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Turnpike Connection Subject of Proposed Study

Bill Ambrose

In a press release dated February 10, the Maine Turnpike Authority (MTA) and the Maine Department of Transportation (MDOT) have announced a "comprehensive study of land use and transportation needs in the corridor that stretches from the Maine Turnpike to Gorham." The study will address traffic congestion in the area, as well as protecting the quality of the environment.

The impetus for this initiative stems from the efforts of then Town Council Chair Burleigh Loveitt's letter to the two transportation agencies in October 2005. The letter, written at the request of the council, asked the agencies to explore the feasibility of constructing a turnpike spur to connect to the then proposed Gorham Bypass.

Before the present study can begin, the four municipalities involved, South Portland, Westbrook, Scarborough and

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Huge Growth for Operation Holiday Cheer

Andrea Morrell

Last year Marc Badeau, president of Gorham Kiwanis and Chairman of Operation Holiday Cheer (OHC), thought sending 8,000 gifts to military kids throughout Maine was incredible for its first year effort. This year 23,000 gifts went out the door across New England and New York. Next year, Badeau envisions kids in New Jersey and possibly across the Eastern Seaboard will be receiving those same letters recognizing them as the forgotten heroes of military families who may be separated from their parents during the holidays.

Word is spreading and OHC is growing fast. "It's easier the second year," said Badeau. "You have history to go back to." Maine was more successful this year than last year, sending out 10 percent more gifts to registered children.

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Food Pantry Officially Opens at New Location

Bill Ambrose



Photo Credit Martha T. Harris

Pictured at the Gorham Food Pantry's grand opening are many local and state officials with the Food Pantry Board of Directors. Foreground (l to r) Aaron Shapiro, Dan Grant, Paul Willis, Fran Doucette, Rev. Phil Shearman. Background (l to r) Town Councilor Shonn Moulton, Maynard Charron, State Rep. Jane Knapp, Sue Dunn, Town Councilor Brenda Caldwell, Diane O'Neill, Cherry Finck, Chris Moody, Dede Perkins, Ernie Manderson



Photo Credit Martha T. Harris

Rev. Phil Sherman recognized Paul Willis for going above and beyond to make the new Food Pantry facility a reality.

The Gorham Ecumenical Food Pantry held an open house and ribbon-cutting ceremony on February 7. The new location, at the west side of the parking lot of St. Anne's Roman Catholic Church, will replace the original site of the pantry, which was housed in essentially a closet and hallway in the church basement.

According to the pantry's director, Fran Doucette, the previous spot was severely limited in space and was clearly inadequate to meet the needs of the clients served by the pantry. Upwards of 200 people a month now avail themselves of the provisions provided by the facility. She stated "St. Anne's was giving us all the extra space they had, it just wasn't enough to meet our growing demands."

The portable building donated by the Town of Gorham was the former home of the Planning Board and was located at the old Municipal Center. The property was provided by the Catholic Diocese, and a \$44,000 Community Development Block grant was secured through the town to pay for moving the building and constructing a foundation for it. Fund-raising efforts by the food pantry's Board of Directors paid for utility hookups and finishing the interior of the building.

Doucette took visitors on a brief tour of the new facility, stating that they try to make the experience "as comfortable and un-intimidating as possible for the clients." She was especially proud of the new waiting room, where she plans to have a toy box and bookshelf for the children.

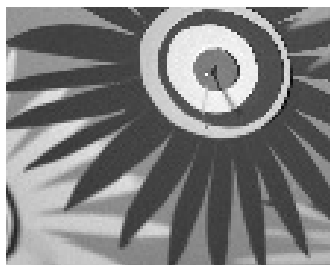
Paul Willis, the chairman of the pantry's Board of Directors since 2001, believes that the new building will "make using the pantry a more pleasant experience, not only for the clients, but for the volunteers as well." In addressing the gathering, he thanked the many local contractors for their generosity with their labor and their materials and expressed his gratitude to his fellow board members and to other community residents who have given so much.

In his prayer of dedication, Rev. Phil Shearman thanked the Almighty for making the transition to the new facility possible. He recounted the efforts and support that the pantry received from the community and commented on the relentless effort by the Board to see this project through. Rev. Sherman also singled out Paul Willis for the countless

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Dear Gorham Times,

This thank-you goes to the person who found and gave my lost wedding band to the Gorham Hannaford Supermarket Service Desk. You see, I lost my band on the evening of February 5 and when I realized it was missing felt it would never be found. I called the Gorham Hannaford, where I'd been shopping that evening, to check if anyone had returned it. On February 6 the store called me stating that a ring had been found. When I visited the store I found it was mine. For whoever did this, I say thank you. Though we are all individuals, we are a community.

For you, and the town of Gorham where I live, I am truly grateful.

Sincerely,
 Michael VanDerburgh

Dear Gorham Times,

I live at 20 Timber Ridge Road and will be an abutter to the proposed development off Libbey Road constructed by Risbara Construction. In watching the planning session on Monday 1/12, I appreciated the boards strong inquiries discouraging monotonous, drab house structures and encouraging originality and innovation of the overall plan.

My greatest concern now is in regards

to the open/common space. Numerous times throughout the presentation the beauty of the existing farm pond was referred to. The description is accurate. This environmentally sensitive and unique natural feature welcomes the chorus of 'Peepers' followed by numerous birds such as blue-birds, ducks and geese returning from afar in the early spring. In the summer it provides a tranquil setting to observe wild life, the beauty of Maine as well as an escape from the often hectic everyday world. Once the pond is frozen in winter it can be used for ice skating as well as providing access to the open trails used for cross country skiing and snowshoeing.

So I ask, 'Why was this space not preserved in the development plan?' This would be the place for benches and possibly a picnic table or two to encourage neighborhood gatherings. Instead it places at least two house lots on the southwest side which subsequently requires a run-off pond restricting the view for the entire development? Although a small public access way was plotted between the housing sites the overall beauty will be carelessly degraded!

I would like to reference Section IX – Approval Criteria and Standards, section A of the Town of Gorham Site Plan Review

documents: Utilization of the Site – Environmentally sensitive areas such as wetlands, steep slopes, flood plains and unique natural features will be maintained and preserved to the maximum extent.

I'm hopeful when the committee conducts the site walk in early spring they will agree with my assessment and take this into consideration before granting final approval of the application.

Thanks
 Paula Wehmeyer

Dear Gorham Times,

Saying the Pledge of Allegiance each school morning as I grew up was not the reason I joined the U.S. Navy during World War II. I volunteered because I believed in our country and its form of government. We didn't have "one nation under God" in the pledge. In fact until the Nazis did as we did and extended the right arm out toward the flag we offered that salute.

I feel that our freedom is protected by more than a daily pledge or even by those who faithfully serve in the military. It is protected by all who exercise good citizenship by paying their taxes, looking out for their neighbors, being kind to children and working hard at whatever is their task. It is found in family picnics on the 4th of July as well as at beaches and camps through the summer. It is in visits to our "seasoned citizens" (Rev. Harold Shepard's definition) in nursing homes and where they are shut in.

