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GHS Mourns the Loss of Branden Denis



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The Branden Denis memorial in the GHS weight room as created by his football teammates and other students at GHS.

By JEFF PIKE
Sports Editor

On October 24th, the Gorham High School community came together at the high school in support of each other as well as the family and friends of Branden Denis. The high school opened its heart and provided its auditorium for the funeral

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Strengthening Ties Between Town and USM



Photo courtesy of Roger Marchand

USM President David Flanagan (L) chats with Town Councilor Ben Hartwell and Police Chief Shepard.

By ROGER MARCHAND
Staff Writer

On October 23 the Town Council, along with Town Manager David Cole, Superintendent of Schools Ted Sharp, and other town department heads met with University of Southern Maine (USM) president David Flanagan. The purpose of the meeting was to give town leaders and the USM administration an opportunity to discuss recent

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Gorham Election Results: How Gorham Voted November 4, 2014

The election is over and the results have been tabulated. According to preliminary information from Town Clerk Jennifer Elliott, 7,625 out of 12,905 registered voters voted in the election. Below are the results for how the town of Gorham voted.

United States Senate

Shenna Bellows (D)	2114
Susan Collins (R)	5367

Governor

Eliot Cutler (I)	622
Paul LePage (R)	3716
Michael Michaud (D)	3212

Representative to Congress

Isaac Misiuk (R)	3070
Richard Murphy (I)	399
Chellie Pingree (D)	3797

State Senator District 30

James Boyle (D)	3916
Amy Volk (R)	3435

State Representative District 26

Kenneth Hoyt (R)	withdrew
Linda Sanborn (D)	2134

State Representative District 27

Tyler Kinney (R)	1396
Andrew McLean (D)	2269

Town Council (two seats)

Michael Phinney	5040
Ronald Shepard	5081

School Committee (three seats)

Forrest Genthner	3070
Dennis Libby	3960
Sara Nelson	3862
Suzanne Phillips	3326

Gorham-Specific Questions

1. Should the Town of Gorham spend \$4,990,000 to renovate, upgrade and improve the Public Safety Building at 270 Main St and build a new police station at this location?
Yes 3588 No 3490

2. This item was not applicable as Gorham did not receive a federal grant for breathing apparatus and therefore does not have to approve matching funds.

3. Should the Town Charter be amended to add language which defines the crime of moral turpitude and requires members of the Town Council to step down if they are convicted of a Class A, B, C or D crime while in office?
Yes 5655 No 1580

Statewide Referendum Questions

Note: These are Gorham totals and do not reflect whether or not the item has been approved across the state.

- Should Maine ban bear baiting?
Yes 3611 No 3881
- Should we approve an \$8 million bond issue to be administered by the University of Maine Cooperative Extension Service to support Maine agriculture, monitor human health threats related to ticks, mosquitoes, etc. and to facilitate economic growth in natural resource based industries?
Yes 4444 No 2829
- Should we approve \$12 million in bonds for loans to small businesses to spur investment, to create jobs, revitalize downtowns and strengthen the rural economy?
Yes 4433 No 2829

- Should we approve a \$10 million bond (to be matched by an additional \$11 million in private funds) to build a medical research center to look for genetic solutions for cancer and aging, to promote jobs and private sector investment to make the State a leader in genomic medicine?
Yes 4753 No 2506
- Should we approve a \$3 million bond (to be matched by an additional \$5.7 million in private and public funds) to improve the infrastructure of a biological laboratory to ultimately create a drug discovery and development facility to improve health, stimulate job growth and economic activity?
Yes 3731 No 3581

- Should we approve a \$10 million bond to ensure clean water and safe communities in Maine, and to strengthen the State's long term economic base and competitive advantage?
Yes 4789 No 2496
- Should we approve a \$7 million bond to be matched by at least the same amount in private and other funds to facilitate the growth of marine businesses and commercial enterprises that create jobs?
Yes 4361 No 2887

Thanks for voting!

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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.

Thanking Our Veterans Every Day

By SEN. JIM BOYLE

On November 11, we will celebrate the service of our veterans 100 years after the beginning of World War I. Veterans’ Day was originally named Armistice Day, after an armistice agreement took effect on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month in 1918 to end “the war to end all wars.” Sadly, World War I did not end all wars. It did begin a tradition of celebrating the service of the brave men and women who have served our country on this day.

Maine has the proud distinction of being home to a higher percentage of veterans than nearly anywhere else in the country. Maine people understand the importance of serving our country and we know we should always honor those who serve.

The parades and ceremonies on November 11th are a reminder of the appreciation we owe our veterans. Their sacrifices for us cannot be forgotten and it is everyone’s responsibility to show our gratitude and thanks every day. Because after the marching bands, speeches, and ceremonies are over, our country’s duty to these brave men

and women are more important than ever.

That is why I joined my colleagues in the 126th Legislature to pass laws that will help Maine’s veterans. We passed bills to help prevent military sexual assault and make it safer for survivors to report and recover from their trauma, to provide more funding for flags for veterans’ graves and the Maine Veterans’ Memorial Cemetery System Care Fund, and to allow Service members to keep their marine harvesting licenses on hold while they are on active duty.

Because too many veterans have been denied treatment for conditions caused by their service, we also passed a measure to encourage the Federal Department of Veterans’ Affairs (VA) to recognize the harm caused by exposure to Agent Orange at Canadian Forces Base Gagetown in New Brunswick to our National Guard members during training exercises.

Transitioning to civilian life can be challenging for returning soldiers, especially in a recovering economy. That’s why we passed a bill to streamline the process for veterans, their spouses, and active duty service

members to qualify for professional licenses.

This is good progress, but more work remains to be done. No veteran should face barriers to basic necessities. Unfortunately, more than 500 Maine veterans are homeless and 3,000 do not have access to affordable health care. Even one man or woman who served our country facing these challenges is too many. We can and must do better.

The VA has a hotline to help identify resources for Maine veterans facing homelessness. If you or someone you know needs help, call (877) 424-3838.

Next week, as we take time to celebrate Veterans’ Day, let’s all make sure we keep their sacrifices in mind every day of the year. We can never forget their service to our country and to our communities.



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Letter 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* Editor:

Thank you to the community members who recently attended the Bob Marley comedy show at Spire 29 to benefit the Helping Paws Dog Rescue group. The event was sold out and people were generous with donations, silent auction bids, and auction item gifts. Helping Paws is a 501c3 nonprofit status group whose continued mission is to responsibly match rescue dogs with new owners. We accrue significant vet bills and associated care debt for the dogs we take into our program. Thank you to all who support our efforts. The warm embrace from the Gorham community was really felt that evening. Special thanks to the following Gorham residents and business owners: Jen Beaumont for spearheading this event and securing Mr. Marley’s entertainment, Amanda Landry Photography for documenting the evening, Camp Bow Wow and Refreshing Paws, Landing Real Estate, Robie Builders, Moody’s Collision, chef/caterer Mo Terry, and all our foster families and adopters!

Woof!

Helping Paws Team, Victoria Reynolds, Gorham

around town

Credit cards are now being accepted at the Gorham Town Offices for a one dollar fee.

