

## K to 5 Elementary Administrators Chosen

Stacy Sallinen

Superintendent Ted Sharp recently announced administrator assignments for the three new K-5 elementary schools, effective July 1, 2011.

Projected enrollment for the as-yet-unnamed new school is expected to be 475 to 500 students. Jane Esty, the current assistant principal at Village School, will become principal. Polly Brann, the current assistant principal for Narragansett and White Rock Schools, will become assistant principal.

At Village School, enrollment is projected to be between 425 and 450 students. Brian Porter will remain as principal, and Jodi Lemieux, currently a fifth-grade teacher, will become assistant principal.

Brad Smith will remain principal at Narragansett School. Projected enrollment is 275 to 300 students. A decision will be made at a later date if a part- or full-time assistant principal is needed.

Staff assignments were announced in early May. Sharp previously stated that appeals to change assignments would not be granted. However, teachers may indicate they would like to be considered for positions as they become available prior to the 2011 school year.

In other School Committee news, the Percent for Art Committee has reviewed 80 proposals of art for the new school, according to vice chairman Roger Marchand. Four finalists have been selected to return to make a final presentation: Paul Alexandre John, painter; Lin Lisberger, sculptor from Gorham; a group of multi-skilled artists led by Joe Kieutt; and Shoshannah White, photographer. Presentations will take place on July 26 at 1 p.m. in the Superintendent's conference room. The public is welcome to attend.

The School Committee discussed proposed changes to the transportation policy. The rationale for making changes is to bring the policy up to date and reflect current practices. K-5 students would not be required to walk more than .3 of a mile to school or to the nearest bus stop. Students in grades 6 to 12 would not be required to walk more than one

mile to school or to the nearest bus stop. Exceptions may be made due to safety concerns. The proposed changes would not take effect until fall 2011.

The School Committee voted to approve Tyler Berthiaume as a GHS Math teacher and Tim Ebersold as GHS Music Teacher.

Sharp and Chairman Dennis Libby both thanked the Town Council and community for voting to accept the school budget.

During the regular School Committee meeting, Sharp also reported the following:

- He thanked Norm Justice and his team for their outstanding job with the landscaping at GMS.
  - He congratulated the Class of 2010, and GHS Principal Chris Record and his team for a positive graduation.
  - Sharp congratulated the 35 graduates of Gorham Adult Education, and Kate Rotroff and her team.
  - He congratulated the DARE graduates, and Mark Sanborn and Wayne Drown.
  - Sharp noted that 97% of seniors receiving special education services graduated this year.
  - Gorham Schools received a letter from the State Ice Hockey Committee recognizing Gorham's hockey program for going an entire season without any ejections.
  - Gorham will sponsor more than 50 teams of teachers who work in the district for a summer workshop on instruction and curriculum.
  - In the summer of 2006, Sharp and two other administrators were invited by the Chinese Ministries of Education to develop a program in the U.S. about Chinese history, culture and language. Sharp is one of 12 superintendents invited to return to China this summer to continue discussions. He said he accepted the invitation, and assured that there would be no cost to the district.
  - Administrative retreat will be held June 23-25.
- The School Committee's next on-camera meeting will be held in September.

## Portland Water District Locates Underground Assets In Gorham

Michelle Clements, Portland Water District Public Relations Manager

The Portland Water District's newest project has gained plenty of attention from Gorham residents. Earlier this month, crews began locating all 2,558 curb stops in Gorham. Curb stops are valves that control the flow of water from the water mains to homes and businesses.

The crew generally consists of one or two water utility specialists who locate and mark the asset with blue paint. Then a summer intern collects the data with a precision GPS (global positioning system) unit and verifies results. GPS is a satellite-based navigation system made up of a network of 24 satellites. Finally, the GPS coordinates are downloaded and plotted onto maps.

Finding underground assets can be tricky. Prior to GPS capabilities, the location of an asset was recorded in relation to above ground structures. Home additions, tree removal, and the passage of time have made records less than perfect.

So far, crews have located 800 curb stops near the Standish-Gorham line, and are now working in the Little Falls area. Work is expected to last into the fall.

Curb stops are located in the public way, near the property line. However, crews may be seen digging small test holes with shovels and walking on private property searching for reference points. Crews drive white vehicles with the Portland Water District logo clearly displayed, carry photo IDs, and wear uniforms. Crews do not require access inside homes or businesses to locate curb stops.

