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## Gorham Art Walk a Monthly Event

Sherrie Fontaine

The first Saturday Arts Walk took place on Saturday, October 2. It will be held monthly with the next one scheduled for November 6 from 4 to 8 p.m. Modeled after Portland's First Friday Art Walk, area businesses combined to showcase their businesses as well as introducing alternative art venues. Reminiscent of a block party with street performances, visitors were treated to music from a disc jockey located outside of R.O.O.T.S Enrichment Center where German-born artist, Jim Clorious, created a graffiti-style airbrushed mural.

The goal of Art Walk's founder Andy Coffin is that Gorham will become a cultural and diverse hot spot. This was echoed by Art Walk participant, Jeremy Greene, owner of The Art Guru, who said the Art Walk will promote artists as well as local businesses, thereby making Gorham a destination not just a pass-through. Additionally, Mr. Greene was very pleased with the Art Walk's activity, noting that "the event went surprisingly well given the short notice and minimum advertising."

Not restricted to in-town sites, in November several artists will display their work at the Old Richardson Place on lower Main Street. Also in the upcoming walk, retail will combine with art as a local artist will exhibit at 2nd floor Thriftiques on School Street. With more businesses and artists planning to participate in the November Art Walk, this event will only continue to grow.

Look for the green balloons placed outside participating establishments for the next art walk on November 6. For more information please contact Andy Coffin at 839-7676. See Of Interest for more art happenings.

## Mike Arsenault Captures Class A State Golf Championship



**GHS Golfer Overcomes Tough Weather Conditions:** GHS senior golfer Mike Arsenault shown in action while winning the Class A State Championship October 16 at Natanis Golf Course in Vassalboro. His choice of clothing shows just how cold and gusty the winds were that day, but he still managed to shoot a par 72, which was five shots better than the closest competitor. **SEE PAGE 7** for full story.

## Brad Smith Leaves

Since August 2004, Brad Smith served as principal of Narragansett School and in 2009 he assumed the responsibility at White Rock as well. Smith said it was an honor to serve as principal, and is proud the schools continue to provide a nurturing and caring environment for students and parents, while raising academic expectations. He also said teachers and support staff are dedicated and work hard to help all students be successful. Before Smith moved on to his new role as assistant superintendent in SAD 75, students honored him with a flag raising ceremony. Presenting Smith with a scrapbook filled with White Rock memories are Shannon Lawrence and Abby Decrow.



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## Wayne Coffin Retires after 35 Years with Gorham PD

Sheri Faber

If you didn't know who Wayne Coffin was before his retirement, you probably do now, thanks to many local businesses that held tribute to him on their signs and the numerous political-type signs on Gray Road. Coffin was probably best known for the number of speeding tickets he gave out over the years—more than any other Gorham officer and perhaps more than all the other Gorham officers put together. Coffin even wrote a ticket on his last day at work. Anyone with a tendency to speed has probably been stopped by Officer Coffin. was unfailingly courteous when he handed you that ticket, making it hard not to like him despite the big fine.

Coffin started with the Gorham Police Department 40 years ago as a reserve officer and became a regular officer on October 5, 1975 and retired on October 5, 2010. He was promoted to corporal in 1982, to sergeant in 1986, and to lieutenant in 1996. In 1999 Coffin had quadruple bypass surgery and returned to become the traffic enforcement officer in recognition of his special skills in catching speeders. He particularly enjoyed this role, as he believed "he was making an impact in keeping the community safe," said Lt. Sanborn.

When it came time for him to retire, his fellow officers held a ceremony for him at the former Little Falls School and more than 150 people attended a banquet in his honor at USM on October 9. John Emerson, MC for the evening, regaled the audience with stories of his misspent youth and some of encounters with Officer. Emerson noted, "Wayne gave speeding tickets to members of four generations of my family." Sgt. Mike Nault put together a poignant slideshow showing Officer Coffin

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## Gorham Sightings

**Do you know where this photo was taken?** Become part of the new visual trivia discussion on Facebook ([www.facebook.com/GorhamTimes](http://www.facebook.com/GorhamTimes)).

The location of the sighting in the 10/15 issue was never properly identified.

It was the eagle statue on the Civil War monument on College Avenue, which is in front of the art building at USM.

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# Letters to the Editor

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**Dear Gorham Times,**

I am writing to thank all the people who contributed items, as well as those who bought items on behalf of the auction to raise money for New Year Gorham. The auction raised nearly \$3,500, not \$4,000 as was quoted in the Town Council notes in the last Gorham Times. The auction proceeds provide a strong base for the fundraising efforts, which are now underway. Businesses and individuals who wish to sponsor performances can contact us by way of our website: [www.newyeargorham.org](http://www.newyeargorham.org).  
*Virginia Wilder Cross, Chairperson New Year Gorham*

**Dear Gorham Times,**

After much research and scrutiny, I ardently support the re-election of Phil Bartlett for State Senator, District 6. Now more than ever, it is imperative to make informed, educated choices of candidates. People with no relevant background, education or experience have come out of the woodwork claiming they will set things right, lower taxes, effect less spending, among other pledges. These are promises being heard across the nation, yet there is little if any mention of how these promises will be accomplished. These are individuals who are taking advantage of the impatience that has become an emotional bandwagon gaining popularity. This is an alarming situation, but I am optimistic we will ultimately vote based on a good understanding of the issues, what has actually been accomplished and what the most logical approaches really are for keeping things moving in a positive direction.

Given his education, background, experience and track record, Phil Bartlett undoubtedly represents the logical choice for State Senator. A few relevant details about him include his significant role as Senate Majority Leader, which has promoted bi-partisanship; endorsement by Maine Education Association; integral involvement in balancing the state budget; promotion of the Home Energy Efficiency program for residents to take advantage of tax incentives; and his efforts in coordinating communication and implementation of the initial provisions of Health Care Reform.

I urge voters to PLEASE research the facts by talking with the candidates and attending events where they will be present, and then vote accordingly. It is vital that people who are elected truly have the ability to affect progress and make this area better. We cannot afford to vote for candidates who promote promises that will prove meaningless because of the lack of ability to accomplish them. We really need to use our heads and choose candidates for the right reasons, not the wrong reasons! Here are a few sources of information on Phil Bartlett: [www.maine.gov/portal/government](http://www.maine.gov/portal/government); [www.maine.nea.org](http://www.maine.nea.org); [www.pressherald.com](http://www.pressherald.com); [www.keepmecurrent.com/american-journal](http://www.keepmecurrent.com/american-journal); [www.votesmart.org](http://www.votesmart.org); [www.philbartlett.com](http://www.philbartlett.com)  
*Robin Somes, Gorham*

I heard Ken and Mike on WGAN's morning radio show say if they could take all of the candidates for governor in this years' race around the State and personally introduce each of them to every person who will vote on November 2, the winner by far, would be Shawn Moody.

**Dear Gorham Times,**

Shawn is the kind of guy who you like the minute you meet him. He is the most positive person I know. He has had great success in business over the years but is no different now than he was thirty years ago.

The polls show he is trailing but I don't think polls that are based on such small numbers are very meaningful. I've heard people say they like Shawn but he has no political experience. I think that is one of the most compelling reasons to vote for him. He won't be influenced by the entrenched "machine" of Maine politics that has contributed greatly to our current situation.

We need a governor with common sense who can bring everyone together and get Maine working again. We need Shawn Moody.  
*Joelle St. John, Dayton*

**Dear Gorham Times,**

As a small business owner in Northern Maine I've been paying close attention to this years' governor's race. In business, every day is a struggle and sometimes I ask myself why I do it. I love living in the State of Maine. I love having my independence. I love serving my customers and I love providing opportunities for my employees. I don't love the way many politicians make all kinds of promises to get elected and then either ignore small business or try to put us out of business with cumbersome policies and over-regulation.

The one candidate who stands out as someone who knows where I'm coming from is Shawn Moody. I like his story. I like the fact the he's one of us. He's been successful while dealing with the same problems that businesses like mine have to deal with.

