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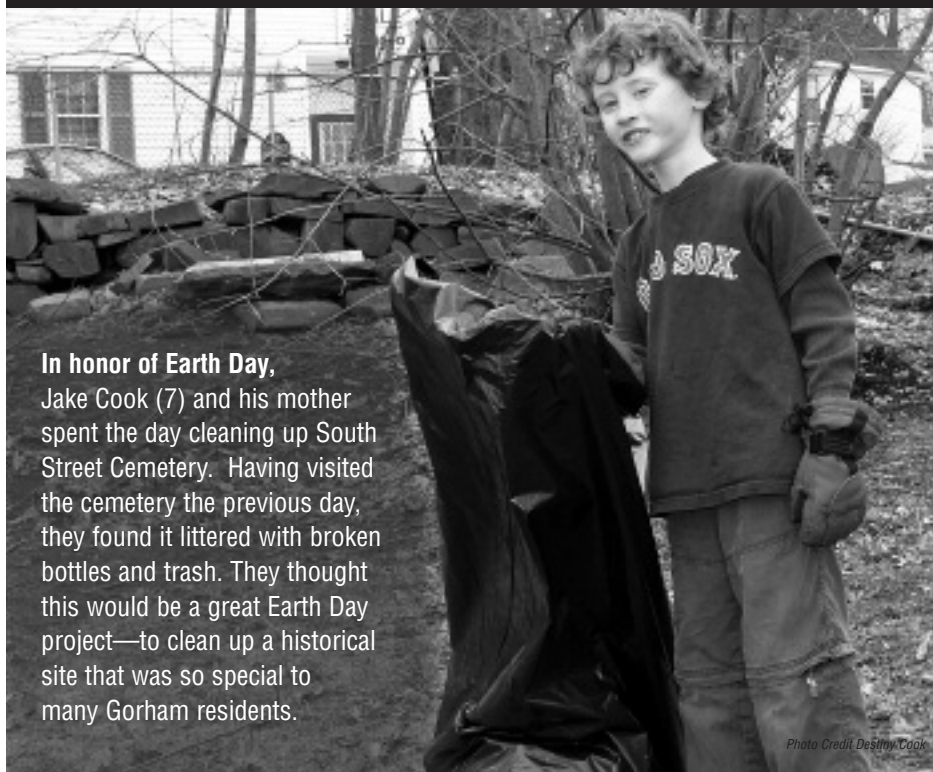
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Earth Day Clean Up



In honor of Earth Day, Jake Cook (7) and his mother spent the day cleaning up South Street Cemetery. Having visited the cemetery the previous day, they found it littered with broken bottles and trash. They thought this would be a great Earth Day project—to clean up a historical site that was so special to many Gorham residents.

Photo Credit: Destiny Cook

Gorham Lions Club American Flag Project

Jackie Francis



Two years ago Shirley Wedge was enjoying the Memorial Day Parade in downtown Gorham when she asked her husband, "Where are the flags lining the streets?" Her husband,

Norm Wedge, the president of the Lions Club in Gorham, thought that was a reasonable question and resolved to make it a reality.

Owing in large part to the generosity of Cook's Hardware in Gorham, the Lions were able to buy 3' X 5' flags, staffs and brackets at a cost of \$50 each. Last year's purchase of flags was matched by a one-time generous grant from the Galen Cole Family Foundation in Bangor worth \$1000.

"More than 50 flags were mounted along Main Street and Route 114 last year," says Wedge, and in order to complete the Project, Lion members are hoping to add at least a dozen more flags further up and down Main Street, Gray Road and Route 114.

Wedge says Lion members will have the flags up and waving by Memorial Day and down by Columbus Day. The cost of maintaining these flags is lessened by the generosity of The Gorham Laundry Center on Main Street that cleans and stores the flags each year.

If you'd like to make a donation or buy a flag in memory of a loved one, Wedge says that the Lions will contact you and let you know what pole your flag is flying from. Checks should be made out to the Gorham Lions Club and mailed to Jim Burnham, 332 Gray Road, Gorham, ME. 04038. FMI call Jim Burnham at 892-6540 or Norm Wedge at 839-5323 or write to nwedge@maine.rr.com.

Town Seeks Fire Station Grants

Bill Ambrose

At a special meeting on April 14, the Town Council approved an order authorizing the town to seek Federal and State grants for the construction of two new fire stations. The grants, totaling \$6.5 million, would be supplemented by \$2.2 million in unused and reallocated funds from previous bond issues and town reserve funds for a combined amount of \$8.7 million.

Town Manager David Cole and Fire Chief Robert Lefebvre outlined the plans for the new projects to the councilors. The first part of the proposal is the reconstruction of the Little Falls School into a modern fire station. The second part of the plan is to construct a fire station in the Dingley Springs area of West Gorham to be shared with the Town of Buxton. The Little Falls station would replace the South Windham station already shared with the Town of Windham. The new fire station in West Gorham would consolidate the present fire station on Route 25 and the Chicopee Station in Buxton.

Cole told the Council that the grant-writing process would begin in June or July. He stated that it would entail "an awful lot of work for Chief Lefebvre and myself without any assurance of success." If the grants are approved, the funds would be forthcoming from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, FEMA. These funds are part of the recently passed Federal Stimulus Package. Cole went on to say that the construction of the two new fire stations would be stimulative to the local economy.

Lefebvre told the councilors that the new fire stations would enable the Town to close the White Rock Station and the West Gorham Station while improving fire coverage to the town's residents. One less fire engine would then be needed, resulting in savings to the town. The Chief detailed the present efforts at consolidation of Fire/Rescue services with Scarborough and Windham, as well as the Shared Response agreements with Buxton and Standish.

During council deliberations, Councilor Burleigh Loveitt character-

Town Bans Smoking at All Recreation Areas

GHS Students Are Leading Change in Gorham Leslie Dupuis

Several GHS students are being credited for the Town's adoption of a 100% tobacco-free policy at all Gorham recreation fields, parks and playgrounds. The project began initially as part of a health course assignment which required students to research and report on a health-related issue. To fulfill their assignment, students were given an opportunity to form a group initiating a change to the tobacco policy in Gorham. Selecting this option required that students attend weekly meetings, contribute to the meeting discussion and activities, complete homework and finally submit a weekly journal and summative reflection.

Ashley Bracy, Youth Advocacy Program Manager with Communities Promoting Health Coalition, visited Sarah Drury's health classes at GHS to lead a discussion on the health risks of tobacco and the current tobacco legislation in Maine. Maine passed a bill in



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NEWS FROM AUGUSTA

Hospital Associated Infections

Linda Sanborn

As a first-term state legislator, I have been pleased to have taken part in a number of interesting debates that impact the state of Maine. My membership on the Health and Human Services Committee has provided me with a unique opportunity to participate in policy discussions relating to health care, mental health and disability issues.

