest cemetery is the Eastern Cemetery on Main Street. The other cemeteries are scattered about the Town near the historic population centers.

A complete list of Gorham's public cemeteries and their availability can be found on the Town's website at www.gorham-me.org/Public_Documents/GorhamME_Clerk/Cemeteries.

on the calendar WHAT'S HAPPENING

SATURDAY, OCT. 4

- All You Can Eat Baked Bean Supper, 4:30-6 p.m., White Rock Community Club, Wilson Rd., off Rt. 237. \$7/\$3. FMI, 892-4442.
- Fall Church Supper, W. Gorham Union Church, Rt. 25 (3 miles West of Gorham), 5-6 p.m. \$6.50/\$2.50 under 12. FMI, 839-4208.
- Second Annual Scarecrow Festival on the Gorham Municipal Center Lawn, 75 South Street. Scarecrow contest, hayrides and more. \$5 fee to enter the contest. FMI Gorham Rec. 222-1630.

Monday, Oct. 6

- Planning Board Meeting, 7 p.m. Municipal Center Council Chambers, 75 South St.
- Pine Tree # 27 OES meeting at 7:30pm to initiate a new member. Refreshments to follow.

Tuesday, Oct. 7

- Town Council Meeting, 7 p.m. Municipal Center Council Chambers, 75 South St.

Wednesday, Oct. 8

- Babies and Toddlers Story Hour at the North Gorham Public Library, 10 a.m. FMI, 892-2575.
- School Committee Meeting, 7 p.m., Municipal Center Council Chambers, 75 South St.

Thursday, Oct. 9

- Early Release for grades K-12.
- Preschool Story Hour at the North Gorham Public Library, 9:30 a.m. Ages 3 and older. FMI, 892-2575.
- Gorham Woman's Club Meeting, First Parish Congregational Church, 12:30 refreshments, 1 p.m. meeting. Guest speaker is Colleen Tucker from the Maine League of Woman Voters. Enrollment is open to anyone, guests welcome. FMI Marie Woodbrey at 839-4213.

Friday, Oct. 10

- Conferences for grades 6-12. No school grades 6-12.

Saturday, Oct. 11

- Energy Resource Fair, free and open to the public. Cressey Road United Methodist Church, Cressey Road (west on Route 25) in Gorham, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Monday, Oct. 13

- Columbus Day. No School for grades K-12.
- Town offices and Library closed.

Wednesday, Oct. 15

- Gorham High School Talent Show, 7 p.m., GPAC. \$5.
- Babies and Toddlers Story Hour at the North Gorham Public Library, 10 a.m. FMI, 892-2575.

Thursday, Oct. 16

- BML Sewing Club, 2-4:30 p.m. in Schneider Room, grades K-Adult. FMI, 839-5031.
- Preschool Story Hour at the North Gorham Public Library, 9:30 a.m. Ages 3 and older. FMI, 892-2575.

Friday, Oct. 17

- Kiwanis Club Lunch Meeting, Pinecrest Bed & Breakfast, Noon - 1 p.m. FMI, 839-8944.
- The Friends of Baxter Library Book Sale, 9-5 p.m.,
- Gorham Rec. Activities Room, Municipal Center. FMI, 839-5031

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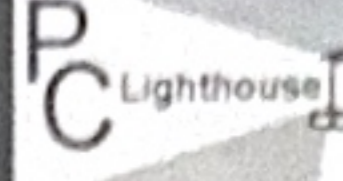

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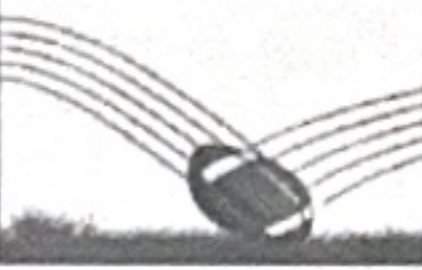
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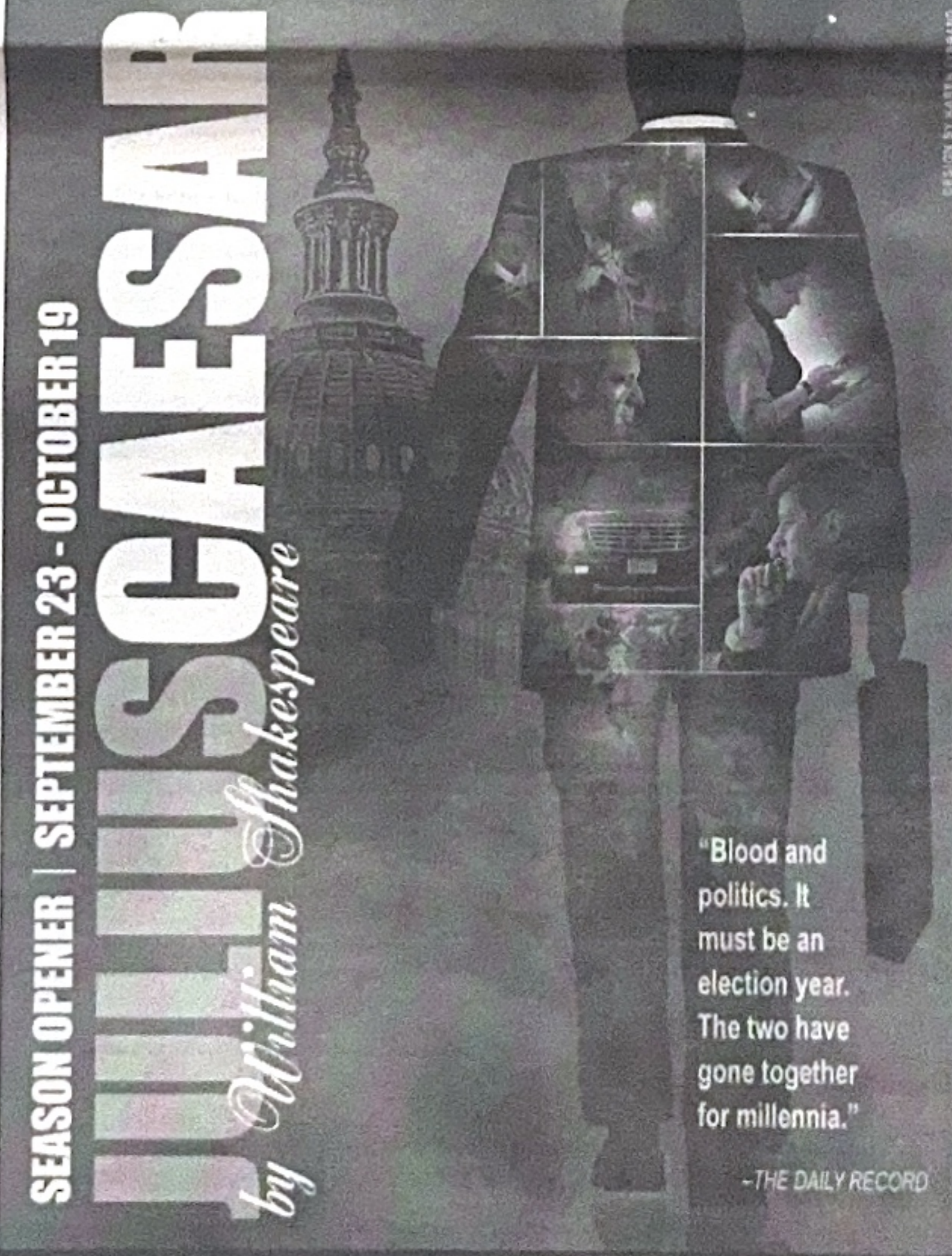
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