This project is part of an ongoing effort to locate and plot water system assets and related information on Geographical Information System (GIS) maps. Accurate information improves access to critical water infrastructure



Photo Credit Courtesy of the Portland Water District

**Portland Water District Summer Intern Jessica Macdonald captures the location of assets with a GPS unit.**

and speeds emergency response. Should you ever have a home plumbing leak and cannot locate your inside shut-off valve, the Portland Water District can close the water valve at the curb stop to minimize damages.

Once completed, this project will extend into neighboring communities and ultimately add 56,000 curb stops to the Portland Water District's Asset Information Management System which currently tracks over 250,000 assets.

The Portland Water District uses an Asset Information Management System to view, understand, question, interpret, and visualize data which is essential to planning effective and efficient maintenance and replacement programs.

## DARE Graduation



Photo Credit: Rich Obrey

On June 7, 213 fifth graders graduated from the D.A.R.E. program. Drug Abuse Resistance Education is a program that seeks to prevent the use of illegal drugs, membership in gangs, and violent behavior. Mary Adams, Kelly Aube, Katie Bertin, Jenna Cowan, Kristen Curley, Julia Lyons, Emily O'Donnell, Paddy Owens, Tyler Richman and Elle Spurr were chosen to read their essays at the ceremony. On June 4, the fifth graders celebrated with a BBQ at Shaw Park. Left, Emily O'Donnell reads her personal commitment letter at the D.A.R.E. graduation ceremony. She was selected to represent Mrs. Chase's fifth-grade class.

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## NEWS FROM AUGUSTA



## Health Care Reform— Opportunities and Implementation

Rep. Linda Sanborn

I feel honored and excited to serve on the Joint Select Committee on Health Care Reform Opportunities and Implementation for the State of Maine. This is a bipartisan committee made up of both senators and representatives and drawn from the Appropriations, Insurance and Finance, and Health and Human Services committees in the legislature. The committee has met once so far with the next meeting scheduled later this month, and has much work to do.

The charge of this committee is to study any federal health care reform legislation enacted by the United States Congress and determine the state's opportunities for health care reform and the state's role in implementation of federal legislation. This includes the impact of federal legislation on existing state law and programs that provide access to health care, the role of the state in the implementation and oversight of a health insurance exchange, and the opportunity for pilot programs such as those relating to cost containment, payment reform, and the use of health care technology. We will also consider the impact of federal legislation on MaineCare (the state's Medicaid program) and the state's ability to adopt a system of universal health care through a single payer or other mechanism.

The committee will consult with stakeholders including the Governor's Office of Health Policy and Finance, the Department of Health and Human Services, the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, the Bureau of Insurance as well as health insurance companies, hospitals, health care providers, business and labor representatives and advocates for health care reform.

What is particularly exciting is that Maine is well positioned for this work and has a strong foundation for reform. First off, Maine is sixth in the nation for the number of residents covered by some form of health insurance. Clearly we have room for improvement and should not be satisfied until every person has access to affordable, quality health care, but we are off to a great start.

In regard to insurance reforms, many of the pieces mandated in the "Affordable Health Care Act" such as limits on preexisting conditions, prohibition of rescissions, and limits on lifetime and/or annual caps, are already part of Maine law. By requiring all states to adopt these standards, Maine will be on a more level playing ground with other states, and I believe be more competitive in the insurance market.

Despite the fact that the Dirigo Health Insurance program has not performed as hoped, this plan could transition into a health care exchange, and as a state, we are certainly further along the learning curve than many (due to our Dirigo experience) in regard to how exchanges might be set

up. Exchanges are entities where those not having a group- or employer-based insurance plan may be able to "shop for" health insurance plans with a fairly consistent set of benefits for a more competitive price. Interstate compacts for exchanges may be an option, although would require state legislation to act.

Many in the health care fields, including me, believe that the best way to curb the rising costs of health care lies in the areas of wellness and preventative care programs including incentives, public health initiatives and payment reform. As stated many times in the past, we need to be paying for quality of outcomes, not quantity of visits or procedures, as our fee-for-service system does. The opportunities for pilot programs and grants will allow much needed work to be done to move us along the path toward better quality care for our dollars.

Concerning health information technology, Maine has been on the cutting edge with its Health Information Exchange, now written into Maine's Privacy Law and partially supported by the state financially. The value of Maine's statewide electronic medical record exchange system (HealthInfoNet) will be to reduce time for providers to access clinical information at the time/point of care, access information not previously seen by providers, improve continuity of care and avoid duplicate testing. This should lead to improvements in quality, safety and efficiency. Currently half of Maine's entire population is included in HealthInfoNet, with a goal of all hospitals and 80% of Maine's physicians participating by 2015.