One issue we discussed in the committee relates to infections acquired in hospitals. I recently proposed legislation that would require each hospital to publicly report on the establishment of a staph infection prevention program as part of their broader healthcare associated infection prevention strategy. Public reporting of outcome measures has been advocated as an incentive for healthcare facilities to improve care and as a means to enable consumers to choose safer care.

It is estimated that between 5 and 10 percent of hospitalized patients develop a healthcare associated infection, or HAI, in the U.S. each year and these infections are associated with approximately 99,000 deaths annually. HAI's contribute nearly \$6.5 billion more per year to our health care costs.

Two such infections are Methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus Aureus (MRSA), one of the deadliest antibiotic resistant bacteria, and an intestinal bug, Clostridium difficile (C. diff). C. diff now rivals MRSA as the most common organism to cause healthcare associated infections. Its incidence has more than doubled since 2000 and elderly individuals have been disproportionately affected.

Prevalence of other multiple drug resistant organisms is also increasing. A number of factors are likely contributing to this problem, including: unnecessary or inappropriate antibiotic use; the development of progressively more complex medical procedures; invasive medical technology that places patients at risk for procedure or device-related infections;

and an increasingly elderly and immunocompromised population.

New Medicare regulations, which commenced October 1, 2008 reducing payment for medical errors, have increased the urgency for hospitals to reduce their rates of HAI's. Since 2003, state legislatures have been actively increasing transparency and accountability surrounding hospitals' rates of HAI's, with half of all states enacting laws mandating that hospitals publicly report infection cases. I felt it was time for the state of Maine to look more closely at what we can do to reduce the rates of HAI's, thereby saving lives and revenue.

The bill I sponsored, LD 960, would establish best practices for control of transmission of MRSA and would require an assessment of these functions and a report annually to the Legislature. An associated bill, sponsored by Rep. Adam Goode of Bangor would also require that hospitals perform "a targeted surveillance" of high-risk populations and report annually on that number and the number of patients that are at risk. Together these bills will begin to address the devastating rise of healthcare associated infections.

Sen. Phil Bartlett, Rep. Jane Knapp and I will continue to share brief synopses of legislation that we are working on in an "Augusta Briefs Column" in future issues of the *Gorham Times*.

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HOT OFF THE PRESS

Carolyn Pease, a longtime Gorham resident, picked up the first copy of the *Gorham Times* last issue. She starts at the front page and reads the entire paper. She loves it!

Around Town

■ Formerly known as You Studio, the White Lobster Body and Skin Studio has not only changed its name but added skin therapy and a new form of body work called gyrotonic which combines dance, tai chi and yoga with resistance. Licensed esthetician and owner Meg Spencer is available for more information at 712-0837. White Lobster is located at 210 South Street (Route 114).

■ Beginning the week of April 27, Gorham Assessing Department will be driving around to check whether permitted construction has been completed.

Welcome

The *Gorham Times* welcomes Christine Ludwiczak. Christine grew up in New Canaan, CT. She graduated in 2003 with a B.S. from Bryant University, where she played soccer, lacrosse, and helped out on the school paper. Ludwiczak worked in media planning for a NYC advertising agency before moving to Westbrook, ME this past August. She currently works at TD Banknorth and is taking classes at SMCC.

Ludwiczak will be reporting on the Planning Board, Town Council and other ad-hoc stories, as well as acting in an advisory role for various *Gorham Times* projects, including advertising and marketing.



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Dear Gorham Times,

We would like to thank Jackie Francis for the article she recently wrote regarding our new business, In-Touch Massage Therapy. We are so excited and pleased with the article—good writing, the article flowed perfectly, and a nice photo. We also saw it online and it looks great in color too.

The *Times* is an eye friendly paper and very well written. Gorham is fortunate to have a group of dedicated volunteers working together to produce the paper. It is a tangible example of community.

Thanks,

Cathy and Liz
In-Touch Massage Therapy

Dear Gorham Times,

A big thank you from the staff at Baxter Memorial Library for the huge

donation of children's and young adult books goes to our anonymous donor of April 11. We were thrilled to discover several huge bins full of like new books in our donation box. Donations like these enhance our collections and we appreciate them all.

With sincere thanks, from our staff, to all our generous donors.

Kathy Stevens

Youth Services Librarian

Dear Gorham Times,

We moved to Gorham in 2004 to find a quaint, well-maintained community just far enough to escape the "city" of Portland. Gorham citizens take pride in their home appearance, as do most of the downtown business areas, well, except one. What is that mess in front of Hannaford? It's ridiculous! There lies a

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SHOP LOCAL

Area Businesses to Host Block Party

Sue Dunn

The Third Annual Gorham Block Party, to be held May 2, will include 20 local businesses and is open to the public. Even though Earth Day is over, this "shop local" grassroots collaborative effort by local businesses, is a fun way to remind Gorham residents that there are many businesses within the village that they can walk to and shop at every day.

The Block Party which encompasses Railroad Avenue and Elm and Mechanic Streets, was founded by Jon Smith of Great Falls Construction. The event has grown from 12 to 20 businesses and includes the support and direction of the Gorham Rec. Department. To promote walking the block, Jesse Coleman from Gorham Fitness will be producing a caricature style map for participants.

At 10:00 a.m. there will be a youth baseball and softball parade to kick off

the baseball season as this is first official day of rec. baseball/softball in Gorham.

The party, promoted by 560 WGAN, will include Morning Show Hosts Ken and Mike from noon until 2 p.m. You will also find a bounce house, face painting, story telling with local author Cathryn Falwell and touch the truck. From dance performances, singing, and various music, there will be entertainment throughout the day and don't miss the wellness tent. There will also be antique tractor rides, a car care clinic and a Key Club car wash. Make sure to register for lots of great raffle prizes. Each year hot dogs and drinks are served up as a fundraiser; this year the proceeds will go to Boy Scout Troup 73.

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TOWN COUNCIL REPORT

Storm Water Plan Continues Sue Dunn

The Town Council opened their April meeting with approval of the March minutes.

Councilor Communications:

- Councilor Moulton reported the Capital Improvements Committee met with Public Works and Maine DEP to discuss management of the storm-water plan which is a federal unfunded mandate. A bill for additional municipal fees added to traffic violations (LD1383) will go before the Transportation Committee in Augusta to help fund this.
 - Councilor Caldwell reported the Finance Committee met with the town auditor. No major deficiencies have been found; all issues have been taken care of.
- Town Council Chairman Matt Robinson reported:
- Sports program enrollment is large this year but things are going well.
 - Cindy Hazelton is working to have graffiti removed from buildings.
 - Chairman Robinson commented positively on a thank you letter received from the 10th grade girls who promoted the tobacco free fields issue.

Town Manager David Cole discussed the upcoming 2009/2010 fiscal budget, stating this was the most difficult budget in his 32 years. The proposed budget is a reduction of \$374,500 below the current year. The property tax needed to support this budget would drop from \$4.43 to \$4.41. County taxes are scheduled to increase the tax rate by two cents. There are no pay or step increases. Cole outlined the proposed budget cuts.

