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## DEP Approves Phase I of Chick Property

Sue Dunn

The Town of Gorham recently received approval for a site permit from the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) for the Chick Property where the current Public Safety Building and Narragansett School are located. This approved permit included an After the Fact Permit covering the Narragansett School, along with existing parking facilities, the Public Safety Building (the old Municipal Center) and the recreation facilities (behind Narragansett School). In addition Phase 1 of the Chick property Master Plan included approval for a future connector road from Route 25 to Rt. 202, along with additional parking and a storm water pond at the current Public Safety Building.

In January 2007 it was discovered there was no permit on record with the DEP for the Narragansett School, Rec. fields and existing Public Safety building. "When the buildings were under construction back in 1977 and 1978, the DEP was also in the midst of significantly changing laws regarding new construction," explained David Cole, Town Manager. "Most likely it was a simple oversight since so many things were happening at the state level and here in Gorham at one time." An "After the Fact Permit" was granted to the Town for these facilities.

In keeping with the master plan to establish a better road network for public safety, the permit also includes a connector road that would provide access from the current Public Safety Building (Route 25) to the Gray Road (Route 202). Even though the site permit has been obtained, there are no actual plans to begin construction at this time.



Schoolhouse Arts Center at Sebago Lake presents a lively rendition of the classic Rodgers & Hammerstein **OKLAHOMA!** through July 26. Some Gorham cast members include l to r: Clara Stickney, Ashley McBreairty, Alyssa Rojecki, Quincy Owens, Matthew Slipp, Jon Day, Lincoln Gray, Molly Stewart, Luke Tanguay. For tickets call 642-3743. **Story on Page 3.**

Photo credit: Martha J. Harris

## Wagner Farm Subdivision Construction

Christine Ludwiczak

Construction is well underway for the Wagner Farm subdivision, a new 42-unit residential development on Libby Avenue, spanning over twenty acres. Risbara Bros. Construction broke ground on June 1, and they aim to have the site paved by late October.

The subdivision requires blasting and crushing; both processes a raised initial concern for residents of neighboring Gateway Commons.

To address neighborhood concerns surrounding the blasting process, Risbara Bros. brought in the safety officer at Maine Drilling & Blasting to install additional seismographs where needed. Risbara Bros. also worked to accommodate residents in regards to notification of the blastings, including an extra worker at the intersection of Gateway and Timber Ridge to sound the horn prior to blasting. The construction company also agreed to provide residents, who requested, a phone call prior to blasting.

Concerns around the crushing process were also promptly attended



to. Bill Risbara, of Risbara Bros. Construction, confirmed that the crushing operation experienced an unfortunate malfunction of its dust control on July 13. Rick Heenan, President of Gateway Commons Homeowners Association, informed Risbara that many of the neighbors on Timber Ridge were upset because their homes had been coated with dust from the crushing.

Risbara Bros. addressed the problem immediately. "I visited several of the neighbors and viewed their properties;

## Construction Booming in Gorham

Bill Ambrose

In spite of the current economic climate, there is a recent boom in construction in town. Several large projects are moving through the approval process, and two are presently underway.

Risbara Bros. Construction Co. Inc. is doing extensive site work on their Wagner Farm subdivision off Libby Avenue. Out of a total of 42 home sites, five have already been sold, and seven more are under contract. This 20-acre parcel is being developed under a new zoning ordinance that encourages more dense, village-like housing in certain areas of the town.

At the intersection of South Street and County Road in South Gorham, work has begun to transform the former Hansen's Farm Market into a Mercy Hospital Quick Care medical facility. Developer Bateman Partners, Inc. and contractor Allied-Cook expect to complete the entire project between October and November of this year.

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**Dear Gorham Times,**

Several weeks ago, my sons received a gift, a gift of cash donated by the Gorham Police PBA, Gorham Fire Dept. (all stations, rescue, auxiliary and the Chiefs Account), Gorham Fire Department Union, Standish FD, Gray FD and one Dispatcher from the Cumberland County Dispatch Center. The donation was for the purchase of two hand held electronic magnifiers which would greatly aid the boys in reading everything from menus to school books etc. The magnifiers are very expensive and not covered through traditional insurance policies. These magnifiers were not something we could afford at this time.

Our family would like to thank everyone in the public safety community for their very gracious and generous donation for the purchase of electronic magnifiers for Daniel and Justin Thompson. This piece of equipment will be very useful and helpful for them in their everyday activities and specifically aid them in their ability to read. The boys are very excited to receive the magnifiers which have been ordered. Our entire family is truly moved by everyone's thoughtfulness and generosity.

**Dana Thompson  
Gorham Police Department**

**Dear Gorham Times,**

On Saturday July 11, my husband and I were on our way home from a trip to Windham, NH to pick up a Great Dane, named Mona, from a pet rescue service that comes up from Florida. We stopped on Route. 202, by a small bridge on our way home to give her a potty break. She shook off the cloth choke type collar she

came with, and started running.

Many passersby stopped to help capture her but she eluded them including an officer from the Gorham Police, and fire/rescue personnel as well. She is a light brown (fawn) color, with black on her mouth area. No other collar or tags are on her.

We spent the night by the stream hoping to catch sight of her, but nothing. We traveled the smaller roads in the area looking for her Sunday morning, but didn't find her.

Mona was not a rescue, but a donation from breeders in Florida to my husband, as my husband is disabled and in need of a large service dog and the regional schools were unable to be of help. She is partially trained as a service dog and we were going to complete her training ourselves.

She was recently spayed, so has a fresh scar. She has a lot of energy, but is a sweet tempered dog from what we've seen of her and been told.

We are asking that if anyone is able to entice Mona to come into a sheltered area (home, garage, etc.) where she can be caught, that they contact the Gorham Police or us directly at # 645-2969 or cell # 670-5842. We live in Wilton, Maine and it will take a couple hours to get there to retrieve her but we greatly desire her return.

Thank you for your help in finding Mona.

**Respectfully,  
Robert and Christie Decker**

*Editor's Note: The dog has been seen in the vicinity of Ichabod Lane, Mosher Road and the Roundabout area. If you see the dog, please contact the Gorham Police immediately.*

## quick clicks



Photo credit Martha T. Harris

### HOT OFF THE PRESS

George Mitsmenn has lived in Gorham all his life and always picks up the *Gorham Times* the day it comes out to be one of the first to catch up on all the news.



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### 20TH ANNIVERSARY

Marianne Cianciolo, Sheri Faber and current staff members Ruth DeGraphenreid and Janet Kuech celebrated the Bookworm's 20th Anniversary. Sheri Faber said "it's been gret doing business in Gorham and we thank all our customers for their support."

with better opportunities and higher pay is the lifeblood that Maine needs right now to bounce back to "the way life should be."

I am very happy with the results of this legislation and excited to see what is to come for Cumberland County and the entire State of Maine.

For additional information about the Pine Tree Zone program, including the recent changes, please visit [www.mainebiz.org/pine\\_tree\\_zones/default.asp](http://www.mainebiz.org/pine_tree_zones/default.asp)

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## NEWS FROM AUGUSTA

# Economic Development

Jane Knapp



A priority for the Cumberland County Legislative Delegation has been to improve the economic development opportunities in our area and one of the best tools to entice businesses to set up shop in your town are the benefits available to a designated Pine Tree Zone. Pine Tree Zone designations have not been available throughout Cumberland County; but at the end of this past Legislative Session, an extremely important bill was passed that will change that come this September.

LD 1473, "An Act to Reaffirm Maine's Commitment to Business by Amending the Pine Tree Development Zone Laws," expands Pine Tree Zones to include all Maine municipalities. The program has been divided into two tiers, with Tier 2 locations receiving five years of benefits, while Tier 1 locations receive 10 years of benefits.

Pine Tree Zones were established in 2003 to draw businesses to areas of high unemployment, which has primarily been rural Maine. These Zones are intended to assist companies with fewer than 500 employees by provid-

ing benefits such as a 100 percent income and corporate tax credit for the first five years and 50 percent for the next five years. Additionally, an 80 percent refund of employee withholding taxes, a sales tax exemption and access to reduced utility rates are also extended. However, these benefits are available only if a company creates new jobs or makes new investments.

Studies show that jobs created through Pine Tree Zones often have higher salaries and benefits. According to the Maine Department of Economic and Community Development, at the end of 2008 there were 213 Pine Tree Zone certified businesses in Maine who reported plans to create more than 6,500 jobs and invest \$685 million. Those jobs are expected to generate \$203 million in payroll.

