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## Hurricane Sandy Blows Fierce Winds to Gorham

Karen DiDonato

Hurricane Sandy blew her way through the state on Monday, October 29 into Tuesday, October 30. Although heavy rain was expected, the storm was mainly a wind event. Strong gusts of wind combined with wet leaves were to blame for the downed and damaged power lines. Cumberland and York were the hardest-hit counties with 104,000 customers without power into Tuesday. Many Gorham homes and businesses were without power for nearly 48 hours. As a result of the super storm that at one point stretched more than 900 miles across, Gorham Public Schools dismissed children early on Monday and were closed on Tuesday. The Gorham campus of USM was closed on Tuesday. Halloween was not affected.

## Sneek Peek into GHOP Progress



Photo credit Martha T. Harris

Gorham House of Pizza owner Angelo Sotiropolous points out where the new flat screen televisions will be mounted when the renovation is complete.

GHOP was devastated by fire in April, but, according to Sotiropolous, the restaurant is still expected to reopen on December 1st.

According to Jed Taft of Great Falls Construction, the restaurant portion of the renovation is in the trim phase with finish paint and tile scheduled for next week along with the epoxy floor in the kitchen. Most of the kitchen equipment is scheduled to arrive the week of Thanksgiving. They are currently working seven days a week to complete the project.

When asked how the progress is coming along, Sotiropolous said, "It cannot be any better. I am the luckiest man alive. The renovations are going better than ever. More than I was expecting."

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## How Gorham Voted

Karen DiDonato

The election is over and the results have been totaled. In Gorham, approximately 9,141 or 78 percent of registered voters made it to the polls. Below is the breakdown on how Gorham voted on each candidate and question:



### President & Vice President:

100 Johnson, Gary and Gray, James (Libertarian)  
**5123** **Obama, Barack and Biden, Joe (D)\***  
3742 Romney, Mitt and Ryan, Paul (R)  
76 Stein, Jill and Honkala, Cheri (Green Independent)



### United States Senator:

53 Dalton, Danny (non-party)  
972 Dill, Cynthia (D)  
74 Dodge, Andrew (Independent for Liberty)  
**5891** **King, Angus (Independent for Maine)\***  
2771 Summers, Charles (R)  
115 Woods, Stephen (I)



### Representative to Congress District I:

3134 Courtney, Jonathan (R)  
**5409** **Pingree, Chellie (D)\***



### State Senator District 6:

**5144** **Boyle, James (D)\***  
3404 Summers, Ruth (R)



### Representative to the Legislature District 129:

2172 Knapp, Jane (R, Incumbent)  
**3541** **McLean, Andrew (D)\***



### Representative to the Legislature District 130:

1220 Mattingly, Matthew (R)  
**1809** **Sanborn, Linda (D, Incumbent)\*\***



### Register of Probate:

**6733** **O'Brien, John (D)\***



### Town Council:

**2828** **Benner, Sherrie\***  
2014 Hartwell, Benjamin  
456 Misiuk, Isaac  
**2653** **Moulton, Shonn\***  
1567 Platts, Edward  
2003 Roullard, Bruce



### School Committee:

**5602** **Wright, Darryl (Incumbent)\***  
**70** **Burns, Timothy\***  
3 Hagar, James  
3 Page, David  
13 Sturtevant, Adam



### Portland Water District Trustee:

**38** **Dreger, Duane (write-in)**  
22 Duffy, Mark (write-in)  
36 Vercelli, George (write-in)

**Question 1: Do you want to allow the State of Maine to issue marriage licenses to same-sex couples?**

**YES\* 5,417** NO 3,580

**Question 2: Bond for a diagnostic facility for University of Maine System.**

**YES 4,458** NO 4,234

**Question 3: Bond to purchase land and conservation easements.**

**YES\* 5,514** NO 3,209

**Question 4: Bond to improve transportation systems.**

**YES\* 6,239** NO 2,482

**Question 5: Bond for revolving loan funds for drinking water and wastewater treatment facilities.**

**YES\* 5,491** NO 3,168

**Referendum Question 1: Capital expenditure for a fire engine and related equipment.**

**YES\* 5,274** NO 3,213

**Referendum Question 2: Capital expenditure to renovate and improve Little Falls School building and Little Falls Rec. Area.**

**YES\* 4,576** NO 3,899

\* = Overall winner

\*\* = Projected winner

Based on unofficial election results dated November 6, 2012

## Election Sign Theft



Photo courtesy of the Gorham Police Department

Gorham Police Department is investigating the theft of political signs. If you recognize this individual please contact the Gorham Police at 893-2810 or 222-1660.

# Financing a Campaign

With Election Day now behind us, some may be interested to learn the differences between how campaigns were financed. Some were privately funded, while others, like mine, were financed through the Maine Clean Elections Act (MCEA).

In 2010, 77% of legislative candidates in the general election were MCEA candidates, with payments to those candidates totaling \$6,300,780. In 2012, approximately 63% of legislative candidates in the general election were MCEA candidates.

The MCEA is a voluntary program, passed as a citizen initiative in 1996, of full public financing of political campaigns for candidates running state office. To become eligible to receive MCEA funds, house candidates must collect 60 checks of \$5, while senate candidates must collect 175 checks and gubernatorial candidates must collect 3,250.

MCEA candidates can only accept private funds, known as seed money, before they become certified as a MCEA candidate. Seed money comes with a set of restrictions. Among other things, it cannot exceed \$500 for a house candidate, \$1,500 for a senate candidate and \$200,000 for a gubernatorial candidate. After a candidate begins to receive MCEA funds, he/she cannot accept private contri-

butions, and almost all goods and services received must be paid for with MCEA funds.

In 2012, house candidates with an opponent received \$1,429 for the primary and \$3,937 for the general from MCEA funds. Senate candidates with an opponent received \$7,359 for the primary and \$18,124 for the general from MCEA funds.

Prior to 2012, the MCEA also involved matching funds. Whenever a candidate's privately funded opponent reached a certain threshold of fundraising or spending, it would trigger matching funds for the MCEA candidate. This, however, is no longer in effect. Following a U.S. Supreme Court decision, the U.S. District Court of Maine issued an order striking down matching funds. On March 29, 2012, Governor LePage signed Public Law 2011, Chapter 558, which eliminated the provisions related to matching funds.

Privately funded campaigns are the alternative to the MCEA. Those candidates can raise unlimited funds and rely heavily on private donors. While these candidates can voluntarily agree to spending limits, this is not required. For the 2012 legislative elections, contributors to privately funded candidates running for the legislature could donate no more than \$350 per elec-

Rep. Jane Knapp

tion. The limits do not apply to contributions made by the candidate or by the candidate's spouse or domestic partner, who can contribute an unlimited amount to the campaign.

While in prior election cycles, matching funds would have brought clean elections candidates to the level of his/her privately funded opponent, many privately funded candidates are now in a position to outspend MCEA candidates. A significant amount of funding can also originate from outside a candidate's district.

For citizens interested in learning how much was spent on a campaign, visit the Maine Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices' website at <http://www.state.me.us/ethics/index.htm>. On the left hand side of the screen, click "Other Disclosure" and then click "Candidates."

Some information in this article was found at: <http://www.maine.gov/ethics/>.



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## POLICY ON NEWS FROM AUGUSTA

The *Gorham Times* asked our three state legislators from Senate District Six, House District 129 and House District 130 to provide us with "News from Augusta." We publish their articles on a rotating basis. The submissions are devoted to updates of legislative and administrative news, proposed and passed bills and laws, and developments and events that are of interest to and have an impact on Gorham residents. The *Gorham Times* reserves the right to edit the submissions and it further reserves the right to reject any submission, in its sole discretion.

