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## Municipal Budget Holds the Line on Taxes

Bill Ambrose

The Fiscal Year 2009/2010 Municipal portion of the Town Budget will not result in any increase in the property taxes paid by Gorham residents. In presenting his proposed budget to the Town's Staff and Town Council on April 7, Town Manager David Cole characterized it as "the most difficult budget I have had to prepare during my years as Town Manager."

The new budget amount is \$11,407,720, which is an actual reduction of 3.2% from the current Municipal Budget. Although the property tax rate needed to support this budget will decrease from \$4.43 to \$4.41, an increase in the Cumberland County tax will offset the reduction, resulting in no change in the tax rate.

The recommendations contained in the new budget will result in fewer services to the public. Staffing at the Baxter Memorial Library will be cut by 19.5 hours a week. Cole expects that the library will need to close one evening or one morning to accommodate the staff reductions, in spite of the increased usage of the facility in

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## Gorham Students Win Odyssey of the Mind State Title

Impressive Performances from all Teams Diane Knott

After months of preparation, five teams from Gorham competed in the State Tournament for Odyssey of the Mind in Sanford on March 28. Two teams were from Village Elementary School and three teams were from Gorham Middle School.

A first place trophy was awarded to Village Elementary for their solution to a structural design problem and performance in Division I. Using less than 18 grams of balsa wood, the team's structure held an amazing 245 pounds, qualifying them for a trip to the World Finals in Ames, Iowa on May 30.

A vehicle team from Village Elementary earned a second place trophy and entry to the World Finals. Their creative skit featured a vehicle visiting four locations representing different environments. The team includes Grant Hawkes, Nathan Bachner, Tony Cooper, Sam Rousel, Ashlee Finlay, Coleman Dowdle, and was coached by Karen Hawkes.

Two GMS teams earned third place, Division II, in overall state standings and were awarded a trophy. A vehicle team entertained the audience with a space travel skit. This team includes Kevin Frazier, Corbin Kenaley, Joseph Martin, Isaac Salpietra, Russell Becker and was coached by Laurie Bem Frazier, Holly Kenaley, and Lisa Becker. The other



Photo credit Marie Rowe

**Odyssey of the Mind Winners** The Village Elementary team won first place for their Shock Waves performance at the State Tournament for Odyssey of the Mind. Team members (l to r) are: Will Perrin (5th grade), Julie Perrin (coach), Avery Arena (4th grade), Michelle Rowe (3rd grade), Keenan Kent (5th Grade), Alex Ousback (3rd grade), Doris Beane (5th grade) and Danielle Despins (coach). Missing is Cody Swift (4th grade).

third place team from Gorham was coached by Thomas Courtney and creatively solved the structural problem and skit. Team members are Griffin Courtney, Jason Meuse, Sydney Prindle, Molly Creedon, and Madeline Gotschlich.

In addition, a drama team from Gorham Middle School creatively pre-

sented a performance on superstitions. Team members are Ashley Woodbury, Zoe Swift, Elizabeth Kane, Catie Becker, Natalya Gorsky and were coached by Georgianna Woodbury and Diane Knott.

Odyssey of the Mind is an international educational program that provides an

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## Lampron's Mini-Mart Robbed

Sheri Faber



On April 5, a man far left in first photo, entered Lampron's Mini-Mart on Gray Road at approximately 7:40 p.m. and waited for the other customers to leave. He then went up to the counter and asked for a pack of cigarettes. When the clerk opened the cash drawer, the man reached in and grabbed a handful of cash. The clerk attempted to grab the suspect but was not able to do so and the suspect fled the store, running north.

The robber was described as white, approximately 24-30 years old, about 5'9" and weighing 170 pounds, with a goatee and sideburns. He was wearing a baseball hat, a blue sweat-shirt with a hood and jeans. No weapon was used in the robbery and no one was injured.

Anyone having any information or recognizing the suspect is asked to call Detective Sears Edwards at 839-5046.

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## And the Winners are...

Congratulations to Emma Deans and Marcia Bailey for either sending their e-mail address and/or joining our Gorham Times Readers group on Facebook—you have won a \$20 gift certificate to Sebago Brewing Company! Thanks to everyone for participating and keep an eye out for additional promos and freebies in the future!





NEWS FROM AUGUSTA

# Fragile But Toxic

Jane Knapp



The Joint Standing Committee on Natural Resources, of which I am a member, has been working on L.D. 973, "An Act To Provide for the Safe Collection and Recycling of Mercury-containing Lighting."

Why is this bill so important? Why not just throw the light bulbs in the trash? The reason is that, if broken, these bulbs may release mercury into the environment. If the trash is incinerated, mercury may be released into the atmosphere; and with precipitation it falls to the ground contaminating soil and surface water.

Most of us know that mercury is poisonous, but many of us don't realize the damage it can cause. This highly toxic compound can be internalized by humans through biological magnification, a process whereby substances move up the food chain in tissues or internal organs. Mercury that finds its way into rivers or lakes is eaten by fish, which in turn are eaten by birds or animals that are then consumed by humans. The mercury that has been passed along through the food chain and into some of the products that we eat may cause neurological and reproductive disorders.

The Department of Health and Human Services has issued a statewide advisory recommending that pregnant women, women of childbearing age and young children limit their consumption of some types of fish due to this issue. The advisories have been in place since 1994 and remain in effect today because mercury levels in fish have not decreased. For more information, please visit [www.maine.gov/](http://www.maine.gov/)

dep/mercury. Additionally, the BioDiversity Research Institute in Gorham has data about mercury in Maine's ecosystem on their website, <http://www.briloon.org/index.php>.

So, how can we cut down on the level of mercury that we send into the environment? The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) website provides a list of consumer products in your home that may contain mercury (<http://www.epa.gov/mercury/consumerinfo.htm>) and outlines the suggested process to dispose of mercury containing products (<http://www.epa.gov/mercury/spills/index.html>). It is necessary to have citizen involvement in solving this problem. As a cosponsor of L.D. 973 and an advocate of recycling, I urge you to take your fluorescent light bulbs to a store that will send them to be properly recycled. In Gorham, both Cooks Hardware and Phinney Lumber accept CFL bulbs for proper disposal as long as the bulbs are not broken.

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## ENERGY MATTERS

# Got Gas?

Bruce Webb

While oil fired heating systems are found in 80% of Maine homes, propane and natural gas systems are also popular in Maine and have some significant advantages over oil.

A key benefit to using gas is efficiency; modern systems are 85 to 99% efficient—a significant boost over most oil systems. Gas burns so cleanly that most systems now use plastic pipes for the exhaust which saves on the cost of building a chimney or installing a noisy power vent. Since most energy is converted to heat, the exhaust fumes are so cool that they can be run out through a pipe in the cellar wall.

Some systems are so small and compact that they can hang on a wall or sit in a closet. They are quiet and unobtrusive—unlike that big oil gun rumbling along in the basement. European manu-

facturers are leaders in the field because the price of energy is very steep there and they have to be more efficient in their use of energy.

New gas boilers and furnaces can fit readily with many existing heating systems such as baseboards, radiators, or hot air units provided this equipment is sound and not leaky. In some houses, the baseboards and heating vents are so old that they need to be replaced altogether.