School Committee Chairman, Dennis Libby, reported:

- School Committee is working on a

budget with no tax impact to residents.

- An Ad Hoc Committee has been initiated to investigate the Pay to Participate possibility.
- White Rock Building Committee closed on the property for the new school.
- Chairman Robinson explained that eliminating the Middle School impact fee will not adversely impact the school budget; there is much misinformation about this fee. Cole further explained the effect of terminating the fee.
- Chairman Robinson inquired about the new fields at GMS. Libby answered they are waiting to check the condition to see if they will be OK to use.
- Chairman Robinson asked if school personnel will receive raises and step increases this year, Chairman Libby answered yes. Robinson would like to know the financial impact of the raises and step increases and what the total amount of the increases will be.

Public Works Department Report:

Director Bob Burns reported on the Public Works Department which includes 18 full time employees and 1-5 part-time (summer) employees. Responsibilities include: snow removal, road maintenance, tree cutting/trimming, mowing, catch basin repair, cleaning, culvert replacement, trash/debris pickup, construction projects, equipment/vehicle maintenance, facility maintenance, burials, storm response, oversee the solid waste and recycling program, etc. Burns represents the Town on the Portland Area Comprehensive Transportation Committee and Interlocal Stormwater Working Group. Call 892-9062 with inquiries. For solid waste collection call 892-3649.

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CHIEF SHEPARD REPORTS

Mini-Mart Robber Confesses

The man who robbed the Little Falls Mini Mart as well as stores in Westbrook and Portland has turned himself in to the Westbrook PD and confessed to the crimes. He is under investigation for his possible involvement in other crimes as well. The man turned himself in after his photo was shown on TV and in the *Gorham Times*.

The Grand Jury returned the following indictments in April. Arrests were made by Gorham PD unless otherwise noted: Kevin Bradeen, 30, of Gorham was indicted for Eluding, Criminal Speed and Operating After Suspension; Kevin Brown, 25, of Standish was

indicted for Aggravated Forgery, Habitual Offender, OUI, Failure to Give Correct Name and Violating Conditions of Release; Taylor Bryant, 18, of Gorham was indicted for Theft by South Portland PD; Scott Ekin, 18, of Gorham was indicted on two counts of Theft of a Firearm, Theft and Criminal Mischief; Samantha Files, 27, of Gorham was indicted for Theft by Westbrook PD; Ryan Forrest, 22, of Biddeford was indicted for Eluding, Unauthorized Use, Operating After Suspension and Violating Conditions of Release.



PLANNING BOARD 4/6/08

Board Discusses New School

Christine Ludwiczak

The April 6 Planning Board meeting focused primarily on the Gorham School Department's request for conditional Use & Site Plan approval of the elementary school on the Stevens Farm, off Sebago Lake Road. After hearing the school department's presentation and discussing, the item was tabled for further review.

Also during the meeting, the board heard and approved a proposal brought forth by Kasey & Jessie Marsters for a 250' private way, "Joshua Tree Drive", to be located off 58 Brackett Road. Request for a material storage structure for Glidden Excavating & Paving was passed as well, and preliminary approval was agreed upon for the 42-unit "Wagner Farms Subdivision", to be located at 222 Libby Avenue. There were many comments from the com-

munity regarding various construction, street layout, traffic, safety and maintaining existing vegetation issues

Lastly, the board recommended adoption of proposed amendments to the Gorham Land Use and Development Code, which would exempt new structures and building additions that are less than 250 square feet in area from site plan review. This amendment would affect all zoning districts, except for the Village Center and Urban Commercial Districts.

To view the agenda and results from this meeting in its entirety, please visit the Town of Gorham Web site for posted minutes at www.gorham-me.org/Public_Documents/GorhamME_PlanMinutes or view it on local access television on GoCat channel 3.

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GARDENING PLEASURES

Get Ready to Garden!

Linda Treworgy Faatz

Thank goodness for the abundant snow and cold winter. The snow cover was great insulation for gardens and the cold deters many diseases that would normally plague trees and shrubs. In my yard, even the moles were too cold to burrow. Mid-winter, I snow shooed out to the Rhododendron garden and hung bags of granulated garlic on the branches to keep the deer away. I never saw another track in that garden after that.

When the snow was gone, I did a spring spray of hot pepper sauce mixed with a little water to deter squirrels from digging up my bulbs, which I covered with a layer of pine needles to serve as a camouflage. The spray worked.

It is important that we garden frugally by using the organic matter that we clean up to best advantage. Last fall I encircled a large area with chicken wire just for ground up leaves. It was full to the top by October. This spring it had settled by half and had already started to decompose. By next year it should be broken down enough to put right back into the soil. Worms thrive in it. Microorganisms grow in it. Grind up a few twigs for the compost pile for carbon. All vegetable matter will decompose and add to the goodness of the mix. Banana peels buried around your roses add much needed potassium to the soil as they decompose.

It's time to weed, fertilize, then top dress plants with the compost created in years past. All of this layering of organic matter will also discourage weeds. Transplant perennials now before they get too big. Divide large clumps to increase your area of bloom. Do this on a dreary day and water well. Put some of that compost in the hole.

Tackle weeds on your lawn before they go to seed. There are many organic

products to use these days. Any garden center will guide you with natural solutions to your problems.

When the soil warms and frost has passed, plant your tender vegetable seedlings. If you have limited space and still want to garden, plant in pots on your deck or patio. Use bagged potting soil instead of garden soil and water deeply as needed. Use a slow release fertilizer in the soil.

One of the most important organic ingredients is microrhyzae fungi. Biotone, a product in the Espoma line, contains this beneficial bacteria. It aids in the absorption of nutrients in the soil, encourages root growth, as well as shoot growth and bloom count. It will also improve soil structure. Use at the time of planting to ensure success. You will see a positive difference in the health of your plants.

Gardening is such a great teacher. You can learn to relax, reflect and renew your spirit while you grow vegetables for your health and flowers for your spirit. If you haven't gardened before, this is the year to get started. If you are already a gardener, continue to experiment. The learning process is ongoing for all of us. Talk to a fellow gardener. Take a class. Join a garden club. Add to your knowledge by using the extensive collection of gardening books at Baxter Library.