# Letters to the Editor

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

Dear *Gorham Times*,

I would like to commend the *Gorham Times* (GT) staff and volunteers for all you have done to bring news and a sense of community to the citizens of Gorham. It is a testament to the GT that copies disappear quickly. It is helpful and enjoyable to read about town and school news, sports coverage, and to keep abreast of local issues. If it weren't for the GT, I wouldn't have a clear and accurate understanding of the many challenges that face our police force and firefighters, easy access to a calendar of events, or know the variety of local businesses that offer services that I might seek.

With all that said, I was shocked and dismayed by the letter written by Matt Mattingly criticizing the GT for being politically biased. I have never had any sense that the GT takes a political stance. But my bigger point is that I am completely put off by the bullying tactics he has used to criticize the paper. I truly never thought that the behavior of our governor and other's like him would make its way into our small, tight-knit community. Making one's

point is to be valued and encouraged, using bullying and threats is not.

It is my hope that our community continues to be a respectful, supportive one and that we continue to encourage civil discourse. One way to insure that is to speak out against those who use bullying and threats to intimidate others.

Again, my thanks to all of you at the *Gorham Times* and may you continue many more years of serving our community so well.

Cindy O'Shea

Dear *Gorham Times*,

In the October 25, 2012 issue, "Letters to the Editor" section, Mr. Matt Mattingly expressed frustration with the *Gorham Times* regarding Dr. Linda Sanborn's piece under the banner "News from Augusta." That column has appeared on a rotating basis shared equally by our two state Representatives with a monthly piece by our state Senator.

It has been my observation that these articles, generally of equal word count, describe topics related to the

committees, subcommittees, and legislation being considered or recently passed. They often entail some specifics relative to special interests, conferences, meetings, or challenges that face the legislature. Meaningful facts and figures are presented to explain positions on bills being considered, expert and public testimony and lesson learned.

Mr. Mattingly's objection to Dr. Sanborn's description of the 34th Annual Meeting of the Maine Development Foundation which she attended would seem out of place and inappropriate. Rep. Sanborn reported on a meeting with industry and business leaders from some of the largest employers of our state. They offer quality high paying jobs in industry, banking, construction, credit, science and education at all levels. Major changes are developing in these Maine businesses. As a voting citizen of Gorham for nearly forty-five years I want my representatives involved in such events, and I'm happy to learn of them.

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## 2012 CALENDAR

### UPCOMING ISSUE DATES:

Deadline	Issue Date
Nov. 14	Nov. 22
Nov. 28	Dec. 6
Dec. 12	Dec. 20



Perhaps Matt could encourage the Gorham Times to add a “pro & con” column a couple times a month on timely topics of interest to our citizens. But please leave “News for Augusta” as is.  
 Howard M. Faulkner

**Dear Gorham Times,**  
 In regard to Matt Mattingly’s letter in the Gorham Times, he is off base on many counts:

The Gorham Times publishes Gorham’s three legislator’s articles on a rotating basis, each one runs every six weeks. Until this past July, I designed and produced the Gorham Times for the last seven years, and have every pdf file from 2005 to prove it. There was no deviation from that schedule no matter what.  
 The typo on the GT website that he suggests has a hidden meaning doesn’t fly either. When I redesigned the website, I was the one responsible for that typo. Mattingly would be giving me too much credit for the intentional double negative. He should perfect his own material before criticizing others—there were many errors in his letter too.

Mattingly asks, “When has the GT promoted or provided a public forum for fair minded discussion?” Again, I recall many issues that contained text/photos (and some ads) from candidates running for local public office. If the GT doesn’t provide and promote a public forum, then what community service does?

Mattingly threatens cessation of personal and business support for the GT and threatens to encourage others to follow suit. Is it me or does this sound like bullying? Yet, further in his letter, he says, “Losing the GT would be a travesty.” While the GT may not live up to every community member’s expectations, it’s not for lack of trying. Every one of the volunteer’s efforts to produce it is astounding...and should be supported, not threatened. Constructive criticism is great; smear campaigns are not.

Maybe Mattingly really **has** contributed “tens of thousands of dollars,” but his letter alone demonstrates that he has not been “100% dedicated to the best interest of this town.” His letter is an example of quite the opposite.  
 Jeannine Owens

**Dear Gorham Times,**  
 The Gorham / Westbrook TRIAD would like to thank Poland Spring Water Company for donating a generous supply of bottled water to all of our kick-off sites for the Yellow Dot Program held on October 13, 2012.  
 The Yellow Dot project was a huge community effort and with the help of many volunteers and businesses, it was a great success. There were 14 kick-off sites across Cumberland County and

with Poland Spring’s generous donation, we were able to supply each site with water for the volunteers who spent the day there, as well as any enrollees who participated.  
 Thank You, Poland Springs, for your generous support.  
 David Garthe, Gorham / Westbrook TRIAD Chair

**Dear Gorham Times,**  
 I would like to thank the many donors and volunteers who helped make my Eagle Scout Service Project a reality. The project, a 12’x18’ picnic table shelter at Village Elementary School, was a year-long effort that started with months of planning with Town officials and drafts of the project plans, and then moving on to fundraising in May and the actual construction of the project in July and August.

The structure is next to a community playground, so not only do the students and teachers at Village School benefit from this project, but also people of the community, including the Gorham Recreation Department, which holds their summer, camp at Village School.

Many local businesses provided funds for the purchase of materials and supplies, including Dr. Nicholas Albanese, Carter’s Auto Repair, Casco Federal Credit Union, Chalmer’s Insurance Group, Clean-A-Rama, Demetria’s Team Real Estate, Gorham Savings Bank, Great Falls Builders, Harbor View Eye Care, Lots for Tots, Mainely Plumbing & Heating, Moody’s Collision Center, Norway Savings Bank, Sawyer, Sawyer & Minott, P.A., Smith & Associates, and Transformat.

In addition, there were also many in-kind donations of merchandise and services from Cook’s Hardware, Creative Imaging Group, R.J. Grondin & Sons, Hammond Lumber, Home Depot, Lowe’s, and V&M Rental.

Equally as important is the time local residents gave to help with this project. In total, local youth and adults contributed nearly 300 hours to the planning and construction of the project.

Thanks,  
 Collin Jones, Eagle Scout, Troop 817



Volunteers working on the roof of the shelter at Village School (left to right) **Collin Jones, Connor Goodall, and Spencer Linscott.**

**Dear Gorham Times,**  
 In the Town of Gorham, we have a wonderful “walking program” put on

profile

# Where Are They Now?

## GHS Graduate Nick Nordfors

Gorham High School graduate Nick Nordfors (GHS ’05) has been working in the television industry since graduating New York University in 2009 with a major in Film and Television Production and a minor in Mathematics and Producing. Nick, who is a freelance script coordinator, has just finished working on the 2012 Primetime Emmy Awards show, and has agreed to share some of his insights of the industry with the Gorham Times.

**GT: Any favorite teachers at GHS who may have inspired you to pursue a career in film and television production?**

**Nick Nordfors:** A lot of my most memorable learning experiences of high school were in Technology, and AP English taught by Mr. Ken Templeton. I remember writing a paper analyzing the themes and motifs in the TV show Buffy the Vampire Slayer and modern feminism in the media. Being able to explore out of the box helped me develop a unique creative thought process that allowed me to excel in college.

**GT: What is the job description of a Script Coordinator?**

**Nick Nordfors:** As a Script Coordinator I’m in charge of the distribution of the schedules, rundowns, and script for a show. I decide who on the crew needs what scripted material and as the writer revises the script, I supervise the changes going into the teleprompter and then determine who the changes affect on the crew and make sure they receive the revised script pages.