In these tough economic times, this new measure gives Maine the competitive edge needed to attract new businesses and increase jobs. As of the end of May statewide unemployment is at 8.3percent. An influx of new jobs

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# Summer Theater and the Arts

Compiled by Jackie Francis



**Additional OKLAHOMA! Gorham performers** include above, l to r: Cindy Smith, Becca Foster, Ashley McBreairty, Cristina McBreairty, Lincoln Gray, Clara Stickney, Kim Drisko, and Luke Tanguay. Gorham residents not pictured in this or page 1 photo are Joey Dalfonso, Nathaniel Dombeck, Ben Foster, Molly Lottie, and Allie Sturgis. Oklahoma! runs through July 26. For more information or reservations, call 642-3743.

Gorham has an incredible number of talented performers and artists of all ages that have appeared or are currently appearing in a wide array of venues this summer. Make sure to check the *Gorham Times* each issue to learn what is new in local arts.



**Blood Brothers**

Twin brothers MICHAEL and KEVIN LYNCH of Gorham star in the Biddeford City Theater production of *Blood Brothers* through August.

Cassandra Sturdivant explains in her review that the first time she saw *Blood Brothers* in London's West End as an exchange student, the experience was magical. "I remember laughing and crying all by myself in this huge theater full of people, I wanted to talk with someone, anyone, about how beautiful and yet also how unusual this show is. Is it a comedy or a tragedy? A standard musical or a rock musical? Uplifting or sad? A parable on class and poverty or a truly great story about love and the human spirit? The truth is, it is all of these things... and more."

*Blood Brothers* opens with the narrator unfolding the entire tragic story beginning to end. The next number moves quickly into an up-tempo yet gripping "Marilyn Monroe," a song about how the twin's mother found herself a single parent of eight children. However, it is the song "On Easy Terms" where Mrs. Johnstone laments needing to separate the twins, that the full force of the show hits the audience. Its hard to describe how gorgeous this musical is nor how compelling. It brings up basic questions about our society, nature versus nurture, how our wealthiest class treats our working class and how some circumstances lead to inevitable ends, when second-chances are not given and when all we need is taken away. But it also tells the story of love, of boy meets girl, or happiness being taken from simple pleasures, like a true, strong friendship that nothing can break apart. The people of Southern Maine have a wonderful opportunity to see a magnificent show. FMI 282-0849.

**Three Priests**

The recent national release of *Three Priests*, a Western/Drama, filmed in Portland by GumSpirit Productions can now be rented through Netflix or Blockbuster. AARON DUFFEY (GHS '01) co-stars and co-produces a film depicting a rivalry between brothers that strains the bonds of an already fragile family. USM graduate JIM COLE wrote and directed the film as well as the movie.

Building on the success of *Sundowning*, their previous multiple award-winning film shot on Casco Bay, the filmmakers were able to raise virtually all needed funds locally to pro-



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## @ YOUR LIBRARY **Baxter Library News** Pam Turner and Mary Collins

### Home Delivery Service

Patrons who are homebound and cannot get to the Baxter Library can have books delivered to them at home. This service has been in place for five years and is available to both people in their homes, as well as in residential housing. Currently 16 people receive home delivery and many more have benefited in the past.

Patrons choose how often deliveries occur and provide information on the number and type of books/audio materials that they prefer. Volunteers select the books and provide delivery.

Mary Ellen Valentine, an original patron of the service, receives books every two weeks. She finds the selections "thoughtful" and is appreciative of this "great program." She enjoys her conversations with the delivery person commenting that it's "nice to have an opportunity to talk with someone" as she doesn't see many people.

Beverly Blunda, new to the service, has large print books delivered every two weeks. She likes the selections, but did acknowledge that there are fewer choices in large print; she'll read whatever is brought if she can.

Thomas Furlong, a delivery volunteer, says he "very much enjoys the interactions with the patrons and they appreciate both the books and his calls." He delivers books to half a dozen people every other week at Gorham House and spends a few hours visiting with them. He makes sure they like the selections and reminds folks they can make special requests by calling the library. He had special praise for the library staff's helpfulness.

For more information about this service that is available to any Gorham resident, contact the library.

Part of what makes home delivery a success is access to books and library items, an area in which the Baxter library needs help. While the library participates in Minerva, a consortium of 65 libraries, its own collection size is well below that of Maine Public Library Standards. In an effort to boost the collection size, the Trustees have begun to develop an endowment and the Friends of Baxter Memorial Library are also working raise money to add items to the collection.

Fundraising events, like the recent auction and wine tasting, are so important. This event, co-sponsored by the Friends of the library and the Gorham Educational Foundation, raised almost \$2000 for the library. Our heartfelt thanks go out to the many businesses and organizations which contributed items to be auctioned. Without this kind of community support, the library would not be able to serve the town as well as it does.

Please join the Friends of Baxter Memorial Library and help us support the library. For more information, go to the library website [www.baxterlibrary.org/friends](http://www.baxterlibrary.org/friends) or call the library at 839-5031.

### Changing Library Card Policy

In order to protect the privacy of library patrons and fully comply with Maine Confidentiality of Library Records law, the Baxter Library will be changing the way it handles library transactions.

Beginning in August, a library card or positive photo identification will be required for all library card transactions and inquiries. In addition, a family member or friend may pick up a reserve item for another person only if they have the library card of the person who reserved the item in hand.

While these changes may be inconvenient for some patrons, the Library will try to make this transition as easy as possible. They will be happy to hold items for up to a week if a library card or photo identification is not available. Just so no one goes home empty handed, a small collection of books for children and young adults will be available in the Youth Service Department from which a patron may select one book to borrow on an honor system basis. A similar arrangement will be available for adults as well. These books are from donations and are not part of the library's regular collections.

Please direct any questions to Library Director Pam Turner at [pturner@msln.net](mailto:pturner@msln.net) or 839-5031.

### No Interlibrary Loans for Now

Due to the sudden stoppage of the statewide delivery service that moves interlibrary loan items around the state, the Baxter Memorial Library has had to suspend all interlibrary loan activity. This is a temporary situation. The Maine State Library, the entity that oversees the contract for the delivery service is working hard to secure a new delivery contractor. The Library staff will make every effort to assist patrons in getting items to read, listen to or watch during this time.

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## TOWN COUNCIL REPORT

# Boy Scouts Assess Town Council Meeting

Christine Ludwiczak

Boy Scout Troop #817 listened intently as the agenda got underway at the July 7 meeting of the Town Council. Scout Master, Jon Patten, introduced the troop members, who were in attendance working toward earning their Citizenship and Community merit badge.

"The objective is to observe an issue where different opinions are heard," said committee member and troop parent, Ron Burton. "We'll then go back and discuss with the boys, hear their response, and reflect on the situation."

The Council meeting was an ideal forum for exposure to the troop, as several items were discussed that evening:

- The Council approved the proposal to send a letter to the Planning Board, asking the Board to encourage the extension of sewer and water on South Street whenever allowed by the Land Use and Development Code.

Councilor Burleigh Loveitt pointed out that the extension of utilities is essential for development of the town, and would seek further attempt to keep these expenses off the municipal tax rate. Vice Chairman Michael Phinney agreed, noting, "Anytime we can extend public water to serve an area, we should be doing that."

- Also approved was an overlimit per-

mit for the Maine Department of Transportation for Park and Ride project #CM-1615(400)X. The order was approved pending conditions that Town Manager, David Cole, provide specifics in regards to the current limit, size of the lot, and exact overlimit figure receiving approval.

- Although raising significant discussion, the following proposal was approved with a count of 5 yeas and 2 nays (Councilors Noah Miner & Phillip Csoros). The approved proposal orders that an amendment to the Land Use and Development Code, requiring that developers provide the dedication and construction of roads to adjacent property, be sent to the Planning Board for public hearing and Planning Board recommendation.

Councilor Miner expressed his view, "If the purpose of the road extension is to let neighbors know that it may someday be developed, then this is a misuse of the ordinance." He advised that, "Neighbors buying these homes should do their due diligence and be aware of the possibility."

Councilor Csoros stated that he wasn't fully on board with this proposal for several reasons, noting that, if the primary purpose of the ordinance is to communicate to residents the potential of property development,

signage would be a more efficient use of the town's funds. He also pointed out that construction of the roads would, "deny residents use of the natural, open space immediately, as they could otherwise have greenery at the end of their subdivision for several years before development begins."

- Town Manager David Cole reported that an application for the grant for the fire stations has been submitted, advising that approval of the grant might not be determined until July 2010. Mr. Cole also reported that he issued a 15 year service pin to Town Planner, Deb Fossum, thanking her for her service to the town.
- Councilor Miner reminded the public that, effective July 1, there is a convenience fee to pay by credit or debit card. He advised citizens might wish to bring checkbooks to avoid the fee.
- During Public Communication, Matt Mattingly, of Pine Crest Bed and Breakfast, invited everyone to the second annual Gorham Taste Walk which will be held on the last Saturday of July from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. He also mentioned that Pine Crest Bed and Breakfast will host a concert series every Sunday during the summer with live music on the side lawn from 3-5 p.m.