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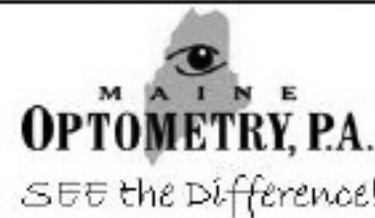


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Mr. GHS Pageant Allie Platts

The Gorham High School Prom Committee held its Third Annual Mr. GHS Pageant on March 27 to raise money for prom and it was a great success. The Pageant is open to all junior and senior GHS boys. The contestants competed in four categories: casual wear, talent competition, formal wear, and interview questions and responses. The brave contestants were then rated by a panel of faculty judges who determined the winners. This year we had a handful of very talented young gentle-

men with talents ranging from the recitation of Hamlet, to juggling, to singing, to record-time lemon eating. The second runner up was Sean Grandmaison, first runner up was Nate Marcet, and the winner of 2009's Mr. GHS Pageant was Chris Esposito. The winners received a variety of gifts donated from gracious local businesses like the Gorham Grind, Gorham House of Pizza and Mr. Bagel. This year's prom committee advisors are Stacey Mulrey and Kate Riker.



This year's contestants for Mr. GHS were (above, l to r): front row, Rob Ridge; middle row: Nate Marcet, Chris Esposito, Sean Grandmaison, David Gushee, Tim Talmage, Duncan Alden; back row: Billy Sutherland and Tom Trask. Inset: After competing in four categories, Chris Esposito was crowned Mr. GHS.

All Gorham Band Night

All of the Gorham school bands, from grades 4 to 12, recently performed together at GHS. GMS and Village School Band Director Kim Mathieu and GHS Band Director Ray Mathieu consider this to be one of the most important performances of the year as it gives all band members and their parents a chance to hear each other.

Ray Mathieu commented, "Parents get the opportunity to hear how far the students have come and what can be expected in the future." At right, Matt King debuts at the podium, as part of the GHS clarinet section plays the piece he conducted.



Photo Credit Martha T. Harris

SURVIVOR: Village School Gorham Times Staff



Mrs. Esty and Mr. Porter beat a rhythm on their water-bottle bats as they get ready to try to hit a target. Failure to hit the mark meant doing ten revolutions with a hula hoop in front of cheering students and staff. See additional photos at www.gorhamtimes.com.

Village School students had a lot to celebrate, to be proud of, and to laugh about when a special Survivor Village School Field Day was held as a culminating event of the 1,000,000 Minutes Reading Program. Survivor Gabon or Vanuatu had nothing on Village School as Principal, Mr. Porter, and Vice Principal, Mrs. Esty, competed in a series of physical and mental challenges to be the last administrator standing.

"It's hard to imagine two administrators more willing to put their reputations and dignity on the line to let students know that reading really matters at Village School," said Chris Crawford, Library Media Specialist. Crawford and Eunice Bentley, Reading Coordinator, were the organizers for the 1,000,000 Minutes Reading Program.

Earlier this year, Mr. Porter and Mrs. Esty challenged students to read 1,000,000 minutes. With the encouragement of teachers and family, the students logged an incredible 1,220,627 minutes, doubling last year's challenge of half a million minutes.

Students and staff got into the spirit by wearing survival gear for the day. Two

students, Noah Rollins and Jack Niles, were chosen as winners in a drawing to have the honor of face painting Mr. Porter and Mrs. Esty for their ordeal. Several other students, chosen in the drawing, were assistants in some of the survival challenges.

The challenges were pure silliness having Porter and Esty catch rubber chickens, flung by student helpers, in a metal wastebasket. In another activity, they were aiming for a target, using a large empty Poland Spring water bottle as a bat. If they missed, they had to use a hula hoop as students and staff cheered them on.

As with any good reality program, there was some controversy when, after winning the final activity on a technicality, Mrs. Esty was declared the winner. That decision may be hotly contested by Mr. Porter for years to come.

Because the reading goal was doubled this year, the students reaped a double reward. In addition to the festive and fun Survivor Field Day, local author, Toni Buzzeo, spoke to all the classrooms about being an author. A book sale and signing was also held, sponsored by the Bookworm bookstore.

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Gorham OM Team Heads to World Finals

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Danielle Despina

As first place winners, the Gorham Balsa Team has been invited to participate in Odyssey of the Mind's World Championship in Ames, Iowa at the end of May where they will compete against teams from countries such as China, Hong Kong and Canada. With the support of the Gorham School System, the team has been working hard to raise the estimated \$10,000 needed to get them there.

Please join us at any of these events to have FUN, raise funds, and help send these students on a journey to remember:

DESSERT AND BINGO NIGHT, May 6—Share in a night of kid-friendly fun. PLENTY OF PRIZES TO WIN and yummy desserts to enjoy! This event will be held at the Village School cafeteria from 6:30-8:00pm. We are asking for donations at the door, \$5 per adult and \$2 per child.

A 'SAVED BY THE BELL' 80'S THEMED DANCE for GMS students from 7-9 p.m. at GMS on Friday, May 8.

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TOWN COUNCIL FROM PAGE 4

Old Business

John McGraw, 58 South St., expressed concerns with the noise abatement, operation of generators, and the landscaping exemption. McGraw asked if there will be increased costs to the town to enforce this ordinance. Charlie Wallace, the sound engineer, responded to questions. The Council voted to amend the proposed ordinance with the changes presented by the Town Manager. 7 yeas.

After much discussion of the Land Use and Development Code relative to noise, the council voted 5 yeas, 2 nays (Csoros and Miner).

New Business

Unless otherwise noted, all were voted as 7 yeas. In other business the Town Council:

- Amended the General Assistance Ordinance to adopt new food maximums in accordance with the U.S.D.A. Thrifty Food Plan.
- Approved Victualer's licenses for O'Donal's Nursery, and a Special Amusement Permit for PineCrest Bed & Breakfast Inn.
- Approved new Animal Control Ordinance
- Amended Town's Victualer's Ordinance to add: "If the clerk is not satisfied that the application meets all the requirements of this ordinance, the clerk shall submit the application to the Town Council which, after public hearing, shall consider the application." 6 yeas, 1 nay (Robinson)

- Amended the Town's Massage Establishment /Therapist Regulatory Ordinance.
- Appointed many individuals to Town Boards and Committees. Councilor Csoros thanked all of the volunteers who serve on the various boards and committees.
- Appropriated \$1,420 from contingency account to provide funds to stripe parking lots in Gorham. 5 yeas 2 nays (Loveitt and Robinson)
- Approved a traffic light study. 5 yeas, 2 nays (Loveitt & Robinson).
- Request to develop a policy for using the Town's snack shacks (to Ordinance committee). 5 yeas, 2 nays (Csoros & Moulton).
- Amended Zoning Administrator job description under essential job functions. 4 yeas, 3 nays (Moulton, Csoros, & Miner).
- Adopted the Zoning Administrator job description. 4 yeas, 3 nays (Moulton, Csoros, & Miner).
- Accepted Councilor Loveitt's resignation as Town's representative to Ecomaine Board of Director. Noah Miner was appointed as the new representative. 5 yeas, (Miner & Loveitt abstain).

To view the agenda and results from this meeting in its entirety, please visit the Town of Gorham Web site for posted minutes at www.gorham-me.org/Public_Documents/GorhamME_PlanMinutes or view it on local access television on GoCat channel 3.

