Discussions Continue on K-5 School Configuration

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Staff Writer

In a room filled with parents, the Gorham School Committee (SC) held a workshop on January 10 to discuss options for K-5 configuration in the district’s three elementary schools. Chairman Darryl Wright opened the discussion by emphasizing that no decision had been made and that the SC is still in the process of considering options. He expressed appreciation for the input the committee had received from parents.

Previously, at a workshop on December 27, the SC developed a list of priorities to use in making a decision: equality of educational opportunities, long-term planning/efficiency, efficient use of resources, equality in class size, and safe and secure buildings. They also decided to consider two additional configurations as well as the one recommended by a study committee commissioned by the School Committee. That recommendation was to retain the current configuration of three neighborhood schools. All options under consideration would be evaluated in relation to these priorities.

Between the December meeting and the January 10 workshop, 200 parents signed line petitions and another 50 sent e-mails to the School Committee that were overwhelmingly in support of maintaining neighborhood schools. At the regular January meeting held before the workshop, eleven parents and teachers urged the SC not to change the current configuration.

At the start of the School Committee’s discussion on January 10, Wright listed the themes, or concerns, that appeared most often in communications with parents. These included, among others, long-term vs. short-term planning, relationships between students and teachers, neighborhood schools, town growth rate, and not only looking at financial considerations.

In discussing long-term planning, the committee reviewed the recent rapid population growth that is driving the need to enlarge capacity in the Gorham schools. If this trend continues, the district would need another 50 sent e-mails to the School Committee. That recommendation was to retain the current configuration of three neighborhood schools. All options under consideration would be evaluated in relation to these priorities.

If you have not driven by 77 South Street lately, you could be in for quite a surprise. This 1800's era Colonial located in the South Street Historic District is undergoing a major renovation. The house is believed to have been built in 1803 for James McLellan, a descendant of the McLellan family who settled in Gorham 278 years ago. Currently the windows have been replaced and the well worn exterior siding stripped. The exterior has been covered with house-wrap, commonly used as a vapor barrier between the sheathing and the siding, and is awaiting new siding.

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Historic McLellan House Gets an Overhaul

Edmund Ricker
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The building was sold to Ben LaMarche and Cory Murray, doing business as Standish MODBL Real Estate LLC, in August 2016. At the time of the sale, the building was listed as the first floor being utilized as office space and the second floor as a two bedroom rental apartment.

According to Freeman Abbott, Code Enforcement Officer for the Town of Gorham, the interior of the building is completely gutted, and he estimates the project is currently 25% complete. He further stated that the final use of the building has not been determined, and at this point could be either residential or commercial.

Gorham Sightings

Do you know where in Gorham this photo was taken? Join our visual trivia discussion by entering your best guess on our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/gorhamtimes or email us at gorhamtimes@gmail.com. Several readers correctly guessed the location of the photo in the January 11 edition as the entrance to the former White Rock School, now known as Perennial Place.
Protecting Maine’s Vulnerable Citizens

Sen. Amy Volk

January is Human Trafficking Awareness Month and this is an issue I have focused on in my time in Augusta. Together with many of my colleagues in the State House, as well as numerous caring professionals, religious institutions and volunteers, we have increased awareness of these crimes statewide.

Modern-day slavery victimizes over 27 million people worldwide, making human trafficking a global concern that affects the United States on federal, state and local levels. In 2012, human trafficking became the second fastest growing criminal activity in the United States, following drug trafficking.

During my time in Augusta, sex trafficking arrests have been made right here in Gorham and I have met a number of survivors, some as young as my own children, others older than I am. It’s heartbreaking, but by working together and recognizing the warning signs, we are identifying more victims, curbing demand and bringing abusers to justice.

Each legislative session I have sponsored or co-sponsored legislation to protect victims of trafficking and hold traffickers accountable for their crimes; much of that legislation has been successfully passed. This year, I have two pending pieces of legislation. LD 951, “An Act to Adopt the Uniform Act on Prevention of and Remedies for Human Trafficking” and LD 1740, “An Act to Establish the Crimes of Criminal Forced Labor and Aggravated Criminal Forced Labor in the Maine Criminal Code.” LD 951 will further increase public awareness through strategic signage. It will also expand the affirmative defense I passed a few years ago to include related crimes. Lastly, it will hold businesses accountable if they knowingly engage in trafficking. LD 1740 would better support law enforcement and prosecutors by naming forced labor as a crime, which in turn will help victims in their recovery and bring more offenders to justice.

