

Excise Tax Question Generates Varying Opinions

Bill Ambrose

At the Town Council meeting on Oct. 6, Rep. Jane Knapp spoke at the public comment period and praised Town Manager David Cole's efforts to educate and inform Gorham's residents about the impact of the upcoming Question Two on the Nov. 3 ballot. The question is a referendum to approve or reject LD 974, entitled "An Act to Decrease the Automobile Excise Tax and Promote Energy Efficiency." Its passage would immediately reduce the excise tax on new vehicles by approximately 55%.

On the ballot, the actual question will read "Do you want to cut the rate of municipal excise tax by an average of 55% on motor vehicles less than six years old and exempt hybrid and other alternative-energy and highly fuel-efficient motor vehicles from sales tax and three-years of excise tax?" Cole asserted that 68.1 % of the vehicles in Gorham were six or more years old, and their owners would see no benefit if the question passes—in fact, most residents would pay increased property taxes to make up the revenue shortfall.

Cole had previously estimated that the Town's property tax rate would need to go up next fiscal year from the present \$15.90 to \$16.61 per \$1,000 of assessed value of real estate. The revenue loss would be approximately \$887,000 per annum, but enactment would mean an immediate loss of about \$542,000 for the present fiscal year. This amount cannot be made up through taxation, and would have to be absorbed by the municipal portion of the Town's budget.

Councilor Phil Csoros asked Cole if the School Budget could be used to offset some of the revenue loss. Cole stated that he had consulted with the

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Transformer Installation Underway

After traveling a remarkable distance, a giant transformer made Gorham it's home on Sept. 28. CMP will use it to enhance their Southern Maine power grid.



Photo Credit Martha T. Harris

Bill Ambrose

An immense new transformer is being installed at the Central Maine Power Company's (CMP) substation facility on Straw Road in South Gorham. The massive 267-ton device is part of a \$30 million project that began in January 2009. When completed, the project will enhance the capacity and reliability of CMP's power grid in southern Maine.

Built in Mexico, the transformer journeyed by rail on a circuitous route through the central United States and Canada until reaching its destination at the Pike Industries quarry site in Westbrook. Its weight and size precluded a more direct rail routing. From Westbrook it traveled by road to Gorham in the wee hours of September 28 on board a specialized 12-axle self-propelled transporter.

After being installed on its concrete pad, the transformer will be filled with oil and connected to the power lines in the substation. It is estimated that it will weigh 448-tons when it is fully assembled and working. It will step down the 345,000-volt transmission line power to 115,000-volts to supply the local power grid throughout Cumberland and York counties.

Dave Johnston, the project manager for CMP's contractor Power Constructors, Inc., estimates that the transformer will be ready by Nov. 1, and the entire upgrading of the substation will be complete sometime next year. CMP officials have emphasized that the work at the substation is not part of their proposed, but as yet unapproved, major expansion of Maine's overall electrical power system.

Meet The Candidates

The Gorham Times and Baxter Memorial Library are sponsoring an opportunity for the public to meet and talk with local political candidates on Saturday, Oct. 17, 9-11 a.m. outside the activities room at the Gorham Municipal Center.

Fire Damages Home

Extension cord found cause of fire Sheri Faber

On Sept. 25, the residence at 100 Queen Street was severely damaged by fire. The occupants were not home at the time but their three dogs and a cat all died of smoke inhalation.

Gorham Fire Dept. (GFD) Deputy Chief Michael Kucsma Jr. interviewed the occupants of the house and learned that there was a lamp used for illuminating the bedroom closet that had probably been left on. The lamp was resting on a pair of blue jeans in the closet. However, after further examination, it was determined that the fire started in an extension cord that had something on top of it which had apparently caused the cord to arc and a fire to start. The fire appeared to have been burning for about an hour before the fire department arrived.

The home, which is owned by

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East-West Public Corridor Meeting

Bill Ambrose

A public informational meeting about the Gorham East-West Corridor study was held on October 8 in the Council Chambers at the Municipal Center. The study is being conducted under the auspices of the Maine Department of Transportation and the Maine Turnpike Authority. It was begun in March 2009 to address and identify potential solutions to transportation and traffic problems in the region.

At the well-attended gathering, several presenters used slide shows to illustrate the present and future population and economic growth projections. The presenters stressed the concept that land use, now and in the future, will drive the direction of transportation solutions. Maps and graphs were used to describe the present nature of population density

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Hot Off the Press



The residents at Village Square in Gorham eagerly await the arrival of the *Gorham Times* in their lobby. Back row: Ruby Driscoll and Gloria Sukeforth. Front row: Marilyn Levesque, Mike Kilday, Birdina Jordan, and Hulda Bragdon.



NEWS FROM AUGUSTA

The Maine Potato

Rep. Jane Knapp

Recently I toured northern Maine to learn about its potato industry. My interest in this area of Maine comes from my mother, who spent part of her childhood in Fort Fairfield. While I was growing up, she loved to recount her time spent there, describing the beautiful white blossoms in the potato fields that would stretch on as far as the eye could see. Just as my mother had described, when you ride through Aroostook County today, the potato fields in bloom are amazing.

Maine's potato industry is over 240 years old and was originally brought to this state by the Scotch-Irish around 1750. Today, we remain one of the top potatoes producing states, serving the fresh (table stock), processed and seed markets of the industry with many different types of quality potatoes. Our farmers pride themselves on using the latest technology and best growing techniques to provide companies world wide with the finest potatoes.

Fresh potatoes are those bought in their natural form; including Russet Burbank, Superior, Shepody and Katahdin. These potatoes end up on your kitchen table baked, mashed, boiled, stewed or as an ingredient in a family recipe.

Maine is sixth in the nation in potato processing. Each year, millions of pounds of potatoes are turned into French fries, potato chips, hash browns or pre-plated frozen meals and used by families all over the U.S. and Canada.

Maine farmers work hard to develop new products and market niches for their crop. Many ideas have emerged, from potato vodka to blue potato chips to exporting seed to new markets in South America. The industry is evolving.

During the tour, the guide touched on the fact that people aren't always aware how healthy potatoes are and how they contribute to a balanced diet. The Maine potato offers an abundance of nutrients such as complex carbohydrates, Vitamin C & B6 and minerals without many calories. Potatoes are low in sodium, high potassium and can add to total fiber intake. Additionally, potatoes are a good, inexpensive source of protein and a great source of iron. To top it all off, potatoes are fat-free! It is the way we prepare them that adds fat and calories to a product that is naturally healthy. So watch the condiments and indulge in this great comfort food.

After learning so much about the Maine potato industry and its possible presence in a variety of the foods I buy on any given trip to the grocery store, I can tell you that from now on I will take the time to look for the Maine Quality Trademark (processed and fresh) and make a conscious effort to support an industry that has supported Maine for over 200 years. I encourage you to do the same.

Some information for this article was gathered at www.mainepotatoes.com, www.nationalpotatocouncil.org/NPC/resources_seedagen.cfm, www.mainepotatoes.com/pdf/Recipe%20Broch.pdf.

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Dear *Gorham Times*,

On September 19, the Gorham Garden Club and Friends of Baxter Library held the second annual PIES, PRODUCE & PLANTS sale. It was well attended and a successful fundraiser. All sale proceeds will be shared by Friends of Baxter Memorial Library. We would like to thank the following in making the sale a huge success: Barrows Greenhouses, Cook's Hardware, Gorham House of Pizza, Gorham Grind, Hannaford Supermarket, Morrison Development Center, Ossipee Trail Garden Center, O'Donal's Nursery, Po-Go Realty, Randall Orchards, as well as the Gorham Recreation Dept., friends of the Gorham Garden Club and patrons of Baxter Memorial Library. In these tough economic times, it is truly wonderful that these local businesses continue to generously donate goods and services to assist a community cause. A special thank you to all the wonderful bakers who contributed such tasty treats. It was a pleasure to see so many friendly faces at the sale and hope to see them all again next Fall. Thank you.