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GHS Senior Profile: Kelsey Crowe

Solange Carpenter

Kelsey Crowe, a pitcher on the GHS softball team, is heading into her final year on the mound for the Rams. As a junior she finished the season with a 14-5 record and 0.84 ERA while striking out 190 batters in 141 innings. In addition to her achievements for GHS, she also led the way for Gorham softball teams participating in Babe Ruth and ASA softball tournaments from 2004 to 2008, during which time Gorham teams won four state championships and three regional championships while also appearing in two national World Series. Crowe recently took time-out from her pre-season practice schedule to answer a few questions:

Sport you enjoy playing the most: Softball
Strengths: Pitching
Areas you are trying to improve in: Hitting

and developing the perfect drop ball.
Other sports you play for GHS: I played one year of volleyball my senior year.
Who has had the most positive influence on your sports career? My Mom and Dad.
What are your top two highlights of your athletic career? Winning the 16-inning game vs. South Portland (2-1) last year and going to Texas and Massachusetts two summers in a row for the Babe Ruth World Series.
What athletic goals have you set for yourself? To play softball in college with a perfect drop ball and to hit better.
What advice would you offer to youngsters? Never give up – even if others put you down or if you think it is too difficult and to just keep trying.
What accomplishment outside of sports are you most proud of? Doing well in school and going to college next year.
Comments from softball coach Pete Walker: "Kelsey is one of the hardest working players I have coached. Being a softball pitcher requires a year round commitment, and this has resulted in her becoming one of the best in the state. She is a leader who is not afraid to face the competitive challenge of athletics. The team will follow her positive "yes we can" attitude down to the last out. Win or lose, they trust and respect her. This is the highest honor peers can give. She is one of the best student athletes in Gorham High."

Favorite ice cream: Vanilla
Favorite movie: Sahara
Favorite subject in school: Math

in the Zone

Boston Marathon Participants from Gorham: Two athletes from Gorham were among the 25,000 runners that participated in the 113th Boston Marathon on April 20. **DICK GRAVES** finished ahead of nearly 20,000 runners overall and in 288th place in the men's 50-54 division with a time of 3:21:40. **ANTHONY MISTRETTA** finished ahead of more than 7,300 runners overall and in 4128th place in the men's 18-39 division with a time of 4:11:21.

GHS Girls Win Patriot's Day Race: Members of the GHS Girls Track Team took home the first-place trophy for the 60th Annual Westbrook-Gorham Rotary Club Patriot's Day high school road race April 20. Junior **RACHEL WILKINSON** led the way by winning the girls division for the second consecutive year while freshman **AUDREY ADKISON** came in third, sophomore **JENNIE THUOTTE** finished fourth and **SENIOR SARAH MCCULLOUGH** finished fifth. In the boys division, sophomore **JEREMY EARL** came in third overall while freshman **JESSE ORACH** finished eighth.

All-State Selection: The Maine Track and Cross Country Coaches Association named GHS junior **CAM STEVENS** to its All-State Team for the sprints category.

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As part of the athletic department's mission to provide services to Gorham community, players from the GHS baseball team visited The Gorham House elder care facility on April 18 to help take care of and clean-up the outside grounds of the facility.

Senior Pat Shaw, a captain and the number one singles player on the GHS boys tennis team, broke his arm April 10 is expected to be out of action for at least six weeks, which may mean he will miss the entire season.

Weekend GHS Varsity Sports Line-Up

Friday, May 1

- 3:30pm – Girls Tennis at Westbrook
- 3:30pm – Boys Tennis vs. Westbrook at GHS
- 4:00pm – Softball vs. Windham at GHS
- 4:00pm – Girls Lacrosse vs. South Portland, location TBD
- 6:00pm – Boys Lacrosse at Cape Elizabeth

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The #1-seeded Gorham Middle School Ice Hockey Team beat #2-seeded Brunswick, 5-3, in the Braun Division Championship game March 8 at Bowdoin College. The team finished 13-1-2 for the season. Pictured (l to r), front row: Travis Mansir, Justin Broy, Blake Babineau and TJ Daigler. Back row: Coach Kevin Babineau, Spence Cowand, Chris Hardy, Colin Harvey, Matt Roy, Mick Mansir, Dylan Turner, Nate Roop, Zach Schmidt, Shawn Sullivan and Assistant Coach Steve Roy. Babineau summed up the season by saying, "The team came out strong right from the start of the season, always playing like a team – and that's why we had such a successful season. They are a great group of kids, and we thoroughly enjoyed coaching them."

Gorham Lions Club Hosts 5K Road Race

The Gorham Lions Club hosted a 5K road race for the first time on April 4 with 55 participating runners. Kurte Wente of Portland won the men's open division with a time of 17:27 while Jen Rohde of Cumberland won the women's open division with a time of 19:51. Runners from Gorham that won their respective gender/age divisions included Jesse Orach (male 14 and under), Jeremy Earl (male 15-19), Coleen Ward (female 15-19), Kurt Schwanda (male 30-39) Andrea Goggins (female 40-49) and Dick Graves (male 50-59).

Following are the results of all runners from Gorham:

2	Kurt Schwanda	17:37
3	Jeremy Earl	17:46
4	Ryan Dyer	17:53
5	Jesse Orach	17:56
8	Dick Graves	19:08
10	Nathan Bucknell	20:32
12	Ron Lowell	22:04
13	Dino Desanctis	22:11
15	Neile Nelson	22:22
17	Jeremy Clough	23:30
19	Angela Leclerc	23:56
22	Daniel Hunter	24:32
23	Dale Rines	24:34
25	Jason Leggett	25:01
27	Rob Sanford	25:35
28	Jordan Ward	25:50
29	Andrea Goggins	25:59
30	Colleen Ward	26:01
31	Linda Whitten	26:06
33	Anna Muri	27:51
34	Vicky Packard	28:15
35	Jennifer Leggett	28:22
40	Joe Herlihy	29:21
42	Meredith Adams	29:37
49	Jeffrey Mullin	32:01
51	Linda Webb	36:12
52	Laura Clough	36:39
55	Sue Britting	42:30

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FIRE STATION FROM PAGE 1

ized the plan as “an ambitious proposal from the Chief and the Manager, which represents forward thinking on their part.” Councilor Mike Phinney spoke about the advanced state of disrepair of the South Windham fire station, saying that it was “basically falling into the river.” Councilor Noah Miner told the Fire Chief that he trusted the Chief’s judgment, but would like to see data and maps to substantiate the necessity of the new facilities. Several councilors were in agreement that if the grant money was not obtained, the project could not be funded in these economic times.

Following the council’s discussion the order passed by a 6-1 vote, with Councilor Phil Csoros in dissent. Contacted later, Csoros described his opposition to the entire idea of the Federal Stimulus Package, stating, “The

notion of “free” money is pure folly. Municipalities racing to put their “fair share” of debt on the government credit card only pits us against each other. If a new fire station is justified, those receiving the benefits of the fire station should pay for it.”

