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CMP Plans Major Expansion

Bill Ambrose

The Central Maine Power Company plans a major expansion of its facilities in Gorham. The company is proposing to invest \$20 million in an effort to enhance the reliability and capacity of its electrical transmission system in the Town.

This proposal includes the construction of 345kV transmission lines, along with a new substation and enlarged autotransmission installation on Straw Road in South Gorham. The new power lines will replace the existing 115kV transmission lines that cross the Town from northeast to southwest.

In its recent proposal to the Public Utilities Commission, CMP will spend \$1.4 billion in Maine and New Hampshire to update its electrical system, some of which is 40 or more years old. This initiative will include the construction of 350 miles of new transmission lines in the two states. The company says that these upgrades will improve the efficiency of the entire system, as well as provide for future power needs throughout Maine.

To begin its projects in Gorham, CMP

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Police Office Arrested for OUI

Sheri Faber

Brent Sinclair, 46, a Police Officer with the Cape Elizabeth PD was arrested for OUI following an accident on October 4, at approximately 10:30 p.m. at the intersection of Routes 25 and 114. Gorham PD responded to a report of an accident with minor personal injury. In the course of their investigation, they determined that Sinclair was operating under the influence and he was arrested. He was subsequently released on personal recognizance bail by the Gorham Police Department. The driver of the other vehicle, Susan Jensen, sustained minor injuries and was treated at the scene by Gorham Rescue. The case will be forwarded to the District Attorney's Office for further action.

Double Gold!



Gorham's Kendal Nicely wins gold medals for the individual and team competitions at the Youth Archery World Championships in Turkey. Look for complete coverage in the next *Gorham Times*.

Energy Fair a Big Success

Bill Ambrose

The Energy Fair held at Cressey Road United Methodist Church, sponsored by the Gorham Ecumenical Council of Churches, drew a large number of interested community residents. The Oct. 11 event provided information from a varied group of private vendors and government agencies.

As winter grows near, high heating costs and home efficiency issues have become great concerns for many. Seniors, low-income families, and folks on fixed income are at risk of financial distress in their attempt to heat their homes during the long Maine winter. The Energy Fair was an effort to connect those people with ways to receive assistance and information.

Many government agencies were present to offer their knowledge and expertise. The Federal Government was represented by the Department of Agriculture's Rural Development program, which provides loans for home improvement projects to qualified applicants. Maine State Housing Authority has several options to consider for financial assis-

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Help For Mainers—A Phone Call Away

Sort through thousands of local services by calling one phone number—211 Sue Dunn

The next time you're in need of health, social economic or human services, but aren't sure who to call, pick up the phone and dial 211. From food pantries to heating assistance to senior services, with one call you will immediately be connected to a Maine call center handling contact information for over 5000 health, social economic and human service available to Mainers. The 10 regional United Ways of Maine in collaboration with Ingraham Volunteers and the State of Maine set up the 211 phone center which covers a wide variety of contacts and information to help with almost any situation.

Part of a national movement, 211 call centers act as a clearing house to help centralize and streamline services that many people need and sometimes aren't even aware of. The call center, open 24/7, can be accessed from a home or cell phone, a telephone/type-

writer (TTY) or by internet at www.211maine.org. All calls are confidential and services are organized by zip code to ensure the caller receives information regarding services closest to their location. Callers can also log on to the 211 web site and receive information sorted by zip code.

Currently there are over 300 help and hot-lines in Maine for these type services; 211 provides a way to skip the frustration of sorting through the toll-free numbers and find exactly who you need, when you need them. Included in the services represented are nonprofits, government agencies and in some instances, for profit organizations that provide a unique community service, are also included. All resources provide some type of health and human service for Maine residents. 2-1-1 will also provide emergency assistance information during times of natural and other disasters.

2-1-1 Maine, Inc. is a non-profit whose mission is "to connect anyone in Maine who wants to give help or get help with a full range of health and human services in their community." Some of the issues they handle include, but not limited to:

Alzheimer's resources; Basic needs — food, clothing, shelter; Energy assistance; Child care and development; Children's health and insurance; Counseling; Crisis intervention; Disability services; Domestic violence programs; Emergency Shelter; Elder care; Financial assistance; Health Care; HIV/AIDS; Home Care; Legal assistance; Parenting education programs; Senior services; Suicide prevention; Substance abuse; Transportation; Voting information; Veteran's services



Brian White, Programmer for the Gorham Recreation Department assists with cider making at the second annual Scarecrow Festival.

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Letters to the Times

Letters to the editor must be signed with a first and last name, typed or e-mailed and include a phone number. Submissions should be original to the *Gorham Times* and less than 300 words. Letters are solely the opinion of the writer and not of the *Gorham Times*. They are published at the discretion of the *Gorham Times* and are subject to editing.

Dear Gorham Times,

The long awaited by-pass in Gorham is nearing completion. One of the objectives of this new road was to alleviate some of the traffic including trucks in downtown Gorham.

Traveling the past few days through the new rotary on Route 4/202, I noticed that trailer and oil trucks are too large to negotiate the rotary. Whoever engineered the rotary did not construct it large enough so trailers can go around the rotary on the paved road. In order for the average trailer or oil truck to go through the rotary they have to cut across the center concrete section. This could present a real problem in the winter with snow piled up on the rotary.

Why would the state build a rotary that cannot accommodate truck vehicles that will use it on a daily basis? Who is accountable for the engineering and oversight of this project? Who is responsible? Why should taxpayers pay for a rotary that does not work for trucks or trailers?

The center concrete portion of the rotary is not designed nor constructed to withstand heavy trailer traffic. These vehicles should be using the paved portion of the road and not have to cut across the center of the rotary. The rotary should have been designed to facilitate truck traffic.

Tax dollars are being spent on a project that is important to Gorham. It should be done right.

John J. Kerbel

Dear Gorham Times,

Gorham, Scarborough and Westbrook have been fortunate to have had Phil Bartlett as our State Senator for the past four years. During his time in Augusta, Phil has been Chair of the Utilities and Energy Committee and has worked to address climate change while also supporting energy efficiency and renewable energy development. He has sponsored legislation to lower health care costs as well as to lower income taxes and provide tax credits for the property taxes we pay. Phil has also supported increased funding for schools in our communities. We need more bright, hard working young people like Phil in the legislature who will work to improve the lives of all Mainers.

Sheri Faber

Dear Gorham Times,

This letter is to voice my support for Phil Csoros' candidacy for the Maine State Senate. I personally know Phil to be an earnest, hard-working and open-minded person who will consider all the facts before casting each and every vote in the Maine Senate.

Mr. Csoros is as tired of party politics as the rest of us are, and I'm happy to see the way he conducts himself as an informed and independent member of the Gorham Town Council. More than anything, Phil cares about working for the best interests of his community, and obviously works well with the other members of the council.

The repeated fiscal crisis that our current state legislature has created demands that we elect someone with the courage to cut wasteful spending and party line, special interest-driven voting. Phil Csoros has been a tireless advocate for fiscal responsibility at the local level, and I know he will continue the fight for spending reform in Augusta.

I ask my fellow residents to please join me in electing Phil Csoros to represent us in the Maine State Senate.

**Sincerely,
Robert G. Pettit, Gorham**

Dear Gorham Times,

I remember clearly fourteen years ago, hearing the calming voice of Linda Sanborn on the other end of the phone. I was pregnant with my first child and about to move to a new community. I knew no one in the town of Gorham where my husband was already working as a high school teacher. Linda took me, and then my family, under her care and did so with great skill and compassion until her recent retirement from family practice. While I was sad to know that Linda would no longer be our family's physician, I knew that she was ready for a change and wished to serve in new capacities. When I learned that she was running for the state Legislature I immediately thought that she was the perfect choice for such a position. The expertise, compassion, and understanding that made Linda a great physician are the very characteristics that will serve the towns of Gorham and Buxton well. Linda Sanborn is a natural leader and excellent candidate for House District 130.

Stacey Farrington

quick clicks



HOT OFF THE PRESS

Pictured picking up the latest *Gorham Times* is Ruby Driscoll who just moved back to Gorham after a short time away. The *Times* is important to her so she can catch up on what has happened previously and keep abreast of current events.

Ten Years Ago in the Gorham Times

Donna Shaw

October 1998

■ The Town of Gorham will have the chance to vote on the renovation and expansion of the Baxter Memorial Library. The project will be paid for with existing funds in the Town's surplus account, as well as through private fundraising.

■ Dodge Oil Company celebrated 50 years of doing business in Gorham with festivities at their New Portland Road location.

■ Gorham Recreation Department will provide activities for grades 1-8 during the "late start days". This allows teachers from all four schools to do some collaborative work and allows Ed. Techs to be involved in the process.

■ Wrangler's Reef Steakhouse will be opening at the Gorham Station location. It will be a first class steakhouse with a southwestern theme.