It is serving as volunteers in community endeavors such as the Gorham Food Pantry which helps folks of all ages. It is voting for local and national leadership as well as making oneself available for the common good.

For twenty five years the pledge was omitted at the High School. In spite of that I think Gorham can be proud of a great bunch of kids who grew up in that generation.

Philip A. Shearman



NEWS FROM AUGUSTA A Good Start

Senator Phil Bartlett

As I have written before, the Maine Legislature started its most recent legislative session in January facing unprecedented challenges. Our state was one of over 40 states across the country facing large revenue shortfalls due to the poor economy, leading to gaps in the budget. At the onset of the session, we needed first to quickly close an approximately \$140 million gap in the current budget, and then figure out how to close an \$838 million gap in the upcoming two-year budget.

Now it is February, and we are partway there. On January 27th, the Legislature passed a supplemental budget that closed the \$140 million gap. The process through which we did it was remarkable. Each committee worked diligently to review the departments and programs under their purview, and received input from the community on the effects the proposed supplemental budget would have on them. They reported their findings to the Appropriations and Financial Affairs Committee, who worked with the proposal further. And then, remarkably, they gave a unanimous report back to the full Legislature, who passed it by an overwhelming margin (only three Senators voted against it!).

This kind of strong bi-partisan action has been far too rare in the last decade, which has been dominated by widening divisions between the two parties. But the crisis we face has

legislators intently focused on working together to solve our problems.

We are not finished yet. Currently the Legislature is working on the much bigger two-year budget. As we did with the supplemental, we will need to find ways to cut spending while maintaining vital services.

Additionally, we will continue to work to take advantage of opportunities to improve Maine's economy. A number of exciting opportunities exist around renewable energy; I will be focusing on this as the Chair of the new Committee on Maine's Energy Future. There is also work to be done to make health care more affordable and to reduce Mainers' tax burdens.

The job will continue to be difficult, but we have started strong. If legislators from both parties continue to focus on working together to move Maine forward, this will be a very successful session.

Senator Phil Bartlett (D-Cumberland) represents Senate District 6 in the Maine Legislature, including the communities of Gorham, Scarborough, and Westbrook. He was recently elected Senate Majority Leader for the 124th Maine Legislature.

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HOT OFF THE PRESS

Vicky York, who has lived in Gorham for 10 years, reads the paper front to back and doesn't miss a thing. She especially likes the school news. The *Gorham Times* was in its 5th year of publication when she moved here.

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The **University of Southern Maine** has decided to eliminate its child care program, effective August 14, 2009. The decision to close the program was financial; it will save the university \$400,000 per year, the amount that budgeted expenses outpace total revenues.

Back in the Day: A Historic Profile of Bert Gilman

as told by Warren Gilman

written by Jackie Francis



Bertrand Gilman once used old millstones in a variety of unique ways, above left is a bench he created many years ago, in the bottom photo those same millstones are used today in gardens at son Warren Gilman's home. Top right: the late Bertrand Gilman.

Back when Bert Gilman was 15 years old and lived on North Gorham Road, he made the decision to quit high school in his sophomore year because he hated 'Latin.' Or so the story goes. Others may think he quit because of the daily effort it took to get back and forth to school. Every weekday at dawn he'd harness the horse to the wagon and then ride 2.5 miles to the White Rock Train Depot in North Gorham so as to catch the train to Westbrook and then walk to Westbrook High School. Phew. That was back in 1904. "Things were different back then," says his son, Warren Gilman. I'll say it were.

Bertrand Ward Gilman (1890-1977), was born in a house built in 1805 by one of the first settlers in North Gorham and remained in North Gorham virtually all his life except for the one year he worked in western Massachusetts building a dam at Monroe Bridge. He was terribly homesick for Maine, says his son, and moved back to Gorham.

In 1916, Gilman married Effie Hurd, who lived across the street from the Windham Hill Church. The two bought a house in North Gorham where they lived out their lives raising their only son, Warren Gilman, also a lifelong resident of North Gorham.

Bert Gilman worked construction at the Bonney Eagle Power Station on the Saco River followed by a stint as "concrete inspector" of the dam at North Gorham in 1915. It was at this time says Warren Gilman, that a mile and a half of stone walls along the North Gorham Road became "conspicuously missing" due to the stone needed for the cribwork of the dam. Finally, he worked as a hydro-electric station operator at North Gorham for Cumberland County Power and Light Co (now

CMP) where he retired after 35 years.

Throughout his 87 years, Gilman had a zest and curiosity for life unmatched by most. As a teenager, he and his older brother were hired to exhume the bones from local "farm cemeteries" in Gorham and re-bury them in the North Gorham Cemetery. One time, says the younger Gilman, because of the boulders in the cemetery, his father felt badly about having to bury the remains of one man's two wives together.

It appears there was nothing Bert Gilman wouldn't try just once.

He enjoyed sparring with boxing gloves, trapping skunks for their skins (often keeping them in their traps and feeding them until winter when their pelts were more plush) and even kept honeybees for a while, though not one of his more successful endeavors. He even grafted five different apple trees together to make a new kind of apple. "My father enjoyed life," says Gilman, "but he also had a lot of drive." After two years of high school he took correspondence classes in civil engineering that provided him with work, especially throughout the depression. He was active in both civic and church organizations. He was a selectman in Gorham, a member of the building committee for the first Gorham High School (Shaw School), treasurer of the North Gorham Public Library and treasurer and sexton of the North Gorham Cemetery for 45 years.

As one of the benefactors of the newly built Fellowship Hall at the Windham Hill Church, a wall plaque in his honor was hung in the main hall. "My father removed it with his penknife," says Gilman, "not wanting to be singled out, when so many others had given of their time and talent."

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PLANNING BOARD MEETING FEBRUARY 2, 2009

New Subdivision Approved

Christine Ludwiczak

The Planning Board granted preliminary approval of a 29-lot residential development, to be located off Finn Parker Road. The updated Blueberry Ridge subdivision plan was brought before the board during the February 2 meeting, and members voted unanimously in favor of the project.

The proposed subdivision will contain single family house lots, and span approximately 50-acres. Twenty-two lots will be located in Gorham, while seven cross over into neighboring Buxton. The site will be surrounded by over forty-three acres of wooded common open space. Developer Stephen Joffe explained his intentions around the landscape. "There are already natural trails present; let the homeowners association determine actions and develop trails if they so choose."

Joffe stated the land will be easily accessible for residents, explaining developed trails would not be necessary, and may be more of an undue burden on homeowners in the community.

Susan Robie, Chair, advised that the board has "never approved a cluster development without some kind of trail construction."

Although Joffe feels that creating formal paths is not needed, he did agree with the board on ensuring that access to the trails be clearly noted on the final plan.

Joffe stressed that this particular site is very beautiful land, and reminded the board that, "The cluster's main purpose is to preserve the right amount of open space for the community." He encouraged residents to take advantage of the amenities already present.

Board member Mark Stelmack agreed that the development "may not be the place to force a community trail." The board requested that the plan be revised to display existing trails and to identify locations of trail access points within the development.