Sherrie Fontaine
Gorham Garden Club

Correction

The *Gorham Times* incorrectly identified the high school that Bethany Schleh graduated from in the Oct. 2 issue. The school was Cheverus High School, not Gorham.

FIRE FROM PAGE 1

Jennifer Brann, was rented to Jessica Flynn and Andy Oldenburg, suffered considerable smoke damage. The converted garage area where the fire started will probably need to be replaced and all of the sheetrock in the house will also need replacement as it cannot be cleaned nor can the smoke odor be removed from it.

GFD Deputy Chief Ken Fickett estimated the damage to be between \$40,000-\$50,000. Fickett pointed out that fire codes do not allow the use of extension cords as they are prone to catching on fire if anything is put on top of them or if they get kinked. As a side note, the GFD routinely goes to the USM dorms to look for extension cords in use and they remove any they find, as they consider them to be potential fire hazards. The GFD reminds all residents to use extension cords carefully.

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BUSINESS PROFILE

Holistic Pathways, Yoga and Healing Center

Offering Energy Bodywork, In-Studio and Online Yoga

Dede Perkins

Amanda Curtis Kezal (left) and Bernadette Curtis are mother-daughter owners of Holistic Pathways. The duo offer a wide variety of services at their practice including yoga classes, reiki, polarity therapy and even Energy Interference Patterning of the DNA.



Photo Credit Holistic Pathways

Are you feeling tired and unfocused, overwhelmed and stressed? Are you coping with body discomfort and pain, low self-esteem, anxiety or grief? The mother-daughter team of Bernadette Curtis and Amanda Curtis Kezal, owners of Holistic Pathways Yoga and Healing Center in Gorham, may be able to help you. Curtis and Kezal take a holistic approach to wellness, helping others to find their wholeness through energy bodywork and yoga.

A certified Kripalu Yoga instructor with a B.A. in Holistic Studies, Kezal has been teaching yoga for 15 years. Kezal explained, "Yoga cultivates flexibility, strength, confidence, and a fulfilling compassion within the body-mind and spirit—and we don't need to do pretzel postures to experience the benefits."

Besides her ongoing in-studio and USM classes, Kezal teaches yoga at local preschools, senior residences, and other locations. She recently created an eight-week online yoga class for all abilities and levels with professionally filmed, half-hour sessions, allowing students to practice yoga when and where they want. Since the classes build upon each other, clients may use a single session for a half-hour practice or combine two or more sessions to create a longer practice. A new video is available each week, 7 days a week. Class members log in any time, in whatever outfit, without any travel, to start their practice. A five-minute introductory video is available online at www.holisticpathways.com.

Bernadette began to explore holistic healing methods and first experienced energy bodywork over 20 years ago. After surviving a long-term illness and crediting natural healing methods with her return to health, she changed her Masters focus to Holistic Health and Healing, became a certified and registered polarity therapy practitioner, and earned certifications in other energy bodywork techniques. In addition to working with her clients at Holistic Pathways, Curtis teaches Holistic Health in the College of Nursing at the University of Southern Maine.

Five years ago, Curtis experienced the effects of Energy Interference Patterning of DNA (EIP) and trained in this healing modality. "Energy Interference Patterning of the DNA profoundly shifts energy and quickly gets at the real core of an issue," Curtis said. "The sessions work on many concerns, including anxiety, depression, as well as physical and emotional issues. If you've ever said, 'Why does this always happen to me' or 'I never...' EIP may help you to move past patterns holding you back from fulfilling your life and manifesting how you want to see your world."

Holistic Pathways offers "Wellness Wednesdays" once a month. If you're new to their center and would like to learn more, call 839-7192 for a free mini-session, consultation, in-studio yoga class, or just to ask questions. You can also visit www.holisticpathways.com for more information.

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SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee Awards Construction Contract

Stacy Sallinen

By a vote of 5-0 (Marie South and Jim Hager were absent), the School Committee voted to authorize Superintendent Ted Sharp to enter into a contract with Davis & Hanscom of Steep Falls to construct the new elementary school off Route 237.

Alan Kuniholm, Principal at PDT Architects, presented his recommendation to the Committee to award the bid to Davis & Hanscom. Kuniholm said the company has been building schools in Maine for over 40 years and can be credited with constructing Gorham Middle School in 2002, the new Buxton Elementary School, Sacopee Valley Middle School and MSAD 55.

Kuniholm also said the bidding process was successful and competitive. Out of the 14 general contractors who were pre-qualified by the Bureau of General Services and Department of Education, 10 submitted bids on opening day.

He briefly outlined the history of the project, stating that discussions began in the early 1990's to replace White Rock Elementary School. In 1999, PDT Architects did a long range strategic plan for all school and municipal buildings in Gorham. The first application for a new school was submitted in 2000 for the 2001-2002 Department of

Education rating cycle. The project was rated number 17 on the list, but only the first 11 projects were completed. He continued to say that a second application was submitted in 2003 and received a rating of 10 out of 13 approved projects. In 2006, the Building Committee was established and during the summer, PDT was hired and began the site selection process.

Kuniholm said that "voters approved the new elementary school project in the amount of \$25,672,000. The received bids have resulted in construction of a project which is approximately 20% less than originally budgeted 18 months ago. The State of Maine will be saving approximately \$5 million and local savings will be approximately \$500,000."

Construction is expected to begin in October and the anticipated completion date is July 2011. A ground breaking ceremony is scheduled for October 16 at 4:30 p.m. Rain date is October 19 at 4:30 p.m.

Chairman Dennis Libby thanked Kuniholm, PDT Architects and the public. He said, "It's been a long time coming. This is the final step to get the building going." Sharp also expressed his appreciation to Norm Justice who has been "instrumental in getting the land secured."

The School Committee also voted 5-0 to approve the negotiated SAA contract for school secretaries and ed-techs. The contract results in a total cost of 7% over a 3 year period. Sharp said he wanted to reach a contract that was "fair to employees and fair to the tax payers of Gorham."

CLERK'S CORNER

Absentee Voting Underway

Christina Silberman



Election Day is Tuesday, November 3. Gorham will elect two members to the Town Council and two members to the School Committee. This is also a State Referendum Election with seven questions on the state ballot. Important information regarding the election is available on our website, www.gorham-me.org, under Town Clerk's Department and then Elections. Absentee voting is underway. If you would like to vote by absentee ballot, please visit the Town website under Town Clerk's Department then Absentee Voting for more information. Absentee voting will be conducted at the North Gorham Library on Oct. 27

from 3-7 p.m. Also, the Town Clerk's office will be open on Oct. 31 from 8:30 a.m.-noon for absentee voting and voter registration only.

Dog licenses for 2010 are available on October 15. Dogs must be licensed at 6 months of age. Licenses expire every year on December 31. Please license your dog before February 1 to avoid a late fee. A current Maine Rabies Certificate and a certificate of Neutering, if applicable, are required when licensing a dog. You can license your dog online, visit our website and click on the green button at the bottom of the home page that says "online dog licensing."

TOWN COUNCIL REPORT

Council Discusses Pet Goat

Christine Ludwiczak

Instead of a dog, James and Ginger Proulx decided on a pet goat for their children. Although the goat is smaller than most golden retrievers, the size of the Proulx's property may prevent them from keeping the newest member of their family.

The Proulx's, of 244 Libby Avenue, reside on 2.2 acres of land in an urban residential zoned lot. This may appear to be ample space for the needs of one goat, but current regulation requires a minimum of six acres to keep farm animals.

"The ordinance initially came about as an attempt to address livestock,"

explained Councilman Burleigh Loveitt at last week's Town Council meeting. Since much has changed in Gorham since the ordinance was written, Ms. Proulx stood before the Council to request an amendment to the Land Use and Development Code that would allow for her family to keep the goat, despite the smaller land plot.