A major disadvantage of gas is one of negative perception—meaning, the potential to blow you and your family to smithereens. Propane is heavier than air so escaping gas will seek the lowest point in the house - sump pump, a pilot light, or appliance and can cause an explosion. These events are thankfully rare but they do happen.

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### HOT OFF THE PRESS

Sherrie Fontaine grabs the first copy of the *Gorham Times*. She looks at the Blotter first and gets a good laugh, then reads the rest of the paper.

### Around Town

- The resolution to name the Gorham bypass the "Bernard P. Rines Highway" was enacted on March 26.
- The Public Works Department (PWD) began its street sweeping program on April 13. A tentative schedule will be posted and updated every Thursday at [www.gorham-me.org/Public\\_Documents/GorhamME\\_Depts/pub-works](http://www.gorham-me.org/Public_Documents/GorhamME_Depts/pub-works). During the week of school vacation, the schools will be swept. DPW plans to sweep from 7 a.m. till midnight. Sweeping requires fair weather, so any rain could change the schedule. FMI 892-9062.
- The transfer station will be accepting brush on May 2 and May 9 between the hours of 8 a.m.–12 noon. Small quantities only, maximum of 3 inches in diameter.
- In 2007, Gorham voters approved a three million dollar bond for road improvements. The money was expected to cover six roads but because the costs for road work have increased since the bond was issued, the Town decided it could only repair four roads. Day, Osborne and Plummer were done last year with Osborne and Plummer now awaiting just a final paving that should happen soon. Shaw Brothers is starting work on the section of Queen Street that runs between Routes 202 and 237.

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# In Touch Massage Jackie Francis



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In Touch Massage Therapy at 31 Main Street, Gorham, opened last September but a grand re-opening will take place on Saturday, May 2 from 10-3 p.m. Weather permitting, free sidewalk seated massages will be given in front of their establishment along with table massages located in their studio.

Walking into the relaxed setting of their inviting studio, one experiences both the warm decor and the literal warmth of the room. Reynolds, a Gorham resident and recent graduate of the New Hampshire Institute for Therapeutic Arts in Bridgton, attended nursing school and worked at MMC prior to opening her business in Gorham. She specializes in Swedish and Neuromuscular Therapy. Berks, an LPN with over 20 years of massage therapy experience, specializes in The Trager Approach, gentle rhythmic rocking and stretching movements of the body that allow tension to disappear. Both therapists assess the needs of a client before treatment begins and oftentimes incorporate a "hybrid" massage - a combination of techniques.

"All ages can benefit from the healing treatment of massage therapy," says Berks. Trager promotes joint mobility, decreases rigidity, and elongates muscles, she adds, which is particularly beneficial to the elderly. Children who suffer from headaches and stress can also benefit from the restorative effects of massage, and as a practitioner, Berks particularly enjoys working with performers and singers. "Massage therapy is an integral part of being healthy, a powerful aid for healing. It can bring you to a peaceful place in a busy world," says Berks.

With Mother's Day just around the corner, In Touch Massage is excited to offer unique-themed gift baskets (gardening, teacup, spa, candles) with accompanying massages. Couples, friends, mothers and daughters can opt for a relaxing getaway treatment together if they like, at the studio or in the privacy of their home. Reynolds travels to businesses and homes offering neuromuscular therapy to clients and throughout May, In Touch Massage will offer treatments at introductory and accessible rates. "We sincerely wish for people to have optimal health," says Reynolds, adding that walk-ins will be welcome at their Main St. location soon.

Both practitioners believe that downtown Gorham is the perfect place for their unique business. "There is a lively, progressive feeling here," says Berks, and both are grateful to be part of the Gorham business community.

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## Wagner Farm Subdivision Gets Initial Approval

Bill Ambrose

At the April 6 meeting of the Planning Board, the proposed subdivision at the former Wagner Strawberry Farm on Libby Avenue was given preliminary approval. Developer Rocky Risbara of Risbara Brothers Construction, presented detailed plans for the new type of development designed to discourage suburban sprawl.

The new development is the first to be proposed under a zoning ordinance known as the Development Overlay Transfer District, adopted by the Town Council in 2006. It provides for greater residential density to recreate a walkable village environment. The developer pays a fee to the Town in return for permission to build more units than would be allowed under the existing zoning.

Planning Board members questioned Risbara on such matters as curbing materials and design, landscape buffering, school bus stations, and house configuration and design. The nature and location of open

spaces required by the ordinance were discussed at length.

One contentious item was laid to rest when the Board voted to disallow a road connection to the adjacent Gateway Commons Development. A sidewalk and bike path connection between the two subdivisions is planned, and an emergency gated connection was contemplated after future consultation with the Fire Chief and the Director of Public Works.

At the subsequent Public Hearing, two residents of Timber Ridge Road in Gateway Commons, Melinda Shane and David Wehmeyer, praised the Board members for acting on their safety concerns about traffic cutting through their street to reach Main Street. At previous hearings, several Gateway Commons residents described the unsuitability of using their roads for access, citing in particular the narrowness of the roads with winter snow banks on the road-sides.

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORT

### Many Students Recognized; Pledge Issue Continues

Stacy Sallinen

After approving minutes from previous meetings in February and March, the School Committee called for public comment at its April 8th meeting. Suzanne Ennis, 9 Academy Street, updated the Committee on the recitation of The Pledge of Allegiance at the GHS. She said it is "creating a hardship for those who want to join in" since the Pledge is being recited over the intercom at the end of morning announcements when students are no longer paying attention, between first and second bells, or without proper introduction. Ennis said she had heard one student's complaint. She would like to see the Pledge recited before morning announcements and the announcer to introduce the Pledge to allow enough time to stand, as it is done in other Gorham schools. She asked the Committee to correct the problem and report back at their next meeting.

In a separate conversation with Chris Record, Principal of Gorham High School (on the following day), Record said the Pledge of Allegiance is "introduced and recited after the second bell when all students are expected to be in class. I encourage open dialog between the student and myself about GHS and to date, I have not received any complaints from students, faculty, parents or community members." Record said he "has personally led the Pledge 36 times" along with 4 students, assistant principals and a guidance counselor. Record also said he plans to

write a letter regarding the Pledge recitation to the School Committee and follow through on any directive he receives from them.

Superintendent Ted Sharp reported on the following:

- Acknowledged the musical director and his quick response to fixing the lighting system as it failed a few days before the show was to begin.
- Congratulated Odyssey of the Mind teams; a Village team won 1st place and will be going to Iowa to compete; another Village team won second place and a Middle School team won third place.
- Acknowledged the group of students from the High School who successfully made Gorham recreational fields tobacco-free.
- Friends of Baxter Memorial Library and the Gorham Educational Foundation will hold their Second Annual Wine Tasting and Auction event on May 16. Tickets are \$25 and are available at the library.
- Friends of Baxter Memorial Library ran a successful writing contest, including bookmarks, poetry and fiction.
- The committee reviewing Extended Day Kindergarten and Pre-K program is expected to make a recommendation to the School Committee by December 15.
- The Teaching American History Program will conclude this year with a

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### An Awarding Experience

Pamela Turner



**Friends of Baxter Library Presents Awards:** Mary Collins (far left) presents Jude Garland the Volunteer of the Year Award for her many contributions to the Library. Inset: James Lockman of Working Words and Graphics—the Baxter Friends' Business of the Year Award recipient.

