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Council Approves Resolution To Name Bypass

Sue Dunn

The Town Council unanimously approved a resolution on Feb 3 asking the Maine legislature "to recognize the sustained and dedicated efforts of Mr. Rines and formally name the southern route of the Gorham Bypass, the Bernard P. Rines Highway." The resolution is in support of a House Bill sponsored by Rep. Jane Knapp (R-Gorham) which will go to the Transportation Committee on March 5.

Bernard Rines, a lifelong resident of Gorham, has worked in many different capacities in support of the bypass over the past 50 years. Whether as a member of the Town Council or as a representative on one of the many study committees, Rines diligently worked to see the bypass come to fruition. Rines also served on the Environmental Assessment Study Advisory committee, which directly led to the actual construction of the Gorham Bypass. As stated in the Resolution, Rines has "exhibited great dedication with his tireless efforts to advance the cause of the Gorham Bypass over many years, and exhibited uncommon and unselfish public service to the Town of Gorham."

Rep. Knapp, while on the Town Council, worked with Rines regarding the bypass. She explained, "He (Rines) was passionate about the bypass. When I was on the council, he worked to have land available so the town could do its own small bypass if nothing worked on the state/federal level." It was this passion and dedication that motivated Rep. Knapp to sponsor the Resolution to name the southern route of the bypass after Rines.

Rines was born in Gorham in 1923 at the family home and graduated from Gorham High School in 1940. In 1946 he received an agricultural degree from University of Maine then in 1948 an Electrical Engineering degree. After teaching at USM, University of NH and the University of Mass. in Amherst, he returned to the Gorham family farm with wife Priscilla and his family.

The Transportation Committee unanimously approved the bill on Feb 26. The bill will now go to both the House and Senate for a vote.

Love! Trickery! Redemption! – It's Opera in Gorham!

Mary Snell



Above: Greedy relatives read the will in USM's comedy production of Puccini's "Gianni Schicchi" with Dan Cyr playing the title role (top).



Sister Angelica struggles accepting the demands of her cruel aunt.

Photos credit: Troy Bennett

Once every four years, the University of Southern Maine School of Music and Department of Theatre collaborate on a fully staged opera production. This March, audiences will be offered a rare opportunity to sample grand opera with a pair of masterful Puccini one-acts: "Suor Angelica," an exquisite tear-jerker, and "Gianni Schicchi," a laugh-out-loud comedy.

But a Puccini opera set in Portland? That's right. Stage director Assunta Kent has moved the setting of one of the operas, "Gianni Schicchi," from Florence in 1299 to a West End mansion in Portland, Maine in 1927. She notes that "houses in Quintole and land in Empoli provide little connection for Maine audiences, so I have remapped the opera over the Portland area."

The large casts of young and powerful singers from the USM Opera Worskop – led by Kent and music director Ellen Chickering – will perform these two works in English from March 13 – 21 in Russell Hall on the USM Gorham campus. Robert Lehmann will conduct the live orchestra, the largest ever.

"The music for these two operas is some of Puccini's best," says music director Ellen Chickering, "and it's melodic and fun! Like Mozart and Verdi, Puccini was a master at creating his characters in the music as well as in the libretto. Each opera's music is perfectly matched to its characters. The music flows and weaves itself from singer to

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Key Club Off To A Successful Start

Margo Badeau, GHS Key Club Advisor

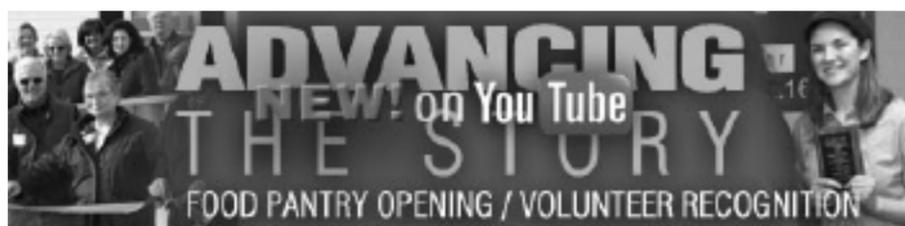
On February 25, Key Club history was made in the state of Maine. The newly-chartered Gorham High School Key Club presented a check for over \$10,000 in support of Operation Holiday Cheer which became the single largest fundraising effort conducted by any high school Key Club in the state. Gorham High School Principal Chris Record said, "I am extremely proud of the accomplishments made by this newly-formed community service group and know that they are setting a remarkable example for other teenagers to follow." The Key Club was honored by being presented with an Operation Holiday Cheer banner patch which is only available to sponsoring organizations.

Founded in 1925 in Sacramento, California, Key Clubs are the oldest international service organization for high school students and strive to develop leadership

The GHS Key Club presents Marc Badeau, Chairman of Operation Holiday Cheer, a \$10,000 check to Operation Holiday Cheer. Pictured (l to r): Marc Badeau, GHS Key Club Members: Molly Lortie, Hannah Lilly, Jason Badeau, Liz LaMontagne, Hallie Balcomb.



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Dear Gorham Times,

We live in Gorham and are two of the millions of people who have joined the movement to end multiple sclerosis. We're writing to ask for your help in changing the lives of the people the Maine chapter of the National MS Society serve in our community by publishing the following letter.

Every hour, someone new is diagnosed with MS, a chronic disease of the central nervous system for which there is presently no cure. Multiple sclerosis interrupts the flow of information between the brain and the body and stops people from moving. Many have trouble imagining what their lives would be without the ability to move, but we know the effects of MS — we had a dear aunt who lived with one of the more aggressive forms the disease for the last 40 or so years of her life AND our 20-year-old son, who was diagnosed with the disease a little over a year ago.

Here in Maine, 1 in 400 people have MS. With that rate of incidence, you probably know someone with the disease. Before our son's diagnosis, we knew of at least 3 acquaintances who had the disease. Since his diagnosis, we've come to realize that we are not alone in dealing with this disease.

MS Awareness Week takes place

March 2-8. We encourage people to join the movement to end MS and help people with MS move their lives forward.

It's easy to get involved. It only takes a few minutes to make a difference in the lives of the millions of people worldwide who live with this disease. Last spring, we participated in the MS Walk in Scarborough and raised about \$2,000.00 for the Maine Chapter. We met wonderful people, made great friends, and came to know the compassion, support and knowledge, first hand, of the staff of the Maine Chapter. They, along with our son's doctors, have aided us immensely in understanding and living with the uncertain and unpredictable manner with which this disease progresses.

Some simple things you can do:

- Visit nationalMSociety.org to learn more about MS.
- Tell 10 people that MS Awareness Week is March 2-8 and ask them to tell 10 people they know.
- Sponsor a walker or cyclist in a Walk MS or Bike MS event — or participate yourself!

The people living with MS in our community thank you for your help.

Sincerely,

Gary and Susan Marcet

Around Town

In Touch Massage Therapy is now open at 31 Main Street. The owners, Liz Berks and Cathy Reynolds, offer Swedish and neuromuscular massage as well as Trager Approach. Call 839-2333 for an appointment.

Baxter Memorial Library has a limited amount of federal tax and state tax forms. The Library can assist you in obtaining income tax forms that they do not have available; a fee for printing will apply.

