

Schools Budget Cuts More Positions

Stacy Sallinen

The preliminary 2011 budget for Gorham schools contains several job cuts, including teaching positions.

The budget has been updated since it was first presented by Superintendent Ted Sharp in February, and recent changes in revenue have helped reduce the number of positions lost. Reductions in force have gone from 22 to 15.6 positions, with one new position added, resulting in a net loss of 14.6 jobs.

Targeted positions include support staff, seven educational technicians and 5.6 teachers. Some of the jobs are being eliminated through resignations, retirements and approved leaves of absence, making the actual number of layoffs 7.6 positions. Of that number, 1.6 are teachers. The staffing cuts are expected to save \$656,569.

Previous budgets have already cut 38 jobs from Gorham schools.

The proposed budget of \$30.5 million reflects an increase in expenditures of 3.04% over the previous year. The increase includes two interest payments on the bond for the new elementary school and takes into consideration a \$482,426 reduction in state general purpose aid (GPA).

This is the first year school districts in Maine will receive less GPA than the previous year, Sharp said during a day-long budget workshop on Mar. 13.

The proposed budget reduces discretionary accounts by 10%, resulting in a savings of \$319,000.

The district is expecting \$738,664 in American Reinvestment and Recovery Act (ARRA) funds. The library book budget, a portion of the instructional supply budget, and some capital improvements to school buildings were among the

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Blaze Destroys Gorham House and Barn

Sheri Faber

A spectacular, fast-moving fire destroyed a house and attached barn in the Little Falls section of Gorham on Mar. 11. Smoke from the fire could be seen from miles away, and the flames were visible from the USM campus.

The buildings, at 8 Newell St., near the intersection of routes 237 and 202, were owned by Ron Meserve, who lived there with his wife, Darlene. In addition to the Meserves, there were three other people in the house at the time of the fire, which started at around 8 p.m.

The Meserves, tenant Shana Damon, and two friends who were visiting her, Edward Warren and Kenneth Corvin, all escaped without injury, but a dog and several cats did not survive. Four vehicles also were destroyed in the fire.

At the request of firefighters, Central Maine Power "dumped the grid," shutting down power to the house and to approximately 5,000 homes in Gorham, Standish and South Windham for about 40 minutes so that firefighters could safely raise their ladders to the upper stories of the house and barn.

Given the intensity of the flames, the blaze's proximity to a nearby gas station was also of concern to the firefighters.

Gorham's Deputy Fire Chief Kenneth Fickett speculated that the fire, which started in the barn, burned so quickly because the building was both old with dry wood and open to the air, both of which meant that the fire was fully engaged in a very short time.

Roughly 100 firefighters from eight area towns responded to the fire. Firefighters from Windham, Westbrook, Buxton, Scarborough, Portland, and South Portland were called in to assist the Gorham Fire Department.

The area fire hydrants were quickly tapped out and tankers had to be brought in. The barn burned to the ground and at about 1 a.m. the fire-



Photo credit Jen Wescott

Flames destroy a house and attached barn in the Little Falls section of Gorham on Mar. 11. Roughly 100 firefighters from eight area towns responded to the fire.



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The morning after the fire little was left at the site of the house and barn at 8 Newell St., near the intersection of routes 237 and 202.

fighters knocked down the rest of the house with heavy equipment, as there was nothing left but the shell.

State Fire Marshal Dan Young Sr. described the cause of the fire as "under investigation." They know that the fire began in the barn and

are trying to contact as many witnesses as possible but the destruction is so advanced it may not be possible to make a final determination as to the origin of the fire. Witnesses are asked to contact the Gorham Police Department.

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Ethanol—A Blessing or Curse?

Jane Knapp

Since the fall of 2008, ethanol-blended gasoline (E-10) is what the majority of Mainers have received when gassing up at the pump. The argument over whether it's a great advancement in the quest to reduce our dependency on oil or something that is causing more trouble than good has been waging since the introduction of the product. However, many people still don't fully understand what it is or why we now have E-10.

Ethanol is an alcohol-based fuel made by fermenting and distilling the simple sugars found in agricultural crops and wood fibers. It is known as a renewable fuel as it is made from plant materials that are not in finite supply, like oil. All of the ethanol currently used in this country as an additive to gasoline comes from corn. In gasoline, ethanol performs as an octane enhancer.

The use of ethanol increased a few years ago when several states, including Maine, banned the use of Methyl Tertiary Butyl Ether (MtBE) as an additive in gasoline. Due to the ban on MtBE, ethanol began to be blended with gas in its place. While Maine has no requirement to blend gasoline with ethanol, tax incentives (both state and federal), federal regulatory requirements and market forces have resulted in a larger number of fuel distributors' supplying the product.

Proponents of E-10 argue that the use of ethanol diminishes the consumption of petroleum fuels and reduces air pollution. New research into the production of cellulosic ethanol has created the potential for large scale production of ethanol using inedible cellulosic biomass, such as wood, grass and various waste materials, which is plentiful and is cost competitive with petroleum. The environmental benefits that are expected from the use of cellulosic biomass include a sustainable carbon cycle with net-zero greenhouse gas emissions.

Opponents of the use of E-10 point to questions about the product's performance (3% loss of fuel economy) and its effect on the integrity of vehicles that use it. Ethanol has an

affinity to water and can reach a point called phase separation if it absorbs too much moisture. Phase separation occurs when the E-10 solution separates and the gas floats to the top while the ethanol and water mix on the bottom of the tank. In this situation, E-10 may cause the fuel system to become clogged. If E-10 is going to go unused for even as little as two weeks, it needs to be stabilized with a non-alcohol based fuel stabilizer. Gorham Town Council member Matt Robinson cautioned citizens at the Mar. 2 meeting that there are many stabilizers available with wide variety of effectiveness.