On April 1, the Friends of Baxter Memorial Library held its Annual Meeting and Awards Ceremony. Approximately 75 people attended the evening program celebrating those who support the library and the winners of the Friends' annual writing and bookmark contests.

Working Words & Graphics was named the Friends' Business of the Year. This vibrant local business is a great supporter of the library and the Friends' truly appreciate their dedication to the community. James Lockman accepted the award on behalf of Working Words & Graphics.

For her work on the Friends' Board; for the beautiful mantle decorations she creates each holiday season; and for her dedication to delivering food collected

at the library to the Gorham Ecumenical Food Pantry, the Friends of Baxter Memorial Library honored Jude Garland as Volunteer of the Year. The Friends truly appreciate all Jude does for the library and community.

The 2009 Friends of Baxter Memorial Library Writing and Bookmark Contests received 154 submissions. Contests are held for students in grades 3-12 and adults. The winners of each writing contest were invited to read their winning submissions. Prizes are funded by the Friends.

The student contests were judged by the following community volunteers: Diane Caswell, Linda Frinsko, Deb Loveitt, Judy Boulanger, Judy Egers, Pat Friedlander, Jane Farr, Amy Geren, Marie

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### Congratulations to the following winners:

**Third Grade Poetry:** Claire Valentine;

Fourth Grade Poetry – Joseph Fiset; Fifth Grade Poetry - Doris Beane; Fifth Grade Poetry (honorable mention) Hailey Bryant

**Middle School Poetry:** First Prize – Courtney Roberts, Second Prize – Liam Little, Third Prize – Cassie Martel.

**Middle School Essay:** Winner – Mark Csoros

**High School Poetry:** First Prize – Megan Mitchell, Second Prize – Heather Hayden, Third Prize – Courtney Hawkes.

**High School Flash Fiction:** First Prize – Ian Hawkes, Second Prize – Courtney Hawkes, Third Prize – Heather Hayden.

**Bookmark:** First Prize - Liam Little, Second Prize – Clara Stickney and Third Prize – Megan Mitchell.

The adult writing contests were judged by the following students and alumni of the Stonecoast MFA Creative Writing Program at the University of Southern Maine: Jeff Kass, Hilary McQuilkin, Tigh Rickman and Oren Stevens.

**Poetry (adult division):**

First Prize – Jessie Hawkes, Second Prize – Ruth Hassett, Third Prize – James Rathbun.

**Flash Fiction (adult division):**

First Prize – Tara Connor, Second Prize (tie) Ramona Ruth Allen and Steve Crocker.

The winning entries of the writing contests are posted on the library's website at [www.baxterlibrary.org](http://www.baxterlibrary.org) and are being shown on the local TV channel.

The Writing and Bookmark Contests are sponsored annually by the Friends in addition to supporting programs and collections beyond the library's operating budget. If you would like to join this wonderful group, please pick up a membership form at the library or call the library for more information at 839-5031.



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## SENIOR CARE

# Follow "Tax Freedom Day" with Tax-smart Investment Strategies

Ed Doyle

You won't find it on your calendar, but April 13 was Tax Freedom Day. Although it's not a national holiday, it can still be meaningful — if you use it as a starting point to review your own investment tax situation.

Tax Freedom Day is the date when average Americans will have earned enough money to pay their federal, state and local tax bills for 2009. Each year, the date changes, based on changes in tax laws and the rate of economic growth in the country.

Of course, the idea of a "day" in which you have taxes put behind you for the year is fictitious. After all, if you work for a company, your employer typically withholds taxes from all your paychecks; if you are self-employed, you probably pay taxes every quarter. And yet, it's useful to think of Tax Freedom Day because it can push you toward making some important changes — especially in the area of investment taxes.

If you think you may be paying too much in taxes on your investments, what can you do about it? Here are a few steps to consider:

- Put more money into tax-deferred retirement accounts. If you have a 401(k), 403(b) or other employer-sponsored retirement plan, contribute as much as you can afford - and increase your contributions every time you get a raise. You generally fund your plan with pre-tax dollars, so the more you put in, the more you can lower your annual adjusted gross income. And your earnings grow on a tax-deferred basis, so you pay no taxes until you withdraw money from your plan. Although it's probably taken a hit over the past year and a half, your 401(k) or other employer-sponsored plan is still an excellent retirement-savings vehicle.
- Look for tax-free investment opportunities. If you are in one of the higher tax brackets, you might benefit from owning municipal bonds. When you own municipal bonds, or "munis," your interest payments will be free from federal income taxes; if the municipality that issues the bond is located in your state, your interest payments also may be exempt from state and local taxes. (Some municipal bonds may be subject to the alternative minimum tax, though, so contact your tax advisor before investing.) Your Roth IRA earnings are also tax-free, provided you don't take withdrawals until you are at least age 59-1/2 and you've had your account for five years.
- Hold stocks for the long term. Income taxes aren't the only types of taxes associated with investing; you also may have to pay capital gains taxes. If you hold your stocks for more than one year before selling them, your gains will only be subject to a maxi-

mum capital gains rate of 15 percent. (This rate is effective through Dec. 31, 2010.) But if you sell your stocks within a year of buying them, your gains will be taxed at your ordinary income tax rate.



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## Masterworks Weekend



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Dr. Robert Russell of the USM School of Music conducts the Masterworks performance of Vivaldi's *Gloria* at GHS. The Masterworks Weekend consists of an intense two-day musical workshop, culminating with a Masterworks piece performed by all participating groups. This year, five area Chamber Singers ensembles participated, including those from Deering, Massabesic, Scarborough, Westbrook and Gorham High Schools. Each ensemble performed one piece followed by the combined performance of the twelve-movement *Gloria*.

## GEF Provides Funding for Gorham Teachers

Janet Williams

The Gorham Educational Foundation's 2009-2010 grant period is open for applications until April 30, 2009. Grants of up to \$1,200 each will be awarded in May. The Gorham Educational Foundation, a local non-profit organization dedicated to supporting and enhancing educational excellence and leadership in Gorham schools, is celebrating the third year of its grant program. Already, funding for more than 15 grants has been provided to Gorham teachers for programs, equipment, and

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## Spaghetti for 600



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Kindergartner Emmeline Nelson brought her brother Ben (middle) and family friend Jonathan Scribner to the 14th Annual Narragansett Spaghetti Supper held March 12. Nearly 600 people attended the event which was sponsored by Partners In Education (PIE). Students and their families were treated to delicious spaghetti, breadsticks, salad and chocolate chip cookies. PIE would like thank the wonderful staff and parent volunteers who help make this event a success every year.



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# National Student Leadership Award

Debbie Stirling



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Colin Lubelczyk, a junior at GHS, has been selected to represent Maine at the 2009 National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) National Student Leadership Conference. The NFHS sponsors the conference, which will be held in Indianapolis, Indiana in July. Colin was nominated by GHS Principal Chris Record because of his leadership skills and citizenship.

Mr. Record said, "Colin exemplifies the seven characteristics that the MPA highlighted and he will do an outstanding job at the conference and also, upon his return. Colin is heavily involved in the following diverse activities: Class President for the past three years, a member of the National Honor Society, a Varsity athlete in soccer, indoor track and baseball, a participant in the Model United Nations program, a member of the History Club, a volunteer at Camp Sunshine (a summer camp for children suffering with cancer) and a volunteer youth soccer coach. Besides all of that, he is just a tremendous young man. He is greatly respected by his peers, his teachers, the administration, and by the community at large. Bottom line is that Colin Lubelczyk makes Gorham High School a better place through his leadership, kindness, efforts, and commitment to doing his best in everything he does."

