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State Reps, Senator to Hold Health Insurance Forum

Sen. Jim Boyle and Reps. Andrew McLean and Linda Sanborn will hold two forums to help constituents better understand the Health Insurance Marketplace on October 12 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. and again on October 23 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Gorham Municipal Center.

Open enrollment for the Marketplace has already begun and runs until March 31, 2014 with coverage beginning as soon as January 1, 2014.

Among the things to be discussed at the forum will be how individuals and families can explore their options, how to learn about different types of health coverage, important questions to keep in mind while looking for a plan, what information needs to be gathered before looking for a plan, how to set a proper health insurance budget, and what scams to look out for regarding the Affordable Care Act and insurance marketplace.

Find free help at www.enroll207.com. Trained customer service representatives are available through toll-free help lines at HealthCare.gov. The toll-free number is (800) 318-2596. Certified insurance agents can also help people review plan options.

To find out more about the forum, visit the event's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/events/1419153118308740/ or by searching "Understanding the Affordable Care Act & Insurance Marketplace" on Facebook.

Town Receives High Ratings for Bonds

GORHAM TIMES STAFF

The Town of Gorham is about to sell \$1.4 million General Obligation Bonds that have been previously approved by the voters. The bonds are for two fire engines for \$900,000 and another \$500,000 for repairs to the former Little Falls School. Prior to selling the bonds, the town needed to receive a rating from several bond-rating agencies. On September 19, Town Manager David Cole, Finance Director Sharon Laflamme, and the Town's financial consultant, Dick Ranaghan, made a presentation to the two bond rating agencies, Moody's and Standard & Poor's. Both recently issued their reports with Moody's giving the town a very good rating of Aa2, which is consistent with their prior rating for the town while Standard & Poor's raised its rating from AA to AA+. Cole indicated that both ratings are excellent and reflect the town's continued strong financial performance. The town is expecting to sell the bonds in the next few weeks.

Town-Owned Properties in Gorham Village

BY NOAH MINER
Staff Writer

In July of 2012, the Town Council purchased two residential homes in Gorham Village with the intent of creating additional parking. These two homes, one at 21 Main Street and the other at 10 Preble Street, were purchased for a combined cost of \$409,800. Both properties were on the market simultaneously. The house at 10 Preble Street abuts the town-owned grass lot next to Robie Gym. The house at 21 Main Street is adjacent to Amato's. During Council debate in July of 2012 regarding the purchase of these buildings, several residents questioned why the town would buy the properties without an action plan in place and when and how the parking lots would be constructed.

Soon after the properties were purchased the Town Council asked the Gorham Economic Development Corporation (GEDC) to look into the need for parking in the village. The GEDC was given two months to come up with stakeholder report including input from members of the public and business community. The GEDC survey of 93 members of the community resulted in the following recommendations:

- There is a definite lack of parking on the northeast and northwest side of Main Street in the Village (the corner with Gorham House of Pizza and the Masonic Building.)



21 Main Street

- Gorham Village is not pedestrian friendly. Pedestrians are hindered by the inability to cross the major intersection in the Village.

- The town should consult with the Maine Department of Transportation to identify and address the major issue of pedestrian safety at this intersection by possibly changing signalization, erecting warnings such as barrels in the pedestrian walkway, or employing other safety measures.

- Signage for all public parking should be installed and easily visible.

- The buildings do not appear to be the immediate solution to the parking problem.



10 Preble Street

- More on-street parking should be created along Cross Street.

In May 2013, after reviewing the GEDC study, the Town Council voted to have an outside contractor (Terrence Dewan and Associates), study parking and traffic issues in the Village. Town Manager David Cole recently stated that before taking up the item again, the Town Council is awaiting the results of the report.

Cole also stated the building at 21 Main Street has been winterized and the building at 10 Preble Street will be winterized soon.

The fate of these homes has yet to be determined.

Fall Splendor Abounds in Gorham

Despite the unseasonably warm temperatures we have been enjoying recently, autumn is here and just beginning its spectacular show. Share your fall photos with us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/GorhamTimes.



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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.

Roundtable Will Tackle Important Issues Facing Maine’s Future

By Rep. Linda Sanborn

On Oct. 1, Maine legislators convened for the second of four roundtable meetings to discuss Maine’s aging population. The roundtable brought together a diverse set of minds from the business community, health care industry and the education and workforce field to confront head-on the challenge Maine will face in the coming years as its population continues to age.

This was an important step toward tackling an issue that will greatly impact our state’s economic future, and I was proud to be a part of it.

Today, 21 percent of Mainers are age 60 or above. By 2030 that number will have risen to more than 25 percent. Maine’s median age of 43.5 is above the national average, in part due to its younger population leaving the state in greater numbers each year. Maine also has the biggest portion of baby boomers, at 29 percent of its overall population. Each year, nearly 20,000 of those baby boomers turn 65.

What this means is that in the coming decades more people will enter retirement while fewer enter the job market, resulting in a workforce gap in the state. Maine will lose roughly 20,000 jobs over the next 20 years if it doesn’t attract 3,000 to 4,000 people

These issues affect all of us—whether you are a member of the aging population who is looking for increased health care, a recent graduate looking for a job or an employer faced with a retiring workforce.

to the state for each of those 20 years. One in every five adults in Maine is a caregiver to a senior citizen. While it is a noble cause, caregiving costs these individuals both financially and in the workplace. In the United States, a caregiver can cost an employer roughly \$2,000 annually on average. This is because caregivers are twice as likely to report health issues and are on average less productive at the workplace due to the demands of caregiving.

Many seniors in Maine are victims of abuse and exploitation—emotionally, physically and financially—caused by scams or complex systems designed to target and take advantage of them.

As we look to improve in areas of transportation, health care and hous-

ing services for our aging population, we must also make protecting them from abuse and exploitation a priority, something on which Maine still lags behind other states.

These issues affect all of us—whether you are a member of the aging population who is looking for increased health care, a recent graduate looking for a job or an employer faced with a retiring workforce.

Dr. Wehry, the chief of Vermont’s Department of Disabilities, Aging and Independent Living, brought a refreshing and hopeful perspective to our second round table discussion. She highlighted best practices for fostering greater independence for aging populations by increasing access to home based care. We can make our communities more livable – increasing access to affordable housing, transportation and creating more health care jobs – helping Maine people of all ages.



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around town

The 2013-14 Real Estate Tax Bills can now be viewed and printed from the Town of Gorham website.

Town Manager David Cole issued a five-year service pin to Spirit Dove of Baxter Memorial Library.



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The GBE has an opening for the part-time paid position of Executive Director. The successful candidate will be results driven with a ‘can do’ attitude and experience in a dynamic organization. The position requires excellent communication skills, ability to build relationships in the community and a passion for the town of Gorham.

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Local Fiddler, Don Roy



BY BRUCE WEBB
Staff Writer

Gorham resident Don Roy recently received two honors at the Crossroads International Celtic Festival in South Paris, Maine. Roy, dubbed the “Dean of Francophone Fiddling,” was designated a Master Fiddler by the Maine Arts Commission. In addition, he was named Artist in Residence and will spend the next 12 months guiding the festival plans for next year. He will team up with Scott MacMillen, a musician from Cape Breton Island in Nova Scotia, to collaborate plans for next year’s festival.