**GT: Do you work for any particular company?**

**Nick Nordfors:** Each show I work on is a different production company, so all of my jobs come from word of mouth and recommendations. A script department is made up of three positions - a production supervisor, script supervisor, and script coordinator. The production supervisor hires his or her own team for each show.

**GT: I see you worked on the Emmy Awards show among so many other impressive shows. Are there particular projects on which you prefer to work?**

**Nick Nordfors:** I prefer the giant live awards shows because they are the type of show on which my position is essential. Since you only get one shot at the show, the script becomes very

important to everyone as a guide. There is such an adrenaline rush on these shows, imagine getting script revisions into the teleprompter two minutes before the show goes live over the air!

**GT: Where do you see yourself in 10 years?**

**Nick Nordfors:** I see myself as a Production Supervisor on live variety shows and events. I would also like to continue creating my own local side projects in Maine for a smaller screen. I’m working with a local Maine crew to create a web series called Haunt ME. We investigate haunted locations exclusively in Maine such as The Biddeford Mills, The Portland Irish Heritage Center, and Standish’s Maine Street Grill. Check us out at [haunt-me.com](http://haunt-me.com) or like us on Facebook!

**GT: Any advice for those who would like to work in the media industry?**

**Nick Nordfors:** Focus on getting the best internship closest to what it is you want to do. Make yourself the most useful to those you’re working for and have a great attitude while at work.

**GT: What are some of your favorite shows and projects on which you have worked?**

**Nick Nordfors:** The most honorable would be working at the White House. I’ve done three shows there - two music specials and the Gershwin Prize. It was an experience I’ll remember for the rest of my life.

**GT: What part of your job is most challenging and most gratifying?**

**Nick Nordfors:** The most challenging aspect for me is interacting with the talent on a show - you never know what “stars” woke up on the wrong side of the bed! I love the travel and adrenaline rush of being part of a team where everyone is working together to get a creative project on the air. I wouldn’t trade it for anything.



Photo courtesy of Laurie Nordfors  
**Nick Nordfors** was recently in Los Angeles, CA at the Nokia Theater working as a script coordinator on the 64th Annual Emmy Awards.

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by the Recreation Department at the Muncipal Center gym. With the coming cold weather, it allows the people of Gorham to walk safely through the winter and the rest of the year. The gym opens for walking Monday through Friday at 8:30 a.m. until noon.

For those who are recuperating from surgery, for those who find it difficult to walk on uneven ground, or for those who just like to walk for their health, there are several advantages to walking in the gym.

1) There is a good parking lot right in front of the gym that is plowed after every snowstorm.

2) The gym floor is in wonderful condition and is easy on the legs and feet.

3) There are chairs around the gym that enables the walkers to set their own pace with sitting any time a rest is needed.

4) There are bathroom facilities right across the hall.

5) There are benches and lockers for changing shoes and storing hats and coats.

6) A walking chart is posted so goals are easily set and distances calculated.

7) There is a wonderful social life while walking and meeting new and old friends.

8) There has also been several informational programs offered to the walkers, such as how to use the heart defibrillator located in the hallway, learning the new nutritional charts, and overall fitness.

Thank you to the staff of the Recreation Department for a job well done!

Ron and Carolyn Pease

Dear Gorham Times,

I was surprised and dismayed by Matt Mattingly's letter to the editor in the last Gorham Times criticizing the paper for printing Linda Sanborn's article in the "News from Augusta" section. Linda wrote an informative article reporting on the statewide non- profit economic development organization's annual meeting that has had a positive impact on legislation in Maine and helps inform the citizens of Gorham. Rep. Sanborn, along with State Senator Phil Bartlett and Representative Jane Knapp, take turns writing articles for the Gorham Times throughout the year and do not stop writing during the election.

I do not understand how Mattingly thought this article was politically slanted. Linda Sanborn's article contained informative news.

Sanborn's article did not reference the vast number of hours she has contributed to the community while Mattingly claimed he had given enormous amounts of time as well as "tens of thousands of dollars" (stated twice) to the community.

What irritated me the most was Mattingly's threatening to convince other people and businesses to pull advertising support away from the paper. I have thoroughly enjoyed the paper for many years. If he does not want to read or support the paper any more, fine. The higher road would be to just walk away and let the rest of Gorham continue to enjoy the paper rather than threatening to shut it down.

I do not know Mattingly personally but certainly would not support a candidate who is so negative and focused on the destruction of a very positive aspect of Gorham.

Sincerely, Carol Curran

living

The Sugar Challenge

Dr. Joe Kerwin

Inventor and scientist Dr. Royal Lee said in 1958, "Glucose (alias corn syrup, fruit sugar, dextrose, corn sugar, high fructose corn syrup)... contributes to the cause of diabetes, predisposes one to heart disease, hypertension, sluggishness, brain fatigue, overweight, irritability, mental depression, impairs the assimilation of calcium and destroys vital amino acids if they are cooked in its presence."

Can one cherished aspect of our diet be more than just an unhealthy indulgence? Is sugar actually toxic and the cause of our many ailments? When you bake your child a birthday cake or give them a special sweet treat, could you be doing them more harm than good, despite all the love that goes with it?

The debate over the health effects of sugar have gone on for decades, but in 2009 the American Heart Association advised Americans to reduce sugar consumption. We know that refined sugars are not a nutritional essential. Sugars do not come with any protein, vitamins, minerals, antioxidants or fiber. Instead, they actually leach healthful nutrients from your body.

Like a factory, the body needs all the "parts" to maintain health. Nature provides complex nutrients such as vitamins, minerals, trace minerals, fats, enzymes and coenzymes, making available all the "parts" needed to metabolize food and produce healthy cells. When refined foods like sugar, are ingested, the body attempts to gather all of the missing nutrients from other food you have eaten or from body tissues to make them complete before assimilating them. These refined foods literally suck the vital nutrients out of your body. Sugar and other refined foods may not be acutely toxic after one meal but are actually chronic toxins that slowly deplete the body of vital nutrients over time.

We have an insatiable appetite for sugar, with over 115 million tons produced each year. When you are hungry, sugar provides the quickest fix. The addiction is very real. Sugar may be similar to morphine and heroin in

its ability to increase opioids in your brain that produce pleasure. This is compounded by present day marketing which promotes sugar laden foods and foods with hidden sugars like luncheon meats, bouillon cubes, nuts, alcohol, cereals, peanut butter, soups, sauces, dressings, medications, frozen dinners and bread.

We know that the rising rate of sugar consumption is related to and arguably may be the primary reason that the numbers of obese and diabetic Americans have skyrocketed in the past thirty years. Sixty five percent of Americans are overweight and 30 percent are obese. Other chronic ailments widely considered to be diseases of western lifestyles include dementia, heart disease, hypertension, fatty liver and cancer. Incidences of these diseases have rapidly increased and now account for upwards of 75 percent of the healthcare costs in the United States.

One disease that increases with the incidence of obesity and diabetes is cancer. The connection between obesity, diabetes and cancer was first reported in 2004 in large population research studies by the World Health Organizations International Agency for research on cancer. The debate goes on, but most researchers agree that the link between western diet/lifestyle and the incidence of cancer is associated with obesity, diabetes and subsequent insulin resistance.

Is sugar a problem in your life? Are you addicted? Breaking the sugar habit is not easy but it is life changing. Eliminating refined sugars and other refined foods from your diet will ultimately give you more energy and vitality and just possibly reduce your risk of cancer and debilitating degenerative diseases.



Dr. Kerwin is a chiropractor and nutritionist who has been practicing and living in Gorham with his wife and three daughters for 23 years.



