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Millions Observe Earth Hour Globally and in Gorham

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Join millions of people around the world on March 28 at 8:30 p.m. to show your concern for our planet and climate change. Simply sign up and then turn out the lights to join this event which is sponsored by World Wildlife Fund.

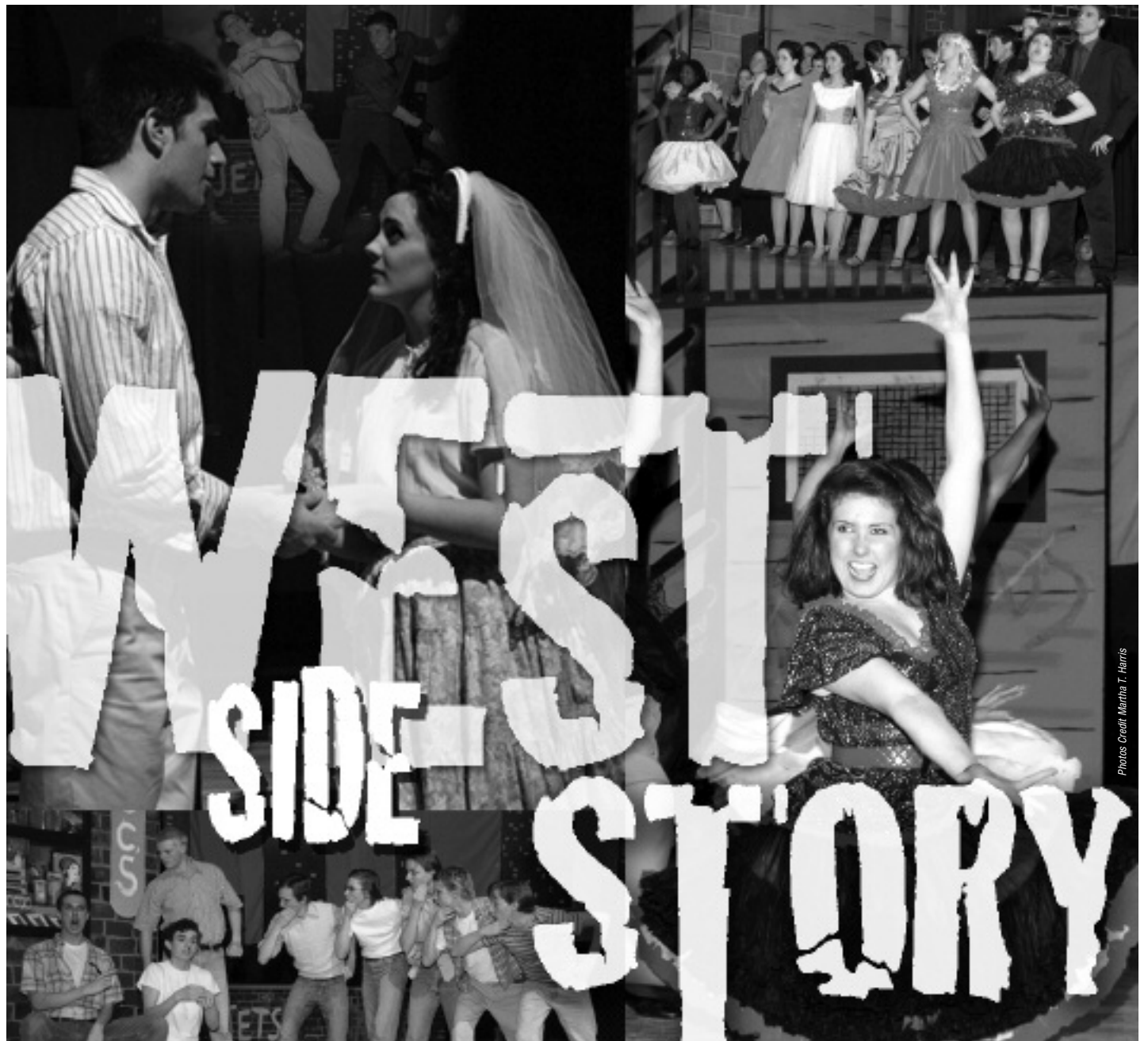
Earth Hour began two years ago and is now the largest event of its kind in the world.

Last year, with more than 50 million participants, the lights went out at the Empire State Building, the Golden Gate Bridge, the Sydney Opera House and the Coliseum in Rome, just to name a few. Even Google's homepage went black for the day! In Israel, President Shimon Peres personally turned off lights in Tel Aviv.

This year, Earth Hour will be even bigger as 250 cities in 74 countries have agreed to take part including Atlanta, Chicago, Las Vegas, Los Angeles, Miami and Nashville, with more signing up every day. Around the world cities like Moscow, Hong Kong, Mumbai, Shanghai and Mexico City will turn out their lights also.

Earth Hour isn't just for big cities, anyone can participate. To get a better sense of the event, log on to www.youtube.com and search for Earth Hour 2009 Movie.

Participating in Earth Hour is easy, fun and free. To sign up, visit www.earthhour.org where you'll learn more about this effort. We want the U.S. to turn out more lights than any other country in the world during this historic event, so please pass this information along to anyone you think might want to take part. Let's all turn out and take action on March 28 at 8:30 pm.



Photos Credit: Martha T. Harris

Gorham High School's production of "West Side Story" is a winner. The music is outstanding and the dancing is incredible! The cast numbers 49 students; there are an additional 20 students who have worked on scenery, props and lighting. The students have put their hearts and souls into this production and it shows! The run contin-

ues this weekend, Friday and Saturday, March 20 and 21 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, March 22 at 2:30 p.m. To reserve tickets, please call 839-5754. It is recommended that you arrive at least 15 minutes before the performance begins. Check out the *Gorham Times* Readers Facebook group for teaser photos and community reviews.

New Type of Development Coming To Town? Bill Ambrose



Photo Credit: Bill Ambrose

Pictured is a development on Yale Street in Portland which uses some of the same zoning standards used in Gorham's Development Transfer Overlay District ordinance.

A new style of residential development has recently been proposed for a site on Libby Avenue—formerly Wagner's Strawberry farm. This property would be developed under a new zoning ordinance known as the Development Transfer Overlay District, adopted by the Town Council on Sept. 8, 2006.

At a Planning Board workshop held last summer, Planning Consultant Mark Eyerman provided an overview of the ordinance, stating that it is a "residential growth management tool to enable

higher density development to occur as good development and a positive addition to the community by creating livable, walkable neighborhoods." It is an effort to recreate a "Village model."

The ordinance encourages developers to build higher density subdivisions close to the Town's centers of Gorham Village and Little Falls. It allows for more units to be constructed in return for a fee paid to the Town for every unit above what would be permitted under

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Where in the World is Earth Hour?

Just like New Years Eve, Earth Hour will travel from time zone to time zone starting at 8:30 p.m. in New Zealand. Around the planet, a thousand cities are expected to participate. Teachers, students and families can learn more at EarthHourKids.org, and click on the following link to play the Geo bee: EarthHourKids.org/wherewitheworld.html.

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NEWS FROM AUGUSTA

“The Facts” About Fraud and Abuse in Maine’s Welfare System

Rep. Linda Sanborn

When I was campaigning, many constituents expressed concern about fraud and abuse in Maine’s welfare system. Speaking with other candidates, I found I was not alone.