Shawn Moody said it right when he said: "We've tried it their way, now it's time to try it OUR way! That's why I'll be voting for Shawn Moody on November 2."  
*Steve Roche, Brooks*

**Dear Gorham Times,**

This election day, Gorham voters in House District 129 have the opportunity to vote for an energetic and hardworking candidate for State Representative, Dan LeVasseur. Dan has spent the last seven years as the manager of a local small business and

## around town

**Stone Dog Café**, 166 Narragansett Street, is now under the ownership of Stephen and Chrissy Larrivee of Hollis. Stone Dog will be open seven days a week from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**Great Falls Construction** recently began expanding and renovating Bull Moose Music in Scarborough. The store will remain open during the two-month renovation process. Great Falls Construction will employ 10 construction workers throughout the renovations phase. It is expected that the 10,000 square foot store will be completed by November 13.

he knows what it's like to go through both the good and the tough economic times. He has a strong commitment to making sure our state government does its work well, whether that means protecting state programs that help elderly citizens maintain a dignified standard of living or providing our schoolchildren with quality facilities and instruction. Dan LeVasseur is ready to dedicate himself to the work of representing our town in Augusta, and I encourage you to give him the opportunity by electing him on November 2.

*David Farrington, Gorham*

**Dear Gorham Times,**

Where's Jane Knapp? When we attended the Valentine's Day 2009 press conference at the Statehouse in support of marriage equality, we sent you a note asking to speak with you. You sent notice that you had committee business and you made no mention of discussing the issue with us.

Following the public hearing attended by nearly 4,000 people, we sent you our written testimony and asked again to meet with you. You replied via email that you didn't attend because the hearing was held during vacation time. Again, you made no mention of meeting with us.

When we visited the Statehouse on the day of the debate on LD 1020, you disappeared after the roll call vote and were not present at all during the nearly three hours of emotional debate in the House. On the day of one of the most important votes in your brief legislative career, you were not available or present.

So we were not surprised—upset, yes, but not surprised—when you popped in and out of the House chamber to vote against granting us our civil rights to marry each other.

At the least, we would expect our state representative would meet with her constituents to discuss an important issue. We would expect her to have the common courtesy to speak with us and have the courage to stand up for her values—that is, no marriage equality for some Mainers. Instead Rep. Knapp, you refused to talk with us for months. You did not

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have the courage or decency to tell us your stand on this issue that affected thousands of Maine citizens—including at least two of your constituents. We expected more from our elected officials.  
*Cecelia Burnett and Ann Swanson, Gorham*

# Vandalism Repaired by Volunteers

Chris Crawford



When vandals recently damaged two wooden bridges on the Hawkes Towpath, a popular Presumpscot Regional Land Trust (PRLT) property in the Little Falls area, two brothers pitched in to help repair the damage. Jeff Sullivan lives in the neighborhood and, along with his brother Dan, enjoys using the trail on a regular basis. According to Don Wescott, one of the PRLT stewards of the property, these two are just the kind of good neighbors this valuable public asset needs. Wescott donated the materials for the repairs and Phinney Lumber discounted the lumber.

Located in the Little Falls area, the Hawkes Property gives public access to nearly 2,000 feet of prime riverfront on the Presumpscot River and to remains of the historic Cumberland & Oxford Canal, which once connected Sebago Lake with the seaport in Portland. The property also provides critical habitat for wildlife and protects the water quality in the Presumpscot River. The trail is mostly flat, thanks, in part, to the bridges, which span some hilly and/or wet terrain, and is a great family hike. It meanders along the banks of the Presumpscot River, through beautiful wooded areas and near a small marsh that is home to many species of birds, including blue heron.

The damage was extensive. One 60-foot bridge had several planks ripped off and thrown in the river. The second, but smaller bridge, had half of its railing torn off and tossed into the ravine. For Wescott and fellow PRLT stewards Anne Alexander and Matt Craig, this kind of abuse is very disappointing. These three are also dedicated, unpaid volunteers who contribute many hours of their time, as well as materials and equipment, to monitor, maintain

and manage the property for public access and enjoyment. Essentially, the Hawkes property is a public park owned and managed by the land trust.

The Hawkes property will soon assume even more significance because the new Gorham elementary school under construction lies adjacent to it. The land trust is currently developing a management plan which will include a new trail network connecting with the elementary school and providing access to students for nature and art walks, hands-on science and other valuable learning experiences. The management plan will also call for rebuilding both existing bridges and a third bridge that sustained damage from a large fallen tree last winter.

This summer, the PRLT posted new signs on the property, establishing use restrictions that were intended to foster responsible use and to minimize soil erosion. They prohibit all motorized vehicles and hunting which would conflict with public use of the property for nature hikes and outdoor classroom activities, etc. Snowmobiles are permitted on marked trails in the winter. "We want the public to enjoy and respect this natural gem," said Wescott, "but we also must work to preserve the fragile, natural and historical environment."

To visit the Hawkes Towpath, take 202 North toward Gray. At the roundabout in Little Falls (intersection of 202 and 237), continue to follow Route 202 another .25 miles. Turn left on Towpath Road. Park in the Windham Rod & Gun Club lot on the left or on the street being careful not to block driveways). Walk to the end of the road. The trail begins at the end of the residential street and though it looks like private property, it is not.



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# municipal

## Ballot Questions Made Easy

**Election Day is Tuesday, November 2—  
Don't Forget to Vote!** Sue Dunn

**B**allot questions are often difficult and confusing for voters since these questions are not usually self-explanatory. Sometime voters see the questions for the first time on the ballot at their polling place. On the other end of the spectrum, often a voter has heard so many conflicting views that there is no way to differentiate between the truth and misleading information.

This election the most controversial issue is Question 1, regarding a gambling casino to be located in Oxford County. Fortunately there is a place to view the proposed legislation regarding all ballot questions allowing citizens to do their own investigation before casting a vote. Log on to [www.maine.gov/sos/cec/elec/images/citizensguide](http://www.maine.gov/sos/cec/elec/images/citizensguide).

The bulk of the Citizen's Guide focuses on Question 1, which has previously been up before voters. The proposed legislation is lengthy but includes licensing details, sets limitations, outlines the collection of net income by the Gaming Board and states who will benefit from the collected net income. Questions 2 & 3 are fairly straightforward with financial details being highlighted regarding each question. Question 4 is for Cumberland County residents only (see below).

These are the General Elections Ballot Questions in the order they will appear on the November 2 ballot:

### Question 1: Citizen Initiative

Do you want to allow a casino with table games and slot machines at a single site in Oxford County, subject to local approval, with part of the profits going to specific state, local and tribal programs?

### Question 2: Bond Issue

Do you favor a \$5,000,000 bond issue to be awarded on a competitive basis to increase access to dental care in Maine, \$3,500,000 to be used for a community-based teaching dental clinic affiliated with or operated by a college of dental medicine to be matched by \$3,500,000 in other

funds, and \$1,500,000 to be used to create or upgrade community-based health and dental care clinics across the State to increase their capacity as teaching and dental clinics? Total estimated lifetime cost is \$6,237,500 representing \$5,000,000 in principal and \$1,237,500 in interest (assuming interest at 4.5% over 10 years).

### Question 3: Bond Issue

Do you favor a \$9,750,000 bond issue to invest in land conservation and working waterfront preservation and to preserve state parks to be matched by \$9,250,000 in federal and other funds? Total estimated lifetime cost is \$12,163,125 representing \$9,750, in principal and \$2,413,125 in interest (assuming interest at 4.5% over 10 years).

### Question 4: County Charter Referendum

Shall the county approve the new charter recommended by the charter commission?

Since Question 4 is only on the Cumberland County ballot, no information will be available on the State Citizen's Guide. Currently Cumberland County does not have a charter which means the county falls under state guidelines for the parameters under which the county is organized and run. The passage of the Charter would mean more control at the county level. The Mission Statement explains the purpose is "to create and present a Charter to the citizenry that defines, initiates, and maximizes Cumberland County self-governance." To learn more about this topic log on to [www.cumberlandcountychartercommission.org](http://www.cumberlandcountychartercommission.org).

The polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. with Ward 1 voting at the Gorham Middle School on Weeks Road and Ward 2 at the Gorham Municipal Center on South Street. Gorham is comprised of two wards that are divided by physical address. If you are unfamiliar in which ward you are located please log on to [www.gorham-me.org](http://www.gorham-me.org) and under Municipal Departments select Town Clerk and then click Elections.



## Chief Shepard Reports

**F**ive daytime residential burglaries were recently reported in the Little Falls area. Area residents reported a young adult female—about 5'5" tall with dark hair—was knocking on doors or asking for directions or to use the bathroom. Detective Maxfield-Fearon is working on several leads. Anyone with any information on this case is asked to call the Gorham Police Department at 839-5046.