Many challenges lie ahead. We are facing serious health provider shortages to staff the proposed changes in the system. Many of us are not ready to support the systems and culture changes involved in reform that is patient-centered and quality-based. Reform will require an extreme amount of cooperation and collaboration for all stakeholders. There needs to be a willingness to take risks, to suffer set-backs, and to get back up and progress forward, always keeping our eyes on the prize of a healthy well-informed population. Full engagement of the public, transparency in the process, and public-private partnerships are essential to reach our goal of improved quality and efficiency.

Maine is, however, a leader in reform and has a strong foundation to move forward. Please contact me any time with your questions, concerns, and ideas regarding this initiative.

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## Letters to the Editor

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### Dear Gorham Times,

We would like to thank everyone who helped our Odyssey of the Mind team travel to the World Finals in East Lansing, Mich. We had a great time, learned a lot and were proud to represent Gorham and Maine.

Special thanks to these Gorham businesses for their sponsorship of our team: Nappi Distributors, Dodge Oil, C.E. Carll Insurance, White Rock Outboard, Maine Optometry, Moody's Collision Center, H&R Block, Gorham Savings Bank and Gorham House of Pizza.

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Sincerely,  
*Village Elementary Nature  
Trail'R Odyssey of the Mind team*

## quick clicks

### Around Town

The June 2010 issue of "Down East" magazine has a feature article on Gorham.

**St. Joe's Coffee House in York** plans to open their second location this summer next door to Thatcher's, in the space previously occupied by the School Street Diner. They will be serving breakfast, lunch and dinner, and expect to be open at least from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

**Stone Dog, which currently has a restaurant in Windham**, plans to open another location in the space on Rt. 202 previously occupied by the Gorham Diner. They specialize in "unique brunches" and plan to be open 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. They also plan to have an in-house bakery and to sell ice cream. This part of the business will operate later than 2 p.m. The location is expected to be open by the end of June.

**Shawn Moody, owner of Moody's Collision Centers in Gorham** and four other locations, is running for governor as an independent. His web address is: [www.moodygov.com](http://www.moodygov.com).

### EDITOR'S NOTE: Credit Where It's Due

In the rush to prepare our special graduation edition, we inadvertently left off the credit for all the wonderful candid shots of graduation day. Those photos were taken by one of our volunteers, Rich Obrey. You can see more of his work at [www.richobrey.com](http://www.richobrey.com).

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### Summer Break:

The *Gorham Times* will be taking a brief summer break. Our next edition will be on the stands on July 23.

# A New Perspective on Elections

Jamie LaMontagne



Photo courtesy Jamie LaMontagne

**Jamie LaMontagne and his mother, Terry, pose before the Great Pyramids of Giza, on the Giza Plateau, on the outskirts of Cairo, Egypt.**

*Jamie LaMontagne (GHS 07) is a senior at Princeton University, studying International Affairs and Public Policy. He lived in Cairo from January 20th to May 28th as part of a study abroad program. He has previously studied in Morocco and Russia.*

I returned from Cairo on May 29 after four months studying at the American University there. When the “Gorham Times” approached me a week later and offered me the opportunity to contribute to an upcoming issue, I eagerly accepted, only to find myself at a loss for an angle. How to summarize a 4,000 year old civilization in a few paragraphs?

This month’s elections proved inspirational. The distance between America and Egypt is best illustrated by their electoral systems. Both countries have presidents, both have legislatures, and both hold elections, but there the commonalities end.

In our country, elections are competitive; candidates compete for their party’s nomination, parties and independents vie for votes, and the politicking becomes only more intense when our representatives reach Washington. Voters generally choose those candidates they hope will best protect their interests and elected officials make campaign promises that cater to their constituencies. The result is a functioning federal republic in which citizens and representatives have the capacity to hold each other accountable and are able to pass legislation when interests align.

Egypt’s electoral system is opposite on almost every count. President Hosni Mubarak and his self-created National Democratic Party (NDP) have been in power since 1981. The country holds regular parliamentary elections, but they are not competitive; the NDP has never failed to win less than 75 percent of parliamentary seats, and the country’s first presidential election, held in 2005, saw Mubarak collect a dubious 88 percent of the vote.

The failure of Egypt’s electoral system is a story of political clientelism.

Mubarak controls most state resources, including jobs, bank loans, food, public transportation, public education, land, apartments, business contracts, licenses, and a whole host of other things necessary to thrive in a modern society. Mubarak maintains his power through the distribution of these resources, favoring loyal followers and impoverishing dissenters.