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## FINANCIAL FOCUS

### On Track Toward Your Financial Objectives? Ed Doyle

After two years of turmoil in the financial markets, your own financial picture, along with that of virtually every other investor, has probably changed. Still, you can do a lot to get back on track toward the future you've envisioned — and you can start today. What moves should you make? Here are a few to consider:

- Assess your current situation. You're well aware of the change in your portfolio's value over the past two years, and may have already made some adjustments. But if you're going to position yourself properly for the future, you need to review your entire financial situation: your savings, spending, investments, insurance and income needs. Only then can you chart the course that's right for you.
- Reevaluate your goals. Since you're already reviewing your financial picture, now is a good time to also reexamine your goals. Would you like to help pay for a child's college education? Do you know when you plan to retire? When you do retire, what sort of lifestyle do you envision? If you haven't already done so, identify your goals and try to put a price tag on them.
- Review your strategy for reaching your goals. Once you know about how much money your goals may require, you'll need to review your savings and investment strategies to determine if they will provide sufficient funds. Look at your investment mix to see if it's providing the right combination of growth and income opportunities. At the same time, analyze your feelings about investment risk. Before the market decline, many investors believed they were more comfortable with risk than they actually were. Because different investments carry different levels of risk, it's essential that you know your risk tolerance and factor it into your investment decisions.

- Start making necessary changes. To attain the goals you've identified, you may well need to make some changes. For example, during the most recent bear market, the value of your growth-oriented investments likely fell considerably, which means these investments may now make up a smaller percentage of your portfolio, relative to income-oriented vehicles. Yet to achieve your long-term objectives, you may need a good amount of exposure to investments that have the potential to provide growth, such as stocks. Consequently, you may need to rebalance your portfolio, possibly with the help of a professional financial advisor — someone who knows your goals, risk tolerance, family situation and other key factors.
- Be flexible. After you've identified your goals and revised your investment strategy accordingly, you have taken some important steps — but you're still not done. None of us can predict what will happen in our lives, and as we've seen, the financial markets are equally unpredictable. So you will need to be flexible with your investment moves and prepared to make changes as necessary.



In short, establish an investment strategy that's right for your needs and follow it as best you can, but be prepared to adjust your path as time goes by. By staying diligent, you can help yourself advance toward your important goals — in all economic environments.

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## GMS Supports Habitat for Humanity

Amanda Cooper, GMS Teacher

Over the course of the school year, 8th grade students on GMS' Chebeague Island Team raised \$215 to donate to the greater Portland chapter of Habitat for Humanity. They raised this money by selling photographs at the Gorham Art Fair in the fall and throughout the year at school. Each of the students worked with art teacher Mrs. Cousins to take a unique and original photograph. They edited the photographs using the iphoto editing system on their laptops, printed copies to sell and donated at least one photograph for the Gorham Art Fair. Habitat of Humanity was the chosen recipient as it tied into our year-long essential question "What is Humanity?" that was explored in both the social studies and ELA classes.

The team focused on this theme as they studied the Civil War and the Cold

War in social studies class and examined things such as the treatment of African Americans throughout U.S. History, as well as the treatment of Native Americans, Mexican Americans and other immigrants to this country. Students also learned about the treatment of Japanese Americans after Pearl Harbor, and most recently, the treatment of the Jews during the Holocaust. They read the novel *Night* by Elie Wiesel and discussed how the Jews were able to hold on to their humanity despite all efforts by Hitler to strip them of it. Finally, the students researched Modern Day Dictators and Crimes against Humanity that have occurred after the Holocaust in various parts of the world.

While our donation to Habitat for Humanity was small in the big scheme of things, the students gained a lot from their year-long study.

## GMS Finishes First in Maine for "Pennies" Campaign

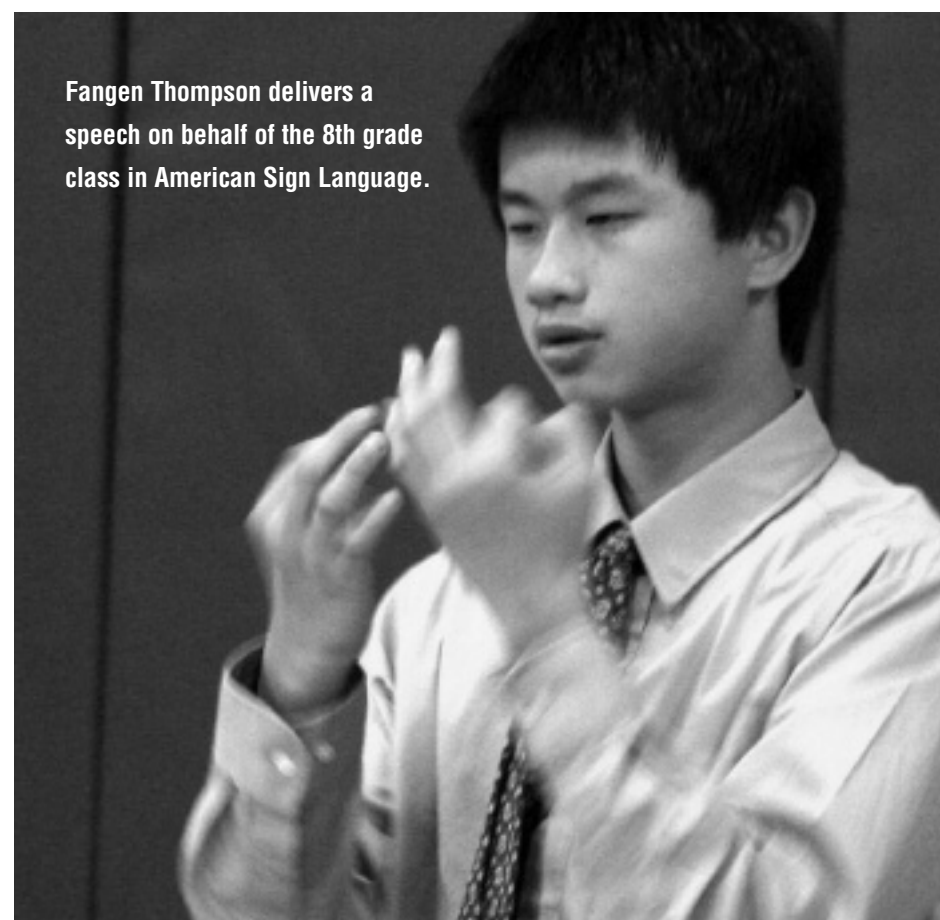
Donna Pastore

The Gorham Middle School finished first in the state of Maine, for the second year, with their "Pennies for Patients" drive to benefit the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. GMS students beat last year's total of \$2,504 by over \$800 raising a total of \$3,327. The top five classrooms that collected the most over a two-week period were awarded parties featuring pizza, ice cream, cookies and milk. Mrs. Ross' 6th grade class

collected over \$400 to win the gold pennant. Mrs. McCullough's and Mr. Lambert's 7th grade classes earned silver pennants by collecting over \$200. Many students brought in their birthday money, piggy banks and allowances to help support their classes. Special thanks to all the students, staff and parents who helped to make the pennies drive the most successful in Maine.

## 8th Grade Celebration

Sue Dunn



Fangen Thompson delivers a speech on behalf of the 8th grade class in American Sign Language.

Photo credit John Dunn

On June 18, the Gorham Middle School 8th graders officially became high school students at the GMS Promotion Ceremony. Certificates and summer reading books were handed out to 131 students.

Fangen Thompson delivered a moving speech in sign language explaining that he was bi-lingual since he communicated in American Sign Language as well as English. He described his years in the Gorham School System as fun, rewarding and challenging.

The ceremony included singing,

music, speeches and awards. Citizenship awards went to Elizabeth Landry, Michael Lubelczyk, and Katiana Selens. In attendance were local state political representatives and school administrators.

The evening ended with a short speech from GHS Principal Chris Record and a reading from GMS Principal Bob Riley. Special recognition went to Becky Doughty for all of the time and work she had put toward making this evening a success. A dance for the outgoing 8th grade class followed the ceremony.

### Volunteer Appreciation



Photo credit Leslie Dupuis

Narragansett students (l to r) Kate Larkin, Isabel Courtney and Georgia Banks read a poem thanking volunteers at a special celebration held on June 5. There are approximately 700 active volunteers in the Gorham School System with a total of 4800 hours logged.