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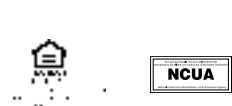
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Thirty-eight people turned out on October 25 to discuss parking issues in the Village. Pedestrian safety was a major concern, especially when crossing the street at the intersection of Routes 114 & 25. Town officials are awaiting the results of a parking survey and have sched-

uled another meeting on November 14th at 8 a.m. in the Council Chambers. There are no immediate plans to demolish the house at 21 Main Street. The parking survey can be accessed at: [http://www.gorham-me.org/Public\\_Documents/GorhamME\\_Planning/Parkingsurvey](http://www.gorham-me.org/Public_Documents/GorhamME_Planning/Parkingsurvey).

# 30 Years of Service



Photo courtesy of the Gorham Police Department

**Town Manager David Cole recently presented a pin to Detective Larry Maxfield-Fearon** for his 30 years of service with the Town of Gorham. Maxfield-Fearon actually hit his 30-year mark in November of 2011, but he had been eluding the manager for the past year.



Jordan Maroon, pictured at right, 20, a junior at USM from Winslow, ME, was arrested on October 29 for setting three fires in his dormitory on the Gorham campus of USM. The fires were reported at about 4:30 a.m. in the main entrance of Philippi Hall. Maroon started a fire in a trash-can and also set fire to two posters



in the building. He was taken to Cumberland County Jail. Thieves took advantage of Hurricane Sandy and broke into two stores that did not have power. Someone stole about \$600 worth of cigarettes from Sawyer's Variety Store on Route 202. Stefanie Frank, 25, of Gorham was charged with stealing \$200 from Raney's Laundromat on South Street. Although the power was out, police found a surveillance video that showed Frank committing the theft.

# LEGAL NOTICE

**The Town of Gorham is accepting bids for the purchase of the municipality's interest in certain tax-acquired property on Monday, November 26, 2012.** For a copy of the official Notice of Tax Sale, please contact the Gorham Finance Office at 222-1610, visit the Town's website at [www.gorham-me.org](http://www.gorham-me.org), or email the Finance Department at [slaflamme@gorham.me.us](mailto:slaflamme@gorham.me.us).

# Correction

The Town Council Report dated October 2 printed in the October 25 edition of the *Gorham Times* should have stated that the vote on whether Councilor Phillip's OUI was a crime of moral turpitude failed 0-5 (Caldwell, Pressey, Robinson, Gagnon, Mattingly; Phillips recused, Phinney absent), not 1-3 as stated in the article.



# Rodney Sharon Quinn

Rodney, aged 89, died Saturday Oct 27, 2012 easily and apparatus free at the Gosnell Hospice House, in Scarborough, Maine.

Born in 1923, he was raised and schooled in Gorham, Maine. As a boy, Rodney lived with his mother, Edith, who ran a boarding house for boys attending the Gorham Normal School. Everyday Rodney was dismissed from school at lunch time for an hour to help his mother mash potatoes and serve afternoon meal.

After high school graduation, an accomplishment he credits entirely to his mother's interest, he joined the Army Air Corps. He flew with the Flying Tigers in China during WWII and served as commander of an air transport squadron during the Korean Conflict. He was stationed in the Far East, Alaska, and at several posts in the US; one of which was the Pentagon, where he received a commendation for his dealings with foreign nuclear intelligence during the Vietnam War.

During his 27 military years he earned his Bachelor's Degree from Sacramento State and his Master's Degree from Stanford University. He retired as Lt. Col., returning home, from the Air Force in 1968. There he served on the Town Council for six years. Rodney felt his greatest achievements in local government were constructing housing for the elderly and a new town center with a modern fire station. In 1974 he was elected as the representative from Gorham to the State Legislature for two terms; and subsequently served as Secretary of the State Maine for ten years. He developed a model for drunk driving programs that were later adopted nationally.

He became a major political figure in the Democratic party in Maine. He believed in effective government as a partial solution for man's problems. He believed that the future of mankind lies in his own hand and those who could had a responsibility to help their fellow man, a belief that motivated him both personally and professionally. His interest and influence in politics continued for the rest of his life, including the writing of a weekly column of political satire for a local paper.

Rodney was a voracious reader and authored several books. His works include his memoirs of Gorham, Cliff Island, WWII in China and a historical novel on Barbarosa and the rise of naval warfare of the Ottoman Empire.

He personally enjoyed teaching and held positions at the University of Maryland, William and Mary, Old Dominion and Armed Forces Staff College in Virginia, University of Maine and Cheverus High School.


His wife of 65 years, Melba, passed two weeks earlier also at the Gosnell House. His legacy lives on in the hearts of his children and their families; Roy and Nika Quinn of Saco, Sharon Quinn of Westbrook, Kathleen and Bob Gartland of Biddeford, and Kelly and Matt Purinton of South Portland. There are ten grandchildren and nine great grandchildren.




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TECHNOLOGY IN GORHAM SCHOOLS

High School Takes Google for a Drive

Barbara Morgan, Educational Technology Specialist

Teachers and students at Gorham High School have been making use of a very powerful collaboration tool in their classrooms called Google Drive, which allows users to keep all course content and communication in one location.

Google Drive is a free web-based document portal where students and teachers can share, edit and comment on documents simultaneously. This allows students to receive immediate feedback from their teachers and peers. Two of Google Drive's key features for educators and students are auto-save and revision history. The auto-save feature saves the document as quickly as it is typed. Revision history allows teachers to track student progress and improvement throughout the course of the assignment.

In the 2011-12 school year, the high school created a Google portal for students and teachers to use in their classrooms as an attempt to take their curriculum paperless, and more importantly, increase content collaboration. What sets Google apart from other word processing, spreadsheet or content applications is its collaboration component, which promotes teamwork, enhances course delivery, and fosters 21st century learning.

Highlights of how Gorham High School is using Google Drive and other Google applications include:

- Students share photos of their field trips and other class activities and upload them to their class Google sites.
- English classes use it as a collaborative writing tool for college essays that leads to easy revision and feedback.
- In world history, students submit homework assignments, create pre-

sentations for research projects and use Google Blogger to post reading responses.

- Paperless assignments are achieved in chemistry labs to promote collaborative writing, compose observations and collect data. This saves students and teacher time and truly makes the lab a collaborative process.
- Digital media uses Google Picasa to find, edit and even share their own photos.
- Google Calendar is used in a Holocaust class to post assignments, documents and links to source information.
- In a social studies class all students share their work in Google Presentations. This allows them to share and critique their work, resulting in immediate feedback.
- TV Production class uses spreadsheets to create and share their storyboards.
- History classes uses Google news to search millions of news sites for current events.
- Foreign language, social studies and speech language teachers use Google Translate, which offers language translation for over 50 languages.

The goal, as educators, is to prepare students to communicate and collaborate in the 21st century and the tool has been crucial to this endeavor. To learn more about how Gorham High School uses this and other collaborative tools in classrooms, contact Barbara Morgan at [barbaramw@gorhamschools.org](mailto:barbaramw@gorhamschools.org).

Barbara Morgan, educational technology specialist at Gorham High School, writes this reoccurring column to give insight into how technology is being used in the classroom.

Gorham Schools Host Thai Educator

Heather Flanders, ESL teacher

Students in Gorham schools had the opportunity to spend some time with an exchange teacher from Thailand this October. The teacher, Mrs. Pawara Rueangmanee, affectionately known to students and staff as "Mimi," is a tenth grade English teacher and department head in her home district Hang Dong School in Chiang Mai, Thailand. She came to Gorham through a teacher Exchange Program.

Mimi and Gorham ESL teacher Heather Flanders were awarded a fellowship for 2012-2013 Educational Seminars Thailand Educator Exchange Program. The U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs is the primary funding source and sponsor of this program. American Councils implements the program in partnership with the Thailand-United States Educational Foundation (Fulbright), and the Thai Ministry of Education. Ten educators each from the U.S. and Thailand were chosen to participate.