Another somewhat related bill I have sponsored is LD 1771, “An Act to Stabilize Vulnerable Families.” We know that children who experience extreme stress or upheaval are much more likely to become victims of human trafficking as they mature or even before they are grown.

Sadly, due to the opioid epidemic, too many Maine children are growing up in unstable and even frightening environments. In order to save this silent generation, we must find treatment solutions for their parents.

The McAuley Residence in Portland is an example of an antidote that works. In this program, addicted mothers are provided stable housing and a comprehensive array of support services that allow for recovery and reunification with children by treating the entire family system.

LD 1771 would re-direct funding to build on this successful model. Ultimately, we would like to pilot several housing-based programs each providing coordinated care in a holistic approach to recovery for vulnerable families affected by opioid dependence.

There are no shortcuts to successful recovery and when there are children involved, we need to ensure that their lives are stabilized and the cycle of dependency and victimization broken. Comprehensive treatment such as what McAuley Residence has been delivering for 30 years results in long-term stability and permanent economic security.

My heart aches when I hear of children who have been taken from their parents and bounced around the foster care system. It breaks when I hear of a child finding a parent overexposed. Every child is precious, but in the oldest state in the country, we cannot afford to allow a single child’s life to be turned upside down and destroyed by their parents’ dependence. It is time to prioritize the next generation and invest in Maine’s future.

There are no shortcuts to success and I believe LD 951 will help victims in their recovery and bring more offenders to justice.
Collin Tarbox: A Little Boy with a Huge Heart

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Collin Tarbox loved a good party. He loved giving gifts to family and friends for no reason or to celebrate a special milestone. He was a fan of the New York Giants and tacos. When he grew up, he wanted to drive a food truck with tacos and call it Tarbox Tacos.

A fourth-grade student at Great Falls, Collin was diagnosed at birth with a rare inflammatory genetic disease called Blau Syndrome. Born on June 18, 2007 to Jess Connolly (GHS '02) and Derek Tarbox, Collin spent most of his life in and out of The Barbara Bush Children’s Hospital (BBCH) and The Boston Children’s Hospital. He lost his battle on January 4.

Collin had an impact on his school, teachers, and classmates. Though he missed a lot of school, he kept up with his school work with help from a teacher on staff at BBCH. His first-grade teacher, Terry Bryson, said she visited Collin in the hospital and brought him a gift to make him smile. She left that day feeling like he had given her more than she had brought him.

“Collin was a selfless kid. He always thought of others. Never complained, even when he was sick,” recalled Bryson.

Collin moved to hospice care at BBCH in October. He spent the last weeks of his life doing what he loved, and planned an extraordinary Christmas party for all the children in the hospital with help from staff. Connolly, his mom, said in true Collin fashion, he collected and distributed gifts to the children and didn’t keep any for himself.

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Claude Frederick Daigle Jr., 75
GORHAM - Early Tuesday morning, Jan. 9, 2018, Claude Frederick Daigle Jr., 75, was peacefully called to join our Lord and Savior, in Heaven.

The son of Claude F. and Delina Daigle, he was born in Homestead, Fla., on April 1, 1942. Fred was raised on the family potato farms in Homestead, Fla.; and Gorham, Maine. Sharing time between the two farms, he learned the family farming business inside and out, including many other aspects of life, through working side by side with his father, whom he loved dearly. Fred’s sincere appreciation for others, the Lord, and his many blessings, was evident to all those whose lives he touched throughout his life.

His abundant generosity, witty sense of humor and knack for having just the right story to tell at the right time, are just a mere few of the many endearing traits we remember Fred by. He had a larger-than-life personality and the ability to relate on a personal level to everyone he met.