Homestead Exemption applications must be received by the Assessing Department by April 1 in order to be included on the 2009/2010 property tax bill. Please note that if you have already filed a homestead exemption application for your current residence, you do not need to file again. If you have any questions about the homestead exemption, call the Assessing Department at 222-1600.

Citizen volunteers are needed to serve on the Town of Gorham boards and committees. The Town Council Appointments Committee will meet to review applications for appointments soon. Please consider volunteering your time to serve on one of these boards or committees: Parks & Conservation Commission, Planning Board, Recreation Advisory Board, Zoning Board of Appeals and Board of Sewer Appeals, Gorham Cable Television Committee, Recycling Committee, Fair Hearing Board, Board of Health, Board of Assessment Review, Gorham Economic Development Corporation, and the Board of Trustees for the Baxter Memorial Library. Please visit www.gorham-me.org, and click the link on the left side of the home page for boards and committees to download an application or get more information or visit the Town office at 75 South Street or call 222-1670.

Where in the World is Chris Crawford?



Chris Crawford, *Gorham Times* Features Editor and Village School librarian, and Nick Kirby enjoyed the view of volcano on a recent bicycling trip to an undisclosed location.

Of course, the *Gorham Times* traveled along with them.

The first person who identifies where this volcano is will receive a \$10 gift certificate to The Bookworm.

Please send your answers to gtimes@maine.rr.com.

NEWS FROM
AUGUSTA

Learning the Ropes

Rep. Jane Knapp



One order of business I had to learn coming into the 124th Maine State Legislature was how to name the new Gorham bypass the Bernard P. Rines Bypass. Quickly I learned that naming a state road or bridge is a measure that must be passed by the Legislature and the whole process starts with a bill.

Early in January I met with a lawyer in the Revisor's Office at the State House to submit a Legislative Request (L.R.). The proposal was designated as a Resolve, which is defined as a law having a temporary or limited purpose that does not amend the general public laws. Once the draft legislation was complete, I was given a copy of it so that I could begin finding co-sponsors. As the primary sponsor of the bill I had five days, from the time I received, it to acquire signatures from co-sponsors and return it to the Revisor's Office.

Having additional legislators sign a bill helps show support for the proposal.

On the day that I received the draft, "Resolve, To Name the Gorham Bypass," I rushed out of the House Chamber (after we had recessed for the day) and hurried to the Senate Chamber to find Senator Bartlett and ask for his endorsement signature for the legislation. I continued asking both Democrats and Republicans for their support. In three days, the form was returned to the Revisor's Office with the signatures of eight co-sponsors. My L.R. officially became a Legislative Document (L.D.) and was referenced to the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation for a public hearing.

Each bill has a public hearing so that individuals can show their support for the measure or can express their concern against it. The committee holding the public hearing then reviews all testimony and information given and makes a recommendation to the Legislature regarding the bill. The report that a bill receives is often the most important influence on its passage or defeat.

The committee can give a recommendation of Ought To Pass, Ought Not To Pass or Ought To Pass As Amended.

Once a bill is voted out of committee, unless it has a unanimous report of Ought Not to Pass, it goes through the process within the chamber where it originated, which includes a first and second reading, floor debate and the opportunity for amendments. After these steps are complete, a vote to engross the bill (print it in its final form including all adopted amendments) is taken in both the House and Senate.

The bill then moves on for a vote as to whether or not it should be enacted for final passage. A vote is first taken in the House, and next in the Senate. Once a bill has been enacted in both the House and the Senate, it is presented to the Governor for signature to become law.

On Thursday February 26, a public hearing on L.D. 296, "Resolve, To Name the Gorham Bypass," was held before the Transportation Committee. I presented the bill, noting that it had received a unanimous endorsement

from the Gorham Town Council, and asked the Committee for an Ought To Pass recommendation to the House. Two other people spoke in favor of Ought to Pass. I then returned to my committee meeting and continued on with my usual daily business. Soon there after, the committee clerk directed me take a phone call—the Transportation Committee voted unanimously Ought to Pass. This will take my proposal one step closer to the dedication of the Bernard P. Rines Bypass.

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Nilaya Curran Palmer On The Water

Jackie Francis



Nilaya Curran Palmer makes a living on the water as the owner of a boat building vacation company.

Imagine a nine-day vacation on a peaceful lake in central Maine, staying in a traditional summer cottage (or tent if you like), canoeing, hiking, swimming in the silkiest of fresh water, enjoying locally grown, gourmet food AND building your very own boat while enjoying all of the above. According to the comprehensive and attractive website, www.boatbuildingvacation.com, Nilaya Curran Palmer was surprised at how easy and fun it was to build her first boat 3 years ago. So much fun, she decided to start her very own boat building vacation (BBV) business. Nilaya Curran, a 2001 graduate of Gorham High School, dreamt of owning and operating a business such as this for the past seven years, and she and her husband, James Palmer, are finally seeing her dreams come to fruition.

A 2005 graduate of Evergreen State College in Olympia, WA, Curran received her BA in Environmental Education and Sustainable Development. While at Evergreen, she was an avid, competitive crewmember and a volunteer coach for the junior rowing team. As stated in her website, Curran was inspired to start her own outdoor program after participating in outdoor leadership courses at Gorham High School and later managing her university's outdoor program. (While on summer break in 2000, Curran and two friends biked across America encouraging people to register to vote. The 2-month adventure started in Washington and ended in NYC.) Over the past eight years, she has been a trip leader for a variety of organizations, the latest of which was in Utah working with troubled teenagers. She met her future husband, James Palmer of Hampshire County, England while biking through the native rainforests and mountains of New Zealand.



Photo credit Nilaya Curran Palmer

Palmer, Program Manager for BBV, is an outdoor enthusiast himself. His professional firefighting experience with the Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service and calm, organizational skills will benefit the Boat Building Vacation Enterprise.

As maintained by the BBV website, building a wooden boat is an enjoyable experience for people of all ages and no previous wood-working or boat-building experience is necessary. The most challenging part of building a wooden boat, says Curran, is having the time, the resources, the space and the confidence to build a boat and BBV provides all of the above.

Located on a 70-acre lot on No Name Pond in Lewiston, BBV vacation dates are available in June, July and September. At Boat Building Vacation, you can choose to build a boat from a precut kit or build an inexpensive plywood dory. If a 17' Chesapeake Sea Kayak is not exactly what you have in mind, perhaps a 12' Sassafras Canoe or possibly a Kids Kayak or Row Boat. Incredibly, these kits along with vacation accommodations are surprisingly affordable. The average costs range between \$575-\$1125 per person depending on the kit and lodging one opts for.

A Boat Building Vacation will provide you with the opportunity to rest, have fun, explore, create and enjoy the satisfaction of knowing you built something yourself, says Curran. We want you to leave camp rested and rejuvenated, with new skills, new friends, and great memories!

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- Saving energy is an issue that is on the minds of many. The library is now offering Kill-A-Watt Energy Detectors donated by Efficiency Maine that patrons may check out for one week with a valid library card. These devices help to calculate how much energy the various appliances in your home use.