As a new member of the Legislature’s Committee on Health and Human Services, I have more data at my fingertips. The primary program most people are referring to as welfare is called Temporary Assistance to Needy Families or TANF. As it turns out, Maine is doing a very good job administering this federal program. The Department of Health and Human Services has provided the committee with information that I thought might be helpful to bust a few of these common myths:

- 1) **Myth:** People are moving into Maine because of its rich benefits.
Reality: Maine has the lowest TANF benefit in New England. Over the last five years, more than five times as many people on welfare left Maine than moved in.
- 2) **Myth:** TANF benefits are so high, they discourage people from working.
Reality: The maximum benefit for a family of three is \$485 per month, 65 percent below the federal poverty level. Even when food stamps are added, TANF families are 35 percent below the federal poverty level.
- 3) **Myth:** There are no time limits for eligibility.
Reality: Eligibility is reviewed monthly and there are limits. A person must comply with their plan to move to self-sufficiency to receive benefits. More than 70 percent of the TANF recipients receive the benefit for one year or less.
- 4) **Myth:** There is a lot of fraud in Maine’s welfare system.
Reality: Maine’s documented rate of fraud in the TANF Program is .05 or half of one percent. The average rate of fraud nationwide is 4 percent.
- 5) **Myth:** People could just get a real job!
Reality: Maine has the highest rate of working TANF recipients in New England and is fifth in the nation in retaining TANF jobs.
- 6) **Myth:** People on Food Stamps use the EBT card to buy alcohol and tobacco products.
Reality: Federal law prohibits Food

Stamps to be used for anything but food. Even toothpaste is not allowed.



- 7) **Myth:** People on Food Stamps fill their carts with junk food.
Reality: The federal government establishes what food can be purchased. Research shows there is no difference in the type of food purchased by Food Stamp recipients and all other consumers.
 - 8) **Myth:** People are working and getting disability checks.
Reality: Our program supports and encourages people returning to the workforce if able. Federal law allows people with disabilities to keep benefits during a transitional period.
 - 9) **Myth:** People who are not legal citizens get all sorts of benefits.
Reality: They don’t. The Deficit Reduction Act requires a person to prove Maine residency and be a U.S. citizen or a legal immigrant to get benefits.
 - 10) **Myth:** All sorts of immigrants are being shipped to Maine to take advantage of our welfare system and we are working to support them.
Reality: Maine has been receiving an average of 100-125 primary refugees each year and therefore receives \$1.5 to 2 million directly from the Federal Office of Refugee Resettlement for initial resettlement and capacity building services. Because Maine’s population is growing slower than the rest of the nation and is older, as the baby boomers retire we have a large projected employee gap. Fortunately, Maine has begun to attract an immigrant population of young residents, eager to participate in work and civic life, ready to build lives in Maine and contribute to the economic future.
- Finally, there has been much discussion surrounding a desire to limit access to MaineCare for state residents until they have lived in Maine for a certain period of time. The Supreme Court reaffirms that we are citizens of the United States, while we are only resi-

quick clicks



HOT OFF THE PRESS
Jan Willis, of Willis Real Estate, grabs the first copy of the *Gorham Times*. She checks the front page immediately to see what is happening in Gorham.

Around Town

The Presumpscot Valley Haz-Mat Team (through the Gorham Fire Department) has been awarded a Homeland Security Grant for \$41,442. The grant is for the purchase of a new Haz-Mat Camera System (\$19,377) and required annual training (\$22,605).

Baxter Memorial Library has joined the Maine InfoNet Download Library. Free, full-length downloadable audio books in WMA and MP3 formats will now be available to check out without ever leaving the house. FMI: www.baxterlibrary.org

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dents of Maine. U.S. citizenship entails the right to freely move between states, as well as access to federally funded programs and benefits.

The Maine Department of Human Services takes abuse of the TANF benefits very seriously and they are committed to accountability in the program. If you have concerns about the delivery of the TANF program, call 1-800-424-9121.

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Where in the World was Chris Crawford?



In the last *Gorham Times*, Chris and Nick Crawford were pictured in front of the Arenal Volcano, in Costa Rica. During her journey, Crawford picked up a copy of the English edition of the Costa Rican paper named the *Tico Times* and brought it back to Maine. Shown far left is a snowman in her back yard, undoubtedly dreaming of a warm vacation as he reads the paper. If you look closely, the smile is made from Costa Rican coins.

Crawford submitted this photo to the *Tico Times* and it was published. She received a letter from the U.S. Ambassador’s wife and ex-Mainer Carolyn Cianchett.

I loved the photo in the Tico Times this morning. It made me a little homesick actually. There are quite a few Mainers down here that I run into from time to time. We always know someone in common as is usually the case for Mainers when traveling. So, I’m sure your photo was enjoyed by many...most of them probably thrilled to not have to deal with snow...my husband included!
Carolyn Cianchett

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The Gorham Grind Owner and True Community Member

Dede Perkins

Carson Lynch, owner of The Gorham Grind and an involved community member, first came to Maine in 1990 when he was fresh out of high school. Except for a brief stint in Boston, Lynch has been here ever since.

For his first eight years in Portland, Lynch worked in the commercial fishing industry. In 1998, he accepted a job in sales and marketing with Fresh Samantha Juice Company. "I consider my experience at Fresh Samantha as my business degree," Lynch said. In 1999, he helped take the show on the road. "We had a 25-foot Winnebago covered in fruit, towing a giant juice bottle on a trailer and sampling Fresh Samantha up and down the east coast."

In 2000, Fresh Samantha sent Lynch to Boston to run the company's regional marketing team. Lynch stayed on even after Odwalla bought the company. "I learned more about food and food service. I honed my customer service skills," he said. "On Earth Day, there were 125,000 people at the Esplanade in Boston. We gave away free Odwalla juice all day."

While at Odwalla, Lynch ran sampling programs at Whole Foods, Trader Joes, and college campuses. During this time, Lynch realized he related to the natural and holistic culture that cared less about marketing and more about product. "You can never compromise quality," he said.

Lynch began to think about a business of his own. He imagined a classic coffee house, a place of intelligent conversation, philosophy, music, and relaxation. Lynch cashed out his 401k, quit his job and decided to follow his vision. Three years (and six rounds of location due diligence) later, he was prepared to pack it in and return to corporate life. However, when he heard from a friend that The Gorham Grind was for sale, everything fell into place. Lynch quickly came to terms with the coffeehouse's original owners, Joe Baker and Sarah Littlefield, his first day at the Grind was December 23, 2005.

Since coming to Gorham, Lynch has become involved the community. "Gorham cares about local. This town has so much to offer: energy, creativity, a great work ethic."

Besides exhibiting a rotating collection of art at the Grind, Lynch was one



Photo credit Martha T. Harris

Carson Lynch, owner of the Gorham Grind and involved community member.

of the founders of Gorham Art Fair. This free, public art show and sale happens every October, and has enjoyed a positive response from Gorham residents. "Many artists lack self-confidence. I spend my time trying to encourage these folks to share their work with the community," he said. "The Gorham Art Fair was an idea that was realized with the help of Jeremy and Sabrina Greene at The Art Guru and many other dedicated volunteers. We all embraced the fact that we have a core of amazing artists and craftspeople in this town. We wanted to show their talent."

Lynch was also a key participant in last summer's inaugural Tastewalk. "We served Gifford's Cake Batter ice cream and mocha freezes and were delighted with the result. Over 240 people came through in two hours."

The Vice-President of the Gorham Business and Civic Exchange, Lynch is a vocal proponent to create a pedestrian-friendly, community-oriented, pro-business Gorham Village.

When asked about his plans for the future, Lynch replied, "I want to stay right where I am. I hope to buy the building eventually. I plan to keep doing what works, offering a community space, and serving the highest quality coffee at the best price. We'll get into roasting because besides making business sense, that's where the magic happens."

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Join the VIPS

Gorham will join the Cumberland County Sheriff's Office Volunteer In Police Service (VIPs) Ginny O'Keefe

The VIPs are a group of like minded citizens of all ages, both men and women, who have joined together to help augment the local Sheriff's Office and Police Departments in this time of cut backs and staff shortages. The aim of the VIPs is to take away the more minor, though still important tasks of police work, thereby allowing police officers and deputies to go where their skills and training are most needed.

The VIPs is a national program. The Cumberland County Sheriffs Office (CCSO) VIPs chapter started in Standish in January 2008 under the auspice of the CCSO and is overseen by Deputy Paul Pettengill and program co-coordinator Janet Biczak. Volunteers, once accepted, train for 3 hours once a week in most aspects of police work from evidence preservation, traffic control, patrolling, safety and property checks to senior checks and CHIPS (child identifica-

tion program). There is definitely something of interest for everyone as this is a fast growing and much needed group.

This program has been such a great success for Standish and the Cumberland County Sheriff's Office that other local police departments, seeing the benefits of the VIPs, want to have volunteers for their towns too.