Commemorative Plaque Presented to Town of Gorham



Photo courtesy of Roger Marchand

By ROGER MARCHAND
Staff Writer

A commemorative plaque was installed in the corridor across from the Town Clerk’s office, and unveiled on October 30, 2014 memorializing Gorham’s 250th anniversary as a town. The plaque says, in part, “On October 30, 1764, the General Court (of Massachusetts) passed an act incorporating Gorham as a Town.” According to the Hugh McLellan’s “The History of Gorham, Maine,” it was the 20th town to be incorporated in what is now Maine. Present for the unveiling were Town Councilors Mike Phinney, Suzanne Phillips, Sherrie Benner, and Bruce Roullard.

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Honor Flight Maine

By JACKIE FRANCIS
Staff Writer

Honor Flight Maine is a non-profit organization created to honor America's veterans for their service to the country by transporting veterans, free of charge, to Washington, DC to, as their website states, "tour, experience and reflect at their memorials." Top priority is given to World War II survivors, but Korean and Vietnam veterans are also welcomed on a first-come, first-served basis.

I had the pleasure to speak with two World War II veterans from Gorham who were recent Honor Flight participants courtesy of this benevolent organization.

"I prefer to say that I served in the war, rather than fought in the war," says Nathan Acker, who counts himself fortunate that he avoided battle during his three-years of active duty in the Army. With his 93rd birthday just a few months away, Acker's memory is as sharp and witty as ever. As a member of the Reserve Officers' Training Corp ("ROTC") throughout his four years at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Acker signed up as a reserve officer after Officer Candidate School. He spent 10 months on an Army base in South Boston where the Army made the most out of his marine engineering degree before being shipped to England and finally landing on Utah Beach. "It was the first night the Germans hadn't strafed the beach," recalls Acker gratefully, who spent the ensuing 12 months in Cherbourg,

France where the allies freed the city from German occupation.

Brenton Crossman, who worked at Young's Auto Radiator for 30 years after the war, volunteered for the Navy at 17 years of age. After boot camp, he was stationed in Noroton Heights in Darien, CT on guard duty patrol for only a short while. "I boarded the USS Carmick DD-493 in Portland Harbor and ended up all over the Atlantic," says Crossman with a chuckle. But Crossman was to see plenty of battle during the D-Day invasion. "I didn't see a lot of daylight at that time," says Crossman, who was in the channel for about a month, "because my job was to feed ammunition up to the gun turret." Fans of the World War II movie "The Longest Day" should note that Crossman was serving on the first of the five destroyers on the coast of France during the invasion.

In June of this year, 22 World War II veterans from across Maine met at the Portland Clarion Hotel at 4 a.m. where each veteran was introduced to their very own guardian/escort for the entire trip. (Volunteers pay their own expenses while escorting a veteran on an Honor Flight). They boarded a short bus ride to the Portland International Airport where a welcoming crowd of people greeted them as they entered the airport. "Family members, air travelers, police, Coast Guard, fire and even military and a flag guard jammed the area and thanked us for our service and shook our hands," says Acker who is still overwhelmed by the attention they received.



Photo courtesy of Georgia Humphrey, GoCAT

Recipients of the Honor Flight Maine program are, from left to right, Nathan Acker and Brenton Crossman.

The commercial flight took them to the Baltimore airport where they were greeted yet again by more civilians and military, shaking their hands and applauding their service. "On leaving Baltimore we had a uniformed policeman on a motorcycle in the front of the bus and a patrol car in the right rear corner of the bus with flashing blue lights and a siren," explains Acker. "The bus was going 80 miles per hour and we didn't stop for nothing until we got to DC!" Mimicking the sound of how quickly they were traveling Acker said, "psscht!" and went on to exclaim, "That was a thrilling experience. We didn't stop for one red light."

The tour took them to the World War II Monument, which was "absolutely

beautiful," says Acker, then the Navy Monument, Jefferson Memorial, Vietnam Memorial, Korean Memorial, the Lincoln Memorial and, finally, Arlington Cemetery and the changing of the guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. The trip ended with "mail call" on the bus ride back to the airport and spontaneous dancing at the airport with their female volunteers. The 19-hour whirlwind adventure concluded at 11:30 p.m. that same evening.

When asked what he remembers most about the Honor Flight Program, Acker replies, "Just the way it was run, managed, organized and executed. I notice things like that because I've done a lot of that in my career."

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The Gift That Keeps On Giving

By JEFF O'DONAL

Over the past couple of years, you may have noticed the changes on the slope between School Street and the Academy Building at the University of Southern Maine. A garden has been planted there that showcases an important collection of rhododendrons, hybridized by the late Joe Park of Dover, New Hampshire.

Joe Park was a business professional with a deep love of rhododendrons. He started hybridizing hardy rhododendrons in the 1950's and continued developing new varieties up until his death in 2011.

While being treated in the hospital, Joe signed over his entire collection, representing more than 40 years of hybridizing work, and passed away the very next day at age 94. While I personally knew Joe, I had very little knowledge of his vast collection until asked by USM to help them move some of his mature plants to their new home on the Gorham campus.

Joe left a small endowment to help maintain this garden, but his endowment is not enough to properly care for the garden. However, there is help on the horizon.

Recently, the Maine Rhododendron Society decided to disband because

of dwindling interest. They have turned their small bank balance over to USM to help maintain the Joe Park Rhododendron Garden and they hope to start a "Friends of the Rhododendron Garden" group to ensure that Joe Park's legacy endures.

How can you help? You can donate to the USM's Joe Park endowment in the name of a gardener in your family. By adding to this endowment, you can help ensure that the garden will be properly cared for.

Watch for a notice in the Gorham Times announcing the formation of the "Friends of the Joe Park Rhododendron Garden," and consider joining the effort to help continue Joe's remarkable legacy as the hybridizer of Maine-hardy rhododendrons.



Jeff O'Donal is a Maine Certified Nursery Professional and owner of O'Donal's Nursery in Gorham with over 40 year of experience in the plant industry.

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Strengthening Ties Between Town and USM

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Photo courtesy of Roger Marchand

Involved in the discussion between USM and the Town of Gorham are Police Chief Shepard, Fire Chief Lefebvre, Council Chair Mike Phinney, Town Manager David Cole, Town Councilor Ben Hartwell, and Superintendent of Schools Ted Sharp.

widely publicized news within the University System as well as to find ways in which the town and USM could help each other.

President Flanagan stated the university has "a very severe economic problem caused mainly by dropping enrollment." He said the University System is unable to give USM any more money this year because of other needs the System is facing and, because of this, USM needed to focus on doing "an outstanding job on some majors and [letting] others go." Flanagan sees a need to focus on USM becoming more of a metropolitan university.

In response to closing one of the three USM campuses, President Flanagan said if one campus were to be eliminated, it would lead to more layoffs and more program eliminations, thereby having no real impact on improving the financial deficit. He expressed concern about deferred maintenance and the long-term effect it will have on the Gorham campus.