Phase separation creates another issue that opponents of E-10 are concerned about and that is proper disposal of the separated solution. The Natural Resources Committee was tasked with a bill this session, L. D. 1760 "Resolve, Concerning the Proper Disposal of Motor Fuels Containing Ethanol," which intends to require the Department of Environmental Protection to conduct an outreach and education campaign to provide information to residents statewide regarding the handling and disposal of motor fuels containing ethanol. There are currently only two facilities equipped to handle the disposal of E-10 in Maine (in Lewiston and Portland), making it difficult to properly discard the solution should it become separated and therefore, no longer good to use.

The issue for or against ethanol-blended gas is one that will most likely not be going away any time soon. With strong feelings on either side of the issue and new technology emerging everyday, this is sure to be an evolving subject matter.

Some of the information in this article was found at the following: www.MaineDEP.com; www.daybreakinfishing.com/ethanol-fuel.html; www.maine.gov/dep/air/mobile/ethanol.htm; www.sciencedaily.com (2009)

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Letter From the Editor



Photo credit Andrew J. Sharp

As the new editor of the *Gorham Times*, I'd like to take a brief moment to introduce myself. I'm a journalist and writer by profession, although in recent years I've given up the grind of the daily newspaper to start a Web engineering firm. I'm a native of Brooklyn, a Mainer by choice, a husband and a father, and I live in a very old farmhouse on the north side of Gorham.

As editor, my job at the paper is to coordinate news coverage, check facts, and edit stories. Overall, it's a pretty sweet gig.

But despite a nifty title, I'm not the important part of the *Gorham Times*.

That role is held by the volunteers, people who take time out of their busy schedules to help bring the people of Gorham the news of Gorham—news that is often overlooked by larger media outlets. Since I started at the paper, I have never failed to be amazed by their enthusiasm, dedication, and hard work.

If you'd like to bring your talents to the *Gorham Times*, whether you're a writer, photographer, graphic artist or just somebody who wouldn't mind taking an hour or two every other Thursday to help us deliver the paper around town, you are more than welcome. We can always use whatever help you have to offer.

You can call our office at 839-8390 or e-mail me at editor@gorhamtimes.com. We'd love to have you join us.

Thanks for your time,
R.F. Sharp
Editor

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The Town of Gorham is accepting bids for the purchase of the municipality's interest in certain tax-acquired property on Monday, April 26, 2010.

Property #1 consists of 10.24 acres of land and a building located at 698 Fort Hill Road, Gorham, ME 04038 (Gorham Tax Map 84, Lot 7).

For a copy of the official Notice of Tax Sale, please contact the Gorham Finance Office at 222-1611, visit the Town's Web site at www.gorham-me.org, or email the Finance Department at mfinger@gorham.me.us.

Gorham Marketplace 2010 to Showcase the Best of Gorham

Dede Perkins

The Gorham Business & Civic Exchange's 13th Annual Marketplace will be held on Saturday, Mar. 27 in USM's Costello Field House.

"We have over 90 vendors so far," said Rob Lavoie, Marketplace 2010 Committee Co-Chairperson. "We're looking forward to another great day."

Marketplace 2010 will showcase quality products and services available in the Gorham area. Every year, thousands of "shoppers" visit USM's Costello Field House to sample food, enjoy local talent, sign up for vendors' prizes, receive cost savings on show specials, and have a chance to win lots of money.

Gorham Marketplace 2010 will offer an expanded Food Court that includes specialties from Amato's, Gorham Grind, Gorham House of Pizza, Mister Bagel and Thatcher's Sports Pub. New to this year's Food Court will be Sebago Brewing's Beer Garden. As always, regularly scheduled presentations and entertainment will take place throughout the day.

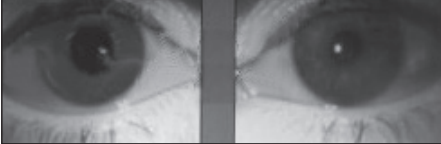
There will be two stages at Gorham Marketplace 2010. The performing artist stage will be set up near the Food Court so people can sit and watch a show while they eat. The second stage, near the Grand Prize Giveaway area, features vendors who wish to demonstrate products or services. Scheduled highlights include: Gorham Educational Foundation's Spelling Bee, Moody's Collision Center's air bag deployment, Gorham High School Robotics Team's latest creation, as well as performances by the Music School of Maine, Dance Studio of Maine, and Greater Portland School of Jukado.

Once again, the popular "Price is Right" game with contestants "coming on down" to play and win prizes from featured businesses will take place near the Grand Prize Giveaway area. The Kids' Area will be set up near the Food Court, and will be filled with all kinds of fun activities for children.

These activities, along with the "big money" prizes encourage people to stay all day. There will be two cash drawings, and you must be present to win.

The event starts at 10 a.m. and continues until 3 p.m. Admission is \$2 per adult; children and students are free.

Iris Recognition Scans Offered at the Gorham Marketplace



Iris recognition positively determines the identity of an individual by capturing a high-resolution digital photograph of the individual's iris. The unique features contained in the iris are compared against a database and the identity of the individual is determined. Many organizations use iris recognition biometric technology to quickly and positively identify missing children and seniors.

The Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS), in conjunction with the Cumberland County Sheriff's Office and the Gorham Police Department, are offering iris recognition scans at the Gorham Marketplace at the USM Costello Sports Center on Mar. 27. This is a free service and will be available at the Gorham Police Department booth. If you cannot make it on Mar. 27 and would like more information or to schedule an iris recognition scan for your school, nursing home, church, club or organization please contact: Janet Biczak, VIPS Volunteer Coordinator at 207-239-9755 or email Biczak@cumberlandcounty.org.



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AT YOUR LIBRARY March Merriment

Mary Collins

Storyteller and author John McDonald.



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Each year in March, the Friends of Baxter Memorial Library celebrate the coming of spring by inviting Maine authors to speak at the library.