A public hearing on the order has been scheduled for June 2, with a referendum election to be held on June 9. A referendum is needed to seek public approval of any capital expenditure plan exceeding \$250,000. In addition to a complete description of the proposal, the referendum will contain the following explanatory note: “If passed, this project will not involve any new borrowing by the Town.” Councilors believed that the possibility of receiving the grants would be enhanced by a vote of the public favoring the proposal.

SMOKING BAN FROM PAGE 1

2007 that strengthened the law banning tobacco in schools. Ms. Bracy informed the students that there was no similar law covering recreational fields, parks or playgrounds that are not on school property.

After further discussion and review of a 2005 proposal, which was denied by the Town Council, a group of students decided to move forward with an initiative to ban tobacco at all Gorham recreational areas. Led by sophomores Moira Keahon, Shannon Wilcox, Colleen Ward and Theresa Kozloff, the group named themselves Change in Gorham (CIG). They studied the negative effects of tobacco use and how other communities in Maine have implemented tobacco-free recreation policies and ordinances.

The group drafted a letter to the Town Manager requesting time to speak about their proposal at the March 3 Town Council meeting. They then created an informational packet for all of the Town Council members summarizing their research and findings. The packet included an outline of reasons to adopt the new policy, testimonial letters from a parent, a teacher and a doctor, and a list of all the other Maine towns that had already adopted the policy.

Colleen Ward stated, “I joined CIG at school because I felt strongly about tobacco-free playing fields. While participating in these [recreational] activi-

ties, I want myself and others around me to be in a healthy environment. I feel strongly about Gorham implementing and enforcing this policy because secondhand smoke can negatively affect younger children’s bodies and it sets a bad example.”

Moira Keahon, who has been involved with the Gorham Rec. leagues most of her life, wrote, “I believe that children should not be subjected to secondhand smoke while participating in sport activities in the town of Gorham. I know that the use of tobacco exposes children to the intake of nicotine and other toxic chemicals. I also know that it is important to be a good role model to young children in our community.”

Theresa Kozloff concluded, “We want to remind you that we are not asking people to quit smoking. This ordinance is about the secondhand smoke, not the smoker. The reality is there is no safe level of secondhand smoke exposure.”

After their presentation, the Town Council voted 6 to 1 in favor of the policy. The Council went on to say how impressed they were with the students’ involvement in affecting policy change. Culminating the project, the Partnership of Tobacco Free Maine provided signs to the Gorham Recreation Department that will soon be posted at all recreational areas in town.

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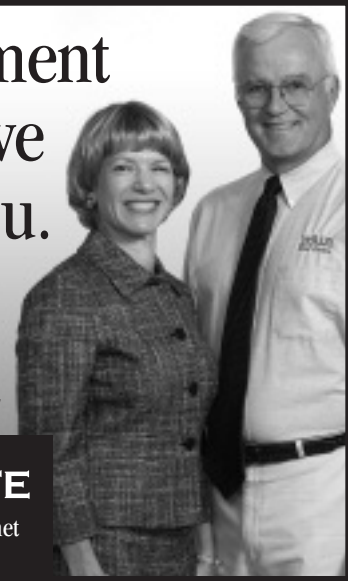
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WORLD FINALS FROM PAGE 7

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MEGHAN CLEMENTS (GHS '05), will graduate with honors from Merrimack College on May 17 with a degree in Bio-Chemistry. Clements will attend Simmons College in Boston this summer in the accelerated Nurse Practitioner program. She is the daughter of Mark and Peggy Clements of Gorham.

Congratulations to **DEREK MORIN** (GHS '09), who had the privilege of singing the National Anthem at the Portland Sea Dogs game on April 14.

There will be an Ice Cream Social & Open House honoring **MARGARET EVANS** for her 25 years of service in the Gorham schools on May 29, 6-7:30 p.m. at White Rock School. Free and open to the public. FMI 222-1050.



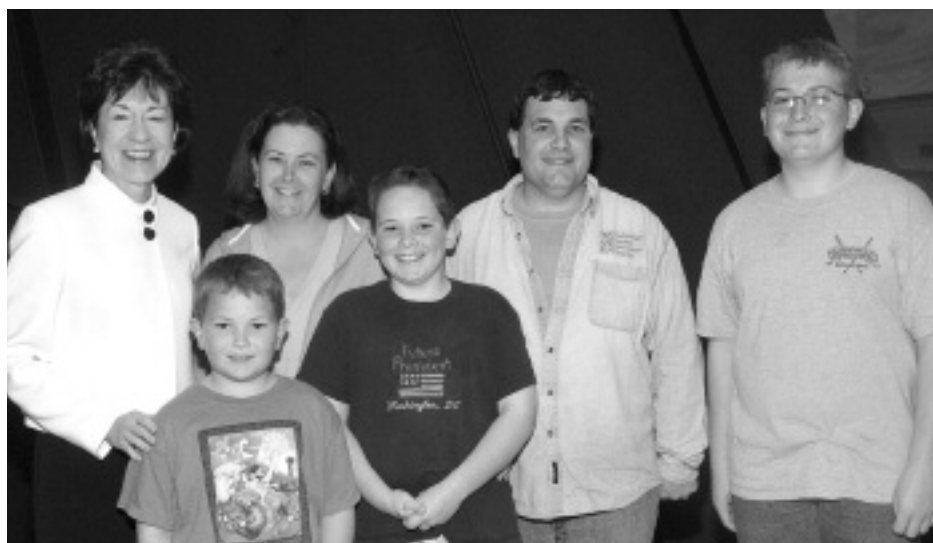
"SKORDALIA" (pictured above) in concert. Zesty Greek music of the Aegean islands and Asia Minor. Friday, May 1, 8 p.m., Corthell Concert Hall, USM Gorham campus. \$15/\$10/\$5. FMI, 780-5555.

ELLIE SATO of Gorham will play a villager in the Portland School of Ballet's production of Peter and the Wolf at Portland High School, May 9. FMI, 775-2126.

Gorham singers **ABRAHAM EATON, ESTHER EATON, GRACE EATON, RACHEL EATON** and **MELODY HASBROUCK** will

perform in the Southern Maine Children's Chorus on May 16, 7 p.m. at the Freeport Performing Arts Center. Admission by donation. FMI, 780-5555.

The 2009 Anne Gannett Scholarship Competition will be held at USM's Corthell Hall, Gorham campus on Saturday, June 6 at 9:30 a.m. This competition is open to all music majors



U.S. SENATOR SUSAN COLLINS recently met with the Perkins family of Gorham following a tour of the U.S. Capitol Complex conducted by a member of Senator Collins staff. Pictured (l to r), Senator Collins with Jordan, Rhonda, Taylor, Randy and Riley Perkins.

at the college level. FMI, call Joyce Chaplin at 725-1125.