Roy is the premier fiddle player in the Franco American style and has played music all over the country including the Port Townsend Folk Festival, Prairie Home Companion radio show, and Carnegie Hall. Roy teaches at

the Gorham School of Music and, with his wife Cindy, bassist Jay Young, and guitarist Larry Burkett, performs locally throughout the area as The Don Roy Ensemble.

Roy is passionate about sharing his musical heritage with future generations and is the guiding force behind a local fiddle orchestra founded in 2003 that includes over 100 enthusiastic fiddlers. Fiddle-icious has been playing four concerts a year for the past 10 years and has 12 musicians who live in Gorham. Fiddle-icious will appear in Gorham at the McCormack Performing Arts Center at Gorham High School on Saturday, October 26 at 7:30 p.m.

For more information about Fiddle-icious, visit <http://fiddleicious.com>. For further reading on the Don Roy Ensemble, visit <http://donroyonline.com/the-don-roy-ensemble>.

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Lettuce Be Healthy

BY BARBARA T. SCHNEIDER

Even after fall arrives, we can still use the grill for some delicious meals. This wild caught salmon recipe served with roasted veggies is a prime example, although the oven can be used for both of these recipes. This can be doubled and done in great quantity and any leftover salmon (cut into pieces) tossed with the accompanying Walnut Dressing

can be served as a salad the next day. All the way around, this is a winner.

The seasoned nuts are just as versatile...use any combo of nuts or legumes you might have. Edemame is a yummy addition to the simple mix. Give them all a go; I am confident you won't be disappointed.

Questions about the recipes can be e-mailed to Barbara Schneider at bts@maine.rr.com.

Quick Roasted Salmon with a Kick

10-12" long wild salmon fillet (as equal thickness as possible, have fishmonger cut off tail end if too thin. Farm raised salmon small cut fillets can also be used, but are not as tasty.)
4-5 tablespoons of Grey Poupon mustard
2 tablespoons stoneground Dijon mustard
1 teaspoon fresh horseradish
1 tablespoon of honey
Canola spray for grilling
Salt & pepper

Heat grill to high heat, spray with oil. Pat salmon dry with paper towel, spray with canola spray, and season with salt & pepper. Mix mustards, horseradish and honey in small bowl. Grill salmon skinless side down for 4 minutes, turn and grill for another 5 minutes. Spread mustard mixture generously on top of salmon. Grill for another 2-4 minutes, to set some glaze. Serve any leftover mustard mixture on the side. It is also fabulous on veggie recipe below. This salmon is moist and yummy...with a great kick. Enjoy!

**Roasted Vegetables with Roasted Walnut Dressing
(save some on the side for a salad with leftovers)**

3 or 4 long thin carrots, peeled and cut in 4" lengths
2 zucchini, sliced on the diagonal
Large Vidalia onion, sliced
Container of mushrooms: shiitake, portabella (your choice), sliced
Small bunch asparagus, peeled
Canola spray for grilling
1/2 cup canola oil
Salt & pepper
1 cup walnuts, toasted & cooled
3 shallots, chopped
Handful of fresh herbs: basil, thyme, parsley; chopped Sprinkle of lemon juice
1 tablespoon orange zest

Preheat oven to 375 degrees or prep grill for high heat. Spray veggies with canola spray, salt and pepper. Line a baking pan with foil if roasting veggies in oven, otherwise spray grill with oil. Place veggies in oven or on grill, turning about 6-7 minutes after charring lines appear. Continue for another 6-7 minutes until tender. Arrange on serving platter. Place walnuts in food processor, add shallots, herbs, lemon and orange zest. Begin to drizzle in oil slowly while pulsing processor, until all is ground. Drizzle over roasted veggies.... Yum!

Kicky Spiced Nut Mix

1 Tablespoon canola oil
1 Tablespoon cinnamon
A generous shake of: ground cloves, cardamom, salt. Add a hit of smoked paprika or a shot of hot sauce if you dare.
1 teaspoon of honey
1/2 teaspoon of brown sugar
1/2 cup raw almonds
1/2 cup cashews
1/4 cup walnuts
1/2 cup canned chick peas (garbanzos), rinsed and patted dry

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Mix all ingredients except nuts/peas in a bowl and microwave for 25 seconds. Toss nuts into mixture and spread evenly on a baking sheet. Bake for about 15 minutes until toasted. Serve warm or store in an airtight jar to keep until ready to serve.

Town Council Candidate Profiles

Full Name: Forrest Benjamin Genthner
Address: 33 Old Orchard Rd., Gorham
Education: Gorham High School, Saint Joseph's College of Maine



Photo credit Cathy Genthner

Personal: Studying to be a public high school American History teacher.
Employment: Supply pianist at various churches; customer service at MZ Enterprises, church custodian at Sebago Center Community Church, umpire at Gorham Youth Baseball and Softball.
Political and community experience: In 2012, I worked on the Presidential Campaign. For forty hours a week volunteering, I talked with voters in Maine and New Hampshire. I helped run a phone bank and organized people going door to door. During all of this, I maintained high grades in school. During high school, I was a member of the School Council for four years and was co-chair for two years. I also helped organize COMMUNITY Gorham. Over the past four years, I have volunteered over 800 hours for the community by serving in various ways for civic, environmental, educational and church groups.

What do you see as your major challenge and what do you bring to the table?
The major challenge is to reduce the burden on taxpayers while encouraging business growth. We need to encourage Gorham residents to support and remain loyal to local businesses. I would do this by having "Business Days" in Gorham. During this, we would have special events

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Full Name: Ben Hartwell
Address: 443 Sebago Lake Road, Gorham
Education: AAS Animal Science, SUNY Cobleskill. BS Animal Science, Cornell University



Photo credit Ben Hartwell

Personal: Wife Jenn
Employment: Army National Guard (Infantry), Agricultural Consulting Services, Glades Crop Care, Capricorn Products (Biotech), currently own and operate Sebago Lake Ranch (grass fed beef) and Ben Fencin' (livestock and equine fencing).
Political and community experience: Served on Cumberland County Cooperative Extension Executive Board, currently vice president of Maine Grass Farmers Network and president of Cumberland County Farm Bureau. Was a runner up for the 2012 Gorham Town Council race.

What do you see as your major challenge and what do you bring to the table?
I am very concerned about the increase in tax rates we have all seen in Gorham. While families struggle to make ends meet in this economy and most people not seeing an increase in their pay, it is frustrating to see an increase in our property taxes. One year ago I was the only candidate who brought up the fact that less money would be going from the federal government to the state and therefore less money was going to go to the municipalities. I said a strategy needed to be formed with how to deal with this; nobody wanted to discuss it

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Full Name: James D. Means (Jim)
Address: 7 Beatrice Dr., Gorham
Education: B.S., Industrial Management Clarkson University, Potsdam, NY; CCIM (Certified Real Estate Investment Manager); CPM (Certified Property Manager); CSM (Certified Shopping Center Manager)



Photo credit JoAnn Means

Personal: Past chairman, St. Anne's Finance & Administration Commission (facilitated locating Gorham Food Pantry on Church property at no cost to Town). Past chairman of Cheverus High School Board of Trustees; during my seven year tenure Cheverus became co-educational, the new gymnasium was constructed (on time and under budget) and a new president installed. I was also the chairman of the Development Committee (fundraising) and the annual auction event.
Employment: Retired after a 35-year career in commercial real estate, which included complete real estate development from land acquisition through construction, marketing, leasing, management and sales. Asset management of a \$350 (average) million portfolio located in 30 states and most U.S. major markets. This included seven years with a private developer, over twenty years with two major institutional investors (National Life and UNUM), and five years as the founder, president and owner of Alliance Investment & Management Co., which owned and managed a 244-unit apartment community and leased, managed and sold a major office industrial complex.