Student recruitment and retention was discussed. Superintendent Sharp said, "Kids like to be courted and USM doesn't seem to do that for Gorham students." Town Councilor Matt Robinson said his daughter was very certain she would attend USM

but, due to the present issues at USM, she decided to attend a private college that costs considerably more. Fire Chief Lefebvre spoke about the fire fighter intern program that had students involved from other local colleges but none from USM.

Town Councilor Bruce Roullard spoke about ways for the university to have a presence in the downtown area. Possible ways to increase the visibility of the university were brought up. These included the use of USM banners on light fixtures in the village, using the town-owned building on Main Street as a campus bookstore, having an affiliation with USM students in specific majors with Gorham businesses, and utilizing some underused buildings on the campus for other uses such as hotel space or elderly housing, etc.

Also discussed was the possibility of developing a working relationship between the town and USM to examine parking options on the north side of the village, which could benefit the business community.

The parties involved agreed it was a beneficial meeting and that future meetings will focus more on items that had been discussed.

New Year Gorham Auction Fun Way to Shop!

By VIRGINIA WILDER CROSS

Just about everyone who came to the New Year Gorham (NYG) Auction on October 24 went home with at least one really good deal. With more than 100 items to bid on-ranging in values between \$5 to more than \$400-folks frantically monitored their bids during the silent auction, and continued to be generous during the live auction.

"We raised more than \$3,700," reported Bruce Roullard, who chaired the event with help from Alice Grover and Kristin Uhlig. Roullard continued, "But the money isn't the only measure of success in this event. People had lots of fun bidding while they enjoyed excellent jazz music provided by USM students and ate

some good food prepared by the Blue Pig Restaurant. Our auctioneer Duane Dreger kept everyone in stitches during the live auction as he urged bidders to go higher, and everyone left the event holding their really good deals knowing their new stuff was supporting a very good cause."

"Plans for New Year's Eve are nearly finalized and programs will soon be available," reported NYG coordinator, Mike Gradone, who also serves as the director of community events for the Gorham Rec. Dept. He added: "We still need volunteers to help with our event."

If you have any questions about New Year Gorham or would like to volunteer to help, please contact Mike Gradone at the Gorham Rec. Dept. at 222-1630.

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Honoring Our Veterans

By PAMELA TURNER
Director, Baxter Memorial Library

Library Director Pam Turner and Public Services Librarian James Rathbun are proud to serve on the Gorham Veterans Day Ceremony Committee. The brainchild of the late, great Martha T. Harris in 2011, the ceremony serves as both a way to honor our local veterans and to develop a documented history of the military service of local veterans. Each year the ceremony includes a documentary produced by Georgia Humphrey, an Army Veteran and the station manager of GoCat TV. Retiring Police Chief Ron Shepard, an Air Force Veteran, also serves on the committee. This year's ceremony will be held at the Gorham Middle School at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, November 11.

The theme of this year's ceremony is Military Medicine: Caring for our Soldiers. In addition to a short documentary featuring medical veterans from Gorham, the ceremony will have two keynote speakers: Blanche Alexander and Elle McCarty. Blanche Alexander, a Korean War Veteran, was in the Air Force Nurse Corps from 1953 to 1955. She cared for enlisted men at the Warren Air Force Base in Wyoming. Elle McCarty is a colonel (retired) and served in the Army Nurse Corps during the Vietnam War. She was stationed at a front line hospital caring for wounded soldiers. Gorham Veterans, the Gorham Police Department, and Gorham school students will also participate

in the ceremony. The Gorham Girl Scouts will serve refreshments. In addition to the ceremony, a display of military medicine artifacts from the Maine Military Museum will be on display. Thank you to Maine Military Museum Director Lee Humiston for making this display possible. In conjunction with the Veterans Day Ceremony, the Baxter Memorial Library is building a database of Gorham Veterans. If you are a Gorham Veteran or the loved one of a Gorham Veteran, please complete a survey to be included in the database. Links to the surveys may be found at www.baxterlibrary.org. For more information, please contact a committee member or call the library at 222-1190.

Timely Reminders

By JENNIFER ELLIOTT
Town Clerk

As I write these quick reminders, we are in the midst of busy absentee voting. While election season is a very important time in the Clerk's Office, keep in mind that it is also time to register your dog. You can do so through our website, or come in to our office with your dog's current rabies info and we will register your dog for 2015. Are you thinking of your holiday shopping? How about getting someone you care about a hunting or fishing license. Those will be available December 1 for the 2015 season. Tax time is right around the corner as well. The due date for taxes is November 15. Starting November 10 you will have the ability to pay current tax payments online with a debit or credit card. There will be a 2.5% fee to use this service and there will be a link to this through our website gorham-me.org. I hope everyone is having a nice fall and gearing up for winter. If you have any questions, please call the Clerk's Office at 222-1670.

Little Free Library Opening in Gorham

By AIMEE GOBEL

The second "Little Free library" in Gorham is scheduled to open on Nov. 8th on Grant Road, near the Gorham Equestrian Center. This little library will be one of more than 10,000 Little Free Libraries in 50 countries around the world. These miniature libraries run on the honor system, using the slogan, "Take a book, return a book." The few shelves are stocked initially with some quality books of varied topics, and aim to promote literacy and the love of reading by creating this free book exchange. In addition, the Little Free Library movement fosters a sense of community by sharing skills, creativity, and wisdom across generations. Instead of the usual birdhouse style used by most of the Little Free Library

locations, the new facility was incorporated into a small existing school bus shelter used by the neighborhood children. After a community spruce-up and paint party, a few shelves were added, the donated books were positioned, the official "Little Free Library, Chapter 19171" sign was put up, and it is now ready for the grand opening on November 8th, from 10 to 11 a.m. Spearheading the effort is third grader Olivia Gobel, who is an avid reader herself with her readings covering an eclectic range of topics. She will be acting as the host for the public opening. She has been busy gathering cookies, chips, juice, and other "delicacies" for the big event. Everyone is welcome to attend-bringing a book or bookmark is optional. For more information on the Little Free Library movement, visit www.littlefreelibrary.org.



Photo courtesy of Aimee Gobel

Sitting in her bus shelter turned Little Free Library is third grader Olivia Gobel and her younger sister Dagny.



Jennifer Elliott can be reached by e-mail at jelliott@gorham.me.us or by phone at 222-1674.

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Working Together: Two Cultures, One Global Partnership

BY TARA BENSON
Staff Writer

Gorham High School welcomed its first visiting Mandarin and Chinese teacher this year.

Cassie Gao is from Beijing, where she has been teaching high school students at High School Attached to Capital Normal University (HSACNU).

Gao, who has an excellent command of the English language, explained at a back-to-school night at GHS, “[I am] very happy and excited to be here teaching [these] students and to share with them my culture. They are very eager to learn and are picking up the language very fast. The students are teaching me a lot as well.”

The first Mandarin classes are small in student numbers, which gives Gao increased personalized teaching time.

“Mandarin is a difficult language to learn as far as tonal ear and vocal training are concerned and needing to master its own written characters, which can take years as there are no phonetic indicators within the character,” said GHS history teacher James Welsch.