Some of his favorite times outside of farm life included his college years at UMaine Orono, where he earned his B.S. in agriculture to help improve himself and the family business, and where he met his lifelong friend, John Wilson.

Fred’s success and knowledge in farming was so profound, there are simply too many awards, board appointments, degrees and certificates to list. Up to his last day, he was always learning, asking tough questions and trying to improve himself and those around him.

Fred lived with a bright passion for the present, yet always reflecting on the many colorful stories of his past while keeping a keen eye on the future. He leaves with us an everlasting legacy of hard work, fairness, humor and humility that can never be replaced.

He was predeceased by his parents, Claude and Dee Daigle; and his niece, Sophie Keskekmethy.

He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Sandy Daigle; his son, Freddie Daigle, and his wife Tracey and their two children, Bailey and Bridget; his daughter, Jennie Sundik, and her husband Greg and their two children, Alexander and Billy; his daughter, Christine Daigle; his sister, Irene Keckskemethy; and many nieces and nephews.

There will be a spring burial.
Tax Reform and Form W-4

Misty D’Amico
Contributing Writer

Tax reform swept through the country with a blizzard of changes affecting individuals and businesses. While most tax accountants are still digging out from the storm, the IRS has begun the process of determining the impact to individuals through the issuance of new payroll withholding rates. Employers must calculate withholding using the new tables no later than Feb 15, 2018.

Most workers in the U.S. remit their income taxes through employer withholding from their wages as determined by the worker’s choices made on a Form W-4. The new withholding rates change the impact of these choices on your paycheck, and in most cases, through less tax withheld. Less tax withheld seems like a good thing, however, the goal of withholding is to pay in the correct amount of income tax over the course of a year. The new tables no later than Feb 15, 2018, provides the new withholding rates for 2018. This may be accessed online at www.irs.gov.

As an example of the impact of the new withholding rates, let’s say that you have taxable wages of $2,000 each biweekly period and have elected married with two withholding allowances on your W-4. Using the percentage method under the 2017 IRS tables, your employer would have calculated biweekly withholding of $167.46. Using the new 2018 IRS tables, when considered with the reduction in the individual income tax rates, your employer will now calculate biweekly withholding of $153.76, a reduction of $33.70 per pay period. Again, this reduction may feel great but it may not result in the proper taxes paid in given your tax situation.

To further help taxpayers understand the impact of the new withholding rates, the IRS is updating its online Withholding Calculator to reflect the new rates. The new calculator should be available by the end of February and can be found on the IRS website. Tax reform will impact everyone, so consider reviewing your tax situation with your tax advisor and updating your W-4 in 2018.

Misty D’Amico has over 25 years tax experience and has been involved in every tax situation, so you should review your W-4 choices. The W-4 calculation works based on choices you make with regard to tax filing status and number of withholding allowances. Tax filing status refers to single (including head of household) or married. Withholding allowances is simply a means to reduce withholding for married. Withholding Calculator to reflect the reduction in the individual income tax rates, your employer will now calculate biweekly withholding of $153.76, a reduction of $33.70 per pay period. Again, this reduction may feel great but it may not result in the proper taxes paid in given your tax situation.

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Planning Board JAN. 8, 2018

• W.A. One’s request for a nine lot subdivision located off Madison Way (private way) was approved.
• Goodwill Industries of NNE’s request for approval of 27 additional parking spaces at their property on Hutcherson Drive was discussed and moved to the next available consent agenda.
• Pike Industries’ request to remove 5.279 acres from their Buck St. gravel pit and to convey it to CMP on property located between Shaw’s Mill Road and Buck St. was approved with findings of fact and conditions of approval.
• The amendment to allow mobile vending units in roadside commercial, industrial, Narragansett Development, agricultural/industrial, urban commercial and Gorham Village Center subject to performance standards was discussed and moved to the next planning board meeting for a public hearing.

New Stop Signs

The Gorham Police Department is reminding drivers that there are newly posted stop signs at Elm Street and Railroad Avenue near the Station Square construction. Please be aware that the signs are there. The GPD will be giving this area extra attention to assure that everyone is stopping.