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Full Name: Matt Robinson
Address: 24 Sanborn St., Gorham
Personal: Age 46; Marital status: Married for 23 years; Spouse's name: Melissa; Children: (1) Samantha



Photo credit Melissa Robinson

Employment: I've been employed by Standard Motor products for 25 ½ years as a Territory sales Manager.
Political and community experience: Served on the Gorham Town Council for 12 years, Served as the Council Chairman 2 years, Council Vice chair for 3 years. Served on the Gorham Finance committee for 2 years, Chair once. The Gorham Ordinance committee for 8 years, Chair 4 times. The Gorham Capitol improvements committee for 10 years. Chair 4 times. Serve on the Cumberland County Budget Advisory committee. Coach many teams for the Gorham Recreation Department. I have been Member of the Gorham Lions Club for two years. Helped with phase one of the flags on Main Street. Board of directors for the Dingley Springs Water Association.

What do you see as your major challenge and what do you bring to the table?
The challenge in these economic times is to try to balance what the needs are for the whole town. What does it cost to run the town and schools to keep a high level of service? How do we keep up with infrastructure and road maintenance while trying to keep the tax rate flat?
I have shown over the past 12 years I've been able to do this by making tough deci-

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School Committee Candidate Profiles

Full Name: Kyle R. Bailey
Address: 30 Ridgefield Dr., Gorham
Education: I attended both parochial and public schools growing up, graduating from a public high school and the University of Georgia. I am currently pursuing a Master's in Community Planning at the University of Southern Maine.



Photo credit Roger Marchand

Personal: My parents and grandparents volunteered in my school, at church, and in our community; they taught me the importance of giving back. I have experienced first hand how a good education can open doors to success. I am passionate about lifelong learning, and helping young people prepare for success. I helped to start a future educators program in the high school that I attended, and substitute taught for a period of time.
Employment: For the past eight years, I have worked as a nonprofit development professional. Currently, my work includes raising funds to support youth leadership development and safe schools programs across Maine. My experience also includes finance, operations, administration and program

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Full Name: Kyle Currier
Address: 6 Aspen Ln., Gorham
Education: Certified Public Accountant Master of Business Administration - Southern New Hampshire University Bachelor of Science, Economics - Russell Sage College



Photo credit Hannah Currier

Personal: Married with two daughters
Employment: Owner of Kyle P Currier, CPA a public accounting firm located at 36 Main St., Gorham
Political and community experience: I began my involvement in the Gorham Schools in 2000 when my daughter started kindergarten. Over the years, I have volunteered in the classroom, chaperoned field trips, help build playgrounds, served spaghetti, made costumes, attended PIE meeting and participated in many, many fundraising events. Currently I am serving my second term on the Gorham School Committee. I have no political affiliation.

What do you see as your major challenge and what do you bring to the table?
The major challenge I see for the School

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Full Name: John H. Doyle
Address: 47 Webster Rd., Gorham
Education: B.S., Psychology & Sociology, The College of William and Mary; J.D., The University of Virginia School of Law
Personal: Age: 32. Together with my wife, Joan, we have five children - all of whom are under the age of seven. We also operate a small hobby farm.



Photo credit Joan Flint

Employment: Attorney, currently spending more time with my kids while my wife's career has been busy. Recently worked as general corporate counsel helping to launch several small businesses. Previously worked with a large law firm.
Political and community experience: I have not previously sought an elected office such as this. However, from serving in leadership roles in several education-related clubs and activities, to volunteering in after-school educational programs, to serving as a new attorney mentor, I have often found myself in positions to help advance organizations and promote education. Most recently, I spearheaded the Madison Prize For Written Excellence-

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Full Name: Pamela A. Irish
Address: 20 Hubbards Way, Gorham
Education: Casco Bay College, University of Southern Maine, Maine Law School



Photo credit Irene Doughty

Personal: Board Member White Rock Community Club (10 years); Registered Girl Scout Leader and Volunteer (5 years); Notary Public; Dedimus Justice State of Maine
Employment: I worked for 11 years for the Westbrook City Solicitor (attorney) as a paralegal working with various Council matters and economic development issues. I then went on to operate my own title real estate closing company for 7 years. I have worked in the legal field for over 20 years.
Political and community experience: I volunteer regularly within the Gorham Schools; I also enjoy volunteering with the Summer Recreation Programs. I have been a volunteer at Riding To The Top therapeutic riding center (3 yrs) and I am a registered and trained volunteer with Girl Scouts of Maine (5 yrs). We incorporate monthly community service projects for

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Town Council Candidate Profiles

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Full Name: Bruce Roullard
Address: 46 School St., Gorham
Education: BS - Business Administration
USM 1984; MBA, University of Maine, 1987



Photo credit Richard Sandifer

Personal: Single, born and raised in Skowhegan and a resident/homeowner in Gorham since 1999. Special interest in restoration and preservation of historic properties in Maine. Enjoy traveling, music, gardening/landscaping and spending time with family and friends.
Employment: Employed as a Senior Loan Officer with Guaranteed Rate, Inc., Portland and have been in the retail finance industry for 25 years working for several large banks and finance companies.
Political and community experience: Active USM alumnus for more than 25 years, Immediate Past President of the USM Alumni Board and member of the USM Athletic Development Council. Member of Lions International for nearly 20 years holding the position president of the Portland Lions Club and instrumental in developing a partnership between USM students and Lions. Serve as the second vice -chair and chair the development committee of the Iris Network, and serve as the treasurer of New Year Gorham and co-chair of its silent auction committee. Committee member 2013 CommUNITY Gorham event and past board member Gorham Times.

What do you see as your major challenge and what do you bring to the table?
This is an exciting time for Gorham. With a population increase of over 18 percent since 2000, our rate of growth compared to that of the state of Maine is indeed impressive. This kind of growth offers our town multiple opportunities, and I want to be part of the planning process that will make Gorham a vital community well into the future.
This growth also presents important challenges we cannot ignore. Our public safety buildings need infrastructure improvements; our school properties must be equipped and updated to provide our students with every educational opportunity available to them now and in the future; the spirit of our Village area cannot be ignored; our industrial properties and the village area should be fully occupied with thriving businesses; and, we must continue to foster our relationship with the University of Southern Maine to assure our blended communities benefit from the rich culture and history we share.
These goals demand responsible fiduciary planning, building codes that encourage thoughtful business growth, civility and transparency between town personnel and elected officials, as well as forward-thinking short and long-term goals.
I offer over two decades of active dedication to several non-profits, experience in overseeing the renovation and restoration of historic buildings in the village center, and successful small business management. In addition, as an active 25-year USM alumnus, I am excited about the partnership between USM and the Town of Gorham.
If elected, I pledge to work toward those goals while holding the Town Council accountable for all its decisions.