On Thursday, Mar. 25 at 6:30 p.m., author Sarah Thomson will talk about her young reader's version of the bestselling book "Three Cups of Tea" by Greg Mortenson and David Relin. This event will be enjoyed by whole families, but is particularly appropriate for elementary-school-aged children. Sarah Thompson has published more than 25 books for young readers. Her most recent fantasy novel, "Dragon's Egg," was the winner of the Maine Lupine Award.

The original book is about Mortenson's 1993 failed attempt to climb Pakistan's K2, the world's second highest mountain. This failure resulted in a mission he believed to be far more important: The establishment of schools in remote areas of Afghanistan and Pakistan.

Having to turn back before reaching the summit, Mortenson wandered away from his group. Alone, without

food or water, he found his way to a village where he was cared for until he was able to continue. While there, he noticed the children writing with sticks in the dirt—there was no school, paper or writing materials. He promised to return to build a school, a promise he kept through his personal fundraising efforts in the United States. Eventually, he succeeded in establishing 78 schools. This is both an adventure story and a profoundly important lesson about how one person can make a difference.

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TOWN COUNCIL REPORT

Moratorium on Medical Marijuana Dispensaries in Gorham Considered

Sarah Gavett-Nielsen

The Gorham Town Council discussed a moratorium on medical marijuana dispensaries in Gorham at its March meeting. A moratorium would protect Gorham's rights to enact local regulations regarding marijuana dispensaries since the State's Department of Health and Human Services has not yet formulated the rules and regulations relating to the licensing of medical marijuana dispensaries.

"There are a number of communities, I think four or five, around the state who have adopted moratoriums primarily to preserve their option of enacting local regulations when and if those rules or regulations are set forth," said Town Manager David Cole.

In a discussion of creating town regulations for the location of marijuana dispensaries in the future, Councilor

Matthew Robinson expressed concern that he does not yet have enough information regarding marijuana dispensaries.

An amendment was made to move the effective date of this ordinance to March 2, 2010. The Council decided unanimously to postpone action on this item to the April Town Council Meeting.

Fire Chief Robert Lefebvre made a presentation on the condition of heavy rescue vehicle Squad One, which is used to carry specialized rescue equipment. Chief Lefebvre is requesting town funds to replace the vehicle, which has reached the end of its expected life span and is in need of extensive repair. A new heavy rescue vehicle would cost \$450,000. The vehicle could be purchased outright with town funds, through lease,

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Gorham East-West Corridor Study

Public Meeting

The Gorham East-West Corridor Feasibility Study is a major transportation and land use study of the Gorham, Westbrook, Scarborough and South Portland area. This area has historically been the fastest-growing residential region in Maine and as such, is subject to increasing traffic congestion, decreasing traffic safety and concerns of the potential loss of its treasured rural character.

Projections show 70% of the new homes and jobs in Maine over the next 25 years will locate in this part of Cumberland and York County—that's approximately 35,000 new homes and 25,000 new jobs.

Area residents and business owners are encouraged to attend this meeting to help determine the best way to manage this projected growth and to provide input on potential transportation and land use solutions.

Thursday, March 25, 6-8 pm

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AGENDA

The Problem
What are our choices?
Possible Solutions
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The public is encouraged to ask questions and make comments during this meeting.

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Ed Doyle

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But if you do get a refund, here are a few ways to plan ahead for what you'll do with it:

- **Pay down some debts.** In these difficult economic times, you may be carrying a higher debt load than usual. By lowering your debt payments, your cash flow will improve and you'll have more money to invest for the future.
- **Build an emergency fund,** if you don't already have one, containing six to 12 months' worth of living expenses. Without such a fund, you might have to dip into your long-term investments or rack up expensive credit card debt to pay for unexpected costs. Keep your emergency fund in a liquid account—one that you don't draw on for day-to-day expenses.
- **Help fund your IRA.** In 2010, you can put up to \$5,000 into your IRA. If you received a \$2,700 refund, you'd have more than half of what you need to fully fund your IRA for the year. If you're 50 or older, you can contribute up to \$6,000 per year. You might not think that your

\$2,700 would make much of a difference in the long run. But by investing your refund and giving it many years of growth potential, it could grow into a sizable amount. You will eventually owe taxes on your earnings, typically when you make withdrawals at retirement. If you qualified for a Roth IRA, you'll never have to pay taxes on your earnings as long as you meet certain conditions.

- **Contribute to a Section 529 plan.** If you have children or grandchildren, you may want to establish Section 529 plans to help them pay for college. You can contribute virtually any amount, and the earnings grow tax-free, provided the money is used for higher education expenses. Withdrawals used for expenses other than qualified education expenses may be subject to federal, state and penalty taxes.

Contributions are tax-deductible in certain states for residents who participate in their own state's plan. Please note that a 529 college savings plan could affect a beneficiary's ability to qualify for financial aid.

It's tempting to spend your income tax refund on things you want today, but with a little planning, you can use it for things you'll need tomorrow.

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Key Club Donation to Operation Tribute

Chris Crawford



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Gorham High School Key Club President Jason Badeau (right) presented a check of \$16,500 to his father, Marc Badeau, Chairman of Operation Tribute. Operation Tribute is a New-England-wide program honoring the sacrifice of children of military families.

The Gorham High School Key Club, a student-led service organization affiliated with Kiwanis International, presented a check for \$16,500 to Operation Tribute, a New-England-wide program honoring the sacrifice of children of military families. Last year, the group raised \$10,000. This year, they nearly reached their ambitious goal of \$17,500.

These hard working, community-minded students raised funds in a number of ways. They held a Santa Breakfast and Silent Auction, a Bake Sale, and ran a hot dog cart which raised more than \$1,100. They contacted Key Clubs throughout New England and New York to ask for their help. Any funds raised in other states were used to provide holiday gifts for the children of military families living in those states. Local businesses were also contacted and asked to support the effort.

Jason Badeau, GHS senior and President of Key Club, chaired the fundraising effort and realized through his

involvement with Key Club that “kids have the power to make a difference in other kids’ lives. Raising money for children who are experiencing challenges has been very rewarding.”