Colin will travel to Indianapolis with five other outstanding Maine high school students.

## GEF FROM PAGE 6

supplies to expand programs and create new learning opportunities in the classroom. For more information and to obtain a grant application, interested teachers, staff and community members may visit the GEF website at [www.gorhamef.org](http://www.gorhamef.org) or email [gorhamef@maine.rr.com](mailto:gorhamef@maine.rr.com). To support the Gorham Educational Foundation through a tax deductible donation, to become a member, or to learn about volunteer opportunities, please visit the website or call 233-1919.

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE FROM PAGE 4

- trip to historic sites funded through grants.
- Cable TV program in May will focus on how the school budget is developed. In other news,
- Roger Marchard said the committee to examine the Pay-to-Participate policy should make a recommendation to the School Committee by early to mid fall.
- Katie Hawes, Special Education Director, and her team were acknowledged for their many strengths documented in the State Special Education Review.
- Chris Record, Principal at Gorham High School, recognized the following individuals: Lauren Cunningham on receiving the MPA Principal's Award; Colin Lubelczyk on his selection to attend the National Student Leadership Conference; Jason Badeau on receiving a 2009 Prudential Spirit of the Community Certificate of Excellence; Moira Keahon, Colleen Ward, Shannon Wilcox and Theresa Kozloff on successfully getting a policy to prohibit use of tobacco on town fields.
- The Gorham Key Club members President Hannah Lilly, Vice President Hallie Balcomb, Secretary Elizabeth LaMontagne, Treasurer Jason Badeau and Editor Molly Lortie presented an overview to the committee on their accomplishments. Currently, they have 52 members and have dedicated 1040 hours to community service. Sharp praised the club for being acknowledged by the Governor, the Legislature and being discussed on a morning talk show in New York. Holiday Operation Cheer may become a national initiative.
- Principals Margaret Evans, Brad Smith and Brian Porter provided an update to the Committee on the K-5 transition.
- The Finance Committee has adopted their agenda for the year and the FY09 budget is on track.
- The Committee reviewed first readings on the Homework, Childfind and Referral/Pre-referral Policies.
- The following individuals were appointed to the Recreation Advisory Committee: Virginia Wilder Cross and Laurie Scott (2 year terms) and Brian Knox (1 year term).
- A decision to terminate the mid-year Kindergarten switch was removed from the April agenda. Sharp also briefly mentioned how the FY10 budget is still preliminary. An increase in FY10 General Purpose Aid (GPA) may allow the district to restore positions recently eliminated. However, there are still variables. The Legislature

still needs to vote on the level of subsidy by April 30. Additionally, the Governor will provide an update on the FY09 \$150 million revenue shortfall which may have further implications on the district.

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# sports

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## GHS Sports Spring Preview Jeff Pike

### Baseball

**Last Year's Record:** 9-7

**Postseason:** Lost to Westbrook in semifinals

**Head Coach:** Chuck Nadeau, 1st year as head coach.

**Key Players:** Seniors Mustafa Jamal, David Warren, Nick Gowen, Alex Libby, Mike Foley; Juniors Sean Grandmaison, Kyle Butterfield.

**Captains:** To be announced.

**Coach Comments:** "If the kids continue the work, we can be a better offensive team than expected," said Nadeau. "We have the pieces to put a balanced and explosive line-up on the field. We also have talented younger players that will provide competition for the veteran players."

Like most teams, we need to develop pitching depth. I'm pleased so far, but outside of one or two experienced pitchers, we probably need to be a team that pieces together two or three strong pitching performances per game. We have great kids who understand how to work and get better."

### Girls Tennis

**Last Year's Record:** 10-2.

**Postseason:** Defeated Scarborough in quarterfinals, lost a to Kennebunk in semifinals.

**Head Coach:** Sonja Frey, 24th year as head coach.

**Key Returning Starters:** Seniors Julia Parmakian, Shannon O'Brien, Brittany Raymond; Junior Hannah Shorty; Sophomore Natalie Egbert.

**Other Impact Players:** Senior Megan Bilodeau; Juniors Sarah Robinson, Lindsay Wilson, Shelbi Guimond; Sophomores Sarah Moir, Colleen Ward, Megan Creeden, Allison Matthews; Freshman Emily Estes.

**Captains:** O'Brien and Parmakian

**Coach Comments:** "It's a leap to move from doubles into singles as Egbert and Parmakian are doing, but I have confidence in them," said Frey. "The players have areas that could stand some improvement such as hitting overheads, reliable serves and good volleys. I feel confident predicting another excellent season. But we will have to work hard against Scarborough, Portland, and most likely Deering. I'm hoping for a division championship."

### Girls Track and Field

**Last Year's Record:** 11-2

**Postseason:** 1st at Western Maine, 5th at Class A meet.

**Head Coach:** John Caterina, 17th year as head coach.

**Key Returning Athletes:** Seniors Nicole Belhumeur, Siobhan Bolinger, Sarah McCullough; Juniors Rachel Wilkinson, Shanice Mitchell, Kelsey Rex, Emily Southard; Sophomore Jenny Thuotte.

**Other Impact Athletes:** Freshmen Audrey Adkison, Katie Flanders, Sarah Perkins, Sabrina Rowell.

**Captains:** Belhumeur, Bolinger, Southard, Wilkinson.

**Coach Comments:** "We should see continuous improvement especially as some of the new athletes gain experience," said Caterina. "Gorham will be among the top teams again. While we graduated some top scorers from last year's team, we have many returners and a group of talented freshmen to remain competitive. We are probably more spread-out among events then we've ever been. The team has been working hard during preseason and we all look forward to the upcoming season."

### Boys Lacrosse

**Last Year's Regular Season Record:** 8-4

**Postseason:** Defeated Massabesic in quarterfinals, lost Scarborough in semifinals. **Head Coach:** TJ Bell, 2nd year as head coach.

**Returning Starters:** Seniors Rob Marean, Clayton Loubier, Kyle Irish, Garrick Adolf, Ian Ryan, Duncan Alden.

**Other Impact Players:** Seniors Mike Greatorex, Jake Viel; Juniors Luc Robitaille, Greg Gagne; Sophomore, Kyle Nielsen, Aaron LaPorte.

**Captains:** To be announced

**Coach Comments:** "We return three starters on defense and the starting long stick middle," said Bell. "We don't have as much individual talent as last year, but we have a more balanced and experienced team. Nobody has varsity experience in goal so this will be a key area. I look for our program to take another step forward. We should have a decent shot at making the playoffs. Our schedule has us matched-up with more top-notch teams than ever."

### Boys Track and Field

**Last Year's Record:** 11-2

**Postseason:** 5th at Western Maine, 9th at Class meet.

**Head Coach:** John Wilkinson, 23rd year as head coach.

**Key Returning Athletes:** Seniors Lucas Seiferth, Brandon Patten, Brett Walker; Juniors Cam Stevens, Jon Day, Connor Walker, Eric Sawyer; Sophomore Kamron Alexander.