The West Gorham Union Church will hold a Bean and Chicken Pie Supper on May 2 from 4-6 p.m. \$7/\$3. FMI, 839-4208.

There will be a Baked Bean Supper at the White Rock Community Club (Wilson Road, Off Route 237) on May 2, 4:30 - 6 p.m. Beans, hot dogs, salads, biscuits and homemade desserts. \$7/\$3. FMI, 892-4442.

The West Gorham Union Church will host the 3rd Annual Men and Boy's Yard and Home Sale/Auction on Saturday, May 9 at 10 a.m. Viewing starts at 8.30 a.m. If you have anything to donate please call Dave at 839-4205 or 839-3496.

Portland Mothers of Multiples Club will hold a child's used clothing & equipment sale May 2 from 9 a.m. to noon at St. Anne's Catholic Church in Gorham. FMI, www.gpmomc.org

CINDY BISHOP of Gorham was recently honored with the prestigious President's Volunteer Service Award, in recognition for her volunteer work at Riding To The Top, a Therapeutic Riding Center in Windham.

The Southern Maine Chamber Orchestra, a new student-run 35-member orchestra based at the University of Southern Maine, will make its debut performance at Corthell Concert Hall on the Gorham campus, May 4 at 7:30 p.m. The 35-member orchestra is comprised of both USM students and com-



Gorham High School students **NICK REYNOLDS** (above, left) and **JASON BADEAU** can be seen in Mad Horse Theatre's premiere production of The History Boys by Alan Bennett through May 10 at the Portland Stage Company. Set in the 1980's, this deeply-moving comedy explores the anarchy of adolescence and raises questions about the nature of history and how it should be taught. FMI, 730-2389.

munity members from the surrounding area. The founder of the orchestra, and its conductor, is Craig Ouellette of Biddeford, currently a senior education major in the School of Music at USM. Admission is free.

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The Gorham Woman's Club will hold its annual meeting at Charlie Beigg's Restaurant in North Windham on May 14. A luncheon will be served at 12 noon with meeting to follow. FMI, call Marie Woodbrey at 839-4213.

The Friends of Baxter Memorial Library will hold its spring book sale April 30-May 2, 2009 at the Recreation Departments Activity Room. Thursday evening April 30th will be a preview sale for Friends members from 5-7 p.m. Non members may purchase a ticket to the preview sale for \$5 at the door. The Public Book Sale will be Friday 9 a.m.-7 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m.-1 p.m.. All the used books are fresh stock, none are from previous sales. FMI 839-5031.

The Gorham Ecumenical Council will hold their monthly meeting on May 7, 6:30 p.m. at the Cressey Road United Methodist Church. New members and visitors are always welcome.

Gorham Business Person of the Year, 2009 will be announced at Gorham Business & Civic Exchange's May Social and Networking Reception on May 7, at Crockett Interiors, 673 Main Street, from 5:30-7:00 p.m. Open to the Gorham business community at no charge.

First Parish Mile of Food will be taking place on May 9, at First Parish Church. The goal is to stretch food from the church to the Gorham Food Pantry.

College Night will be held at Gorham High School, May 13, 6.30 p.m., to allow any student or family a chance to hear from admissions counselors. Four counselors from different colleges that represent the scope of admissions selectivity have been invited to attend.

White Rock Grange presents The Cool

Water Band, May 8, 7 p.m.. FMI: Ann Rust, 839-3946.

The Baxter Memorial Library will be hosting their First Annual Preschool Fair, May 2. Stop by any time between 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon to meet area preschool staff, learn about the various schools' philosophies, programs and approaches to learning and education. ATTN: Nursery Schools - to participate please call 839-5031.

Gorham picture book author & illustrator Cathryn Falwell will be at the Bookworm on Saturday morning, May 2nd, from 10 - 11 am as part of the Gorham Block Party. Gather outside around Cathryn's portable pond for nature stories and fun! She will also be happy to sign copies of her books.

The Friends of Baxter Memorial Library and the Gorham Educational Foundation, Inc. will host a Wine Tasting and Auction Fundraiser, May 16, 6 p.m. at the Library. Selected wines, savory treats from Pine Crest Inn and gourmet coffee from The Gorham Grind will be offered. Auctioneer David Patterson will auction items donated from the community. There will also be a silent auction. To donate, fill a basket with items or certificates representing your organization, or that present an idea or theme. The event will host 200 people this year and is expected to sell out. Tickets are on sale at the Library, \$25 each. FMI (www.baxterlibrary.org or www.gorhamef.org) or call 839-5031.

close to home

Full Gospel Fellowship Breakfast on Saturday, May 9, 8:30 a.m. at the American Legion Hall in Westbrook. Featured speaker Dr. Tom Mancini, co-founder of Clinics of Hope, a Christian organization that runs medical clinics in W. Africa. Bring a friend or neighbor. FMI,

774-6416 or 727-3252. \$8/\$6 seniors.

Folk singer Gordon Bok, will perform in concert at the Saco River Grange Hall on Saturday May 9 at 7:30 pm. Tickets \$14. Reservations strongly advised. FMI, 929-6472.

Ossipee Trail Arts Center, is holding auditions for "A Bug's Life" at its Limington location on May 11 (6-8pm) and May 12 (5-7pm) FMI 839-3267

Community Chorus Spring Concert

John Rumkunis

The Gorham Community Chorus will be presenting its Annual Spring Concert on May 17, 3 p.m. at Gorham High School. The key work of this performance is Franz Schubert's Mass in G featuring soloists from the chorus. Schubert composed this Mass in 1815 at the tender age of 19, and it is the second of 6 masses that he composed in his prolific but short career (he died at the age of 31). In the second half of the program, the chorus will be presenting arrangements of great songs of the past, such as Over the Rainbow, Ain't Misbehavin', Someone to Watch Over Me, and There's No Business Like Show Business. The concert will conclude with Can You Hear? by Jim Papoulis.

The Gorham Community Chorus is a non-auditioned choir who come together for the joy of making great music together. It meets every Monday evening at Village School in Gorham from 7-9 p.m. Membership includes both Gorham residents and singers from surrounding communities. The chorus is directed by John Rimkunas, and accompanied by Dr. Peter Stickney. We will be welcoming new members when our next season begins in September. FMI call John Rimkunas at 839-3517.