### DARE Graduation



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Fifth grade students participated in the DARE Graduation at the end of the school year. Gorham High School Principal Chris Record was the guest speaker. Record stressed the importance of good decision making skills, learning from your mistakes and parental interaction with their kids during their younger years. The following students were recognized for their personal commitment statements: Kailyn Bowie, Mallory Campbell, Ryan Kenaley, Aisling Kirby, Molly Merrifield, Rachel Stewart, Sydney Stultz, Haley Tetreault-Kellet and Aidan Whitis.

## Gorham Middle School Fourth Quarter Honor Roll 08-09

<b>6th Grade High Honors</b> Riley Allen Douglas Beahm Catherine Becker Darcie Brown Bryanna Carroll Kaitlyn Curley Christian Daigle Margaret Donohue John Ennis Matthew Esposito Gregory Farrington Kevin Frazier Griffin Germond Leah Packard Grams Abigail Hamilton Cole Houghton Andrew Johnson Elizabeth Kane Emily Lewis Brendan Mercier Emily Peterson Julie Pike Kiana Plumer Mikayla Richman Mitchell Rossignol Abigail Sladen Timothy Sposato Andrea Stemm Katherine Stickney Thomas Susi Madison Tippetts Jordan Ward Ashley Woodbury Andrew York	Elizabeth Rioux Nathan Roberts Alicia Robinson Andrew Schmidt Madeleine Scholz- Lague Evan Scott Margaret Shields Delaney Shiers Charlotte Smith Julia Smith Katherine Stoddard Jacob Sturgis Michael Susi Zoe Swift Jackson Taylor Benjamin Thompson Meagan Thomsen Kenneth Tuttle Christopher Willette Michaela Williams	Sadie Guimond Johnathan Hamlin Kacey Hamlin Breanna Hoyt Karen Knight Eric Komulainen Narissa Kourinos Morgan LaBranche Brandon Labrecque Ryan Latronico Jesse Leavitt Hannah Leclair Matthew Leclair Gabrielle Libby Hannah Linscott Sarah Lyons Haley MacDonald Abby Mattingly Matthew Melton Shannon Nee Sara Nelson Zachariah Nightingale Heather Nystrom Michael Piscopo Gage Pratt Brady Provencher Liana Richardson Dylan Roberts Samantha Robinson Joshua Slater Griffin Courtney April Cummings Meghan Cushing Kiara Day Emily DeLuca Eric DeLuca Sophia Dobben Megan Dunlap Tyler Eldridge Chloe Gray Madeleine Hamblen Corbin Kenaley Abigail LaPorte Paige Lara Paige Lemieux Kevin Lombard Rebecca Lord Sarah MacLeod Joseph Martin Jenessa Meserve Jason Meuse Kelsey Mitchell Francesco Pappalardo Haley Perkins Ross Pratt Sydney Prindle Jessica Rexrode Courtney Roberts Rona Sayed Claire Sirois Hannah Southard Shelby Stack Lydia Story Katie Tucker Dylan Turner Jacqueline Turner Matthew Vail	Kristen Braley Adam Bucknell Deborah Burgess Lindsey Chadburn McKenzie Close MacKenzie Coburn Parker Spence Cowand Cole Cross Caleb Dolloff Johna Doyle Connor Dunn Caitlan Ebert Sarah Fogg Meghan Foley Amanda Foster Jeremy Foster Francesca Gallant Kylie Gleason Natalya Gorsky Joseph Graff Austin Hager-Perry Jaime Hansen Christopher Hardy Kayla Harris Abigail Hodgkins Nicole Hoffman Daniel Holmes Evan Jean Alex Johnson Troy Lambert Dylan Lancaster Elizabeth Lavoie Nicholas Lewis Darrian Lewry Jackson Marshall Cassandra Martel Alexander McCarthy Amy McCarty Matthew McKenney Maxwell McNally Alexis Merrifield Levi Merrifield McKenzie Meserve Hayley Morin Warren Murray Kristin Nelson Justin Nugent Alexander Owens Nicholas Parlin Evan Peoples Riley Sawyer Perkins Matthew Petty Jennifer Pinkelman Forrest Plaisted Matthew Polchies Dominic Pompeo Taylor Porter Hannah Pratt Brian Rex Mary Redmond Marissa Roberts Morgan Sanford Emily Schulte Kaitlyn SeeHusen Kara Stahl Nicola Stepnick Amy Stevens Molly Stewart Michaela Stresser Ryan Sullivan Madeline Susi Lindsey Thomsen Margaret Towle Iain Whitis Alex Yankowsky	
<b>6th Grade - Honors</b> Ashley Aceto Anna Barr Matthew Bennett Kristin Benson Kaitlyn Bernier Ryan Bertin William Bessette II Krista Boylen Sarah Buotte Gabrielle Burke GraceAnn Burns Amanda Butler Brooke Caron Emma Christakis Mackenzie Collins Sage Collins Mercedes Cote Megan Demers River Dunn Erika Dvilinsky Reagan Emerson Benjamin Garson Tucker Gasowski Julia Gaudette Anna Grant Isabelle Grant Morgan Hager-Perry Meghan Hanley Erika Heddeshheimer Austin Hicks Benjamin Hinchler Sydney Hobart Matthew Hooker Katherine Hopkins Evan Johnson Trevor Johnson Aliza Jordan Brendan Kelly Jessica Labrecque Jamison Lane Kayli-Susan Leavitt Luther Liang Sarah Logan Travis Mansir Zoe Mattingly Jeffrey McNally Trevor Michaud Alexis Miller Zachary Mills Blanca Monsen David Nagy Trevor Nelson Sarah Norton Olivia Owens Thomas Pequinot Abigail Perkins Savanna Petrin Sarah Plourde Jenell Porter Chandler Reagan F. Harrison Reeder III Cody Rioux	<b>7th Grade - High Honors</b> James Biegel Melissa Blake Thomas Bradshaw Nicole Brunet Kyle Butler Ashley Clark Griffin Courtney April Cummings Meghan Cushing Kiara Day Emily DeLuca Eric DeLuca Sophia Dobben Megan Dunlap Tyler Eldridge Chloe Gray Madeleine Hamblen Corbin Kenaley Abigail LaPorte Paige Lara Paige Lemieux Kevin Lombard Rebecca Lord Sarah MacLeod Joseph Martin Jenessa Meserve Jason Meuse Kelsey Mitchell Francesco Pappalardo Haley Perkins Ross Pratt Sydney Prindle Jessica Rexrode Courtney Roberts Rona Sayed Claire Sirois Hannah Southard Shelby Stack Lydia Story Katie Tucker Dylan Turner Jacqueline Turner Matthew Vail	<b>7th Grade - Honors</b> Rebecca Amell Grace Bagala Carly Barber Russell Becker Carly Bell Emily Berrill Rachel Blattstein Justin Broy Tucker Buteau Mikaeyla Byther Lauren Carter Michael Chin Jeremy Collett Ryan Cota Molly Creeden Patrick Crocker Morgan Cushing Kelsey Cushman Thomas Dahlborg Jessica Day Julia Donley Molly Dufour Briana Fallon Charlotte Feinberg Alexia Foster Marissa Gallant Travis Golder Caleb Goodall Madeleine Gotschlich Travis Grant Nicholas Greatorex	<b>8th Grade - High Honors</b> Lucia Alexandrin Joseph Bennett Morgan Briggs Travis Bucknell Matthew Buotte Celeste Carpenter Lindsay Chapman Samantha Cupps Kyle Curley Timothy Daigler Ryan Doughty Samantha Duncan Stefanie Farrington Shannon Folan Meaghan Gilbert Ryan Gilbert Elizabeth Henderson Amber Holivan Chloe Johnson Elizabeth Landry Spencer LaPierre Morgan Lappin Arthur J Lockman Michael Lubelczyk Bethany Marshburn- Ersek Nicholas Matthews Riley Shane Perkins Sydney Perkins Michelle Pham Taylor Plasz Darice Plumer Allyson Redhunt Nathan Roop Kristin Ross Marissa Rush Andrew Scontras Katiana Selens Quincy Shaw Patricia Smith Elliott Speirs Bridget Stillson Michael Sullivan Alexander Swiatek Tyler Verrill Milan Vidovic Evelyn Viernes Cameron Willette	<b>8th Grade - Honors</b> Libby Andreasen Daniel Bahun Kayla Billings Grace Bourgault Collin Bowie