In regard to the housing, BH2M Engineers' Bill Thompson, who is working with Joffe on the development, pointed out that the proposed plan does not limit the development's layout. He advised that the current design offers "suggested locations." Each unit will have dictated specifications as to square footage, roof pitch, and garage size, but the actual locations are not yet fixed.

The plan was passed by the board with the provision that additional conditions may be included at a later date. This preliminary approval enables developers to proceed with the Main Department of Environmental Protection, as well as the permitting process through Buxton.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORT

School Committee Recognizes Bob Crowley

Sue Dunn

The school committee began their Feb. 11 meeting with approval of last month's minutes and a call for public comment.

The committee began their new business by recognizing GHS teacher Bob Crowley, winner of Survivor Gabon for "conducting himself head and shoulders above everyone else in respect to human dignity and human kind," stated Supt. Ted Sharp. The committee acknowledged that Crowley applied the code of conduct practiced within the Gorham schools to the role he played on the television show. Crowley then spoke about his experience and answered questions and credited "luck, skill and Maine ingenuity" as what carried him to the end.

Chair Dennis Libby commented regarding last month's meeting explaining the reason for not allowing public comment during the meeting, in regard to the Pledge of Allegiance issue, was intended to protect students and teachers. Libby stated he did not have the opportunity to discuss this with the GHS School Council before the meeting and he was sorry that there had been confusion as to the reason for no public comment. Libby also commented that new communication tools would be explored for future issues.

Two students from the GHS Civil Rights Committee and School Council addressed the School Committee. The history and function of the School Council was reviewed and explanation was given as to how the Council student and faculty members were selected to represent GHS. The students

requested the School Council be allowed to present a proposal to the School Committee in the future regarding issues when their opinion has been sought out. The students commented that the student body was feeling frustrated with the lack of voice they felt they had during the Pledge issue.

GHS Principal Chris Record commented that utilizing the School Council is an outstanding and unique approach to school government but feels that the parent voice could be stronger.

In other business:

- The new elementary school design has been accepted. There is a virtual tour on the website, log on to: www.gorhamschools.org. The purchase of the land for the school should be complete by press time.
- Superintendent Ted Sharp commented that the stimulus package should remediate any cuts but given the current challenges the budget process will be a lengthy process.
- Supt. Sharp announced that Margaret Evans will be retiring. She was given a standing ovation for her 22 years of service.
- Lila Mitchell reported on Standard Based Reporting at the Middle School. Mitchell described the process the GMS teachers are taking to develop Power Standards which are expectations and essential standards based on the Learning Results for each grade. The purpose of this is to more closely examine where a student is at and what is needed to progress.
- A dual grading system will be in place by September utilizing Infinity Campus and the traditional grading system currently in place. The traditional grading system will also be used for college transcripts.
- The Athletic policy was read with revisions included. The Committee voted 7-0 to accept.
- The crisis plan was approved 7-0. Supt. Sharp commented that this in-depth plan would be reviewed annually and thanked both Chief Shepard and Chief Lefevbre.
- The GHS Boys hockey team was recognized for community service that they are conducting at the Gorham House.
- The 2009-2010 calendar was reviewed. Supt. Sharp explained that many area districts are trying to align their calendars for continuity purposes. The Committee voted unanimously on the proposed calendar.
- The Committee approved the Schedule B positions unanimously. Schedule B contains the athletic stipend positions.
- The committee voted unanimously to apply for a Rural Utility Service Grant which if awarded would provide video conferencing equipment.

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Jacket Required— the Art of Collecting Books

Marc Badeau

Many of us are book collectors, sometimes without even realizing it. Over time, books can accumulate until space constraints turn our thoughts to thinning our collections. When we get ready to part with some old friends, the question of value arises. What is the 1975 copy of "Salem's Lot" by Stephen King worth?

When someone brings us a dusty relic discovered in their attic or garage, they have aspirations of great wealth and the same look as someone convinced that they hold a winning lottery ticket. Unfortunately, a valuable book is not just a tome of literary heritage but a collectable object and its condition is of utmost importance.

Dust Jackets

A potentially valuable book printed since 1900 must be accompanied by its original dust jacket. Lack of a jacket will result in a 50%-90% decline in value. Basically, any literary first edition published in the past fifty years has little or no value without its dust jacket. As industrially-produced books came to be printed in larger quantities, once elaborate, gilt-decorated trade bindings became simpler, while the utilitarian dust covers grew to be more refined. By 1910, with the rise of full-color lithography, dust jackets began to feature eye-catching artwork, publishers' blurbs, reviewers' comments, information about the author, and other items of interest. All of this information adds immeasurably to our appreciation of the book, and provides invaluable insights into the era in which it first appeared. In short, where rare books are concerned, you can judge them by their covers, which need to be in very good or better condition.

First Editions

Most books are only printed as a first edition, and most of those only

have one print run. If a book has multiple editions, the first edition is usually the most valuable. First editions typically say "First Edition" or "First Printing" on the page after the title page. There are over a million copies of Hemingway's "The Sun Also Rises" printed over the years in all editions, but there were only 5,090 first edition copies, and few of these still in their original dust wrappers. Remember, there will never be any more copies of the first edition.

Limited Editions

Sometimes, a book will have a deliberately small print run, usually less than 1,500 copies and are often signed by the author.

Many other factors influence the value of rare books.

Every generation tends to collect its own link with the times, and consequently, first editions of the books that help to define an era generally become sought after as collectibles by readers who first came to appreciate them. Throughout the late 1980's, first edition copies of Stephen King's "Night Shift" commanded higher prices than those of Charles Dickens. For beginning collectors, price guides are a resource but are still no substitute for sage advice from other collectors and research on the market prices of similar copies.

To have a truly valuable collection, collect books that you enjoy reading and possessing with little thought to double-digit increases in value. For most of us, the real value of our collection lies in the personal satisfaction that it affords us.

Marc Badeau is president and chief executive officer of Top Shelf Collectables (www.topshelfcollectables.com), an international collectables firm dealing in Hollywood memorabilia, autographs, original art, rare trading cards, die-cast products and other unique items.



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The iPledgeGorham project is an exciting Gorham district-wide endeavor led by teachers Kim Fotter, Terri Dawson and Patti Joyce. Throughout this project, the Carrabasset River House social studies team, made up of four classes, is learning about not only social studies but community service, technology integration and marketing. In response to President Obama's calling on Americans to take personal responsibility for making our world a better place, Ashton Kutcher and Demi Moore created a video that inspired the country to make their own pledges of positive change.

Each student has spent a great deal of time choosing their individual pledges, ranging from recycling to volunteering more in the community, and has posted them on the project site. The students are currently working on their own iPledge video which they will provide voice, video, and edit

the final product. The goal was to have this posted by the end of January. The students of Carrabasset River House are also inviting the community and our global netizens (those who frequently access the Internet and may have a tie to the Gorham community) to join our special cause as each of us can truly make a difference.

Please visit our website at www.ipledgegorham.wikispaces.com and click on the appropriate tab (Gorham Middle School, Gorham High School, Narragansett School, Village School, White Rock, Gorham Residents, and/or Other Communities). Then, click on "edit this page", scroll down to the last pledge casted (above the optional box), hit return, and enter your pledge. Don't forget to hit save! Check out all the pledges we have already received. We appreciate your support and look forward to teaming up with you all to make a better world!