Both Welsch and Village Elementary School assistant principal Jodi Mezzanotte helped coordinate this first exchange teacher from Beijing. When asked why Mandarin is such an important undertaking, Mezzanotte said, “The chances of students doing business with China in the near future are great. It is important that we not only prepare our children with the language skills, but also with an understanding and respect of the Chinese culture.”

“China is not just an economic competitor, but possibly our biggest future partner,” said Welsch.

China also shares this view and has been teaching their students to be innovative thinkers who study the English culture.

“Because of our relationship that we have formed and fostered with our host sister high school over the past four years, we were able to be involved in a one-week summer camp in Beijing to celebrate the Chinese culture, language and history.”

Welsh and Mezzanotte have brought two groups of GHS students to China so far. This past summer was the most recent trip. Students were housed with national host families to get first hand experiences of home life in China. Weekdays included group excursions to the

Great Wall of China, museums, markets, and the Temple of Heaven.

As a well respected high school, HSACNU teaches advanced placement classes in literature, math, and science instructed in the English language.

Ninety-three percent of HSACNU graduates attend top rated universities in the United States. Gao teaches English class at HSACNU and acted as a tour guide to the GHS staff and students this past summer.

“She really made us feel welcome and was so kind and knowledgeable. It was great knowing that she was to be our first exchange teacher at Gorham High School,” said Welsch.

Gao brings hands-on learning to the classroom each day. Recently, she had the students create ornate,



Photo credit James Welsch

A group of Gorham teachers and students were welcomed this past summer for a one-week summer camp in Beijing, China as part of an ongoing cultural exchange between Gorham schools and High School Attached to Capital Normal University. Pictured in front of the National Performing Arts Center in Beijing (left to right) are: Jodi Mezzanotte, Isaac Salpietra, Jesse Southard, Isabelle Grant, Shannon Nee, Sarah Norton, and James Welsch.

finely cut butterflies, which, according to ancient standards, represent beauty and the amount of detail was to reflect one’s intellectual value.

Weekend excursions to Boston and the universities, where HSACNU places their students, are planned for Gao while she is visiting.

Gorham School District hopes to expand the relationship with a visiting exchange teacher each year from HSACNU.

“Our hope is for our students to continue learning the Mandarin language and Chinese culture while building a strong relationship for the future,” said Mezzanotte.


To learn more about Mandarin and Chinese Studies opportunities in Gorham, visit <http://usm.maine.edu/confucius>.

School Note

Gorham Adult Education is offering the following holiday programs: Christmas Card Workshop and Holiday Cookie Workshop. FMI, visit <http://gorham.maineadulted.org> or call 222-1095.

Correction

In the article titled “USM Students Tutor Elementary Students” in the Oct. 23 edition of the *Gorham Times*, we misspelled the last name of Alexis Kiburis, director of SMART Learning Lab. Additionally, the correct website should be www.smartlearninglab.org. We regret the errors.



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Help GMS Students Plant Milkweed to Save the Monarchs



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Monarch butterflies, like this one in Gorham, are are tagged to track their migrating patterns.

BY FAITH DILLON
seventh grader at
Gorham Middle School

Students in Mrs. Gospodarek and Mrs. Dawson’s social studies classes at Gorham Middle School are working with other schools in Maine on the Lunder New Naturalists Program. In this program, students develop a conservation or biodiversity challenge. One group at GMS, which includes Jack Rogers, Aaron Mains, Zoe Larson, and Faith Dillon, plan to make an iMovie about the challenge they are pursuing, choose a plant and tree to identify, and make a product. The challenge they chose is to help save the monarch butterfly. The project is named “Saving The Monarchs!” and they came up with their own slogan: “Plant ‘em to Save ‘em!” Their product includes making a brochure to hand out with a small envelope. The envelopes hold 26 milkweed seeds. They plan to hand out packets and brochures to community members to spread the word wherever they can.

Milkweed plays a big role in the life of the monarch butterfly—it is their primary food source. Many farmers and other people in the United States have been mowing and treating the milkweed with chemicals. This causes the milkweed to die early, which then affects the monarch life cycle. During the 2012-2013 winter, the monarchs went to their usual migrating location in Mexico and the area of forest covered with monarchs was only three acres, compared to the 17-acre average. This past winter, the area of forest covered with monarchs was only 1.65 acres, 90% below average. Some legal and illegal loggers have been cutting down trees in the area, which also adds to the decline but the decline needs to be stopped. Anyone interested in a packet of seeds can pick one up at the Baxter Memorial Library. Students will also be handing them out around Gorham neighborhoods. Please help GMS students Save The Monarchs! Seed packets and brochures are also available by contacting savingthemonarchs@gmail.com.

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GHS Fall Play Sure to Entertain

BY GRACEANN BURNS
Gorham High School senior

Gorham High School’s three-act fall drama, “Can’t Take It With You,” by Moss Hart and George S. Kaufman, follows the zany life of the Sycamore family as their daughter, Alice, played by Sophomore Esther Eaton, tries to get approval from her family and fiancé Tony, played by sophomore Grant Hawkes.

The show is bound to amaze the audience with scenes involving ballet dancing, snakes, J-Men, and fireworks. “You Can’t Take It With You” will take place in the McCormack Performing Arts Center at GHS, with shows at 7:30 p.m. on Nov. 14, 15, 21, and 22, and a matinee show on Nov. 16 at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are sold at the door and are \$5 for adults, and \$3 for seniors and students. Doors open at 7 p.m. and 2 p.m. respectively.

Great Falls Cleans Up



Photo credit Jane Esty

Lori Speed and a group of volunteers from the Gorham-based company Irwin Tools, a brand of Newell Rubbermaid, spent the day at Great Falls Elementary School completing a number of tasks to enhance the outdoor campus. The event took place on October 28, which marked the day of Global Service, whereby employees of Newell Rubbermaid all over the world participated in giving back to their communities. Great Falls students and staff would like to thank the following volunteers from Irwin Tools: Lori Speed, Tim Vargo, Dana Johnson, Tara Harrington, Bill Shufelt, Zakariya Ayanle (pictured at right), Ryan Baker, and Scott Avery.

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GHS Fall Sports Season Round Up

COMPILED BY JEFF PIKE
Sports Editor

The **field hockey** team finished 13-1 and ranked second for the regular season before losing to Cheverus in the Western Maine Class A quarterfinals, 2-0. With 11 wins and three ties, the **boys' soccer** team finished the regular season undefeated and ranked third before losing to South Portland, 1-0, in the Western Maine Class A quarterfinals.

The **golf** team finished the regular season with a 7-3 record and then shot the lowest score in the team qualifier for the Class A State Tournament. At the state tournament, the Rams finished fourth. The **boys' cross country** went 12-2 in the regular season and placed fourth in the Western Maine Class A meet and then eighth in the State Class A Meet. **Jesse Southard** (6th place) led the way in the State Meet.

Girls' soccer was ranked fifth in Western Maine Class A with a 10-4 regular-season record. The Rams defeated Westbrook, 1-0, in the preliminary round on a goal by **Kate Hopkins** before losing to Thornton Academy, 3-0, in the quarterfinals. With an 8-6 record, the **volleyball** team finished eighth in the statewide Class A rankings. The Rams defeated Windham, 3-1, in the preliminary round of the state tournament before losing to top-seeded Greely, 3-0, in the quarterfinals.