There are lots of ways to have fun at the library, which is particularly needed to get through the March dol-

- March Merriment, an author lecture program, has become an annual event sponsored by the Friends of Baxter Memorial Library. This year's event promises to be especially fun and light-hearted. On March 16, 7:00 p.m. at the library, author Margaret Hathaway and her photographer husband, Karl Schatz, will talk about their book, *The Year of the Goat: 40,000 Miles and the Quest for the Perfect Cheese*. The program will include a reading from their book, a slide show of their travels to learn about goats and cheese making and an opportunity to taste the cheeses they're beginning to make at their farm in Gray. The event is free and open to the public
- If you enjoy reading and discussing books with others, every other Wednesday morning 10:00 - 11:00 an adult reading group meets. Anyone is welcome to come to just one or all sessions. You can find out about up-coming titles by asking the librarians at the desk, who will order a copy of the book for you through interlibrary loan

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TOWN COUNCIL REPORT FEBRUARY 3, 2009

Council Addresses Multiple Items

Gorham Times Staff

Rep. Knapp reported on the legislative session. Chairman Robinson questioned Knapp why she voted for supplemental LD 45, reducing another 27 million dollars from education. Knapp explained she is a proponent of education. People worked diligently in the Appropriations Committee on this and everyone took a hit; she saw this as a bipartisan effort. Councilor Phinney commented that rather than make serious cuts themselves (state) they seem to pass the buck to the towns. Councilor Csoros asked if the school funding formula changed or would the reduction of money follow the old formula. Knapp understands they are using the old formula. Csoros commented if the state is going to make cuts, they should cut their budget and not the money going to towns.

Councilor Moulton attended a Greater Portland Council of Governments (COG) meeting. Regionalization items were discussed such as Code Enforcement and a regional comprehensive plan which is in the very early stages. There will be a sustainability Forum, March 27 at USM with speaker Michael Schuman and a panel discussion with local business and eco-

nomics leaders. FMI www.gpcog.org.

Moulton reported he spoke with Senator Bartlett about submitting a bill to include a municipal fee with traffic violations. Gorham Police Officers attend court for traffic violations but money collected goes to the state. The state sends a small compensation which doesn't meet the town's costs.

The Ordinance Committee will meet again with GOCAT. Councilor Loveitt's goal is to have a prototype ordinance for the Council to hear at the March meeting.

Councilor Csoros attended the Legislative Policy Committee meeting in Augusta. In attendance were Town Managers, Town Councilors, and Legislature members. Reaction to budget cuts varied, but there is genuine fear about how towns will make ends meet. Gorham residents can take comfort that Gorham is very fiscally conservative.

Csoros reported the Appointments Committee needs volunteers to fill open positions on the various boards and committees.

Chairman Robinson has met with various Town Officials regarding concerns of local businesses. Robinson stated Gorham is keeping an eye on all Town finances. Gorham has not had to use fund balance money for payroll. The audit is coming along well; the Town may yet try to obtain the Certificate of Financial Achievement.

School Committee Chairman, Dennis Libby, reported on school activities which were previously covered in School Committee minutes, Feb. 22, *Gorham Times*.

Councilor Loveitt asked about the School Department's philosophies regarding reductions. Athletics, drama, and band are not necessarily classroom related. He hopes that innovation will be used to find funding from something other than the tax base. Loveitt is concerned to see classroom sizes increased to the detriment of the student while other activities continue business as usual.

Chairman Libby indicated everything is based on three principles, numeracy, literacy and citizenship; athletics and extra curricular activities are part of this philosophy. They will review all programs to look for savings.

Councilor Phinney commented on places to save money and look for new revenue streams. There could be pay-to-play fees in place for sports and activities.

Chairman Robinson inquired about the teachers union regarding contracts and salaries. Libby replied the teacher's union contracts are up for negotiation next year; the other two union contracts to be renewed this year are under negotiation. Robinson stated everyone has to give to get through this and does not want to see non-union employees taking it on the chin because it is an easier

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LETTUCE BE HEALTHY

Winter or Spring?

Barbara T. Schneider

It's common right about now for us to be tired of the 'Storm Center' music, the threat of a 10-inch snow fall and more school cancellations. While Spring is right around the corner elsewhere, that doesn't quite ring true in the great state of Maine. We have another month of cold temps, snow and ice, and ugly, gray slush we all have to tramp through.

The trick this time of year is to make some mindset changes so we 'feel' the onset of spring before it actually gets here. Serving some less heavy dinner entrees, heaping with more veggies and lots of nutritious fare can help fend off the late Winter Blahs. These offerings are inexpensive, nutritious, and quick to prepare.

The first chicken entrée uses leftovers, or boneless, skinless chicken thighs. Fresh basil is the key ingredient. The second is a pork dish which also uses leftovers or boneless chops, sliced and shredded. In both dishes, feel free to mix and match the vegetables. Be creative. Use what your family loves to increase the Yum factor. I tend to use a lot of fennel and off the wall root vegetables that can be stretched a long way. Of course, none of these offerings would be complete without an easy, delectable dessert of wondrous tastes: vanilla, caramel, chocolate, nuts and bananas. Try it, you'll enjoy.

Basil Chicken Mix-up

- 1 pound cubed chicken
- 1 cup diced fennel (with fronds)
- Edamame makes a great addition here as well (use as you like)
- 2 tablespoons canola oil
- 2 tablespoons minced garlic
- 2 tablespoons minced fresh ginger
- 1 teaspoon cayenne pepper
- 2 tablespoons chili sauce
- Shake of red pepper flakes
- 1 cup chicken broth
- 1 tablespoon Ponzu sauce/ oyster sauce
- 1 tablespoon Wondra or flour
- Pack of fresh basil lightly shredded

Heat oil in skillet, add garlic, ginger all dry seasonings; add chicken and fennel, cook 5 minutes or so. Mix other ingredients (except basil) in bowl; add to skillet and stir. Bring mixture to slow boil turn down and simmer for a few minutes. Add basil and gently mix in. Salt and pepper to taste. Serve over brown or white basmati rice. Enjoy!

Broccoli & Pork Mix-up

- 1 pound lean pork, shredded
- 1 large head of broccoli or broccoli rabe; chopped (include leaves)
- 1 cup shredded carrot
- 5 or 6 green onions, chopped (can use shallots)
- 3 or 4 cloves of garlic, minced
- 1 tablespoon fresh grated ginger
- 1 teaspoon cayenne pepper
- 1 teaspoon toasted sesame oil
- 1 teaspoon tamari sauce Canola oil (to stir fry, just a touch)
- 1/4 cup each fresh mint & parsley, chopped
- Salt & pepper taste

Heat canola oil in skillet; add garlic, ginger and onions. Sauté until tender, add sesame oil and pork, cook for 4-5 minutes. Add broccoli and carrots, along with broth and simmer to cook veggies 5-8 minutes. Add cayenne pepper, tamari sauce and simmer. Mix in fresh herbs and salt and pepper to taste. Serve over brown or white basmati rice. Enjoy!

Banana Dish Bomb

- Vanilla ice cream
- Chocolate/fudge sauce
- Caramel sauce
- Chopped Snickers bar

Whipped cream, chopped nuts (walnuts, hazelnuts, etc). Scoop some vanilla ice cream into a deep dish, slice bananas on top. Place sauce containers in the microwave for 30 seconds, drizzle on top of bananas. Heat chopped Snickers bar for 20 seconds, put on top. Sprinkle nuts and whipped cream on top if desired. Yum!