Tasteful Tuesday



Photo credit Destiny Cook

Teachers above left (l to r) Maryanne Connolly and Kathy Baker enjoy Tasteful Tuesday at Narragansett School. This event, held every 6-8 weeks, provides an opportunity for parent volunteers to show their ongoing appreciation for the teachers and staff at the school by bringing in home-cooked breakfast or lunch treats. Tasteful Tuesday was initiated four years ago when many parents volunteered to bake but found few school functions to do so. Additionally, many working parents who were unable to participate regularly in the classroom now had a way to be involved. The response has been so positive that volunteers are bringing Tasteful Tuesday to Village School this week. **Top right:** Volunteer coordinators (l to r) Julie Murray and Betsy Nygren help prepare food for Tasteful Tuesday.

GHS Students Participate in Stonecoast MFA Conference

Melissa Denick, GHS Humanities Teacher



Photo credit Melissa Denick

Students and faculty in attendance at the Master of Fine Arts Conference were: Front row (l to r): Ember Chase, Chelsea Nason, Abbie Tanguay, Sara Burnheimer, Julia Parmakian, and Morgan Hutton. Back row (l to r): Brittany Sinnott, Shanice Mitchell, Charlie Tryder (GHS Asst. Principal), Kerry Herlihy, Jillian Russell, and Susan Casey.

On Jan. 8, GHS students from Kerry Herlihy's English classes presented select writings at the Stonecoast Master of Fine Arts (MFA) Conference on behalf of young women in Susan Casey's "Therapeutic Writing Program for Incarcerated Youth." Casey teaches a reflective writing class at Long Creek Youth Development Center and, as the authors themselves could not attend the conference, the students gave them a voice by presenting their autobiographical, and at times, heart-wrenching stories. Herlihy and Casey discussed the project after attending

the MFA program together last summer and initiated it during the fall. The considerable after-school time and effort the GHS students spent preparing was clearly worth it. According to Casey, "they have never had a response [from conference attendees] like this in the history of the MFA program." The students' enthusiasm, courage, empathy, and willingness to bring these narratives to life has resulted in their being asked to present at future Writers and Social Workers conferences. Congratulations on a job well done!

Village School Holds Mathathon

Becky Fortier

On Jan. 29, the students at Village Elementary School participated in a Mathathon challenge. Prior to this date, participants obtained pledges from family and friends for each problem that they would correctly solve. Pledges could be made by the problem or a flat donation could be offered. The proceeds raised will be used for additional playground equipment and supplemental field experiences in and out of the classroom. The students had up to an hour to complete level appropriate math questions that tested their ability to compute and problem solve. Great effort was demonstrated by all participants. Every student was awarded a certificate for his or her effort and great mathematical abilities. It was a fun and successful challenge for our school. Thank you to all who supported this event!



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Fourth grader Jordan Graffam works hard to earn a perfect score at the Village Mathathon fundraiser.



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Gorham House grand friends have a happy reaction to the artwork they received from the children of Narragansett and Gorham House Preschool.

Above: (l to r) First graders Kaleb Apt and Estelle Ballard collaborate on an art project with preschooler Nick Klein.

Gorham House Preschool and first graders in Mrs. Farley's classroom at Narragansett School recently teamed up to learn more about the art of giving. Beginning in Dec., Mrs. Farley and Kara Piattoni, Gorham House Preschool teacher, spoke with their classes about the significance of sharing as well as giving versus receiving. The preschoolers then took two field trips to Narragansett where they were paired up with a first grader to create pieces of art for their "grand friends," residents of the Gorham House. Both teachers read stories during each visit that demonstrated the importance of giving to one another. They also discussed how their grand friends would feel receiving artwork as gifts. All of the children had an opportunity to present their artwork to their grand friends with a celebration at the Gorham House on Feb. 6.

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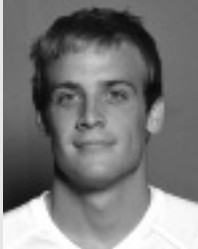
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in the Zone

GHS Standouts at Orono: Three University of Maine at Orono student-athletes from Gorham were recognized for their success in the classroom at a recent scholar-athlete recognition ceremony.

PHILIP REED (GHS 06), who plays men's soccer and is a junior majoring in Political Science and Financial Economics, earned a silver medallion for achieving a GPA of 3.0 or better for the second-straight full year of classes; Reed was also named to Team M, for having the highest GPA on the men's soccer team.



KELSEY WILSON (GHS 07), who plays women's soccer and is a sophomore majoring in Biological Engineering, earned a bronze medallion for achieving a GPA of 3.0 or better for a full year of classes.



Also honored by the university was **WHITNEY TULLOCH** (GHS 08), who is on the cheerleading team and is a freshman majoring in Communications. She earned a Rising Star award for achieving a GPA of 3.0 or better during her first semester.

Boys Hockey: The GHS Boys Hockey Team was ranked number one at press time in Western Maine Class A with a 15-1 record. Senior **DAVID GUSHEE** continues to lead Class in scoring with 53 points including 38 goals. He scored all four goals for the Rams in a 4-2 win over Westbrook February 4.

Skiing: At the SMAA Giant Slalom Championships Feb. 4 at Shawnee Peak, the girls ski team was paced by seniors **TAYLOR SULLIVAN** and **JENNIE WIACEK** who finished 14th and 16th with times of 1:11.8 and 1:12.6 respectively. For the boys ski team, sophomore **TOM MOUTINHO** led the way for Gorham, finishing 33rd with a time of 1:16.4. Junior **MIKE WALSH** finished 37th at 1:19.8.

Gorham resident Shannon Wood, who graduated from McAuley High School in 2008, is playing for the women's basketball team at Bryant College in Rhode Island. At press time she had started in 9 of 20 games and scored a season high 11 points vs. St. Francis on December 1. For the season, she also had 12 three-point shots, 46 assists and 12 steals.



Photo courtesy Bryant College.