Following an orientation in Washington, DC, Mimi spent three weeks in Gorham. She lived with the Flanders' family and her days were spent visiting all five schools in Gorham, sharing information about her culture and school, and observing the way American classrooms were structured. She also had the opportunity to visit a classroom in Portland and spend a day at Maine's new charter school, The Maine Academy of Natural Sciences. In the evenings and on weekends, Mimi enjoyed the fall foliage and the many cultural activities our area has to offer.

When asked what she enjoyed most about her visit, Mimi replied, "Watching the children - especially their eyes - they are so excited about



Photo courtesy of Village School

During her visit, Pawara Rueangmanee, or Mimi, an exchange teacher from Thailand, presented a gift to each school in Gorham. Pictured are K-5 ELL Specialist Heather Flanders, K-5 Literacy Coordinator Kim Fadrigan; Village Principal Brian Porter; Mimi; Village Assistant Principal Jodi Mezzanotte; and K-5 Math Coordinator Cheryl Fotter.

learning." Many children in the classrooms she visited were enthusiastic to learn about life in Thailand. The most popular questions asked by students have been about school and the country's devotion to their king. In an 1982 speech, Ronald Reagan stated, "There is a flickering spark in us all which ... can light the rest of our lives, elevating our ideals, deepening our tolerance, and sharpening our appetite for knowledge about the rest of the world. Educational and cultural exchanges ... provide a perfect opportunity for this precious spark to grow, making us more sensitive and wiser international citizens through our careers." Hopefully Mimi's visit helped to keep this spark alive in Gorham's students.

Next summer, Mrs. Flanders will make a two-week reciprocal visit to Thailand to experience first hand the culture and educational system of that country.

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# GHS to Present William Gibson's "The Miracle Worker"

Jewel Holiday, GHS student

The Gorham High School Theatre Program is proud to present the heartwarming classic, "The Miracle Worker," by William Gibson adapted from Helen Keller's autobiography, "The Story of My Life." The play first opened in the fall of 1959 on Broadway at the Playhouse Theater and was performed over seven hundred times before ending in the summer of 1961. Originally directed by Arthur Penn, the play featured the work of Anne Bancroft as Annie Sullivan and Patty Duke as Helen Keller. The play went on to becoming an Oscar winning movie.

This inspirational play recounts the life story of Helen Keller and Miss Annie Sullivan. The Miracle Worker is set in Alabama during the 1880's. As an infant, Helen Keller was struck by a fever and as a result becomes blind and deaf. Helen soon grows into a defiant and extremely spoiled child. Distressed and in need of guidance on how to deal with their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Keller hire Miss Annie Sullivan, a graduate from the renowned Perkins School for The Blind in Boston to serve as Helen's teacher. After several clashes with Helen, in addition to a two-week period in isolation together, Annie succeeds in reaching Helen, teaching her to "see."

"The Miracle Worker" cast features seniors Lucia Alexandrin, Stefanie Farrington, Ryan Hohman, Jewel Holiday, Maxwell McNally, Kristin Nelson, Merrill Porterfield and Molly Stewart. Juniors include Jacob Clowes, Chloe Gray, Joseph Lambert, Sophia Swiatek, and Collin Young. The shows also includes the work of sophomores GraceAnn Burns and Katie Stickney,



Photo credit Eileen Avery

Chloe Gray stars as Helen Keller and Molly Stewart as Annie Sullivan in Gorham High School's production of "The Miracle Worker."

freshmen Jordanne Mercier and three younger children from the surrounding Gorham community, Andrew Farr, Meghan Reidy, and Mikayla Martorano.

Performances are in the McCormack Performing Arts Center at Gorham High School on November 9, 10, 16 and 17 at 7:30 p.m. There will be one matinee performance on November 11 at 2:00P p.m. Tickets are \$6 for the general public, \$4 for students/senior citizens, and will be sold at the door.

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# Setting Mini Maine Afloat

Terri Dawson, GMS Tech Integrator

Students and teachers in Gorham are participating in a collaborative project that started last August at the annual Sebago Educational Alliance (SEA) Technology Camp. Teachers started to build science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) lesson plans around a mini sailboat at the camp with guidance from Diane Knott, Gorham's gifted and talented coordinator. Students learned about and assembled the boat at E-Camp and will continue to be ambassadors for their respective school districts for the project.

Through the use of technology, students from SEA schools - Gorham, Windham, Westbrook, Scarborough and SAD6 - will be able to track the Mini Maine, a four-foot unmanned sailboat with a GPS unit affixed to the hull, as it travels across the ocean to lands unknown. Sometime in late November to mid-December the Mini Maine will be launched into the Atlantic Ocean several hundred miles off shore by a Brazilian freighter.

Wikis for the sailboat project have been created with the hope that teachers from around the world will see and collaborate as the project unfolds. The Mini-Maine provides the SEA collaborative 21st Century project based learning that is educational and fun for students in all grades.

Gorham schools hosted the iboat for a day. Knott, along with Courtney Smith, a technology education technician in Gorham, gave a short presentation about the purpose of the project. Students were very excited about the possibility of the boat landing in other

countries and continued to ask questions about wind speed, currents and natural hazards that could affect the sailboat's journey.

The SEA funded the boat and materials were purchased from the company's owner, Dick Baldwin, of Educational Passages. This unit will provide daily data points to determine the location of the sailboat for students to track on Google Earth in classrooms once the boat is launched. Boats have been found in France, England and even in the jungles of Panama! If the Mini Maine is recovered, there will be a finders letter transcribed in four languages and a flash drive stored in a water tight container with information about all five SEA schools districts.


Sheila McAtee's seventh grade students toured historic Gorham with Terri Dawson, filming several historical landmarks that make Gorham interesting to someone not familiar with the town. The information for the tour came from several third grade teachers who shared their lessons on Gorham history curriculum. The tour and comments from the students were made into an iMovie with clips from all the K-5 schools taken by Smith. This iMovie, as well as other digital components, are also on the flash drive.

They hope the Mini-Maine will stay afloat for many months and eventually make landfall for a student led recovery program to take place.

To watch the Mini-Maine's voyage or see information surrounding the project please visit: <http://goo.gl/cGr3i>.

## school notes

From now until December 15, K-12 students can compete for a chance to showcase their art on the side of a truck. CLYNK, a Maine recycling company, announced the first-ever CLYNK for Art School Competition. Students are encouraged to create an inspiring piece of art that encourages recycling in Maine. Each winning entry will also receive \$250 to support school art programs. There are separate categories for grades K-4, 5-8, 9-12. The deadline to enter is December 15. For entry forms, a template or to submit artwork online, visit [www.clynk.com/art](http://www.clynk.com/art). Submissions can also be sent via mail to: CLYNK 167 Rumery Street, South Portland, ME 04106. Winners will be announced by February 1.



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# Once Again, Boys' Soccer Comes Oh So Close

Jeff Pike

For the third time in six years, the GHS boys' soccer team reached the Western Maine Class A final. But once again the Rams were denied, losing 1-0 to archrival Scarborough October 31 in a game played at GHS. Gorham also reached the Western Class A finals in 2010 and 2007.

Gorham finished the regular season 12-0-2 and won its first two play-off games over Cape Elizabeth and Kennebunk. All year long, the Rams dominated opponents, outscoring them, 59-8, and never allowing more than one goal in a single game.

Against Scarborough, Gorham controlled play during the first half but could not manage to score. After Scarborough went ahead halfway through the second half, Gorham came back with one potential scoring opportunity, but a close shot stopped by the goalkeeper was followed up by a shot that sailed over the net.

Leading the way for the Rams this year was four-year varsity starter Connor Reagan, a senior who scored 15 goals and increased his career total to 47. Adding this to his 29 career assists, Regan is the leading career scorer in Gorham soccer going back to 1990 in research conducted by head coach Tim King.