## Gorham High School Fourth Quarter Honor Roll 08-09

<b>9th Grade - High Honors</b> Ryan Baillargeon Alyssa Cormack Joseph DeRoy Eliot Gagne Olivia Marshburn- Ersek Aryn Martin Jesse Orach Osna Sayed Matthew Southard Alexandra Sturgis Ellyn Touchette Bradley Turnbaugh Kiersten Turner Lia Van de Krol Larissa Worster	<b>Grade 10 - High Honors</b> Sydney Butler Megan Creeden Kelly Devoe Hanna Hamblen Sarah Henderson Brendon Joyce Kelsie Kerwin Megan Mitchell Thomas Moutinho William Ross Ryan Weed	Shannon Wilcox Seth Wing	Brittany Vaughan Jennifer Wiacek John Wolfe	
<b>Grade 9 - Honors</b> Steven Albanese Mackenzie Allen William Billings Carter Bowers Daniel Bracy Nathan Bucknell Chelsea Burnham Kaytlin Buzzell Jameson Crawford Mason Crocker Brandon Cushman Briaana Custeau Leanna Dalfonso Abigael Dean Katelyn DiLorenzo Nathaniel Dombek Sarah Doughty Cortlandt Dunn William Eldridge Brandi Emerson Emily Estes Nicole Gile Dustin Goodale Nathan Goodrich Lincoln Gray Philip Holmes Andrew Hopkins Connor Linehan Kevin Lubelczyk Alyssa Lurvey Colin Mader Tyler Maroon Alex Miller Nathan Moody Kelsey Pequinot Sara Potts Danielle Rivard Margaret Roy Cole Shiers Lindsey Smith Clara Stickney Deireann Stillson Alexandra Sturtevant Robert Toothaker Dylan Whitaker Amelia Whitten Rebekah Wise	<b>Grade 10 - Honors</b> Emma Alden Rebecca Auger Thomas Bahun Abigail Bailey Elena Barnes Connor Bell Katherine Bennett Eben Benson Steven Broy Alyssa Clark Sullivan Conley Jessie Dye Andrew Ernest Travis Fields Victoria Geffers Ashley Grover Alexis Hamlin Sara Harvey Ian Hawkes Sarah Kennedy Alena Kiel Conor Kirby Erika Kutchmarick Kimberlee Laney Taylor Lappin Chelsea LeBlanc Nathan Lemieux Amy Linscott Raisa Luck Logan Marshall Alexander Maston Allison Matthews Michael Miliano Sarah Moir Brianna Nee Kylie Perrin Mitchell Perrin Ciresse Phinney Michelle Ramsey Taylor Reagan Michael SeeHusen Connor Smith Blake Speed Zachary Speirs Megan Story Brian Stresser Grace Sunnell Lars Sunnell Mackenzie Tippetts Andrew Turner Sarah Vail Colleen Ward	<b>Grade 11 - High Honors</b> Hallie Balcomb Elizabeth LaMontagne Sara Martin Hanna Meise Bailey O'Brien Kristina Zarrilli	<b>Grade 11 - Honors</b> Jason Badeau Kayleigh Ballantyne Aaron Bartlett Terri Bastarache Thomas Bennett Nicholas Berry Kristan Bowie Kristianna Brown Solange Carpenter Lauren Chouinard Shanti Flagg Forest Gagne George Grant Chandler Hamilton Melanie Hebert Maciej Kansy Sara Lolley Colin Lubelczyk Stephanie Morin Benito Murray Gabrielle Parsons Marissa Patten-Harris Carly Perkins Corey Poitras Daisy Portlock Kelsey Rex Jordan Shiers Hannah Shorty Andrew Siegler Elizabeth Smith Emily Southard Nicole St. Peter Alexis Stack Thomas Stirling William Tebbetts John Tordoff Michael Walsh Casey Weed Rachel Wilkinson Lindsay Wilson Rebecca Wormwood	<b>Grade 12 - Honors</b> Garrick Adolf Cody Anderson Grace Bagala Thea Bass Megan Bilodeau Rachel Brower Samantha Carroll Adrienne Crosby Kelsey Crowe Sean Cummings Lauren Cunningham Brooke Curtin Shana Damon Mariah Dolloff Crystal Doyle Lauren Fleury Rachel Fogarty Samantha Gale Catherine Geren Nicholas Gowen Melanie Hallsworth Melissa Haluzak Breanna Harmon Courtney Hawkes Heather Hicks Brianna Holloran James Hughes Russell Hughes Bethany Irish Mustafa Jamal Marion Jensen Jennifer Kennedy Leigha Kerwin Annie King Amie Leeman Hannah Lilly Trinity Macomber Paige Mallory Britni Martineau Thomas Mathieu Mia McGill Derek Morin Julia Parmakian Shannon Pelynio Cynthia Reynolds Christopher Sawtelle Samantha Schulte Mackenzie Smith Gregory Standley Mairead Stillson Nellika Stirling Riley Storer Megan Strout Taylor Sullivan William Sutherland Jessica Taylor Shane Towle Luke Van de Krol Sanja Vidovic Kyle Willis
<b>9th Grade High Honors</b> Alissandra Saxton	<b>10th Grade Honors</b> Joseph Dellasala Austin Hayes Emily Kurz Joseph LaStoria Colin Walker	<b>11th Grade High Honors</b> Treaa Arey Meegan Daigler Sara Steinmetz	<b>11th Grade Honors</b> Brianna Amato Regina Arey Lauren Peter Julie Smith	<b>12th Grade Honors</b> Joseph Harper Nathaniel Lawson Annie Ledoux Elizabeth Pierce Bethany Schleh Melissa Slater
<b>9th Grade Honors</b> Christa Para Jacob Henry Smith			<b>12th Grade High Honors</b> Kenneth Martin	

## Cheverus High School Second Semester Honor Roll 08-09

<b>9th Grade High Honors</b> Alissandra Saxton	<b>10th Grade Honors</b> Joseph Dellasala Austin Hayes Emily Kurz Joseph LaStoria Colin Walker	<b>11th Grade High Honors</b> Treaa Arey Meegan Daigler Sara Steinmetz	<b>11th Grade Honors</b> Brianna Amato Regina Arey Lauren Peter Julie Smith	<b>12th Grade Honors</b> Joseph Harper Nathaniel Lawson Annie Ledoux Elizabeth Pierce Bethany Schleh Melissa Slater
<b>9th Grade Honors</b> Christa Para Jacob Henry Smith			<b>12th Grade High Honors</b> Kenneth Martin	

## McAuley High School Fourth Quarter Honor Roll 08-09

<b>Seniors:</b> Second Honors Katelyn Desrosiers Kristen Desrosiers	<b>Commendable</b> Hannah Traill	<b>Juniors:</b> Second Honors Amy Richard	<b>Sophomores:</b> Second Honors Caroline Fogarty Danielle Street Jolie Thomas	<b>Freshmen:</b> Second Honors Lulama Hawkes
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## North Yarmouth Academy

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<b>Grade 9 Honors</b> Chelsea Muller
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# Ohh, the Good 'Ole Days

Beverly Mann-Lessard

Years before Hannaford Brothers built their store in Gorham, a log cabin with the name "Greenwoods" printed above the doorway occupied a piece of that property bordering Main Street. The name was later changed to "Mason's," but the sandwiches and friendly service remained the same. During the late 1950's my best friend and I would sometimes ask our moms for fifty cents so we could go out for lunch at Greenwoods.

The Campus School allotted an hour for lunch which gave my friends and I plenty of time to walk south on Fort Hill Road to the center of town and then east on Main Street.

Thinking back on those lunch dates, I'm amazed that we traveled so far at such a young age. It didn't feel amazing at the time but today I wonder how many parents would say "yes" to such a request from an eight year-old today.

We'd oftentimes pedal our bicycles uptown to Barden's Drug Store which was located on the corner of South and Main Streets across from the present day Amato's. Barden's consisted of two big rooms with a hall way connecting them both. One side was a pharmacy and the other was an ice cream parlor complete with juke box, booths and a soda jerk. A small freezer in the middle held the coveted pop-sicles and ice cream bars which one had to snatch up quickly for fear of bumping into a group of teenagers jitter bugging their way through the afternoon. For a decade or so, it was the place to be.

The movie theatre which doubled as the Catholic Church on Sundays was next door to the pharmacy. When Disney movies came to town, my mother stuffed wax sandwich bags full of popcorn and gave my oldest sibling enough money for tickets...fifty cents

for twelve and older and a quarter for those younger. I loved going to the movies even if the shortest route back home was through the graveyard which seems to be the only landmark in Gorham that has remained unchanged.

Yes, we traveled far away from home back then. We walked and we biked everywhere. Today's kids would make such journeys only with a fully charged cell phone.