@ YOUR LIBRARY FROM PAGE 4

- If you enjoy writing, pick up an entry form at the library and enter the writing contest. This year there are contests for grades 3 - 12 and for adults. The deadline for entries is March 14 at noon. Information is also available on the library's website at www.baxterlibrary.org.
- Other ways to have fun include borrowing from the library's always changing collection. With the help of the Friends' group, the library has recently purchased several new DVDs and graphic novels for young adults. Not what you might think, these are illustrated action books popular with young people!

These are just some of the ways that

the library helps the citizens of Gorham. You can help the library too. The Trustees have just initiated a Cents for Our Second Century Community Coin Drive to benefit the library's Centennial Endowment Fund. The goal is to collect, 100,000 of each: pennies, nickels, dimes and quarters for a grand total of \$41,000. You can get your very own bank in which to collect the coins at the library or just drop off coins anytime the library is open.

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Gorham Times Staff

With the team name of LEGO Jedi Masters, Elliott Twilley, Gareth Packard, and Joseph Martin won the 1st place Tournament Champion's Award in the Southern Maine FIRST LEGO League (FLL) tournament. The team's coach was Beth Fagerson, Joseph's mom. The three boys formed a neighborhood team in Gorham. They also came home with the Quality design trophy, for the best robot design.

FIRST stands for, "For the Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology." This program is aimed at 9 to 14 yr. olds with an interest in science and technology. There are two parts to the annual challenge: the Project, and the Robot Game. The Project consists of a self-directed research task, a solution task and a share task. This year's topic was CLIMATE CONNECTIONS, teams learned about global warming and climate issues in their local area. The Robot Game challenges each team to design and program a Lego robot to accomplish missions on a 4'x8' world. The tournament scores each team on a presentation of the Project to a panel



Joseph Martin, Elliot Twilley, Gareth Packard brought home 1st place at Southern Maine's FIRST LEGO League Tournament

Photo Credit - Vicky Packard

of judges and performance in the Game, as well as design, programming, teamwork and spirit accomplishments. This year's competition, held Feb. 7, hosted 25 teams from the Southern Maine area. FMI <http://firstlegoleague.org/community/HomePage.aspx>

GMS Talent Show Rocks the Stage!



Photo credit Donna Pastore

Sarah Logan and her dad performed together at the GMS Talent Show on January 29. Other performers included the GMS Dance Club who wowed the crowd when they danced to Thriller, while Maddie Gotschlich sang Hot-n-Cold. These were just three of the twenty acts in the talent show. On the night of the show, student council representatives sold baked goods during intermission as well as chocolate flower pops to benefit the Kennebunk Animal Shelter.

Wellness Night a Huge Hit

Leslie Dupuis



Photo credit Leslie Dupuis

Ryan Murray (right) demonstrated the 12 pressure points during a Jukado session with Doshu Allan Viernes. Inset at right: Aidan Enck enjoyed an outdoor storywalk where reading and snowshoeing was combined. Snowshoes crisscrossed a trail spotlighting Gorham author Cathy Falwell's book Scoot! Each page of Falwell's book was enlarged so children and their parents could read the story and experience the outdoors on snowshoes or just on foot. Falwell's words came alive in the night with snow sculptures created during art classes illustrating the story.



Photo credit Mary Patterson

Narragansett's PIE and Wellness Committee sponsored a Family Wellness Night on January 28 that was attended by nearly 500 people. The event focused on staying active and making healthy food choices. Some of the evening's outdoor activities included ice skating with members of the USM men's and women's hockey teams, snowshoeing, and a Storywalk featuring Gorham author and artist Cathryn Falwell. There were also organizations, or individuals, that shared their wellness message at tables in the gym. Nine classrooms were rearranged to accommodate interactive sessions such as Zumba, Irish Step Dancers and Brain Gym to name a few.

According to Frank DiFrancesco, Narragansett's PE teacher, "comments from parents, students and staff have been as positive as any of us could have imagined. The kids really enjoyed an opportunity to do recreational activities with their friends and families. And the groups presenting info and instruction enjoyed the opportunity to promote their message or organization. Since the Wellness Night, the skating rink is being used by kids and parents after school and on the weekends. The PIE group is hoping to keep the ice maintained with the help of the rec. and the fire department. Both of those groups did a great job preparing the ice" for the event.



Photo credit Kim Phinney

Trevor Gava joins Redy, the "Let's Go" mascot.

Let's Go Grants

Three Gorham schools recently received grants from the Let's Go organization that have allowed them to purchase items promoting health and fitness. Narragansett School used a portion of their money for 27 pairs of snow shoes from LL Bean. At Village School, PE teacher Gary Speed utilized the grant money for new tennis equipment and the birdieball golf program. Children at both Narragansett and Village schools will be using the new sporting gear during PE class and will also have access to it at recess. The majority of the funds at White Rock School are being used for yoga instruction. Instructors will be teaching yoga sessions to each class once a month and the White Rock staff will be introduced to a new class, "Calming Children Through Yoga". The school is also establishing a "Let's Go!" library with books that address 5-2-1-0 concepts. Any remaining money will be used to purchase additional outdoor play equipment for recess.

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A Banner Effort

Donna Pastore

Members of the GMS Student Council worked for a full month on a banner for the 2009 Special Olympics World Games in Boise, Idaho.



Photo credit: Lisa Shiers

During the month of January, GMS student council members decorated a banner in support of the 2009 Special Olympics World Games in Boise, Idaho. The banner was hand-carried to the Games by GHS junior Jordan Shiers where it was prominently displayed on the main stage of the Youth Rally.

Shiers was chosen to attend the event as part of the Global Youth Sum-

mit Council which works to improve inclusion, acceptance and tolerance. Since returning from the World Games, Shiers has been working with others to develop a Best Buddies Program in Maine that will pair intellectually impaired individuals with typically developing peers and provide opportunities for them to "hang out" for a couple of hours each month.



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Jordan Shiers (at left) is pictured with athletes and advocates from Hong Kong, China and Cincinnati at the 2009 Special Olympics World Games.

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GHS Track Athletes Excel

Jeff Pike

As noted in the last issue of the *Gorham Times*, several GHS Indoor Track athletes turned in stellar performances at the boys and girls Class A State track meets that took place Feb. 16 at USM. Leading the way was junior Cam Stevens, who won the boys 400 meters while setting a state record with a time of 50.37. Stevens was also part of the winning 4x200 relay team along with seniors Brandon Patten and Chris Esposito as well as junior Jake Willis. The quartet won the race with a time of 1:36.45. The standout in the girls meet for Gorham was junior Rachel Wilkinson, who came in second in the one-mile and third in the two-mile despite battling the flu.

In the 400 meter race won by Stevens, boys head coach John Wilkinson commented, "Cam was very focused, and he won the race by a half stride with a lean at the finish line. He has a good rivalry with the second-place runner (Ben Sinclair of Brewer) and wanted revenge after losing to him at the outdoor State track meet last spring. Cam stayed close for 200 meters and then took the lead coming around the last turn."