The **football** team finished 1-7, winning its first game in three years and just narrowly missing out on qualifying for the post-season tournament. The **girls' cross country** team completed the regular season with a 6-9 record and then placed 11th in the Western Maine Class A meet—in which **Anna Slager** was the overall individual winner. Slager also finished 7th in the Class A State Meet.



Western Maine Champion

GHS freshman Anna Slager won the Western Maine Class A 5K cross country individual championship October 25 in Cumberland with a time of 20:04. She then went on to finish seventh in the Class A State Championship November 2 in Belfast with a time of 19:46.

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Remembering Branden Denis

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and calling hours in memory of Branden, who died in a tragic car accident in Bridgton on October 19.

“The school is where Branden experienced many of his happiest moments,” said Tim Spear, the GHS athletic director. “When his family reached out with the request to hold the services here, we felt it was the perfect way to remember him.”

The week leading up to the funeral was particularly difficult for the football team, which on October 17th had just won its first football game in three years. “Branden walked off that field with a big smile as he and the team felt like conquering heroes,” said Chris Record, the GHS principal. “But the team also showed its character in the way they handled the following week, learning to grieve for Branden but also preparing for their final game.”

The morning after Branden died, Record assembled the GHS crisis team—which includes school administrators, counselors and the school safety officer—to plan how to help the students and the staff make it through the upcoming week. “I’m proud of how the crisis team reacted and guided the school community,” Record said. “This was an extraordinarily challenging time for students, staff and the community.”

Record added that head football coach Andy Hager and Spear played big roles in helping the football team and the student body learn how to grieve—something that high school students are not accustomed to for one of their own. During the funeral and visiting hours on October 24th, all the fall sports teams as well as many of the school’s extracurricular programs assisted by bringing food and providing support during a reception in the school cafeteria.

Administrators, teachers and counselors from every Gorham school were also in attendance. Several hundred people turned out to show just how much Branden

meant to them and to support his family. “The community support was tremendous,” Spear said. “We also received a strong outpouring from the high schools we compete against.”

After seeing varsity action in the fall of 2013 as a sophomore, Branden earned a spot as a two-way starter this fall a junior. Coach Hager remembers Branden for his toughness and resiliency, both in the way he played and his attitude toward the game, demanding of himself to improve each day. “I will always remember the way Branden constantly worked with the younger kids, including freshmen and middle school players,” Hager added. “Whether it was in the weight room or on the playing field, Branden would take what the coaches taught him and teach those same fundamentals to other players. It’s very rewarding to coach a player like Branden.”

Branden earned legendary status in the GHS weight room. From December 2013 to August 2014, he improved from 275 to 415 pounds in the squat. He also benched 275 pounds and could dead lift 455 pounds. “Branden is the strongest 16-year-old football player I’ve ever seen my 10 years of being involved in football weight programs,” Hager said.

Spear added that the school is planning to continue to remember Branden. One possibility is framing his jersey in the school weight room, where Branden spent a lot of time and focused on football. The team and other students have currently set up a memorial in the weight room consisting of Branden’s game shirt, helmet and other memories.

“Branden’s death is a deep sadness for our school, and we are continuing to work through it,” said Record. “He will always be remembered for his contributions to our school and the football team.”

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In the Zone



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Jeff Bowers in action at USM during the 1980s.



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Julie Plant in action at USM during the 1990s.

Little East Conference Hall of Fame Inductees: Jeff Bowers and Julie Plant, both outstanding athletes at USM, were inducted into the Little East Conference Hall of Fame during an October 26 ceremony in Providence. Bowers, a current Gorham resident, was a high-scoring forward for the men's basketball team in the 1980s and was named to numerous all-star teams. In his final season, he led USM to the NCAA Division III Final Four, averaging 20.3 points per game while also helping the Huskies claim their only Little East Conference Championship. In 2011, he was also selected to the Little East Conference 25th Anniversary Men's Basketball Team in 2011. Plant (GHS Class of 1996), was a two-sport standout, competing on the women's basketball and softball teams. In basketball, she earned Little East Conference first team honors three times, and, in her final season, was named Little East Conference and Maine Women's Basketball Coaches Association Player of the Year. She led USM to a 105-17 while guiding the team to two appearances in the NCAA Division III National Championship game. In softball, Plant is the only USM player to earn NFCA All-American honors, with achievements that made her the school's career leader in runs scored, hits, doubles, runs batted in, total bases and stolen bases.



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Annie Sherry with her University of Maine Hall of Fame plaque and her daughters, Kilee (left) and Devan (right).

University of Maine Hall of Fame Inductee: Annie (Elkanich) Sherry of Gorham was inducted into the University of Maine Sports Hall of Fame on October 18. She captained the 1996 field hockey squad and was an NFHCA third-team All-American and a first-team NFHCA All-Regional selection while earning a spot on the North Atlantic Conference first team. Sherry was also named to the NAC first team and to the NFHCA All-Regional second team selection in 1995. Upon graduation, she held Maine school records for assists in a game, assists in a season, points in a season and assists in a career.

Stock Car Star Wraps Up Successful Second Season: Gorham's Brian Darling completed his second season of stock car and truck racing by finishing among the top five drivers in 22 of the 23 races he competed in. At Oxford Plains Speedway, he finished in second place for the season while also placing third for the season at Beech Ridge Motor Speedway in Scarborough.

Athlete of the Month at Bridgton Academy: Dylan Turner (GHS Class of 2014) was named the Athlete of the Month for September at Bridgton Academy. A catcher for the prep school's baseball team, Turner led the Wolverines to a 9-3 record for the month, batting .550 with eight runs-batted-in, including a three-hit performance vs. Holy Cross with four runs-batted-in.

Norm Dakin: The Godfather Lawn Mower Racing



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Norm Dakin, in action as the "Godfather of Lawn Mower Racing."

BY JEFF PIKE
Sports Editor

The sport of lawn mower racing has run hot for the past several years at the Saco Pathfinders club track, and Norm Dakin of Gorham is one of best at his craft. Dubbed by fellow competitors as "The Godfather of Lawn Mower Racing," Dakin has won three season championships in the Modified Mower Series during the past seven years, including his last one in 2012.

Dakin found himself in prime position to win another championship this fall, earning a second-place ranking after finishing second in the October 3rd race in Saco. Dakin hoped to challenge for first in the season finale on October 17th, but due to poor weather, the race was cancelled. The championship went to his rival, Chuck Gasset.

During a phone interview, Dakin did not sound too disappointed and seems to simply enjoy the sport for how much fun he has. "I went to a race about eight years ago, and I could see how the drivers enjoyed competing," Dakin says. "I like modifying my

mower in my garage and racing against several of my co-workers."

The races take place on a 220-foot oval track at the Saco Pathfinders Club. Races run anywhere from 15 to 25 laps, and the modified mowers sometimes reach speeds of 30 miles per hour. "Our speed is limited by the size of the track and the turns, but on long straightaways, the mowers are capable of reaching 60 miles per hour," Dakin says.