Big Plans for 18 Elm Street

Construction continues at 18 Elm Street after the former house was razed to make room for a new mixed use building which includes two commercial areas on the first floor and two residences on the second floor. A new kickboxing gym, 9Round, is scheduled to open in March and will occupy the left side of the building. Carter’s Green Market, a specialty retail store which will offer gourmet food, craft beers, artisan wines, housewares and grocery items as well as new grab ‘n go entrees, will reopen on the right side of the building. Owner Holly Carter is targeting an April opening date.

Main St. Transformation

Great Falls Construction has completed the renovation of 81 Main Street and a new tenant, Saco Bay Physical Therapy, has moved in to the former Subway space. Village Hair still operates a salon in its existing location. The building is owned by Jon and Cindy Smith.

September Arrests

Waterboro man, 49, was arrested for OUI (1 prior).
Brackett Road man, 45, was arrested for violating conditions of release.
Hiram man, 27, was arrested for OUI.
Meadowbrook Drive man, 38, was arrested for domestic violence assault.
Carnation Drive man, 26, of was arrested for OUI (1 prior), operating while license suspended/revoked, theft by unauthorized use and violating conditions of release.
Acorn St. man, 32, was arrested for failure to appear.
Limington woman, 24, was arrested for OUI (1 prior).
Shannon Drive man, 55, was arrested for Domestic Violence Criminal Threatening.
Standish man, 33, was arrested for six counts of theft by unauthorized taking.
Saco man, 28, was arrested for violating conditions of release and operating without a license.
O’Brien Drive man, 30, was arrested for operating while license was suspended or revoked and unlawful possession of scheduled drugs.
Sebago Lake Road man, 48, was arrested for OUI.
Pelham, NH man, 24, was arrested for theft by unauthorized taking.
Equestrian Lane man, 21, was arrested for OUI.
Standish man, 56, was arrested for OUI.
Portland woman, 30, was arrested for theft by unauthorized taking.
Hemlock Drive woman, 22, was arrested for violating conditions of release.
Westbrook woman, 30, was arrested for OUI.
Massachusetts man, 22, was arrested for OUI.
Portland man, 36, was arrested for operating with a suspended/revoked license, violating conditions of release and OUI.
Rumford man, 21, was arrested for OUI and violating conditions of release.

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The Transportation Committee signed the bill into law on January 9, five days after Collin died. His legacy lives on. Parks said he hopes people will be reminded of Collin’s kind and selfless ways every time they see a specialty plate on the road.

Collin was loved and well known by many people. “He had so many friends and connections that we didn’t know about,” his dad said. Always full of surprises, Collin had his friend from Day’s Jewelers deliver an unexpected gift, a necklace with a silver cross, to his parents and sisters, Shawna Laskey, a freshman at Gorham High School and Brooklyn Tarbox, a sixth grader at Gorham Middle School, on the day of his service.

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School Committee Workshop

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Staff Writer

The School Committee welcomed members of the GHS Civil Rights Team to the January 10 regular meeting. Students invited the committee to attend the school’s Unity and Diversity Day on January 24. As a program designed to promote understanding of different cultures, religions, and opinions, topics will include “Free Speech or Hate Speech” and “Ask a Muslim.”

During the time for public comment, 11 parents and teachers spoke in favor of retaining the current K-5 school configuration citing many of the arguments for neighborhood schools covered in the report of the study committee. The configuration issue was not on the SC agenda, but was the subject of a discussion workshop that followed the meeting (See Page 1).

Superintendent Heather Perry announced that the F19 budget process is underway. She said that the district should not expect the increase in State funding that happened last year and that there may even be a decrease.

School Committee member Kate Livingston expressed the committee’s appreciation to the district’s bus drivers, maintenance workers, and Public Works for their efforts during the snow and cold weather.

Assistant Superintendent Chris Record presented an update on the district’s formative and summative assessment policies and test results compared to other districts in Maine and the nation. Gorham is “consistently higher than the state average,” he said, “although we have the shortest school day in the region.” He expressed concern that it is difficult to track long-term trends because the State keeps changing the tests used for summative assessments.

The Committee unanimously voted to approve changes in the The Post Secondary Enrollment Options Policy that updates language based on Proficiency Based Learning (PBL) requirements.