After a neighbor voiced concern over the possibility of the goat's manure contaminating their well, the Proulx's approached the Cumberland County Soil and Water Conservation District for assistance. They arranged for the organization to come out and view their property, and advise on practices to help ensure that near-by land and water is not negatively affected by the goat. The Proulx's also went to the town for clarification on their ability to keep a goat in their current residence.

Councilman Noah Miner stressed the need to regulate and enforce restrictions with respect to the keeping of farm animals, but noted the ordinance should not be based on acreage alone, and should contain more specific language.

The Proulx's realize it is a lengthy process, but continue to be proactive in their efforts to work with the town on an amendment that would allow for the goat to remain in its current 2.2-acre home. The Council approved the request to go before the Ordinance Committee for further discussion.

The annual Gorham Art Fair is right around the corner, and Jeremy Greene spoke on behalf of the organization to request the necessary Mass Gathering Permit. This year's fair will take place at Shaw Gymnasium on Saturday, Nov. 7, 9a.m.-4 p.m, rain or shine. The admission free event will feature local artists and talent in an all-day show and sale. (Artwork donations are currently being accepted for the silent auction, with

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Town Council and School Committee Candidate Profiles



Name: Brenda Caldwell
Address: 8 Ridgefield Drive
Education: Salem State College, Lifetime Certified Clerk of Maine
Personal: Married, three children, four grandchildren, one cat

Employment: Town Clerk in Gorham for 29 years, volunteer Assistant Archivist Gorham Historical Society

Political and Community Experience: Town Clerk for 29 years and Town Council for the past three years. During those three years, I served as Chairman of the Finance and Personnel Committees and the Council representative on the White Rock School Building Committee. I also serve on the Board of Directors of Gorham Savings Bank. I am Secretary of the Gorham Woman's Club, Secretary of the Maine Good Sams and I am Treasurer for the local chapter of Good Sams – Lake Region Wanderers. For many years I served as the Historian for the First Parish Church.

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

I believe there are two major issues facing the Town of Gorham – taxes and roads. Some of our roads are deteriorating and the Town has been working to improve the road system but we also need to maintain the infrastructure as well as the service needs of the citizens. Prioritization and allocation of tax funds then becomes crucial. While it is important to keep the tax rate under control this becomes a very delicate balance of prioritization between the infrastructure, the roads and the service needs of the citizens.

What skills and attributes do you bring to this position? Experience, dedication, problem solving and caring. I know the Town of Gorham, its citizens, history, good points and problems. The 29 years as Town Clerk and three years on the Town Council have certainly given me experience. During my tenure on the Council taxes have not increased in Gorham. In fact this past year taxes decreased by 10 cents per thousand. I have always voted for what I think is best for the citizens of Gorham and will certainly continue to do so if I am fortunate enough to be re-elected to the Town Council.

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PLANNING BOARD REPORT

Board Reviews Subdivisions

Christine Ludwiczak

After approving minutes from the August meeting, the Planning Board had just a few items on the agenda slated for review.

The Board postponed ruling on the request for final approval of the Fairfield Woods proposed amendment. The amendment would add three new lots to the Fairfield Estates subdivision plan, as well as 1,328' private way (Copperhead Road).

The Winslow Road subdivision received final approval, allowing for the 6-lot subdivision and road to be built on the 12.35 acres of land off Winslow Road, near Route 237.

Also approved, pending conditions, was the Private Way Amendment to Cornucopia Way, which will allow for relocation of the turn-around at the end of the private road.

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proceeds to benefit the Gorham Food Pantry).

The Council also discussed a proposal to adjust the fee schedule for subdivision applications, which was unanimously approved. The proposed fee adjustment, as well as the corresponding amendment to Land Use and Development Code, will be sent onto to the Planning Board for their recommendation and public hearing.

Susan Duchaine, owner of Design Dwellings, addressed the Council to present her views on the proposed fee adjustment. "Developers always pay the fees up front; it's part of the ordinance." She felt that the proposed increase of two and a half percent "seems a little high," but noted her support as long as the excess funds come back to developers.

Sandra Mowery, Zoning Administrator for the town, fielded questions and addressed some concerns regarding the proposal. She explained the fee schedule is designed to give the applicant reasonable expectations of what lies before them in the development process. "We want to protect the town so that we're not left with a project partially completed. We'll

also work closely with the developer to protect the finances."

The meeting agenda also consisted of an overview of the Town Clerk's Department. Town Clerk, Christina Silberman, provided a report on the role of the department, and explained that it is "often viewed as the face of the local government." The list of departmental responsibilities included service to the Town Council and Zoning Board, vehicle registration, property tax collection, keeping of vital records, voter registration, election administration, as well as various licenses and notary public services. Silberman thanked the department staff for their time and continued commitment to the town.

Lastly, the Council reviewed poll times for the approaching Nov. 3, Municipal and State Referendum Election. The polls will be open between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.

To view results from this meeting in its entirety, please visit the Town of Gorham website for posted minutes: www.gorham-me.org/Public_Documents/GorhamME_PlanMinutes/

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and economic activity in the four municipalities involved in the study: Gorham, Westbrook, Scarborough, and South Portland.

Members of the public were invited to express their opinions following the informational portion of the meeting. Gorham's Hans Hansen told the transit officials that the "horse was already out of the barn" where the Route 22 and 114 overlay area in South Gorham was concerned. Matt Mattingly, the owner of the Pinecrest Bed and Breakfast, said that

transportation was at the heart of the tourist industry, on which his business depended. Several participants praised the positive effects of the new Gorham Bypass.

The study has generated voluminous amounts of technical data. These statistics, maps, charts and graphs are available to the public on the study's web site, www.gorhamcorridor.org.

The next public meeting is tentatively scheduled to take place sometime in January 2010.

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Ladies and Gentlemen, Start Your Engines

The History of Matchbox Cars

Marc Badeau, *Feature Columnist*



1966 Opel Diplomat Matchbox sold for over \$9,000. The price when issued was 48 cents.

In 1947, Britons Leslie Smith and Rodney Smith (no relation) combined their names and formed "Lesney Products" - the original makers of Matchbox Products, the toys that provided hours of fun for millions of kids.

In the early days, Lesney manufactured a number of toys including mechanical animals, wheeled vehicles and horse drawn vehicles. They began designing smaller scale wheeled vehicle toys in the 1:64 and 1:75 scale in 1951. These smaller toys were very successful, especially an exquisite model of the Royal State Coach produced for Elizabeth II's coronation in 1953, which sold over one million units.

Soon after this success came the idea for more tiny toys housed in replica matchboxes. Ann, the daughter of one of the partners at Lesney, attended a school which only allowed children a toy that could be contained within a matchbox. Lesney made a miniature road roller out of brass, painted it red and green and gave it to her to bring to school. All her school friends wanted one so Lesney made a mold and cast a few. Thus the "Matchbox" miniature 1:75 scale was born. These smaller, economical toys were affordable to the average child and were sold at toy shops, tobacconists and sweet shops.

The idea of a "matchbox" to put toys in, however, was not original with Lesney. German toys in the early 1900's and again in prewar 1940 employed them with "Matchbox Toys."

Lesney wanted to concentrate on manufacturing. In 1953 it arranged for the marketing agent the Moko Company, to package and market the toys for a percentage. The name "Matchbox" was used and registered in 1953, with that name belonging 50% to Moko and 50% to Lesney. The first boxes were plain with tucked-in ends and had single color printing without a

model picture. During the late 1950's, more attractive color boxes were produced with images of the models, first in simple drawings, then in more detail. Eventually the images were in color.

In 1960, the company went public and by 1962, Matchbox was producing a million toy vehicles a week, more than the number of real cars made by all the world's major automakers combined. By 1969, an astounding 5,500,000 models were made per week.

Major competition arrived in the late 1960's, with Mattel's "Hot Wheels" cars and their frictionless "mag" wheels, bright metallic colors and increased "play" value. They were marketed aggressively along with numerous accessory products, such as race track sets, making them more play-friendly.