■ The Delorme Company of Yarmouth has a 6,000 lb. globe on display at its Corporate Headquarters. Eartha is the largest rotating and revolving globe ever made and is the largest printed image of the Earth ever created. It is a symbol of the technology they embrace when creating maps. Jeff Clark of Gorham, who works for Delorme, played a primary role in the creation of Eartha.

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Introducing Michelle Loeber to Gorham Massage and Wellness

She has been a registered nurse for 10 years, currently working part time at Maine Medical Center. She developed an interest in holistic care and wellness, and this led her to massage therapy. She graduated from the Holistic massage program at Spa Tech in Westbrook, ME, and now practices massage and polarity therapy at Gorham Massage and Wellness. She offers individualized sessions by apt. only. She can be reached at 776-1863



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A School in the Middle of Nowhere

John Marshall



The Fourth Grade class at the Siddhartha School. Gorham resident John Marshall can be seen in the upper left corner after teaching an English lesson. See additional photos online at www.gorhamtimes.com

I've been given 500 words to talk about my recent trip to Stok, Ladakh in the far North of India—so here goes. First off, let's put it in perspective. Stok is over 10 time zones to our immediate east, 15 hours by plane, 12,000 feet above sea level at the base of the Himalayan Mountains. The town is right on the Tibetan border and is a place of incredible simplicity and beauty, a place where most people would probably write "Barley Farmer" on their tax forms (if there were any taxes to pay), a place where most families still use dried yak dung to heat their homes during the long, eight months of winter, a place that I suspect hasn't changed all that much in the past several hundred years.

I went to Stok at the request of a Buddhist monk named Khen Rinpoche Lobzang Tseten. Khen Rinpoche is one of those rare human beings who is grounded to the Earth like an Oak tree, a man to whom "inner peace" is not some far distant goal, but simply another day at the office. He's 73 years-old but he positively bubbles with his own special well of youthful glee that makes him appear much younger. Picture the Dalai Lama without the glasses and with a huge smile on his face and you'll get a pretty good idea.

Fifteen years ago, without two ropes to rub together, from the literal middle of nowhere, Khen Rinpoche decided to build a school. From where he stood, he might as well have proclaimed his desire to build a rocket ship to Venus out of rice and dhal, but there it was. He wanted to build a school that would teach the Ladaki children not simply a western education that was so prized in the region, but also a mix of Ladaki lan-

guage, culture, arts and agriculture. Ladakh is very similar to Tibet in all these areas and with the Chinese government systematically eradicating the Tibetan way of life from the face of the Earth, Ladakh stands as one last place to preserve this rich heritage. The Siddhartha School, as it was to be called, would be nothing less than a little incubator for the preservation of Tibet. Sounds good to me.

Thing is he did it! A decade and a half later, the school is built and they just graduated their first class with distinction. So now Khen Rinpoche's new dream is to create an endowment to insure the school will continue long after he hangs up his prayer beads. As part of this effort, I want to produce a fundraising video and, in two weeks, my cameraman and I shot over 25 hours of footage.

Back here in Gorham, so I review the tapes, the most striking images are the children. Not the snow-capped mountains or the ancient monasteries. Without a doubt, the kids of the Siddhartha School steal the show. When you take their picture, they don't pose, they just look at you, innocent and open. And though they don't have a lot by Western standards, they will positively scramble over each other to share a handful of their lunch with you.

I went to Stok to shoot a movie but I came back to Maine with a mission. I hope my film will help make the lives of these amazing kids a little better. Spending time with them certainly did that for me. If you have any questions feel free to call me at 859-8745 or visit www.siddharthaschool.org for more information.

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School Committee Candidate Profiles

Dr. William Benzing

Address:

37 Quincy Drive

Education:

BA Biology, BA Political Science, Certificate in Public Policy.

Univ. of Rochester (NY), Dental School at Univ. of Conn., Residency in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery at Univ. of Conn.

Personal: My wife, Sarah, and I specifically moved to Gorham in 2002 to start our family. We have three children: Meghan, Julia and William.

Employment: Partner / Owner, Southern Maine Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery.

Political and Community Experience:

President, Maine Assoc. of Oral Surgeons, Greater Portland Rep. to the Maine Dental Assoc., UNE Associate Professor, Volunteer and Coach, Westbrook Rec. Soccer, Advanced Cardiac Life Support Instructor.



What do you see as the major issues facing Gorham's schools at the current time?

The past five years has been a dynamic time for Gorham: the creation of a new Middle School, new curriculums in math and ELA, increased proficiency on standardized tests and consolidation of administrative duties and costs looking to the future, there is still much to accomplish to provide the best possible education for our children. We are charged with the responsibility to construct a new elementary school and create three new K-5 "Neighborhood Schools." We need to monitor the effectiveness of new curriculums and teaching methodologies while striving to continue the trends of increasing proficiency standards of all students. Together, the School Committee and Gorham citizens can continue the high standards of excellence and set policy that will guide our children into the future.

What skills and attributes do you bring to this position?

The School Committee's role is to set the course of education for our children. Having served on several executive and administrative boards, I have considerable experience in developing administrative policy at the State level through the Maine Dental Assoc. and as President of the Maine Assoc. of Oral Surgeons. As a small business owner, I understand the necessity of running a profitable business and the difficulty of operating under a budget during these tough economic times. As a professor at UNE and having children in Gorham schools, I share the concerns from both the parent's and educator's perspective.

Kathy Garrard

Address:

11 Ledge Hill Road

Education:

BS Nursing - Northeastern University 1983, Graduate

courses at University of Southern Maine - 1995-1998.

Personal: Married to Steve. Three children - Kelley, 20, Meghan, 18, and Lauren, 15

Employment: Associate, Barton & Givgrid (communications management); 2003-2007 - Editor/News Coordinator, Gorham Times; 2001-2005 - Administrative Assistant, Gorham Adult Education 1986-1997 - Nurse/Surgical Assistant, Libby Eye Associates

Political and Community Experience:

2006 - present Gorham Educational Foundation Board of Directors; 1995 - present Volunteer in the Gorham schools - In the classroom and have also been involved in numerous parent groups, projects and committees including most recently: Co-chair of the Gorham High School Maine Readiness Committee in 2006, which developed an action plan to ensure Gorham students graduate from high school ready for college, community and citizenship, and Member of GRS Project Graduation Committee - 2006 (co-chair) and 2008, 1997 - 2001 - Nevers Memorial Library Board of Trustees, Officer - Graduate of Leadership Maine (2007 3rd Class), a Maine Development Foundation program that helps participants from around the state understand Maine's dynamic economy, refine their leadership skills and build networks.

What do you see as the major issues facing Gorham's schools at the current time?

- Continuing to provide a high-quality education to every child given the challenges of state and federal rules, rising costs and decreasing state funding.
- Building the new K-5 school for a September 2011 opening.
- Managing logistics and making a seamless transition to three K-5 schools.

What skills and attributes do you bring to this position?

- Extensive knowledge of the schools, the policy-making process and the budget process.
- An understanding of the relationship and need for continued and improved cooperation between the school department and the town.
- Ability to work with others to reach mutually agreeable solutions to problems.
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills.
- A strong work ethic.
- A sense of humor.



Dennis C. Libby Incumbent

Address:

9 Queen Street

Education:

Attended Bentley College

Personal: Married and a father of three kids.

Employment: Self-employed carpenter; stay at home dad.

Political and Community Experience: I am a member of the Gorham School Committee and have volunteered in the schools for the last six years. I am presently the Vice Chairman of the School Committee, Chairman of the Finance Committee and the Vocational Education representative. I also serve on several district committees including the 21st Century Committee, the K-5 Transition Committee and I am Vice Chairman of the New Elementary School Building Committee.

What do you see as the major issues facing Gorham's schools at the current time?

The major issue facing Gorham's schools at this time is the necessity to prepare our students for the increasing skills needed to compete in the 21st Century while doing so in a climate of limited resources. Our 21st Century committee is reviewing every aspect of our district and will make recommendations to ensure that we are providing opportunities for our students to attain those skills.

I am also very pleased that the referendum for the New Elementary School was passed by the voters this past September. There is a tremendous amount of effort required to have the new school ready for the fall of 2011. As a present member of the building committee, I am pleased that we are well on our way to making this happen. Along with the opening of the new school, we are also changing all three of our elementary schools to kindergarten through 5th grades. This is an exciting new opportunity that is being well planned by the K-5 transition committee.

What skills and attributes do you bring to this position?

While serving our community the last three years, I have learned how to be an effective member of the school committee. If re-elected, I will continue to tirelessly represent our students and work toward providing the best education for the children of Gorham.



Polly Shields

Address:

24 Highmeadow Drive

Education:

B.A. Susquehanna University, Selinsgrove, PA

Personal: Married with two daughters. Hobbies include horseback riding, gardening, and cross country skiing.