In October, the Grand Jury returned the following indictments:

- Dmitri Cannady, 32, of Westbrook was indicted for two counts of assault on a police officer and refusing to submit to arrest. Charges were brought by USM Police Department.
- Michael Carroll, 20, of Gorham was indicted for burglary and criminal mischief on charges brought by USM Police Department.
- Shawn Gould, 29, of South Portland was indicted for burglary, theft (with priors) and forgery (priors) on charges brought by Gorham Police Department.
- Jason Lyons, 42, of Sebago was arrested for OUI (priors) and violating license restrictions on charges brought by Gorham Police Department.
- Jaime Stone, 30, Windham was indicted for stealing drugs and violating conditions of release on charges brought by Gorham Police Department

The Department received money from a federal Justice Assistance Grant that paid for new bulletproof vests and other safety equipment to be used in situations with armed offenders. The grants were awarded based on the community's crime statistics.

On the evening of September 27, Portland Police Department contacted Gorham Police Department about a vehicle they were pursuing into Gorham. The vehicle drove up Rt. 25 from Westbrook into Gorham and turned onto the Bernard Rines Bypass, crossing over Narragansett Street. Officer Brian Key deployed a spike mat and the front tires of the vehicle being pursued were deflated. The driver and his passenger attempted to flee on foot into the woods and were taken into custody after a short chase. The driver, Eric Lauder milk, 30, of Windham, was charged with eluding a police officer, reckless conduct with a dangerous weapon, operating a motor vehicle with a revoked license (for being a habitual offender), criminal speed and violating conditions of release. Lauder milk also had three outstanding warrants. His passenger, Jordan Perkins, 26, of Bucksport, was arrested on an outstanding warrant, violating conditions of release and for possessing drug paraphernalia.

## Roundabout at New Portland Rd.

Bill Ambrose

**A**t a well-attended meeting at the Municipal Center on October 18, the Maine Department of Transportation (MDOT) revealed plans for safety improvements to the intersection of New Portland Road with Libby Avenue and Brackett Road. Gorham's newest roundabout is proposed for this hazardous intersection known as a "high-crash location."

Along with MDOT Project Manager Jim Mansir, Al Godfrey of the engineering firm TMSI outlined the project using a large-scale multi-colored plan posted at the front of the room. They described the impacts of the construction on the various property owners in the vicinity of the intersection.

The project would reconstruct approximately 400 feet of roadway in each of the four parts of the intersection. The actual roundabout is planned to be northeast of the present crossing and will necessitate the purchase of some land from the Chase Homes property. Other landowners would need to give easements for signs and drainage. The entire project, estimated to cost \$1.7 million, will be put out to bid in the winter of 2011 and hopefully will be completed

by the end of the construction season of next year.

In the question period following the presentation, the two engineers stressed the safety aspects of roundabouts over traffic signals. To a frequently skeptical audience, they cited the safety improvements realized by roundabouts in various accident-prone intersections around the state.

Phil Gagnon, candidate for Town Council in November, asked if the MDOT was going to coordinate this project with the two roadway projects on County Road and Burnham Road and in Westbrook on Route 25. He was told that this project would not cause congestion at times of high traffic volume.

Paul Erskine asked the engineers if they were aware of problems caused by a previous reconstruction of the intersection 11 years ago where, due to blasting, several private wells in the Black Brook housing development were contaminated with toxic chemicals. They said they would certainly look into it and would consult with Town Manager David Cole and the Maine Department of Environmental Protection.

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## CAR CARE

### Are You Ready for Winter?

Doug Carter

The leaves are falling. It's time to get the yard cleaned up and the car checked over and ready for winter. The freeze point of the anti-freeze or engine coolant should be checked, as well as the condition of the coolant and other fluids. Change the engine oil in the fall so that on cold winter days the engine will turn over more easily.

Review the owner's manual for recommended maintenance, and compare this with your vehicle records. Maintenance requirements are far less today than in the past, but each manufacturer is different in what they recommend. The tire pressure should be set; the recommended pressures can be found in the owner's manual or on the placard usually located on the driver's doorjamb.

Unfortunately, there is no way to tell when the battery will decide to quit; it can happen unexpectedly, with no prior signs. The average life of a battery is five years. A dead battery is one of the most common causes for a no-start during winter. Make sure the battery terminals are tight and not corroded.

Moisture, sand and salt are very hard on the exterior of the car. A frequent wash and periodic wax will prolong the quality of the finish. Make sure you get under the car and in the wheel wells. Leave your hose in the garage. Coin-operated, self-service, high-pressure car washes are easier to use in the winter. Drive-thru car washes are okay, but make sure the undercarriage is washed, too. Clean dried leaves and debris out of the cracks and crevices under the hood and the doorjamb to prevent blocked drains and moisture buildup. Touch up the stone chips in the spring to reduce corrosion on painted surfaces. A weather strip lubricant can be sprayed on the doorjamb

seals to prevent them from freezing and sticking closed.

Store an emergency kit in the trunk. Items should include a small shovel, sand or cat litter, a tow strap, jumper cables, a warm blanket, ice scraper, road flares, a flashlight, first aid kit and a basic tool kit. Check the pressure on the spare tire and make sure you know how to get the tire out. The tool kit to operate the jack and the spare tire holder can be hidden, so check the owner's manual if you cannot find it. Some spares are located under the car and the crank that lowers it down can get rusted and seized. If this has happened, you will have to get the chain or cable cut and the mechanism replaced.

Snow tires are preferred on 2-wheel drive vehicles. If your car has fancy alloy wheels, purchasing four steel wheels on which to mount your snow tires will save money and the life of the tires. Every time the tires are changed over in the spring and fall, the mounting and dismounting of the tire can cause damage to the bead of the tire and prevent it from sealing tightly on the rim. If the tires are already on rims, it takes less time to swap them over, plus road salts are very hard on alloy rims.

I always recommend AAA and a cell phone, too, but having your vehicle prepared for winter weather can save you time and aggravation.



Doug Carter is the owner of Carter's Auto Service, Inc. He has been in the auto service business since graduating from Gorham High School in 1981.

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# school

## Charities Day at GMS



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On October 8, Gorham Middle School students participated in Charities Day to learn about different organizations that make a difference. Representatives from several charities, including Habitat for Humanity, Dream Factory, Food Pantry, Gorham Education Foundation, American Red Cross, Baxter Library, Goodwill, Autism Society, Komen for the Cure, Operation Tribute and the Heart Association spoke to students about their mission. Lions Club representatives Gary Olsen and Ashley Pike spoke about many of the local projects that the club completes to positively impact the community, and also provided a brief history on the organization.

## school notes

### GHS Welcomes New French Teacher

Gorham High School welcomes Stephane Pejic as a part-time World Language French teacher. Pejic received his BA in French Literature from Paris-Sorbonne University in Paris, France and also holds Maine State French language teacher certification. The position is a one-year position and funded by the federal Education Jobs Fund.

### Inhalant Workshop—Parents only

Gorham Middle School will host an inhalant abuse workshop on Wednesday, November 3 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the GMS auditorium. Rebecca Miller, RN from Maine Medical Center, will be presenting. Learn about patterns of inhalant abuse and age-appropriate prevention messages. Any parent or adult community member is welcome to attend. Please contact Claudine Emerson, GHS Substance Abuse Counselor, at 222-1100 with any questions.

## Polly Brann Appointed Principal

Stacy Sallinen

Polly Brann may be assuming a new role, but her face is already familiar to many students, families and teaching staff in Gorham. To fulfill the vacancy left by former Principal Brad Smith when he was hired to be the assistant superintendent in SAD 75, Brann was recently appointed as principal of Narragansett and White Rock Elementary Schools for the remainder of the 2010-2011 school year. Jodi Mezzanotte is the new assistant principal.

Since 1986, Brann has been part of Gorham schools, first as a special education teacher at the former Shaw Junior High and at Narragansett School. She taught second and third grades, and then for five years, she served as the teacher scholar. In 2006, she became assistant principal of Narragansett. For the past year, she has been serving as assistant principal of both White Rock and Narragansett Schools.

Brann began her career in education as a physical education teacher, first in Freeport and then at Pineland. She spent time at home while her children were young, and then returned to Cape Elizabeth as a special education educational technician (ed tech) while pursuing graduate studies.