Genthner
for businesses to display what their products and services are. I want to help make Gorham more attractive to businesses, especially small businesses. They are the driving force of our economy and would preserve the historic and family character of Gorham.
I am a good listener and I work well with other people. I bring energy, experience and passion for the community to the table. I am eager to work with the residents and other town councilors to help make Gorham a better place. I would appreciate your vote. For more information go to www.forrestgenthner.com.

Hartwell
then and what happened? I had a full tour of the fire/police facilities last fall to better understand the need for more space and renovations.
There have been concerns that the comprehensive plan has been ignored, if it's out of date, it needs to be addressed. The comprehensive plan acknowledges the importance of agriculture to the town--this town historically is/was an agricultural community. We are fortunate to have some very good natural resources, unfortunately the characteristics that make soil the most productive for agriculture also makes it the most desirable for development.
I grew up in this town and have lived here the majority of my life. I have made some difficult choices and passed up other opportunities to stay here. The boards I have served on have given me the experience needed to serve on the Town Council.

Means
Political and community experience:
Member and vice chairman of Gorham Economic Development Corporation (2002 to 2012). While serving on GEDC, initiated changing the towns' business unfriendly reputation to one that better facilitates new and expanding business. Coordinator of a Congressional Candidate's volunteer force in 2010, comprised of over one hundred people throughout Maine's 1st District (six Counties). Former scoutmaster and chairman of Friends of Scouting, Casco Bay District of Pine Tree Council.

What do you see as your major challenge and what do you bring to the table?
The Town Council should develop a vision and provide leadership for improving Gorham. Residents and business owners should feel welcome to express their views before the Council and counselors should always be receptive and civil.
While determining where scarce resources will be allocated, the Council must remember that Gorham has no money of its own. All funds are derived from taxpayers, who are also our customers. Wants versus needs must be closely examined. The Council should develop a ten-year capital plan, updated annually and be made part of the budget.
We need to foster a better relationship with USM. Progress has been made in areas like STEM, but they have much more to offer; we can work more effectively in areas of shared interests and they should have a seat at our table.
Our Comprehensive Plan, which needs updating, addresses assets and areas of

opportunities for Gorham. We have abundant land and a vibrant community. The vision of a picturesque New England town needs to be restored, while catering to new business and industrial development. Our proximity to Portland (the employment and cultural center of Maine) and the amenities of the JetPort, the Maine Mall area, I-95 (Maine's only interstate highway), the Atlantic Ocean and Maine lakes and mountains is unique to only a handful of communities. We need to market these advantages and attract new businesses and residents to our fine town. Add to that, USM with its cultural and educational offerings and we have an unbeatable combination!

Robinson
sions. I've always tried to spend taxpayer's money wisely, not supporting words like research, review and study, which equal money and staff time. Councilors need to be well informed, do lots of homework on their own and realize there is more to Gorham than their own neighborhood.
People who know me or watch the Council meetings realize I always speak open and honestly but also keep the Gorham residents best interest in mind.
People feel I'm fair and honest. My past history shows I'm hard working and will work very hard for you. The reason I'm the best candidate running is that I'm here for you; I never vote on emotions or let personal beliefs interfere with the way I vote. I have no hidden agenda. I always vote for what is best for all 17,000 residents of

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Village Elementary School Turns 50!

By KIM MEGGISON
Village School Teacher

Village School first opened its doors to students in September of 1963, even though the plaque by the cafeteria says 1962—that was the date the school was built. Did you know Village was built on what was farmland? Wouldn't it be awesome to find out just who sold their cow pasture to the town for this new "modern" structure? And did you know that the size of the school tripled in the early 1990's? The cafeteria, however, remained the same size.

A community-wide celebration for past and present students, parents, teachers, principals, staff members, superintendents, school committee members, and the larger "Village" community and beyond are invited to attend this special event on Thursday, November 7, from 5 to 7 p.m. at Village School.

If you would like to submit a photograph, written testimonial or reflection for a slide show, please contact Kim Meggison at kimm@gorhamschools.org or 222-1270.

GHS Senior Named Commended Student in National Scholarship

COMPILED BY STACY SALLINEN

Gorham High School (GHS) is pleased to honor a student for being named a commended student in the 2014 National Merit Scholarship Program (NMSP). A letter of commendation from the school and the NMSP was presented to Joseph Martin, a senior at GHS.

About 34,000 Commended Students throughout the nation are being recognized for their exceptional academic promise. Although they will not continue in the 2014 competition for National Merit Scholarship awards, Commended Students placed among the top five percent of more than 1.5 million students who entered the 2014 competition by taking the 2012 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test.



Gorham High School Principal Chris Record presented a letter of commendation to Joseph Martin, a Commended Student in the 2014 National Merit Scholarship Program.

school notes

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Ed. Techs. Working a 6.5-Hour Workday Again

By GORHAM TIMES STAFF

After a special meeting in September, the Gorham School Committee voted to restore the amount of hours educational technicians worked each day to 6.5 hours.

This year's approved budget of \$32.9 million reduced their workday by a half-hour, down to six hours, and saved the school district \$102,000. After hearing about problems that occurred as a result of the reduction in hours, along with rec-

ommendations made by the Finance Committee, the School Committee approved using leftover Medicaid reimbursements, along with other unused reimbursements. The school district is anticipating the increase in hours to cost the district \$90,605.

Late last spring, the school department learned it would be receiving an additional \$361,262 in General Purpose Aid from the state after the school budget was approved by voters. In order to use any of these funds, voter approval would be required.

Local Flavors at Maine Harvest Lunch

On September 25, students in Gorham schools enjoyed some fresh, locally grown foods at their annual Maine Harvest Lunch. Items on the menu included corn, tomatoes, pumpkins, and corn stalk decorations from Fenderson Farm in Saco; beef patties from Bisson's Farm in Topsham; potatoes from Green Thumb in Fryeburg; and apples from Randall Orchards in Standish. A special treat to students at Narragansett School was having watermelon grown from their very own school garden. The festive fall decorations added to the wonderful smells and tastes on a cool September day. Thank you to all the parent-volunteers who assisted with the prep work.



Picnicking at Great Falls



On a picture perfect evening in Gorham, families gathered at Great Falls Elementary School for a family picnic. Staff, students, and families brought their baskets and blankets and joined together in the Great Falls garden area. Following the picnic, the fun moved to the playground where families caught up with old friends while meeting some new ones. It was a wonderful way to celebrate the start of the school year.

Narragansett Butterflies

Mrs. Burns' and Mrs. McKeen's third grade classes at Narragansett School recently released two monarch butterflies after being tagged by Reed and Graham Henderson. The tags on the butterflies will help scientists track the migration of the butterflies. Both classes have been studying the life cycle--from caterpillar to butterfly--of the monarch butterfly. The next step for the students is to investigate the remains of the chrysalis and record their observations in their science notebooks. Pictured with the butterfly are Kyra Hamblen, Madison Woodcock, and Graham Henderson.



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The Downing Family Runners

BY JEFF PIKE
Gorham Times Sports Editor

What’s the best way to kick off a family wedding weekend? If you are part of the Downing family of Gorham, it’s by running in a road race, of course!