Ironically, in years later, my mother would worry about her grandchildren walking only half the distance to school that I did, but I have to admit, I worry about my grandchildren making it safely to the bus stop too. Is it the world that has changed or us? My guess is a little of each. As Thomas Wolfe once wrote, "you can't go home again."

The fifties was a time like no other when the only thing we feared was fear itself.

The fifties was a time of finding adventures from one end of Gorham to the other. And while the fifties are over and gone, it will live forever in the hearts and minds of us baby boomers who will conjure it up from time to time, dust it off and remember it as the good old days.

*Beverly Mann Lessard grew up on South Street and graduated from GHS in 1968. She has since written many short stories and anecdotes about her days in Gorham. She may be reached at bvrly-lessard@aol.com*



## CONSTRUCTION BOOM FROM PAGE 1

At the June 22 meeting, the Planning Board gave its final approval to the new elementary school to be built off Sebago Lake Road on the former property of the Stevens Farm. This project will be put out to bid in August, following its receipt of the necessary Maine D.E.P. permit. The long public access road to the new school grounds will be named "Justice Way" to honor the determined efforts of former Town Councillor Norman

Justice to move the project along through the construction committee. Susan Duchaine of Design Dwellings, Inc. is seeking approval for two development plans. One is a five-unit commercial condominium site at the intersection of Mosher Road and Main Street. The other is a 44-unit detached condominium development off Main Street on 13-acres of the former Hawkes Farm.

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## WAGNER FARM FROM PAGE 1

they certainly had every reason to be upset," Risbara stated. Risbara Bros. acknowledged error and apologized, making arrangements for a cleaning crew to take care of the houses affected.

In order to prevent the problem from recurring, Risbara met with those overseeing the crushing equipment and advised that the operation was to be shut down if dust exceeded acceptable levels.

"We are a family owned and operated business celebrating 42 years," Risbara explained. "We do not run from problems and pride ourselves in doing what is right."

Risbara expressed his gratitude to all the neighbors "who have been great throughout the entire 18-month approval process," and hopes to have the same level of support over the remaining four months of construction.

Despite consistent rain over the past several weeks, Risbara feels they are still on schedule to complete blasting by the end of July, and crushing by mid-August.

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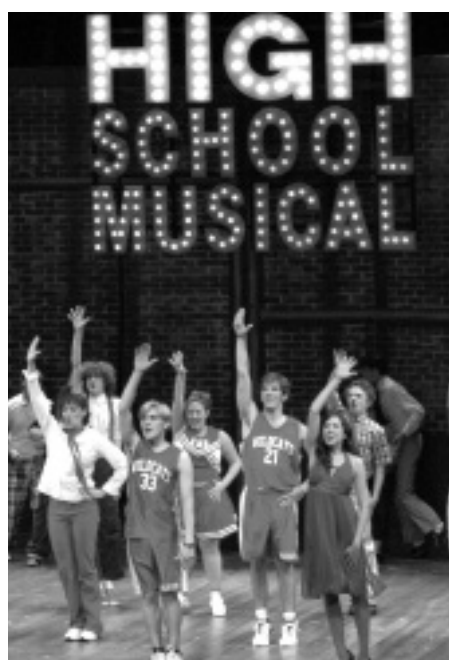
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**SUMMER ARTS** FROM PAGE 3



duce *Three Priests*. GumSpirits anticipates that a successful release of *Three Priests* will allow the team to continue to produce films here in Maine that reach a national audience.

**High School Musical**

Ogunquit Playhouse presents Disney's *High School Musical* July 25-26, and August 29-30. Gorham residents NICK REYNOLDS, CHRISSY ALBANESE, JON DAY and ADAM MOSEY are all part of the cast. FMI, [www.ogunquitplayhouse.org](http://www.ogunquitplayhouse.org).

**Chicago**

Gorham's JESSICA ERNEST and PAUL STICKNEY received rave reviews for their roles as Roxie Hart and Billy Flynn, respectively, in Saco's Legacy Theater production of the musical *Chicago*.

Gorham artist **LUCY ELLEN SMITH** won 2nd prize at the Pastel Painters of Maine Juried Exhibition in Saco this June. Smith received her Best in Show Award for her painting "Chef."



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## White Rock Outboard Wins Third Straight Babe Ruth Title

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The White Rock Outboard Babe Ruth Softball Team won its third-consecutive league title by finishing the regular season undefeated at 15-0 and then winning all three of its playoff games. Playing for the team, pictured (l to r), front row: Caroline Smith, Olivia Owens, Julia Smith and Noelle DiBiase. Middle/Back Row: Assistant Coach Kim Rexrode, Kate Hopkins, Cadie Houghton, Abby Biegel, Jessica Rexrode, Head Coach Chris Smith, Abby LaPorte, Sarah Plourde, Assistant Coach Lonnie Houghton and Emily DeLuca.

White Rock Outboard won its third-straight Babe Ruth Championship title in June and finished the 2009 season undefeated at 15-0. The team was led all season by its four twelve-year-olds: Emily DeLuca, Jessica Rexrode, Abby LaPorte and Kate Hopkins. Sarah Plourde, Olivia Owens, Cadie Houghton and Noelle DiBiase were solid offensive players while Julia Smith, Caroline Smith and Abby Biegel shored up the team's stellar field play. After defeating Casco Credit Union 7-0 in the playoff semifinals, White Rock

Outboard defeated Willis Real Estate in both games in the finals by scores of 7-1. In addition to strong pitching and clutch hitting, White Rock Outboard never made an error in any of the three playoff games. Willis Real Estate defeated Gorham House of Pizza in the other semifinal game while Casco Credit Union defeated Shaw Brothers in a play-in game the previous week. Willis Real Estate was lead throughout their season and playoff run by Emily Peterson and Amber Cavaretta.

## GMS Lacrosse Undefeated



Photo credit Bruce MacLeod

**Undefeated GMS Lacrosse Team:** The Gorham Middle School seventh-grade girls lacrosse team finished their season with an undefeated 10-0 record. Playing for the team, from left to right, front row: Carly Barber, Olivia Curtis, Morgan Cushing, Shayla Wing and Jade Wood. Middle row: Gabby Bagala, Maddy Hamblen, Meghan Cushing, Haley Perkins, Jenessa Meserve, Paige Lemieux and Rachel Bragg. Back row: Coach Lisa Shiers, Nichole Brunet, Katie Tucker, Kelsey Cushman, Bailey Drouin and Rozada Spiers. Along with the GMS eighth-grade team as well as the GHS varsity and junior varsity teams, Gorham produced four girls lacrosse teams that went undefeated during their regular seasons.

## in the Zone

**Gorham Sends Four To Special Olympics:** In June, four Gorham Special Olympic athletes left Gorham with a police escort to head to the State Special Olympics Games at the University of Maine at Orono. All of the athletes attended the Special Olympics parade and participated in three events. The athletes that attended were **ZACH CROCKETT** (5th grade), **TRAVIS MAIR** (6th grade), **TIM STICKNEY** (7th grade) and **COLE SHIERS** (9th grade). All four won at least two medals.

**Lacrosse All-Star: MIA RAPOLLA**, who just completed her sophomore year at GHS, was named to the All-State girls lacrosse team by the Maine Sunday Telegram. The only sophomore named to the team, Rapolla led the Rams with 51 goals as the team finished the regular season undefeated.

**Gorham Soccer Players Shine In Regional Competition:** GHS incoming seniors **ERIC PLOURDE** (below, left) and **GREG GAGNE** (below, right) were members of Maine's Olympic Development Program boys soccer team for players born in 1992. The team participated in a tournament in New Jersey in June and won their bracket (a first for a Maine team) before losing in the tournament semifinals to a team from New York.



**CHANDLER REAGAN**, an incoming seventh-grader at GMS, played for the U12 boys Odyssey Sport '97 soccer team that won its bracket at the Region I tournament in West Virginia in early July. Playing against teams from 13 northeast states, the team was one of only two Maine teams to win its bracket.



**Field Hockey Players Compete in Virginia:** Field hockey players **HAN-NAH PRINCE** (above, left) and **KAYLEIGH BALLANTYNE** (above, right) participated on the Region I team consisting of players from Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont at the National Futures Championship in Virginia Beach in June. Both players are entering their senior year at GHS and began playing field hockey as first graders.

**College Student-Athlete: JOSH TANGUAY**, GHS 2006, was among the University of Maine at Farmington student-athletes recognized for work in the classroom with North Atlantic Conference All-Academic honors. Tanguay, a psychology major who plays for the basketball team, recently completed his junior year.