When Egypt holds an election, these patron-client relationships win the day. The NDP controls state resources, and so it can pay voters to support it and punish those who do otherwise. In one town, NDP candidates distributed whole chickens to citizens who voted for them. It seems comical, but for the 30 million Egyptians living on less than \$2 a day, a chicken is well worth a vote. The calculation is simple: vote for the NDP, receive a chicken, and watch the NDP win, or don’t vote, starve, and watch the NDP win anyway.

Upper-class Egyptians, the ones who wouldn’t be swayed by a free chicken, could spoil this plan, but they simply don’t bother to vote. Most believe NDP victories are inevitable, and don’t consider a meaningless opposition vote worth the risk of unemployment or arrest. As a result, only a quarter of Egyptians vote, and those 15 million generally do so only for a chicken, or a cell phone, or \$2, or access to water, or electricity, or a bus pass. In Egypt, a person who cannot read is twice as likely to vote as a person who can.

American elections are clientelistic as well, with representatives giving back to their supporters, but the clientelism is legally institutionalized to prevent abuse. Most Americans believe their vote does matter, and this makes all the difference. Appreciate that this November.



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## CLERK'S CORNER

### Stepping into Summer

Christina A. Silberman, Town Clerk

Summer is here! Don't wait for the last minute to register your recreational vehicles or purchase your hunting and fishing licenses. Boat registrations, as well as registrations for ATVs and snowmobiles (but let's not think about winter yet!), can now be processed online. Hunting and fishing licenses may also be purchased online. Please visit the Town of Gorham website at [www.gorham-me.org](http://www.gorham-me.org) and look for the link at the bottom of the home page for Maine.gov / Maine Sporting Licenses and Registrations Online.

Tuesday, June 8 was election day for the state of Maine primary and referendum election and the Gorham special Referendum and school budget validation referendum election.

The special referendum election had three questions. The first question was to authorize the town to issue a bond for \$3 million for road work and this was approved. The second question was to authorize the town to issue a bond for \$450,000 for a new heavy res-

cue truck and this was also approved. The third question was a non-binding advisory question to see if citizens were in favor of adding \$1 to the established property tax mil rate to raise money that would be set aside for capital items. The majority of Gorham voters were not in favor of this.

The school budget validation referendum was to approve the 2010-2011 fiscal year Gorham school budget, which was passed. The school budget validation referendum also asked voters if they would like to continue to vote to authorize the school budget and the majority said yes.

A total of 3,327 voters participated in the election with an approximate 27% turnout. Please visit the Town Clerk's section of the town website, [www.gorham-me.org](http://www.gorham-me.org), and click the link for elections then scroll down for more detailed election results.

Please call 222-1670 or visit the Town Clerk's office with any questions.

## PLANNING BOARD

### Shaw Brothers Facility Approved

Gorham Times Staff



Credit: Shaw Brothers/ Oest Associates

An artist's rendering of the new Shaw Brothers Construction office and maintenance facility on Mosher Road.

At its meeting on June 7, the Gorham Planning Board gave final approval for the construction of the Shaw Brothers Construction office and maintenance facility on Mosher Road. The Board approved the proposal unanimously, and there was no public discussion.

The facility, to be built at the company's Brickyard Quarry—the 125-acre site of the former LaChance Brickyard factory—will feature a main office building, shops for maintenance of construction vehicles, a warehouse and parking.

In other board news, the addition of public dining as an accessory use to the PineCrest Bed & Breakfast on South Street moved one step closer to happening when the board approved a waiver that would allow the inn to have 10 fewer parking spots than required by code.

Owner Matt Mattingly said that the inn had tried five different layouts for parking before settling on the one presented to the board. The choice, he said, was driven by a desire to preserve the character and integrity of the neighborhood.

"We realized how inappropriate they all were," said Mattingly of the rejected plans. "Completely inappropriate for the property, completely inappropriate for the neighborhood."

One of the focuses of the new plan, he said, was to preserve trees on the site.

The board approved the waiver 5 to 2, with board members Lauren Carrier and Christopher Hickey opposed.

The approval was contingent on a Zoning Board of Appeal approval of a waiver on five parking spots currently in the inn's setback.

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## CHIEF SHEPARD REPORTS

### Grand Jury Indictments

The Grand Jury returned the following indictments in June:

Brian Cote, 28, of Portland, was indicted for OUI, being a habitual offender, and failing to give correct name, date of birth or address on charges brought by the Gorham Police Department.

Ronald Eastman, 41, of Gorham, was indicted for OUI and being a habitual offender on charges brought by Windham Police Department.

Nicole Prescott, 24, of Gorham, was indicted for hindering apprehension and aggravated forgery on charges brought by Westbrook Police Department.