During the 2009 holiday season, Operation Tribute distributed more than 25,000 gifts to children of military families throughout New England, New York and New Jersey, including more than 8,000 in Maine alone. The program is an appreciation-based program and not a needs-based program. Operation Tribute believes, as does the GHS Key Club, that the children of military families sacrifice on a daily basis for our country and should be recognized for their courage and bravery.

Operation Tribute was recognized by Governor Baldacci when the state declared December Operation Tribute month. The officers of the GHS Key Club were invited to attend the signing ceremony, and Jason Badeau was interviewed on Channel 13 and 8 news.

Getting Ready for Kindergarten

NARRAGANSETT SCHOOL

**Parent Information Meeting
Kindergarten Registration and
Screening**
Thursday, April 1
(Storm date Friday, April 2)
6 to 7:30 p.m.

Parents of children who will be five years old on or before Oct. 15 should plan to attend. You will receive a registration packet, schedule a screening appointment, learn about busing, immunization requirements, parent involvement, a typical kindergarten day, literacy and math programs, and what to expect as a Narragansett School parent.

Screening Dates are Apr. 28, 29 and 30. You will need to schedule a screening appointment for your child on one of these days during school hours. Immunization records and original birth certificates are requested at screening.

WHITE ROCK SCHOOL

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Tuesday March 30 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

**Kindergarten Registration and
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Gorham High School Second Quarter Honor Roll

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McAuley High School Second Quarter Honor Roll

<p>Grade 9 Honors: Lindsey Chadburn Anna Richard</p>	<p>Grade 11 Honors: Caroline Fogarty Sophia Lawton</p>	<p>Danielle Street</p>
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Village School Explores the World of Work

The Village School Career Fair was held on Feb. 25. The purpose of the fair is to educate students about possible careers and the life-long usefulness of reading and math skills in the world of work. Nineteen parents brought artifacts, tools and information about their own careers to share with the more than 80 students who attended. **Courtney Brent, Avery Germond and Grace Terry** explored the lobster exhibition brought by Parnell Terry, a school department maintenance worker and part-time lobsterman.



Photo credit Michael Lortie

sports

Laurels for the GHS Girls' Basketball Program



Photo credit Jason Tanguay

The GHS girls' basketball program recently received two prestigious awards. The Maine Principals' Association awarded the team with the Class A West Sportsmanship Award while head coach Laughn Berthiaume received Coach of the Year honors from the Southwestern Maine Activities Association, which includes all of the schools in Western Maine Class A. In the team photo above, pictured from left to right are Courtney Burns, Sam Peters, Vicki Parker, Mia Rapolla, Audrey Adkison, Elizabeth LaMontagne, Allyssa Clark, Kiersten Turner, Head Coach Laughn Berthiaume, Natalie Egbert, Brianna Nee, Taylor Reagan and Sierra Peters. Missing from the photo are Kristi Brown, Sarah Perkins, Kristin Ross, Allie Lurvey and Shelbi Guimond.

GHS Lineman Honored

During the Mar. 3 Gorham High School Winter Sports Awards ceremony, Cody Stover, a senior at GHS, formally received the Gerry Raymond Award given to the player voted by conference coaches as the best lineman in the Southwestern Maine Athletic Association. Last fall, Stover was also named to the Maine Sunday Telegram All-State team.



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GHS Winter Sports Wrap-Up Part II

Jeff Pike

In the previous issue of the Gorham Times, we presented wrap-ups on the boys' basketball team as well as the boys' and girls' hockey teams. In this issue, we take a look at the boys' and girls' indoor track teams. Look for coverage of the girls' basketball team, the cheering team, as well as the boys' and girls' ski team in the upcoming issues of the *Gorham Times*.

GIRLS' INDOOR TRACK AND FIELD

Regular Season Record: 4-8

Post-Season Results: Finished 8th in Western Maine Class A and 14th in the State Class A Meet.

Graduating Seniors: Solange Carpenter, Sara Martin, Marissa Owens, Kelsey Rex, Emily Southard and Rachel Wilkinson.

Individual Accomplishments to Note: Rachel Wilkinson finished 12th in the New England Championship Meet 1600 meters with a time of 5:21 and set a new school record in the Sr. 800-meters at the Western Maine Class A championship. She also placed fifth in the Class A State 1-mile and seventh in the 800-meters. Others that placed at the Class A State Meet include Emily Southard, sixth in the pole vault and seventh in the triple jump; Kelsey Rex, sixth in the 2-mile; and Lindsay Chapman, seventh in the high jump. Sabrina Rowell, Clara Stickney and Southard were all conference all-star selections in the pole vault. Wilkinson, Rex and Southard also placed as individuals at the Western Maine Class A Meet as did Solange Carpenter, fifth in the Sr. 800-meters; Jenny Thuotte, fifth in the 1-mile; and the 840-meter relay team, which finished sixth and included Chapman, Quincy Shaw, Abby Hodgkins and Stickney.

Team Accomplishments to Note: The co-ed relay team of Wilkinson and Carpenter, along with two athletes from the boys' team, Jake Willis and Cam Stevens, set a new meet record at the Bowdoin Relays in December.

Coach Comments: "I'm very proud of our individual and team accomplishments," said head coach John Caterina. "Considering we only had 20 girls on the team, I feel we were a very competitive team, especially against schools such as Thornton, Deering, Bonny

Eagle and Scarborough, which all had 50 or more girls on their squads. Looking to next year, we graduate a very talented group of seniors, but this year's group of juniors, sophomores and freshman has a lot of talent as well."

BOYS' INDOOR TRACK AND FIELD

Graduating Seniors: Jake Willis, Cam Stevens, Mark Walrath, Adam Hawkes, John Phinney, Jon Foster, Abe Kilborn, Eric Porter, Eric Sawyer, Ethan Stone and Bill Tebbetts.