Employment: UNUM Business Analyst; 2005-2006-Substitute Secretary Gorham School District; 2001-2005-Volunteer Coordinator; various schools within Gorham School District; 1995-2001-American Skandia Life Assurance Corporation-Customer Service, Compliance, Process Improvement Project Manager

Political and Community Experience:

- White Rock Building Committee-Citizen
- Gorham Lacrosse Board Member-Registrar
- Volunteer Coordinator-Little Falls, Narragansett, White Rock Schools
- United States Pony Club District Commissioner-Sea Coast Pony Club
- Gorham Cooperative Preschool-Promotion Committee-Chair
- Gorham Lacrosse Coach-Ard/Avy Coach Coach

What do you see as the major issues facing Gorham's schools at the current time?

- Balancing quality education with rising costs
- Providing tools and methodology to teachers in order for them to effectively differentiate students and levels within the classroom
- Ensuring each child receives a similar education while meeting federal standards and challenging each student to the appropriate level.

What skills and attributes do you bring to this position?

- Project Management/Process Improvement
- Problem Solving Skills
- Interpersonal Skills
- Negotiation Skills
- Presentation Skills
- Time Management Skills
- Community Involvement
- I have excellent verbal and written communication skills and have the ability to work well with others.



Meet the Candidates

Two different venues to meet local candidates are scheduled for Oct. 29 and 30. These events will have different formats, so you can choose which one best suits your needs or attend both. See details on page 18

Town Council Candidate Profiles

Matt Mattingly

Address:
PineCrest Inn, 91
South St
Education:
B.A. Thomas
More College
Personal: Married
with 2 Children



What do you see as the major issues facing the town of Gorham at the current time?

In our corner of the world we may not have much influence in the greater issues we face, but the days and months ahead will require us to act, work and live together in ways we may not be accustomed to.

Over the next few months and years, we will need to work together as never before. The global situation will tax our willingness, and perhaps the ability, to look beyond our own neighborhood. We must proactively develop plans that help the changes we need to make, easier to make. We must engage in active discussion about what we can do locally, and then boldly move to act.

The Town Council's goal is to govern through policy but we have allowed ourselves to move to a place where common sense is being replaced by codes and ordinances. It seems we now expect others to take care of details that we should take care of ourselves. This is not time for complacency but rather time for involvement.

It was self determination and hard work that built Gorham. We have the same responsibility to shape and define the town in the same manner as the original founding families did. The people of Gorham have great pride. We need to let that pride show in every detail of what we do, from our schools to our streets, neighborhoods and our businesses.

What skills and attributes do you bring to this position?

Having several years of experience in community organization, development and building it is my goal to help us collectively grow stronger as individuals, business owners and as a community.

Noah F. Miner

Address:
32 Green St.
Education: Mass-
achusetts High
School 1993, B.S.
Marine Engineer-
ing Maine Mar-
itime Academy
1997



Employment: Field Engineer General
Electric 97-03, Self Employed Contractor
03-07, Currently a stay at home Father.
Political and Community Experience:
Chair of Gorham Conservation
Commission.

What do you see as the major issues facing the town of Gorham at the current time?

Gorham leaders should address the

comprehensive plan and insure that Gorham is headed down a path of forward thinking and not reactionary thinking. Communicating the direction of our town to its citizens is critical. Our town council agendas posted for public review prior to Council meetings provide little detail as to what the council is voting on. I will encourage public participation in town government by providing a more detailed council agenda to the public. If we do a better job to inform the public, we can enable more public participation in local government. We are all feeling the squeeze. Everyone in our community has had to make sacrifices to maintain their households with less. Our town needs to do more to be more efficient. We need to evaluate the energy consumption of all of our public buildings maintained with tax dollars and do everything we can to conserve. Conservation and energy efficiency will have an upfront cost to the taxpayer but it will save in the long run. If we continue on with business as usual and just pass price increases onto the taxpayer without evaluating our municipal consumption, we will be performing a disservice to the taxpayer.

What skills and attributes do you bring to this position?

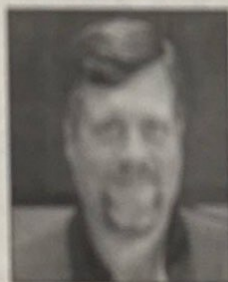
I respect the opinions of others and will work with members of the council for the benefit of the citizens of Gorham. I'm an engineer by education and a problem solver by nature. I have a common sense mentality and question the "that's how we've always done it" mentality. I think more about the future and not just for the here and now.

I'm running for council because I care about the future of Gorham.

Please vote for Noah Miner Nov 4.

Michael Phinney Incumbent

Address:
16 Apple Lane
Education:
Gorham High
School, Massachu-
setts Institute of
Technology



Personal: I am married to Kimberly Post Phinney. We have five children, ranging in age from 3 to 18. I have lived my entire life in Gorham.

Employment: Vice president of Phinney Lumber, which is located in Gorham.
Political and Community Experience: I served on the Gorham Planning Board for five years, serving as chairman three of those years. I have served on the Gorham Town Council for the last twelve years, serving as chairman for three years. I am a Cooperator of Gorham Savings Bank and have served on the Board of Directors for the Retail Lumber Dealers of Maine.

What do you see as the major issues facing the town of Gorham at the current time?

The three major issues I see facing Gorham are:

A.) Traffic: The bypass is the first step, but the town council will still have to work with state and federal agencies to get a turnpike spur to Gorham.

B.) Taxes: I have worked very hard to try and balance the needs of the town while working diligently to keep the actual property taxes as low as possible.

C.) Growth: Gorham is a growing community. The council has to encourage commercial and industrial growth to minimize the property tax burden and provide jobs for our residents, while minimizing the impacts of those businesses on residential areas throughout the town.

What skills and attributes do you bring to this position?

I have spent my entire life in Gorham; I run a family business in town and my children attend school here. I understand how important town services are to our townspeople while knowing just how difficult paying a property tax bill twice a year really is. I have served the Town for the last 17 years on both the Planning Board and the Town Council. Through this work I have gained extensive knowledge of the inner workings of the town government. I understand the role of the town council, our relationship with the different town departments,

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TOWN COUNCIL CANDIDATES FROM PAGE 5

and the school department and I have a deep understanding of the town's codes and rules.

Jody L. Thomas

Address: 2 Aspen Lane
Education: Associates Degree in Law Enforcement from Southern Maine Community College



Personal: Married to David Thomas for 25 years and have two children
Employment: I am currently employed part-time with the Scarborough Police Department. I was the Police Chief in Buxton for almost 17 years, prior to that I was employed at the Gorham Police Department for 10 years.
Political and Community Experience: I currently serve as a board member for the Southern Maine Emergency Management Services and the Southern Maine Community College law enforcement Technology Advisory Board. I am an Emergency Medical Technician (for 20 years) and have run rescue calls with Gorham and Buxton.

I have served on a domestic violence board and have been active in animal abuse legislation. Many years ago I was a foster parent and fostered several troubled teens.

What do you see as the major issues facing the town of Gorham at the current time?

I see the declining economy as the most prominent issue facing us right now. The next municipal budgets will be a challenge to everyone.

I am concerned for small business owners as the economy weakens so does their ability to maintain costs and employees. We need to do as much as possible to keep these small businesses in Gorham.

The rising cost of energy has created the need for innovative ways to conserve our resources. I believe these conservation practices and should begin with our town.

What skills and attributes do you bring to this position?

I feel my background in law enforcement and emergency services affords me with the understanding of what is needed to maintain quality services to the Town's people. I have budgeting and grant writing experience and have been very successful with both. I have many years of experience budgeting for three separate departments: police, dispatch and animal control and ran these departments on a very limited budget.

I have spent most of my life serving the public and feel I have a good idea of what is needed to balance the town's needs with appropriate spending.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORT OCTOBER 2008

Pressure Treated Wood A Problem for Playgrounds

Stacy Sallinen

After the approval of the September school committee's minutes, Chairman James Hager began the October meeting by recognizing three committee members whose terms will be ending. He presented an apple as a token of his appreciation to Dennis Libby, Steve Caldwell and Janet Williams. Libby is the only incumbent seeking reelection in November.

Superintendent Ted Sharp noted that he will be meeting with newly elected school committee members to discuss their responsibilities.

In other business, the committee addressed two concerns with the Village School playground, specifically the pressure treated wood being prone to splintering and the treatment of pressure treated wood is considered harmful for long term use. Paul Roney, of Facilities Management, noted that he is in discussions with a new playground equipment supplier about design and cost. Questions were raised as to who would pay for the new playground equipment as each of the three elementary schools needs new playground

equipment.

Superintendent Sharp addressed the committee about the Department of Education delaying bonds. He indicated that this should not impact the scheduled opening of the new White Rock School in the fall of 2010. He also thanked the community for their support in favor of building the new White Rock School.