With Michael, the third son of the family getting married to Lindsay Hill on October 5 in northern Maine, the family decided to participate in the Shin Pond 5K four-mile road race that took place October 4. Mike, the father, ran the race along with Michael and the family’s two older sons, Kevin and Peter.

The three sons took the top three places in the race as Michael won with a time 25.34 followed by Kevin with a time of 26.40 and Peter at 28.41. All three have been dedicated to running road races ever since they were first introduced to the sport by their father and especially by their mother, Terri, who passed away from cancer in 2009. “Mom was always big on running,” said Kevin. “She was an enthusiastic supporter and dedicated herself to driving us to any races in the area. In addition to inspiring us to all to run, she also got involved in helping our sister Megan (GHS ‘04) get involved in Special Olympics events.”

The drive to run first hit the Downing family in the late 1970s when

Mike took up the sport to “simply lose some weight.” He expanded his interest and abilities over the years and eventually worked his way up to running in the Boston Marathon and the New York City Marathon in 1992. “Terri also became an avid runner during that time,” Mike said. “She ran some pretty fast times and often finished near the top of her age group in local races.”

Kevin (GHS ‘96), who currently lives in Gorham, converted to swimming in high school after suffering a knee injury but has run in road races regularly as an adult and now tries to compete in 10-15 local races each year. Peter (GHS ‘98), also a current Gorham resident, and Michael (GHS ‘01) both excelled at GHS in cross country and track.

Peter’s name appears near the top of the results of many local races while Michael went on to run for Bates College after high school. “Michael is probably the best runner in the family,” Kevin said. “He once finished second in the Maine Marathon.”

Kevin emphasizes the strong influence Terri had on all the sons in their effort to make running a big part of their life. “One of my best running memories is the first race I competed in after Mom passed away,” Kevin said. “It was the Longfellow 2.5K Frostbite



From left to right are Jen and Kevin Downing along with 'Old Mike,' Peter, and 'New Mike' Downing at the Shin Pond Road Race on October 4, the day before the family attended the wedding of 'New Mike' to Lindsay Hill.

in Portland, and I managed to finish first while running in her memory.”

For Mike, the father, who the family often refers to as ‘Old Mike’ to distinguish him from his son, ‘New Mike,’ one of the best family memories is a

Beach-to-Beacon 10K that took place about 10 years ago. “Terri and I, along with all three sons participated,” Old Mike said. “Kevin’s wife Jen also ran—it means a lot that the whole family was there.”

GHS Fall Sports Highlights

COMPILED BY JEFF PIKE
Gorham Times Sports Editor

Girls' Soccer: As of October 6th, the team record stood at 6-2 and a sixth-place ranking in Western Maine Class A. Abbie Laporte led the team in scoring with five goals and two assists followed by Emily Lewis with four goals and one assist and Kate Hopkins with three goals and four assists. Goalkeeper Renae Staples had earned four shut-outs thus far in the season.

Golf: The Rams closed out the regular season with a record of 8-2 by winning its last six matches, including an 8.5-4.5 win over

previously-unbeaten Greely on October 1st to avenge a loss earlier in the season. Team leaders in match points were Kenny Tuttle (13.5), Tim O'Neill (12), and Tucker Buteau (11.5). Tuttle also led the team in scoring average (39) and had turned in the low nine-hole score of the season with a 35.

Field Hockey: Through October 6th, the Rams record stood at 5-5-1 and a 10th-place ranking Western Maine Class A. Stat leaders included Reagan Emerson with five goals and one assist; Charlotte Smith with four goals and four

assists; and Darcie Brown with three goals and two assists. Defensively, goalkeeper Megan Baker had stopped 65 shots while earning four shutouts, including an October 2nd 1-0 overtime win over Marshwood, which entered the game with a 7-2 record. Sarah Norton has also played a big role on defense with three stops from her defender position.

Volleyball: The Rams were ranked ninth in Class A through October 9th with a record of 4-6. With four games to go in the regular season, the team has positioned itself to earn a spot in the state tournament, keyed by a

3-1 September 28 win over Mt. Desert Island, which entered the game with just one loss. Team leaders at press time included Hallye Anderson (34 kills/29 blocks), Tori Small (54 serving points), Sam Robinson (137 digs), and Charlene Landry (63 assists).

Boys' Cross Country: Jesse Southard finished first overall during the October 1st multi-team meet at Sanford—his third first-place finish out of four multi-team meets this season. Southard also had the best team race time on the season (16:51) followed by Jeremy Collett (17:58) and Ben Foster (18:00).

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Great Scot! Top 10 at Big E



Julia Donley, a senior at GHS and a member of the Maine 4H Equestrian Team, competed at the Big E in Springfield, Mass in September with a 13-year-old horse named Great Scot. Julia finished in the top 10 of four equestrian events including a third place in the Command event, where judges ask riders to respond to a variety of commands to see how well they can handle their horse. The Big E is the largest agricultural fair in the eastern United States and the sixth largest in the nation. At the recent Fryeburg Fair in Maine, Donley placed first in the Western and Hunter Over Fences classes. She is shown above riding Great Scot at the Skowhegan Fair in August.

in the Zone


Soccer Player of the Week: On September 17, the Great Northeast Athletic Conference recognized Lasell College freshmen Erin Smith (GHS '13) as the conference's Rookie of the Week in women's soccer. Smith scored the first goal in a September 14 victory over Anna Maria College and added an assist later in the contest, which Lasell won, 6-0. At press time, Smith had started in six of the team's nine games and had scored two goals on the season to go along with one assist.

Medalist Honors: Saint Joseph's College freshman Mike Caron (GHS '13) claimed medalist honors with a 74 stroke total at the 11th-Annual John Queenan Memorial Golf Tournament at Point Sebago Golf Resort on September 24. Saint Joseph's finished third as a team in the event, which was won by Husson University and included six college golf teams. Caron is the first Saint Joseph golfer to win the event, hosted by Saint Joseph's since 2003. His 74 was the second-lowest recorded by a St. Joe's golfer at the event.

Gorham Rec Football Video Game Results: On September 21 Gorham Rec held its first-ever video game Madden NFL Tournament at the Municipal Center Shaw Gym. Sixteen players spanning the ages of 14 to 44 participated. Corey Nadeau and Noah Rollins were the top finishers from Gorham, placing third and fourth respectively. Chris Carrier of Boothbay won the event and received the first-place prize—a 39" Vizio Smart LED TV.