Highlight of the Season: The team performance in a tri-meet vs. South Portland and Bonny Eagle. Despite missing key athletes, the team finished ahead of South Portland, which later went on to finish high in Western Maine Class A, and lost by only 12 points to Bonny Eagle, one of the strongest Western Maine Class A teams.

Individual Accomplishments: Mark Walrath finished fifth in the State Class A pole vault while several athletes placed in the Western Maine Class A Meet: Joe DeRoy, third in the Jr. 800-meters; Adam Hawkes, fifth in the 2-Mile; Matt McKenney, Julian Nijkamp, Alex Thuotte and Jesse Orach, fifth in the Jr. 560-meter relay; Jesse Orach, sixth in the 1-Mile; Kamron Alexander, sixth in the 300-meters; Julian Nijkamp, sixth in the Jr. 400-meters; Jon Foster, sixth in the Sr. 400-meters; and Alex Thuotte, sixth in the Jr. 800-meters.

Coach Comments: "We were hampered by injuries to key athletes including Cam Stevens and Jake Willis who both would have scored many points for us at the Western Maine and State meets," said head coach John Wilkinson. "But the other the athletes never gave-up, and the younger athletes gained a lot of experience that should help next season. It also looks like Willis and Stevens will recover in time for the spring outdoor season. Next year looks strong due to the valuable experience our younger athletes gained this year. Many of them became team leaders and learned what it takes to win. We also have a strong freshman class and the middle school team is looking strong with approximately 50 students on the boys' team."

At Your Library

FROM PAGE 4

The event is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served and the author's books will be available for sale.

Earlier in March, a second such event was held. John McDonald, storyteller and author, provided a "Night of Maine Humor" at the library on Thursday, Mar. 11. McDonald has written three popular books: "A Moose and a Lobster Walk into a Bar," "Down the Road a Piece," and "The Maine Dictionary." He also entertains radio audiences on WGAN (560) on Saturdays and Sundays from 6 to 10 a.m. and writes a weekly newspaper column. McDonald's presentation was greatly enjoyed by all who

attended.

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in the Zone

New England Ski Championship Qualifier: GHS freshman, **Marissa Roberts** is one of 24 skiers from Maine (12 girls and 12 boys) who made the Maine State Ski Team and represented Maine at the Eastern High School Championships Mar. 13 to 14 at Attitash in New Hampshire. Roberts qualified for the team by finishing 11th during the Mar. 7 girls' competition at Mt. Abram.

GHS Grads Help Teams to National College Tournament: Three GHS graduates, **Andrew Dean** (Class of 2007), **Josh Tanguay** (Class of 2006), and **Caitlyn Butterfield** (GHS Class of 2007) played major roles in helping their colleges earn trips the NCAA Division III basketball tournament. Tanguay and Dean play for the University of Maine at Farmington men's team while Butterfield plays for the Husson College women's team. Tanguay averaged 12.1 points per game and led the team in rebounds (9.2 per game) as well as blocks (23). He was named to the All-Conference Second Team and received the MVP Award for the North Atlantic Conference Tournament. He scored 25 points and pulled down 10 rebounds in the team's semi-final conference win over Green Mountain. Dean averaged 8.1 points per game, led the team in steals (34), and was second in three-point field goals (52). For the Husson College team, Butterfield was third in assists (57) and steals (43) as one of the team's top players off the bench.

GHS Seniors Shine At All-Star Game: Two Gorham senior basketball players helped their teams to victories in the Western Maine Class A All-Star games Mar. 3 at Deering High School. In the girls' game, **Kristi Brown** scored 13 points in an 85-58 win while **Jon Day** scored 10 points in a 118-95 win in the boys' game.

Half-Pipe Snowboard Double Champion: GHS freshman **Connor Dunn** won double gold Feb. 27 at Sunday River in two half-pipe competitions sponsored by the United States Amateur Snowboarding Association. Freshman **Alex McCarthy** earned two third-place medals while sophomore **Andrew McCarthy** earned one third-place medal.

Hot Shot Champs: At the State Hot Shot Competition sponsored by the Maine Recreation & Parks Association Mar. 7 at the Portland Expo, three girls from Gorham placed among the top finishers: **Ashley Woodbury** won the 11-12 girls' age bracket while **Heather Woodbury** and **Michelle Rowe** finished third and sixth respectively in the 9-10 girls' age bracket. Following the competition, the girls appeared at center court just before the Maine Red Claws game where Ashley Woodbury was acknowledged as the winner of her age group.

Free-Throw Champs: Five basketball players from Gorham took first place in the Knights of Columbus district free-throw shooting competition at Windham High School Feb. 27. Each player earned the right to represent the district at the state competition in Old Town on Mar. 13. 10-Year-Old Girls: **Heather Woodbury**; 11-Year-Old Boys: **Dennis Cloutier**; 11-Year-Old Girls: **Renee Deering**; 12-Year-Old Boys: **Spencer Ruda**; 12-Year-Old Girls: **Abigail Hamilton**.

Village School Gymnasts Continue to Shine: Following-up on impressive performances reported in the previous *Gorham Times*, three Gorham gymnasts who attend the Village School secured top-five finishes for their age group at the Let's Make a Deal Gymnastic Meet in February at Sterling, MA. Gretchen Muehle placed third in All-Around Level 5 after finishing third in the vault, bars and beam. Isabelle Muehle finished fourth for Level 5 in the bars and beam. Nina Greenwood finished third in bars, fourth in vault and fifth in floor at Level 7. All three train at the Maine Academy of Gymnastics in Westbrook.

Correction: In the last issue of the *Gorham Times*, it was reported that Heather Woodbury finished second in the 9-10 girls' age bracket of the regional Hot Shot Competition Feb. 20 at South Portland High School. Woodbury was actually the winner of that event.



sports Etc.