Saco Pathfinders hosts about 10 races per year from May to October, and as part of the modified division, Dakin is allowed to alter anything on his mower, including the engine and the chassis. "We remove the mower blade, and I typically focus on changes to the carburetor, the exhaust, and the cylinder heads," says Dakin.

Dakin has used the same chassis for all seven years and once competed in a national American Racing Mower Association event in Shapleigh, but for the most part, he stays focused on local racing events: "Sometimes we compete at Maine state fairs, but we just appreciate the chance to race every now and then and having a lot of fun."



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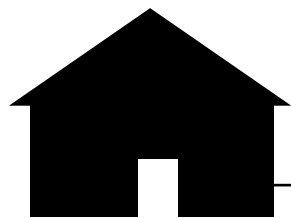
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ARToberfest at Shaw Gym



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The news really does travel!

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Troop 73 Camporee Victory



By CONNOR DONNELLY

Boy Scout Troop 73 was the overall winner of Casco Bay District Fall Camporee. The Casco Bay District hosts scout camporees twice annually. This camporee focused on wilderness survival in which ten troops participated. The camporee took place at Kiwanis beach in Standish from the 13th-15th of October. Throughout the three-day event, all troops participated in six different challenges including signaling, shelter building, fire starting and no-utensil-camp-fire cooking. No Troop was allowed assistance or advice from adult leaders. All Troops were scored on

participation, task capability and attentiveness to instruction. In addition, scouts Nolan McCullough and Connor Donnelly placed second in wilderness survival shelter building competition, in which they had to sleep overnight. Pictured from left to right are: Teddy Lockman, Connor Donnelly (back row), Nolan McCullough, Ben Nault, Sam Cousins, Benjamin Demers, Ben Bellantoni (Senior Patrol Leader, back row), Mark McShane III, and Adam Harrington. All are from Gorham. Troop 73 meets every Monday night at 6:30 p.m. during the school year at the First Parish Congregational Church, 1 Church Street in Gorham. New scouts are always welcome.



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New **Gorham Kindergarten Daisy Troop 945** picked apples at Randall Orchards to make applesauce for Gorham House nursing home residents and to play some fall games. Front: **Hannah Kowalski, Anna Johnson, Kara Nygren, Erica Donnelly, Audrey Livingston, Addison Rush, Charlotte Wallace, Jordyn Fotter, Liana Edwards, Larissa Moore.** Back: Scarecrow family members!



Area Girl Scout troops, and one Boy Scout, gathered at the White Rock Community Club House on Sunday, October 26 to make ornaments for the **“Be a Santa to a Senior®” project.** The handmade ornaments will accompany the gift request tags at Merchant Partner locations and serve as a thank you to the community member who picks up a tag and buys the gift. Standing L-R: **Elizabeth Phinney, Hadley Scaplen, Anna Dumais, Emily Feagans, Annikka Mocchiola, Danielle Irish, Arianna Morse** and **Meghan Irish.** Seated L-R: **Nyssa Mocchiola** and **Lillianna Noel.**



Sebago Brewing Co. and The Blue Pig Diner will participate in the **“Be a Santa to a Senior®” program”** sponsored by **Home Instead Senior Care®** of Gorham from Nov. 1-Dec. 8. Holiday shoppers may pick ornaments from trees at these locations, buy the items listed, and return them unwrapped with the gift tag. FMI, 839-0441.

A **Gorham Veteran’s Day Ceremony** will be held on **Tuesday, Nov. 11 at 10 a.m.** at the Gorham Middle School. Air Force and Army Nurse Corps Veterans will talk about “Military Medicine: Caring for Our Soldiers.”

The **West Gorham Union Church,** 190 Ossipee Trail, will hold their Sunday Church Services and Sunday School Service at 9:30 a.m. beginning in November.

The **Gorham Woman’s Club** will meet on **Thursday, Nov. 13** at the First Parish Congregational Church. Refreshments at 12:30 p.m. followed by a 1 p.m. Transportation Alternatives Program given by ITN Portland. New members welcome.

Performances of **“Cinderella, A Ballet,”** will be held on **Sunday, Nov. 16 at 2 & 5 p.m.** and **Monday, Nov. 17 at 7 p.m.** at **Spire 29 on the Square,** 29 School Street, Gorham. \$8/\$6. Proceeds to benefit **“Save the Centre.”** Fun for all ages! FMI, 839-DANS.

The National Asphalt Pavement Association announced that Brickyard Asphalt Plant, **Shaw Brothers Construction of Gorham** has earned their **Diamond Achievement Commendation for Excellence in Asphalt Plant/Site Operations.**

Gorham House recently received the **Maine Health Care Association 2014 Celebrating Excellence in Innovation Award.** Gorham House was recognized for its Itty Bitty Store, which was a brainchild of Peg Kirkpatrick, a longtime volunteer coordinator, resident and general champion of Gorham House. L-R: **Rick Erb, Peg Kirkpatrick, Michelle Belhumeur.**

The **First Parish Congregational Church** will hold a **Chicken Pie Supper** on **Saturday, Nov. 15 from 5-6:30 p.m.** \$10/\$5 under 12. FMI, 839-6353.

Mr. Bagel in Gorham will host a **Homemade Thanksgiving Meal** with ALL the fixings on **Thursday, Nov. 27 from 12-1:30 p.m.** This is a FREE meal, any donations will be given to the Gorham Ecumenical Food Pantry. Transportation available upon request. Meals delivered upon request. Please call Roxanne Hanscom Moody at 839-4516 or tmoody6@maine.rr.com.

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The **American Heart Association First Aid and CPR Certification Class** will be on **Monday, Nov. 10 & 17 from 6:30-9 p.m.** at the Cressey Road United Methodist Church, Gorham. FMI, 839-3111 to register.

Girl Scouts of Maine will host the following **Parent Information and Registration Meetings** in Gorham: **Wednesday, Nov. 5 at 6:30 p.m.** at Great Falls School; **Thursday, Nov. 6 at 6:30 p.m.** at Village School and **Thursday, Nov. 13 at 6:30 p.m.** at Narragansett School. FMI, girlscoutsofmaine.org.



Many zombies and one very brave gorilla came out among the living the day after Halloween in Gorham for the **My-FIT-24 Zombie Run.** The event featured three miles of mud crawling, hurdle jumping, wall climbing and several hungry zombies. Obstacles included a Pumpkin Snot Slide, Field of Screams, Save Jacki-Lantern, Muddy Blood Transfusion and Run for your Lives. The event supports the Gorham Food Pantry and included smashing pumpkins in honor of National Diabetes Month.



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ON-GOING EVENTS

The **Gorham Food Pantry,** located at 299-B Main St. (parking lot of St. Anne’s Catholic Church), is open every Thursday morning from 9-11 a.m. and the second and fourth Wednesday of every month from 6-7 p.m. Free for Gorham residents in need. FMI, 222-4351 or visit www.gorhamfoodpantry.org.