Junior Cam Stevens Sets State Record

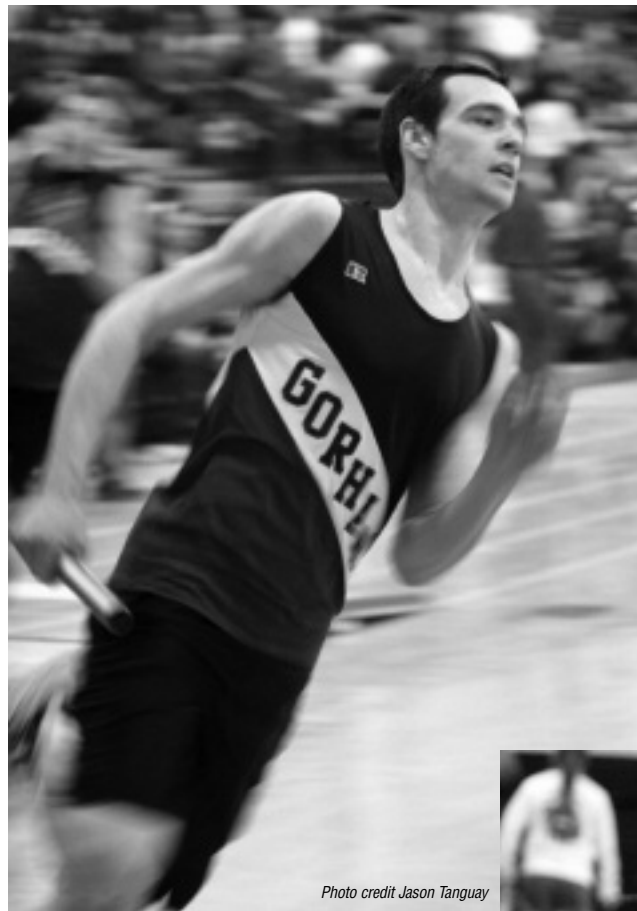


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GHS junior Cam Stevens, shown at left from a track meet earlier in the season, set a state record while winning the 400 meter race in a time of 50.37 at the Class A State Track Meet Feb. 16 at USM. Stevens was also part of the GHS 4x200 meter relay team, along with seniors Brandon Patten and Chris Esposito and junior Jake Willis, which also took first place with a time of 1:36.45. Patten also finished fourth in two events — the 55-meter dash with a time of 6.80 and the 200-meter dash with a time of 23.68. Willis finished sixth in the 200-meters with a time of 23.79 and seventh in the 55-meters with a time of 6.88 while Esposito finished sixth in the long jump at a distance of 19-feet, three-inches. Senior Brett Walker tied for seventh in the high jump at 5-feet, 6 inches. As a team Gorham finished fifth among the 21 Class A schools that qualified.

In the girls Class A State Meet, **GHS junior Rachel Wilkinson**, shown below from a track meet earlier in the season, finished second in the one-mile with a time of 5:15.82 and third in the two-mile with a time of 12:01.92. Senior Siobhan Bolinger finished fourth in the shot-put with a distance of 33-feet, 6.5 inches while senior Sarah McCullough placed seventh in the 800 meters with a time of 2:29.09. Junior Kelsey Rex finished seventh in the one-mile with a time of 5:34.10. As a team, the Gorham girls finished 11th among the 19 Class A schools that qualified.



Photo credit Jason Tanguay

Look for more coverage of both Class A State Meets in the next *Gorham Times*.

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Emotional Farewell For Basketball Stand-Out:

In an arrangement that both coaches agreed to ahead of time, GHS Senior Rachele Burns, who missed the entire season with a knee injury, was allowed to score an uncontested lay-up at the beginning of the game between Gorham and Westbrook that took place on Senior Night at GHS Feb. 3. Westbrook was then allowed to score its own uncontested shot after which Gorham threw the ball out of bounds so Burns could be replaced and receive an ovation from the audience. "It was very emotional for everyone and well-deserved for Rachele," said head coach Laughn Berthiaume. Burns also missed two-thirds of the 2007-2008 season but still managed to score 815 points for her career.

Baseball Clinic: The USM baseball staff will conduct a pitching, hitting and defense clinic Feb. 22 and March 1 at the Costello Field House at the USM Gorham campus. FMI, contact Coach Flaherty at 780-5474.

University of Maine at Farmington junior center Josh Tanguay (GHS 06) was recognized as the North Atlantic Conference Co-Men's Basketball Player of the Week Feb. 2.

Tanguay earned the award by helping his team to a pair of wins while averaging 18.3 points and 12.3 rebounds per game with five blocks for the week.



Photo courtesy UMaine-Farmington

SMAA Track and Field Championship GHS Point Winners

Boys

Team placed sixth out of 12 teams

Senior 600m - Cam Stevens (2nd place)
1:20.2

Junior 300m - Kamron Alexander (3)
37.8

400m - Chris Esposito (3) 57.3

High Jump - Brett Walker (4) 5' 10"

45m hurdles - Kamron Alexander (4)
6.53

Senior Relay - Ethan Stone, Chris Esposito, Colin Lubelczyk, Rob Marean (4)
2:20.8

Two Mile - Jesse Orach, (5) 10:52.0

Senior 300m - Brandon Patten, (5) 37.5

400m - Rob Marean (5) 57.6

200m - Jake Willis (6) 26.2

Junior 600 - Joe DeRoy (6) 1:29.3

Girls

Team placed fourth out of 13 teams

Two Mile - Kelsey Rex (1st place)
12:10.60

Senior 800m - Sarah McCullough (2)
2:33.20

Open 600m - Rachel Wilkinson (2)
1:34.00

Senior Shot-Put - Siobhan Bolinger (3)
35' 6.25"

Open 300m - Emily Southard (3) 43.70

Two Mile - Jenny Thuotte (3) 13:17.60

Senior Shot-Put - Lauren Choinard (5)
30' 6.25"

Senior 800m - Solange Carpenter (5)
2:38.50

Senior 840m Relay - Emily Southard, Molly Folan, Kristan Bowie, Lauren Choinard (5) 2:00.80

Senior 40m - Emily Southard (6) 5.60

Open 1600m Relay - Rachel Wilkinson, Hannah Prince, Solange Carpenter, Kelsey Rex (6) 4:26.40

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GIRLS BASKETBALL

Regular Season Record: 6-12, ranked 12th in Western Maine Class A

Postseason Results: Just missed qualifying for the Western Maine Class A playoffs

Graduating Seniors: Rachele Burns and Jess Holmes as well as team managers Chelsea Clark and Rachele Fogarty.

Individual Player Accomplishments:

Senior Rachele Burns, despite missing the season with a knee injury, was voted to the senior all-star game based on her entire high school career. Sophomore Mia Rapolla was voted to the SMAA all-rookie team with 2.8 assists per game and 21 three-pointers made, Sophomore Natalie Egbert was second in the league with 31 three-pointers made; and Junior Jill Russell was among the league leaders with 6.1 rebounds per game.

Team Accomplishment: The last game of the year, although a loss, was very rewarding because the team played a great game. Gorham was competing for a tournament spot and went into South Portland and almost pulled off a major upset. The final score was 36-34 in favor of South Portland. The season ended on a positive note and gave the Rams the reassurance that they could compete with the top-tier teams in the league.

Coach Comments: "Rachele's selection to the senior all-star game speaks volumes about the coaches in the league," said head coach Laughn Berthiaume. "They felt she was deserving of the opportunity to sit with her peers during this event.

For the season, there were players on the team who made significant improvements that we will be ready to build upon for next year. Six of our losses came by a combined 21 points so winning any of those games would have given us an opportunity to make the playoffs. I was also pleased with the development of some of the players who experienced varsity basketball for the first time – we started a freshman, three sophomores, and a junior – and we return almost everyone next year. I am very optimistic that with some hard work this summer to improve our skills, we will compete for a playoff spot next year.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Regular Season Record: 6-12, finished 10th in Western Maine Class A

Postseason Results: Lost to Windham in opening round of the tournament

Graduating Seniors: Ron Verrill, Luke Seiferth, Ben Moody, Doug Woods.

Individual Player Accomplishments:

Sophomore Zach Spiers was selected to the SMAA All-Rookie team while junior Alex Graves earned SMAA All-Conference honorable mention. Spiers and junior Jon Day finished fifth and sixth respectively in league rebounding.