Stevens won the race by .08 over Sinclair, who Stevens has competed against since he was nine-years-old. Stevens will next compete in the 600 meters at the New England track meet (March 6 in Boston) since the 400 meter race is not offered at that meet. Last year, Stevens competed in the 300 meters at the New Englands and ended up placing fifth, which is the highest finish ever at a New England indoor meet for a Gorham athlete. "Cam worked on his endurance this year, so he could also do well in the 600 meters this year," Wilkinson said.

The GHS relay team led the 4x200 from start to finish as Patten, running the first leg jumped out to the lead and held it for the entire leg. "Brandon getting the lead was key because during the first leg, runners have to say in their lanes," Wilkinson said. "But with the second leg, we were able to move right into the inside lane ahead of everyone else. We kept the lead the rest of the way and won comfortably."

The 4x200 relay has been a strong event for GHS in recent years as Gorham has won the State relay in four of the past six years including the last two Class A races. This year's relay team has opted not to compete in the New England meet due to the expected level of competition, but Patten will compete in the 55 meters while Willis is an alternate who may also compete in the 55 meters depending on whether qualifiers ahead of him decide to go.

In the girls one-mile race, Wilkinson broke a GHS record set in 1990 by Heather Moore. Wilkinson set the new record with a time of 5:15.82. "Rachel showed great versatility throughout the season as a league all-star in the 600 and 800 meters as well as the one



The GHS 4x200 relay team, pictured above on the winner's podium from left to right, consisting of senior Brandon Patten, senior Chris Esposito, junior Cam Stevens and junior Jake Willis won the boys track Class A State title with a time of 1:36.45. Stevens was also the State champ in the 400 meters with a time of 50.37. Inset is Rachel Wilkinson, who finished second in the girls track Class A State meet one-mile and third in the two-mile.

mile," said girls track head coach John Caterina. "Her performance in the one-mile race was very impressive as she pushed eventual winner Fiona Hendry of Cheverus for seven laps of the eight-lap race.

Like a lot of other track athletes, Rachel was fighting the flu-bug at the state meet and had some difficulty

bouncing back for the two mile race. In spite of her obvious fatigue due to the flu, she hung in for another impressive performance, finishing third. By finishing second in the one-mile, Wilkinson had the choice of running either the 1600 or 3200 meter races at the New England track meet. She has opted to run the 1600.

GHS Booster Club Needs Volunteers

Jeff Pike

The Gorham High School Booster Club has consistently contributed \$8,000-\$10,000 yearly to GHS and GMS. The contributions not only benefit the sports programs but also the entire student body, such as the digital signs donated to both schools that help keep students and parents up-to-date on all school activities.

Although fundraising and supporting Gorham athletes are the major functions, the organization's mission also includes promoting citizenship and contribution among students, parents, coaches, teachers and administrators. "We try to get everyone involved in supporting Gorham athletics," explained Booster Club president Marc Robitaille. "We want to promote an environment where students and parents realize that to succeed, the sports programs need their help. We also want everyone to realize it benefits the town when teams and their parents

demonstrate good citizenship."

Other contributions the Club have made include two \$500 annual scholarships to graduating seniors; chairs for the teams that play at the GHS Gym; wheels for the outdoor soccer nets; cheerleading mats; flowers for parents and plaques for seniors when seniors play their last home game; plaques and celebration parties for State championship winners; and conference training seminars for coaches. Recently, the Club paid for remodeling the announcer/video platform at the GHS Gym.

Despite their current strength, the group is at a crossroads when it comes to the future of the organization. "We currently have about eight acting members on the committee, but several of them will step down in June," Robitaille said. "It's imperative for the organization to find new volunteers to help out."

The biggest shoes to fill will be

in the Zone

UMF College All-Star: University of Maine at Farmington junior center **JOSH TANGUAY** (GHS '06) was named to the All-North Atlantic Conference First Team for men's basketball. Tanguay averaged 15.2 points and 10.9 rebounds per game and led the conference in field-goal percentage (.682).

USM Lacrosse Captain: Senior **JOSH PLOWMAN** (GHS '05) was named a co-captain of the University of Southern Maine men's lacrosse team for the 2009 season. Plowman appeared in 12 games last spring as a defender. He had one goal and scooped up 14 ground balls.

Hockey All-Academic: **MELISSA SLATER** of Gorham and a senior at Cheverus H.S. was named to the girls hockey SMAA All-Academic Team.

Gorham Skaters Open Synchronized Championships: **CECILIA KUSTURIN, KATIE KUSTURIN** and **BETH KUSTURIN**, all from Gorham and who skate for the North Atlantic Figure Skating Club in Falmouth, will perform with a group of skaters from the club during the opening ceremonies of the U.S. Synchronized Skating Championships Mar. 5 at the Cumberland County Civic Center.

Gorham Snow Boarders Cortlandt Dunn and **Alex McCarthy** competed in a recent back to back USASA Maine Mountain Series Boarder Cross held at Sunday River. Dunn, who competes in the Youth Men's division placed 2nd and 5th. McCarthy, who competes in the Breaker Boys division, finished 2nd in both competitions.

Ski Captains: Seniors **Taylor Sullivan** and **Julianne Farrar** were selected as captains of the GHS girls ski team.

Robitaille's, who has been the president since 2005. His wife, Nancy, the club treasurer, may also need to step down or reduce her role due to other commitments. Robitaille explained, "We need at least 8-10 new board members from which hopefully a president and vice-president will emerge as well as liaisons for each sports team, and parents to help out with the concession stand and other fundraisers."

Concession stand sales create most of the club's revenue. Parents that staff the concession stand earn funds that go directly to the sports team of their choice. "Most of the time, the concession stand is staffed by parents of the team that is playing at the time, such as basketball and soccer games," Robitaille said. "But parents of players on teams that don't have games with the concession stand, such as golf and cross-country, can also help, and if they do, part

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Undefeated Season



Photo credit Stacie Leavitt

The seventh-grade boys basketball team finished the season undefeated with 14 wins and also won the Scarborough Holiday Tournament. Playing for the team and pictured above, front row, from left to right: Jimmy Talbott, Ben King, Jon Woods, Frank Pappalardo, Gage Pratt and Joey Smith. Back row: Coach Gregg Morton, Austin Bell, Owen Mulrey, Eddie Weymouth, Nick Greatorex, Ross Pratt, Jesse Leavitt, Matt Melton and Manager Brandon Lebreque.

GHS Winter Sports Wrap-Up— Part II

Jeff Pike

GIRLS HOCKEY

Regular Season Record: 2-14, seventh in Western Maine

Postseason Results: Just missed qualifying for playoffs

Graduating Seniors: Ashley Martin, Caitlin Caldwell, Kayla Colarruso, Aimee St. Germain, Brie Holloran.

Individual Player Accomplishments:

Assistant captain Ashley Martin scored 25 goals and notched eight assists to lead the team; captain Caitlin Caldwell was second with 13 goals and 12 assists while also scoring over 100 points for her career. Both players were selected to play in the Maine Senior All-Star Game. Senior Aimee St. Germaine, despite never playing goalie until three days before the first game, played well throughout the season.

Team Accomplishments: The team closed the season with a "Senior Night" win against Portland, 7-5, to avenge an earlier loss.