New Youth Soccer Coaching Director: The Gorham Youth Soccer Association (GYSA) has appointed Jim Shimansky as its new Coaching Director. Shimansky has coached for the last five years, most recently for the GYSA U9 boys' team. He holds an E license and is working towards his D license. He also holds a State Goalkeeping Diploma from the National Soccer Coaches Association of America.

April Soccer Camp: Maine Premier Soccer will host a soccer camp at YourSpace in Gorham Apr. 19 to 23 for players ranging from ages U8 to U16. The camp covers dribbling, passing, heading, shooting, goalkeeping and other skills. Players have the option of attending from 9 a.m. to 12 noon each day for \$110 or from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day for \$185. Register at www.maineprimersoccer.com or by calling 878-5780.

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Skating Shelter Ices Eagle Badge for Scout



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Dan Smith, 2009 graduate of Gorham High School, recently received his Eagle Scout badge for the coordination and building of a shelter for the ice skating rink at Gorham's Narragansett School. Dan had help from several scouts as well as generous contributions from area businesses, including Home Depot, Phinney Lumber, ODAT, Gorham Sand and Gravel, and Town & Country Cabinets. Dan has been active in Scouts for 12 years and has diligently worked toward this final goal of Eagle Scout—the highest rank that can be attained by Scouts, and an honor shared by only four percent of youth who join Scouting. He is currently enrolled at Daniel Webster College in New Hampshire, where he will be studying airport management. After graduation, he intends to join the Air Force.

Town Council FROM PAGE 4

federal grant, or with either a 15- or 20-year bond.

Council members also discussed a petition from Mary Jane LeCours asking the Town to impose weight limits on McLellan Road after a public hearing in which a resident of the area spoke in support of the petition. The resident attested to the road damage that has occurred due to the increased flow of traffic of heavy vehicles coming from the bypass.

“Taking trucks or vehicles from one road just moves the problem to another road. There are consequences when we limit weight or restrict certain vehicles,” said Councilor Robinson.

Councilor Noah Miner advised that Council should take this petition into

consideration.

“I think it only makes sense in the best interests of the taxpayers to protect that roadway,” he said.

The Council unanimously decided to accept the petition for later discussion.

Additional items addressed at the March meeting include:

- Four-year-old Joseph Lamoin was presented with an award from Chief Lefebvre for his actions in getting his family out of their home during a fire in the early morning hours.
- Council unanimously agreed to appropriate \$75,000 from the Finance Server/Computer Upgrade reserve account for TRIO financial software and hardware. Town Manager David Cole stated that TRIO was the least costly of the options presented to the Town.
- An action to consider referring a proposal to adjust fees for rescue service to the Finance Committee for their review and recommendation was passed.
- Action to consider a request to accept Barnfield Lane, in the Stoneleigh Estates subdivision off Longfellow Road, as a public road and that Barnfield Lane be classified as a rural access road was passed unanimously.

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community

dean's list

Robert Connolly and **Joseph Williams**, both of Gorham, were recently named to the Dean's List at Maine Maritime Academy in Castine. Connolly is majoring in Marine Engineering Technology and Williams in Marine Transportation Operations.

Matt Fenton (GHS '08), was named to the President's List for the fall 2009 semester at Bentley University in Waltham, MA. He is a sophomore majoring in Economics/Finance and the son of Mike and Sue Fenton.

Kasey Gallant (GHS '07), was named to the Dean's List at Elmira College for the 2009 fall semester. She is the daughter of Mary and Marc Gallant and majoring in Foreign Languages Spanish and Sociology and Anthropology.

Kyle Donaldson (GHS '08), was named to the Dean's List at St Lawrence University for the 2009 fall semester.

of interest

Joseph Kerwin, D.C., participated in the annual Part II Test Committee meeting held in February at the National Board of Chiropractic Examiners in Greeley, CO.

Gorham resident and fine art photographer, **Doug Wood**, currently has a number of his juried images on display in Damariscotta, Portland and Boothbay Harbor galleries. FMI, visit www.dougwoodphotography.com.

Congratulations to the cast and crew of "Fourteen Lines" for their outstanding performance at Maine Principals'

Association Regional Festival this past weekend at Windham High School. **Aaron Bartlett** and **KC Perkins** were named to the All Festival Cast for their individual performances. In addition, Gorham High School received a special commendation for **Megan Mitchell's** Scenery Design and Set Execution.

Lauren Carter, 8th grader at Gorham Middle School, has been nominated, interviewed and accepted to participate as a

member of the People to People Student Ambassador Program in Europe this summer. The program promotes international understanding and leadership skills among America's youth. The 20-day experience will take her to England, France, Belgium, the Netherlands and Switzerland, where she will meet government officials, interact with students, and stay with host families. In addition to the funds that she has gratefully received from area businesses, Carter plans on having a car wash at Carter's Auto in Gorham to help defray the costs.

There will be a Gorham Block Party on Saturday, May 1 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. All businesses interested in participating should please e-mail jon@greatfallsinc.com or call 839-2744 for more information.

St. Anne's Church in Gorham invites the entire community to join their parish for the telling of the Passover story, a complete Seder meal, the four questions, the ten plagues, and the innumerable verses of the traditional Seder songs on Wednesday, Mar. 31 from 6 to 8 p.m. Call 839-4857 to reserve tickets. \$10/\$8. Deadline for purchasing tickets is Mar. 20th.



Welcoming the next generation of Gorham friends... Best friends since meeting each other in first grade at Narragansett School, Gorham moms Kristen Berdan and Terry Mooers are proud to announce the birth of their daughters born on the same weekend at MMC. Their first "playdate" was conveniently held at the hospital!