Photo credit Bruce MacLeod

**A Second Undefeated GMS Lacrosse Team** The Gorham Middle School eighth-grade girls lacrosse team finished their season with an undefeated 9-0 record. Playing for the team, from left to right, front row: Taylor Plasz, Celeste Carpenter, Aly Jameson, Taylor Marr, Jackson Marshall, Abby Hodgkins and Kali St. Germain. Back row: Coach Laurie Curtis, Kaitlyn Seehusen, Grace Bourgault, Shannon Folan, Libby Andreasen, Marissa Roberts, Lindsay Chapman and Rachel Eaton.

## Young Athletes at YourSpace



Photo credit Martha T. Harris



**Special Olympics Maine** introduced a new program to Maine this year called **Young Athletes** for ages 2-7 to complement a similar program for older children. Young Athletes provides developmentally and age appropriate introductions to sports to children with intellectual disabilities. YourSpace in Gorham played host by donating their facility to the program this year which included children from Kittery to South Portland. The program is free and available to any child with intellectual disabilities. Anyone interested in participating in future programs should contact Lisa Bird at 839-5578 or [lbird@maine.rr.com](mailto:lbird@maine.rr.com).

## Gorham Lions Win Cal Ripken Title

Jeff Pike



Photo credit Kathy Ward

The Gorham Lions won the Gorham Cal Ripken baseball championship with a dramatic win over Phinney Lumber to take the hard-fought series, two games to one. Playing for Gorham Lions and pictured above, from left to right, laying down: Jordan Ward, Eric Komulainen and Mick Mansir. Kneeling: Jason Komulainen and Patrick Lynch. Standing: RJ St. Cyr, Sam Roussel, Dylan Truong, Colby Sturgis, Dylan Rogers, Billy Ruby, and Malcolm Smith. Back row: Head Coach Tom Komulainen and Assistant Coaches Adam Smith and Jim Sturgis. Missing from photo is Assistant Coach Bruce Ward.

Mick Mansir hit a walk-off two run double in the bottom of the sixth inning to lift the Gorham Lions past Phinney Lumber in the Gorham Cal Ripken baseball finals in June. The teams split the first two games of the best of three series, with each team winning by one run, to set up the dramatic third and final game. Phinney Lumber led 3-2 in the bottom of the sixth with the home-team Lions coming

up for their last at bat. Eric Komulainen led off with a single, followed by a walk to Jordan Ward. A bluff steal ended with Komulainen safe at third after being caught in a pickle with Ward advancing to second. That set-up Mansir's game-winning hit, which drove in both runners for the Lion's 4-3 win. The two teams were evenly matched with great pitching and solid play from both sides, making for an exciting and emotional championship series. A trophy ceremony followed the game.

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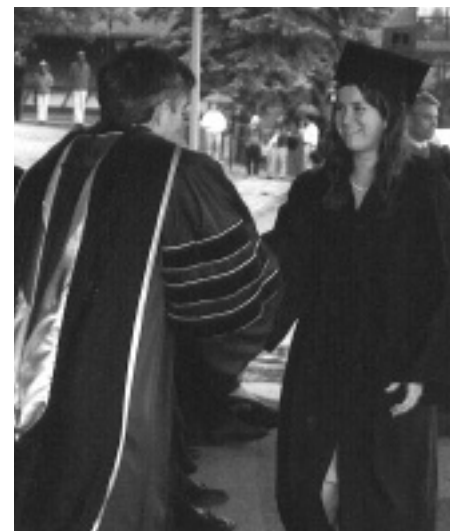
# community



**Gorham residents, past and present, celebrating the June 6 wedding of AMELIA REESE and DANIEL MASTERSON** (front center) in Thompson Station, TN. Front row: Althea Masterson, Lisa Howick, Jack Howick, Lucy Howick, Kathleen Masterson, Cathy Falwell, Alex Mirkin, and Janice Boyko. Back row: Bob Masterson, Jim Boyko, Sam Howick, Lee Howick, Tom Howick, and Peter Mirkin.



**EAMAE MIRKIN** (GHS '05), graduated with honors from Carnegie Mellon University on May 17 with a BFA degree in Industrial Design. Mirkin is working for Apple, Inc. in San Francisco this summer as an intern. He is the son of Peter Mirkin and Cathryn Falwell of Gorham.



**LANE MAHONEY** (GHS '05) recently graduated from Colby College with a Bachelors of Arts Degree in Biology. She is the daughter of Stacey and Kevin Mahoney.

## dean's list

The spring semester **Dean's List** at **Bryant University** includes the following Gorham Students: **CHARLIE DRESSER**, a sophomore accounting major; **RYAN HARRIMAN**, a senior marketing major and **PATRICK TABER**, a senior finance major.

**JORDAN CLARK** (GHS '08) and **MARY KUSTURIN** (GHS '08), were named to the Dean's List at Lasell College in Newton, MA. Clark is majoring in Interdisciplinary Studies/Early Childhood Ed., and KUSTURIN is majoring in Fashion Design and Production.

**ELLIOTT JENKS**, a sophomore Mechanical Engineering major, and **KATELIN PERKINS**, a first-year student Psychology major, were both named to the Dean's List for the 2009 spring semester at the University of Vermont.

**ANDREW HAGER** of Gorham was named to the Dean's List at Wagner College in Staten Island, NY.

**Lawrence Academy in Groton, MA**, congratulates junior **ELIZABETH PLOWMAN**, who earned academic honors for the spring trimester. Plowman is the daughter of Bonny and Stephen Plowman of Gorham.



The following students from Gorham were named to the Dean's List at the University of Maine at Orono for the 2009 Spring semester: **CHRISTOPHER ALBERT, JONATHAN ALLEN, EMILY BOYCE, EVAN BRADSTREET, XIBEI DING, BENJAMIN DOUGLAS, CHARLENE FRICK, MEGAN HAMILTON, KATHLEEN LESTAGE, JESSICA LONG, TYLER MARCET, TIMOTHY POULIN, ELIZABETH RICHARD, MIRIAM RIMKUNAS, CHELSEA RONDEAU, MARIE SMITH, JENNIFER STOUTD, CHANTAL-MARIE TIJSSSEN, KELSEY WILSON, CAMERON WISE AND LINDA WONG.**

## engagements

Geoff and Maggie Hart are happy to announce the engagement of their son **KIM HART** (GHS '03) to **NICOLE ADAMS** of Braintree, Ma. Both graduates of Franklin Pierce University, Hart is employed by Sharps Barbershop in Massachusetts and Adams is an elementary school teacher.



## of interest

**ASHLEY MARTIN**, an All Star Dairy 4-H Club member for nine years, received the 4-H Leaders Association and the Susan P. Grover Memorial Scholarship; **KATIE THUOTTE**, a 4-H member for 9 years and member of the Brass Knobs 4-H Club with her working steers, received the Cumberland County Extension Homemakers Scholarship and the Linda Clark/Margaret Justice Memorial Scholarship; and finally, **EMILY HAMBLIN**, a 4-H member for four years in the Sunny Brook Youth Club, received a scholarship from the 4-H Leaders Association.

**A Companion Planting Garden Workshop** will be held on Thursday, July 30 from 6 p.m.-7:30 p.m. at the Gorham Rec. Dept. with Master Gardener Mihku Anderson explaining the benefits of planting compatible plants. Cost \$5 to benefit Gorham Community Garden. FMI 222-1630.

**ABBIE ADKISON** who will be a senior at **GHS in the fall**, will earn three hours of college credit this summer by participating in Harding University's Honors Symposium, a challenging two-week academic program in Searcy, Arkansas. She is the daughter of Mark and Lisa Adkison.

**The Gazebo Summer Concert Series in Gorham** will feature the Delta Knights Rock & Roll Band on Tuesday, July 28 and Pan Fried Steel on Tuesday, August 4. Both concerts are from 6:30 – 8 pm. Bring a picnic, a blanket or chair, and



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**There will be a College & Career Quest for students** entering grades 10-12 from August 3-7 and August 10-14 at Gorham Recreation. This program is designed for students willing to explore, investigate, and get a jump-start on their search for a college that fits academically, socially and culturally. Fee \$30 per day, with exception of Boston Trip which is \$50. FMI 222-1635. Registration Deadline July 27.

**The Gorham Lion's Club will sponsor a Classic Car Show** with over 125 vehicles on Saturday, July 25 at the Narragansett School Parking Lot with cars arriving by 6:30 a.m. The event ends at 2 pm and is free, but donations are accepted. Proceeds to benefit scholarship fund.

**The Food Pantry in Gorham** (located in the St. Anne's Catholic Church parking

lot), is in need of several items this summer as shelves empty more quickly with children being home from school. Items needed are: bar soap, toilet paper, toothpaste, canned tomatoes, cake mixes, brownie mixes, cookie mixes, frosting, chicken noodle soup and baked beans. Perishable items may be dropped off on Thursday mornings and non-perishable items may be dropped off in the grey bin on the ramp by the entry door any time.