Gorham police Chief Ron Shepard was the first to see the benefit of this program and is eager to have his town and community join in. He would like to encourage anyone interested (over the age of 18 years) to attend the Gorham Marketplace on March 28 where there will be a VIPs booth.

VIPs gives us all a chance to aid our community and to be a part of the solution, not the problem. Come look, come talk and see how you can be of service.

PLANNING BOARD REPORT FEBRUARY 3, 2009

Neighbors Speak Out—Voice Environmental Concerns

Christine Ludwiczak

Lisa King, of Kings Farm Market, addressed the Planning Board Monday evening, requesting approval for construction of a metal pole barn and attached deck, to be located at the corner of County Road and Burnham Road.

King explained specifics around the proposed structures, which would replace two existing greenhouses. The barn would span approximately 60'x100', with an adjacent 40'x100' deck. The applicant answered initial concern from the board regarding traffic issues, clarifying, "We're not trying to garner new customers; we're just looking to accommodate our current ones."

Neighbors of the property voiced their concerns, seeking reassurance that environmental protection was viewed a priority. Hans Hansen of 74 County Road took particular interest in ground water preservation, stating, "We need written confirmation from the DEP that this site is safe to build on." He suggested having an expert in the field closely examine the current ground water condition in order to "prevent the entire area from contamination ten years down the road."

Board member Douglas Boyce agreed that evidence of ground water quality should be presented, and also requested that the location and construction of all wells be clearly noted on the site plan.

In addition to the ground water inspection, board members Tom Hughes and Mark Stelmack brought forth concern around storm water, determining need for the applicant to complete a drainage study prior to approval.

Abutting neighbor, Paulette Brime, addressed the board with her hesitations. Ms. Brime requested that the property survey be updated and that the board consider requiring a fence be constructed.

Upon hearing concerns from the public and discussing the proposal, the board ruled to postpone continuation of the public hearing to a future date, yet to be determined.

To view the agenda and results from this meeting in its entirety, please visit the Town of Gorham website 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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Local Officials Attend Transportation Meeting

Bill Ambrose

On Feb. 24, Town Manager David Cole and Town Councilor Burleigh Loveitt attended the first Steering Committee Meeting of the Gorham Corridor Study conducted by the Maine Turnpike Authority. The committee is comprised of representatives of the four communities directly impacted by the study's findings, Gorham, Westbrook, Scarborough, and South Portland. The MTA, along with Maine's Department of Transportation, are seeking long-term solutions to the traffic woes of the region.

In reporting to the Town Council at the March 3 meeting, Loveitt termed the transportation meeting "a very interesting event." He believed that the study would provide the groundwork for a Turnpike spur and other types of transportation change west of Gorham. The two-year study could yield recommendations ranging from doing nothing to "light rail, bicycles, snow treads, and perhaps also a roadway." The next meeting of the steering committee is scheduled for March 31.

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CARTER'S CAR CARE

Ethanol Questions Doug Carter

There has been a lot of talk lately about ethanol. The good points are easy. Ethanol may help reduce U.S. reliance on oil imports and produce a moderate reduction in emissions of greenhouse gasses. Ethanol is a good oxygenater. It adds extra oxygen to the combustion gasses, helping the catalytic converter to completely burn all the fuel, thus lowering a car's emissions. The other chemical that is used for this purpose, MtBE, is a carcinogen that is very bad for the environment if it seeps into the ground from leaking underground storage tanks.

That takes care of the good points of ethanol. Now for the down side. Ethanol is a hydroscopic fluid, meaning it absorbs water. Gasoline and water do not mix. If any water is added to the fuel, it will separate the ethanol from the gasoline (phase separation) and layer the fuel sitting in your car's gas tank. If the quantities are large enough they can cause unusual driving conditions in your car. Adding dry gas won't help because ethanol basically is dry gas. There are fuel treatments on the market that are designed to work with the ethanol and prevent phase separation.

Because ethanol has high concentrations of oxygen, it is very corrosive, so corrosive that it is shipped separately and then mixed with gasoline at the last point of distribution. Flex fuel cars capable of burning E85 fuel (85% ethanol) are constructed with high grade stainless steel parts for the fuel system and other expensive components to prevent corrosion.

Also, ethanol's flash point is higher at low temperatures than gasoline making it harder to start a cold engine. This is why northern states don't have the high concentrations of ethanol that the southern states have. Nearly all gasoline now distributed in Maine contains 10% ethanol.

The biggest problem with ethanol is the return on investment. The energy it takes to plant corn, irrigate, harvest, process, ferment and distribute it consumes more energy than the ethanol will produce. There are 76,000 BTU's

per gallon of ethanol and there are 124,800 BTU's in a gallon of gasoline and 140,000 BTU's in diesel. This is why ethanol is not used to run the farm equipment used to harvest the corn. This is also why the gas mileage in your car has dropped. It takes about 1.56 gallons of ethanol to drive the same distance as one gallon of gasoline.

Right now, ethanol is costly. Federal and state subsidies of approximately \$1 billion a year for the production of ethanol are needed to help keep it competitive with petroleum. An acre of corn will produce 328 gallons of ethanol. The United State burned over 130,000,000,000 gallons of gas last year. To produce this much ethanol, 97% of the land in the U.S. would have to grow corn.

I'll be the first person to say that we must reduce our addiction to oil. Adding some ethanol may help until something better is available. But let's not blindly subsidize the corn industry when there are other nonfood products, such as switchgrass, limbs from logging operations and other cellulosic sources that can produce ethanol without driving up the cost of food, from beef to soft drinks. So far, cellulosic ethanol costs about 50 percent more than corn-based ethanol—about \$6.04 per gallon of gasoline equivalent, so any kind of ethanol has a long way to go before becoming cost effective in the U.S.

Just like hybrids, ethanol is not the light at the end of the tunnel, but rather something that will assist us until hydrogen or something similar is developed to feed our massive appetite for energy.

To learn more about ethanol and its effect on cars, boats, and small engines visit the Department of Environmental Protection Bureau of Air Quality web site at: www.state.me.us/dep/air/mobile/ethanol.htm

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A new high-speed wireless network was recently installed at GHS and plans are in place to extend the service to Gorham's three elementary schools over the next several years. The wireless network at GHS was brought in to support the needs arising in part from the efforts of the Maine Learning Technology Initiative (MLTI) which provides every middle school student with a laptop computer. While Gorham Middle School already launched a wireless network as part of the MLTI, Dennis Crowe, who was hired as director of technology in 2008, said, "I was flabbergasted that with every high school teacher having a laptop and plans calling for every student to have one, there was no wireless access in the high school. Wireless became priority number one." The new network supports activities ranging from students accessing the Internet to teachers doing student assessments, building schedules and taking attendance.

Village Career Night

Stacey Sawyer

On Feb. 26, the Village School cafeteria was filled with visual displays, tools, handouts and over 20 lively presenters for the Village School 2nd Annual Career Fair. More than 50 students and their parents made brief visits to each presenter. They viewed actual x-rays of animals, tried on the air mask of a fireman, witnessed a live sportscast, and even had a mini-massage. Everyone enjoyed talking one-on-one with people who truly enjoy their careers. Students learned how math, reading, and other school subjects are important. Our hope is that all children will recognize the value of their daily hard work.

Village school would like to thank our volunteers for such a great evening: Stephen Yager, David Eid, John Curly, Jay Banks, John Philbrick, Tim Higgins, Debbie Guimond, Christine Hepler, Todd Bickford, Phil McGouldrick, Tim & Lisa Sposato, Wendall Howard, Kelli Skillin-Smith, Suzanne Roberge, Allan Viernes, Elizabeth Berks, Mary Brunet, Linda Morris, Carol Courtney, Eileen Batchelder and Carol Messenger.

Suzanne Roberge, a real estate broker with Keller Williams Realty, presented digital cameras to two young winners of a raffle held at her table during the Village Career Fair. A camera was also donated to Hao Sun, also known as "Summer," a traveling student teacher from China who is currently working in Gorham. Summer is learning more about our school system while also spreading awareness of schools in China. She plans to use her digital camera to take pictures of children in both countries and share them via the computer. Pictured (l to r) Hao Sun "Summer," Taylor Nygren, Suzanne Roberge and Haley Keffe.