Coach Comments: "With two varsity players returning, an inexperienced goalie, and several new skaters, we accomplished quite a bit this season," said head coach Nat Germond. "All the girls improved in their individual skills as well as team play. We had several close games, and I am most proud of the effort we gave every game and our refusal to give up. Winning the final game was a terrific send off for our seniors. Looking to next year, we need to improve the number of participants as currently only eight girls return. The returning girls have the desire to continue improving, and I am certain they will work hard in the off-season. I'd like to thank my assistant coaches Beth Fulton, Rachel Lolley and Katie Flaherty for their efforts. The work ethic and spirit shown throughout the

season was a credit to the school, the community and the player's families."

BOYS HOCKEY

Regular Season Record: 17-1, first in Western Maine Class A rankings.

Postseason Results: Lost to Biddeford, 5-2, in the quarterfinals of the tournament

Graduating Seniors: David Gushee, Ian Ryan, Jake Viel.

Individual Player Accomplishments:

Senior David Gushee finished the season with 44 goals and 19 assists and finished his career as the all-time goals and points leader in GHS history.

Team Accomplishments: This was the first time Gorham finished first in the HEAL Point Standings for Western Maine Class A, and it was the first time the Rams made the top ten in the Maine Coaches/Media Poll.

Coach's Comments: "This year's turn around from a 4-16 season the year before was a tremendous accomplishment," said head coach Jon Portwine. "Teamwork and discipline were the two major contributors and made this a special season to be a part of. And with seven or eight juniors returning for their senior years, we look forward to another successful season next year. We will return much of the varsity roster from this season with only three seniors departing, but improvement will be needed to fill their slots. I would also like to extend a thank you to all the players, parents, and fans that supported us all season."

Look for wrap-ups of the boys and girls skiing, boys and girls track, and cheerleading in the next issue of The Gorham Times. The boys and girls basketball wrap-ups appeared in the February 20 Gorham Times available online at www.gorhamtimes.com.

BOOSTERS FROM PREVIOUS PAGE

of the proceeds go directly to those programs."

"If we don't find new volunteers by the end of the school year, the Booster Club could find itself in a difficult situation," Robitaille said. "And with the current financial situation, the athletic programs at GHS and GMS are more likely to need our financial support. It's

critical that we find new volunteers."

The Booster Club meets the second Monday of every month at the GHS Library; the general public is welcome. To volunteer contact Marc Robitaille at mrobit@maine.rr.com. Or contact any board member including Nancy Robitaille, Dawn Irish, Gary Auger, Lisa

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Burns, Sandra Wilson, Julie Burnheimer, Scott Burnheimer, Janet Davis and Martha Bolinger.

The positions of president and vice-president need be filled as well as other important positions, and overall the Booster Club needs 10-20 people

to function properly. "The current board will make sure there's smooth transition to the new board," Robitaille said. "We want to set the new volunteers up for success. The system is in place, but we need new help to keep the success going."

TOWN COUNCIL FROM PAGE 4

move than union contracts and would like all contracts opened. Robinson is looking for a flat tax increase this year. Libby responded that they are considering all options.

A proposal to amend the Land Use and Development Code relative to noise was sent back to the Ordinance Committee for review following comment from Larry Grondin of R J Grondin and Sons as they were unaware of proposed changes and had concerns about it. A proposal to amend the Land Use and Development Code by removing the Planning Board from the street acceptance process as the Town Council also has to accept new streets and the process is redundant, was approved unanimously.

The Council unanimously approved Industrial Park Way located off Rt. 237 as a public way classified as industrial/commercial road. A proposal to develop an ordinance to regulate windmills was sent to the Ordinance Committee for review.

Jeremy Green, of Art Guru, spoke in opposition to a sign ordinance proposal as did Roger Flannery, of Sign Design, Inc., asking for some form

of appeals process in the sign ordinance. Hans Hansen raised issues with non-conforming signs. The Council referred a proposal to amend the sign ordinance, to allow the replacement of legally non-conforming signs, with another non-conforming sign as long as the replacement sign is less non-conforming than the original sign, to the Planning Board. 4 yeas, 3 nays (Robinson, Loveitt, Moulton).

The Council authorized the Town Manager to sign the Memorandum of Agreement between the Maine DOT, Maine Turnpike Authority, PACTS, and the municipalities of Scarborough, South Portland, Westbrook and Gorham on the Gorham East West Corridor Study; and, appointed Burleigh Loveitt as Gorham's representative on the Study's Steering Committee. 6 yeas, 1 abstention (Loveitt).

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dean's list

KATHLEEN MASTERSON (GHS '06), has been named to the Dean's List at St. Anselm's College for the 2008 fall semester. Masterson, a nursing major, is the daughter of Bob and Althea Masterson.

JULIANA VAN DE KROL (GHS '05), was named to the Dean's List at Hardwick College for the 2008 fall semester. Van de Krol, a nursing major, is the daughter of Barbara and Andrew Van de Krol.

The following students made the Dean's List at The University of Maine at Orono for the 2008 fall semester., JONATHAN ALLEN, EVAN BRADSTREET, ELIZABETH DAMON, XIBEI DING, CHARLENE FRICK, JENNIFER GRAVES, MEGAN HAMILTON, IAN HAYES, JESSICA LONG, TYLER MARCET, CHELSEA RONDEAU, SAMANTHA OWENS, TIMOTHY POULIN, ELIZABETH RICHARD, MIRIAM RIMKUNAS, PETER RIMKUNAS, MARIE SMITH, JENNIFER STOUTT, CHANTAL-MARIE TIJSSEN, KELSEY WILSON, LINDA WONG and CAMERON WISE.

of interest

The Gorham Ecumenical Council will meet on Thursday, March 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.

Congratulations to Gorham resident LEAH WRIGHT, RN, who is Care Hero for the month of January at VNA's Home Health & Hospice. Wright is Manager of Performance Improvement at VNA.

A March Supper featuring Chicken Pie, vegetables, cranberry sauce, rolls and homemade pies for dessert will be served on March 7, 5-6:30 p.m. at the First Parish Congregational Church, Gorham. \$8 adults/\$5 under 12. All are welcome.

The Friends of Baxter Memorial Library are holding their Annual Writing Contest for adults and students in grades 3-12 and a bookmark contest for students in grades 6-12. Deadline for submissions is March 14 at noon. FMI, www.baxterlibrary.org.

Baxter Memorial Library will host a Music Together Demonstration Class on Monday, Mar. 16 at 1:30 p.m. for ages birth -5 years old. There will be singing, dancing and clapping along with finger-plays and rhythmic chants. FMI, 839-5031.

The Friends of Baxter Memorial Library invite you to join them for a special event. March 16 from 7-8 p.m. MARGARET HATHAWAY and KARL SCHATZ, the authors of The Year of the Goat: 40,000 Miles and the Quest for the Perfect Cheese, will present a reading from their book, a slideshow of their adventures, and a tasting of the cheese they make at their farm in Gray. FMI, 839-5031.

Narragansett School will hold a Kindergarten Registration on March 24 (storm date Apr. 2) from 6-7:30 p.m. Parents of children who will be 5 years old on or before Oct. 15, 2009 should plan to attend.