Timothy Rosario, 31, of Gorham, was indicted for OUI (with two priors) and violating license restrictions on charges brought by Portland Police Department.

Michael Thurston, 27, of Gorham, was indicted for burglary, five counts of theft and misuse of credit ID on charges brought by the South Portland Police Department.

Rosemary Vokey, 39, of Gorham, was indicted for trafficking in prison contraband on charges brought by Cumberland County Sheriff's Office.

Samantha Welch, 19, of Gorham, was indicted for aggravated forgery on charges brought by Westbrook Police Department.

# living

COLLECTOR'S CORNER

## Summer's Here— Time For a Cold One! The History of Collectible Beer Cans

Marc Badeau



The sale of beer in cans started shortly after Prohibition ended in 1933. Although food had been successfully canned since the mid 1800s, two issues delayed the canning of beer: The bad reaction that occurs between beer and metal, and the construction of a can strong enough to withstand the higher pressure of carbonated beverages.

In late 1933, the Krueger Brewing Company canned what is considered to be the very first canned beer, Krueger Special Beer. Canned beer turned out to be quite a hit. Sales increased 550 percent in the first six months. Can makers tried to assure their customers of the quality of the beer in cans by printing such phrases as "12 OZ SAME AS BOTTLE" directly on the front of the can. Some brewers, such as Coors, included a picture of their bottled products right on the can.

An alternative beer can, called a cone-top, was introduced by Continental Can. This can closely resembled the bottle that beer drinkers knew and loved. The cone-top included a bottle cap and could be filled on bottling lines already in place at the breweries. The new flat-top cans required brewers to install new equipment. Cone-tops opened in the same manner as the traditional bottle whereas the flat-top can required a special opener to punch a pair of holes in the top of the can. Brewers printed opening instructions on the back of the cans to help beer drinkers get at the goods. The benefits of the flat-top quickly became apparent. Retailers could stack these cans in attractive displays and brewers could fill them with beer faster and transport them more compactly and efficiently.

Shortly after its introduction, the beer can movement was completely

derailed by World War II. Metal was directed towards the war effort forcing brewers to package their beer almost entirely in bottles. The exception was beer packaged especially for overseas troops. These beer cans were specially labeled "Withdrawn Free for Export". "Free" refers to being free from federal taxes. Prior to 1948, all bottled and canned beer had to be clearly labeled "Internal Revenue Tax Paid". This insignia provides collectors with a valuable tool for dating old beer cans.

Many of the cans exported overseas for the war effort were painted in the army's traditional olive drab color. Even can tops and bottoms were painted to avoid reflecting light at night and giving the enemy an easy target. These cans are especially difficult to find in America today, but are more common in Europe where they were shipped during the war.

After World War II, returning GIs provided a boost to the beer can. Soldiers accustomed to drinking beer out of cans overseas were comfortable with the package and purchased beer in cans upon their arrival back home. Post-war-era cans no longer needed opening instructions on their back side as people were now familiar with this type of packaging. The lack of instructions also provides collectors with one method of determining pre-war and post-war cans.

A subsequent column will trace the history of post-war beer cans. In the meantime, crack open a cold one and enjoy.

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# school

## Retiring Gorham Teachers

### Cathy Bryson

Cathy Bryson is retiring after 43 years in education; all but three years have been in Gorham. She most recently taught second grade at Narragansett School, but has taught several other grade levels, including split-grade classrooms.

Bryson feels a special connection to Gorham since she attended college here. She remarked on how supportive the community is and how wonderful the staff is to work with.

Bryson said her favorite thing about teaching is the children. "It is wonderful to see them grow, change and learn. They all have unique personalities and different styles of learning. They keep you young at heart and that is why the years go by so quickly." She said she enjoys teaching children of students that she taught in the past. "It's a gift to see past students as adults and then to see a part of them in their own children."

Future plans include spending time with her young granddaughter. "I'm going to see where life takes me."



Photo credit Martha T. Harris

### Ray Mathieu

Ray Mathieu is retiring after 36 years of teaching instrumental music. He spent his first four years of his career in SAD #61 and has been in Gorham for the past 32 years.

Mathieu also taught classical and contemporary music history and appreciation. One of his favorite classes to teach was one he developed called "A Regional Taste of America." The class covered consumer education, kitchen safety and literacy, and how to prepare popular cuisine from different areas of the country along with music that originated from those areas.

One of Mathieu's favorite things about teaching has been "being able to observe and be a part of the daily progress and growth as musicians that happens with our students. It is very exciting to see and hear that development."