Competition from Hot Wheels had serious market consequences for Lesney which was slow in responding. Their "Superfast" models were not introduced until the 1969 catalog. During 1970 and 1971, the entire range was converted to Superfast wheels, including the king-size range, renamed "Superkings."

Models of Yesteryear production was stopped by the end of 1971. After suffering huge losses, Lesney was declared bankrupt in 1992. It was later purchased by Tyco Toys, Inc. which was then acquired by Mattel Toys in 1997.

With the exception of several specific series, most Matchbox cars issued today no longer feature the coveted box. As a personal collector of vintage Matchbox cars and their boxes, few collectables have the ability to reach back to fond childhood memories as Matchbox.

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Sam Martel, Village School Student



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Mrs. Lemieux's class at Village School recently recorded commercials to be broadcast during the TV program *Are You Smarter than a 5th Grader*.

Earlier this month, John Marshall of WPXT came to our room to record us in a commercial to be broadcast during the TV program *Are You Smarter Than A 5th Grader?* He showed us how to set up the equipment and then gave us a question and multiple choice answers to memorize. We repeated the question and answers on camera, gave a hint, and then said the real answer.

Fifth grader Cameron Holmes said, "What I liked about the filming was it was fun to have a TV crew come in our classroom and also to know that we are

going to be on local television." Blake Wallace added, "I liked the fact that we could be ourselves and goof around on camera. It was also fun to see how they worked the camera."

We all had great enthusiasm and had a fun time watching our classmates' bloopers. In the end we were laughing our heads off! Want to see the commercials? Tune in to channel 14 at 5:20 and 5:45 p.m. every day. We hope you have an enjoyable time watching because we sure had a great time making them!

Gorham High School Announces AP Scholar Awards

Gorham Times Staff

Twenty seven students at Gorham High School have earned Advanced Placement (AP) Scholar Awards in recognition of their exceptional achievement on AP Exams. Since test was given in the spring of 2009, some students listed graduated in June.

Justin Bolinger and Courtney Hawkes qualified for the AP Scholar with Distinction Award by earning an average grade of at least 3.5 on all AP Exams taken, and grades of 3 or higher on five or more of these exams.

Those qualifying for the AP Scholar with Honor Award by earning an average grade of at least 3.25 on all AP

Exams taken and grades of 3 or higher on four or more of these exams are: Hallie Balcomb, Kristen Hamilton, Sara Martin, Eric Porter and Emily Southard.

Those qualifying for the AP Scholar Award by completing three or more AP Exams with grades of 3 or higher are: Garrick Adolf, Aaron Bartlett, Thomas Bennett, Siobhan Bolinger, Michael Bowring, Solange Carpenter, Chelsea Clark, Shanti Flagg, Katelyn Kiel, Elizabeth LaMontagne, Colin Lubelczyk, Thomas Mathieu, Rochelle Michaud, Bailey O'Brien, Kasey Perkins, Christopher Sawtelle, Kathryn Smith, Mairead Stillson, Sanja Vidovic and Jennifer Wiacek.

Take a Hike



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Pictured (l t r) Ben Nault, Nick Caiazza and Isaac Martel made their way up the Ossipee Mountain trail on September 29 as part of a field trip for all Village School third graders.

GHS Adds Virtual Courses

Leslie Dupuis

Gorham High School is one of six area high schools doing something they have never done before... participating in online classes with students in other parts of the globe. Faced with fewer courses due to budget cuts, many schools are bridging the gap by partnering with the Virtual High School Global Consortium to offer students online enrichment, AP and gifted courses.

Designed to supplement a school's in-person curriculum with online courses, Virtual High School (VHS) is a non-profit collaborative of high schools, teachers and students. It partners with schools to provide rigorous, student-centered online courses that help expand versus replace existing curriculum options. Currently, the VHS collabora-

tive includes over 9,500 enrolled students, 419 member schools and 260 teachers in 28 states and 23 countries.

Ryan Watts, GHS Guidance Department, is responsible for coordinating the new program. He explained that there are currently 10 openings for online classes at GHS. Students apply for online courses the same way they do for others. As the courses are first-come first-served, most are limited to seniors and juniors. Watts noted that while the program has been well-received by students, the school is still adjusting to the trials of a new technology and mode of learning. In the future, GHS would like to add a VHS trained teacher which would enable more students to participate in online courses each semester.

National Merit Scholarship Program

Gorham High School announced that two students, **Shanti Flagg** and **Emily Southard**, have been named Commended Students in the 2010 National Merit Scholarship Program. The students were recognized for their exceptional academic promise by placing among the top five percent of more than 1.5 million students who entered the 2010 competition by taking the 2008 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT).

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Dominant Day



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Senior running back Jon Day amassed 481 yards nine touchdowns as the GHS football team defeated Westbrook 34-24 on Sept. 25 and Scarborough 52-14 on Oct. 2. Through the team's first five games, Day has totaled 715 yards and 10 touchdowns. Day is pictured above in action this year against Windham.

GHS Boys' Soccer Flying High

Jeff Pike



Photo credit Bruce MacLeod

The GHS boys' soccer team is off to a 9-1 start and a second-place ranking in Western Maine Class A as of October 12. Pictured above, front row from left to right: Chris Hardy, Steve Albanese, Kyle Curley, Kevin Lubelczyk, Levi Lurvey and Mike Lubelczyk. Middle row: Head Coach Tim King, Colin Lubelczyk, Matt Zagorianakos, Greg Gagne, Connor Reagan and Andrew Ernest. Back row: Nate Bucknell, Connor Bell, Drew Hopkins, Jake Willis, Carter Bowers, Tim Hardy, Seth Wing, Shawn Grandmaison, Eric Plourde, and Assistant Coach Aaron Ouellette. Missing from photo are Jessie Orach and Zach Spiers.

GHS boys' soccer coach Tim King has received a lot of compliments this year on the way the team has been playing. "Many people have said how much they enjoy watching the team play," King said. "They like how the players conduct themselves and the energy they put into the game."

The compliments are certainly well deserved considering the team's performance. Through games played Oct.

12, the team was 9-1 with a second-place ranking in Western Maine Class A. King points to the leadership demonstrated by the seniors and juniors as having set a positive tone for the season. "Everyone works hard without me having to get on them," King said. "The younger players have fallen in line, which has been a great key to our success."

This year's success began for the Rams in the summer with players showing up for every summer game even though many had commitments to other sports and summer jobs. The team also took a trip to Aroostook County to play Presque Isle and stayed on Eagle Lake for a relaxing time that helped the team bond.

King has not changed his coaching approach this year but said he has been a little more patient due to the confidence he has in the players being able to work through their challenges. Looking ahead, he will focus on improving the team's depth so that bench players are ready to play at a high level. "We also need to take advantage of our scoring opportunities," King added. "We are not finishing as many scoring opportunities as we need to, and those opportunities will become fewer during the playoffs. We need to learn to capitalize on the ones we create."

At press time the team had shut-out its last four opponents thanks to the efforts of senior goalkeeper Tim Hardy, senior sweeper Eric Plourde and junior center-back Seth Wing, as well as outside backs senior Greg Gagne and junior Levi Lurvey. The team has featured balanced scoring led by senior Colin Lubelczyk with seven goals. Other leading scorers include freshman Connor Reagan (5), senior Sean Grandmaison (4), senior Jake Willis (4), junior Connor Bell (4), and sophomore Kevin Lubelczyk (3).

"Colin Lubelczyk makes us go—he's a non-stop player and his energy as well

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in the Zone

Girls' Cross-Country Among The State's Best: The GHS girls' cross country team was ranked fourth in the state in the October 5 poll conducted by the Maine Track and Cross-Country Coaches Association. The team finished third at the 5K Festival of Champions race in Belfast on October 3 that included teams from Maine and Canada. Senior Rachel Wilkinson led the way with a fourth-place finish and a time of 19:37. Junior Mia Rapolla finished ninth with a time of 19:55.