There will be a Spaghetti Supper on March 6, from 6-8 p.m. at the Old Robie School, 668 Gray Rd in Gorham to benefit the Greater Portland School of Jukado Martial Arts. Tickets \$7. FMI, 854-9408.

Join the Gorham Women's Alliance at the Cressey Road United Methodist Church in Gorham on Saturday, Mar. 7 from 9 a.m. - 12 noon for a fun, informal, and inspirational morning. Learn from women who have turned their own talents into income for their families. Small business owners will also display their products and services. Cost \$5. FMI, call Natasha 232-4803 or Linda 749-7319.

Skip, Scoot and Scamper. Join Baxter Memorial Library for a Pre-School Story Time on March 10 at 9:30 a.m. Gorham picture book writer and illustrator, CATHRYN FALWELL, will bring her portable pond, books, puppets and more for an interactive story time. FMI, 839-5031.

Gorham High School proudly presents "West Side Story" for six performances, March 13, 14, 20 and 21 at 7:30 p.m. and March 15 and 22 at 2:30 p.m. \$9 adults/\$6 seniors and students. Tickets may be reserved by calling 839-5754.

Warren Memorial Library in Westbrook will present a free SHAPE CAPERS event for children ages 3-8 on March 27 (school inservice day) from 1:30 - 3 pm. Crafts, games, movement, music making, a treasure hunt and more! Join Gorham author/illustrator CATHRYN FALWELL for shape making fun. FMI, 854-5891 to register.

Goodwill has announced a new computer-recycling program called ReConnect. Residents in Maine can now recycle any brand of computer and accessories at Goodwill locations.

Save the date! Gorham Marketplace Saturday, March 28 at the Costello Field House, Gorham Campus. FMI, 892-5515.

New York Times Art Critic Coming to USM USM's Lecture Series in the Visual Arts con-

Rep. Jane Knapp (R-Gorham) and Ryan and Kyle Latronico, stand in the House Chamber on February 17, 2009. Knapp welcomed both brothers to the State House to serve as Honorary Pages of the day. Ryan and Kyle are members of Boy Scout Troop 73 and residents of Gorham.



Photo by Shawn Roderick

tinues with a lecture by New York Times Art Critic Ken Johnson titled, "Are You Experienced? Art, Religion and the Psychedelic Revolution." This free public lecture will take place at 1 p.m., Friday, March 6, in USM's Burnham Lounge, Robie-Andrews Hall, Gorham. Johnson's lecture will explore the metaphysical, psychedelic, and other affinities that have influenced the making of art since the 1960s. For more information, please contact 780-5008.

USM's 2009 Visiting-Artist-In-Residence (VAIR), Michelle Forsyth, has turned the Gorham Art Gallery into a working studio as she and her USM art student assistants installed, "Canopy," a work featuring elaborate cut-paper forms that will be suspended from the ceiling. The exhibit runs through Wednesday, April 8. Gallery hours are Tuesday-Friday 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturday and Sunday 1-5 p.m. For more information, visit the gallery website at www.usm.maine.edu/gallery.

The Gorham Woman's Club will meet on Thursday, March 12th, at 12:30 p.m. at the First Parish Congregational Church. Refreshments will be served, followed by a program and business meeting. Jane Shaw, president of the Maine Federation of Women's Club will be the guest speaker. Guests and those considering membership are welcome. For more information, contact Marie Woodbrey at 839-4213.

Two Gorham High School rock bands will compete in the 25th Annual Rock-Off on March 15 and March 22 at 2 p.m. at McAuley Performing Arts Center, 637 Stevens Ave. Portland. The bands include: **Saga, of Sorts** which is comprised of Aaron Bartlett, Tom Bennett, Amos Cooper and Tyler Richardson. **Crossed Out** includes Jake Hansen, Mike Tracy, Alex Verrill and Stephen Verrill. Tickets \$10 advance/\$12 at the door. FMI, 857-9002. Log on to www.maintoday.com/rockoff to vote for your favorite band.

KEY CLUB FROM PAGE 1

through community service. In the Spring of 2008, the GHS Key Club was chartered with the sponsorship and support of its parent organization, the Gorham Kiwanis Club. To be chartered, a club needs to be sponsored by a Kiwanis Club, approved by the school and have an adult advisor as well as at least 25 active members.

With 52 dedicated and enthusiastic members this year, the club has undertaken a wide variety of community service projects including groups such as Operation Holiday Cheer, Baxter Memorial Library, Gorham Business & Civic Exchange, White Rock Family Art Night, Gorham Taste Walk, Gorham Block Party, the Dream Factory and a number of charity walks.

The Key Club has been a great foundation for students to understand the importance of community involvement and has afforded them the opportunity to develop leadership skills while seeing

the results of their actions. "It is truly amazing to see the level of energy, commitment, talent and caring that these teens have. It is very clear to me that today's Gorham High School Key Clubs will be the leaders of tomorrow," says Margo Badeau, Key Club Advisor.

The most ambitious project undertaken this year by the Key Club was for Operation Holiday Cheer, the program started by the Gorham Kiwanis Club to provide a holiday gift to the children of military families. The Key Club effort was co-chaired by Jason Badeau, Treasurer, and Patrick Shaw and resulted in the largest single project ever undertaken by any Key Club in Maine. Through community and corporate donations, as well as a car wash, bake sale, silent auction and outreach to other Key Clubs throughout New York and New England, the GHS Key Club raised over \$10,000 for children of military families.

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GoCat Volunteer Appreciation Sue Dunn

At a recent GoCat volunteer recognition several awards and acknowledgements were presented to their volunteers. Awards from the Alliance for Community Media Northeast Region were presented to Jamie Kennedy and Debe Loughlin for 1st place in the category of Local Attrac-

tion. Leah Peabbles and Georgia Humphrey received 1st place in the category of Public Service Announcements, can Ivonne Vazquez place 3rd place in the Community Impact category.

Pete Walker was recognized for contributing more than 1000 hours of

community service for GOCAT in production of school sports. Without Pete's dedication, local sports would not have a voice on television.

Go Cat also recognized Terri Dawson, Patti Joyce and Denise Asselin for initiative and partnership with Community Access in facilitating media skills that will serve the mission of bringing town, school and community informa-

tion to the citizens of Gorham. Dawson was acknowledged for integrating new technologies into the Gorham School System through the i-team at GMS.

Joyce is the i-team facility advisor and Denise Asselin was acknowledged for her commitment to the v-team at Village school.



GoCat volunteers recently recognized include: Front row (l to r): Patti Joyce, Georgia Humphrey, Denise Asselin, Debe Loughlin. Back row (l to r): Terri Dawson, Pete Walker, Leah Peabbles, Ivonne Vazquez, Jamie Kennedy.

OPERA FROM PAGE 1

orchestra and back again to create a musical experience that is fulfilling and rewarding – for those on stage and in the pit, as well as the audience. All are gathered in to a rich artistic happening.”