She received her BA in Physical Education and Biology, her MS in Exceptionality, and her Certificate of



Photo credit Martha T. Harris

Advanced Graduate Studies, all from the University of Southern Maine.

For Brann, the most rewarding part of her job is working with wonderful kids and staff. "Gorham has incredible support from parents, and it is wonderful to watch and to foster." As she works with the school vision, she will continue to create a school culture where student learning is the focus. Working collaboratively, staff will have opportunities for rich dialogue and for developing shared values.

As a child in an Army family, she lived in Germany on two separate occasions, as well as in New York and Oklahoma. Brann and her husband, Steve, live in Freeport and have five children and nine grandchildren. She enjoys reading, gardening, kayaking and spending time with her grandkids.

## School Committee Report

Stacy Sallinen

Great Falls Elementary School is the name recommended by the New School Naming Committee. By a vote of 5-0, the School Committee accepted the recommendation in its October meeting. The Town Council is expected to consider and take action on the recommendation later this fall.

School Committee member Kathy Garrard, who also chaired the naming committee, said they explored the history and geographic areas of North Gorham, White Rock and Little Falls. The recommended name was chosen for five reasons: the Presumpscot River, Mills and Falls were significant to the development of the three areas, and still remain vital to the community today; Great Falls is the name of the largest of the falls on the Presumpscot River; North Gorham was originally called Great Falls; the new school, which is replacing the current White Rock Elementary school, is located in this area; the name is consistent with the names of the other two elementary school names, Narragansett and White Rock, which are historic and site-designated.

In other School Committee news, Athletic Director Gerry Durgin recognized the GHS golf team for winning Class A State Golf Championships, Coach Rick Altham and Gorham Country Club. He noted that the team

- not only performed well on the field but also in the classroom.
- Chairman Libby recognized School Committee members Kyle Currier and Roger Marchand as their current terms are coming to an end. Both are seeking re-election in November.
- The next New Elementary School Building Committee meeting is scheduled for 6 p.m. on November 3. The next GHS Expansion and Renovation Exploratory Committee meeting is scheduled for 6 p.m. on November 17. Both meetings will take place in the superintendent's conference room.
- GHS sophomores will have an opportunity to visit University of New England or Southern Maine Community College in October. More information on college visits and information sessions can be found on the GHS website, [www.goghs.org](http://www.goghs.org).
- Chris Record, GHS principal; Susan Sedenka, English teacher; and Barbara Morgan-White, a technology integrator; each spoke about the positive impacts that the Maine Learning Technology Initiative has in the classroom, including enhanced communication between students and teachers, more collaboration, increased organization and efficiency.

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# Mike Arsenault Captures Class A State Golf Championship

Jeff Pike

Very few high school athletes experience the thrill of winning a high school championship. But GHS senior Mike Arsenault now knows what it's like to feel that thrill twice in one week.

After leading the Rams to the Class A state championship in the team competition on October 9, Arsenault captured the Class A state individual title October 16 by shooting a par 72 at the Natanis Tomahawk Golf Course in Vassalboro. Arsenault finished five strokes ahead of his closest competitor on a cold day with gusty winds that made his 72 stroke total an impressive score.

"I'm very proud of the way Michael played in those conditions," said Rich Altham, the GHS golf coach. "He's worked real hard on his game over the past three years and had a great post-season in the two championship tournaments. Given the weather, the round that he played to win the individual title is one of the better rounds I've seen in years."

Arsenault did not alter his game due to the weather conditions, and playing in worse conditions in previous tournaments helped him. "I just focused on trying to make pars," Arsenault said. "I knew the scores would be high because of the weather, so anything close to par was probably going to win."

Breaking down the round, Arsenault shot a 36 on both the front nine and back nine. He finished with 11 pars, two birdies and an eagle on the fifth hole, where he sunk a wedge from 60 yards. Arsenault was particularly happy

with the birdie he had on 18, a hole on which he had scored an eight during the team tournament the previous weekend. "I played the hole differently by making sure I had a full-swing wedge shot approaching the hole," Arsenault said. "That usually works better for me than a three-quarter or half-swing shot."

Altham said that Arsenault drove the ball long and straight during the entire round and never put himself in trouble: "His iron shots were solid, and he stayed mentally tough despite the conditions. He did not let bogeys bother him and took one shot at a time."

Arsenault added that his game was well-balanced throughout the round and credits a birdie on the seventh hole as well as two up-and-downs on 16 and 17 to save par as key shots to the round. "Mike improved his course management tremendously this year," Altham said. "He was able to lead us to the team championship and win this tournament because he learned when to hit shorter shots to set up the next one rather than always hitting it as far as he can. Mike has always had a good swing, but he has learned how to manage his game, and his mental approach is tougher so that he does not get down after a bad hole."

The next high school tournament goal for Arsenault will be the New England championship that takes place in the spring of 2011. If he can maintain the steady play he demonstrated during these past two tournaments, he should be a solid contender.

## in the Zone

**GHS Grad Places Sixth at National Golf Tournament:** GHS '10 grad Tommy Stirling, a student-athlete at Southern Maine Community College, finished sixth among 87 golfers at the United States Collegiate Athletic Association national tournament October 11-12 in Pennsylvania. Stirling shot 155 for two rounds and earned a spot as an All-American.

**Field Hockey Player of the Week:** University of Maine-Farmington senior midfielder Emma Deans (GHS '07) was named the North Atlantic Conference Field Hockey Co-Player of the Week October 18 for leading the team to two wins while scoring a goal and earning six assists. Deans also won player-of-week honors in 2008 and 2009, and through the first 15 games of the current season, she scored five goals while assisting on 12 others. She also scored an overtime goal October 20 to lead the team to a 3-2 win over Thomas College.



Photo courtesy of the University of Maine at Farmington

**State Golf Results:** In the boys' individual Class A State Golf Championship October 16 at Natanis Golf Course, sophomore

Nathan Roop tied for 12th place with an 83. In the girls' tournament, sophomore Sarah Fogg finished 15th with a 105. See separate article on the winner of the boys' tournament—GHS senior Mike Arsenault.

**Junior Stars:** Two GHS juniors who shined in recent games include Nate Kilborn, who rushed for 157 yards and scored two touchdowns during the football team's 35-28 loss to South Portland October 28; and Audrey Adkison, who scored three goals as the girls' soccer team defeated Noble, 7-1, on October 7.

**Horse Owned By Gorham Resident Excels in National Race:** Gorham resident Michael Andrew owns the two-year-old trotting filly, Angelette Hanover, who finished second in the \$600,000 Breeders Crown race at Pocono Downs in Pennsylvania on October 9.

**Two Cross-Country Top Five Finishers:** GHS placed two runners in the top five of the Class A Western Maine Regional Championship October 23 at the Twin Brook course in Cumberland. Senior Logan Marshall placed fifth in the boys' race and led the Rams to a third-place team finish. In the girls' race, senior Mia Rapolla also finished fifth, pacing the Rams to a seventh-place team finish.

## sports Etc.

**GHS Swim Team Fundraiser:** A flock of pink flamingos is roosting on the lawn at 133 Quincy Drive in Gorham as part of the Gorham Swim Boosters fundraising program. A small donation allows donors to "flock a friend" and have the pink birds roost on the lawn of their friend for 48 hours. The swim boosters are hoping to raise money through this and other programs to support a GHS boys' and girls' swim team for the 2011-2012 season. To "flock a friend" or for more information, contact Wendy Clark at 839-3362.

**Basketball Clinic:** The USM men's basketball team will host a shooting clinic for boys in grades 3-10 on November 6 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Costello Sports Complex on the Gorham campus. The fee is \$35 in advance and \$45 the day of the clinic. Participants are required to wear sneakers and appropriate clothing as well as bring a lunch. Register at [www.usm.maine.edu/athletics](http://www.usm.maine.edu/athletics).

**GHS Boys' Soccer Community Service:** Members of the GHS boys' soccer team volunteered to help with the Maine Special Olympics Soccer Tournament at GHS on October 9. The team also volunteered to present a clinic to the Gorham Youth Soccer Association U-11 boys' team.