Boys' Cross-Country Also Among The State's Best: The GHS boys' cross-country team was also ranked fourth in the state in the October 5 poll conducted by the Maine Track and Cross-Country Coaches Association. The team finished fifth at the 5K Festival of Champions race in Belfast on October 3 that included teams from Maine and Canada. Juniors Jeremy Earl (15th place/16:49) and Logan Marshall (22nd place/17:01) were Gorham's top-two finishers.



College Player of the Week: University of Maine at Farmington junior **Emma Deans** (GHS '07), pictured above, was honored as the North Atlantic Conference Field Hockey Player of the Week September 28. Deans, at right, tallied three goals, including a pair of game-winners, to lead her team to a 3-1 week. An all-conference first teamer in 2008, Deans also earned Player of the Week honors once last season.

Golf Guru



Photo credit Gorham Times Staff

GHS Senior Tommy Stirling finished second in the SMAA (Western Maine Class A) state individual qualifying golf tournament Oct. 5 on the Tomahawk course at Natanis Golf Course in Vassalboro. Stirling shot a 73 to tie for second and then earned sole possession of second-place by winning on the first sudden-death playoff hole. Stirling competes in the state individual tournament, also at Natanis, on Oct. 17.

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Sport Industry Career Panel: The USM Annual Fall Open House on October 25 will feature a Sport Industry Career Panel at 1:30 p.m. in Upton Hastings Hall on the Gorham campus. The event provides insight into potential career opportunities in sports management. Panelists will talk about their career path, their current position in sports and provide advice on getting started with a career in the sports field. The panel includes Rory Strunk of Aura360 Sport Marketing Agency, Jack Woodbury of HCC Specialty Underwriters, Abby Pierce of the Maine Red Claws, and Liz Riley of the Portland Seadogs. For more information and to reserve a seat, call 780-5670.

GHS Weekend Varsity Sports Line-Up

Friday, October 16

- 4:00 p.m. – Girls' Cross Country multi-team meet at Narragansett School
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- 6:00 p.m. – Girls' Soccer at Marshwood H.S.
- 7:00 p.m. – Football at South Portland H.S.

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Wednesday	October 21	GHS Gym	7-8 pm 8-9 pm	5th grade girls 6th grade girls
Monday	October 26	GHS Gym	7-8 pm 8-9 pm	5th grade boys 6th grade boys
Wednesday	October 28	GHS Gym	7-8 pm 8-9 pm	5th grade boys 6th grade boys

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Extra Points



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GHS senior Kristan Bowie is kicking extra-points for the football team this year and is just the second girl to play football at GHS following Jesscia Lopez, who played for the team in the 1999 and 2000 seasons. Bowie scored her first points of the season Oct. 2 as she kicked four extra-points during Gorham's 52-14 win over Scarborough. Bowie is shown above in action against Deering HS.




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TOWN COUNCIL CANDIDATES FROM PAGE 5



Name: Matt Mattingly
Address: 91 South St
Education:
 Carrabec HS, North Anson Maine; Thomas More College, Crestview Hills Kentucky B.A.

Personal: Married to Amy, two children, Abby and Zoe

Employment: Past: Director of Instruction Media & Adjunct Faculty, Thomas More College - KY; Director of Resource Development, Butler County United Way-OH; Vice President of Resource Development, United Way of Eastern Fairfield County-CT
 Current: Owner and Managing Partner of the PineCrest, Inn, Restaurant and Wine Bar.

Political and Community Experience:

Founder and Organizer of the Gorham Taste Walk, 2008 Candidate for Town Council – President of Gorham Kiwanis Club, Board Member of the Maine Innkeepers Association, Board Member of Operation Tribute

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

Gorham is facing what might prove to be the largest single budget cut in modern history if the people of Maine vote to reduce the excise tax. The tough budget negotiations of the past year will be a walk in the park compared to the choices the next sitting Council will have to make. Jobs will be lost, street maintenance projects will be cut, school services will be affected and things we take for granted will be put to the test. Gorham will require a strong and creative Council to manage the Town. The next Council will have to work collectively for the good of all Gorham residents in ways we have not seen in recent years.

What skills and attributes do you bring to this position?

My years in community based fundraising taught me there is always a way to find common goals and to work collectively for the greater good. The years as a Gorham resident have taught me that ingenuity and creativity can be rewarded with positive results. As a highly creative person, I believe I can help find new and imaginative ways to make Gorham a stronger community and a better place to live, learn and work. Please read more about Matt at www.mattmattingly.blogspot.com or follow him on twitter at "MainelyMatt"



Name: Shonn Moulton
Address: 265 Fort Hill Rd
Education: B.A. in History, USM
Personal: Single father of a beautiful 5 year-old daughter.

Employment: Business Manager, Dance Studio of Maine

Political and Community Experience:

Gorham Town Council 2006-Present, Finance Committee 2006-2008, Chair 2007-2008, Capitol Improvements Committee 2006-Present, Capitol Improvements Committee Chair 2008-Present, Greater Portland Council of Governments 2008-Present

What do you see as the major issues facing the Town of Gorham at the current

time? The economy is a major issue facing Gorham. We are in trying times when it comes to the economy and balancing the needs of the Towns' people. As a Councilor for the last three years, I have been part of an administration that has held the line on taxes. We need to continue this fiscal responsibility and understand the ramifications of each dollar spent, but still know there needs to be a delicate balance in providing the public services that our towns' people need and deserve.

I also believe Town planning is key to the integrity of Gorham's future. I have asked for further review of the available uses of our Industrial zones and what has transpired is a possible new mixed zone. This mixed zone would actually become what I have envisioned for years now as a "buffer" zone between the Gorham's highly successful Industrial zone, which has heavy industrial uses, and our residential zones.

This will allow economic development that is safe and consistent with the residential growth patterns.

What skills and attributes do you bring to this position? As a Councilor for the past three years, I have been a reasonable and responsible voice for the Town. I have been able to help bring an increase in Town services, yet still come to the Towns' people with a tax rate that is responsible and is lower than when I

started my term. It will be my continued interest to see the town move forward in its financial planning and capitol and economic improvements allowing Gorham to continue to be a success. I appreciate and enjoy the three years that I have been able to serve the residents of this great town and hope they see fit to have me serve another three years.

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TOWN COUNCIL

EXCISE TAX FROM PAGE 1

Town’s attorney Bill Dale, who opined that the Council could not modify the School Budget, since the voters had approved it by referendum in June.

In a further comment, Csoros said he believed that in the long run, the shortfall in revenue due to lower excise taxes could be made up, although he did think that the immediate enactment of the measure would be problematic. Earlier, he declared, “The vehicle excise tax is excessive and should be reduced. However, I will not support this ballot initiative because it exempts hybrids from all sales tax and from excise tax for 3 years.”

Councilor Noah Miner asked Knapp

if there was a possibility that the legislature could pass emergency legislation to delay the enactment of the referendum if it passes, so the municipalities could absorb the losses in this fiscal year. She said that this is a question for the Secretary of State, not the legislature. In previous statements, Miner expressed his support for the passage of the referendum, stating, “I’m in favor of changing the current excise tax formula, per Question 2. The current excise tax formula unfairly puts a significant tax burden on those people with new vehicles even though new vehicles create the same wear and tear on the roadway as an older one. People who buy new vehicles should not be penalized at the town office when they go to register.”

In his blog, Matt Mattingly, a candidate for Town Council, wrote that Question Two could have unpredictable impacts for the town. “At the polls this November, Mainers will be asked an important question that will have unintended consequences. We will choose whether or not to cut the excise tax by an average of 50%. I, like most people, don’t enjoy paying taxes. I believe our current model of excise tax is unfair and very poorly constructed.” He then went on to delineate some of the potential harmful effects of the passage of this referendum.

Councilor Mike Phinney told the Councilors that he believed that the passage of Question Two would certainly result in higher property taxes. He stated his belief that property tax is a “much less fair means of taxation than the excise tax.”