Dave Eid attracted a large crowd when he broadcast Channel 13's Sports Update live from the Village School Career Night.



Photo credit: Martha T. Hains

Tents? Marshmallows?



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White Rock Musical



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White Rock students performed "The Body Boogie" (pictured above) at their 5-2-1-0 Let's Go Musical on February 12. Directed by Gail Thibodeau, the musical included numerous songs about being active and eating right. The students played instruments, danced and sang solos. The kindergartners even dressed up as fruits and vegetables to liven the show. The songs were learned during music class and parent volunteers contributed to the musical's success by assisting with stage decorations and props. The students enjoyed performing for the White Rock community.

Gorham Middle School Second Quarter Honor Roll 08-09

6th Grade	Sean Luce	Michael Piscopo	Colby Smith	Caleb Dolloff
High Honors	Travis Mansir	Sydney Prindle	Damian Smith	Ryan Doughty
Douglas Beahm	Zoe Mattingly	Courtney Roberts	Rozada Spiers	Johna Doyle
Ryan Bertin	Jeffrey McNally	Rona Sayed	Lauren Stiles	Keagan Dumont
Bryanna Carroll	Anthony Micucci	Claire Sirois	Morghan Sweatt	Connor Dunn
Michael Chapin	Alexis Miller	Joseph Smith	Dylan Truong	Chelsey Edwards
Kaitlyn Curley	Zachary Mills	Hannah Southard	Katie Tucker	Shannon Folan
Margaret Donohue	Blanca Monsen	Shelby Stack	Danna Vaughan	Meghan Foley
River Dunn	David Nagy	Lydia Story	Melissa Walls	Amanda Foster
John Ennis	Trevor Nelson	Dylan Turner	Logan Weaver	Jeremy Foster
Matthew Esposito	Tanner Ochse	Jacqueline Turner	Owen Whitehead	Ryan Gilbert
Griffin Germond	Olivia Owens	Laura Turner	Lukas Willoughby	Natalya Gorsky
Leah Grams	Thomas Pequinet	Matthew Vail	Owen Wright	Jaime Hansen
Abigail Hamilton	Abigail Perkins	7th Grade Honors	8th Grade High Honors	Christopher Hardy
Katherine Hopkins	Savanna Petrin	Rebecca Amell	Lucia Alexandrin	Kayla Harris
Cole Houghton	John Pompeo	Gabrielle Bagala	Grace Bourgault	Elizabeth Henderson
Elizabeth Kane	Jenell Porter	Carly Barber	Collin Bowie	Courtney Hillock
Emily Lewis	Chandler Reagan	Jade Bartlett	Nicole Hoffman	Abigail Hodgkins
Brendan Mercier	Cody Rioux	John Beety	Amber Holivan	Nicole Hoffman
Sarah Norton	Elizabeth Rioux	Austin Bell	Daniel Holmes	Amber Holivan
Emily Peterson	Nathan Roberts	Carly Bell	Celeste Carpenter	Daniel Holmes
Julie Pike	Mitchell Rossignol	Emily Berrill	Samantha Cupps	Evan Jean
Sarah Plourde	Andrew Schmidt	Melissa Blake	Kyle Curley	Troy Lambert
Kiana Plumer	Jaymie Seneca	Melissa Blake	Timothy Daigler	Morgan Lappin
F. Harrison Reeder III	Margaret Shields	Rachel Blattstein	Samantha Duncan	Nicholas Lewis
Mikayla Richman	Charlotte Smith	Andrew Briggs	Stefanie Farrington	Jackson Marshall
Abigail Sladen	Julia Smith	Justin Broy	Meaghan Gilbert	Alexander McCarthy
Andrea Stemm	Timothy Sposato	Nicole Brunet	Joseph Graff	Amy McCarty
Katherine Stickney	Renae Staples	Tucker Buteau	Alex Johnson	Matthew McKenney
Michael Susi	Katherine Stoddard	Mikaeyla Byther	Chloe Johnson	Alexis Merrifield
Thomas Susi	Jacob Sturgis	Ashley Clark	Elizabeth Landry	Levi Merrifield
Madison Tippetts	Zoe Swift	Jeremy Collett	Spencer LaPierre	McKenzie Meserve
Jordan Ward	Benjamin Thompson	Ryan Cota	Elizabeth Lavoie	Hayley Morin
Ashley Woodbury	Meagan Thomsen	Molly Creeden	Arthur Lockman	Warren Murray
6th Grade Honors	Lexis Trafton	Patrick Crocker	Michael Lubelczyk	Kristin Nelson
Ashley Aceto	Kenneth Tuttle	Olivia Curtis	Bethany Marshburn-Ersek	Justin Nugent
Riley Allen	Michaela Williams	Kelsey Cushman	Cassandra Martel	Alexander Owens
Anna Barr	Andrew York	Thomas Dahlborg	Nicholas Matthews	Nicholas Parlin
Catherine Becker	7th Grade High Honors	Sophia Dobben	Maxwell McNally	Evan Peoples
Matthew Bennett	James Biegel	Samantha Doughty	Riley Shane Perkins	Riley Sawyer Perkins
Kristin Benson	Thomas Bradshaw	Molly Dufour	Michelle Pham	Matthew Petty
Kaitilyn Bernier	Kyle Butler	Briana Fallon	Forrest Plaisted	Taylor Plasz
Abigail Biegel	Kyle Butler	Heather Fields	Allyson Redhunt	Darice Plumer
Matthew Billings	Lauren Carter	Alexia Foster	Brian Rex	Dominic Pompeo
MacKenzie Bowers	Michael Chin	Marissa Gallant	Nathan Roop	Taylor Porter
Krista Boylen	Griffin Courtney	Travis Golder	Kristin Ross	Hannah Pratt
Darcie Brown	April Cummings	Nicholas Greatorex	Marissa Rush	Jenna Profenno
Sarah Buotte	Meghan Cushing	Sadie Guimond	Andrew Scontras	Mary Redmond
Gabrielle Burke	Morgan Cushing	Kacey Hamlin	Katiana Selens	Jesse Rowe
GraceAnn Burns	Jessica Day	Benjamin Keene	Quincy Shaw	Emily Schulte
Amanda Butler	Kiara Day	Benjamin King	Ashley Selens	Shannon Secord
Mackenzie Collins	Emily DeLuca	Narissa Kourinos	Michelle Pham	Kaitlyn SeeHusen
Mercedes Cote	Eric DeLuca	Morgan LaBranche	Elliott Speirs	Caitlin Shaw
Christian Daigle	Julia Donley	Brandon Labrecque	Molly Stewart	Kali St. Germain
Erika Dviliinsky	Megan Dunlap	Charlene Landry	Emily Stickney	Karal Stahl
Reagan Emerson	Tyler Eldridge	Jesse Leavitt	Michaela Stresser	Nicola Stepnick
Gregory Farrington	Charlotte Feinberg	Hannah Leclair	Michael Sullivan	Amy Stevens
Kevin Frazier	Madeleine Gotschlich	Matthew Leclair	Alexander Swiatek	Bridget Stillson
Benjamin Garson	Chloe Gray	Hannah Linscott	Tyler Verrill	Madeline Susi
Tucker Gasowski	Madeleine Hamblen	Haley MacDonald	Milan Vidovic	Lindsey Thomsen
Julia Gaudette	Corbin Kenaley	Abby Mattingly	Evelyn Viernes	Fangen Thompson
Isabelle Grant	Karen Knight	Matthew Melton	8th Grade Honors	Kolt Toothaker
Meghan Hanley	Eric Komulainen	Megan Miller	Libby Andreasen	Margaret Towle
Erika Heddesheimer	Abigail LaPorte	Sara Nelson	Ashley Aube	Iain Whitis
Austin Hicks	Paige Lara	Heather Nystrom	Daniel Bahun	Cameron Willette
Sydney Hobart	Ryan Latronico	Sarah Olson	Joseph Bennett	Alex Yankowsky
Matthew Hooker	Paige Lemieux	Eric Parlin	Kayla Billings	
Andrew Johnson	Gabrielle Libby	Delaney Patten-Harris	Kristen Braley	
Evan Johnson	Kevin Lombard	Juliana Pearson	Adam Bucknell	
Aliza Jordan	Rebecca Lord	Shanya Pottle	Travis Bucknell	
Brendan Kelly	Sarah Lyons	Gage Pratt	Matthew Buotte	
Jessica Labrecque	Sarah MacLeod	Ross Pratt	Deborah Burgess	
Jamison Lane	Joseph Martin	Jessica Rexrode	Lindsey Chadburn	
Kayli-Susan Leavitt	Jenessa Meserve	Liana Richardson	Lindsay Chapman	
Luther Liang	Jason Meuse	Dylan Roberts	MacKenzie Coburn	
Natasha Libby	Kelsey Mitchell	Samantha Robinson	Anthony Coppola	
Sarah Logan	Francesco Pappalardo	Matthew Roy	Parker Cowand	
Jennifer Loubier	Haley Perkins	Joshua Slater	Cole Cross	