**Other Impact Athletes:** Sophomore Jeremy Earl; Freshman Jesse Orach.

**Captain:** Stevens.

**Coach Comments:** "We have veterans that have been successful, but we have new faces that will look to these veterans to lead the way," said Wilkinson. "With new faces, experience is an area these athletes will need, and this comes with time and patience. We have the potential to compete with the competitive teams in the league if our veterans reach their potential. If our inexperienced athletes step up, then we could find ourselves near the top of the league."

## in the Zone

### Premier Soccer Award: KIERSTEN

**TURNER**, a freshman at GHS, has received the Sara Leone Achievement Award from Odyssey Sport '97, a premier soccer club in southern Maine. The award is given annually in honor of Sara Leone, who played with the club through the summer of 2005 and was tragically killed in an automobile accident, to a girl on Odyssey's U-15 team that demonstrates the values that Sara brought to those she touched. A gift of \$100 is also given to the recipient's charity of choice. In a press release issued by the club, Turner was commended for excelling on the soccer field and sharing Leone's leadership and character traits: honesty, compassion, and a zest for life. Turner chose to donate the \$100 prize to the Travis Roy Foundation.

**JEFF MANCHESTER** (GHS '06), a sophomore on the men's basketball team at Franklin Pierce University in Rindge, NH, finished the season as the team's third-leading scorer by averaging 11.7 points per game. Manchester (below) also led the team with 74 three-point field goals and was third in assists with 39.



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# Gorham Rec



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**The undefeated Houston Team** won the Gorham Rec. Department's 5th-6th grade girls basketball championship March 12 at Shaw Gym by defeating the Boston Team, 38-20. Abby Hamilton was nearly unstoppable, scoring 17 points while Kaylie Leavitt pitched in with nine. Boston was lead by MacKenzie Bowers and Brooke Leeman who finished with 11 and 7 respectively. Playing for the Houston Team and pictured above, front row, from left to right: Cassidy Landry, Marlo Pappalardo, Julia Gaudette, Meghan Higgins and Renee Deering. Back Row: Savanna Petrin, Assistant Coach John Curley, Kaylie Leavitt, Abby Hamilton, Lexi Miller, Kate Curley and Coach Josh Thibodeau.

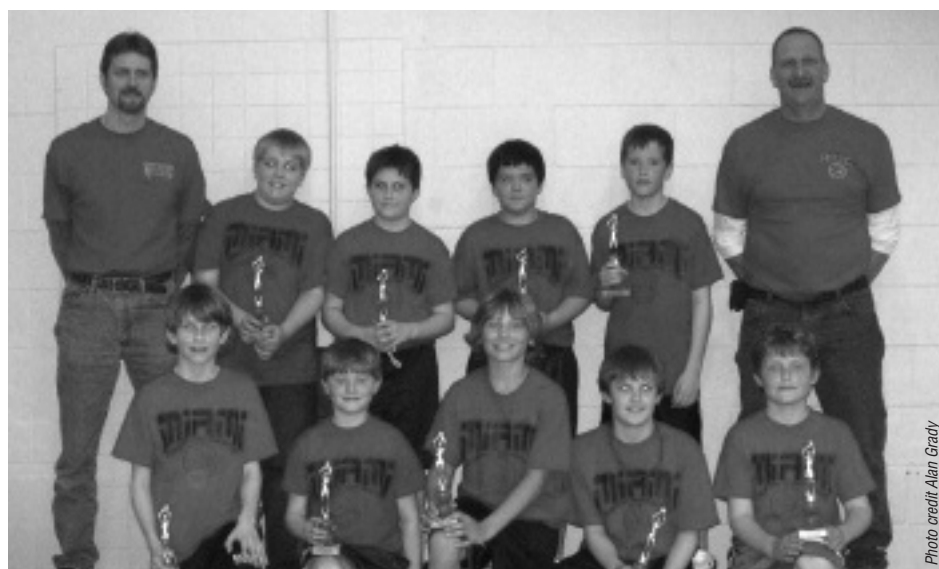


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**The Miami Team** won the Gorham Rec. Department's 5th/6th grade championship by defeating the Toronto Team, 50-43, in a back-and-forth thriller March 12 at Shaw Gym. Chandler Reagan (16 points) led a fourth-quarter Miami charge while Billy Ruby (16 points), Brendan Mercier (8) and Tucker Gasowski (6) all chipped in with key baskets. The Toronto Team's Cole Houghton was the game's leading scorer with 18 points while Sam Kilborn finished with 17. Playing for the Miami Team and pictured above, front row, from left to right: Billy Ruby, Michael Walls, Chandler Regan, Colby Sturgis and Tucker Gasowski. Back Row: Assistant Coach Jim Sturgis, Matthew McCarty, Brendan Mercier, Nikolas Lieberum, Dane Heckathron and Head Coach Bill Ruby.

## SPRING SPORTS PREVIEW FROM PAGE 8

### Softball

**Last Year's Record:** 13-5

**Postseason:** Lost to Deering in quarterfinals.

**Head Coach:** Pete Walker, 14th year as head coach.

**Returning Varsity Players:** Seniors Kelsey Crowe, Rachel Fogarty, Sara Burnheimer, Mia McGill, Chelsea Clark, Lauren Fluery, Rachele Burns (out for year with injury). Juniors Lauren Chouinard, Annie Mitchell, Molly Lortie, Liz LaMontagne.

**New Impact Players:** Juniors Terri Bastarache, Shannon Davis, Megan Meehan; Sophomore Alyssa Clark.

**Captains:** Crowe, Fogarty and Burnheimer.

**Coach Comments:** "The team returns players at most positions," said Walker. "Fogarty should have no problems moving to shortstop, and Crowe is one of the best pitchers in the state. We have two good catchers in McGill and Lortie, and with Chelsea Clark, Burnheimer and Chouinard, we are strong in the infield. The hope is to make it to the league championship and earn a high seed in the rankings."

**Captains:** St. Germain and Burgos

**Coach Comments:** "We have talent, courage, confidence and determination," said Dyer. "We also have good all-around athletes. They work hard and are eager to learn. Our number one focus is communication. We will also make adjustments to the defense and offense this season and work on better ball-control. We have a lot of potential for a successful season. We will bring all of our talent and ability together and make that happen."

### Boys Tennis

**Last Year's Record:** 10-2

**Postseason:** Lost in quarterfinals to Cheverus.

**Head Coach:** Aaron Landry, 1st year as head coach.

**Key Returning Players:** Senior Pat Shaw; Sophomore Logan Marshall.

**Other Players Expected To Have An**

**Impact:** Senior Austin Arena; Junior Luke Tanguay; Freshmen Quincy Owens, Adam Bourgault.

**Captains:** Shaw and Arena

**Coach Comments:** "We're young, but I think we'll be tougher than people expect," said head coach Aaron Landry. "They expect us to rebuild given that seven seniors graduated, but we'll have an impact on the league. We have a lot of young players ready to compete at the varsity level. As the season progresses, our strong freshman class should contribute. The pre-season has been exciting but hectic figuring out where everyone is. It has helped that we had the funds to practice indoors, and we got the outdoor courts cleared as soon as we could."