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Football Team Steps Up in the Fight Against Breast Cancer



In August, the Gorham Youth Football organization hosted the Southern Maine Football League Jamboree at Gorham High School featuring teams from 10 towns and players ranging from third through sixth grade. The event served as a major fundraiser, and the organization was thankful for the 100+ parent volunteers who helped staff the event and the Gorham businesses that supported the program. In conjunction with the event, the Gorham Grizzlies seventh/eighth grade football team conducted a sno-cone fundraiser to contribute to the Susan G. Komen for the Cure® organization, which raises funds across the globe to help fight breast cancer. The team kept busy all day and raised \$757! The team is pictured above during a presentation ceremony at Narragansett School September 26. WMTW-TV (Channel 8) filmed the presentation and aired it on the news the next day. The team will continue to support the fight against breast cancer by wearing pink uniform accessories during games in October. From left to right, front row: Ethan Stump, Jacob Yahm, Peter Boswell, Jacob Alexander, Alex O'Connor, Michael Evans, Dawson Smith, Tanner Garand, Hunter Poitras and William Zidle. Second row: Lucas Gowen, Jacob Earles-Mitchell, Ryan Norris, Ben Eichner, Nate Hotham and Zackory Davis. Third row: Connor Coro, Cameron Choiniere, Adam Ouellette, Nate Burchill, Cam St. Cyr, Gavin Cupps, Riley Jerome and Matthew Flint. Back row: Holden Edwards, Zeb Leavitt, Jeremy Harmon, Jack Niles, William Prescott, Adam McKenney, Trevor Loubier, Owen Basinger, Jack Richards, Peyton True and Coach Andy Hager. Absent from photo: Monroe Reeder.

GBE Golf Tournament Champions



The foursome sponsored by Mainely Plumbing & Heating and Sinnett Signs won the annual Gorham Business Exchange "Fore" a Scholarship Golf Scramble with the low-gross total of the day—a team score of 61. Playing for the team and pictured above, from left to right: Mike Sinnett, Jim Caron, Craig LaPierre and Jim Robinson. All proceeds raised by the event help provide scholarships to graduating GHS seniors.



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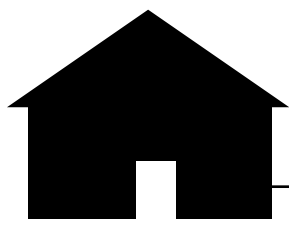
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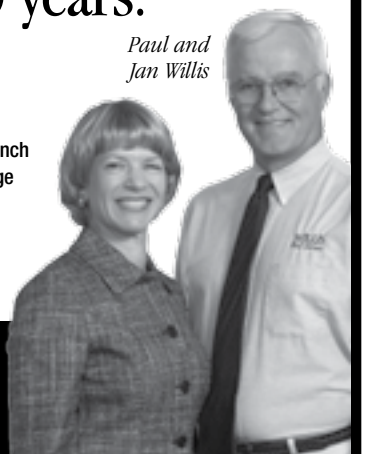
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Political and community experience: I have never run for public office before. My community volunteer activities include serving on the Stewardship Committee at First Parish UCC, and volunteering for New Year Gorham. Previously, I served on the boards of several nonprofit organizations, including a community center for youth, and on a municipal government's human relations commission.

What do you see as your major challenge and what do you bring to the table?

We're fortunate to live in a community with good schools, and we celebrate the commitment and achievements of our students, educators, administrators and parents. My campaign is about bringing people together to make our good schools even better and help every student succeed. Over the past several months, I have listened as hundreds of parents, teachers, students and community leaders in Gorham have shared with me their experiences with our schools: what they think we do well, and where we can continue to make improvements. Based on these conversations, my priorities on School Committee will be building a transparent and responsible budget, supporting investments

in innovative classrooms, and preparing students for successful careers. As a Gorham School Committee member, I will work to: Support administrators in providing teachers with exceptional professional development opportunities; Support opportunities that connect students with local business leaders, internships, job shadowing and work-study opportunities; Encourage greater collaboration and resource-sharing between our schools and the Recreation Department, Adult Education, USM and SMCC; Support administrators and teachers in transitioning to the Common Core Standards; Support funding for student enrichment programs and outside of the classroom learning experiences; and, Engage parents and the community in a conversation about the budget priorities of the School Committee and Administration. Please contact me with your questions and thoughts. Email: KyleRobertBailey@gmail.com. Phone: 939-8600. I would be honored to have your vote. Thank you for making Gorham a great place to live and to raise a family.

Currier

Department is the current economic climate resulting in a loss of funding from the state. The School Department relies on state and local taxes to pay for school operations. The School Committee is very aware of the economic burden that property taxes take on the local community and all efforts are made by the schools administrators to minimize the impact on taxpayers in Gorham. I am very involved in the local community as a parent, a small business owner and a school committee member. I am a CPA and I have served on the Finance Committee for the past three years. Currently, I am serving

as chairperson of the School Committee. I feel our student's education should be viewed as a collaboration between students, teachers, parents or caregivers, administrators and local community members. I truly believe it takes a village to teach our children how to become happy, healthy and civic-minded young adults.

Doyle

-an essay competition taking place at Gorham Middle School. I am a parishioner at St. Anne's Church and a member of The Phi Beta Kappa Society.

What do you see as your major challenge and what do you bring to the table?

As the father of five children I have a personal stake in the quality of education provided in our schools. As a homeowner who has just seen our property tax rates increase, I want to be certain those tax dollars are deployed efficiently and in a manner that will raise the quality of education provided while setting us on a path to avoid the potential for future tax increases.

While the tension between improving education and keeping property taxes in check may seem obvious, a solution is elusive; particularly where the future amount of education funding from the state may be uncertain. However, with open discussion of options and consideration of what may sometimes seem like outside-the-box ideas for the provision of education, I believe that both goals can be accomplished.

Having spent many hours at the negotiating table as a corporate transactional attorney, I am no stranger to pursuing and

brokering acceptable common-ground solutions between different groups with differences of opinion as to the best course of action. My interest in the provision of education goes back many years, pre-dating my honors thesis on the topic in college. I look forward to the opportunity to put my passion for education to work in conjunction with the skills I have obtained in legal practice. If elected to the School Committee, I will advocate for nothing less than the best educational opportunities for the children of Gorham, provided in a way that is affordable for the taxpayers of Gorham.

Irish

each of the Girl Scout troops (i.e., book donations, tabs for Children's Cancer Project; Linus blankets, shoes for kids). I volunteer with events at the White Rock Community Clubhouse and am a board member (10 yrs).

What do you see as your major challenge and what do you bring to the table?


I bring a strong legal background and economic growth knowledge. My volunteer involvement with children and the schools over the past five years has focused me strongly on their educational and developmental needs. Children are our future. We need to teach them with compassion and we need to be able to allow children to access all the new technologies to keep up with this fast growing world, so they will be strong leaders in the future. My major challenge may be showing also a "mom's" view and compassion for children into the ever-political world.




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Anthony Hessert, Northwood University, Bachelor of Business Administration.

OF INTEREST

Sydney Butler (GHS '11), a junior at Wellesley College, has been accepted to study this spring at the University of Edinburgh in Scotland.

Senator Jim Boyle of Gorham received a perfect score from the Maine Conservation Voters for his support of environmental issues during the 126th Legislature.

Rick Kusturin of Gorham will perform in Neil Simon's laugh-out-loud farce "Rumors" at City Theater in Biddeford Oct. 25 – Nov. 3. FMI, 282-0849.

Local musician Sammie Francis (GHS '05) will kick off the "Music on the Square" bi-monthly concert series with an acoustic performance at Spire 29, School St., Gorham, on Thursday, Oct. 17 at 7 p.m. The concert will feature local musician Max Taylor and former Gorham High School music teacher Darrell Morrow. Doors 6:30pm/Show 7pm. \$6 Cover. All ages. FMI, 222-2068.