Mathieu said some of his career highlights include numerous concert performances in Washington, D.C., especially the one representing Maine at the dedication of the World War II Memorial. One of his most memorable



Photo credit Martha T. Harris

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## Lending a Hand Up

Chebeague Island Team



Photo credit Amanda Cooper

The Chebeague Team presented a check to Habitat for Humanity, an organization that builds decent and affordable housing for qualified applicants.

The Chebeague Island Team, a group of eighth graders at Gorham Middle School, recently donated \$350 to Habitat for Humanity. Students raised money by selling pottery bowls filled with chili at the Gorham Art Fair. Amy Cousins, one of the art teachers, worked with students to teach them how to make pottery bowls. Ray Mathieu, the "Chili Maestro," donated his famous chili.

The donation will support a house in Freeport intended for a single mother and her three children. Money will be used to buy trim for the kitchen

and living room, and a door.

A speaker from Habitat for Humanity explained that while \$350 might not seem like a lot, 80 percent of the donations they receive are less than \$500. Without smaller contributions, houses would not be built for people who want to transition to their own home. Students also learned that volunteering time or making contributions to Habitat for Humanity is not necessarily about giving someone a hand out, but rather a hand up.

## Relay for Life



Photo credit Althea Masterson

Gorham High School sponsored a team in the Relay for Life, an event to benefit the American Cancer Society, raise money for cancer research and cancer patients, and to spread cancer awareness. Teams of people took turns walking or running around the track at South Portland High School over June 11 and 12. Making it through the 13-hour overnight event were: (front row) Stefanie Farrington, Danielle Rivard, Ian Hawkes, Megan Mitchell, Nick Reynolds, Bailey O'Brien, Taylor Buotte, Elizabeth Smith and Emily Southard; (back row) Andrew Ernest, Tom Moutinho and Samantha Dahlborg.

## Math Extends to Community Service

Linda Townsend, GHS Special Education Teacher



Linda Townsend, GHS Special Education Teacher

Standing: Rob Russell and Matt Meehan stain the cover to the sandbox. Seated: Tyler Fredericks, Alex Arsenault and Shawn Labbe secure the base of the sandbox.

As the end of the school year approaches, it becomes more difficult for students to remain focused on learning. A group of math students from Gorham High School recently found a creative way to stay engaged and help the community.

It began with a simple task of wanting to build something to incorporate math skills. They decided to help a single mother, who was recently diagnosed with cancer, build a sandbox

for her two children. With teacher assistance, the students raised money by selling forsythia bushes. Students stayed within their \$50 budget to purchase lumber, nails and stain. They utilized math skills, including addition, subtraction, multiplication and division, since boards came in different lengths.

The sandbox was completed in one week's worth of class time. While con-

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Photo credit Shawn Roderick

On June 1, students from Mrs. Reynold's fourth-grade class at Village School spent the day in Augusta touring the State House and visiting the Maine State Museum. Shown with Rep. Jane Knapp are (back row) Sarah Bragdon, Hayley Bickford, Andy Pham, Connor Bell, Rep. Knapp and Garrett Higgins, Jarod Heddesheimer, Grace DeWitt, Noah Lambert, Ryan Kazmarek; (middle row) Sydney Cowand, Gabby Fisher, Jared Foss, Wilkins Rossignol, Rachel Jean, Grace Libby, Adam Mckenney and Zachery McGouldrick; (front row) Nathan Bachner, Nicole Williams, Andrew Garcia, Alex Russell and Emily Prindle.

## A Big Delivery



Photo credit Roberta Gagne

On June 1, students from Ms. Larosa's and Mrs. Hauke's second-grade classes at White Rock School delivered 240 pounds of food to the Gorham Food Pantry. During the food drive, students collected macaroni and cheese, kids' snacks, soup, cereal, and canned fruit and vegetables. Fran Doucette, director of the pantry, explained that all the food collected is available to any Gorham resident in need. Above: Second graders at White Rock take pride in delivering boxes overflowing with food to the Gorham Food Pantry. Fran Doucette (center, back row) was present to receive the donation.

## GMS Students Learn About Litter

Olivia Owens and Julia Smith, GMS Students

Students in Ms. Rubin's seventh-grade science class at Gorham Middle School have been working on an environmental science learning project. They created an Anti-Littering Week campaign to change people's opinions about littering. Some of the projects include creating and presenting a slide show to Village students, asking the town to place more trash cans and recycling

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## A "Feast" for Narragansett Students



Photo credit Melissa Michaud

In a special visit sponsored by Partners In Education, Gorham author and illustrator Cathryn Falwell presented her book, "Feast for Ten," and some of her other titles to the students of Narragansett school on May 27 and 28. Falwell met with groups of students in the library and explained how books are made, as well as her experiences as an author and illustrator.