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GHS Introduces Future Stories Day

ARBBE VANLEUING
GHS Student Intern

On December 6, Gorham High School (GHS) hosted its first Future Stories Day, organized by faculty member Janis Weed, with the support of principal Brian Jandreau, Superintendent Heather Perry, Adam Parvanta, and more.

Weed was inspired to hold the event when she witnessed the benefits of showing high school students the inner workings of businesses in the nearby community. She and other staff members wanted to introduce students to these different types of careers because “any exposure and opportunities we can give our students to prepare for the future is beneficial,” said Weed.

The process of pulling the event together was complicated. A date had to be selected, presenters had to be contacted, and they had to figure out where the 40 plus presenters were going to park. Communication was essential.

The presenters were selected after students at GHS completed a survey designating what career fields interested them the most. The team at GHS reached out to the community, staff, alumni, and used other resources to invite the presenters.

On the day of the event, students attended individual sessions of their choice. In addition, two grades at a time attended a 90-minute session with GHS alumn and Gorham business owner Shawn Moody, who discussed his childhood experiences, what it means to be successful, and the importance of giving back to the community.

The event was a huge success, with each presenter putting a great deal of time and effort into working with GHS every step of the way. Jandreau noted the significance of the day, hoping that “students left the day with a better sense as to what they might want to do after high school and what they might need to do to prepare.”

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It’s that time of year again when the snow’s been around just a little longer than we might like and we are all living in fear of Storm Center. But, in Gorham, it’s also that time when Gorham residents can look forward to the high school musical that is always a crowd pleaser.

This year, the production team behind the musical program, “Once on this Island,” which is currently running on Broadway, is working hard to make sure they don’t disappoint. Based on the book ‘My Love, My Love,’ by Rosa Guy, this musical takes the tale of the Little Mermaid and sets it on a tropical island with Caribbean style music.

This is the third musical under the direction of Joshua Hurd who took over the program in 2016. "I’ve always said I think this community really supports the high school musical. Even when I was in college here at USM (University of Southern Maine) I knew that the GHS (Gorham High School) production was important,” said Hurd. "It’s a real privilege to be getting to oversee this program now."

Over the years, GHS has seen hits like "The Wizard of Oz," "West Side Story," "Oklahoma," and many others. Last year, the school presented “Footloose,” which was a huge success for both the students and the community.

“There was so much excitement behind that show, and I think audiences really loved the music, and the staging of it,” said Matt Murray, the musical director at the high school.

Along with over 40 high school students performing in the show, and 10 high school students working behind the scenes, there are also six elementary students from Great Falls and Narraganset Elementary Schools, pulling even more of the community together for this year’s show.

“The story is full of music and dancing, something that I think Gorham really finds appealing in the annual musical,” said Hurd. “Only this story is about the music and the dancing. It’s a very unique musical and I think people will leave the theater really happy and warmhearted in the end.”

“Once on this Island” is a musical full of love, music, and heart performed by an incredibly talented cast. Performances are at GHS February 2 through 11 with evening shows on Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday matinees at 2:30 p.m. You can reserve tickets by calling 839-5754.

School Note
Superintendent Heather Perry has a new blog post focused on updates to several significant topics affecting Gorham schools. To read the latest, visit: https://gorhamsuperintendent.blogspot.com.

A joint workshop was held on January 17 to provide another opportunity for the Town Council and the School Committee to collaborate on the proposed high school expansion project. The purpose of the meeting was to update the Town Council on the work of the Gorham High School Building Committee.
Introducing 9Round 30-Minute Kickbox Fitness

9Round 30-Minute Kickbox Fitness is a global fitness brand that operates in eleven countries and has more than 600 locations in operation with hundreds more scheduled to open in the next 12–24 months. Gorham will be home to Maine’s first 9Round, which is scheduled to open March 1st at 18 Elm Street next to Carter’s Auto. Additional Maine locations will open in Scarborough and Westbrook in 2019.