For his efforts, Reagan was recently selected to the Maine Soccer Coaches All-State Team along with senior teammate Kyle Curley, a three-year varsity starter as a defender. Other key senior contributors included goalkeeper Alex McCarthy and defender Chris Hardy, who along with Curley spearheaded a defense that shut out opponents nine times.

The team's graduating seniors also include Alex Owens, Spence Cowand, Mike Sullivan, Caleb Dolloff, Marc Benson, Milan Vidovic, and Seth Anderson. Another senior who will be sorely missed is co-captain Mike Lubelczyk. He missed the entire year



Photo credit Tim Plummer

GHS senior **Connor Reagan** launches a kick in the Rams 1-0 loss to Scarborough October 31 in the Western Maine Class A final at GHS. Reagan was a four-year varsity starter and led the team in goals scored in all four years, totaling 47. To the left is Reagan's teammate **Spence Cowand**.

due to an injury. "We not only missed his soccer skills, but also his leadership," King said.

The seniors earned the distinction of playing for varsity teams that racked up an overall regular season record of 45-7-4 during their tenure. This year's team overcame major injuries to Lubelczyk and junior Tyler Eldridge, also a projected starter.

"We were confident we would have a successful season," King said. "Overcoming the injuries was a major challenge, but we won many close games and played consistent on offense and defense. I am very proud of what the team accomplished. From the program standpoint, since we moved to Class A in 2005, we have had strong teams just about every year."

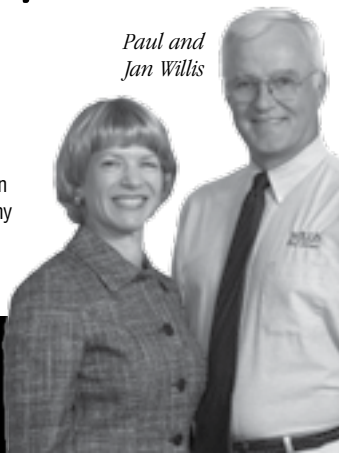
Looking ahead to next season, the Rams will need to replace seven senior starters. "We will be a very young team but have Chandler Reagan and Austin Bell coming back, who were our second and third leading goal scorers," King said. "We'll need the young players to step up into new roles, but there is talent. The graduating seniors turned in a very strong four years and have set the bar high for next year's team."

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# Gorham Runner Overcomes Sight Challenges

Emily DeLuca

Dan Thompson, a sophomore at Gorham High school, suffers from a condition that makes his eyes sensitive to light. Therefore, he is legally blind. However, that has never stopped Thompson from doing what he loves. He has not let his disability hold him back and is an athlete in three sports: cross country, indoor track, and outdoor track. Cross country seems to be his biggest obstacle, which he welcomes.

The changes from light to dark are what create the challenges for Thompson in cross country. It is much harder for him to see when he is on a wooded trail. In order to overcome this, he wears a hat and sunglasses when he runs so that his eyes are better adjusted. Also, when a race takes place on a trail that his coaches know is not well marked, he can run with another member of the team.

"In the woods, it's dark, and they allow me to wear my hat and glasses," said Thompson. "If it's an especially hard course, then someone on my team will help me."

His teammates are very supportive, and team captain Connor Dunn described him as a "motivational boost" in an interview with WGME Channel 13, which ran a video segment on Thompson. The video featured Thompson's feats and his ability to compete while overcoming his condition.

Indoor and outdoor track are not as much of a struggle for Thompson in regards to his eyesight. "Track meets



Photo credit Jason Tanguay

GHS sophomore **Dan Thompson**, who is legally blind, competes during a cross country meet earlier this season.

are really long, so sitting there for a while makes my eyes adapt," Thompson explained. "So I don't run with my hat or glasses in indoor track because the light doesn't change."

Regardless, Thompson's ability to compete in track it is still something worth noticing for a runner who is legally blind. Unfortunately, he is not able to try any other sports because his hand/eye coordination is affected due to his vision.

# in the Zone

**End of Fall Sports Season Notes:** In post-season action that occurred since the last issue of the Gorham Times, the boys' cross country team placed seventh in the 5K Class A State Championship at Belfast on October 27. **Jesse Southard** finished 19th as the top Gorham runner with a time of 17:22.24 while **Jeremy Collett** was 38th with a time of 17:58.08. The volleyball team advanced to the Class A semi-finals before losing to top-seeded Biddeford on October 27 in three games (19-25, 16-25, 10-25). During the match, **Katilyn Seehusen** handed out 18 assists while **Samantha Robinson** had 21 digs. The girls' soccer team advanced to the Western Maine Class A quarterfinals where the Rams lost to second-seeded Thornton Academy, 2-0, on October 23.

**Past GHS Golf Exploits:** In reporting on the GHS golf team's recent successes, the Gorham Times omitted the success of the boys' team that won the 1998 Class A Team Championship as well as **Joe Manganaro**, who won the Class A Individual Championship in 1999. Going back a little further, **Vickie Marceau** won the girls' Individual Championship in 1975.

**College All-Academic:** University of New Hampshire **Kristi Zarrilli** (GHS '10), a junior on the women's soccer team, was named to the America East All-Academic Team. To earn this distinction, a student-athlete must have a minimum grade-point-average of 3.30 and be a starter or prominent reserve who has played in at least 50 percent of the team's games. Zarrilli started in 13 of the team's 19 games and earned two assists on the season.


**Key Players for Saint Joseph's Women's Soccer:** GHS graduates **Sam Peters** (GHS '11) and **Lauren Chouinard** (GHS '10) both played prominent roles on this year's Saint Joseph's College of Maine women's soccer team that finished the year with an 8-4-4 record. Peters, a sophomore, started 11 games and scored two goals while handing out two assists. Chouinard, a junior, started eight games and scored one goal.

Thompson got involved with cross country when he started eighth grade. "In eighth grade I ran cross country, indoor track and outdoor track," Thompson said. "I've done that every year."

Thompson's coach for the cross country season was Jason Tanguay, who is also a teacher at Gorham High School. When talking about Thompson as a runner, Tanguay stated, "When he joined us last year, he was more interested in the social aspect of running, but over the past two years he has found interest in the competitive side of running."

When watching a meet or practice, there is no indication of Thompson's condition. "If someone showed up to a cross country meet or practice, then they might not even know that Dan has issues with his vision as he fits right in with the rest of the team," Tanguay said.

The vision challenge doesn't hold Thompson back, and he is a positive influence and role model on his team. As for next year, he has a promising future and is hoping to be on the varsity team and help lead them to a successful season.



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# And the Winning Chili and Chowder Goes to...

Gorham Business Exchange held their fifth annual Chili and Chowder Challenge. Four awards were given: Popular Choice for chili, Popular Choice for chowder, Judge's Choice for chili, and Judge's Choice for Chowder. The chicken and corn chowder by **Mark Lizotte of Gorham House** swept both People's and Judges' Choice for chowder. **Paul Kennedy of Sebago Brewing Company** won Judges' Choice for chili, and **Keith Nicely of Nicely Property Team** won People's Choice for his Burning Bush Chili. Nicely Property Team and Gorham House both won last year.

# Give the Gift of Food

Karen DiDonato

As Thanksgiving nears, many people are planning menus and starting to buy holiday gifts. This holiday season, consider giving the gift of food to members of the Gorham community by donating to the Gorham Food Pantry. The Gorham Food Pantry offers food assistance at no cost to any Gorham resident in need. The current list of needs includes spaghetti sauce, canned soup, canned tomatoes, cereal, quick

cooking rice, baked beans, and canned meats. Always in need of food, time, and monetary donations, the Pantry is open on Thursday mornings from 9 to 11 a.m. and the second and fourth Wednesday of the month from 6 to 7 p.m. and is located in the parking lot of St. Anne's Church on Main Street. For more information about The Gorham Food Pantry, call at 222-4351 or visit [www.gorhamfoodpantry.org](http://www.gorhamfoodpantry.org).