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SCHOOL COMMITTEE CANDIDATE FROM PAGE 11

Name: James Hager Jr.
Address: 13 Newton Drive
Education: Attended school in Boston, graduated from Don Bosco Tech '74, attended Northeastern University-

Lincoln College, and Wake Technical College, Raleigh, NC

Personal: Age 53, wife Michelle, sons Andy (GHS '06) is a senior at Wagner College, Dan (GHS '07) is a junior at Springfield College

Employment: Project Manager for Metso Paper in Biddeford

Political and Community Experience:

Completing my third term (9 years) on the School Committee; former Chairman of the School Committee, have served on the Finance Subcommittee all three terms, served as Chairman on the Middle School Building Committee, presently serving as Chairman of the Elementary School Building Committee (opening Fall 2011).

As the former Chairman, I saw a need to maintain strong communication with the Town Council, and initiated a report at their monthly meetings. I believe this has helped to form a stronger respect and understanding of the work the school committee does, and allows the

Council to ask questions that may be on the minds of the citizens in town.

What do you see as the major issues facing Gorham's schools at the current time? The front line item is creating and adopting a budget that reflects the values of our community. To do that, we must consider the programming needs of the students we serve, and we must find a way to make the budget work without impairing or limiting our professionals.

What skills and attributes do you bring to this position? My resume will show "on the job experience." There is nothing that can prepare you for the work required to support a school system. There are typical duties of running the business side - monitoring budgets, hiring the best people, and supporting education. There are also trends in education that need to be debated. Some ideas are variations on older themes that were dropped years ago, and re-appear as a "new" idea. As a committee, we have to weigh each proposal carefully. Having served for nine years, I have a historical reference to offer to the members of the school committee.

Incumbent Marie South will also be running for the School Committee, but was unavailable for comment at press time.

Boys' Soccer FROM PAGE 8

as his skill level drives our team," King said. "Seth Wing is an underrated player on defense but people are starting to notice how good he is, and Tim Hardy has had a very strong year in goal."

Looking ahead to the rest of the season and the playoffs King said, "The depth of quality teams in our league goes down as far as eight or nine teams. We will be right in the mix for the playoffs, but it is a pretty even league so we will have our work cut out for us. I keep emphasizing to the team that it's not always the best team that wins, it's usually the team that plays the best."

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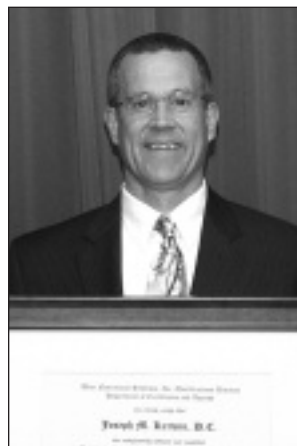
Air Force Airman Alexander E. Barr graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. He is the son of Ian Barr of Gorham.



Emma Wojtal, GHS '04 and UMaine '08 graduate (B.A. Psychology), earned her B.S. in Nursing from Columbia University this spring. Wojtal is working as a clinical nurse in pediatrics at Mount Sinai in New York and will begin her pediatric nurse practitioner program in January.



Gorham Chiropractor Dr. Joseph Kerwin has just completed a year-long training program from the **Advanced Clinical Training Program** in Nutrition Response Testing in Clearwater, Fl. One of only 258 health practitioners who has graduated this program, Kerwin found the training to be invaluable in helping those who are having physical difficulties caused by improper nutrition. Dr. Kerwin has been serving the Gorham community for the past 21 years and is located at 164 Main Street. FMI, call 839-8181 or visit www.kerwinchiro.com.



Meghann (Foley) Dombroski, GHS '02, has been re-elected president of the 2010 graduation class of Tufts University School of Dental Medicine.

There will be a Friends of Baxter Memorial Library Fall Book Sale on Friday, Oct. 16 from 9 a.m.-7 p.m. and Saturday, Oct. 17 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Gorham Recreation Department Activities Room in the Gorham Municipal Center. Members may peruse and purchase books on Thursday, Oct. 15 from 5-7 p.m. (Non-members may join at the door for \$5). FMI, 839-5031.

There will be an American Red Cross Blood Drive at Shaw Gym on Friday, Oct. 16 from 1-6 p.m. in honor of Anita Lewis a long-time resident of Gorham and staff member of both Baxter Memorial Library and the USM Library. Lewis, who has been battling cancer successfully for several years, hopes you can help others like her by donating desperately needed blood. Walk-Ins welcome. FMI, visit www.givelife.org or call Pam at 839-5031 for an appointment.

The Gorham Times and Baxter Memorial Library will hold an informal opportunity for the public to meet and talk with the candidates on Saturday, Oct. 17, 9-11 a.m. outside the activities room at the Gorham Municipal Center. The candidates' event will run in conjunction with the last day of the Friends of Baxter Memorial Library Book Sale.

Gorham students will perform in Portland Ballet's Halloween-themed Spooktacular of Dances on Saturday, Oct. 31 at 2 p.m. All ages are encouraged to attend the performance and to come in costume. A Costume Parade will be held during intermission.

Gorham Business & Civic Exchange will meet on Oct. 20 from 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. at Gorham Savings Bank, 10 Wentworth Ave., Gorham. Jon Jennings,

Pres. & GM of Maine Red Claws and former Asst. Coach of Boston Celtics, will speak. Catered lunch. GBCE Members \$15. Guests \$25. Advance registration requested, but not required. www.gorhambusiness.org or 892-5515.

The Cressey Road United Methodist Church will host a benefit for Habitat for Humanity on Saturday, Oct. 24 at 2 p.m. Sample great local foods from Maine farms while listening to local talent such as Pam Carpenter, West Gorham Union Church Choir, Bob Gauthier, Paul Dufresne, St. Anne's Music Ministry, Praise Band of Cressey Road UMC, Kathy Baker, Gail Ambrose, Rev. Ralph Bedard and special guest performers Choir Of Green Memorial AME Zion Methodist Church. \$10/\$5 under 12. Sponsored by Gorham Ecumenical Council. FMI, call C. Kimball 892-9437.

The October PIE Meeting (Partners in Education) has been rescheduled to Wednesday, Nov. 4 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the GHS Stickney Library. FMI, call 222-1100 or email ChrisR@gorham-schools.org

Casco Bay Concert Band, under the direction of Dr. Peter Martin, will perform on Sunday, Oct. 18, 3 p.m. at McCormack Performing Arts Center, GHS. The program is People, Places, and Things. \$7 for Adults/\$6 for Seniors/Children & Students Free. FMI, www.cascobayconcertband.org

Gorham Adult Education will offer a number of classes this fall: A *Basic Wiring Class* for the do-it-yourself person who would like to learn how to safely fix simple wiring problems on Monday, Oct. 26 from 6:30-9 p.m. \$15. *Drawing I* class offered on Wednesdays, Oct. 21-Nov. 4 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Materials list will be sent to students after registration. \$39. *Cheese please!* Increase your knowledge for the vast array of cheeses found around the world and the best part-you

Walking for Lauren



Photo Credit Sue Donaldson

Raising a total of \$13,701 to fight cancer, Lauren's Team participated in the Maine Children's Cancer Walk on Sept. 19 in Portland. Lauren's Team was originally created in 2002 to honor Lauren Hawkes before she passed away from cancer in 2003, right after finishing seventh-grade. Many Gorham residents participate as individuals on Lauren's Team as well as many groups including Gorham Youth Soccer Association; the GHS Girls' and Boys Cross-Country teams, GHS Girls' Soccer teams; Mister Bagel; Moody's Collision Centers; St. Joseph's College of Maine Women's Soccer team; and the Cheers H.S. Girls' Field Hockey team. Lauren's mother, Nancy Hawkes, manages the overall effort of the team each year as well as leading 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. In the eight years that Lauren's Team has participated in the annual walk fundraiser, it has raised more than \$135,000 to fight cancer.