Dianne Knott provided an update on the K-12 Gifted and Talented program. Superintendent Sharp thanked Diane for taking on such a large and complex project.

Janet Williams spoke about an innovative fundraising idea for the Gorham Educational Foundation called "Eat Your Words." The spelling bee would challenge adults, teachers and administration, and would be held in conjunction with a local dinner.

The next school Committee meeting will be held on November 5 at 7 p.m. in Town Council Chambers.

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Crowley Survives



Bob Crowley, the legendary GHS science teacher, and now nationally famous "Survivor" contestant, spoke about his experiences in the wilds of Africa on October 2 at MPAC. Following his presentation, the audience viewed the second episode of "Survivor" which was projected to theatre proportions on the MPAC movie screen. Approximately 350 people attended this special event which raised \$1100 for the GHS Senior Class.

Fall Field Day

Nate Rines, 5th Grade Student

At the beginning of the year a fall field day at Village School was held for the first time. It occurred over three days, one day for each grade level.

The main purpose of the day was to show teamwork. We learned to not only help ourselves but to help others. Mrs. Bartash's class learned that, "Listening to each other is important." Mrs. Tibbit's class felt that good teamwork means, "You have to communicate, but everyone can't talk at the same time."

There were a total of five events. Some of the day's events were:

- Chicken Rescue—Teams worked together to pass a rubber chicken down the line and not drop it. Student teams could only use potato sacks to touch the chicken.
- Trolley—Students had to pull ropes to move two boards that your team is standing on. The objective was to get to the finish line.
- Mission Impossible—Teams had to carry a large ball across the gym without stepping on the floor. The whole class had only three mats to stand on.
- Flip-a-Roo—The objective of this station was to flip a sheet around and not fall off of it. Each team had two or three students standing on each sheet.
- Village Oil Crisis—Each class had to hold up half pipes and get a marble (the oil) all the way down the line.



It takes teamwork for Mrs. Meggison-Dyer's class to move the "dinosaur egg" without stepping on the gym floor.

After that they broke each class into two teams and each team had to form a circle and see how many times they could get the marble around the circle. Mr. Speed, the Physical Education teacher, was in charge of organizing the day's events. He said, "I felt that it set the tempo for teamwork this year. I loved how the students enjoyed the day." Overall, it was a success and a lot of fun. Personally, I think Mr. Speed did a great job leading field day!

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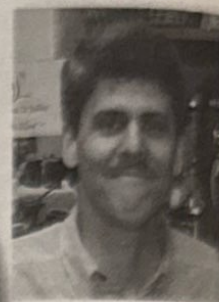
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COLLECTOR'S CORNER

Politics, the Stock Market and Hedging

Marc Badeau



(Lincoln, FDR and Kennedy) and the infamous (Nixon). Many collectors, either limited by budget or their interest in only one person, are "specialists" collecting only Kennedy buttons or Nixon buttons or buttons relating to a specific issue such as prohibition or women's rights. These specialists usually are trying to get all buttons for that candidate or issue to make their collection as complete as possible.



This is arguably the most historic election in our nation's history with the first African-American presidential candidate and female Republican vice presidential candidate. As the stock market falls faster than the Crystal Ball in Times Square on New Year's Eve, people are wondering what is the next Microsoft in the world of political collectables. How valuable will this year's presidential memorabilia become?

The history of political memorabilia dates back to George Washington, who wore the first political button in 1789 at his first Inauguration in New York. The buttons were clothing buttons made of brass and read "G.W.-Long Live the President," modeling the phrase "Long live the King."

In 1860, Abraham Lincoln distributed pin-back buttons giving birth to this hallmark of the American political process. Thanks to the advent of the ferrotype photo process, for the first time in histo-

ry, a voter hundreds of miles from Washington could see what the candidate looked like.

What we now call "campaign button" appeared in 1896 when the Whitehead and Hoag Co. in Newark, NJ patented a device made of four pieces sandwiched together. A piece of metal held a printed image with a slogan or photo of 1896 Presidential candidate, William McKinley, or his Democratic opponent, William Jennings Bryan. On top of that printed image was a thin piece of clear celluloid fused by a machine which added a small metal pin on the back. These campaign buttons were so popular that over 100 years later, the buttons from the McKinley-Bryan race are still plentiful and sell for as little as \$10.

The value of political buttons, like most collectibles, is based on condition, rarity and popularity among the collecting public. Most popular to collectors are buttons for the very famous Presidents

The rarest and most desired political memorabilia relates to William Henry Harrison. Harrison, the ninth president, served in office for only 30 days, starting on March 4, 1841. Harrison became the first President to die in office having suffered a bout of pneumonia. Only 14 items with Harrison's signature as President are known to exist. Most are in pub-

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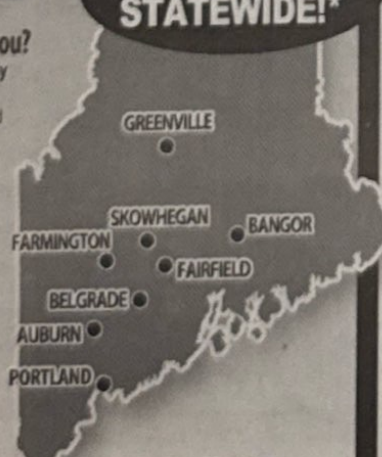
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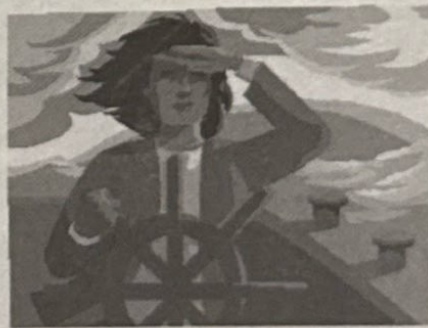
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David Gushee in action earlier this year at Gorham Country Club.

Jeff Pike caught up with David Gushee a few days before the State Team tournament to learn more about this GHS golfer/hockey player.

David Gushee, a senior at GHS, has turned in an impressive four-year career for the golf team. During the past four seasons, he has a record of 34-1-3 in individual matches, and he tied for first place in the individual state tournament his sophomore and junior years. Outside of GHS, he has done well on the PGA Junior Series tour. He also has won the Ronald Skole Memorial Junior Golf Tournament in Massachusetts; has been the low qualifier for the Maine Amateur and the Maine Junior Amateur; and he finished second in the New England H.S. Championship in the spring of 2008. As Gushee and his teammates were getting ready for the State Team tournament on October 11, as well as the individual championship tournament on October 18, he took a break to answer a few questions:

What are your strengths in golf? My driving distance off the tee is usually the strongest aspect of my game, but sometimes it's putting or short irons. I can usually drive the ball more than 300 yards off the tee.

What area are you trying to improve in the most? Putting! Every player wants to be a consistent putter, which is difficult to do. Some days are on, some days are off. I would like to sink every putt inside of ten feet.

What other sports do you play for GHS? I've played hockey throughout high school, and this spring I plan to try lacrosse for the first time. I started hockey when I was five or six-years old,

which was the same time I started golf. My friends play lacrosse, so that would be something new I'd like to try.

Who has had the most positive influence on your sports career? My parents and my grandfather have all offered support, and I was helped a lot by Mark Fogg, who used to be the golf pro at Gorham Country Club.

What is your top highlight of your athletic career? Scoring the winning goal against Kennebunk my freshman year in hockey with less than two minutes to go during a tournament game – when everyone else thought we did not have a chance to win.

What athletic goals have you set for yourself during your senior year? I first wanted to win all my individual golf matches, which I've done, but my main goal is to help the team win the State championship. We have a solid team, so we might be able to win. We have more than one player that can carry the team. *(Editors note: After this interview, the team unfortunately placed fifth in the tournament.)*

What's your favorite subject in school? Physics

Do you hope to play any sports in college? Yes, I hope to play golf at whichever college I end up at.

What advice would you offer to a youngster just starting their sports career? Set goals periodically and work towards them every day. Don't take off too much time – it's not a destination, it's a journey.

High School Highlights Jeff Pike

High School Golf Qualifies For State Tournament: On Oct. 6 at the Natanis Golf Course in Vassalboro, junior Tommy Stirling shot a 73, the best score of the tournament, senior Ian Ryan shot a 77 to finish fifth, and senior David Gushee shot an 81 to lead the GHS golf team as it qualified for the state tournament scheduled to take place Oct. 11. All three golfers also qualified for the state individual tournament scheduled for Oct. 18. Both state tournaments also take place at Natanis.