Originally part of a triptych (Il Tabarro, Suor Angelica, and Gianni Schicchi) The Cloak, Sister Angelica, and Gianni Schicchi – these one-act operas can be, and often are, performed independently. In terms of theme, two of the operas are a perfectly matched pair. In the tragedy “Suor Angelica,” powerful repressive forces (the Princess with aid from the Abbess) have changed a will, and force our heroine, Sister Angelica, to relinquish her rights, using her guilt for having a child against her. In the comedy, “Gianni

Schicchi,” a rogue tricks greedy relatives and redistributes the legacy of a will, giving everyone their due – plus a welcome comeuppance for the greediest. And, of course, young love prevails!

The production is sponsored by USM Music patrons. Curtain times are 7:30 p.m. March 13, 14, 19, 20 and 21; and 2 p.m. Sunday, March 15; and 10 a.m. Tuesday, March 17 for a student matinee (with piano only, no orchestra.)

Advance reservations are required since all seats sell out quickly. Tickets are \$20 for the general public; \$14 for seniors, USM employees and alumni; and \$10 for students. Call the Theater box office at 780-5151.

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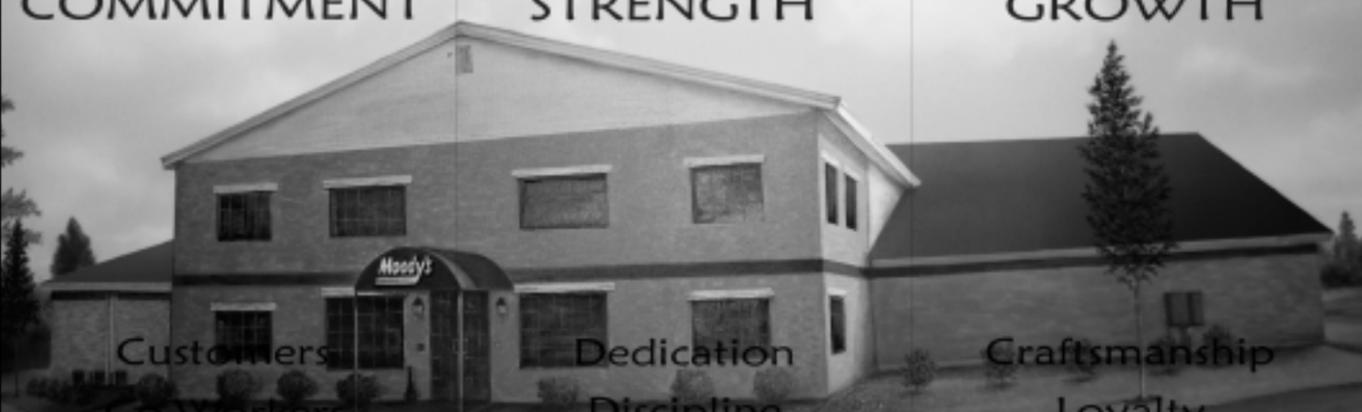
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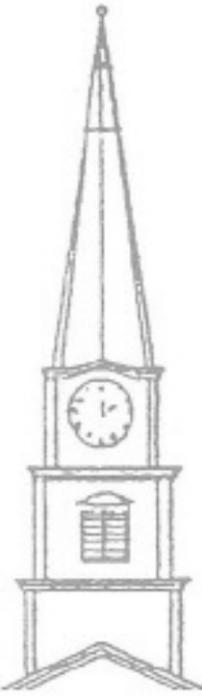
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the blotter

Hannah Drive caller reported someone had slashed their tires and written on the door of their house.

Barstow Road caller reported the theft of prescription medication during a party at their house the previous night.

Mosher Road caller reported that they returned home to find the cellar door unlocked and the vacuum cleaner on.

Bartlett Road caller reported the Department of Public Works was intentionally plowing snow back in to their driveway causing them to park their vehicle on the side of the road.

Stroudwater Falls Way caller reported losing a purse and cell phone at a friend's house. Someone found the purse and used the cell phone to dial the caller's parents stating that they found the property. Caller does not get along with parents and requested that PD call them for the information to retrieve their belongings.

Winding Brook Way caller reported seeing a wounded seagull.

Dingley Spring Road caller reported that when they returned home from work, they noticed that their flat screen television was missing. Caller also noticed undisturbed footprints at the back of the house.

South Street caller reported a peacock crossed the road in front of her.

McLellan Road caller reported that their dog killed some chickens the previous

night after someone had let the dog loose.

Weeks Road caller reported that a stencil of ex-President Bush was spray painted sometime between 10 am and 3 pm the day before.

Longfellow Road caller reported seeing a pick-up on the side of the road with two males dressed in camouflage holding some sort of a rifle in their hands. Subjects were coyote hunting and had cleared it with land owner.

Wintergreen Drive caller reported their teenager was outside throwing chairs at the house as teen had been locked out. Teen was supposed to have been in school. The window was broken.

Sanborn Street caller reported that a person they knew was driving with a suspended license.

Mighty Street caller reported a male, walking along the street in the area of a suspicious parked vehicle. Male refused to answer questions regarding why he was there.

Ossipee Trail caller reported that they had a vehicle that had not been picked up. Caller advised registered owner that the vehicle needed to be moved in 30 minutes or less.

Waterhouse Road caller reported a 16 year old female had left their residence. They were concerned as female had a drug issue and left angry and with no coat on.

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FRIDAY, MAR. 6

- Knight's of Columbus Lenten Haddock Dinner, 5-6:30 p.m., St. Anne's Catholic Church, Gorham. \$7/\$3. All are welcome.
- Conferences for grades 6-12.
- USM's Lecture by *New York Times* Art Critic Ken Johnson titled, "Are You Experienced? Art, Religion and the Psychedelic Revolution." 1 p.m., USM's Burnham Lounge, Robie-Andrews Hall, Gorham. Free. FMI, 780-5008.

SATURDAY, MAR. 7

- Chicken Pie March Supper, 5-6:30 p.m., First Parish Congregational Church, Gorham. \$8/\$5. All are welcome. FMI, 839-6751.
- Bean Supper, White Rock Community Club, Wilson Rd, Off 237 in Gorham, 4:30 - 6 p.m. Adults: \$7 Kids: \$3

TUESDAY, MAR. 10

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

WEDNESDAY, MAR. 11

- School Committee Meeting, 7 p.m., Gorham Municipal Center, 75 South St.

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

FRIDAY, MAR. 13

- Knight's of Columbus Lenten Haddock Dinner, 5-6:30 p.m., St. Anne's Catholic Church, Gorham. \$7/\$3. The public is very much welcome.
- GHS Drama presents, "West Side Story," 7:30 p.m. MPAC. \$9/\$6. FMI, 839-5754.

SATURDAY, MAR. 14

- GHS Drama presents, "West Side Story," 7:30 p.m. MPAC. \$9/\$6. FMI, 839-5754.

SUNDAY, MAR. 15

- GHS Drama presents, "West Side Story," 2:30 p.m. MPAC. \$9/\$6. FMI, 839-5754.

MONDAY, MAR. 16

- Music Together Demonstration Class, 1:30 p.m., Baxter Memorial Library. Early childhood music program for children birth through age 5. FMI, 839-5031.

TUESDAY, MAR. 17

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

THURSDAY, MAR. 19

- Kiwanis Club Lunch Meeting, Pinecrest Bed & Breakfast, Noon - 1 p.m. FMI, 839-8944.
- 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.

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