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9th Grade	Alyssa Lurvey	Logan Marshall	Sara Martin	Francesco DiDonato
High Honors	Tyler Maroon	Alexander Maston	Hanna Meise	Crystal Doyle
Ryan Baillargeon	Andrew McCarthy	Michael Miliano	Anne Mitchell	Lauren Fleury
Jameson Crawford	Alex Miller	Megan Mitchell	Benito Murray	Rachel Fogarty
Joseph DeRoy	Nathan Moody	Sarah Moir	Marissa Owens	Samantha Gale
William Eldridge	Samuel Mosher	Mia Rapolla	Gabrielle Parsons	Melanie Hallsworth
Lincoln Gray	Quincy Owens	Caite Robinson	Marissa Patten-Harris	Kristen Hamilton
Connor Linehan	Danielle Rivard	Michael SeeHusen	Carly Perkins	Kelsey Herrick
Olivia Marshburn-Ersek	Patrick Robinson	Blake Speed	Kasey Perkins	Brianna Holloran
Aryn Martin	Sabrina Rowell	Zachary Speirs	John Phinney	Kirsten Holmgren
Jesse Orach	Margaret Roy	Morgan Stickney	Eric Plourde	James Hughes
Lindsey Smith	Osna Sayed	Megan Story	Corey Poitras	Bethany Irish
Matthew Southard	Cole Shiers	Grace Sunnell	Eric Porter	Mustafa Jamal
Alexandra Sturgis	Clara Stickney	Colleen Ward	Hannah Prince	Marion Jensen
Elynn Touchette	Deireann Stillson	Julia Waters	Hannah Shorty	Ryan Junkins
Bradley Turnbaugh	Robert Toothaker	Ryan Weed	Elizabeth Smith	Jennifer Kennedy
Kiersten Turner	Dylan Whitaker	Seth Wing	Kathryn Smith	Annie King
Lia Van de Krol	Amelia Whitten	11th Grade High Honors	Nicole St. Peter	Amie Leeman
Larissa Worster	10th Grade High Honors	Hallie Balcomb	Thomas Stirling	Hannah Lilly
9th Grade Honors	Sydney Butler	Aaron Bartlett	Luke Tanguay	Thomas Mathieu
Audrey Adkison	Megan Creeden	Kristianna Brown	Ryan Tardiff	Mia McGill
Kellen Adolf	Hanna Hamblen	Solange Carpenter	Bao Thai	Lucas Merrifield
Steven Albanese	Brendon Joyce	Melissa Deering	John Tordoff	Rochelle Michaud
Mackenzie Allen	Allison Matthews	Chandler Hamilton	Casey Weed	Benjamin Moody
Leva Aryan	Thomas Moutinho	Elizabeth LaMontagne	Kathryn Whitehead	Derek Morin
Adam Bourgault	William Ross	Bailey O'Brien	Lindsay Wilson	Julia Parmakian
Carter Bowers	10th Grade Honors	Emily Southard	Rebecca Wormwood	Shannon Pelynio
Daniel Bracy	Molly Aube	Rachel Wilkinson	12th Grade High Honors	Hillary Randall
Nathan Bucknell	Connor Bell	Kristina Zarrilli	Christina Albanese	Cynthia Reynolds
Chelsea Burnham	Foster Blake	11th Grade Honors	Thea Bass	Kathleen Shevenell
Kaytiin Buzzell	Steven Broy	Abbie Adkison	Mariah Dolloff	Nellika Stirling
Alyssa Cormack	Mason Crocker	Jason Badeau	Julianne Farrar	William Sutherland
Brandon Cushman	Maureen Clements	Kayleigh Ballantyne	Emily Hamblen	Abbie Tanguay
Leanna Dalfonso	Jordan Cunningham	Terri Jo Bastarache	Jennifer Moutinho	Jessica Taylor
Abigail Dean	Kelly Devoe	Cory Beaulieu	Emily Hamblen	Shane Towle
Katelyn DiLorenzo	Jessie Dye	Thomas Bennett	Kaitlyn Ridgeway	Luke Van de Krol
Nathaniel Dombek	Ashley Earl	Nicholas Berry	Samantha Schulte	Kyle Vandette
Cortlandt Dunn	Natalie Egbert	Kristan Bowie	Gregory Standley	Brittany Vaughan
Brandi Emerson	Andrew Ernest	Taylor Buotte	John Wolfe	Tiah Vaughan
Kaitlin Flanders	Victoria Geffers	Garrick Adolf	12th Grade Honors	Sanja Vidovic
Eliot Gagne	Ashley Grover	Joshua Amell	Cody Anderson	David Warren
Katelyn Gearan	Sara Harvey	Cody Anderson	Avery Barr	Jennifer Wiacek
Nathaniel Gervais	Ian Hawkes	Megan Bilodeau	Kyle Willis	
Nicole Gile	Sarah Henderson	Siobhan Bolinger		
Nathan Goodrich	Kelsie Kerwin	Rachel Brower		
Brittany Grant	Farhanaz Jamal	Chelsea Clark		
Taylor Hansen	Maciej Kansy	Adrienne Crosby		
Philip Holmes	Sara Lolley	Kelsey Crowe		
Andrew Hopkins	Molly Lortie	Sean Cummings		
Troy Lawrence	Colin Lubelczyk	Brooke Curtin		
Kevin Lubelczyk	Nathaniel Marcet			

Catherine McAuley High School Second Quarter Honor Roll 08-09

9th Grade—Second Honors	10th Grade—First Honors	10th Grade—Second Honors	11th Grade—Second Honors	12th Grade—Second Honors
Danielle Currier	Danielle Street	Caroline Fogarty	Amy Richard	Katelyn Desrosiers
Lulama Hawkes		Kalli McLaughlin		Kristen Desrosiers
		Jolie Thomas		Hannah Trill

Cheverus High School Second Quarter Honor Roll 08-09

9th Grade High Honors	10th Grade Honors	Meegan Daigler	12th Grade High Honors	12th Grade Honors
Alissandra Saxton	Austin Hayes	Sara Steinmetz	Nathaniel Lawson	Annie Ledoux
9th Grade Honors	Joseph LaStoria	11th Grade Honors	Mackenzie Crosby	Elizabeth Pierce
Christa Para	Colin Walker	Regina Arey	Kenneth Martin	Bethany Schleh
	11th Grade High Honors	Lauren Peter		Melissa Slater
	Treasa Arey	Julie Smith		



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GHS Winter Sports Wrap-Up—Part II

Jeff Pike

GIRLS SKI TEAM

Season Results: Finished second in the SMAA championships and sixth in the State championships.

Graduating Seniors: Taylor Sullivan, Jennie Wiacek, Julianne Farrar, Allie Platts, Emily Hamblen, Megan Strout, Chelsea Clark and Ellen Footer.

Team Accomplishments: At the State Championships, the team finished seventh in the giant slalom and fourth in the slalom.