Cross-Country Excels At Big-Time Meet: Runners from the GHS boys and girls team ran in the Maine Cross-Country Festival of Champions in Belfast Oct. 4. Out of 553 boys, sophomore Jeremy Earl finished 33rd, sophomore Logan Marshall 35th and junior Alex Graves 57th, to lead Gorham to a 10th-place finish out of 48 teams. In the girls race, junior Rachel Wilkinson finished fourth while junior Kelsey Rex finished 74th out of 452 girls. The Western Maine Class A Meet takes place Oct. 25 at Greeley High School while the Maine State Championship takes place Nov. 1 in Belfast.

Boys Soccer Knocks Off Portland: The Gorham Boys soccer team defeated Portland, 3-1, on Oct. 4, which is a big win given that Portland was 9-1 entering

the game. Senior Brandon Patten scored the initial goal on an assist from senior Colin Lubelczyk. Senior Chris Esposito scored the second goal after slipping the ball past the goalie, who had come out to cut down the angle on a breakaway. The third goal was a blast from the left wing by sophomore Connor Bell. Senior Luke VanDeKrol had an outstanding game while marking Portland's top scoring threat. Patten also had a big game against Bonny Eagle Oct. 2 when he scored three goals to give him a total of 14 goals at that point in the season. As of October 4, the Rams were ranked third in Western Maine Class A.

Field Hockey Triple Threat: Senior Ellen Footer played a role in all three goals, scoring on two and assisting on the other, as the Rams defeated Windham, 3-0, Oct. 8 to improve their record to 11-2. As of Oct. 4, the Rams were ranked third in Western Maine Class A.

Girls Soccer Runs Streak to 65: With a 4-1 win over Cheverus Oct. 9, The GHS Girls Soccer team ran its unbeaten streak to 65 games, a streak that goes back to 2005. Junior Lindsay Wilson led the way with two goals while senior Rachele Burnes and junior Kristi Zarrilli each scored once.



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Gorham Runners Compete in Maine Marathon and Half-Marathon

Nine Gorham residents competed in the 17th Annual Peak Performance Maine Marathon on October 5 while 14 residents participated in the half-marathon race. Both took place on a course running from Portland to Yarmouth. More than 2,400 runners participated in the races. The results for runners from Gorham appear below:

Marathon Participants

Name	Finish	Time
Dick Graves	52	3:14:30
Ron Adolf	232	3:47:42
James Rogers	258	3:49:30
Leon Laferriere	282	3:53:09
Laurie Nicholas	327	3:58:42
Michael Cushing	381	4:03:07
Mark Steimack	586	4:45:00
Stephen Carpenter	588	4:45:01
Deobrah Russell	685	5:18:56

Half-Marathon Participants

Name	Finish	Time
Kurt Schwante	13	1:17:35
Christopher Mitchell	378	1:46:45
Bruce Helper	498	1:51:11
Rachel Anderson	696	1:56:48
Rebecca Stamaris	782	1:59:57
Linda Whitten	842	2:01:10
Andrea Goggins	878	2:03:39
Kristin Ullig	974	2:07:16
Bruce Fithian	1071	2:09:16
Lauren Pierce	1092	2:10:29
Denise Whitehead	1200	2:15:31
John Tewhey	1231	2:18:27
Michael Smyth	1347	2:28:54
Rae Goren	1518	3:08:35

The Weekend GHS Varsity Sports Line-Up

Friday, October 17

Boys Cross Country: multi-team meet at Scarborough including Windham, Bonny Eagle and Westbrook, 4p.m.

Girls Cross Country: multi-team meet at Scarborough including Windham, Bonny Eagle and Westbrook, 4p.m.

Football: GHS vs. Westbrook, 7p.m.

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Saturday, October 18

Golf: State individual championship tournament at Natanis Golf Course, Vassellboro. Gorham golfer tee times TBD for David Gushee, Tommy Stirling and Ian Ryan.

in the Zone

University of Maine at Farmington sophomore midfielder **EMMA DEANS** (GHS '07) was

recognized as the North Atlantic Conference Field Hockey Player of the Week on September 29.



Deans led the team to three wins while notching a hat trick in an 8-0 win over Thomas and scoring the game-winner in a 1-0 victory vs. Lasell.

Saint Joseph's College junior **WILL PIKE** (GHS '06)

was honored as the conference Goalkeeper of the Week for September 29-October 5. Pike allowed one goal in 265 minutes



of play and posted his fourth shutout of the season. The award is Pike's second this season and his fifth weekly honor overall.

Tailgate at GHS!
Prior to the varsity football game on Oct. 17 vs Westbrook, WGME (Dave Eid-Sports Broadcaster - Gorham resident) will provide a "FREE" tailgate in conjunction with Outback. This tailgate will go from 5 to 6:30 pm. They will take donations that will go directly to the athletic program(s). Outback will set up a tent and offer at least 4 different items and give away coupons obviously for their restaurant. Stop by! Should be fun and good food!

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tance, grants, and loans. The Southern Maine Agency on Aging sponsors Meals on Wheels and various other support mechanisms for seniors. The United Way's 2-1-1 Network distributed literature and refrigerator magnets to promote their services.

Gorham Fire Chief Bob Lefebvre provided literature and spoke to interested participants about home fire safety with an emphasis on burning wood safely. Police Chief Ron Shepard was present to lend the support of his department. Local elected officials State Senator Phil Bartlett and Town Councilor Jane Knapp also attended.

Private vendors were on hand to present and demonstrate products and solutions related to home efficiency and winterization. Mainly Plumbing and Heating and The Sun Depot provided information about the latest high efficiency heating equipment. Phinney Lumber's Jim Silva showed modern thermal windows, and Ed Platte from Designer Blinds of Maine demonstrated the latest in insulated window coverings. Peter Mason of Po-Go Realty was present to describe the energy-efficient attributes of the Pheasant Knoll Condominium development on Fort Hill Road.

The Energy Fair grew out of an earlier meeting organized by life-long Gorham resident Dennis Morton. He states he was "inspired to develop an Energy Resource network by God's commandment to love our neighbors." The Ecumenical Council is seeking to involve the greater Gorham community in this effort.

For more information about receiving or providing assistance please call Dennis Morton at 207-492-1541.

lic offices or museums, but a few remain in the hands of private collectors. The current market value for these pieces is well over \$100,000 and steadily climbing. Political collectors usually have to settle for a document or letter signed by Harrison when he was not yet the country's commander-in-chief which sells for several thousand dollars.

Oddly, one button depicting losing candidates stands out as one of the most valuable. The 1920 button for the Democratic ticket of James Cox and running mate Franklin Delano Roosevelt, currently sells for over \$100,000. This valuable button is seven-eighths inch in diameter with the slogan "Americanize America." At the time Cox was governor of Ohio and FDR was the assistant secretary of the Navy. The Republicans Warren Harding and Calvin Coolidge soundly beat Cox, and Roosevelt. FDR would obviously resurface in later years.

Whether you vote Republican or Democratic just remember to vote—and save those buttons—social security is not what it once was.

Marc Badaeu is President and Chief Executive Officer of Top Shelf Collectables (www.topshelfcollectables.com), an international collectables firm dealing in Hollywood memorabilia and other unique items. Marc can be reached at (207) 222-2346.

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community

Fiddle-icious, an orchestra of enthusiastic volunteer musicians, many from this area, will be playing a concert in the McCormack Performing Arts Center at GHS on Saturday, Oct. 25 at 7:30 p.m. Renowned master fiddler Don Roy and his wife, Cindy Roy on piano, accompany the more than 80 performers in this group. The tunes are from the Quebecois, Acadian, Scottish, and Irish traditions. Tickets \$12/\$8. FMI, 207-443-2378.



Photo credit Martha T. Harris

births

NICHOLAS JOSEPH GAGNON, born Sept. 14, 2008 to Melissa Tapley and Nick Gagnon. Grandparents: Frank Gagnon of Gorham, Norman and Pam Tapley of Windham. Great Grandparents: Catherine Chadwick of Portland and Constance Gagnon of Scarborough.

milestones

DANIEL CHADWICK (GHS '08), has enrolled as a pre-med major at Eastern University in St. Davids, PA. Chadwick is the son of William and Carol Chadwick.



Former Dance Studio of Maine student, LAURA SHAW (GHS '08), recently auditioned for and was chosen to be a member of Fordham University's Dance Team. Shaw, a freshman at Fordham majoring in Political Science, studied dance at the Dance Studio of Maine for 10 years and was a member of their competition team for 8 years.

KENNETH MARTIN JR. (Cheverus '09), recently received the Cornell University Book Award at Cheverus' annual Awards Ceremony. This award is presented to the student who demonstrates intellectual potential, strength of character, leadership and fairness. He is the son of Barbara and Ken Martin of Gorham.

of interest

KELLY CAUFIELD will be performing in "Marvelous - A Judy Garland Songbook" at The Good Theater in Portland Oct. 16 through Oct. 26. A 90-minute concert/cabaret featuring songs made famous by Judy Garland. A three-piece band accompanies the show. FMI, 885-5883 or www.goodtheater.com.