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## GHS Weekend Varsity Sports Line-Up

**Saturday, October 30**

2:00 p.m. Boys' Cross-Country Class A State Meet @ Howard M.S., Belfast  
 2:45 p.m. Girls' Cross-Country Class A State Meet @ Howard M.S., Belfast

All games subject to change. For up-to-date schedules of all GHS sports, visit [www.digitalsports.com](http://www.digitalsports.com)

## At the USM-Gorham Campus this Weekend

**Saturday, October 30**

1:00 p.m. Field Hockey vs. Fitchburg State  
 1:00 p.m. Women's Soccer vs. Keene State

All games subject to change. For up-to-date schedules of all USM sports, visit <http://usm.maine.edu/athletics/upcoming.html>

# Ice Cream Always Wins Out



Photo credit Linda Gasowski

The **Ripken Fall Baseball Championship** was won this year by the Beals Old Fashioned Ice Cream team from Gorham. In the championship game October 2 at Robie Field, the team defeated Knowles Industrial Services, 2-1, backed by strong pitching performances from Adam Peterson, Jackson Taylor, Billy Ruby and Colby Sturgis. Playing for the winning team and pictured above, front row from left to right: Kyle Peoples, Jackson Taylor, Padraic Owens, Kyle Latronico and Bennett Gasowski. Back Row: Coach Phil Gasowski, Wil Prescott, Adam Peterson, Austin Viollette, Ben Thompson and Coach Eric Peterson. Missing from the photo are Willy Baxter and Jamison Lane.

# Wife-Carrying Colemans Hoping To Inspire Other Couples

Jeff Pike

Gorham residents Stacey and Jesse Coleman finished eighth among 50 couples in the North American Wife Carrying Championship on October 9 at Sunday River Ski Resort in Newry. The Colemans, who entered the race for the first time, completed the 278-yard obstacle course in a time of 1:11.89 with Jesse carrying Stacey over and through various obstacles. Beyond the impressive finish, the Colemans, who own the My-Fit-24 fitness studio in Gorham, also sought to inspire other couples to work out together. “We wanted to set an example for other couples on how to set goals and overcome their fears,” said Jesse Coleman. The inspiration established by the Colemans was demonstrated by the fan support they received during the

race, which a Sunday River representative said was among the best of all the participants. The Colemans were also featured prior to the race on segments produced by two local television stations, and they are scheduled to appear in a Bert the Conqueror episode on the Travel Channel in April. The couple continues to look for new competitions to enter and on October 23 they competed as individuals in the Shawnee Peak Challenge, a military-style obstacle course. “We want to keep inspiring couples to work out and compete together,” said Stacey Coleman. “We plan to compete in the wife-carrying contest again next year and will look for new ways and events to motivate other couples to grow stronger, healthier and happier together.”

# Freeze Frame



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Matt Southard, member of the the GHS boys' cross-county team, is shown in action on September 17 in a meet at Narragansett School vs. Cheverus, Massabesic and Thornton Academy.

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# Coins Needed at Baxter Memorial Library

Sherrie Fontaine

Baxter Memorial Library was founded by James Phinney Baxter in 1908. 102 years strong, the library has embarked on another century with a community coin drive to benefit the Library's Centennial Endowment Fund. Initiated last year by the Baxter Memorial Library Trustees, "Cents for Our Second Century" Campaign is continuing to be a successful fundraiser. The drive's goal is to collect 100,000 pennies, nickels, dimes and quarters for a potential grand total of \$41,000. As of October 22, the coin tally is 42,633 pennies, 3,953 nickels, 5,203 dimes and 3,664 quarters.

Small cardboard boxes are available at the library and are being used as banks in collecting the coins for donation. Patrons are encouraged to decorate the plain white banks to help personalize this fundraising activity. The coins may be dropped off at the library during its hours of operation and the cardboard banks then re-used. Library

Director Pamela Turner is pleased that this campaign is available to anyone in the community of any age. She said: "Every penny counts. No donation is too small. You do not have to be a major donor or business to be able to contribute." No donation is too small. You do not have to be a major donor or business to be able to contribute."

To coincide with the campaign, Jamie Coe, Baxter Volunteer of the Year, is creating a living mural. The artwork is reflecting the pace of the donations being received, with each new coin tally generating additional details to the painting. Done on two large pieces of plywood, the mural serves as the backdrop to the coin collection exhibit.

We all have loose change; what better way to have that change put to good use than to contribute to the library? For more information please contact [www.baxterlibrary.org/friends](http://www.baxterlibrary.org/friends) or call the library at 839-5031.

# USM Goes Leafy Green

Sherrie Fontaine



Photo credit Tyler Kidder, Sustainability Coordinator

**Sustainability Coordinator Tyler Kidder showcases the leafy greens grown in the greenhouse at USM.**

Nutrient-rich leafy greens, aromatic freshly picked herbs, vine-ripened tomatoes and edible nasturtiums. This is not a menu listing from a gourmet restaurant; it is what is being served to students at the University of Southern Maine's Gorham campus. All of this produce and more is being grown at a greenhouse and six raised garden beds located outside Brooks Student Center. The greenhouse was built in the fall of 2008 as a joint venture between USM's Dining Services and Facilities Management. Keith Brady, previous food services director, initially proposed this idea as a pet project, but his departure from the position left the greenhouse project unstaffed. To ensure the greenhouse was used to its full potential, a new position was created. Tyler Kidder was hired as the new Sustainability Coordinator of USM's Dining Services (Aramark). She is chief gardener and coordinator of all greenhouse and garden projects. Although her BA is in Environmental Studies, Kidder's first education working with dirt and seed was hands-on helping in the family garden. She updates her skills with continuing studies in greenhouse growing techniques and raising vegetables.

This is a three-season greenhouse. Although not officially certified as organic, no chemicals are used and only locally obtained seeds and seedlings are grown along with local topsoil purchased and delivered from O'Donal's Nursery. Premium compost used in the raised beds is created on campus. The greenhouse is opened in mid-March when there is enough sunlight to warm the glass frame dur-

ing the day. Heating pads are used to warm the newly planted seeds; a more efficient source of heating than keeping the heat for the entire greenhouse at 55 degrees. As weather permits, the plants started in the greenhouse are moved outside to the raised beds. This summer saw an early harvest of cucumbers, peas and tomatoes. Lettuce, spinach and radishes are among some of the cool weather crops that have just been planted in the greenhouse and will be harvested by end of October. The greenhouse allows for a more flexible growing season.

When fresh produce from the gardens and greenhouse are used in the meal preparation, food station signs announce which ingredients were harvested from the gardens, which can be seen through the dining center's windows. Tables and chairs amidst the garden beds encourage outdoor dining. Kidder hopes the presence and active use of the greenhouse will serve to educate and raise the students' awareness of sustainability issues.

Kidder also facilitates co-curriculum projects that involve professors and students from various academic subjects. Currently, there is a student volunteering at the greenhouse as part of a Sociology class project that addresses industrial food and current food climate topics. The greenhouse represents more than just fresh produce and herbs. Every facet from seed procurement to producing a healthy and abundant harvest provides a lesson. Tours of the greenhouse and gardens are available.

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## Cruisin' For a Cause



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Once again the Gorham Food Pantry was the recipient of Sebago Brewing Company's Cruise-In summer fundraising effort. Each Monday evening Sebago Brewing Company hosted 25 to 40 vintage vehicles (and their drivers) along with custom motorcycles for the public to view. Fundraising efforts included 50/50 raffles by the Food Pantry, Sebago Brewing Company tee shirt sales, a Red Sox ticket raffle and the sale of bottled water donated by Carrabassett Water. The final night included the Shaw Bros. legendary monster fire truck. Over \$1,000 was raised even though a few of the events were rained out. The Cruise-In events were organized by Paul Kennedy of Sebago Brewing Company, who hopes to repeat the event again next year in August.

Left: Paul Willis, Gorham Food Pantry Board of Directors President, accepts a donation from Paul Kennedy of Sebago Brewing Company.

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**Dear Gorham Times,**

I am writing to urge you to support Shawn Moody for Governor. I have known Shawn for many years. He possesses all of the traits of an excellent leader and will be an outstanding Governor. He is a proven and experienced leader, honest, thoughtful, smart, and responsible. He communicates his vision and expectations clearly. He will not shy away from the problems facing our state. He will not kick the can down the road for someone else to deal with. He will inspire the citizens and business owners of Maine as well as the state work force to be more efficient. In short he is the best choice for Governor, not just in these trying times but in any time. A vote for Shawn Moody on November 2nd is a vote to move Maine in the right direction.