9Round was founded by Shannon Hudson, a world-champion kickboxer, and his wife Heather in 2008. The 9Round program utilizes the same training techniques and principles designed to prepare boxers and kickboxers for competition but is adapted to accommodate and work for virtually anyone, regardless of fitness level.

The 9Round program is focused on efficiency and effectiveness. 9Round believes the duration of a workout matters far less than the intensity of the workout. The 9Round workout is designed to quickly elevate a person’s heart rate into the optimum fat burning zone and keep it there through the entire 30-minute workout. This is accomplished through carefully selected exercises and drills delivered in a circuit format and utilizing a combination of free weights, various punching and kicking bags, and body-weight exercises.

9Round utilizes heart rate monitoring technology, which provides members and trainers with real-time HR feedback through multiple TV monitors. Adjusting intensity based on workout objectives, such as fat loss, endurance, or high intensity interval training, is guided by the HR monitoring system.

Because of its circuit format, the 9Round workout can accommodate people of any fitness level. At 9Round, you work out at your own pace. If you are taking that first step towards achieving your health and fitness goals, 9Round will work for you! If you are fit and looking for a new challenge, 9Round will challenge you!

The 9Round workout is a full-body workout that incorporates all three critical fitness elements: aerobic training (using oxygen to make energy), anaerobic training (making energy without oxygen), and resistance training. For more advanced training, the 9Round workout accommodates high-intensity-interval-training (HIIT), which builds endurance while maximizing fat loss and conserving lean muscle.

It is not always easy to make scheduled class times let alone spend an hour or more in the gym. Because of the circuit format of the 9Round workout, there are never any class times. As soon as you arrive you can begin your workout. Convenience, or lack thereof, is the most common obstacle preventing people from achieving their health and fitness goals. At 9Round you benefit from a quick and effective 30-minute, full-body workout on your schedule.

Shedding body fat and getting fit can be really tough. We know all about it. We’ve been there too. For nearly everyone, it requires expert support and guidance. The challenge today is the expense of that support and guidance. Hiring personal trainers and nutritionists to help you reach your goals is not cheap and most people can’t afford it. Because of how 9Round structures its program, a trainer is always included at no additional cost. 9Round is designed to quickly elevate a person’s heart rate into the optimum fat burning zone and keep it there through the entire 30-minute workout. This is accomplished through carefully selected exercises and drills delivered in a circuit format and utilizing a combination of free weights, various punching and kicking bags, and body-weight exercises.

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This, combined with an on-line member portal for meal planning and calculating BMI and caloric needs, puts you on track to succeed. We also have a line of supplements and a library of healthy recipes to support your plan.

Everything I’ve shared with you above is a result of the wonderful work 9Round has done to develop a truly world-class fitness option. As a franchise owner, my responsibility is to execute their program and create an environment where people want to be—where they feel welcomed, appreciated, and understood. I know, and I am hiring trainers who know, that it takes courage to make that decision to regain control of one’s health and fitness. There is nothing easy about it. As the owner of 9Round Fitness in Gorham, you have my commitment to provide a clean, safe, caring, friendly, and energetic environment where you can excel and become a better, healthier, happier you. We would be honored if you chose us to help you achieve your health and fitness goals. We look forward to meeting you in March. Please come visit us!

Ted Rioux, Owner
9Round Fitness Gorham

Meet the Rioux’s

My name is Melissa Harris-Rioux. I am a registered nurse at Maine Medical Center. Athletics, health, and fitness have always been an important part of my life. I was a three-sport varsity athlete in high school, played division II softball at the University of Maine, and continue to compete today in the sport of figure and physique bodybuilding. In addition to my BS in Nursing, I also hold a BS in Health & Fitness and am certified as a Fitness Nutrition Specialist through the American Council on Exercise (ACE). Of the various roles I’ve held in my life, none compare to the joy of being mother to my daughter, Terra. We are so excited by the opportunity to have a positive impact on the Gorham community, which we have especially learned to love and appreciate as Terra becomes more engaged in school and community activities.