### Girls Lacrosse

**Last Year's Record:** 5-7

**Postseason:** Lost to Marshwood in quarterfinals.

**Head Coach:** Ashley Dyer, 2nd year as head coach.

**Key Returning Players:** Seniors Michelle Alves, Aimee Burgos, Aimee St. Germain, Amy Hodgkins, Taylor Sullivan, Leigha Kerwin, Ashley Martin; Sam Martin, Rochelle Michaud, Hillary Randall, Mackenzie Smith, Allison Speed; Juniors Kristi Zarrilli, Katie Smith; Sophomores Chelsea Black, Mia Rapolla.

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these tough economic times. Funding for the Little Falls Library and the North Gorham Library will also be reduced.

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Town employees will not experience any layoffs, but some will be adversely affected by reductions in their hours and benefits. Two employees will be changed from full-time to part-time status. There will be no raise in wages or step increases for any employees. Positions currently vacant in the Police and Fire/Rescue departments will not be filled, resulting in longer response times in these vital services. Cole believes that there is a possibility that one or both of these positions might be funded through Federal economic stimulus grants.

Cole has kept almost all Capital expenditures at their present budget levels. He maintains that cutting back on capital items, even in these recessionary times, will result in further deterioration of the Town's assets and greater costs in the future.

The Town Council will receive the proposed School Budget from the School Committee and the Superintendent of Schools on May 15, followed by a joint workshop on May 19. The budget process will culminate at the Town Council meeting on June 2. At that time, the Council will vote to approve the Town Budget, which is the combined Municipal and School Budget. The final tax rate will also be set at that time.

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**ODYSSEY** FROM PAGE 1

opportunity for students to work on teams, apply their talents, and solve problems. Students choose problems to solve that range from building mechanical devices to presenting their own interpretation of literary classics.

Congratulations to all who participated in the tournament and for bringing four trophies back to Gorham.

**LIBRARY** FROM PAGE 4

Woodbrey, Kathy Johnston, Stephanie Publicker, Becky Varner, Mary Collins, Rebecca Lord, James Rathbun, Kendra Cummings, Howard Faulkner, Kay Faulkner, and Carol Robinson.

For a complete list of winners and categories, visit [www.gorhamtimes.com](http://www.gorhamtimes.com) and click on the Municipal link.

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# community



**REP. JANE KNAPP (R-Gorham) stands beside HAZEL MESERVE** in the Hall of Flags at the State House in Augusta. Ms. Meserve was recognized as part of the Maine Health Care Association's 7th Annual Remember ME Project. Ms. Meserve currently resides at the Gorham House where her stories and unbiased love are treasured.



**Gorham optometrist, Dr. Alan J. Mathieu**, is proud to announce the merging of his practice with Dr. Blaine A. Littlefield, president of MAINE OPTOMETRY, P.A. of Brunswick & Freeport. Drs. Mathieu, Hamilton & Cedrone look forward to seeing new and existing patients at their same Main St. location in Gorham. (L-R) Todd M. Hamilton, O.D., Alan J. Mathieu, O.D., Ronald M. Cedrone, O.D., F.A.A.O.



**JIM HAGER of Gorham**, was honored for his leadership in the elementary school project committee by receiving the 2009 eco-Excellence Award given annually by ecomaine, a non-profit single-sort recycling facility in Maine. Hager and committee members worked with architects who designed a state-of-the-art energy efficient, green building. (L-R) ecomaine Recycling Committee Chairman TROY MOON, JIM HAGER, CHRIS CRAWFORD (2008 recipient of the eco-Excellence Award) and ecomaine General Manager KEVIN ROCHE.

## of interest

**Pastor GORDY JOHNSON** of LifeChurch in Gorham will speak about his experience with brain cancer, *Surviving Tragedy - God's Way* on Saturday, April 18 at 6 p.m. and Sunday, April 19 at 9 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. Public Welcome. FMI, 839-6354.

**U.S. Cellular recently promoted DARRELL CARON** of Gorham to sales manager for the southern Maine area. A graduate of USM and Southern New Hampshire University, Caron's responsibilities will include the overall supervision of more than six retail locations.

**Congratulations to the winners of the several Gorham Times drawings:** KARALYN KUTZER, MARYELLEN CAREY and KAREN MESERVE won a *Gorham Times* year subscription; **CRIS or CHRIS MITCHELL** won the Marketplace 2009 Sebago Brewing Co. gift certificate drawing; and EMMA DEANS and MARCIA BAILEY won the *Gorham Times* Facebook/E-mail sign-up drawings.

**Army Reserve Sgt. JOHN LOOK**, a Gorham resident, has been invited to Washington, D.C. to re-enlist in the U.S. Capitol. Lt. Gen. Jack C. Stultz, Chief, Army Reserve, will administer the oath of office which will occur on the Army Reserve's 101st anniversary: April 23. Look is currently assigned to the Army Reserve A Company, 3rd Battalion, 304th Infantry Regiment, Lewiston. In his civilian occupation, Look works for Poland Springs in Portland.



**Hip-Hop dancers and tap dancers from the Dance Studio of Maine** in Gorham participated in two benefit performances: "Perform For A Cure" to benefit the Cancer Community Center in South Portland and a Windham High School performance with proceeds going to the Autism Society of Maine. Pictured are hip-hop dancers MADISON DREW, MADISON POULIN, NATALIE BRACKETT, LINDSEY FLORES, VANESSA VERVILLE, GABRIELLE LIBBY, AMANDA SPINK. Not pictured: NICOLE LABBE and HANNAH LITIE.

## BENEFIT FOR MICHAUD FAMILY

A benefit dance/silent auction will be held on Saturday, April 25th at YourSpace, Route 202, Gorham to assist the family of Ann Letarte-Michaud. In February of this year Ann was diagnosed with Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease, a very rare degenerative neurologic disease. Ann lost her fight against this disease on March 24th, but we can help win the battle.

Ann and her husband Gary are Westbrook natives, who, after their marriage, moved to Gorham and raised three beautiful daughters.

Please join us that evening in remembrance of Ann and to support her family. A portion of the proceeds from this event will go to the Cure CJD Foundation to support research of this devastating disease.

We are still seeking donations for the silent auction. Tickets are \$15 each. BYOB. Ice and light snacks will be provided.

**FOR TICKETS** or to make a donation please contact: Judy Boucher at 839-2878 or Michelle Dame 642-2215

**The Second Annual YourSpace Garage Sale will be held May 9;** volunteers are needed to set-up, pick-up, tear down and spread the word! Donations may be dropped off at YourSpace (Route 202 in Gorham) on May 8, 8 a.m. – 8 p.m. No adult clothing or electronics. A great way for high school seniors to earn community hours! FMI, Ashley Cowand-Hood 347-1457 or APHOOD@SBCGLOBAL.NET.

**Saint Joseph's College education majors** will offer a Bedtime Stories Program for local children on April 29 from 6 – 7:30 p.m. with the theme being Celebrate Maine. Kids in grades K-3 are invited to wear pj's and join SJC education students for some reading, learning and fun while munching on snacks! This event is free. FMI, 893-7723.

**There will be a Two-Day Rummage and Perennial Sale** at the Cressey Road United Methodist Church on May 1 from 9-4 p.m. and May 2 from 9-1 p.m. Don't miss this popular recycling event sponsored by the United Methodist Women. FMI, 839-3666.