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# sports

## GHS Spring Sports Wrap-Up – Part I Jeff Pike

In this issue the Gorham Times presents wrap-ups of the GHS softball and baseball teams as well as the boys' and girls' tennis teams. Look for wrap-up on the boys' and girls' lacrosse teams as well as the boys' and girls' track team in our next issue.

### Softball

**Regular Season Record:** 4-12, ranked 12th in Western Maine Class A.

**Post-Season Results:** Did not qualify.

**Graduating Seniors:** Lauren Chouinard, Annie Mitchell, Molly Lortie, Liz LaMontagne, Terri Bastarache.

**Individual Accomplishments:** Liz LaMontagne was awarded the Peter J. Meagher award by conference coaches for exemplifying what high school athletics is all about, working hard and being dedicated to teammates and coaches while also putting academics first. Annie Mitchell led the team offensively batting .325 with two home runs.

**Coach Comments:** "The positive side of the season was seeing the team play well the last four games of the year as we won two and lost two," said head coach Peter Walker. "We were a young team that learned and improved over the course of season. The JV team was 14-2, and some of those players will move up next year to fill key positions so we have the potential to return to the playoffs."

### Baseball

**Regular Season Record:** 4-12, ranked 15th in Western Maine Class A.

**Post-Season Results:** Did not qualify.

**Graduating Seniors:** Sean Grandmaison, Kyle Butterfield, Jon Foster, Colin Lubelczyk, Tim Hardy, Craig LeConte, Abe Kilborn, Ryan Luxton, Nick Owens.

**Individual Accomplishments:** Steve Broy's .489 batting average was second in the conference while his six triples were a conference best and his 15 runs batted in were third in the conference. Sean Grandmaison batted .364, while Zach Speirs batted .343.

**Coach Comments:** "Our win-loss record was deceiving," said head coach Chuck Nadeau. "The kids competed well in almost every game, and cumulatively we outscored our opponents 80-68 through the first five innings of each game, but did not do as well over the last two innings. I was proud of how the kids responded to some disappointing late-inning losses and continually put themselves in a position to win the next game. The experience of competing in close games can only help our returning players. Looking ahead to next year, pitching will continue to be a focus. Mike Arsenaault showed signs of being a frontline pitcher while Damon Wallace demonstrated he has the ability to anchor the pitching staff by leading the team in innings pitched and leading us to our most impressive win of the season, 12-1 over Bonny Eagle. The recovery of Brendon Joyce (catcher) from a separated right shoulder will have a big impact on our team next year as well, especially with his leadership. Since we are losing nine seniors, the development of talented but inexperienced players such

as Seth Wing, James Lewis and Sean Kaplinger along with others from the sub-varsity level will be critical."

### Boys' Tennis

**Regular Season Record:** 2-10, ranked 14th in Western Maine Class A.

**Post-Season Results:** Did not qualify for tournament.

**Graduating Seniors:** Tommy Sterling, Mike Bowring, Luke Tanguay, Saylor Conley.

**Individual Accomplishments:** Freshmen Mike Lubelczyk and Kyle Curley reached the quarterfinals of the conference doubles tournament by defeating a tough Cheverus duo that had beaten them in the regular season.

**Coach Comments:** "Record-wise the season did not go as we had planned, but we were very close in several matches," said head coach Aaron Landry. "If half of the matches had gone the other way, we would have made the playoffs. We gained valuable experience, and I believe we will have a very good season next year."

### Girls' Tennis

**Regular Season Record:** 11-1, ranked 2nd in Western Maine Class A.

**Post-Season Results:** Defeated Westbrook (5-0) in the quarterfinals, McAuley (3-2) in the semifinals and Portland (3-2) in the finals to capture the Western Maine Class Championship; lost to Lewiston (0-5) in the Class A State Final.

**Graduating Seniors:** Hannah Shorty, Sarah Robinson, Casey Weed, Taylor Buotte,

Jordan Shiers and Melanie Hebert.

**Highlight of the Season:** Defeating Portland in the Western Maine Class A finals at Bates College to advance to the State Championship.

**Individual Accomplishments:** Natalie Egbert reached the quarterfinals while Hannah Shorty reached the round of 16 in the state singles tournament.