"Senior" Prom



Junior Girl Scout Troop 1188 sponsored a "Senior Prom" at the Gorham House nursing home in order to fulfill the requirements for the coveted Bronze Award. More than 80 residents attended the prom where the girls had transformed the residence common room into a festive prom. The Girl Scouts played music from the 40's and 50's and served refreshments. Front Row: Julia Lyons, Madeline Joyal-Meyers, Maeve Pitman Back Row: Whitney King, Lily Towle, Taylor Nygren, Alexandra Stresser, Jamie Carter, Rachael Graham and Delaney Burns.

get to sample! Tuesday, Oct. 20 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. \$25. *Creations in Clay*—release your inner potter! Learn three hand building techniques—modeling, coil and slab construction. Oct. 19, 20, 21, 22 and Nov. 2 from 6-8:30 p.m. \$15 material fee and \$49 class fee. All classes are held at Gorham Middle School. To register, visit Gorham.maineadulted.org or call 222-1095.

Project Blessing, an organization that provides household items for those moving from homelessness to housing, is seeking donations of new or used pots and pans. Donations may be dropped off at LifeChurch in Gorham weekdays anytime before 5:30 p.m. and Sunday from 7-11 a.m. FMI, 749-8407.

The USM Art Gallery in Gorham will display the works of Jennilie Brewster and

Honour Mack in an exhibit titled *Horizon – Poetics of the Post-Heroic Landscape*, Sept. 24-Nov. 8. All events are free and open to the public. FMI, 780-5008 or www.usm.maine.edu/gallery.

Catherine McAuley High School will be hosting its annual Open House for prospective students and their families on Sunday, October 25, at 2 pm. Young women of all faiths are invited to our campus at 631 Stevens Avenue, Portland, for a program that will feature current student and graduate speakers, a message from the Principal, guided tours and the opportunity to meet faculty members, coaches, student athletes.

The Gorham Women's Alliance invites you to join the 2nd Annual Turkey Challenge. Last year GWA raised \$500

and donated 12 Thanksgiving dinners to Gorham families. This year we hope to feed 30 families, \$5 is all it takes. Help us feed our hungriest neighbors. FMI 232-4803. The Gorham Women's Alliance is looking for new members. FMI, email lizland@roadrunner.com.

FREE Harvest Supper at the White Rock Baptist Church, 300 Sebago Lake Road on Oct. 24, 5:30 p.m. Open to the public. Gospel music by the Lighthouse Jubilees, 6:30 p.m., donate as you are able. FMI, www.wrfbc.org.

save the date

The Gorham Art Fair, Saturday, Nov. 7 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Shaw Gym, features fine artisans and crafters from Gorham and the surrounding communities in an all-day art show and sale. The event is free and family-friendly, and it happens at the Shaw Gymnasium with paintings, jewelry, sculpture, photography, woodwork, textiles and more, all locally hand-made.

The USM Office of Undergraduate Admission will host its Annual Fall Open House for prospective students and families from 12 noon-4:30 p.m. on Sunday, October 25 in the Costello Sports Complex on the Gorham campus. To register on-line: www.usm.maine.edu/admit/regform.html or call 1-800-800-4USM or (207)780-5670.

The 2nd Annual Community Swap & Shop at Narragansett School Gym will take place on Saturday, Nov. 7 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Shop for gently used winter clothing for children. Donations may be dropped off at Narragansett, White Rock and Village Schools thru Oct. 30. FMI, e-mail alandry6@maine.rr.com.

close to home

The Schoolhouse Arts Center at Sebago Lake will present The Haunted Schoolhouse from October 16-31. This will be a good, old-fashioned haunted house and not suitable for young children. There will be a "safe room" for youngsters with crafts and games. \$10/students and \$12/adults. FMI, 642-3743 or visit www.schoolhousearts.org.

Musical Theater in Gorham



Photo Credit Mary Snell

The musical theater comedy, "Spelling Bee," is a winner! The USM School of Music will present the Tony Award winning musical comedy—"The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee" in its Maine collegiate premiere. This irresistible new show will run for four performances only, from Oct. 30 through Nov. 1, in Corthell Concert Hall, USM Gorham campus at 8 p.m. each night, with an additional 5 p.m. matinee on Sunday. Tickets are \$15/\$10/\$5. Call 780-5555. This tuneful, offbeat, and at times heartwarming show, about six geeky adolescent spellers and three adults running the bee has a twist. At every performance audience members get the chance to become part of the action as on-stage spellers! Thus every show has a new dynamic as the cast adjusts to the unexpected. Note: Since Oct. 31 is Halloween, director Edward Reichert notes there will be costume competition for all audience members that night. Come dressed and win!



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The Gorham Fitness Studio (now located at 17 Railroad Ave, behind Hannaford) will host a Healthy Harvest Celebration on Saturday, Oct. 24 from 2-5 p.m. There will be activities, live DJ, pumpkin art, healthy snacks, fitness games. Join children's author Cathryn Falwell for the release and sale of her latest book *Mystery Vine*. The showing of "The Great Pumpkin Charlie Brown" on a big screen begins at 4 p.m. Free! FMI, 839-3353.

Thank you, Gorham



John Spring of Carter's Auto in Gorham proudly stands alongside a truckload of boxes filled with donated snacks, toiletries and clothing heading to southern Afghanistan. Spring's son, a member of the 8th Marine Regiment, has been fighting in the Helmand Region for six months and is anticipating the arrival of over 18 boxes of donated items that he and his regiment will surely enjoy. Spring wishes to sincerely thank the Gorham community and the generous customers of Carter's Auto for all their contributions during the month long drive.

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Musical Theater in Gorham



Photo Credit Martha T. Harris

GoCAT volunteer Pete Walker and Station Manager Georgia Humphrey recently teamed up to produce a training video for Shaw's Supermarkets. A large donation from Clifford W. Perham Company, a subsidiary of Shaw's, was provided to the local food pantry in recognition of Walker and Humphrey's efforts. Walker, who is also a long-time Shaws employee, developed his video skills as a Community Volunteer for GoCAT. Pictured (l to r) Pete Walker, Fran Doucette, Director of the Gorham Food Pantry, and Georgia Humphrey.

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Gorham Has Talent

Sue Dunn

These four Gorham High School juniors make up the singing sensation called \$1,800 shoes. Pictured (l to r) Jonas Rimkunas, Mitchell Perrin, Ian Hawkes and Andrew Ernest.



Although they are all GHS juniors now, the members of the Barbershop Quartet, \$1,800 Shoes, have been known for their musical talent for years. Each member of this quartet has been singing and performing in various local productions and choruses throughout much of their lives. The quartet is coached by Paul Stickney, a voice coach in Gorham, who knew each of these young men had talent, and put the group together two years ago when they were all freshmen.

As a group, they have trained for two years with Stickney in addition to attending a harmony camp for the last three years and are now hitting the

musical circuit. In addition to making occasional appearances at events around the state they also compete at Barbershop competitions. The quartet will be competing on Oct. 23-24 at the Northeastern District Convention in Manchester, CT which is the 2009 District Convention for the Barbershop Harmony Society.

As for the crazy name, let's just say that was a product of Gorham as well. While one of the members was perusing the shoe aisle of Goodwill, he came across a pair of shoes with the original price tag still in place. The rest is now history, Gorham now has a quartet of \$1,800 shoes.

New Year Gorham Benefit

Silent Auction with Live Entertainment Virginia Wilder Cross

The New Year Gorham planning committee is sponsoring a silent auction to benefit this year's New Year's Eve celebration. The auction will feature live entertainment as well as snacks and a cash wine/beer bar and will be held at the newly renovated Odd Fellows Building on Oct. 23 from 7-9 p.m.

Bruce Roullard, who is co-chairing the auction, is pleased to invite the

Gorham community to see the newly renovated Odd Fellows Building in the Village Square, across the street from Thatcher's Restaurant.