A Gorham High School Alumni Dinner honoring Martha Harris was recently held at the Cressey Road United Methodist Church. A slide show of Harris along with a raffled photo of Portland Headlight was taken by Harris raised funds for GHS scholarships. Frances Boothby was also recognized as the oldest alumna at 98 years old. The Class of 1963 was honored for their 50th Anniversary. New Officers of the GHS Alumni Association are: Susan Sommers, V.P.; Jason Beever, Treasurer; Esther Libby, President and Brenda Pillsbury, Secretary.

The Friends of Baxter Memorial Library Book Sale will be held Friday, Oct. 18 from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday, Oct. 19 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The sale will be held in the Gorham Recreation Department Activities Room, 75 South Street, Gorham. FMI, 222-1190.

Pastor Matt McDonald was recently installed as the new minister of the West Gorham Union Church located at 190 Ossipee Trail, Gorham. Rev. Norm Rust, Rev. Cat Anglea, Rev. Dr. Lee Witting, Rev. Dr. Mike Glidden, Rev. Andy Stinson, Rev. Natalie Blake and Rev. Matt McDonald participated in the Installation Service on Sept. 15.

Baxter Memorial Library will add a 10 a.m. Friday morning Toddler Time program to their list of events in addition to Toddler Time on Thursday mornings, due to the large number of children attending this popular morning story time. The program will be the same on both days. FMI, 222-1190.

Papa John's Pizza Franchise ran a "free rent" promotion to the residents of Friendly Village in Gorham for the months of July and August, whereas, one lucky resident would receive 20% of all net sales collected from the mobile home community. Michael Valente was the lucky winner of a \$545.70 rent check. Pictured are Papa John's Franchisee Mike Boissonneau and Property Manager for Friendly Village John Richard. (4.JPG; Photo credit Debbie Wilson)

The Brothers of Sigma Nu Fraternity at USM will participate in the 18th Annual White Cane Walk for Independence on Saturday, Oct. 19 at Monument Square in Portland. The walk, which raises awareness for the vision-impaired, will kick off at 10 a.m. FMI or to donate, www.theiris.org.

The Gorham/Westbrook TRIAD meeting will be held on October 11 from 9 to 10 a.m. at the Gorham Municipal Building. Public is welcome.

The Gorham Business Exchange Member Meeting will be held on Thursday, Oct. 10 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Gorham Savings Bank, 10 Wentworth Drive, Gorham.

Gorham Woman's Club will meet Thursday, Oct. 10 at 12:30 p.m. A potluck luncheon will be served followed by Mind Challenges and Laughter. Old and new members are welcome. First Parish Congregational Church, Gorham.

Isabelle Kolb received first place for Maine in the 2013 Most Beautiful Eyes Contest presented by Prevent Blindness America. State winners advance to the final round of judging for a chance to win a \$10,000 educational scholarship from Marchon Eyewear.

The Gorham High School Thespian Society will hold a bottle drive on Columbus Day, Monday, October 14. Students will be traveling throughout the community to collect returnables and/or donations. Returnables may also be dropped off at the Gorham High School parking lot throughout the day. All proceeds to benefit the GHS Thespian Troupe #7533.

A free Thanksgiving dinner will be served at Mister Bagel, 13 New Portland Rd. on Thursday, Nov. 28 for people who are to spend Thanksgiving alone or are unable to prepare a holiday meal. Transportation is available upon request. First seating at noon. To make a reservation, to reserve transportation, or FMI, call Roxanne Hanscom Moody, 839-4516.

Gorham Athletic Boosters Announce Major Fundraiser: The Gorham Athletic Boosters recently announced its first major fundraiser of the year: The "Game-On Coin Toss" involves the sale of professionally-produced Gorham coins for which each coin enters the buyer into a drawing for \$3,000 worth of prizes including cash awards. To kick off the sale of the coins, the GHS fall athletic teams will canvass Gorham the morning of October 19 to sell 1,000 of these coins, costing \$20 each. The Boosters hope to raise \$15,000. FMI, or to purchase a coin, contact Lenny Holmes, Boosters President, at gorhamboosters@gmail.com.

The Gorham Boosters meet the second Monday of every month at 6:30 p.m. at the GHS Library. The next meeting takes place October 14. Anyone wishing to help can contact Lenny Holmes at gorhamboosters@gmail.com.

ON-GOING EVENTS

The Lakes Region Senior Drop-In Center temporarily located at Sunset Ridge Golf Links, 771 Cumberland St, Westbrook, (formerly at 40 Acorn St., Gorham) offers a variety of daily activities and drop-in classes for seniors on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 9 a.m. Stop in for morning coffee or play pickleball, poker, bingo, miniature golf, shuffleboard or cribbage. Join in on exercise, watch a movie or learn to knit. FMI, 892-5604 or email bwa31@maine.rr.com.

The Southern Maine Agency on Aging will hold office hours every Thursday from 9 a.m. to 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.

National Family Partnership has launched a month-long national photo contest where 10 families across America will win \$1,000 for their school and an iPad for their home. Students and family members send photos of their decorated front doors or mailboxes with the theme, "A Healthy Me Is Drug Free™." Online voting begins Nov. 5. This campaign is for prevention of drug and alcohol abuse by youth. FMI, redribbon.org/contest.

USM NOTES


Opening reception for "Persian Visions: Contemporary Photography from Iran" exhibition, will be held on Thursday, Oct. 10 at the USM Art Gallery, Gorham campus. Gallery talk by Robert Silberman will begin at 5 p.m. followed by Middle Eastern cuisine until 7 p.m. Reception is free and open to the public. FMI, visit www.usm.maine.edu/gallery.

USM School of Music presents USM Professor Laura Kargul performing the "The Beautiful B's: Bach, Beethoven and Brahms," on Friday, Oct. 18, 8 p.m. at Corthell Concert Hall, Gorham Campus. \$15/\$10/\$5. FMI, 780-5555.

The USM Wind Ensemble conducted by Peter Martin will perform on Sunday, Oct. 20, 2 p.m. at Corthell Concert Hall, Gorham campus. \$8/\$5. FMI, 780-5555.

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The Student Performing Artists present Dog Sees God: Confessions of a Teenage Blockhead by Bert V. Royal, directed by Courtney Pomerleau. October 25 at 7:30 pm, October 26 at 2:00 and 7:30 pm, and October 27 at 2:00 pm. Tickets are \$8 for the general public, and \$5 for Students. USM, 37 College Ave, Gorham.

CLOSE TO HOME

St. Ann's Episcopal Church on Windham Center Road in Windham celebrated 40 years as a church in the Episcopal Diocese of Maine on Sunday, Sept. 22. St. Ann's has launched a \$500,000 capital campaign to address infrastructure needs in the church. Pictured L-R: Shirley Connor, founding matriarch; Rev. Tim Higgins, present Rector; Graham Pierce, served at St. Ann's (celebrated first Holy Eucharist in 1971), Roy Partridge, served as rector from 1995 – 2005.

The Westbrook Eagles Ladies Auxiliary (9 Saco St., Westbrook) will hold a Harvest Supper on Saturday, Oct. 12 from 4 to 6 p.m. \$8/\$3.50 under 12.