**Maine Artisans will sell handcrafted products on April 25, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.** and April 26, 10-3 p.m. at the USM Costello Sports Arena in Gorham. Works include wood products, photography, hand crafted jewelry, knit items, whimsical sculpture, garden art, bonsai, pottery, glass art, fabric art and gourmet specialty food products. To benefit USM soccer and softball teams. Free Admission. FMI, 780-5328.

**A Gorham Block Party** will be held May 2 (rain or shine), 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. in the Village Center Area including Main Street,

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**The Annual Father/Daughter Dance** held by the Gorham Football Booster was a tremendous success. This fundraiser is the foundation to the start of the Gorham Football season which includes Jr. Grizzlies, Grizzlies and the Rams. Pictured (left) are Lee Smith with daughter Caelyn.

Elm Street, Railroad Avenue and Mechanic Street. This family fun day will include a Youth Baseball and Softball parade to kick off the event. Walk the village and visit local businesses and register to win raffle prizes. The venue includes live entertainment and performances, a wellness tent, face painting and a book reading with local children's author, Cathryn Falwell. The Key club will hold a fundraiser carwash and there will be hotdogs on the grill. Many local businesses are participating.

**Do you like horses? Hearts and Horses Therapeutic Riding Center in Buxton** is looking for volunteer horse leaders and side walkers to help adults and children with disabilities ride and bond with horses. Must be 14 or older. Will train. FMI, call Vicky 929-4700.

**Pinochle Anyone?** Looking for card enthusiasts to play four-handed Pinochle on Monday mornings at the Gorham Rec. Center. Willing to teach. Call Martha 839-3431 or marthaT@maine.rr.com

**Gorham High School Project Graduation 2009** will be sponsoring an Extreme Bowling Fundraiser at Yankee Lanes in Portland on April 21 from 10 p.m. - Midnight. Fabulous Light Show and Music. \$10. Open to the public. FMI, 892-7412.

**A Free Organic Workshop** will be held at O'Donal's Nursery on April 18, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Learn about composting, planting and growing organically, weed and pest control and benevolent bugs! FMI, 839-4262.

**The 2ND Annual Ringing Up Concert** will be held on April 17, 7:30 p.m. at Cressey Road United Methodist Church. An evening of music featuring the Bell Choir and musical groups from church. Goodwill donations accepted. FMI, 839-6450.

**A Chicken Pie Dinner** will be held on April 25, from 5 - 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the First Parish Church at 1 Church Street in Gorham. Meal includes: homemade chicken pie, vegetables, dessert pie & coffee Adults \$8/Children 12 and under \$5. Everyone is welcome!

**The Baxter Memorial Library** will be hosting the 1st Annual Nursery School Fair, May 2, 9 a.m.-12 noon. Parents of pre-school-aged children can meet area pre-school staff, learn about various school's programs and approaches to learning. Pre-registration is not required. Nursery School directors wishing to participate may call the library at 839-5031.

**Free food, fellowship and fun!** A free Community Dinner will be served on April 27, 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the First Parish Congregational Church, 1 Church Street in Gorham. This dinner is sponsored by The Gorham Ecumenical Council. All are welcome! Donations will be taken to benefit Habitat for Humanity.

**The Cressey Road Methodist Church Handball Choir** will hold its 2nd annual "Evening of Music" on Friday April 17th at 7.30pm. FMI call Fran at 839-6450

**close to home**

**The Schoolhouse Arts Center at Sebago Lake will hold auditions for Oklahoma!** on April 22 and 23 from 6 p.m.-8 p.m. Performances dates are July 9-26. FMI, 642-3743 or www.schoolhousearts.org.

**Over the River and Through the Woods at the Schoolhouse Arts Center in Standish,** is a can't-miss comedy about the three F's in life: Family, Faith, and Food! April 24 & 25 at 7:30 p.m. and April 26 at 2 p.m. For tickets, call 642-3743 or boxoffice@schoolhouseartscenter.org.

# Maynard Charron Recognized by Food Pantry Directors

Gorham Times Staff



Photo Credit John Dunn

**The Gorham Food Pantry Board recognized Maynard Charron's hard work** with an engraved mantle clock. Pictured (l to r) are Board Members: Paul Willis, Dede Perkins, Chris Moody, Sue Dunn, Cherry Finck, Chairman Fran Doucette, outgoing member Maynard Charron, Diane O'Neill and Ernie Manderson.

The Gorham Food Pantry (GFP) Board of Directors recently honored Maynard Charron for his time, commitment and dedication while on the Board. Charron, who is stepping down from the Board, was a charter member since 2001, when the Board was formed and was instrumental in the growth of the Pantry over the past eight years. Charron stated he originally joined the Board because, "he felt the efforts of a Food Pantry were as important as any volunteer organization as I could imagine. It touches the neediest

in our own community. It is for the ongoing needy as well as for the ones who need a short term helping hand." Charron has been active on many Boards and stated "the GFP is the most active, hands-on, connected Board I have been associated with. We accomplished a lot and I am proud to have been a part of such a caring group."

The Food Pantry recently moved into a new facility located behind St. Anne's church. The Pantry has seen growth over the past 2 months with 20 additional families utilizing the services.

## thank you



The *Gorham Times* was founded by volunteers in 1985 and is still run by volunteers now, almost fifteen years later! In recognition of **National Volunteer Week** (April 19th-26th) we would like to take time to **thank our many volunteers ages 16-80**—for all the time and effort they give to "Bringing the news to all of Gorham." See the full list of volunteers at [www.gorhamtimes.com](http://www.gorhamtimes.com), and click on the volunteer link.

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# the blotter

**Gambo Road caller** requested to speak with an officer regarding a tenant who was supposed to have left the previous weekend but hadn't left.

**College Avenue caller** reported a subpoena was left on his door but actually was meant for someone at a different residence.

**Evergreen Drive caller** reported that their vehicle had been stolen, and that they knew where it was located.

**State Street caller** reported that an animal had possibly gotten stuck in their garage as they could hear something moving around.

**Blackberry Lane caller** requested to speak with an officer as cruisers were driving up and down their road and they were wondering why.

**Gray Road caller** reported suspicious activity in the area. Subject was looking in the trash for bottles.

**Gray Road caller** reported that they came home and noticed someone had entered their residence through a window and damaged a light. They were not sure if anything had been taken.

**Preble Street caller** reported loud music and hollering coming from a residence.

**Garden Avenue caller** reported a van in the area watching houses. Van appeared to be doing carpet installation.

**Caller reported** they almost hit horses running in the road on Mighty Street.

**Alexander Drive caller** reported seeing, yet again, a dog pooping on their lawn. They had even posted signs.

**Daniel Street caller** requested to speak with an officer as neighbors told them the FedEx driver was in their residence for 15 minutes, but did not leave a package or a note. No evidence of a crime at this time.

**Partridge Lane caller** reported that the brick building by the parking area for Shaw Park has been vandalized as both front windows were broken and the inside looked to be in disarray.

**Gordon Farms Road caller** wanted to talk to an officer regarding a former girlfriend who has been coming to their house intoxicated and attempting to get in.

**Wood Road caller** reported either a deceased dog or a baby calf on Wood Road near the crest of the hill by Emma Lane.

**Standish Neck Road caller** reported several cars parked on the road causing a major traffic jam.

**North Gorham Road caller** reported cars were parking in their elderly mother's driveway and it was upsetting her.

**Ossipee Trail caller** reported an abandoned vehicle. Operator had dropped something and pulled over to pick it up.

**Buxton man was arrested** for theft by receiving stolen property, negotiating worthless property and on an outstanding warrant.