# New Year Gorham Auction Meets its Goal!


The New Year Gorham Auction committee set an ambitious \$3,000 goal, and thanks to countless area businesses that donated wonderful items and the generous folks who came to support the event, they met their goal. "To keep New Year Gorham affordable, we realized we needed to raise the bar this year," said Alice Grover, co-chair of the event. "We are really pleased we can keep the button cost at \$5 per person and continue to offer family packages for \$20."

Bruce Roullard, who co-chaired the event, recognized the volunteers who helped make the event so much fun. "We especially appreciate Duane Dreger for his auctioneering skills and the Sigma Nu fraternity men who worked over and above our expectations on behalf of New Year Gorham." For more information about New Year Gorham, visit the website: [newyear-gorham.org](http://newyear-gorham.org).



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Duane Dreger presents Alice Grover with his check that brought the total to \$3,040.



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# Spire 29 on the Square Open for Business

Sheri Faber

Jim Ciampi, who has been in the entertainment business for many years, will be managing the newly renamed property at 29 School Street, which was formerly the Methodist Church.

The first event planned for the new venue was a gathering following the service for Rodney Quinn, former Secretary of State. New owner Jon Smith expects to begin booking events immediately. Ciampi can be reached at [www.citysideevents.com](http://www.citysideevents.com).

The property, which was sold at fore-

closure auction last May, had been owned by Michel Salvaggio Sr., dba Bedford Falls Associates. Paula Salvaggio and Michel Salvaggio Jr. had been running a banquet center at the site. Salvaggio Jr. was given until 5 p.m. on November 2nd to remove the rest of his property. The Salvaggios have filed suit over items remaining in the building and in addition, Paula Salvaggio claims she was wrongfully evicted after the sale and that the new owner denied her access to the building to remove business property. The case will be heard in Cumberland County Superior Court.

# Building “Green”

Krista Nadeau

Making plans to build any home takes tremendous planning, but building an eco friendly home takes even more. The frequent collaboration between homeowners and builders often only leads to a nice business relationship, but for homeowners Tom Snyder and Lee Workman, they became friends with the team from Taggart Construction, located in Freeport.

When asked how long they had been green, Snyder answered, “I think of my ‘green conversion’ moment as the time of the Arab oil embargo, which happened when I was 17.” From there he continued to compile more knowledge about energy and environmental issues. After their children had grown up, they decided to downsize, which was when they were ready to build their “green” home.



Photo credit Krista Nadeau

“Green” homeowners Tom Snyder and Lee Workman stand in their light-filled kitchen of their LEED Gold Certified home.

Upon visiting the eco friendly home, it is obvious they knew what they wanted – a beautiful and inviting home. The south side of the house is mostly windows that seems to beckon “come and relax.” The views from the windows in both the kitchen and living room are of their gardens and trees on a sloping hill. It truly feels like a sanctuary, utilizing most of the natural environment.

Snyder and Workman’s home is 1,700 square feet and was awarded LEED Gold Certification. “LEED is the nationally accepted benchmark of the US Green Building Council for the design, construction, and operation of high performance green buildings.” According to Taggart Construction, some of the highlights about the site on which the house sits include: “limited zone impact, no paving materials, orientation for active and passive solar, rain water 500 gallon storage tank, and permaculture and sustainable native species landscaping. Their home features frost protected concrete

slab with radiant heat [Snyder and Workman do not have an attic or basement because it helps them live more simply], underslab radon loop with passive venting to exterior, advanced framing techniques, recycled content Dense-Pac cellulose insulation (R28), reinforced, recycled content poly vapor barrier, waterborne and low VOC finishes, advanced energy lighting, high efficiency plumbing fixtures, no exotic or tropical hardwoods, and Energy Star appliances.”

If you are thinking about building a “green” home, you may consider reading the book, *The Not So Big House* by Sarah Susanka as Snyder and Workman did. For more information about Taggart Construction, visit their website at [www.tagcon.com](http://www.tagcon.com). In addition, Snyder and Workman are affiliated with Portland Maine Permaculture, a group aimed at forming resilient and truly sustainable communities. For more information visit <http://portland-mainepermaculture.wordpress.com/>.

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## Military News

**Pvt. Kyle Fitzwilliam** (GHS '10) graduated from Basic Combat Training in Fort Jackson, SC on Oct. 4, 2012 and will continue his Advanced Individual Training at Fort Lee, VA.



## Milestones

The Maine Insurance Agents Association (MIAA) awarded **Ethan Johnson**, of Gorham Insurance, with the Young Agent of the Year Award, a highly recognized achievement in the insurance industry for "young" professionals.



## Of Interest

**Gorham Business Exchange Meeting - Networking, The Vital Link - Thursday, Nov. 8, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.** at Gorham Savings Bank, 10 Wentworth Avenue, Gorham. Presenter: Dave Stearns, Dale Carnegie. FMI: [www.gorhambusiness.org](http://www.gorhambusiness.org) or call 892-5515.

Environmental Protection Agency has awarded the Greater Research Opportunity Fellowship to **George Grant** (GHS '10), a biology and geology junior at Castleton State College in Vermont. The fellowship will help Grant to continue his research investigating the effects of watershed degradation and other environmental protection issues.



A program and reception to honor Gorham veterans, with a special emphasis on Korean War veterans will be held at **Baxter Memorial Library** on **Monday, Nov. 12 at 10 a.m.** A filmed

interview with Rodney Quinn will be shown. FMI, 839-5031.

The **Baxter Memorial Library** will present a **Graphic Novel Workshop on Tuesdays, Nov. 13, 20 & 27.** Local artist Tim Sposato will guide you in developing characters, creating a story, and telling your story through pictures. Visit [timsposato.com](http://timsposato.com). Registration required. FMI, 222-1190.

**Gorham House** will host their **Annual Craft Fair on Friday, Nov. 9 from 1-6 p.m. & Saturday, Nov. 10 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m.** Jewelry, unique art, furniture, clothing and holiday crafts. There will be a sandwich bar, beverages and delectable sweets for sale to benefit the Gorham House Wellness Program. Admission is FREE.

**FREE Thanksgiving Dinner on Thursday, Nov. 22 at 12 p.m. at Mr. Bagel in Gorham** for folks who would otherwise be alone or unable to fix this meal. Reservations preferred! Please call Roxanne Moody at 839-4516. Be prepared to leave a message.

The **Southern Maine Agency on Aging** will hold office hours every Thursday from 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at **St. Anne's Catholic Church** in Gorham to help seniors with questions regarding Medicare benefits, prescription drug programs, property tax and rent rebates and more. FMI, call SMAA at 396-6500.

**Dance Studio of Maine Dancers Mikki Leskowsky and Bella Moulton** attended a workshop in Boston with the well-known eight-member girl dance crew 8



Photo courtesy Trish Moulton

Flavahz who are best known for their performances on Americas Best Dance Crew as well as appearances in various popular music videos and movies. Pictured are Leskowsky (left) and Moulton (right) with 8 Flavahz Dance Crew member Kaelynn Harris (center).

The **Lakes Region Senior Center, 40 Acorn St, Gorham**, offers a variety of daily activities and drop-in classes for seniors. Stop in for morning coffee or play pickleball, poker, bingo or cribbage. Join in on exercise, watch a movie or learn to knit. FMI, 893-9088.