Team Accomplishments: Earning a playoff position despite starting the season with little varsity experience and an 0-6 record before going 6-6 to finish the season.

Coach Comments: "For the players, coming into the season with new head coach

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TURNPIKE FROM PAGE 1

Gorham, will need to review and sign a Memorandum of Agreement. This document establishes the framework and parameters of the investigation into the transportation needs of the region. Paul E. Violette, the Executive Director of the MTA, stated that, "The Memorandum of Agreement ensures that all parties are fully informed and engaged in the process from the very beginning."

The MTA and the MDOT expect that the study will consider not only roadways, but also a "full range of transportation alternatives" including bus service,

passenger and freight rail, biking and walking. This comprehensive approach will avoid piecemeal solutions that do not stand up to future needs.

In related transportation news, the Town Council, at its February 3 meeting passed a resolution asking the State Legislature to name the new Gorham Bypass the Bernard P. Rines Highway. State Representative Jane Knapp will introduce a bill in Augusta to recognize the tireless efforts of Rines in seeing the bypass project to its eventual completion.

SPORTS WRAP-UP FROM PAGE 9

and a whole new system are tough challenges, but the players did a great job and over-achieved by making it to the playoffs," said head coach Josh Longstaff. "I especially give a lot of credit to the seniors, who had played for three years under Coach (Kevin) Jenkins. This year and the new situation were toughest on them, but they all handled it very well. We have many returning players for next year, and thanks to this year's team and the way we finished, we have something to build on and should be a playoff team again. As we were leaving the locker

room after the last game, many of the younger players coming back were already asking about when they can start working on for next year. We will have a summer camp and workouts every day, and we plan to go to a summer camp as a team at Bryant College in Rhode Island. With the new system now in place, we can focus on individual skills."

Look for wrap-ups of boys and girls hockey, boys and girls skiing, cheerleading, and boys and girls track in the next issue of The Gorham Times.




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BERT GILMAN FROM PAGE 3

Gilman says his father found it more effective to ask for forgiveness than ask permission. Forty years later, the Windham Church asked Warren Gilman's permission to mount the plaque once again. "If after all this time my father's contributions were still remembered, I felt I should grant them that wish."

One of Bert Gilman's favorite interests was gristmills and millstones. The younger Gilman remembers accompanying his father to various mills in the area, particularly the Gambo Gunpowder Mill in Buxton where his father would haul out the discarded millstones. "At 120 RPM's," Gilman says, "the millworkers, afraid of breakage would toss out millstones that had reduced in thickness from 1 foot to 5 inches. Dad would haul them home, (the ones that hadn't broken in the fall) and use them for decorative purposes."


And lest we forget to note Bert Gilman's love of verse. His ability to recite from memory was seemingly effortless. His favorite poem, "Laska" by Frank Desprez, is about a Mexican girl and her cowboy sweetheart. Another of his preferred poems was Pyramus and Thisbe, star-crossed lovers made fun of in Shakespeare's Midsummer Night's Dream.

Warren Gilman remembers his dad as having a way of incorporating a bit of humor with his storytelling, a trait he says, his dad inherited from his own mother. While in his 80's and after a bit of surgery, his father was asked to speak at a Lodge meeting where he launched into a long story and then forgot the point he was trying to make. He faltered a bit and then said, "I haven't shared too much about my operation, but you know, they took out my punch line." He got a good laugh.

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ELIZABETH DEMSKI was named to the 2008 Fall Dean's list at Keene State College.

MARY KUSTURIN (GHS 08), was named to the 2008 Fall Dean's List at Lasell College. She is majoring in Fashion Design and Production.

DEANNA McLAUGHLIN (GHS 08), was named to the Dean's List at Stonehill College in Easton, MA for the 2008 Fall semester.

KATELIN PERKINS (GHS 08), has been named to the Dean's List for the Fall 2008 semester at the University of Vermont. Perkins, a Psychology major in the College of Arts & Sciences, is the daughter of Dede and Tony Perkins.

The following students have been named to the 2008 Fall Dean's List at St.

Lawrence University, Canton, NY: CHRIS DONALDSON (GHS 05), majoring in Environmental Studies and Government, KYLE DONALDSON (GHS 08) and ROB TOLE (GHS 05), majoring in Economics.

Matthew Fenton (GHS 08) was named to the President's List at Bentley College for the Fall of 08. Students must have a GPA of 3.7 or greater to receive this honor. Matt is the son of Sue and Mike Fenton.

of interest

NICK NORDFORS (GHS 05), was accepted into an internship at Late Night with Jimmy Fallon as a production assistant. Nordfors continues to intern with Weekend Update at Saturday Night Live as well, and is graduating from New York University in the spring with a degree in Film and Television. He aspires to eventually create and produce a network television show.

The **Gorham High School Key Club** will sponsor a 'Happily Ever After Breakfast' on Feb. 28 from 9 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. at the Cressey Road United Methodist Church. \$7 per child. Free continental breakfast for parent with child. Come dressed as your favorite prince or princess! Tickets must be pre-bought in advance at the Bookworm and Yourspace. FMI, call Katie at 839-8570.

The **Gorham Ecumenical Council** will meet on Mar. 5 at the North Gorham UCC Church, 4 Standish Neck Rd. in Gorham. Chief Ron Shepard will be our guest and advise the group on the 'Yellow Blinking Light' - 911 Message' and its use in helping emergency services locate residents in need of help. This 6:30 p.m. meeting is open to the public.

Vacationland Tours will offer a **St. Patrick's Day Celebration** at Indian Head Resort in

the White Mountain's on Mar. 18. The bus will depart White Rock at 8 a.m. and pick up at the Gray Exit at 8:30 a.m. and return same day. \$48 includes dinner and transportation! FMI, call Edna Gagne 892-4337

A March Supper featuring Chicken pie, vegetables, cranberry sauce, rolls and home-made pies for dessert will be served on Mar. 7 at the First Parish Congregational Church, 1 Church Street in Gorham at 5 p.m. Adults \$8/12 and under \$5. All are welcome. FMI, 839-6751.

The **Friends of Baxter Memorial Library** are holding their Annual Writing Contest for adults and students in grades 3-12. There is also a bookmark contest for students in grades 6-12. The deadline for submission is Saturday, Mar. 14 at noon. FMI, www.baxterlibrary.org.

Gorham Garden Club will hold a meeting on Feb. 24 at 7 p.m. in the Gorham Municipal Center's Rec. Room. Marty Schindler will speak on removing animal pests that plague our gardens. Public is welcome. FMI, 839-3630.

The **Knight's of Columbus** will sponsor a Lenten Haddock Dinner on Feb. 27 from 5-6:30 p.m. at St. Anne's Catholic Church in Gorham. \$7 adults/\$3 children. The public is very much welcome.

White Rock School invites you and your 4 or 5 year old child to an informational session, "Ready, Set, K" on Feb. 24 from 5:30 - 6:45 p.m. Another session on April 2 from 5:30 - 6:45 p.m. will also be available. No charge, but pre-registration a must. Call Regina 222-1050.