Parents **Derek and Kristen Berdan** of Gorham proudly announce the birth of their daughter **Kyra Jane**, (above, left) born Jan. 28, and weighing in at 8 lbs. 6 oz. Grandparents: Tom and Margaret Butler of Vero Beach Florida (formerly of Gorham); Marty and Cindy Berdan of Lakeway, Texas. Great-grandparents: Don and Martha Butler of Vero Beach Florida; Doris Hudson of Altus, Oklahoma. Parents **Nick and Terry Mooers** of Gorham proudly announce the birth of their daughter **Lillias Ann**, (above, right) born Jan. 30, and weighing in at 7 lbs. 7 oz. Grandparents: David and Betty Sands of Gorham; Lisa and Allen Cox of Buxton. Great-grandparents: Joan Clark of Gorham; Maxine and Edwin Mooers Jr. of Portland; and Great-great-grandfather Edwin Mooers Sr. of Buxton.

Scrapbook to your heart's content and help raise money for **Gorham High School Project Graduation 2010**. Pam Irish, a Creative Memories Consultant, will lead a 2010 fundraiser and give a free 15-minute workshop on Scrapbooking. Beginner and seasoned "scrappers" welcome on Saturday, Mar. 20 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at St. Anne's Church in Gorham. Continental breakfast and refreshments available along with raffles, door prizes and bake sale. \$15. FMI, call Pam 671-8025 or 892-7720 or pammatt2@maine.rr.com.

The exhibition, "**Patches Within Proximity: Cole Caswell and Jessica George**," will be on display at the USM Area Gallery, Woodbury Campus Center, Portland, from Mar. 12 through Apr. 30. Area Gallery hours are 7 a.m. to 10 p.m., Mondays through Fridays, but will not open if USM is closed for storms. Hours during spring break, Monday, Mar. 22 to Friday, Mar. 26, are 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Gorham Middle School will present Kamp KAOS, a musical about a summer camp/radio station that is overrun by herds of mice due to an abnormal weather pattern. The musical is Thursday, Mar. 25 and Saturday, Mar. 27 at 7:30 in the Gorham Middle School Auditorium. Tickets \$5. FMI, 222-1206.

Five teams from Gorham will be participating in **Maine's Odyssey of the Mind** annual state tournament on Mar. 20 at Sanford High School, Sanford Junior High School and the Memorial Gym between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. with a closing ceremony at 4:30 p.m. FMI, 797-8289.

Gorham Garden Club will meet on Tuesday, Mar. 30, at 7 p.m. at First Parish Church. Libby Jordan, Floral Designer, will speak on the subject of Floral Arrangements. Public welcome.

Easter Services

Anchor Missionary Fellowship
Route 22 / Broadturn Rd.,
Scarborough
Pastor Bill Keef, 839-5922
Apr. 4 - Easter Sunday - 10 a.m.

Cressey Road United Methodist Church
81 Cressey Rd., Gorham
Rev. Linwood Arnold, 839-3111
Mar. 28 - Palm Sunday - 9 & 10:30 a.m.
Apr. 1 - Maundy Thursday - 7 p.m.
Apr. 2 - Good Friday Services at South Gorham Baptist Church - 12 to 3 p.m.
Apr. 4 - Sunrise Service at Fort Hill - 6 a.m.; Easter Sunday Service - 9 and 10:30 a.m.

First Parish Congregational Church, UCC
One Church St., Gorham
Rev. David Butler, 839-6751
Mar. 28 - Palm Sunday, Distribution of Palms - 8:30 and 10:30 a.m.
Apr. 1 - Maundy Thursday, Eucharist and Tenebrae - 7 p.m.
Apr. 2 - Good Friday Service at South

Gorham Baptist Church - 12 to 3 p.m.
Apr. 4 - Sunrise Service at Fort Hill - 6 a.m. with breakfast to follow at Fellowship Hall; Easter Sunday Service - 8:30 and 10:30 a.m.

Galilee Baptist Church
317 Main St., Gorham
Rev. David Christensen, 839-6985
Apr. 2 - Good Friday Service - 7 p.m.
Apr. 4 - Easter Sunday Service - 10:30 a.m.

Grace Bible Church
74 Deering Rd., Gorham
Pastor Bob White - 839-8800.
Apr. 4 - Easter Sunday Service - 10 a.m.

LifeChurch
New Portland Rd., Gorham
Pastors Brian Undlin and Gordy Johnson, 839-6354
Apr. 3 - Easter Service - 5:30 p.m.
Apr. 4 - Easter Service and Egg Hunt - 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m.

Little Falls Baptist Church
Gray Rd., Gorham
Pastor Tony Bafiades, 892-4240
Mar. 28 - Palm Sunday - 10 a.m.
Apr. 1 - Maundy Thursday Service - 7 p.m.; Potluck Supper - 6 p.m.
Apr. 2 - Good Friday Service - 6:30 p.m.
Apr. 4 - Breakfast at 9 a.m.; Easter Sunday Service - 10 a.m.

Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church
410 Main St., Gorham
Rev. Edward Balfour, 839-7100
Apr. 1 - Maundy Thursday Seder (call to reserve) - 6 p.m.; Divine Service - 7:15 p.m.
Apr. 2 - Good Friday Tenebrae - 8 p.m.
Apr. 4 - Easter Sunday Service - 10:15 a.m.

St. Ann's Episcopal Church
40 Windham Center Rd. (Off River Rd.), Windham
Rev. Tim Higgins, 892-8447
Mar. 28 - Palm Sunday, Distribution of Palms - 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.

Apr. 1 - Maundy Thursday Seder Service with children - 5:30 p.m.
Apr. 2 - Good Friday Reflection & Prayer 12 to 3 p.m.; Stations of the Cross - 3 p.m.; Service with Veneration - 7 p.m.
Apr. 4 - Easter Sunday Service - 8 and 10 a.m.

St. Anne's Catholic Church
299 Main St., Gorham
Rev. Lawrence Conley, 839-4857
Mar. 28 - Palm Sunday and Blessing of Palms - 8 and 11 a.m.
Mar. 31 - Seder Meal - 6 to 8 p.m.
Apr. 1 - Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7 p.m.
Apr. 2 - Good Friday Liturgy of the Hour - 12 noon; Lord's Passion - 7 p.m.
Apr. 3 - Easter Vigil Mass - 7:30 p.m.
Apr. 4 - Easter Sunday Liturgies - 7, 9 and 11 a.m.