Coach's Comments: "The team completed a good season at the SMAA Championships," said head coach Tim Sullivan. "The second-place finish completed a streak of strong finishes including Feb 6 when the girls won their first race ever led by seniors Taylor Sullivan (fourth place), Jennie Wiacek (5), Julianne Farrar (14) and freshman Danielle Rivard (16). This year the team always had an enormous amount of spirit and enthusiasm in every race, demonstrated by the team's 1970s ski-apparel-night, which was a blast even though it rained. The seniors were the majority of the team so the returning members will be fervently recruiting new members for next year."

BOYS SKI TEAM

Season Results: Finished fifth in the SMAA championships

Graduating Seniors: Garrick Adolf, Austin Arena and Luke Van De Krol.

Coach's Comments: "The team had a good season capped by the fifth-place finish at the SMAA races," said head coach Tim Sullivan. "Throughout the season, the team was led by strong finishes by sophomore Tom Moutinho and junior Mike Walsh, who always put their best foot forward. The team also showed a lot of spirit and enthusiasm in every race, demonstrated by the team's 1970s ski-apparel-night, which was a blast even though it rained. A couple key skiers return for next year, but the returning members will be fervently recruiting new members for next year."

CHEERLEADING TEAM

Season Results: Finished sixth at the Western Maine Class A regional tournament and 10th at the State tournament.

Graduating Seniors: Chandra Wilson, Thea Bass, Tiah Vaughn, Sarah Graff

Individual Accomplishments: Carissa Dvilinsky was named to the first-team all-conference squad while Shanice Mitchell and Chandra Wilson were named to the second-team all-conference squad.

Coach's Comments: "The girls did a great job this season," said head coach Kate Robichaud. "After a year's absence, we

qualified for the state championship, which was our goal. This was a huge accomplishment given that we had members on the team that had never cheered before this year. Next year, with only four graduating seniors, it should be an even stronger year."

GIRLS TRACK

Regular Season Record: 7-5

Postseason Results: Finished fourth in the SMAA track meet and 11th in the Class A State meet.

Graduating Seniors: Nicole Belhumeur, Siobhan Bolinger, Molly Folan and Sarah McCullough

Individual Accomplishments: Junior Rachel Wilkinson finished ninth in the New England one-mile race with a time of 5:10.50. She was the first Mainer to finish and set a GHS school record. Wilkinson was also second in the Class A State Meet in the one-mile with a time of 5:15.82. Also at the State meet, the Distance Medley Relay Team of Wilkinson, junior Solange Carpenter, senior Sarah McCullough, and junior Kelsey Rex also set a school record with a time of 13:28.56.

Team Accomplishments: With just 20 girls on the team, Gorham was always outnumbered in the regular season meets but still had an impressive winning record.

Coach's Comments: "I was very pleased with not only the win-loss record, but also with the dedication and hard-work put in by all the team members," said head coach John Caterina. "They were a great group of young women, and I was proud to be their coach. While the loss of the four seniors will be tough going into next season, Gorham has a lot of

in the Zone

College Tennis Star: Gorham resident and Le Moyne College freshman **ANDREW GLEASON** was named the Northeast-10 Conference men's tennis Freshman of the Week, March 5. Gleason won his only match of the week vs. a player from Rochester by a score of 6-4, 0-6, 6-4 to improve to 5-2 on the season. He is a 2008 Cheverus High School graduate.

College Field Hockey: **KAYLA NIELSEN** (GHS '08) has earned a spot on the Plymouth State University women's lacrosse team. The team began its season March 7.

returning talent led by juniors Kristan Bowie, Solange Carpenter, Lauren Chouinard, Sara Martin, Hannah Prince, Kelsey Rex, Hannah Shorty, Emily Southard and Rachel Wilkinson."

Boys Track

Regular Season Record:

Postseason Results: Finished sixth at the SMAA track meet and fifth among 21 schools at the State Class A track meet

Graduating Seniors: Justin Bolinger, Frank DiDonato, Chris Esposito, Mike Greatorex, Clayton Loubier, Rob Marean, Brandon Patten, Chris Sawtelle, Brett Walker and David Warren.

Individual Accomplishments: Several athlete set school records during the season: Kam Alexander - Jr. Hurdles (6.4); Ben Besanko - Jr. 40 yards (4.9 - tied the record); Cam Stevens - Open 200 meters (25.6), Sr. 400 meters (54.2), Sr. 600 meters (1:20.6) and Open 800 meters (2:06.7); and Tremayne Jones - Jr. Shot Put (36' 10"). Stevens also qualified for the New England 600-meter race and would have competed but suffered an injury during warm-ups that prevented him from running.

Coach's Comments: "We had a really good state meet while not being at 100 percent due to a couple injuries, such as Mike Greatorex, who would have been a scorer in the long jump and triple jump," said head coach John Wilkinson. "And Brandon Patten was impressive in his first year of track by taking fourth in the 55 meters and 200 meters. We also had a good regular season and performed well at the SMAA meet. But it also seemed like we could not shake colds and the flu as some athletes lost a full week of training. The seniors are great kids, but we have good returning athletes as well like Cam Stevens and younger athletes that scored at SMAA level. We also have a good feeder system from Middle School."

Wrap-ups of all the other GHS winter sports teams appeared in previous issues of the Gorham Times and are available online at www.gorhamtimes.com.

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GMS Seventh-Grade Boys Basketball Finishes Season Undefeated

Gregg Morton

Following two seasons full of travel basketball success, this season was to be the indicator of where the Gorham Middle School seventh-grade boys basketball team would stand against top-notch Class A competition. After starting the season with three convincing wins, the Rams pulled out a three-point squeaker against a solid Scarborough squad. Immediately following that game, the Rams had to put their game faces back on and take on a Lincoln team that featured one of the best seventh-grade players in the state. Gorham used great help-defense to hold the player to a season low 19 points and pulled-off a four-point victory.

The team followed that with wins over South Portland, Westbrook, and Bonny Eagle while also going undefeated in the Scarborough Holiday Tournament. After handily winning five more games, the boys entered their last game against Lyman Moore with a perfect 14 and 0 record. The 12-1 team was all that stood in their way of an undefeated season. In that game, nine different Rams scored, the team legitimately looked like the team in the league as they headed to a five-point victory and an undefeated season. All of the players did a tremendous job carrying-out their individual roles and realized that hard work pays off in the end.

Rec Champs



Photo credit: Alan Grady

Girls Basketball Champs: The Gorham Rec Department held its first-ever 7th/8th grade girls basketball championship at Shaw Gym Feb. 14. Three Gorham teams and one Windham team participated. The Gorham "Maryland" Team emerged as champions. The Maryland team included Nicole Brunet, Alexia Foster, Ashley Keating, April Cummings, Lydia Story, Molly Dufour, Rebecca Lord, Karen Knight, and Kiera Day.

Reaching Out



Photo credit: Laura Alves

In an effort to reach out to the community, the GHS Boys Hockey Team recently visited the residents at the Gorham House to share experiences and to help the residents make Valentine's Day cards. Pictured (l to r) are hockey player Casey Viel, Gorham House residents Phyllis Holden and Gertrude Taylor, high school volunteer Michelle Alves, and hockey player Ryan Koenig.

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A Princess Dream Gorham Times Staff



Key Club members Prince Jason Badeau and Prince Ian Hawkes are pictured with Dream Child Caroline at a benefit breakfast in her honor.

On Feb. 28, the Gorham Key Club hosted a "Happily Ever After Breakfast" at the Cressey Road Methodist Church. The benefit pancake breakfast was for a little princess named Caroline, whose dream to go to Walt Disney World and receive a Bippity Boppety Boo Makeover, is being granted by the Dream Factory of Maine. After hearing about Caroline and her dream, Key Club member Katie Smith came up with the idea of a "Happily Ever After Breakfast." With help from Kelly Skillin-Smith, who is Katie's mother, and the Dream Factory's dream director for this particular dream, club members jumped into action and organized, promoted and implemented this very successful event.