**A Benefit Golf Tournament to support the Gorham Grizzly and Ram football programs** will take place on Friday, July 31 at the Gorham Country Club. 12 pm registration and 1 pm Shot-gun start (Scramble format). Silent auction/awards/barbeque immediately following. And meet celebrities! Varsity Football Coach Dave Kilborn (bids taken to have the Coach caddy a hole for you!), 'Bend the ear' of GFB President, Ben Tuttle on the 18th green and 'Meet and Greet' with Ram Alum and former NFL Baltimore Ravens player, Kendrick Ballantyne in clubhouse. FMI 838-4328 or 356-6047

**There will be a HUGE Yard Sale on August 29** to Benefit Project Blessing at Life Church, New Portland Rd in Gorham. Please donate your gently used unwanted items now thru August 22: Sundays from 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5-7 p.m. and Saturdays from 2-6 p.m. WE DO NOT TAKE - Mattresses, computers, or large appliances. Life Church reserves the right to refuse items.

**The Second Annual Gorham Taste Walk and the Golden Spoon Competition** will be held July 25. Gorham Taste Walk maps will be available soon at local retailers. Maps are available for a \$5 donation. PineCrest Summer Concert Series will be held every Sunday starting July 5. Local and national acts will be featured, 3 to 5 p.m., \$5 donation for the Musicians. Concerts are catered by the PineCrest



Club. Go to [www.pinecrestmaine.com](http://www.pinecrestmaine.com) for more details.

**Cub Scouts from Pack 74 of Gorham visited Battleship Cove in Fall River, Massachusetts** to explore the world's largest collection of historic naval ships. After touring the battleship USS Massachusetts, the destroyer Joseph P. Kennedy, submarine Lionfish, PT Boats 617 and 796, and the Russian missile corvette Hiddensee, the scouts, their parents and adult leaders spent the night of May 8 on board the USS Massachusetts. Pack 74 serves boys enrolled in first through 5th grades at Narragansett and Village schools in Gorham. Pack 74 meets monthly during the school year at St. Anne's Catholic Church in Gorham, and offers many outdoor events and camping opportunities in the spring, summer and fall. FMI, 839-7875 or [cub-master@maine.rr.com](mailto:cub-master@maine.rr.com).



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**Past White Rock students** (l to r) Allie Keeffe, Haley Keeffe and Cassidy Landry returned to the school to celebrate Margaret Evans' retirement at an ice cream social on May 29. The community event was held in honor of Margaret's 25 years in the Gorham school system.

**close to home**

**The Saco River Grange Hall in Bar Mills presents Doreen's Jazz New Orleans** on Friday, July 31 at 7:30 pm. Straight from the French Quarter, virtuoso Dixieland Clarinetist Doreen Ketchens, returns with her tubist-husband, Lawrence, and Don Whitney on drums. \$18/\$15. Reservations advised; call 929-6472.

**Leavitt's Mill Free Health Center** will hold a Grand Opening Day Celebration (in conjunction with the Buxton-Hollis Community Day Celebration) on Saturday, July 25 with an 11 am Ribbon Cutting Ceremony following the parade. Free health screenings from 11:30 – 3 p.m. at 63 Main St in Bar Mills, along with music, prizes, raffles and more. FMI, 929-6455 [www.leavittsmill.org](http://www.leavittsmill.org)

# what's happening

**SATURDAY, JULY 25**

- Classic Car Show, Narragansett School, 6:30 a.m. – 2 p.m. Over 125 cars! Free admission.
- Second Annual Gorham Taste Walk, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.,

**SUNDAY, JULY 26**

- PineCrest Music Fest 3 – 5 p.m. Bring your Taste Walk ticket for admission to Music fest.

**MONDAY, JULY 27**

- Lucy the Reading Therapy Dog, for ages 5-12. Read with Lucy at Baxter Library! FMI, 839-5031.

**TUESDAY, JULY 28**

- Delta Knights Rock & Roll Band, Gorham Summer Gazebo Series, 6:30-8 pm. FMI, 222-1635.
- Bridge Club, Gorham Rec. Center, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. FMI, 222-1635.

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 29**

- Popsicles on the Patio, 1 p.m. Baxter Library. For anyone who loves a story. FMI, 839-5031.
- What's a Fossil? Amateur paleontologists Walter & William Selens have dug fossils over 1 billion years old. 2:30 – 3:30 p.m. Baxter Library. FMI, 839-5031.

**THURSDAY, JULY 30**

- Theater Thursday, 10-11 a.m. For grades 5 and older. Baxter Library.

**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 building behind St. Anne's Church.**

- Companion Planting Garden Workshop, 6 p.m.-7:30 p.m. Gorham Rec. Dept. \$5. FMI, 222-1630.

**FRIDAY, JULY 31**

- Gorham Grizzly and Ram Football Benefit Golf Tournament, Gorham Country Club, registration at noon, shot gun start 1 p.m. FMI 356-6047 or 838-4328.

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 4**

- Drum Circles, Centre of Movement, Gorham. 8 p.m.-9 p.m. FMI, 839-3267.
- Pan Fried Steel, Gorham Summer Gazebo Series, 6:30 -8 p.m. FMI, 222-1635.
- Bridge Club, Gorham Rec. Center, 10-12:30 p.m. FMI, 222-1635.

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5**

- Bubble Day, 1 p.m, Baxter Library. Weather permitting.
- Baxter Memorial Library Trustee Meeting, 6:30 p.m – 8 p.m.

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**Caller reported a black bear** passed in front of their vehicle on South Street. **Ossipee Trail caller reported a black bear** in their backyard. **Amber Way caller reported a large black bear** in the yard that was not afraid of anything they had done to make him leave.

**Caller reported that a man** wearing dark clothes and carrying a rifle headed into the woods off the bypass.

**Cressey Road caller reported** a problem with neighborhood cats eating their wildlife.

**Ossipee Trail caller reported** a male wearing fatigues was sitting under a tree. Caller was concerned as to why this person was in the area and what his business was.

**Ossipee Trail caller reported** their business was broken into the previous evening.

**County Road caller reported** the theft of plants from their fields out back.

**Meadow Crossing Drive caller** had a raccoon on their porch that kept coming back.

**Beverly Lane caller reported** that earlier in the evening their teenage daughter saw unknown males walking in the neighborhood taking pictures of houses.

**Libby Avenue caller reported** hearing a female yelling help and a male who said lay down then heard a gunshot.

**Daniel Street caller reported** their van had been taken from their house while they were sleeping. Van was paid for by caller, but registered in adult child's name.

**Driver fell asleep while driving** on Middle Jam Road and hit a telephone pole.

**Mercier Way caller reported** finding fraudulent charges on their credit card.

**Day Road caller reported** someone stole the key to their boat. Caller also reported

vandalism to the house across the street.

**Queen Street caller reported** that there was a bird in distress and thought that there were eggs that were disturbed when paving began.

**North Street caller reported** that subjects on ATVs were circling their residence.

**Caller reported that a vehicle** went out behind their building. Vehicle operator was taking a picture of the antique fire truck.

**Dingley Spring Road caller** advised that a male subject who was walking down the road towards Route 25, had taken off his clothes, and then had put them back on.

**Caller reported that nails** were placed under their tires by an employee they fired.

**McLellan Road caller reported** a dog that had been barking for three days.

**South Branch Drive caller reported** a partridge in their yard that might have been someone's pet.

**Caller reported that a pot bellied pig** was on the road outside of the taxidermist on South Street.

**Brookwood Drive caller** wanted to speak to an officer regarding a relative who drives drunk every night with their kids in the car.

**Fort Hill Road caller** wanted to talk to an officer regarding a teenage male who had been staying at their house for the last few days because he had been kicked out of his own house.

**Gray Road caller reported** suspicious activity in the area. Mother was picking up child from work.

**Straw Road caller reported** that a juvenile male had not come home again, and they wanted someone to find him and bring him home.

**Caller reported** that a seagull with a broken wing was in their driveway and they wanted it removed.

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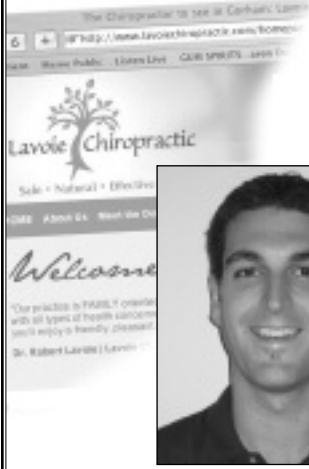
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