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# what's happening

## FRIDAY, APRIL 17

■ Spotlight Concert Series, Faculty Composers' Concert, 8 p.m. Corthell Concert Hall, Gorham campus, \$15/\$10/\$5.

## SATURDAY, APRIL 18

■ The USM Chorale, directed by Dr. Robert Russell, Corthell Concert Hall, Gorham, 5 p.m. \$6/\$3. FMI, 780-5555.

## SUNDAY, APRIL 19

■ The USM Concert Band, directed by Dr. Peter Martin, MPAC at Gorham High School, 2 p.m. \$6/\$3. FMI, 780-5555.

## MONDAY, APRIL 20

■ Patriot's Day. No school. Spring Vacation begins.

## TUESDAY, APRIL 21

■ Clifford the Big Red Dog Day, 10-12 noon. Join BML for a day of fun including bingo, stories, games and prizes. Help Westbrook Animal Shelter by bringing a donation of pet food. Recommended for those who love Clifford! FMI, 839-5031.

■ Undersea Adventure Day & Drawing Workshop at the BML, 11-3:30 p.m. Trivia games, exhibits and demonstrations all day. Jay Piscabo, author of The Undersea Adventures of Capt'n Eli, 1 p.m. talk about his novels and teach drawing techniques. FMI, 839-5031.

## THURSDAY, APRIL 23

■ Fancy Nancy Day at BML, 1-3 p.m. Come to the library as fancy as you can for a day of Fancy Fun. Recommended for all fancy folks. FMI, 839-5031.

## FRIDAY, APRIL 24

■ USM Student Composers Showcase, 8 p.m. Corthell Concert Hall, USM Gorham campus, Free.

## SATURDAY, APRIL 25

■ USM Chamber Singers directed by Robert Russell, 5 p.m., Corthell Concert Hall, USM Gorham campus, \$6/\$3.

■ Bean Supper at the Bungalow, 5-6 p.m. Corner of Rt. 22 & Broadturn. \$5/under 3 free. FMI, 839-6972.

■ Chicken Pot Pie Dinner, 5 - 6:30 p.m., First Parish Church, 1 Church Street in Gorham. \$8/Children 12 and under \$5. Everyone welcome.

■ Silpada Silver Design Jewelry Show 11 a.m. - 1p.m. FMI 892-5852

## SUNDAY, APRIL 26

■ USM Wind Ensemble conducted by Peter Martin, 2 p.m., Corthell Concert Hall, USM Gorham campus, \$6/\$3.

## MONDAY, APRIL 27

■ Vocal Jazz Ensemble conducted by Michelle Snow, 7:30 p.m., Corthell Concert Hall, USM Gorham campus,

\$6/\$3. Recently featured on WCSH-TV's program "207."

■ Free food, fellowship and fun! Free Community Dinner, First Parish Congregational Church, 6 p.m. All are welcome!

## TUESDAY, APRIL 28

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

■ USM Jazz Ensemble conducted by Chris Oberholtzer, 7:30 p.m. Corthell Concert Hall, USM Gorham campus, \$6/\$3.

## WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29

■ Narragansett School Kindergarten Screening. Please call for an appointment 222-1250

## THURSDAY, APRIL 30

■ Baby and Me for ages 0-18 mos., 9:30 a.m. at the BML. FMI, 839-5031.

■ Toddler Time for ages 18-36 mos. 10 a.m. at the BML. FMI, 839-5031.

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## FRIDAY, MAY 1

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



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**Serious candidates should mail, or fax** a cover letter and resume to:

Woodfords Family Services  
Behavioral Health Professional Search  
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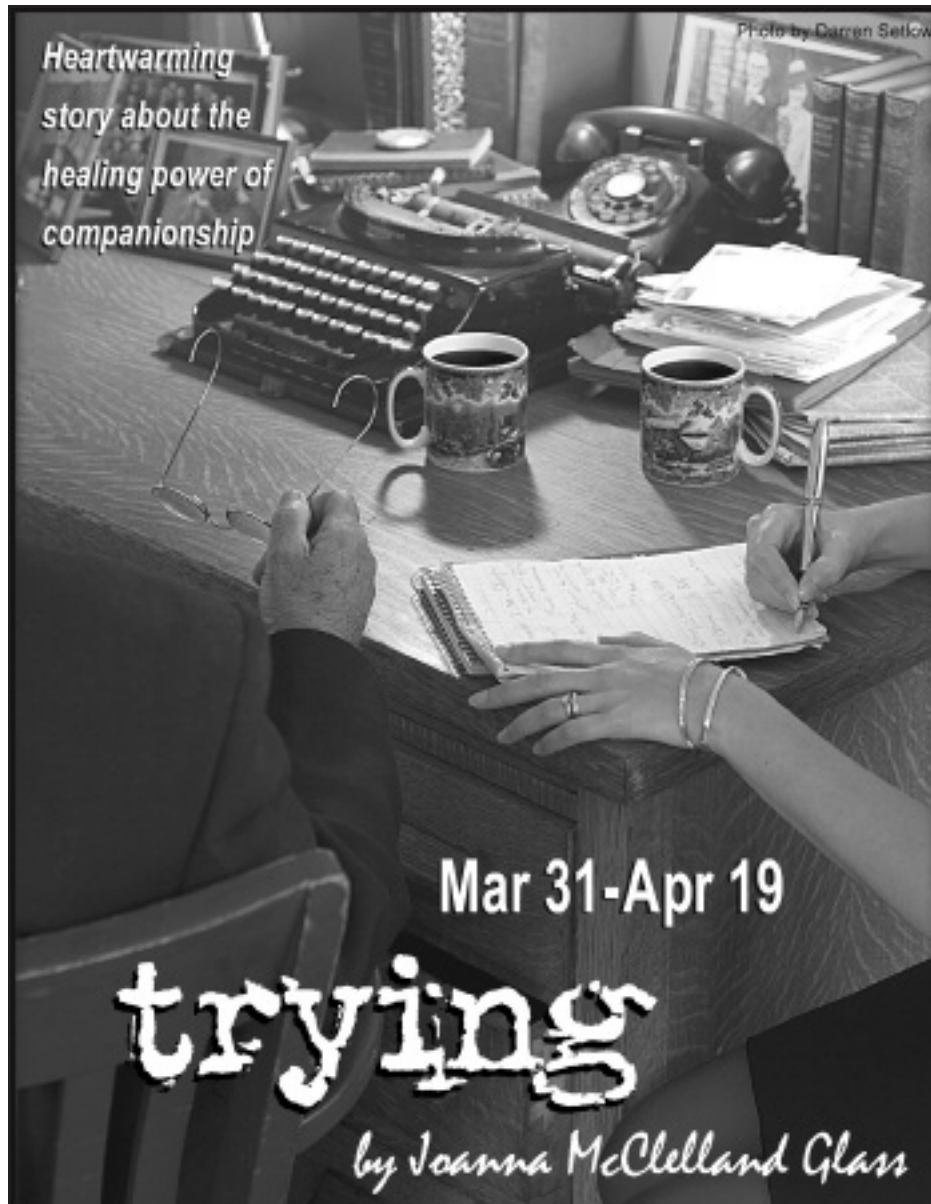
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