Admission is free, but reservations are requested. Auction items will be updated regularly on the New Year Gorham Web site at www.newyeargorham.org. FMI, 839-7031 or email bruce.roullard@bankofamerica.com

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what's happening

FRIDAY, OCT. 16

- American Red Cross Blood Drive, 1-6 p.m. Shaw Gym. FMI 839-5031.
- Friends of Baxter Memorial Library Fall Book Sale, 9-7 p.m. Municipal Center Recreation activities Room. FMI 839-5031.
- Two Day Rummage Sale, Cressey Road United Methodist Church, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. FMI 839-3666.
- Red Cross Blood Drive, Gorham Municipal Center, 1-6 p.m. Open to the public.
- "Un Mondo" Jazz Concert, Corthell Concert Hall, USM Gorham campus, 8 p.m. \$15/\$10/\$5. FMI 780-5555.
- Craft and Chat Group, 9:30-11 a.m., Baxter Memorial Library. Bring your sewing, knitting, scrapbooking, etc. Make new friends. FMI 222-2532.

SATURDAY, OCT. 17

- Friends of Baxter Memorial Library Fall Book Sale, 9-1 p.m. Municipal Center, Gorham Recreation activities Room. FMI 839-5031.
- Meet and Talk with the Candidates, 9-11 a.m., Gorham Municipal Center.
- Authentic Bean-Hole Bean Supper, UCC at North Gorham, 4:30 p.m.. \$8/\$4 children. Last of the season!
- Candle Light Harvest Dinner and Live Entertainment, Faith Lutheran Church, 5 p.m. \$15 pp. FMI 892-9158.
- Two Day Rummage Sale, Cressey Road United Methodist Church, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. FMI 839-3666.

MONDAY, OCT. 19

- Latin Dance concert and demonstration, 2 p.m. USM Russell Hall Theatre. Free. FMI 780-5555.

TUESDAY, OCT. 20

- Pre-School Story Time, ages 3-5 years, 9:30 a.m. Baxter Memorial Library. FMI 839-5031.
- Keep Me Safe Car Seat check-up program, Gorham Fire Station, Main St. 2-6 p.m. Free. FMI 939-8175.
- GB&CE lunch meeting 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m., Gorham Savings Bank, 10 Wentworth Ave. Jon Jennings, Pres. & GM of Maine Red Claws will speak. GBCE Members \$15. Guests \$25. Advance registration www.gorham-business.org.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 21

- The Zumba® Gold Fitness program, for

active older adults, the true beginner, or people who are not used to exercising. Featuring the Merengue, Salsa Cha Cha, Cumbia, Salsa, Rock & Roll (including Twist and Charleston), Belly Dance, Flamenco, and Tango. 10:15 am. \$5 per class. FMI 222-1630.

- Family Story Time, 1:30 p.m. Baxter Memorial Library. FMI 839-5031.

THURSDAY, OCT. 22

- Halloween Safety Signs at Baby and Me, special guest Karen Curtis and BeeBo the Baby Signs Bear, 9:30 a.m. Baxter Memorial Library. Ages 0-18 mos. FMI 839-5031.
- Halloween Safety Signs at Toddler Time, special guest Karen Curtis and BeeBo the Baby Signs Bear, 10 am. Baxter Memorial Library. Ages 18-36 mos. FMI 839-5031.

FRIDAY, OCT. 23

- Craft and Chat Group, 9:30-11 a.m., Baxter Memorial Library. Bring your sewing, knitting, scrapbooking, etc. Make new friends. FMI 222-2532.
- Silent Auction, 7-9 p.m. with live entertainment to benefit New Year Gorham. Cash bar and snacks, many items. Odd Fellows Bldg, across from Thatcher's. FMI/reservations 839-7031.

SATURDAY, OCT. 24

- Habitat for Humanity Benefit, Cressey Road United Methodist Church, 2 p.m. Local Maine Food and Local Talent. \$10/\$5 FMI 892-9437.
- Healthy Harvest Celebration at the Fitness Studio, 17 Railroad Ave. 2-5 p.m. Activities, music and snacks. Free! FMI 839-3353.

- The Fredrick Robie Cup Adult Spelling Bee, 7 p.m., Old Robie School (PTA Building), all proceeds to benefit GEF programming. FMI 233-1919.

SUNDAY, OCT. 25

- USM Annual Fall Open House, Costello Sports Complex, noon - 4:30 p.m. To register call 780-5670 or visit www.usm.maine.edu/admit/regform.html
- Catherine McAuley High School Open House, 2 p.m. at 631 Stevens Avenue, Portland. FMI 797-3802 ext. 2022.

TUESDAY, OCT. 27

- Pre-School Story Time, ages 3-5 years, 9:30 a.m. Baxter Memorial

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. Located in the building behind St. Anne's Church.

Library. FMI 839-5031.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 28

- The Zumba® Gold Fitness program, for active older adults, the true beginner, or people who are not used to exercising. Featuring the Merengue, Salsa Cha Cha, Cumbia, Salsa, Rock & Roll (including Twist and Charleston), Belly Dance, Flamenco, and Tango. 10:15 a.m. \$5 per class. FMI 222-1630.
 - Family Story Time, 1:30 p.m. Baxter Memorial Library. FMI 839-5031.
 - Sebago to the Sea Meeting, Trail Region: Westbrook, 5:30-7:00 pm, Westbrook High School, 125 Stroudwater St., Room 114.
- ## THURSDAY, OCT. 29
- Baby & Me for ages 0-18 mos., 9:30 a.m. Baxter Memorial Library. FMI 839-5031.
 - Toddler Time for ages 18-36 mos., 10 a.m. Baxter Memorial Library. FMI 839-5031.
 - Basket Making Workshop, for grades 6-8, 2:30-4 p.m. Baxter Memorial Library. Pre-register please. FMI 839-5031.



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Moove On!

Gray Road caller reported **three cows standing in the middle of the road causing problems** with traffic. Hamblen Road caller reported there were **cows running down Route 202** toward Little Falls. Cummings Road caller wanted to speak with an officer regarding a **protection order they had against their neighbor's cows** as the cows were on their property.

Gray Road caller stated a cat, which was almost bald, had been hanging around their residence.

Evergreen Drive caller reported that a cat had been sitting on their front porch for about a week and it looked as if it might be sick.

Hillview Road caller requested to speak to the Animal Control Officer regarding mice that were dying.

Pleasant Street caller wanted to talk to an officer regarding their 18 year-old daughter who had run away and whether or not parents had the right to go to the house they thought she was staying at to talk to her.

Ridgefield Drive caller reported that a truck had been parked in front of their condo for two weeks.

Little River Drive caller reported their credit card had been taken and someone had used it to charge \$900 worth of gas.

Standish Neck caller believed they had interrupted a burglary in progress as two subjects in a pick up had fled the scene.

Sebago Lake Road caller reported they had seen a male subject dressed in full camouflage carrying a rifle.

Caller reported that two females in a vehicle with out of state plates had been trying to steal a street sign.

Hurricane Road caller reported a female had quickly exited a vehicle. Caller did not know whether or not she was pushed. Vehicle left and female had been pacing back and forth.

Fort Hill Road caller reported having seen a young female limping through the park and hiding along the bank. Caller stated that it seemed female was running away from a truck.

Saco Street caller reported a female had been unruly, was intoxicated and had kicked a male subject.

Fort Hill Road caller reported a large hawk beside the road on Route 114 that appeared to have been injured.

Partridge Lane caller reported that there were adults swimming nude at the park and had refused to get dressed

when caller, who was accompanied by young children, asked them to.

Dingley Spring Road caller reported there was a male wandering in and out of the woods carrying a beer bottle and wearing a mask.

Spiller Road caller requested to speak to an officer regarding the modified exhaust on a motorcycle that went by their house EVERY morning at 6:15 a.m.

Several other Spiller Road residents also called about the loud motorcycle.

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