Key Club members were dressed in royal attire, where they greeted and fed in excess of 75 very fashionable little princes and princesses. The parents enjoyed a continental breakfast. Princess Caroline and her family were the guests of honor at the Breakfast, and Avery Barr, Miss Maine Teen 2008, made a special appearance. The Dream Factory of Maine and Caroline's family wish to sincerely thank all who were involved in this event. From all the requests and positive feedback, this likely will become an annual event for Gorham High School's Key Club.

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Navy Seaman Recruit Douglas P. Somers (GHS 06), son of Nancy O. and Ken R. Olson, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill. During the eight-week program, Somers completed a variety of training which included classroom study and practical instruction on naval customs, first aid, firefighting, water safety and survival, and shipboard and aircraft safety. An emphasis was also placed on physical fitness.

Teresa Arey, a junior from Gorham, was recently elected Secretary of the Cheverus High School Key Club. Key Club members are required to complete a minimum of 10 hours of service each quarter. The group's recent community service projects include work with the elderly, STRIVE, the Red Cross and the Big Brother/Big Sister program.

The following students were named to the fall Dean's List at USM—Rebecca Bauer, Erica Benson, Krista Bertalan, Christopher Chasse, Abraham Dailey, Colin Feeney, Ora Freeman, Rachel Friedlander, Brandon Gavett, Stephanie Gilbert, Nicholas Greenier, Nathanael Hasbrouck, Brietta Hopkins, Garrett King, Kathryn Leeper, Kristin Loranger, Ruth Maston, Gilbert Michaud, Shauna Nicholson, Anna Pease, Kevin Pillsbury, Joshua Plowman, Kyle Pomerleau, Amy Poulin, Rebecca Richards, Erinn Ridge, Mark Roberts, Amanda Roy, Daniel Sanford, Benjamin Toye and David Wallace.

Meghan M. Clements and Kyle W. Murphy were named to the fall Dean's List at Merrimac College.

Joseph M. Flaherty, son of Martin and Dulcie Flaherty, was named to the Dean's List for the fall 2008 semester at Saint Michael's College, VT. Flaherty is a senior in business administration.

Air Force Master Sgt. RICHARD TARRENCE (GHS '93) is currently deployed in Southwest Asia at a forward operating base assigned to a unit within the 386th Air Expeditionary Wing. Tarrence, the son of Richard Tarrence, is a logistics specialist with 15 years of military service.

St. Anne's Annual Gigantic Pie Sale will be March 21 & 22 after Masses. Public is welcome.

Volunteers are needed to train as Advocates for Sexual Assault Response Services of Southern Maine's (SARSSM) 24-hour Crisis and Support Line. FMI call 1-800-313-9900.

Gorham/Westbrook TRIAD meets the second Friday of every month @ 9 a.m. Meetings alternate between the Gorham and Westbrook municipal building sites. FMI contact Officer Ted Hatch at 839-5581 ext. 279 or Officer Inger Cyr at 854-2531.

In-Coming Kindergarten Parent Information Night, Monday April 6 @ 7:00 p.m. White Rock School. This "grown ups" only night is an opportunity to meet some of the staff, learn about the registration and screening process and ask questions you may have.

Herb Garden Talk March 26, 6-8pm at Gorham Rec. Dept. Find out which herbs are best for your needs and how to incorporate them into your garden. Master Gardener Donna McCollough will discuss the care and maintenance of these garden gems. The \$5.00 registration fee supports Gorham Rec. Community Garden planned for Robie Park. FMI 222-1630 or visit www.gorhamrec.com

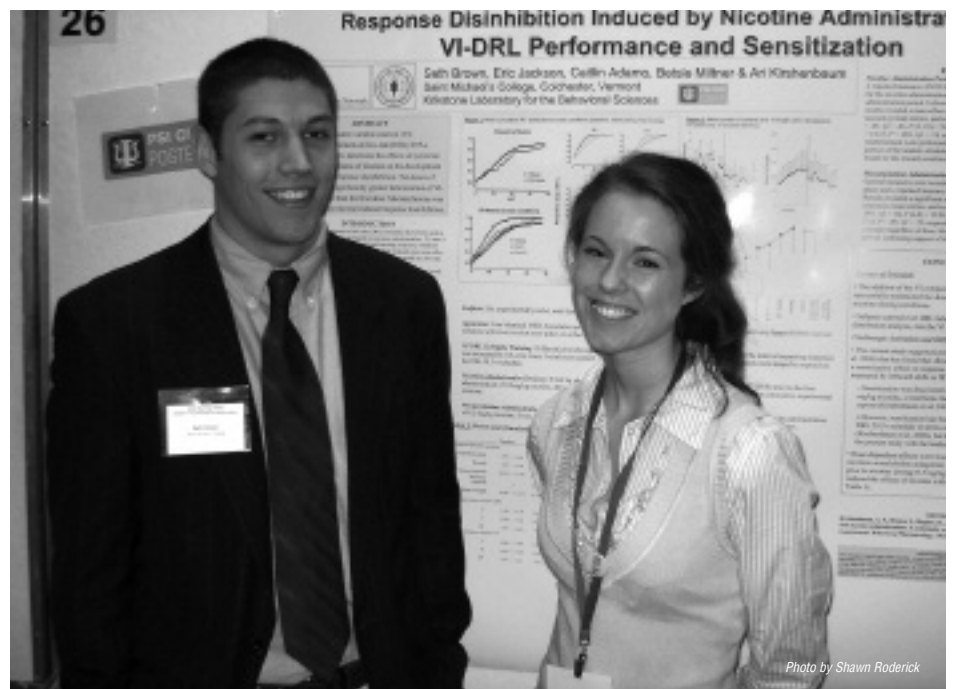
Hand Crafting for Justice Sale—handcrafts and gifts. First Parish Church UCC, Gorham, April 4, 9 a.m.–2 p.m. and April 5 12:00 p.m.–2 p.m. HCJ is a Fair Trade economic justice project partnering with women in the developing world. They are united in working toward empowerment, hope and justice for all peoples.

Visiting Artist Lucinda Bliss Coming to USM USM's Lecture Series in the Visual Arts continues with a lecture by artist Lucinda Bliss titled "Collaboration and Dialogue in Creative Practice." This free public lecture will take place at 1 p.m., Friday, April 3, in USM's Burnham Lounge, Robie-Andrews Hall, Gorham. (Snow date, Friday, April 10.) For more information, call 780-5008 or visit www.usm.maine.edu/gallery.

The 2009 Maine Home and Garden Show will be held at YourSpace, 215 Narragansett St. (Route 202) on March 27, 2 p.m.–8 p.m., March 28, 10 a.m.–8 p.m. and March 29, 10 a.m.–4 p.m. Visit Maine's largest show venue including extensive garden displays (see ad page 9).

close to home

The Saco Grange is having its March Madness, Bake, Raffle, and Rummage Sale Event on March 28, from 8a.m. - 2 p.m. at the Saco Grange on Route 112, North Street, Saco. This year they are teaming up with Shaws Supermarkets to help the Maine Children's Cancer Programs.



Seth Brown, a senior psychology major at Saint Michael's college, Vt, was one of five psychology students presenting research at the Eastern Psychological Association meeting recently in Pittsburgh. Brown, the son of Jim and Kathy Brown, is a graduate of Cheverus High School.

"I have had the opportunity to present at a few conferences with the most recent being the EPA in Pittsburgh," Brown said. "I really enjoy attending these conferences because I am able to see the most current research being done in the field by some of the biggest names in psychology and have the chance to converse with them. I really wish more students had the opportunity to attend these conferences as it is the current research being done that is the most important, in my opinion," he said.

About his work, Brown said, "My research is on response disinhibition induced by chronic nicotine administration and the attenuating effects of mecamylamine (a drug used to block the effects of nicotine). We deliver nicotine to rats and look at performance and changes in behavior that result. Our current research is an extension of previous work that was published last summer in the Journal of Behavioural Pharmacology."

Lions Club Road Race

Bruce Webb

The Gorham Lions club is holding a 5K Road Race in downtown Gorham on April 4. The event will begin with a 1 mile race for kids at 8:30 a.m. followed by the 5 K race for teens and adults starting at 9:00 a.m. in the GHS parking lot.