*Mark Curtis, Gorham*

**Dear Gorham Times,**

I am writing this letter in support of Shawn Moody, independent candidate for Governor. Enough with the "mud-slinging," Republican and Democratic parties! Let's get back to honesty, intelligence and integrity!

I have known Shawn Moody for eight years. In 2009 I was honored to acquire a job with and become a part of the Moody's Collision family. At Moody's, Shawn does not like to be called boss or owner; he considers himself a coworker and a co-owner. Over the past eight years, my fiance and I have met with Shawn at several company occasions and we have come to know him and his character in a way that is seldom—if ever—possible by many people. One has only to speak to Shawn briefly to recognize his many attributes such as his openness, eagerness, honesty, sincerity and above all, integrity. You can expect nothing less from Shawn than to bring these qualities of character with him to Augusta, as well as new, innovative ideas.

We all know the issues that will face the next Governor of Maine; you can be assured that Shawn Moody will take them on with his high degree of enthusiasm and his keen intelligence. I am confident that given Shawn's unwavering character and his great ability to communicate effectively with conviction and sincerity, he will make positive changes for the people of Maine.

If you haven't considered Shawn as the name you will choose on Election Day, I encourage and urge you to take a closer look at Shawn Moody and possibly re-evaluate your choice. Don't make the mistake of thinking he is a "throw away vote." Vote for the person you believe in! That man is and should be Shawn Moody. Learn more about the man for the job by visiting [www.moodygov.com](http://www.moodygov.com). Please vote responsibly.

*Sylvia Archer, Yarmouth*

**Dear Gorham Times,**

I am writing to endorse Dan LeVasseur for State Representative. Of late, I have been researching candidates for the upcoming election, but it was through Dan's initiative that allowed me to directly learn a great

deal about him and what he has to offer as State Representative of District 129. I appreciate his effort of going door to door to communicate his message. A Maine native who has resided in the area for over seven years, he knows a lot of people as well as a lot of details of this district, particularly the business community. Through his management of 21st Century Motors and his involvement in the Economic Development Corporation, he has acquired an acute insight into the attributes of small businesses. He conveyed to me the importance of the synergy between education, business and community that defines the integrity which ensures the foundation, stability and future of the area, while maintaining its best qualities. I am pleased he made the effort to visit and talk to me in person and convey his sincerity, drive and relevance to the position of State Representative. Dan LeVasseur will serve this area exceptionally well!

Sincerely,  
Robin Somes  
Gorham

**Dear Gorham Times,**

As Majority Whip in the Maine House, I've worked with over 250 legislators. Among them, Rep. Linda Sanborn stands out. She has impressed me by her devotion to Gorham, her clear thinking, and her bipartisan accomplishments.

Rep. Sanborn helped pass incentives for businesses and homeowners to save and use cleaner energy, supported an expansion of Pine Tree Zones to help businesses in the Gorham area create jobs, voted to reduce the State's income tax by over

20% across the board, and helped to balance the State budget twice without raising taxes.

A retired doctor, Rep. Sanborn brings real expertise to her work on the Legislature's crucial Health and Human Services Committee. Working with that committee, she passed legislation to address the growing threat of hospital-acquired infections, or HAIs. Why does this matter? Five to ten percent of hospital patients in the U.S. develop an HAI each year, leading to 99,000 deaths and nearly \$6.5 million in costs.

Rep Sanborn was also appointed to a select, bipartisan group to guide Maine's implementation of the new national health care reforms. With her help these reforms will boost our economy through cost containment and sizeable tax breaks to Maine businesses, and add important consumer protections.

Maine led the nation on one of these consumer protections. With the decisive vote of Rep. Sanborn and the cosponsorship of Gorham's State Senator, Phil Bartlett, a bill I sponsored stopped insurance companies from protecting profits by cutting off your coverage when you are extremely sick. Our bill was recognized by the President on his visit to Maine last spring, and replicated to protect major medical policyholders nationwide.

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- Cathryn Falwell

*"I feel very fortunate to have someone with her intelligence and medical expertise working for us in Augusta."* - Linda Webb

*"As a family physician, Linda has cared for the people of our community for many years. Since her election to the Legislature, her community commitment and compassion has reached even more people."* - Peter Mirkin, MD

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## Gorham East-West Corridor Feasibility Study

### Public Meeting

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Over the past year, the Gorham East-West Corridor Feasibility Study, a major transportation/land use study in Gorham, Westbrook, Scarborough and South Portland, has been examining the problems this could bring – and developing possible solutions.

As the fastest-growing residential region in Maine, this area is already subject to increasing traffic congestion, decreasing traffic safety and the loss of rural character.

The study has uncovered some surprising findings. The answer is more than just widening or building roads. Area residents and business owners are encouraged to attend this meeting and provide their thoughts.

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## Committee FROM PAGE 6

- The School Committee voted to approve a 2/5 World Language (French) teacher, which is a one-year position, funded by the Federal Jobs Fund.
- Superintendent Ted Sharp reported on the following:
- Governor Baldacci announced there would be no curtailment for the Education budget for 2010-2011.
- Liang Yuxue, also known by her American name, Maria, a vice-principal from Capital Normal University in Beijing, China, will be visiting Gorham schools in November. As part of the China Exchange Initiative, her school will partner with Gorham schools in order for students to build a better understanding of culture and friendship. Gorham is only one of 12 districts in New England that will participate in the program.
- Bus Driver Orientation was held to discuss safety procedures and ways to de-escalate problems. Sharp acknowledged that bus drivers have one of the hardest jobs as they may have between 35-65 students on a bus at one time.
- Maine Department of Education asked school districts to stop forwarding student social security numbers until they can determine the data is secure after a recent breach in their computer system. Sharp assured parents that the social security numbers already collected would not be released to the state until the data is secure. Chairman Dennis Libby expressed concern over the district holding this information and asked Sharp to find out how long they are required to hold it until it can be destroyed.

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# Scholarship Fundraiser a Success

Gorham Times Staff

On October 3, a scholarship fundraiser cruise was held to raise money in the name of Dawn York, the Gorham School District teacher who in May of 2010 succumbed to breast cancer. According to Barbara Keene, who organized the cruise, they raised approximately \$4,000 due to the generosity of Angelo at the Gorham House of Pizza, Thatchers, Subway, Belinda Harfoush Cheesecakes, White Rock

Outboard, St. Joe's Coffee, Sebago Brewing Company, Gorham Grind, the Stockhouse, and Paul Willis from Willis Real Estate. Of particular help in the sunset cruise on Casco Bay were Keith Nicely, Amanda Cooper, Susan Shaw, Andy York, and music by North of Nashville. The money will be used for a continuing education scholarship for a graduating student at Gorham High School. Keene expects to hold a similar event next year.

## Coffin

FROM PAGE 1

and various family members over the years. Others made a variety of presentations to Coffin, including a flag flown over the capital in Washington DC on the day of his retirement.

In the past 10 years, Coffin made 428 arrests and issued 8,580 summonses. Officer Coffin was one of a kind who will be sorely missed by his coworkers and residents of the Town of Gorham (except when they are speeding).

Lt. Sanborn described Coffin as "a mentor to other officers; someone who was unfailingly courteous, cheerful, positive and professional. He cared about the people he worked with and the people in the community. He always went the extra mile, his work ethic was unmatched." Police Chief Ron Shepard, who has known Coffin since high school, described him as "first and foremost, a good friend." We went on to say, "Wayne always cared about what people thought about the Gorham Police

Department. He always gave more than he needed to. He had a great work ethic and was always willing to do overtime, even when no one else wanted to do it. He did everything to the best of his ability and people respected him. He gave out a lot of tickets but he never engaged in arguments with speeders."

Coffin plans to pursue his hobby of detailing cars as a part time business and will be spending time with his family including daughters Cynthia Nygren; Cathryn Audet; sons Wayne (Ted) Coffin, Jr.; Michael Coffin; stepson Craig Elliott; and his nine grandchildren. His son Mike Coffin has been a member of the Gorham PD for the past 10 years and while Wayne Coffin won't be giving out any more speeding tickets, Mike will be following in his father's footsteps.

Thank you, Officer Coffin, for your years of service to our community. We wish you all the best in your retirement.