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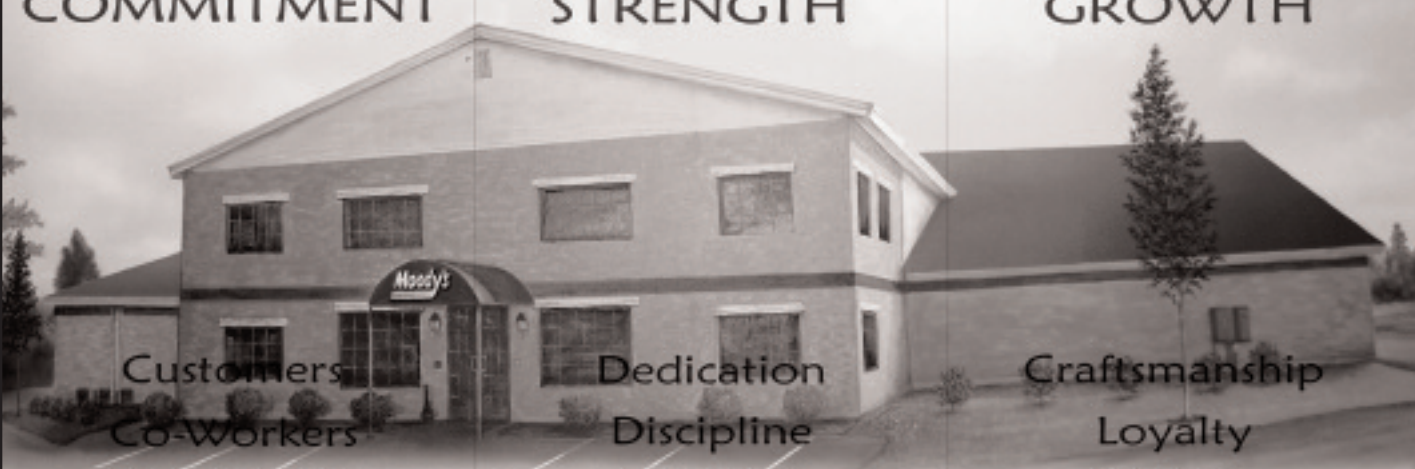
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Douglas Street caller reported finding footprints around their residence. It also appeared that someone had been peeking in their windows.

South Street caller advised that their child was at the library and one of their child's friends set his hair on fire.

Western Avenue caller reported they had found a gun in their mother's drawer and wanted to know if it was registered.

State Street caller wanted to speak to an officer regarding the Do Not Enter sign and their customers entering the wrong way.

Caller advised they followed a parent and their children from the store to a restaurant where they viewed the parent being

aggressive with their children and screaming at them.

Caller reported their vehicle was "broken into" sometime during the night or early morning as they found a paper clip in the ignition when they went to leave for work.

Murray Drive caller reported that their spouse has been receiving unwanted sex messages and comments on their cell phone and they wanted the messages to stop immediately.

Whipple Road caller reported they believed their neighbor had abandoned their dog as they have heard the dog barking for the past few days and have not seen anyone going in or out of the house.

Barstow Road caller reported an abandoned motor vehicle. Subject was parked there as they had cell reception and were waiting for a phone call.

Ossipee Trail caller reported a car idling at a local business. Car belonged to the owner of the business.

Carolyn Drive caller reported strange cars going down their dead end road in the middle of the night and not coming back out.

A 17 year-old male was found in an elementary school flushing all the toilets.

Shaw's Mill Road caller reported an auto body shop was not letting them retrieve their vehicle even though all costs had been paid.

Huston Road caller reported that a subject, who lives across the street from the cemetery, allows their dog to go into the cemetery each morning to do his "business."

Paulin Drive caller reported his wife had been missing since early afternoon.

Acorn Street caller stated they had locked their drunken spouse in their vehicle.

Maple Ridge Road caller reported a party in the area that had escalated into fighting in the driveway.

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what's happening

FRIDAY, MAY 1

- Two-Day Rummage and Perennial Sale, Cressey Road United Methodist Church, 9-4 p.m. FMI, 839-3666.
- The Friends of Baxter Memorial Library spring book sale 9 a.m. – 7 p.m. FMI 839-5031.
- Grandma's Attic Sale, see ad page 12

SATURDAY, MAY 2

- Gorham Block Party, see ad page 7
- Two-Day Rummage and Perennial Sale, Cressey Road United Methodist Church, 9-1 p.m. FMI, 839-3666.
- Baked Bean Supper, White Rock Community Club, (Wilson Rd., Off Rt. 237) 4:30 – 6 p.m. \$7/\$3. FMI, 892-4442. OotM fundraiser.
- Mothers of Multiples Club children's used clothing & equipment sale, 9-12 noon, St. Anne's Church, Gorham. FMI, www.gpmomc.org
- First Annual Nursery School Fair, Baxter Memorial Library, 9-12 noon. Parents may meet area pre-school staff. FMI, 839-5031
- The Friends of Baxter Memorial Library spring book sale 9 a.m.-1 p.m. FMI 839-5031
- GHS Prom

MONDAY, MAY 4

- Kindergarten Screening and Registration, White Rock School. FMI, 222-1050.
- Planning Board Meeting, Gorham

Municipal Center, 75 South St. 7 p.m.

TUESDAY, MAY 5

- Kindergarten Screening and Registration, White Rock School. FMI, 222-1050.
- Town Council Meeting, Gorham Municipal Center, 75 South St. 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6

- Dessert and Bingo Night, Village School Cafeteria, 6:30-8 p.m. Kid friendly and prizes to win! \$5/\$2. FMI, 222-1337. OotM fundraiser.
- Early Release for grades K-12.
- Babies in the Library for infants to 3 years, North Gorham Library, 10 a.m. FMI, 892-9532.

THURSDAY, MAY 7

- Story Hour for 3-5 year olds, North Gorham Library, 9:30 a.m. FMI, 892-9532.
- Gorham Ecumenical Council Meeting, Cressey Road United Methodist Church, 6:30 p.m. Visitors welcome.
- Gorham Business & Civic Exchange's May Social / Networking Reception at Crockett Interiors, 673 Main Street, from 5:30-7:00 p.m. Open to the Gorham business community at no charge. Gorham Business Person of the Year, 2009 will be announced

FRIDAY, MAY 8

- Saved by the Bell 80's themed dance, 7-9 p.m. GMS students, GMS.
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- Schoolhouse Arts Center presents Buggy Malone Junior, 7 p.m. FMI, 642-3743.

SATURDAY, MAY 9

- Car Wash, Gorham Rite Aid parking lot, 9-2 p.m. OotM fundraiser.
- Schoolhouse Arts Center presents Buggy Malone Junior, 4:30 & 7 p.m. FMI, 642-3743.
- 2nd Annual YourSpace Garage Sale, 7-2 p.m. FMI, 347-1457.

SUNDAY, MAY 10

- Schoolhouse Arts Center presents Buggy Malone Junior, 2 p.m. FMI, 642-3743.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13

- GHS College Night, Admission counselors will talk about admission criteria. FMI, write to ryanw@gorham-schools.org.
- School Committee Meeting, Gorham Municipal Center, 75 South St. 7 p.m.

The Gorham Ecumenical Food Pantry is open every Thurs. at St. Anne's Church from 9-11 a.m. and the second Wednesday of each month from 5:30-7 p.m. Open to anyone in need of food from Gorham. Located in the portable building behind St. Anne's Church.

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