Gorham Democrats will meet Wednesday evening at 7 p.m., October 22 in the Schneider Room at the Baxter Memorial Library. Anyone interested in helping with the upcoming elections is welcome to attend. FMI call David Farrington at 839-7354.

First Parish Congregational Church in Gorham is once again transformed to frighten both children and adults in their annual Halloween tradition. Guaranteed to make you startle, jump and scream, proceeds will support the First Parish Senior Pilgrim Fellowships volunteer efforts. The public is invited to come and join in the fun and fright on Thursday and Friday, Oct. 30 & 31 from 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. \$3 adults/\$2kids. FMI, 839-6751.

"Slides, Whistles, and Songs," an evening of musical fun with Boston-based USM artist faculty trombonist Brian Diehl, accompanied by pianist Anastasia Antonacos. USM School of Music's 2008-2009 Spotlight Series performance will take place on Friday, Oct. 17 at 8 p.m., Corthell Concert Hall in Gorham. \$15/\$10/\$5. For reservations call 780-5555.

ANASTASIA STREET of Gorham, a member of Portland Ballet's pre-professional intensive dance program, will participate in the "Halloween Spooktacular" on Sunday, Oct. 26 at 2 p.m. at the John Ford Theater in Portland. FMI on the family fun matinee visit www.brownpa-pertickets.com.

Gorham dancers NATHANIEL DOMBEK, REBECCA HARRIGAN, MARISSA PATTEN-HARRIS, CINDY REYNOLDS and **NICK REYNOLDS** will perform in Maine State Ballet's production of Can-Can Parisien through Oct. 25 in Falmouth. Advance tickets recommended; all tickets are \$12. FMI, 781-7672 or www.mainestateballet.org

DEREK HAWKES (GHS '03), was selected as one of the 50 hottest Bachelors of America by Cosmopolitan magazine. He will be in the November issue of Cosmopolitan which releases nationwide October 14.

Crafters Wanted for a Nov. 15 Craft Fair at the Narragansett School sponsored by the Gorham High School Softball Team. FMI, call Robin Arsenault 839-2990.

GATHER US—A MAINE MISSION invites you to deepen your relationship with Jesus and others Oct. 20-23 at St. Anne's Parish in Gorham and St. Anthony's Parish in Westbrook. 7 p.m. FMI, 839-4857 or 857-0492.

A benefit dance and auction, "A Night in White," will be held at the YourSpace sports complex (formerly Gorham Sports Complex) on Saturday, Nov. 15 at 7 p.m. with music by Motor Booty Affair. Hors d'oeuvres and cash bar available with a silent auction to benefit YourSpace. \$60/couple. FMI, 839-6767. Casual attire of jeans and white tee-shirt recommended! www.yourspacemaine.org

USM will host an Open House for prospective students and their families on Sunday, Oct. 19 from 12 noon - 4:30 p.m. in USM Costello Sports Complex, Gorham. The Open house will feature an academic and student resource information fair and a Sports Industry Career Panel will also be offered at 1:30 p.m. in Hastings Formal Lounge. Reservations are requested. Register on-line www.usm.maine.edu/admit/regform/jsp or call 780-5670.

Performances of You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown are at the Schoolhouse Arts Center on Route 114, in Sebago Lake Village, through October 26. **ADAM MOSEY** of Gorham will play Charlie Brown and **MOLLY STEWART** of Gorham will play Snoopy. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday performances are at 8 p.m. and Sunday matinees at 2 p.m. FMI, 642-3743.

Chicken Pie Supper at First Parish Church in Gorham, Saturday, Oct. 25 from 5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Chicken pie,

Baxter Memorial Library Centennial Celebration

At Baxter Memorial Library's Centennial Tea held on September 28, 2008, Library Director Pamela Turner presented Linda Frinsko, President of the Board of Trustees, with a Certificate of Appreciation for her 20 years of service to the Baxter Memorial Library and Museum. Town Council Chairman Burleigh Loveitt read the speech given by James Phinney Baxter 100 years ago officially deeding the library property to the town of Gorham. James Phinney Baxter addressed his transaction to First Selectman William Pilsbury who was Burleigh Loveitt's grandmother's uncle. Loveitt also noted that the land for the library was made available when the Baxter home was moved to its current location by oxen driven by his wife Deb's great-grandfather, Charles Alden.

vegetables, rolls, dessert pies, coffee and punch will be served. \$8 adults/\$5 under 12.

There will be a Flu Shot Clinic at St. Anne's Catholic Church in Gorham on Wednesday, Oct. 29 from 10 a.m. to 12 noon provided by HomeHealth Visiting Nurses.

There will be two days of bargains at the **Cressey Road United Methodist Church** in Gorham on Friday, Oct. 17 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday, Oct. 18 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. This two day fall rummage sale will include clothes, dishes, small appliances, furniture, books toys and much more. FMI, 839-3666.

The Casco Bay Concert Band will feature a concert of "Heroes, Legends and Myths," Sunday, Oct. 19 at 3 p.m. at the Gorham High School auditorium (MPAC). \$7/\$6/students & children free!

There will be a meeting of Gorham Garden Club on Tuesday October 28 at 7pm at First Parish Church. Mary Brunet of Back in Motion will present a program on Horticultural Therapy. The public is invited to attend. FMI 839-3878

close to home

Saco River Grange Hall in Bar Mills will present pianist Anastasia Antonacos, mezzo-soprano Solange Merdinian, flutist Nicole Rabata and cellist Ani Kalayjian for an exciting evening of music by Ravel, Mansurian and the ever popular Argentinian Tango composer, Astor Piazzolla. There will be something for everyone in this lovely program taking place in the intimacy of the Old White Church. \$14/\$12. Please call 929-6472 for reservations.

The Bonny Eagle HS Thespian Society, a dramatics honor society, is sponsoring a Benefit Talent Show, Saturday, Oct. 18 at 7:00 p.m. in the BEHS Auditorium. The show includes a wide variety of acts, including song, dance, comedy, and bands. \$5 adults/\$3 students.

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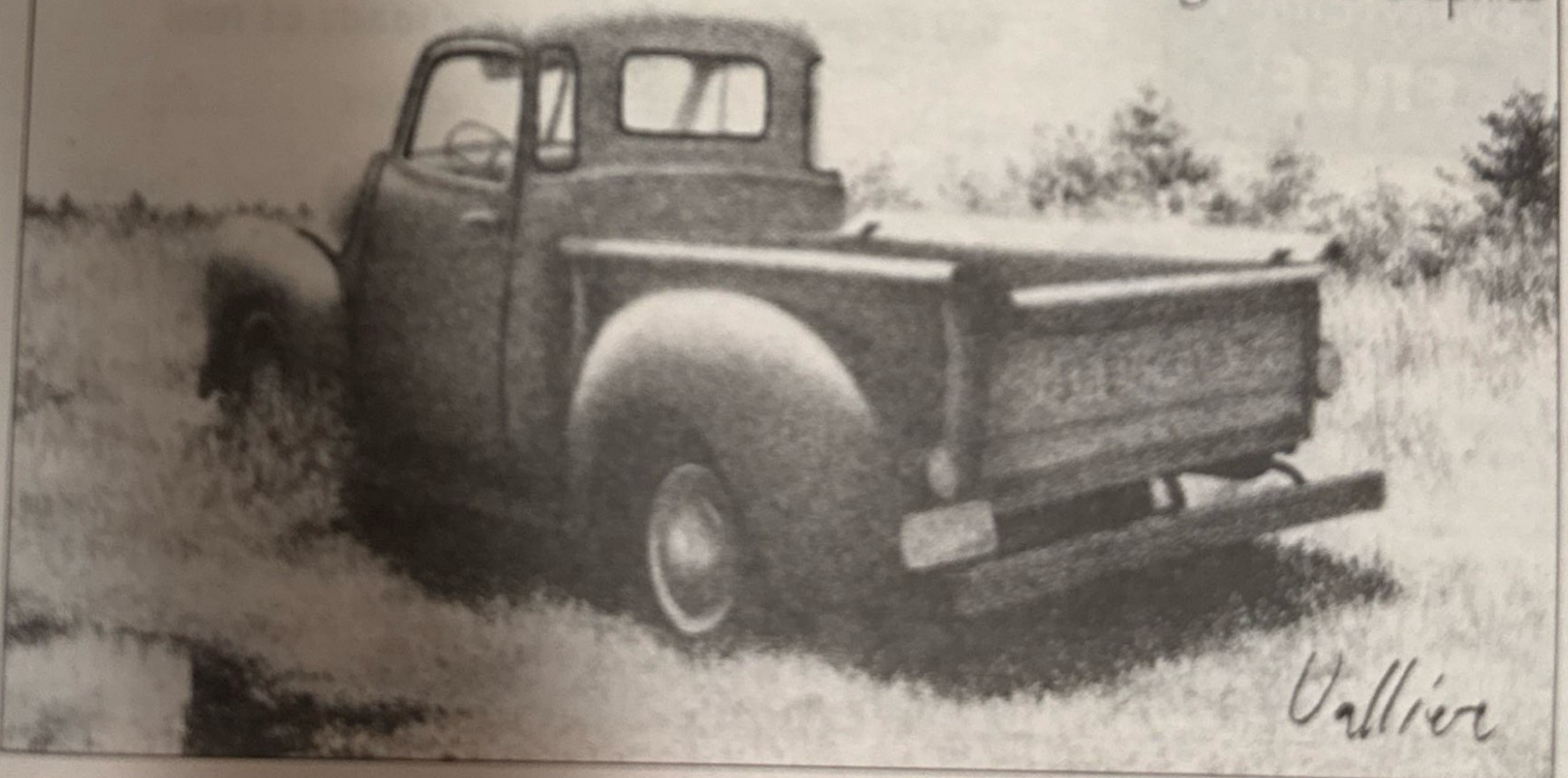
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Two Opportunities to Meet Local Candidates

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Two different venues to meet local candidates are scheduled for Oct. 29 and 30. These events will have different formats, so you can choose which one best suits your needs or attend both.