This is a new venture for the charitable organization that will use the proceeds from the race to benefit the many projects and scholarships in the community. Many local causes stand to benefit

including sports teams, senior organizations, the Boy Scouts, Camp Susan Curtis, Robie gym, Little League teams, Camp Ketcha and high school scholars.

The Lions Club is looking for creative ways to raise money for community projects because the need is so great during this time of economic uncertainty and hardship. They are actively soliciting business sponsors for the event and hope that individuals will turn out and support the race.

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Nolan was born 112 days before his due date, weighing only 1 pound 2 ounces. He spent the first two months in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at The Barbara Bush Children's Hospital. Nolan demonstrated strength and determination that impressed his nurses and doctors allowing his parents to bring him home one week before his original due date.

Today, Nolan is a small boy with a large presence. Having conquered huge odds as a baby, Nolan embraces life and its biggest challenges: He is currently working with neighborhood friends to dig a hole to China through the backyard.

The Barbara Bush Children's Hospital at Maine Medical Center, one of the country's leading children's hospitals, is committed to enhancing the lives of children through excellence in patient care, research and education. The hospital is recognized for numerous pediatric specialties. Children's Miracle Network is an international non-profit organization that raises funds for more than 170 children's hospitals

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the regular zoning provisions. For instance, if a builder could place ten houses on a site under the older zoning requirement, the new ordinance might allow for 16 houses. This would yield six "bonus units." The builder would pay a fee (\$15,000 per unit) to the Town, which would use the accumulated funds to purchase land or development rights in outlying portions of the Town.

As a priority, the lands purchased by the Town in the rural areas will include land adjacent to existing Town land, land along waterways, agricultural land and lands with historic or scenic value. Lands purchased with these fees would

be permanently preserved for recreation or open space.

One of the purposes of the Development Transfer Overlay District is to discourage the building of suburban "sprawl" subdivisions in the rural portions of the Town. Development in the Overlay District must be in areas served by public water and sewerage, thus enabling the use of much smaller house lots. If a builder chooses to develop a subdivision under the provisions of the Overlay District, the Planning Board will enforce a stringent set of detailed standards on such things as setbacks, roadway and sidewalk design, house config-

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Boulder Drive caller reported there was a cat frozen on a stop sign near Buck Street.

Mosher Road caller reported an abandoned vehicle on the side of the road. Owner was in the woods coyote hunting and came out to move the vehicle out of the roadway.

Caller reported an abandoned motor vehicle with the hood up and someone working on it from underneath by Crestwood Drive.

Caller reported an elderly male wearing an oxygen mask driving erratically all over the road. Subject almost ran over a pedestrian, drove right through the roundabout, and ran a red light as well.

State Street caller reported someone crashed into their mailbox during the night and left car parts behind.

Morrill Avenue caller reported someone acquiring drugs by deception.

Juvenile was found to be in possession of tobacco and a butterfly knife at the high school.

Dow Road caller reported someone broke into their house and had stolen items.

Caller advised that subject in the apartment above them was extremely noisy and just wanted them to quiet down. Subject was wrestling a mouse trying to save their dinner.

Caller reported a car accident involving a

motor vehicle and a pool on Wilson Road.

Caller advised they found child pornography in a vehicle that was dropped off.

Dyer Road caller reported that a truck pulled into their driveway and the occupants yelled that they were going to "slit their throats."

School Street caller reported a male on the side of the road who kept staggering and falling. Caller was unsure if subject was drunk.

Caller reported they had accidentally ripped a hole in portable class room with the backhoe.

Main Street caller reported their upstairs neighbor was banging a bag of bottles and believed subject might have been intoxicated.

Subject walked into station to report that their debit card had been stolen and used out-of-state.

Driver, who was looking at a car off the road on the bypass, wound up driving into the wrecker which had come to tow the first vehicle.

Officer escorted an elderly person with a mobility issue to their residence.

Wilson Road caller requested to speak to an officer regarding statements written on caller and their partner the previous Sunday night.

Caller wanted to talk to an officer about a harassing e-mail from their former spouse.

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SUNDAY, MAR 22

■ St. Anne's Annual Gigantic Pie Sale, after Masses
■ Maine Maple Sunday
■ GHS Drama presents, "West Side Story," 2:30 p.m. MPAC. \$9/\$6. FMI, 839-5754.

TUESDAY, MAR. 24

■ Pre-School Story Time, 9:30 a.m. Ages 3-5, Baxter Memorial Library. FMI, 839-5031. 9:30 a.m., with special guest - award winning author and illustrator Kevin Hawkes.

THURSDAY, MAR. 26

■ YOURSPACE Annual Meeting. 7 p.m. in Town Council Chamber, Gorham Town Hall (see ad on page 8).
■ Baby & Me at Baxter Library, ages 0-18 mos., 9:30 a.m. 10 a.m. Toddler Time at Baxter Library, ages 18-36 mos., 10 a.m. FMI, 839-5031.
■ Scrapbooking workshop, for all ages, children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult. 12:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m., Baxter Library

■ BML Sewing Club for grades K-Adult. 2:30 -4:30 p.m. FMI, 839-5031.

■ Herb Garden Talk —6-8 p.m. at Gorham Recreation Dept.

FRIDAY, MAR. 27

■ Mr. GHS competition 7 p.m., MPAC.

■ Home Expo, YourSpace (see ad page 9)

SATURDAY, MAR. 28

■ Gorham Marketplace 09. USM's Costello Sports Complex (see ad on back page).

■ Earth Hour 2009, 8.30pm—turn out the lights and watch the stars

■ Home Expo, YourSpace (see ad page 9)

SUNDAY, MAR. 29

■ Home Expo, YourSpace (see ad page 9)

TUESDAY, MAR. 31

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FRIDAY, APRIL 3

■ USM lecture by artist Lucinda Bliss. 1 p.m., USM's Burnham Lounge, Robie-Andrews Hall, Gorham, FREE.

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SATURDAY, APRIL 4, 2009 • 7PM TO 10PM
GORHAM MIDDLE SCHOOL
\$12/PERSON MUSIC BY COMMON GROUND

Tickets available at
The Bookworm Mon-Sat 10-5,
Gorham Marketplace '09 March 28 Costello Field House, USM
Gorham Football Boosters Booth

Advanced tickets recommended. Limited tickets available.

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BIGGER AND BETTER THAN EVER!
WELLNESS PRIZES TO BE WON and more!!!**

12TH ANNUAL GORHAM MARKETPLACE

THINGS TO DO
AT GORHAM
MARKETPLACE
2009!

Meet Jordan Shiers,
Miss Teen Maine USA

Watch Moody's
deploy an airbag

Eat! Eat! Eat!

Win money!

Get a massage!

Pet a dog

Open a bank account

Watch local dancers
perform

Get fitness advice

Collect freebies

Win vendor prizes

Play The Price is Right!

Pitch a tent

Listen to acoustic
guitar

Learn about computers

Catch up with friends!

Find out about The

Great American

Backyard... What???

JOIN US FOR
A DAY OF FUN!



Saturday, March 28, 2009
10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
USM Costello Field House

Admission - \$2 Adults - Children and Students are FREE

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 10:00 AM**
Opening Ceremony - Boy Scouts/Girl Scouts
- 10:15 AM**
Tent Demo - Great American Backyard Campout
- 10:30 AM**
Moody's Air Bag Deployment
- 10:45 AM**
Maine Total Technology
- 11:00 AM**
Grip Wet - Put an end to slipping on smooth surfaces in your home/office.
- 11:15 AM**
Cash Prize Drawing
- 11:30 AM**
Pole Parties by Stacey
- 11:45 AM**
Gorham Country Club - Improve your golf swing!
- 12:00 NOON**
Dance Studio of Maine
- 12:30 PM**
Greater Portland School of Jukado
- 1:00 PM**
Cash Prize Drawing
- 1:15 PM**
Moody's Air Bag Deployment
- 1:30 PM**
Gorham Fitness Studio
- 1:45 PM**
Price is Right
- 2:15 PM**
Tent Demo - Great American Backyard Campout
- 2:45 PM**
Cash Prize Drawing
- 2:55 PM**
Closing Ceremony- Retire Flag