The **Lakes Region Senior Center,** White Rock Grange at 33 Wilson Road (off Rt. 237), is a great place for daily socializing, independent activities and good conversation. Mahjong lessons on Monday; poker, crafting and card games on Tuesday; Chair Yoga with a Nutrition and Weight Support Group on Wednesday; and Bingo on Thursday. FMI, call Cheryl 892-9879 or Blanche 892-5604.

The **Gorham Medical Closet** located at the Municipal Center, 75 South St. is free and available to Gorham residents in need of portable wheelchairs, hospital beds, shower seats, commodes, walkers, canes and more. FMI, call 839-4579, 839-3630 or 839-3936.

USM NOTES

A master class on **How to Audition with Mezzo-Soprano Megan Marino** will be held on **Friday, Nov. 7 from 1:30 to 4:40 p.m.** at Corthell Concert Hall, Gorham campus; Free and open to the public. FMI, usm.maine.edu.

USM Instrumental Youth Ensemble will hold their fall instrumental concert at Merrill Auditorium, Portland on **Thursday, Nov. 13 at 7 p.m.;** \$8/\$5 suggested donation at the door. FMI, <http://usm.maine.edu/maine> or (207) 780-5555.

CHRISTMAS FAIRS

Home for the Holidays Christmas Fair will be held at **St. Anne’s Church,** 299 Main St., Gorham on **Saturday, Nov. 15 from 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.** Light breakfast, raffles, crafts, candy, baked goods, knit goods, wreaths, Grandma’s Attic, Xmas decorations and more. Chili and Chowder Lunch, Pasta Dinner from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

An **Old-Fashioned Christmas Fair** will be held at the **West Gorham Union Church,** 190 Ossipee Trail, on **Saturday, Nov. 22 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.** Crafts, baked goods, knitted and quilted items, gift baskets and slightly used x-mas decorations and jewelry. Fish chowder and hot dog lunch. On Rt. 25 three miles west of Gorham Center.

A **Holiday Fair** will be held at the **Windham Hill UCC Church,** 140 Windham Center Road, on **Saturday, Nov. 8 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.** Wreaths, cemetery baskets, spectacular church photos, note cards & coasters, X-mas ornaments, baked goods and more. Chowder and sandwiches for lunch.

A **Christmas Craft Fair** will be held at the **Redeemer Lutheran Church,** 410 Main St., Gorham, on **Saturday, Nov. 15 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.** Baked goods, crafts and a tearoom to sit and relax after shopping. FMI, 839-7100.

A **Community Fall Craft Fair** will be held on **Saturday, Nov. 15 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.** at the **Westbrook Community Center,** 426 Bridge St., Westbrook.

The **21st Annual Holiday Craft Fair** will be held on **Saturday, Nov. 8 and Sunday, Nov. 9 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.** at **Windham High School,** 409 Gray Road, Windham. Over 150 crafters, great food, craft room for kids and Santa too! FMI, 837-3956.

A **Craft Fair** will be held **Saturday, Nov. 15 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.** at the **SouthCoast Community Church,** 368 Gorham Rd., Scarborough. Over 50 Crafters and vendors, raffles, hot delicious food.

The **First Parish Church Fair** will be held on **Saturday, Dec. 6 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.** Silent Auction, Café Luncheon, Dessert Auction, Crafts, Greens, Gifts and More! FMI, 839-6751.

Spotlight on The Gorham Business Exchange

By LEIGH-PAIGE SMITH
Gorham Business Exchange

For the past year, I have had the privilege of writing several articles that showcased a local Gorham business. My goal has always been to shine a light on the business and to remind our community of the wonderful people that are the cornerstone of this great little town we call home. This week, I'd like to shine a light on the Gorham Business Exchange.

We are a not-for-profit organization that exists to support the businesses of Gorham and surrounding communities. Our mission is simple: "to be an advocate for local businesses to enhance the community in which we live." A board of directors consisting of nine people who either live or work in Gorham governs us.

Throughout the year we sponsor several events to raise money and/or awareness in the community. Much of our profits are given to specific causes we believe enrich and reinvest in our community. A few of the events the Gorham Business Exchange coordinates and sponsors include the Gorham Marketplace in March, Business Person of the Year in May, and our annual Golf Scramble in June. This past year, Marketplace had 78 local businesses participate, which drew a crowd of almost 2,000 people. The Business Person of the Year reception was hosted by Gorham House and honored Trish Moulton of the Dance Studio of Maine, this year's recipient. Our annual Golf Scramble was a success in June. We were able to award two scholarships to Gorham High School seniors, and we made a \$2,000 contribution to the Gorham Conservation Commission, which builds and maintains trails for the community to use for hiking, biking, cross-country skiing and more.

Ribbon cutting ceremonies are a way for the Business Exchange to celebrate when a business opens, expands or relocates and we shine a light on them by announcing it in the Gorham Times. We also support the Good Shepherd Food bank at Thanksgiving, and Santa for a Senior during the holidays. We also like to have a few networking events throughout the year to keep our local business people connected.

We are honored to support local businesses because they are the backbone of the community and we recognize that nothing would be accomplished without their membership and participation. In celebration of our existing members and in anticipation of gaining new ones, we will be having a Membership Drive in November.

We would like to invite you (and a friend) to one of two Open Houses. The first one will be on November 13th from 7:30 to 9 a.m. at Gorham House and the second one will be on November 20th from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at Moody's Collision Center. Please join us at one of these events to find out what is new for the upcoming year. We have a lot of exciting news to share and we would love to connect with you to find out what we can do to better support you and your business.



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Correction

The last edition of the Gorham Times incorrectly identified the writer for the Gorham Business Exchange Spotlight. The correct writer was Marti Allen. We regret the error.

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School bus reported getting hit by paint balls on Fort Hill Road.

Gray Road caller reported a turkey flew into her windshield, breaking it. Turkey was deceased.

Woman ran out of gas and called a friend at USM to bring her some gas. Friend showed up with a small Gatorade bottle half full of fuel, which was not enough to get the vehicle started. Subjects left to get more gas.

Caller reported that every time he teaches a motorcycle safety class, three guys on motorcycles come by the shop and pop wheelies. He wanted police to float the area when the classes were going on. Call was passed on to Buxton where shop was located.

School Street caller reporter a 20-pound raccoon had entered her house through the cat

door and was sitting in the middle of her kitchen table. She had left the door open in hope that it would leave. After discussion with the Animal Control officer, she was advised to take a broom and push it out the door.

South Street caller reported that some juveniles had changed a sign to read 'boobs' instead of 'books'. The change in wording was corrected.

Following a report of suspicious activity on Julia Drive, a youth and his date were told to clear the area and not to be participating in the activity they were engaged in there again.

Two callers reported a woman trying to jump out of a white van driving down Wood Road.

Caller reported a gray bird in his yard that was breathing but not moving. He was concerned it might have West Nile Virus. He was advised to call the hotline and he did but got an answering machine. According to officer, it looked like a baby of whatever kind of bird was in the nest and he speculated that it had fallen out of its nest.