Meet Your Candidates Panel Discussion

Gorham's Town Council and School Committee candidates, in addition to State and Federal candidates, will participate in an informal panel discussion, followed by questions from the audience. Town Clerk, Christina Silberman, will share voting and ballot information. Sponsored by the Gorham Business and Civic Exchange, this event will be Tuesday, Oct. 28, 6 - 8:45 p.m.

From 6-7 p.m., Town Council candidates: Michael Phinney (incumbent), Matt Mattingly, Noah Miner and Jody

Thomas and for the School Committee: Dennis Libby (incumbent), William Benzing, Katherine Garrard, and Polly Shields will be heard.

Speaking at 7:15 p.m., will be State and Federal Candidates. State Senator: Philip Bartlett II (D-incumbent), Phil Csoros (R); Representatives to the Legislature: District 129/Ward 1, Jane Knapp (D), Daniel LeVasseur II (R); District 130/Ward 2, Linda Sanborn (D), Norman Justice (R); U.S. Senator: Susan Collins (R-incumbent), Tom Allen (D); U.S. Representative to Congress: Chellie Pingree (D), Charles Summers (R) will speak.

Held at Gorham's Council Chambers at Town Hall, 70 South Street, there is no charge and beverages will be provided. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet and hear what the candidates running for election have to say about the issues

at hand. FMI about GB&CEX or this event contact Dana Redmond, 892-5515 or www.gorhambusiness.org.

Informal Meet the Candidates Evening

The Gorham Times and Baxter Memorial Library will sponsor a very informal opportunity to personally meet and talk to local political candidates at Baxter Library on Wednesday, Oct. 30, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. There are no speeches, panels or formal public Q & A sessions, just casual conversation between Gorham citizens and the candidates. This is your opportunity to get acquainted with candidates, personally voice your opinion and have your questions answered. Please join us for conversation and light refreshments.

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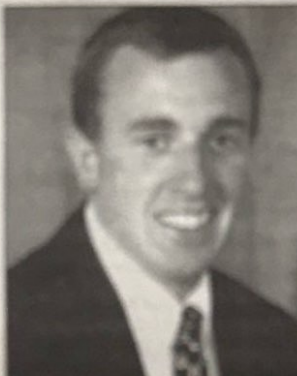
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the blotter

Bartlett Road caller reported that their vehicle had gotten stuck on the pole lines, the gate was now locked and they were unable to access their vehicle.

Caller from Wentworth Drive reported that one of their customers was potentially involved in a scam. Caller was hopeful that police would speak to the customer.

Caller reported that a headlight was stolen from their vehicle. Surveillance cameras showed that the light was missing when the vehicle entered the parking lot.

Sanford Drive caller reported that some of their vehicles were broken into during the night.

Mosher Road caller reported a missing toddler. Police went to the scene and the child walked out of the woods.

Unsigned checks were stolen from a New Portland Road residence.

Waterhouse Road caller reported their child missing. Child had called work to say they would not be in but would give their exact location.

Sebago Lake Road caller reported their credit card had been compromised.

Ossipee Trail caller reported a donkey in the road. Donkey was returned to its home.

Caller from Fort Hill Road reported that

there was a dead animal in the ditch beside the road. Police responded and found a discarded tire in the ditch.

Chestnut Circle caller reported that the license plate from their motor scooter had been taken and it appeared that someone had also knocked the scooter over.

Main Street caller reported that a customer had tried to purchase alcohol with an out of state ID and the clerk refused the sale. The subject then tried to have another customer make the purchase for them.

South Street caller reported two peacocks in a field. The owner was contacted and was on their way to retrieve the birds.

Phinney Street caller reported there was a raccoon in their ceiling making a lot of noise. Caller was referred to David Sparks for removal.

Caller from Straw Road returned home to find garage door open and misc. items all over the driveway. Police responded to process the scene.

New Portland Road caller reported they had installed a windshield for a subject who was refusing to pay for it.

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on the calendar WHAT'S HAPPENING

FRIDAY, OCT. 17

- Friends of Baxter Memorial Library Book Sale, 9-5 p.m., Gorham Recreation Activities Room, Municipal Bldg. FMI, 839-5031.
- Two-Day Rummage Sale, Cressey Road United Methodist Church, 9-4 p.m.

SATURDAY, OCT. 18

- North Gorham Library Annual Meeting, 9 a.m. Public is invited. FMI, Virginia Rundell at 892-8940.
- Friends of Baxter Memorial Library Book Sale, 9-1 p.m., Gorham Recreation Activities Room, Municipal Bldg. FMI, 839-5031.
- Authentic Bean-Hole Bean Supper, UCC at North Gorham, 4 Standish Neck Rd. 4:30-6 p.m. \$7 adults/\$3 under 10.
- Two-Day Rummage Sale, Cressey Road United Methodist Church, 9-1 p.m.

SUNDAY, OCT. 19

- Casco Bay Concert Band, "Heroes, Legends and Myths," 3 p.m., MPAC.

TUESDAY, OCT. 21

- Pre-School Story Time for ages 3-5 years, Baxter Memorial Library, 9:30 a.m. FMI, 839-5031.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 22

- Special Town Council workshop meeting with Cable Television Committee, 7 p.m. Gorham Municipal Bldg, 75 South St. Public is welcome to attend.
- Babies and Toddlers Story Hour at the North Gorham Public Library, 10 a.m. FMI, 892-2575.

THURSDAY, OCT. 23

- Baby & Me, ages birth to 18 mos., Baxter Memorial Library, 9:30-10 a.m. FMI, 839-5031.
- Toddler Time, ages 18-36 mos., Baxter Memorial Library, 10-10:30 a.m. FMI, 839-5031.
- Baxter Library Sewing Club, ages K-Adult, 2-4:30 p.m., FMI, 839-5031.
- Preschool Story Hour at the North Gorham Public Library, 9:30 a.m. Ages 3 and older. FMI, 892-2575.

SATURDAY, OCT. 25

- Chicken Pie Supper, First Parish Church of Gorham. 5-6:30 p.m. \$8 adults/\$5 under 12. 839-6751
- Bean Supper at the Bungalow, Rt. 22/Broadtun, 5-6 p.m. \$5/under 3 free!
- Authentic Bean-Hole Bean Supper, UCC North Gorham, 4:30-6 p.m. \$7/\$3 under 10. Take out available.

TUESDAY, OCT. 28

- Pre-School Story Time for ages 3-5 years, Baxter Memorial Library, 9:30 a.m. FMI, 839-5031.
- Meet the Candidates Panel Discussion, Town Council Chambers, 6-8:45 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 29

- Flu Shot Clinic, St. Anne's Church, Gorham. 10 a.m.-12 noon.
- Meet the Candidates evening at Baxter Memorial Library, 6:30-8 p.m.

THURSDAY, OCT. 30

- Haunted House at First Parish Church, 1 Church Street, 6:30-9 p.m. Adults \$3/Children \$2. FMI 839-6751.
- Early Release Game Day for ages K-5, Baxter Memorial Library, 12 noon - 4 p.m. FMI, 839-5031.
- Baby & Me, ages birth to 18 mos., Baxter Memorial Library, 9:30-10 a.m. FMI, 839-5031.
- Toddler Time, ages 18-36 mos., Baxter Memorial Library, 10-10:30 a.m. FMI, 839-5031.
- Early Release for grades K-5.

FRIDAY, OCT. 31

- Conferences for grades K-5.
- Haunted House at First Parish Church, 1 Church Street, 6:30 to 9 p.m. Adults \$3/Children \$2. FMI 839-6751.