I’m Terra. I’m a fourth grader at Great Falls Elementary School. I love all the teachers, staff and my schoolmates at Great Falls. I love sports, especially softball and basketball. I also love to sing in chorus. In February I will be part of the GHS musical production of Once on This Island. I’m having a lot of fun in rehearsals. I have a dog, Jessie. She is a Labradoodle. I have two Maine Coon Cats, Big Kitty and Little Kitty. They are boys. Big Kitty is actually smaller than Little Kitty, but he’s older.

I’m Ted Rioux, the proud husband of Melissa and father of Terra. I’ve spent nearly 20 years in the business world in sales and distribution roles. That career had me away from home a lot, traveling all over the US and Canada and missing much of my daughter’s early childhood. After many years of getting increasingly out of shape, I decided to follow my wife’s example and began making my health and fitness a priority. Now, our family lifestyle is all about health and fitness and a focus on quality of life. Excessive travel exposed me to many fitness options available in big markets that just don’t make their way to Maine. When I found 9Round I knew I had to bring it to our wonderful community of Gorham and our great state of Maine.

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Gorham High School (GHS)’s Jobs for Maine Graduates (JMG) program will be conducting the school’s first ever Chili-Chowder Cook-Off during the month of February.

The JMG program helps GHS students gain high school credits while gaining real life experience and work hours. Its mission is to partner with public education and private businesses to offer results-driven solutions to ensure all Maine students graduate, attain post-secondary credentials, and pursue meaningful careers.

Trevor Stout, a student currently enrolled in the program, said that the program’s career association goals include leadership development, career development, social awareness, civic awareness, and community service.

The Cook-Off event will be held in the GHS cafeteria on Sunday, February 11, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The event is open to everyone and tasting tickets will be sold for $5 per person, however entering an item for the event is free.

The tasting ticket includes admission, sampling, voting, and one ticket for a kidney bean guessing game. Raffle tickets will also be sold and drawings will be held for different packages. A JMG gift basket consisting of local business gifts and gift cards will be awarded to the most popular chili or chowder.

Funds raised from this event will be used to create a “Dressed for Success” clothing closet for JMG students so that those who either don’t have access to formal apparel, or cannot afford it, can dress for success during their interviews and other formal events.

Proceeds will also be used toward transportation costs to Thomas College for students to compete against other schools in JMG’s Career Development Conference (CDC), in events that include essential skills like teamwork, interviewing, communication, resume building and applications, and public speaking.

If interested in entering a chili or chowder, e-mail trevor.stout@gorhamschools.org or ryan.chicoine@gorhamschools.org.

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Smith Rewrites GHS Record Book

GHS junior Caelyn Smith, daughter of Lee and Sue Smith, set a new school record in the 100 meter butterfly on January 12 in a meet against Scarborough at Davan Pool in Westbrook. Smith’s 1:05.74 broke the record held by current Assistant Coach Lindsey Thomesen (GHS ’13), pictured above with Smith.

GMS Athletes Declare Victory over Teachers for First Time

The boys and girls combined eighth grade basketball teams have been challenging the middle school teachers in a pick up game for bragging rights since 2001. The entire school gathered in the gym to watch the showdown before December break. This year, for the first time ever, the students finally declared victory in an exciting back and forth game ending in a 39-36 final score. Gorham High School’s Adam Parvanta was there to capture the moment on video. To watch history being made check out: https://vimeo.com/249558300.

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Awards
First Parish Church, 1 Church Street, will hold a Chicken Pie Supper on January 27 from 5 to 6:30 p.m. $10 adults/$5 children under 12. FMI, 839-6751.

The Gorham Garden Club will hold its next meeting on Tuesday, January 30, at 7 p.m. at First Parish Church. Eric Topper of the Maine Audubon Society will present “The Story of the Monarch Butterfly & Why Its Habitat is Important.” This meeting is open to the public.

The Gorham Chess Club will meet on Saturday, February 10, from 10:15-11:30 a.m. at the North Gorham Public Library. FMI John Morgan, jcmorgan26@gmail.com and/or 766-8545.

First Parish Church will be hosting a Cribbage Tournament to raise funds for housing assistance loans for new immigrants on Saturday, Feb. 10, from 6:30-9 p.m. Suggested entry donation of $3-5. FMI 839-6751.