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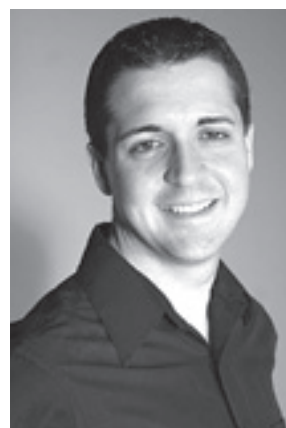


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## OF INTEREST

### Coast Guard Seaman Apprentice

**Cody B. Childress** (GHS '10), son of James Childress and stepson of Kristen Childress of Gorham, recently graduated from the U.S. Coast Guard Recruit Training Center in Cape May, N. J.

**Kyle Donaldson** (GHS '08), will study abroad in France for the 2010 fall semester as part of St. Lawrence University's International Study Program.

**Sarah A. McDaniel** has been selected for inclusion in the 2010 New England Super Lawyers® list in the Rising Star category. Sarah owns Maine Land Law LLC, PA with an office in Gorham and focuses her practice on property law issues.

**Please join the Baxter Memorial Library** and six local artists for the unveiling of the Gorham Landmarks Exhibition to be held on Saturday, Nov. 6 at 10 a.m.

Gorham artists Jeremy Greene, Kevin Hawkes, Megan Mitchell, Craig Robinson, Becky Sladen and Meadow Welch each donated original artwork depicting a Gorham landmark to the Youth Services Dept. at the library.

**The Gorham Woman's Club** will celebrate 85 years of service in the town of Gorham on Thursday, Nov. 11, 12:30 p.m. at First Parish Church. Guest speaker Marc Badeau will talk about "Operation Tribute." All are welcome to attend. FMI, 839-6375.

**A Mattress Fundraiser Sale** sponsored by GHS Project Graduation will be held on Saturday, Oct. 30 at the Robie Gym on South Street from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mattresses of all sizes will be available at 30 - 60% off. FMI, 839-4383.

**GHS Project Graduation** will sponsor a Scrapbooking Day Fundraiser on Saturday, Nov. 6 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.



**The staff at TD Bank in Gorham presented Chris Morehead**, middle, of Westbrook with two Boston Bruins tickets won in a TD Bank raffle. Also pictured are Jacqueline Gaunder, Kirsten Komulainen, Audre Morton, Samantha Lord, Carol Paris, Assistant Manager Rhonda Nicholson, and Store Manager Christy Cousins.

at Saint Anne's Church, Gorham. \$20 fee includes a light breakfast, lunch and snacks. FMI, 892-3556 or 637-2189.

**The Gorham Historical Society** will hold its annual meeting at the Gorham Savings Bank business center (Gray Road) on Monday, Nov. 8 at 7 p.m. All are invited.

**Duplicity persists** in woven layers of lies and deceit as the USM Theater Department presents "Betrayal," by playwright Harold Pinter. Nov. 12 -21 at Russell Hall, Gorham Campus. \$15/\$11/\$8. FMI, 780-5151.

**USM School of Music** presents Ronald Lantz on violin and Laura Kargul on piano, Saturday, Oct. 30, 8 p.m. at Corthell Concert Hall, Gorham campus. \$15/\$10/\$5. FMI, 780-5555.

**The USM Wind Ensemble** will perform on Sunday, Oct. 31, 2 p.m. at Corthell Concert Hall, Gorham campus. \$6/\$3. FMI, 780-5555.

**The USM Spotlight Concert Series** "Something Borrowed, Something Blue," features The Portland Wind Trio with Ardith Keef on bassoon, Thomas Parchman on clarinet and Alison Hale on flute, Friday, Nov. 5, 8 p.m. at Corthell Music Hall, Gorham campus. \$15/\$10/\$5. FMI, 780-5555.

**The Southern Maine Symphony Orchestra**, with conductor Robert Lehmann, will perform on Saturday, Nov. 6, 8 p.m. at the Gorham Middle School Auditorium. \$6/\$3. FMI, 780-5555.

**Bean Supper at the Cressey Road United Methodist Church**, Saturday, Oct. 30, 5 p.m. & 6 p.m. Beans, hot dogs, American chop suey, coleslaw, cornbread, home-made pies. \$7/\$3. FMI, 839-3111.

**The First Parish Congregational Church** in Gorham will host the 4th Annual Haunted House & Kids Halloween Party fundraiser on Friday, Oct. 29 & Saturday, Oct. 30, 7 to 10 p.m. \$5/adults, \$3/kids. All ages are welcome. FMI, 253-7009.

**Gorham Recycling Committee** would like to remind the community that Maine Recycles Week is November 8 to 15. Show your commitment to the environment. For more information email rfrazier@maine.rr.com or bruce.white@maine.gov or visit www.recyclemaine.com.

**Gorham Trails Land Trust, Inc.** needs help in making the Gorham Crosstown Trail (X-Town Gorham) a reality in 2011. Send your membership (\$15/family, call for business membership) to gortrail@maine.rr.com or 4A Aspen Lane, Gorham, ME 04038 or call 839-8000.

**After voting on Election Day, drop off donations for the Gorham Food Pantry** at both Gorham polling sites. Agents from Better Homes and Gardens Real Estate – The Masiello Group will be available to collect items.

**Gorham Business Exchange's November Meeting, Attitudinal Excellence** – How to Empower Your Customer Service in a Recovering Economy, will be held on Thursday, November 18, 2010, 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. in the community room at Moody's Collision Centers, 200 Narragansett Street, Gorham. Advance registration required. Visit www.gorham-business.org, call 892-5515 or email dede@gorhambusiness.org.

**Gorham Art Fair**, Nov. 6, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Shaw Gymnasium inside Gorham Municipal Center. Local artists and vendors showcase their work. Bring canned



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**Girl Scout Troop 1186** had the pleasure of learning more about The Gorham Food Pantry from Director Fran Doucette. The Girl Scouts have been donating nonperishable food items to the pantry twice a month.

**On September 26 at the Cumberland County Fair**, an unlikely winner was awarded a first place trophy. Margaret Solomon Gunn's three children participated in the pedal tractor pull, but it was four-year-old Sophie who won first place in her 20 to 41 pound division – her first ever ribbon and trophy. Her brothers Hayden, 8, and Bryce, 6, also participated placing third and seventh respectively in the 42 to 52 pound division. Each year the boys enjoy going to the fair so they can test-drive every tractor. This year it was a bit surreal for them to have their little sister win the show.



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## EDITORIAL

# Kicking the Habit

Bruce Webb

**T**he gushing oil from the BP well captured our attention for months, but thankfully it's over – at least for now. The news has turned to other stories and the oil leak will be a faded memory.

The leak serves up some valuable lessons for us and, before our attention swings to other things, we might take time to reflect on the meaning of the event. This experience highlights the price that must be paid for our addiction to petroleum products and to fossil fuels in general. The price is not just the \$20 billion that BP has pledged to clean up the mess. The cost in tax dollars is immense, not to mention the damage to the environment and the livelihoods of the residents.

If we want to calculate the real price paid to support our addiction, we need to look much further than this singular event. The two Iraq wars were largely about oil and protecting our supplies and will end up costing us trillions of dollars. Our military apportions a large amount of its resources to "protect American interests" (mostly oil) at the cost of billions of dollars to the Treasury.

Climate change, another huge cost of our reliance on fossil fuels, changed temperatures of the earth and resulted in flooding, massive storms, and high peak cycles of drought and famine. Just ask those Gorham residents who were impacted by the recent tornado about the cost of climate change. Last winter, one of the mildest on record, was a major blow to those industries and individuals who rely on snow and cold weather. We see the impacts of climate change in our daily lives as we just witnessed the longest heat wave in Maine history.

The future is not very promising if we continue with our addictive behav-

ior but we are so deeply dependent on fossil fuels that run our cars, heat our homes, and create our electricity, that going "cold turkey" is not an option. It took us a long time to build the addiction and it will take us some time to get free of it.

Certainly new technologies can help including more fuel-efficient cars, alternative fuels, cheaper solar cells, wind power, ocean power, and entrepreneurial innovations. Similarly important are government policies to nurture these innovations, encourage others, and make it more expensive for the advocates of fossil fuel industries.

We all can take responsibility by using the remaining fossil fuels more effectively or by using them less. We can turn down the heat and put on a sweater; use less power; shop for local foods; buy fewer plastic products; recycle our trash; and buy more efficient cars, appliances, and heating systems. We can support leaders who encourage sustainable practices and who have the courage of their convictions. We need to free ourselves from our destructive habits and help create communities that will be self-sustaining well into the future.