The Gorham Ecumenical Food Pantry is open every Thurs. at St. Anne's Church from 9-11 a.m. and the second Wednesday of each month from 5:30-7 p.m. Open to anyone in need of food from Gorham.



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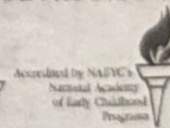
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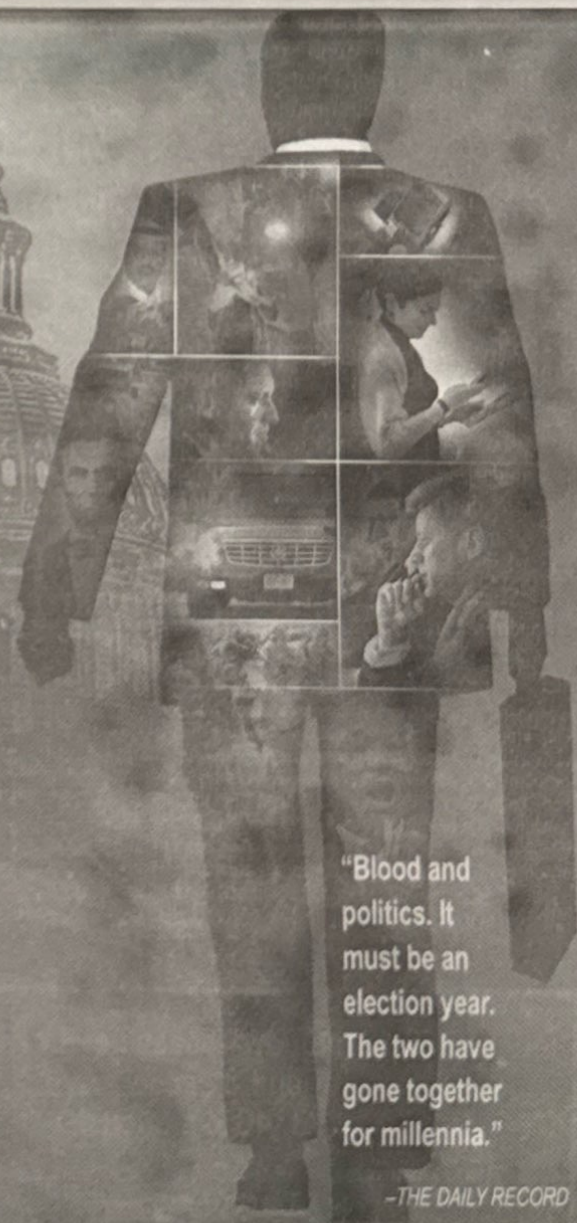
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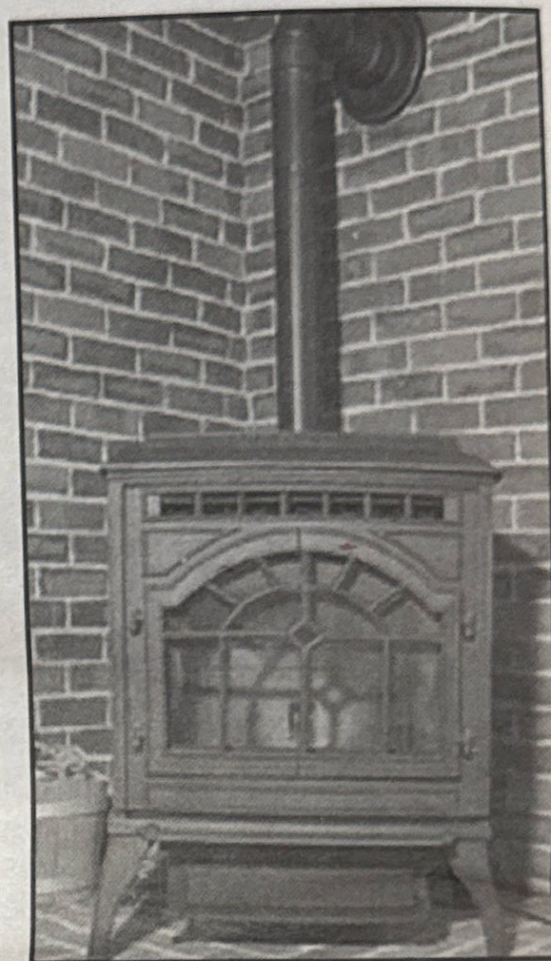
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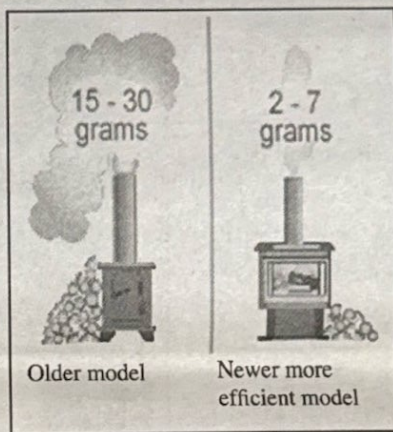
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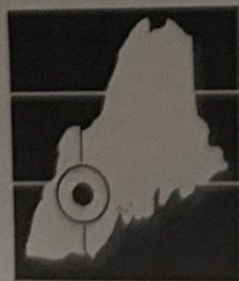
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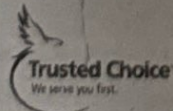
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Scarecrows in Abundance



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Best in Show winners at the Gorham Rec Department Scarecrow Festival were Jensyn Giroux, Matt Herrick and Evan Giroux (not pictured).



Hanna Scare-tana was the People's Choice winner created by scarecrow artists shown back row (l to r) Olivia Ionta, Megan Caruso and Cameryn Caruso. Front row Alyvia Caruso

Lauren's Team Reaches \$100,000 in the Battle Against Cancer

Jeff Pike

The memory of Lauren Hawkes continues to burn brightly in the hearts of many Gorham children and adults. Lauren died in 2003, just after finishing seventh grade, from rare form of cancer - acute myelogenous leukemia. But before she passed away, Lauren made certain she would leave a lasting legacy by launching Lauren's Team in 2002. That was the first year the team participated in the Maine Children's Cancer Program Walk, a statewide effort that takes place across the state every Sept. to raise money to help fight cancer. Close to 50 parents and children joined Lauren for the walk in 2002, and Lauren's Team raised about \$3,200.

In Sept. 2003, just two months after Lauren passed away, participation in Lauren's Team grew incredibly as Gorham residents reached out to show just how much Lauren meant to them. "We only put out a simple e-mail request, but about 500 walkers participated as part of Lauren's Team that second year," said Lauren's mother, Nancy Hawkes. "A lot of the participants came from the GYSA (Gorham Youth Soccer Association), which was lead by Andy Pease at the time. Every year since then, a lot of children and parents from GYSA have participated and have been a big part of our effort."

Lauren's Team raised an amazing \$23,000 during that 2003 walk and an even more amazing \$30,000 in 2004. Since then, the team has continued to consistently raise between \$15,000 and \$20,000 every year. Since 2002, the team has raised more than \$100,000.

"Because of our efforts, the Maine Children's Cancer Program has realized



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Lauren Hawkes at Hermit Island in 2002; Lauren passed away in 2003 just after finishing seventh grade from a rare form of cancer, acute myelogenous leukemia. She made certain she would leave a lasting legacy by launching Lauren's Team in 2002. The team has participated every year since then in the Maine Children's Cancer Program Walk and has raised more than \$100,000 in the fight against cancer.

just how much of a difference a team can make that walks in memory of someone who has passed away," Nancy said. "In 2004, they adopted artwork created by Lauren for the t-shirt that was handed out to all participants." Gorham residents may recall this artwork that included a picture of the sun. The artwork was featured on the Gorham School District calendar that appeared in 2003-2004.

In addition to coordinating the annual cancer walk, Nancy also leads the efforts of the Lauren Hawkes Foundation, which raises money year-round to help families that need support while a child goes through cancer treatment. The foundation was started while Lauren was alive and has continued on since. "We have received contributions from companies and organizations such as Shaw Brothers and the GHS National Honor Society," Nancy said. "Our mission is to help families with meals, gas, heating and anything else they need to make their lives easier while a child goes through cancer treatment. This was something that Lauren wanted to do, which is just like the help we received."

In looking back at the efforts of Lauren's Team, Nancy said, "We've kept Lauren's memory alive because of the cancer walk. She's been gone for five years, but people do not forget about her. They come year-after-year to walk. It was particularly special in 2007, which would have been Lauren's senior year. Many seniors participated that year, which was a great tribute to Lauren."

Anyone wishing to make a tax-deductible contribution to the foundation can send a check, made payable to the Lauren Hawkes Foundation, to: Nancy Hawkes, 11 Plummer Road, Gorham, ME 04038. Anyone wishing to help with the foundation can contact Nancy at nancyhawkes@aol.com. The foundation is looking to do more fundraising and hopes to start a web site.

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