Save the date! Gorham Marketplace— Mar. 28. Costello Field House, Gorham. FMI, 892-5515.

close to home

The **Schoolhouse Arts Center at Sebago Lake** will hold its annual meeting on Mar. 1 at 2 p.m. Members of Schoolhouse Arts Center and the community are welcome to attend. Call 642-3743 or log onto www.schoolhousearts.org for more information.

Vivid Motion, Inc., Portland's "innovative and kinda quirky" dance company, will be holding dance auditions for their upcoming spring show about the Tales of King Arthur on, March 5 from 1-3 p.m. at Acorn Productions in the Dana Warp Mill, 90 Bridge St, Westbrook. FMI please visit www.vividmotion.org



The **USM Art Gallery** in Gorham announces the opening of **Canopy**, an elaborate cut-paper installation by **Michelle Forsyth**, visiting artist-in-residence. Open February 24-April 8. FMI, www.usm.maine.edu/gallery

Eagle Scout Project



Luke Merrifield recently installed benches at **Robie Park** in Gorham as his Boy Scout Eagle project. Pictured (l to r): Bill Tebbetts, T.J. Mathieu and Merrifield. Thanks go to Phinney Lumber, Merrifield Farm, Pogo Realty, Great Falls Construction, and Kathy Maurer in honor of Riley Abbo, for their support.

OHC FROM PAGE 1

A total of \$650,000 was raised compared to \$200,000 last year with help from corporate sponsors like the New York Giants, the NHL and Wal-Mart to name a few. Gorham High School's Key Club raised \$10,000 for OHC through fundraisers in their first year as a club.

"Of every dollar raised, 99.9 percent went to the gift," said Badeau. "We have virtually no administrative costs other than a monthly phone bill. It is all volunteer-based."

The program started as a Kiwanis group but due to its continued growth it will become its own non-profit group this coming year and the name will change to Operation Tribute. It will still encompass OHC but will also be a program for families of fallen soldiers to recognize them and help them out as well. The goal is to expand Operation Tribute nationally.

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Juston McKinney to Perform at GHS

Gail Platts

Nationally known comedian, and former Maine DARE officer, Juston McKinney, will be performing at Gorham High School March 7. Proceeds will go to Project Graduation. The show starts at 7:30 p.m., doors open at 6:45 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for adults/ \$5 for students and available at Gorham High School, Gorham Recreation Department, The Gorham Grind, and the Bookworm.

The Gorham Project Graduation provides graduating seniors a chem-free

environment to celebrate. Activities will include swimming, games, and a variety of food served over the course of the evening. The Project Graduation Committee needs to raise over \$20,000 in order to allow all students to attend free of charge. The Committee has already held a variety of fundraisers and a Silent Auction is planned for Saturday, March 14 in conjunction with the performance of the play West Side Story at GHS

FMI about Project Graduation please visit www.goghs.org.

ENERGY MATTERS

Heating the House

Bruce Webb

You knew it was coming! It's February and your 30 year-old furnace quits, just when you need it the most. You've been hoping to coax a few more years out of the beast, but the moment of truth is here - and at the worst possible time.

Buying a new heating system is an expensive and hopefully rare event, but most of us will be faced with the decision at some point, especially those with older homes. Winter is not the time you want to be making that decision because you will probably take whatever the local vendor recommends - the sooner the better. It's an important decision because of the initial cost but also because 60 percent of household energy costs goes to heating.

Chances are, you will choose an oil fired system, 80 percent of homes in Maine are heated by oil for a number of reasons. Fuel oil has been a traditional heating source because it is readily available, affordable, and easy to use. Portland is a major oil shipping port and many small dealers have easy access to the oil flowing into the state through the harbor.

You can heat with a hot water boiler or a hot air system but you will probably choose the same set up that you currently have because the infrastructure is already in place - heat pipes, ducts, circulators and all the other equipment needed in a modern system.

Some have reservations about oil heat because we know that \$4.00 per gallon oil is possible and there is always the potential for price volatility with oil. In addition, there is reason to be concerned about the stability of a resource that is controlled by those beyond our borders.

There are a variety of oil furnace options on the market so it might be best to look at a number of different models with a view toward energy efficiency, cost, capacity and ease of repair. The technology is changing rapidly and great improvements are being made because of the need for better energy efficiency. New technologies - such as low mass boilers that require less energy and "cold start" units that heat up quickly - are typical.

Control technology has improved markedly and it's wise to install a programmable thermostat get more pre-

cise control of temperatures. Other controls will sense the indoor and outdoor temperature to determine when heat is needed and where. These controls are becoming more sophisticated and improved all the time.

Many furnaces serve as hot water heaters in addition to heating systems but these operate year round, a wasteful practice in the summer. A better alternative is an "instant" hot water heater that provides "on demand" capability and doesn't require year round operation. These devices are widely used in Europe where energy is more expensive; they provide greater efficiency and lower cost for heating water.

Like any other major purchase, it's important to do your homework and research the various options rather than rushing into a choice that may not be your best option. That's why it is smart to have your system checked regularly so that you can make a leisurely and informed choice rather than being forced into a "February Panic".

FOOD PANTRY FROM PAGE 1

hours he worked as he oversaw the entire project.

Attending the gathering were local and state officials. Representing the Town Council were Brenda Caldwell and Shonn Moulton, as well as Town Manager David Cole. Aaron Shapiro, Community Development Director for HUD, came from Cumberland County. State Sen. Phil Bartlett and State Reps. Jane Knapp and Linda Sanborn were

also in attendance. In view of the current economic conditions in the country, the timely nature of the pantry expansion was pointed out repeatedly.

At 10:00 A.M. the gathering moved outdoors to the front entrance. Fran Doucette wielded a pair of scissors to cut the ribbon and officially open the food pantry, to the enthusiastic cheering of the audience.



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the blotter

Gray Road caller reported a suspicious vehicle in the area. Driver was picking up son from work.

Caller requested to speak with an officer as they had been calling the Community Pharmacy for 15-20 minutes and no one answered. They were concerned that there might have been an issue or they were getting robbed.

New Portland Road caller reported a telephone call from a male stating he was from a sweepstakes company and they needed 42% of \$500,000. Male stated he would stop by that afternoon.

McQuillian's Hill Drive caller reported their vehicle had been stolen.

Ash Drive caller reported their daughter's car had the gas tank packed with snow, sugar or salt.

Huston Road caller reported a vehicle parked in an unusual place.

Caller reported someone in a pickup truck hit them while they were walking. They were not injured, but there was damage to the passenger side mirror.

Wescott Road caller reported an argument they were having with neighbors concerning his snowmobile jump, as it ruined a field.

Caller reported that one of their employees was out with a vehicle which had gone into a snow bank and had taken out several mailboxes. Driver appeared to be intoxicated.

New Portland Road caller requested to speak with an officer regarding a patient who seemed to be hoarding medications.

Patrick Drive caller reported that someone had broken into their residence as their shoes were missing.

Caller from a local business reported someone had just picked up a narcotic prescription and appeared to have exchanged it with someone in the parking lot.

Main Street caller reported a male subject behind the building. Subject was warming his feet behind the car wash. Police advised him to leave the property when he was done.