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THURSDAY, NOV. 6

- Baby and Me with books, music and movement, 9:30 a.m. ages birth-18 mos., Baxter Memorial Library.
- Toddler Time, 10 a.m., ages 18-36 mos., Baxter Memorial Library.
- Sewing Group, 2:30-4:30 p.m. Baxter Memorial Library.

FRIDAY, NOV. 7

- Peg's Itsy Bitsy Store, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. The Gorham House. Snacks, jewelry, greeting cards and gently used items for sale. Proceeds provide scholarships for students entering the Health Care Field. FMI, 839-5757.

SATURDAY, NOV. 8

- Lego Club at Baxter Memorial Library, 10 a.m.-12 p.m., all ages. If you don't have your own, we have Legos to share!

MONDAY, NOV. 10

- Teacher Inservice. No school for students K-12.
- American Heart Association First Aid and CPR Certification Class, 6:30-9 p.m., Cressey Road United Methodist Church, Gorham. FMI, 839-3111 to register.

TUESDAY, NOV. 11

- Veteran's Day. No school for grades K-12.
- Veteran's Day Ceremony, 10 a.m., Gorham Middle School. Military Medicine: Caring for Our Soldiers.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 12

- Town of Gorham Senior Lunch Program, St. Anne's Church, Gorham. 12-1:30 p.m. \$4pp. FMI, 839-4857.

THURSDAY, NOV. 13

- Gorham Woman's Club Meeting, 1 p.m., First Parish Congregational Church. Refreshments at 12:30 p.m. New members welcomed!
- Baby and Me with books, music and movement, 9:30 a.m. ages birth-18 mos., Baxter Memorial Library.
- Toddler Time, 10 a.m., ages 18-36 mos., Baxter Memorial Library.
- Sewing Group, 2:30-4:30 p.m. Baxter Memorial Library.

SATURDAY, NOV. 15

- Chicken Pie Supper, First Parish Congregational Church, 5-6:30 p.m. \$10/\$5 under 12. FMI, 839-6353.

SUNDAY, NOV. 16

- Fundraising Ballet performance of Cinderella, 2 & 5 p.m., Spire 29. \$8/\$6. FMI, 839-DANS.

MONDAY, NOV. 17

- Fundraising Ballet performance of Cinderella, 7 p.m., Spire 29. \$8/\$6. FMI, 839-DANS. American Heart Association First Aid and CPR Certification Class, 6:30 - 9 p.m., Cressey Road United Methodist Church, Gorham. FMI, 839-3111 to register.

TUESDAY, NOV. 18

- Preschool Story Time: Firewoman Visit, 9:30 a.m., ages 3-5 yrs. Baxter Memorial Library.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 19

- Town of Gorham Senior Lunch Program, St. Anne's Church, Gorham. 12-1:30 p.m. \$4pp. FMI, 839-4857.

THURSDAY, NOV. 20

- Baby and Me with books, music and movement, 9:30 a.m. ages birth-18 mos., Baxter Memorial Library.
- Toddler Time, 10 a.m., ages 18-36 mos., Baxter Memorial Library.
- Sewing Group, 2:30-4:30 p.m. Baxter Memorial Library.

Baxter Memorial Library, 71 South St.

Cressey Road United Methodist Church, 81 Cressey Rd.

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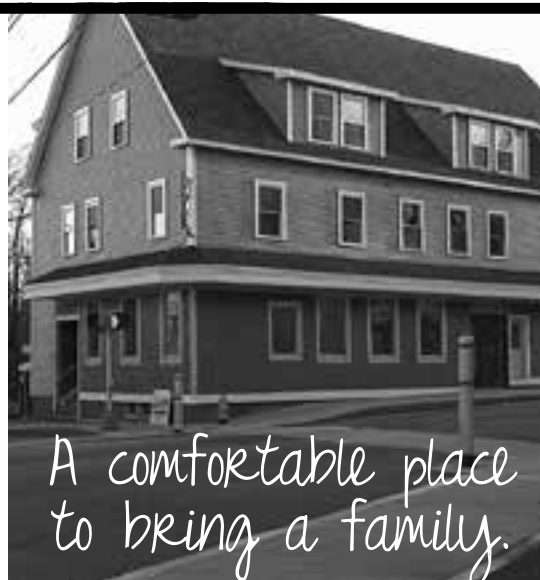
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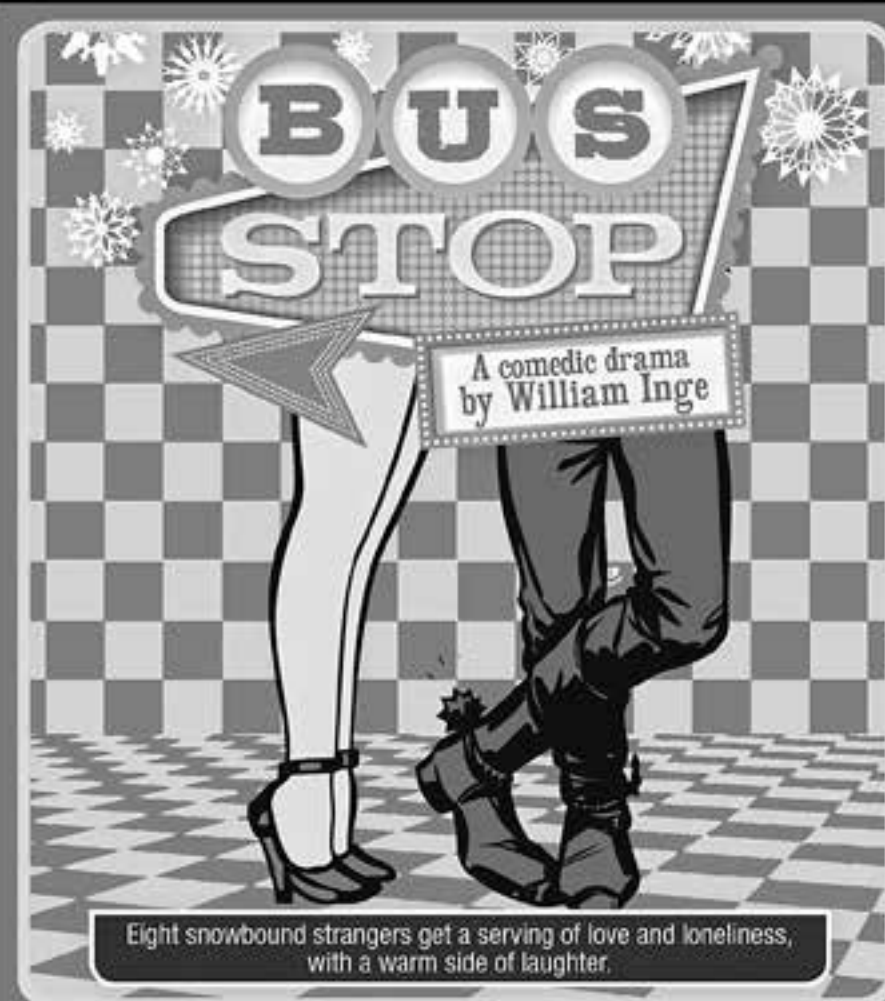
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