TIP Program Supports Trauma Victims

By GORHAM TIMES STAFF

The Trauma Intervention Program (TIP), part of Community Counseling Center in Portland, trains volunteers to provide emotional and practical support services to victims and their families in the aftermath of a traumatic event. First responders (fire and police) as well as hospital staff contact the TIP program for service when they encounter a person in emotional distress. Gorham first responders have worked with the TIP program for the past five years when they have a victim or family needing emotional support beyond the scope of what a first responder can provide.

TIP is currently recruiting new volunteers to participate in their next training program, which begins November 7. The training involves eight classes equaling 36 hours over a two-week period; those wishing to become a volunteer in

the TIP program must attend all classes. The emotional first aid (EFA) skills classes are instructed by certified EFA trainers and the training academy incorporates local area first responder instructors. To learn more about how a citizen can become trained to assist a fellow citizen in crisis, call Leslie 553-9311 or visit www.tipmaine.org.

As one of Maine's oldest and most comprehensive family service agencies, TIP relies upon individual, corporate, and foundational support in order to continue offering critically needed mental health services to over 10,000 people a year. Last summer, a local group of women who call themselves “Women Making a Difference” held a yard sale and donated their proceeds to the TIP program. They raised over \$1700 for the TIP program as well as raising awareness of the program and the benefits of having the program available.



Meadow Welch, Spirit Dove, Danielle Grady, Janet Kuech and Marianne Cianciolo raised over \$1,700 for the TIP program with a yard sale held outside Baxter Library.



Prickly K-9 Situation

Wentworth Drive caller stated there was a dog, covered in porcupine needles, sitting by the door.

Spiller Road caller reported a disturbance involving family members.

Mosher Road caller reported two males fighting at the end of caller's driveway.

Dana Street caller stated someone rang their doorbell, and when they opened the door, no one was there.

Barstow Road caller reported a bat in their house and needed assistance. Caller was referred to David Sparks.

Daniel Street caller stated they unplugged the alarm system in the house and wanted to make sure it didn't go off.

Tow Path Road caller believed they found some marijuana plants.

Buck Street caller reported their 13-year-old was being harassed by a 15-year-old whose parent was also harassing caller.

Caller came to the callbox wanting their clothes.

Ossipee Trail caller reported a vehicle driving erratically that forced a car off the road and cut the caller off.

Winterberry Drive caller reported there were three teenagers in the neighborhood walking around being loud.

Lawn Avenue caller reported that their 15-year-old was out of control.

Main Street caller reported that an unknown male was coming into the store frequently to ask about another employee.

Hannah Drive caller stated there was a client out of control.

Primrose Lane caller reported that a known subject broke into their house through the basement sometime that afternoon to remove items belonging to subject.

North Gorham Road man was arrested for domestic violence assault.

Phinney Street caller requested to speak to an officer in reference to an eviction notice.

Sebago Lake Road caller reported they heard someone outside their house. A vehicle had struck a pole and went into a stream.

Caller requested to speak with the Animal Control Officer regarding two pregnant feral cats in their barn.

Flaggy Meadow Road caller requested to speak to the Animal Control Officer as they had a small bird that would not fly.

Adams Drive caller requested to speak with an officer regarding a stalking issue.

Caller reported they witnessed a theft from O'Donalds Nursery.

Lawn Avenue caller reported they received a call from a male subject who said he was with the IRS. Male subject stated that if the back taxes weren't paid, they would have a Gorham police officer go to caller's home. Call was a scam.

Ash Drive subject called in complaining about a female who drives around with children unbuckled in the front seat.

Caller stated there was a weird sound coming out of one of the recycling bins.

Female reported she had a counterfeit fifty-dollar bill.

South Street caller reported that their 23-year-old niece was "out of control".

Caller reported that their tires were slashed last night. Tires were not slashed; it was a sidewall issue.

Fort Hill Road caller reported that a male they met on match.com asked them to wire money for him and now caller's credit union and Western Union reported the transactions were fraudulent.

Gray Road caller reported the broken windows at the residence.

County Road caller reported a front-end loader was stolen out of their yard.

Flaggy Meadow Road man was arrested for aggravated assault and domestic violence assault.

New Gloucester man was arrested for unlawful possession of cocaine.

North Gorham Road man was arrested for domestic violence assault and obstructing report of a crime.

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Thursday, Oct. 10

- Baby and Me Storytime, ages 0-18 mos., 9:30 a.m., Baxter Library.
- Toddler Time, 18-36 mos., 10 a.m., Baxter Library.
- Gorham Food Pantry Open, 9-11 a.m., 299-B Main St., Gorham. (St. Anne's Catholic Church parking lot).
- Gorham Business Exchange Member Meeting, 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m., Gorham Savings Bank, 10 Wentworth Drive, Gorham.
- Gorham Woman's Club Meeting, 12:30 p.m., Pot Luck Luncheon, First Parish Congregational Church, Gorham.

Friday, Oct. 11

- Toddler Time, 10 a.m., 18-36 mos., Baxter Library.
- Gorham/Westbrook TRIAD Meeting, 9 -10 a.m., Gorham Municipal Building. Public always welcome. FMI, 856-1212.

Saturday, Oct. 12

- Lego Club, 10 a.m.-12 p.m., Baxter Library. For everyone who likes to build!
- Greater Gorham Farmer's Market, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Next to Baxter Memorial Library.

Monday, Oct. 14

- Luncheon of Fish and Corn Chowder, Lakes Region Senior Drop-In Center, 771 Cumberland St., Westbrook. \$5.
- Columbus Day. No school.

Tuesday, Oct. 15

- Pre-School Storytime, ages 3 – 5 years, 9:30 a.m., Baxter Library.

Wednesday, Oct. 16

- Physical Therapist Brenda Ayre answers questions on Arthritis, Lakes Region Senior Drop-In Center, 771 Cumberland St., Westbrook. Open to public. FMI, 892-5604.
- Senior Lunch at St. Anne's Church, 12 p.m. \$3.50. Sponsored by the Town of Gorham.
- Story Time for Babies and Toddlers, 10-10:30 a.m., North Gorham Library. FMI, 892-2575.

Thursday, Oct. 17

- Baby and Me Storytime, ages 0-18 mos., 9:30 a.m., Baxter Library.
- Toddler Time, 18 – 36 mos., 10 a.m., Baxter Library.
- Sewing Group, ages 7 and older, 2:30 p.m., Baxter Library. Come when you can.
- Gorham Food Pantry Open, 9-11 a.m., 299-B Main St., Gorham. (St. Anne's Catholic Church parking lot).

Friday, Oct. 18

- Toddler Time, 10 a.m., 18 – 36 mos., Baxter Library.

Saturday, Oct. 19

- Greater Gorham Farmer's Market, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Next to Baxter Memorial Library.

Wednesday, Oct. 23

- Early Release Day Lego Club, 12:30-2 p.m., Baxter Library.
- Senior Lunch at St. Anne's Church, 12 p.m. \$3.50. Sponsored by the Town of Gorham.
- Story Time for Babies and Toddlers, 10-10:30 a.m., North Gorham Library. FMI, 892-2575.
- Gorham Food Pantry Open, 6-7 p.m., 299-B Main St., Gorham. (St. Anne's Catholic Church parking lot).
- Early Release for grades K-12.

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