South Gorham Baptist Church
53 County Rd., Gorham
Rev. Peter Beckwith, 839-3457
Apr. 2 - Good Friday Ecumenical Service - 12 to 3 p.m.; Good Friday

Service - 7 p.m.
Apr. 4 - Easter Sunday Sunrise Service at the Scarborough Free Will Baptist Church - 6 a.m.; Sunday Worship - 10:30 a.m.

United Church of Christ at North Gorham
4 Standish Neck Rd., Gorham
Rev. Richard Small and David Butler, 892-5363
Apr. 1 - Maundy Thursday Tenebrae - 7 p.m.
Apr. 4 - Easter Sunrise Service (Atwood's) - 6 a.m. followed by pancake breakfast; Easter Sunday Service - 9 a.m.

West Gorham Union Church
Intersection of Routes 25/112, Gorham
Pastor Gary Groves, 839-5946
Apr. 4 - Easter Sunrise Service (Rust Rd. at Hoyt Farm) - 6:30 a.m. with breakfast following; Easter Sunday Service - 9 a.m.

what's happening

FRIDAY, MAR. 19

- GHS presents "Fame! The Musical," 7:30 p.m., MPAC. \$9/\$6. FMI, 839-5754.



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- Lenten Haddock Dinner, St. Anne's Catholic Church, Gorham, 5 to 6:30 p.m. Sponsored by Knights of Columbus, \$8/\$4.

SATURDAY, MAR. 20

- Silent Auction to benefit GHS Project Graduation 2010, 5 to 10 p.m. Gorham High School.
- GHS presents "Fame! The Musical," 7:30 p.m., MPAC. \$9/\$6. FMI, 839-5754.
- Chicken Pie Dinner, 5 to 6:30 p.m., First Parish Congregational Church in Gorham, \$9/\$5 under 12. FMI, 839-6514.
- Scrapbook Fundraiser for Project Graduation, with Pam Irish, a Creative Memories Consultant, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. St. Anne's Catholic Church, Cost \$15. FMI, 671-8025.

SUNDAY, MAR. 21

- GHS presents "Fame! The Musical," 2:30 p.m., MPAC. \$9/\$6. FMI, 839-5754.

MONDAY, MAR. 22

- Parent/Student Night for the Class of 2014, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., GHS auditorium. (MPAC).

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.

TUESDAY, MAR. 23

- AARP Income Tax preparation available for low and moderate income tax earners, Tuesdays, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., BML. Call, 839-7439.

THURSDAY, MAR. 25

- Early Release for grades K to 12.
- GMS Musical, Kamp KAOS, 7:30 p.m., GMS Auditorium. \$5. FMI, 222-1206.

FRIDAY, MAR. 26

- In-service for grades K to 12. No School.
- SPECIAL ENCORE PERFORMANCE: All proceeds go to Haiti Relief Effort, sponsored by Norway Savings Bank. GHS presents "Fame! The Musical," 7:30 p.m., doors open at 6:30 p.m. MPAC. \$15 person. FMI, 839-5754.

SATURDAY, MAR. 27

- Gorham Marketplace, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., USM Costello Field House. \$2 adults/students. Kids free.
- Bean Supper at the Bungalow, Route 22/Broadturn Rd., \$5/Under three free. FMI, 839-6972.
- GMS Musical, Kamp KAOS, 7:30 p.m., GMS Auditorium. \$5. FMI, 222-1206.

TUESDAY, MAR. 30

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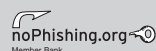
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Budget FROM PAGE 1

items moved to ARRA funding.

Under the budget, the millage rate for education's portion of funding would increase to \$10.39, an increase of 2.63% or 27 cents.

New initiatives for the 2011 budget include an educational technician for gifted and talented students, a bus replacement lease, and a bridge program to identify students transitioning from middle school to high school who are at risk to not stay in school.

The budget is still subject to change, as deficit issues are addressed at the state level.

"It's still a moving target, and these are preliminary figures," said Sharp.

The School Committee is expected to vote on the preliminary budget at its regular meeting on Apr. 14. A joint workshop with the Town Council is tentatively scheduled for May 18. Once approved by the Town Council, the budget will go to the voters on Jun. 1.



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the blotter

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Caller reported their wallet was lost when it was left on top of their car as they drove off.

Gray Road woman reported she woke up to her son's father spitting at her.

Nonesuch Road caller reported an ongoing problem with neglect to the horses on the farm. Officer investigated and the State Veterinarian was called.

A male subject called the Standish Police Department and advised he had rolled his vehicle over somewhere in Standish and had been walking for miles. County Sheriff believed the accident actually happened in Gorham.

Main St. caller requested to speak with an officer regarding a female who was not "with it" who was at a local convenience store and stated she was walking to Rochester, New Hampshire.

A representative from Rent-A-Center requested to speak to an officer as a renter was refusing to return property.

Preble St. caller reported that kids were screaming—"party type screaming"—outside on Preble Street.

School St. caller reported that their vehicle had been stolen by the plow company. Their vehicle had been towed due to the

fact that it was in the way of the plow.

Hemlock Drive caller advised that their 15-year-old grandchild was assaulted by a known subject while walking from the school bus.

Hackmatack Way caller reported that a known subject came to caller's house and physically assaulted caller as well as caller's sibling.

Dingley Spring Road caller reported that three people came to their door stating that someone was going to murder the people in the house and then kill themselves.

Shirley Lane caller reported that their neighbor had moved out and left cats behind in the house.

Dingley Spring Road caller reported that someone had gone by caller's residence on a snowmobile going at least 80 miles per hour.

South Gorham Crossing caller noticed a couple of suspicious trucks had pulled into the parking lot as caller was leaving work. Caller found it odd as the business was closed for the night.

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