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The **Gorham K-5 school nurses participated in the My-Fit-24 Zombie Run fundraiser to benefit Maine Parents and Providers of Diabetics or Maine P-Pods.** Pictured are school nurses **Beth Greateorex**, Village School; **Carrie Chasse**, Narragansett School; **Beth Ewing**, Great Falls School; and **Kailyn Robie**, Ben Shields and **Bode Coleman**, all children with type 1 diabetes.



## Holiday Fairs

There will be a **Christmas Craft Fair on Saturday, Nov. 17, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.** at the Redeemer Lutheran Church, 410 Main St. FMI, 839-7100.

**St. Anne's Catholic Church, 299 Main St., will once again host "Home for the Holidays" Christmas Fair on Saturday, Nov. 10 from 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 11 from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.** Raffles, crafts, jewelry, silent auction, breakfast, lunch and Bean & Casserole Dinner. Special Mass on Saturday at 4 p.m. FMI, 839-4857.

**Friends of the Windham Public Library will sponsor a Holiday Fair on Saturday, Nov. 17 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.** at the Windham-Gorham Rod and Gun Club, 8 Tow Path Road, Gorham. Crafts, baked goods, knitted

goods, raffles, light lunch and more. FMI, 892-4249.

The **Windham Hill UCC Church, 140 Windham Center Rd., Windham**, will hold a **Holiday Fair on Saturday, Nov. 10 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.** Holiday wreaths, cemetery baskets, birch log candleholders, beanie babies, costume jewelry and much, much more. FMI, 892-4217.

The **West Gorham Union Church, Rte. 25 (190 Ossipee Trail)**, will hold a **Country Christmas Fair with lunch on Saturday, Nov. 17 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.** Crafts, Christmas decorations, jewelry, books, knitted and quilted items, and more.

## USM Notes

The **USM School of Music** will present three dynamic pianists on **Friday, Nov. 9, 7:30 p.m.** in Corthell Concert Hall on the USM Gorham campus. \$6/\$3. FMI, 780-5555.

The **University of Southern Maine's School of Business** has been named 'the best choice for Portland-area professionals,' according to The Princeton Review. The education services company features the school in the new 2013 edition of its annual guidebook "The Best 296 Business Schools."

## Close to Home

The **Saco River Theatre** presents **Hapgood**, a spy thriller by Tom Stoppard, **Nov. 8, 9 & 10 at 7:30 p.m.** \$20/\$18. FMI, 929-5412.



The **Marine Corps League** invites **ALL AREA MARINES** to an informational meeting followed by a small birthday celebration on **Thursday, Nov. 8**, at the American Legion Post 197, 300 Conant Street, Westbrook. FMI, 653-3543.

**Allen Avenue Unitarian Universalist Church** annual **Holiday Fair, Saturday, Dec. 1 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.** Handmade crafts and jewelry, eco-gifts, jams, breads and other baked goods, UU books, and White and Gold Elephant rooms. There will be a raffle basket drawing, donuts and lunch available. Enjoy music, an outdoor fireplace, and have your family holiday photo taken. 524 Allen Avenue, Portland. FMI, [office@a2u2.org](mailto:office@a2u2.org).

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**Main Street caller** stated that a baby and a small girl were left in a car. Children were actually 12 and three years old.

**Sebago Lake Road caller** stated there was a lot of traffic in and out of the park and believed there was a party going on.

**Lawn Avenue caller** reported a large fox running between their house and a neighbor's house, headed toward the road.

**Sebago Lake Road caller** stated that a male subject was drunk and belligerent at the residence, and caller just did not want to deal with him anymore.

**Hemlock Road caller** reported a disturbance involving a screaming male who was throwing things.

**Murray Drive caller** reported two dogs defecating in their yard. Caller was very upset.

**The chief called to report** a male and female shopping out of the Salvation Army box. They were told to leave and not to do it again.

**Huston Road caller** reported they lost their car key last night somewhere on the side of the road.

**Burnham Road caller** wanted to talk to an officer about his neighbor's horses getting loose and destroying his lawn.

**Sebago Lake Road caller** had questions about how to keep her son's girlfriend from coming to her house.

**Gray Road caller** reported there were cones in the road blocking Rt. 202. While on the phone, someone ran out and removed the cones from the road.

**Bartlett Road caller** reported they could see someone on their remote camera in their warehouse that was not one of their employees.

**North Gorham Road caller** reported that four juveniles walked to the school, broke the windows, and spray painted the portables.

**Shaw's Mill Road caller** was looking for a trap as they were having a problem with a fox attacking their chickens.

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- Gorham Woman's Club meeting, First Parish Church, Gorham, 12:30 reception followed by 1 p.m. program with Mary Brunet. FMI, 839-6375.
- Gorham Business Exchange Meeting – Networking, the Vital Link – 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Gorham Savings Bank, 10 Wentworth Dr., Gorham.
- Gorham Food Pantry, 9-11 a.m., located in St. Anne's Catholic Church parking lot.
- WWCC Community Meal (810 Main St, Westbrook), 12 p.m. Ham & mashed potatoes served. Everyone invited. \$5.
- Baxter Memorial Library Trustee's Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

## FRIDAY, NOV. 9

- Harvest Hoedown Fundraiser, Odd Fellows Hall (across from Thatchers), 7 p.m. Tricky Britches start at 8 p.m. Tickets \$20 pp. FMI, 839-894/edoye3@maine.rr.com.
- Gorham/Westbrook TRIAD meeting, Millbrook Estates, Westbrook, 9 a.m. FMI, 839-5407 or Doris Ames 839-2948.

## SATURDAY, NOV. 10

- Hunter's Breakfast, Cressey Road UMC, 5-9 a.m. Free breakfast with donations accepted for church mission's trip to Guatemala. FMI, 839-4383.

## MONDAY, NOV. 12

- Veteran's Day. Baxter Library Closed.

## TUESDAY, NOV. 13

- Graphic Novel Workshop, 3 p.m., Baxter Library. FMI, 839-5031.

## WEDNESDAY, NOV. 14

- Prayer Shawl Knitting Group, 1-2:30 p.m., St. Anne's Catholic Church. All are welcome. FMI, 839-4857.
- Senior Community Meal, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., St. Anne's Catholic Church, \$3.50. Everyone welcome. FMI, 839-4857.
- Toddlers in the Library, for children under 3 yrs., 10-10:30 a.m., No. Gorham Public Library, 2 Standish Neck Rd. FMI, 892-2575.
- Gorham Food Pantry, 6-7:30 p.m., located in St. Anne's Catholic Church parking lot.

## THURSDAY, NOV. 15

- Citizens for a Greener Gorham, 5:30-6:45 p.m., Gorham Grind.
- Baby and Me, baby story time for ages birth to 18 mos., Baxter Library, 9:30 a.m. FMI, 839-5031.
- Toddler Time, story time for ages 18-36 mos., Baxter Library, 10 a.m. FMI, 839-5031.
- Sewing Group, 2:30 p.m., Baxter Library. FMI, 839-5031.
- Gorham Food Pantry, 9-11 a.m., located in St. Anne's Catholic Church parking lot.

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## SATURDAY, NOV. 17

- Hunter's Breakfast, Cressey Road UMC, 5-9 a.m. Free breakfast with donations accepted for church mission's trip to Guatemala. FMI, 839-4383.

## THURSDAY, NOV. 22

- Thanksgiving Holiday. Baxter Library closed.

## FRIDAY, NOV. 23

- Thanksgiving Holiday. Baxter Library closed.

Activities listed to the left are located at:  
**Baxter Memorial Library, 71 South St.**  
**Cressey Road United Methodist Church, 81 Cressey Rd.**  
**First Parish Congregational Church, 1 Church St.**  
**Gorham Farmer's Market, South St., next to Baxter Memorial Library**  
**Gorham Food Pantry, St. Anne's Catholic Church parking lot, 299 Main St.**  
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