Deering Road caller reported a vehicle backed into a house.

Main Street caller reported there were two customers in the store and one of the customers left with the other customer's truck by mistake. Truck was returned by first customer shortly afterwards when error was noticed.

Huston Road caller reported their ex-boyfriend had stolen some items from them and wouldn't return them.

Rescue reported that a car that had pulled over for them and then got stuck in the snow.

New Portland Road caller reported someone called them from some sort of Sweepstakes Company advising that they won a large amount of money.

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■ Game Time at Baxter Library, 9-12 noon.

SATURDAY, FEB. 21

■ Engineering For Kids! Come celebrate with Maine's engineers at the Costello Sports Complex at USM Gorham, 9:00 am -2:00 pm. Our guests this year are from the Phoenix Mars mission who will talk about how it went. FMI 929-4840 or www.engineeringME.com

TUESDAY, FEB. 24

■ Gorham Garden Club Meeting, 7 p.m., Gorham Municipal Center Rec. Room. Guest speaker Marty Schindler. Public is welcome. FMI, 839-3630.
■ Pre-School Story Time for ages 3-5 years, 9:30 a.m., Baxter Memorial Library. FMI, 839-5031.

THURSDAY, FEB. 26

■ Gorham Recreation Dept. offers a Food Preservation Class on Seed Starting, from 6-7 p.m. FMI 222-1630.
■ Baby & Me at Baxter Library, ages 0-18 mos., 9:30 a.m. FMI, 839-5031.
■ Toddler Time at Baxter Library, ages 18-36 mos., 10 a.m. FMI, 839-5031.
■ BML Sewing Club for grades K - Adult. 2:30 -4:30 p.m. FMI, 839-5031.

FRIDAY, FEB. 27

■ Haddock Dinner, St. Anne's Church, 5-6:30 p.m. \$7adults/\$3 children.

SATURDAY, FEB. 28

■ Bean Supper at the Bungalow, Route 22 & Broadturn, 5-6 p.m., \$5/children under 3 free.

MONDAY, MAR. 2

■ Toy and Book Swap month begins-Saving the Environment at Your Library. Bring in outgrown books and toys in clean and good condition to trade. FMI, 839-5031.

TUESDAY, MAR. 3

■ Pre-School Story Time for ages 3-5 years, 9:30 a.m., Baxter Memorial Library. FMI, 839-5031.

WEDNESDAY, MAR. 4

■ New Elementary School Building Committee Meeting, 6 p.m., Municipal Center Conf. Room., 75 South St.
■ Home School Networking Meeting, Dr. Edwin (Buzz) Kustuck, Ph.D from the Maine Dept. of Education answers home school issues. FMI, 839-5031.

THURSDAY, MAR. 5

■ Gorham Ecumenical Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m., North Gorham UCC Church, 4 Standish Neck Rd. Guest speaker Chief Ron Shepard. Open to the public.
■ Early Release for grades K-12
■ Baby & Me at Baxter Library, ages 0-18 mos., 9:30 a.m. FMI, 839-5031.
■ Toddler Time at Baxter Library, ages 18-36 mos., 10 a.m. FMI, 839-5031.
■ Drawing Workshop, 1-3 p.m., Baxter Library. Learn some tricks and tips from Meadow Welch and Craig Robertson. Supplies provided. FMI, 839-5031.

FRIDAY, MAR. 6

■ Conferences for grades 6-12.

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.

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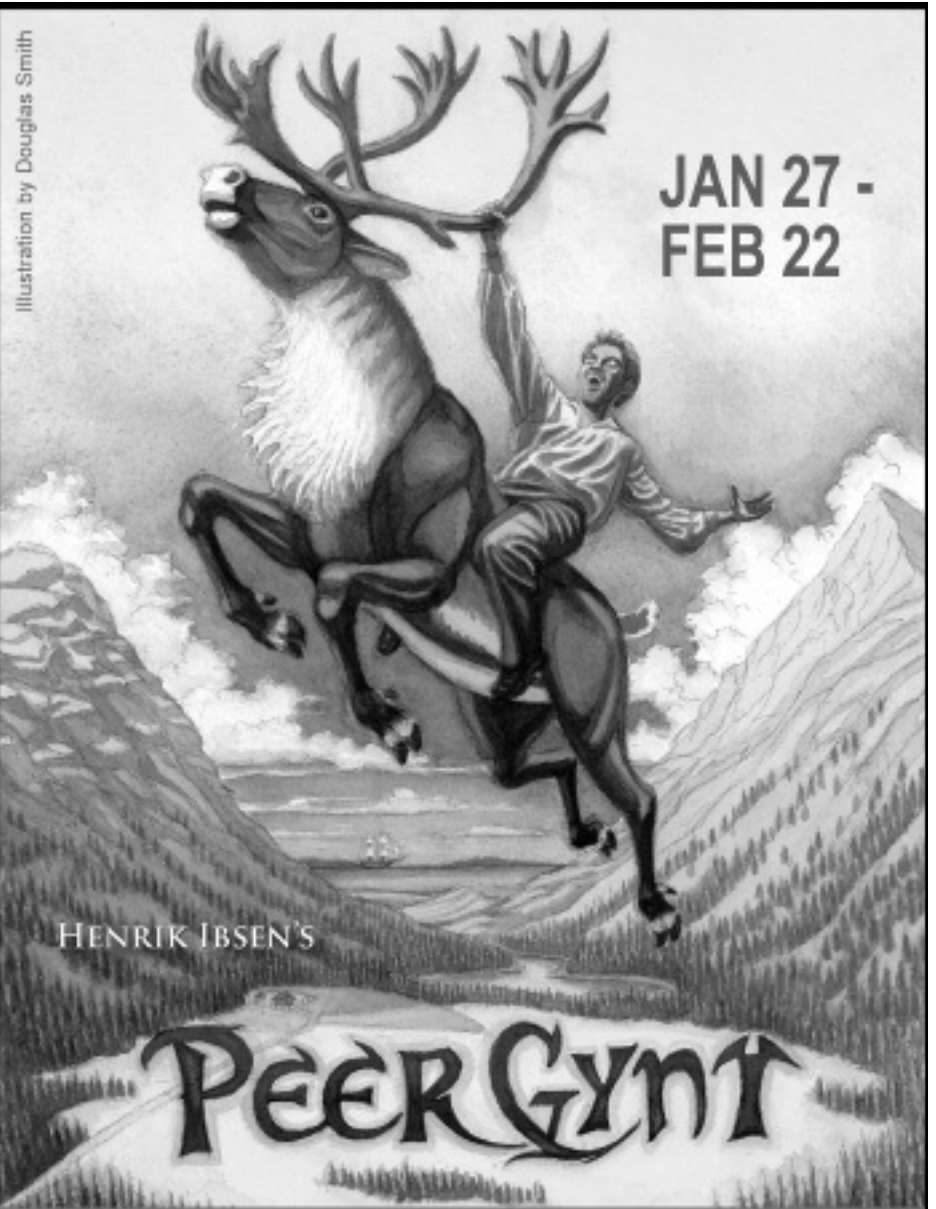
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