It won't happen overnight and we will be using fossil fuels for a long time but we need to start with small steps that will eventually lead to major changes. Only by weaning ourselves off these products do we have any hope of leaving a legacy of a sustainable earth to future generations.

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## Of Interest

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goods to be donated to the Gorham Food Pantry. FMI, Jeremy Greene, 839-9022.

**Gorham Landmarks Exhibit at Baxter Memorial Library**, Nov. 6, 10 a.m. Be there as they unveil six pieces of art showcasing Gorham landmarks donated by local artists. FMI, Pam Turner, 839-5031.

## CLOSE TO HOME

**Food & Fellowship Ecumenical Meal Program**, Windham Assembly of God, Rte. 302, Windham. Monday, Nov. 1 & 8 at noon. Everyone welcome. FMI, 892-3769.

**Westbrook-Warren Congregational Church**, 810 Main St., Westbrook, will serve a community meal on Thursdays, Nov. 4 & 11 at noon. \$4. Open to all. FMI, 854-9157.

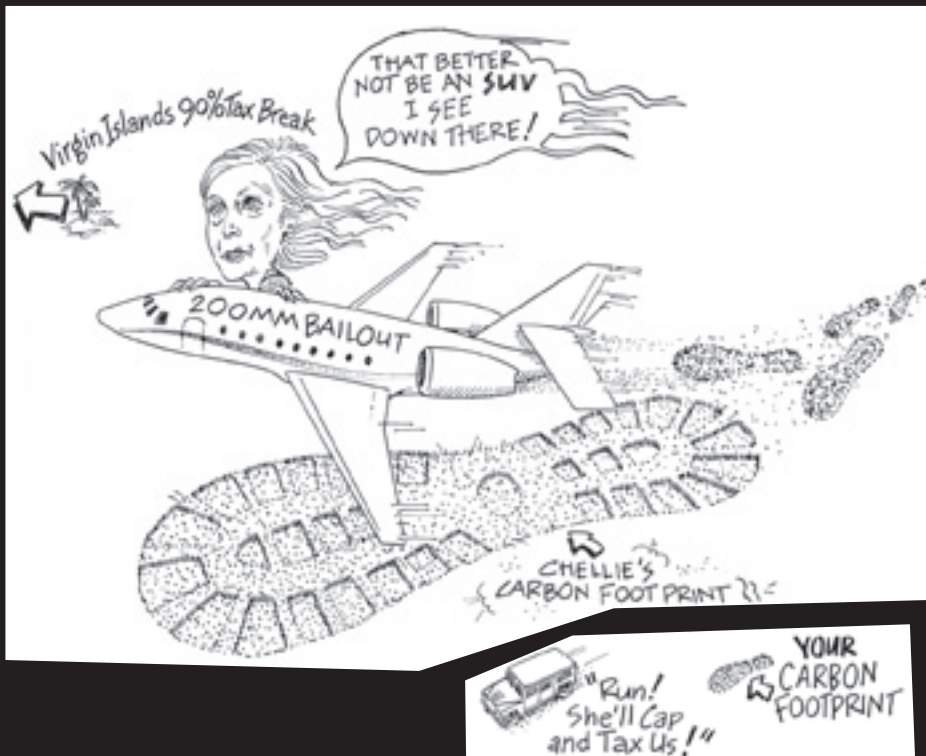
**Bye Bye Birdie, the fifties rockin' musical** about the teenage frenzy of a small town over a rock 'n roll singer's induction

into the Army, opens Friday, Nov. 12 at 7 p.m. at The Windham Performing Arts Center at Windham HS will present Bye Bye Birdie, a fifties rockin' musical, Nov. 12 – 21. \$10/\$6. FMI, 893-1742 or fall-musical@gmail.com.

**The USM Youth Ensembles** will perform a traditional fall concert Thursday, Nov. 18, at 7 p.m. at the Merrill Auditorium, Portland. \$6/\$3. FMI, [www.usm.maine.edu/music](http://www.usm.maine.edu/music).

**Track or Treat, a costumed 5K fun-run** and a kids' 100m dash, will take place on October 30 at 2:30 p.m. This family friendly event includes face painting, apple bobbing, and pumpkin painting. Proceeds benefit Face Aids, a non-profit organization providing relief to people affected by AIDS in Africa. The 5K will begin at University of Southern Maine 96 Falmouth St in Portland and wind through Deering Oaks Park. \$15 to run. Sign up at [active.com](http://active.com) by searching "Run or Treat!" FMI contact Rachael at (774) 266-5187.

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# the blotter

## Before and After

**Copperhead Road caller** reported that they were missing three pigs that had gotten out under the fence.

**Shelby Drive caller** reported there were three pigs running loose in their yard.

**Caller** reported that three juveniles who were refused alcohol at a store stated they would buy it from another store.

**Robie Street caller** reported that they believed there were juveniles on the playground who were intoxicated.

**Paulin Drive caller** reported a missing person. Subject was not missing, but was staying with others.

**South Street caller** reported phone calls from a male subject who informed caller they had won money and would drop it off that afternoon at caller's residence.

**Main Street caller** reported that a gun was donated to their business and requested an officer come to pick it up.

**Gray Road caller** reported that their two uncles were fighting in the driveway.

**The manager of a Main Street business** called to say there was a skunk in the parking lot with a cup stuck on its head.

**Caller** reported an incident of harassment while they were delivering papers on Garden Avenue.

**Mosher Road caller** reported that their dog had a fight with a fox. The dog was injured, and the fox was deceased.

**Spiller Road man** was arrested for domestic violence assault, obstructing report of a crime, criminal mischief and violating conditions of release.

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# what's happening

## FRIDAY, OCT. 29

- Conferences for grades K-12.

## SATURDAY, OCT. 30

- Mattress Fundraiser Sale, Robie Gym, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., FMI, 839-4383.
- Bean Supper, Cressey Road United Methodist Church, 5 p.m. & 6 p.m., \$7/\$3. FMI, 839-3111.

## TUESDAY, NOV. 2

- Gorham Cancer Prayer and Support Group, 7 p.m., Cressey Road United Methodist Church. FMI, 839-3111.

## WEDNESDAY, NOV. 3

- North Gorham Public Library, Babies in the Library, ages 0 to 3 yrs, 10 to 11 a.m. FMI, 892-2575.

## THURSDAY, NOV. 4

- Gorham Food Pantry open, 9 to 11 a.m., St. Anne's Catholic Church parking lot.
- Baby & Me, birth – 18 mos., 9:30 a.m., Baxter Library. FMI, 839-5031.
- Toddler Time, ages 18-36 mos., 10 a.m., Baxter Library. FMI, 839-5031.
- North Gorham Public Library, Story Hour for ages 3 to 5 yrs, 9:30-10:30 a.m. FMI, 892-2575.

## SATURDAY, NOV. 6

- Gorham Landmark Art Exhibition, Baxter Memorial Library, 10 a.m. FMI, 839-5031.
- Scrapbooking Day Fundraiser for GHS Project Graduation, Saint Anne's Church, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., \$20. FMI, 892-3556 or 637-2189.
- All You Can Eat Baked Bean Supper with Beans, Hot Dogs, Salads, Biscuits, Homemade Desserts; White Rock Community Club; Nov. 6, 4:30 – 6:00 p.m.; Adults: \$7, Kids: \$3; Wilson Rd., off Rte 237 in Gorham

## MONDAY, NOV. 8

- Gorham Historical Society Annual Meeting, Gorham Savings Bank Business Center, Gray Road (Rt. 202),

**The Gorham Ecumenical Food Pantry is open at St. Anne's Church every Thurs. from 9-11 a.m.; the second Wednesday of the month from 6-7:30 p.m.; and the third Monday of the month from 6-7 p.m. Open to anyone in Gorham in need of food. Located in the building behind St. Anne's Church, Main St.**

7 p.m. All are invited.

## WEDNESDAY, NOV. 10

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## THURSDAY, NOV. 11

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## FRIDAY, NOV. 12

- TRIAD meeting, 9-10 a.m., Westbrook Safety Bldg., FMI, 856-1212 or ihss@inhomeseniorservices.com.
- Gorham High School presents Arsenic and Old Lace, November 12, 13, 19 & 20 at 7:30pm. There will be one Sunday matinee on November 14 at 2pm. Performances are in the McCormack Performing Arts Center. Admission is \$6 for general admission and \$4 for students and seniors. Tickets will be available at the door.

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