The Gorham, Windham, Westbrook Triad is proud to present a charity basketball game featuring the New England Patriots Former Greats vs Gorham/Windham/Westbrook High School All Stars on Friday, March 9. Gorham High School at 7 p.m. (doors open at 6 p.m). FMI http://www.gorham-me.org/police-department/pages/triad

The Lakes Region Senior Center, in Gorham, is seeking volunteers who would be willing to teach an art class or a craft on a Friday morning, or early afternoon. It could be for a one-time class or a succession of classes. If you are interested, please call Garry at 839-3859 or Blanche at 892-5604.

Dance Studio of Maine Dancers recently traveled to Boston for the NYCDA and the Radix Dance convention and competition. Many dancers received notable scholarships, including Aiden Fortier, Algbag Fortier and Mikki Leskowsky who were awarded Full Convention Scholarships. Matilda McColl, Audrey Caron, Ainsley Gray, Mary Grant, Kylieigh Staples and Lily McDonald were all recognized with class scholarships. Pictured (left to right) Matilda McColl, Audrey Caron, Mikki Leskowsky, Aiden Fortier, Ainsley Gray, Mary Grant, and Kylieigh Staples.

White Rock Community Clubhouse, 34 Wilson Rd., will hold a Bean Supper on Saturday, February 3 from 4 to 6 p.m. Two kinds of beans and hot dogs, chop suey, cole slaw, biscuits, and dessert. Half of the proceeds will go to the Youth Group trip to Kentucky. FMI, 823-5851.

Gorham Cancer Prayer and Support Group meets the first Tuesday of every month at the Gorham Cancer Prayer and Support Group 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 839-3630, 839-2484, or 839-3859, or 839-3228.

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 839-3630, 839-2484, or 839-3859, or 839-3228.

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Lakes Region Senior Center, located at the Little Falls Activity Center, 40 Acorn St. is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Join them daily for coffee, tea, and socializing. Ongoing daily activities include Mahjong on Mondays – beginners welcome. FMI, Diane 892-9529: Tuesday crafts and card games, FMI, Avis 892-0298: The Memoir Writing Group meets the last Wednesday of the month. FMI, David 892-9604; Thursday Table games at 10 a.m. and Friday Art Workshop at 9 a.m. FMI 892-0299.

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CLOSE TO HOME
Scarborough Free Baptist Church, 55 Mussey Rd., will hold a homemade bean supper on February 3 from 4 to 6 p.m. Two kinds of beans and hot dogs, chop suey, cole slaw, biscuits, and dessert. Half of the proceeds will go to the Youth Group trip to Kentucky. FMI, 823-5851.

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THURSDAY JAN 25
• Baby and Me (birth to 18 mos), 9:30-9:50 a.m. Baxter Memorial Library.
• Toddler Time (18-36 mos), 10-10:30 a.m. Baxter Memorial Library.
• Sewing Club (ages 7 and up), 2:30-4:30 p.m. Baxter Memorial Library.
• Book Club, “Being Mortal: Medicine and What Matters at the End” by Atul Gawande, 10 a.m., Baxter Memorial Library.

SATURDAY JAN 27
• Chicken Pie Supper, First Parish Church, 1 Church Street, 5 to 6:30 p.m.

TUESDAY JAN 30
• Preschool Story Time (ages 3-5), 9:30-10:15 a.m. Baxter Memorial Library.
• Gorham Garden Club meeting, 7 p.m. First Parish Church.

WEDNESDAY JAN 31
• Baby and Me (birth to 18 mos), 9:30-9:50 a.m. Baxter Memorial Library.
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THURSDAY DEC 1
• Hogwarts House Party, 6-7:30 p.m. Baxter Memorial Library.

FRIDAY DEC 2
• Sensory Friendly Story Time 10-11 a.m. Baxter Memorial Library.

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THURSDAY DEC 8
• Book Club, “The Voyage” by Philip Caputo. 10 a.m. Baxter Memorial Library.

SATURDAY DEC 10
• North Gorham Chess Club, 10:15-11:30 a.m., North Gorham Public Library
• Lego Club, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. Baxter Memorial Library.

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