**Coach Comments:** "We had a lot of good and gutsy play," said head coach Sonja Frey. "Natalie Egbert and Hannah Shorty almost guaranteed us two points right off the bat in every match. The #2 doubles team (Emily Estes and Chloe Johnson) won matches for us when we were tied at 2-2 five times, and though Natalie was our tie-breaking point in our win over Portland in the division championship, we would not have won if it were not for Emily and Chloe. This year was the best chance we have had to win the state championship, and Shorty's graduation will leave a big hole, but we should be quite good again. With some good-old Irish luck, maybe we can give it another try. Egbert will be a dominating #1 while Michelle Pham, with more consistency developed over the summer, will probably be a good singles' player. Estes and Johnson will be even better, and we hope to see Colleen Ward back from injury. Megan Creeden will also be a good doubles' player. Players waiting in the wings that could also contribute are Grace Eaton and Stef Farrington along with some others."

## GHS Girls' Tennis Champions



Photo credit Del Estes

**Western Maine Class A Champions:** The GHS girls' tennis team captured the Western Maine Class A Championship June 9 at Bates College with a 3-2 win over Portland, the only team the Rams lost to during the regular season. The Rams then lost to Lewiston in the Class A State Final, but advanced further than any other team in the 25 years that Sonja Frey has been the head coach. Playing for the team this year and pictured above, front row, from left to right: Casey Weed, Taylor Buotte, Hannah Shorty, Sarah Robinson, Melanie Hebert, and Jordan Shiers. Middle row: Emily Estes, Chloe Johnson, Natalie Egbert, Megan Creeden, Sarah Moir, and Grace Eaton. Back row: Rachel Eaton, Bethany Marshburn-Ersek, Tori Geffers, Madeline Susi, Coach Sonja Frey, Colleen Ward, Sabrina Rowell, Cassie Martel, and Brittany Grant. Missing from the photo are Stef Farrington, Michelle Pham, Kirsten Olson, Olivia Marshburn-Ersek, Nicole Sutherland and Amy Sutherland. (File Photo)

## in the Zone

### Heartbreaking Loss for Girls' Lacrosse:

The GHS girls' lacrosse team turned in a heroic effort during the Western Maine Class A tournament. After defeating Sanford, 21-11, in the quarterfinals, the Rams defeated Thornton Academy in the semifinals, 13-12, on a goal by junior Mia Rapolla in the third overtime. Against top-ranked Scarborough in the Western Maine final on June 16, Gorham lost a heart-breaker, 14-13, in overtime after leading 12-9 with 15 minutes to go. With many key returning players coming back next season, the Rams should once again be a top contender.

### College Soccer Captain:

Kelsey Wilson (GHS '07) was elected captain of the University of Maine women's soccer team for the 2010-11 season. Wilson is a senior, majoring in biological engineering.



**New England Track Star:** Recently graduated senior Eric Sawyer was the lone GHS representative at the New England Outdoor Track & Field Championships June 12 in New Britain, Conn. Sawyer finished 18th out of 32 participants from all six New England

states in the javelin with a throw of 161 feet and one inch.

**West Virginia Bound:** Shannon Folan, who just completed her freshman year at GHS, is going to West Virginia for the Region One U.S. Youth Soccer Tournament July 1-7. She plays for the Seacoast United Soccer Club under-15 girls' team. Her team will compete against teams from 13 states in the northeastern section of the country.

**Penalty-Kicks Win Tournament:** Four Gorham soccer players were part of the Maine Metro Football Club Under-16 boys' soccer team that won their age-bracket of the Needham (MA) Memorial Day Soccer Tournament. Jesse Orach, Steve Albanese, Andrew Hopkins and Nate Bucknell, who all just completed their sophomore year at Gorham High school, played for the team, which won four of five games to win the title—including the championship-game win over the Eastern Mass Futebol Club that came down to penalty kicks after two overtimes. All four Gorham players were selected to participate in the penalty-kick round consisting of five attempts. All four scored — including the game clincher by Orach.



## Hall of Fame Scholarship Winner

Rachel Wilkinson, who graduated from GHS this year, was one of 10 students statewide to receive a \$1,500 scholarship from the Maine Sports Hall of Fame. The committee awards scholarships based on a combination of athletic and scholastic achievement. Wilkinson was this year's class salutatorian and was also a leading star and captain for the cross-country, indoor track and outdoor track teams while earning All-State or All-Conference recognition in all three sports during her varsity career. She will attend the University of Maine at Orono in the fall.



Photo credit Rich Obrey

## Gorham Resident Enters Bridgton Academy Hall of Fame



For his play as a senior on the undefeated Bridgton Academy football team in 1969, Gorham resident Greg Flaherty was inducted into the Bridgton Academy Hall of Fame on June 5. Flaherty is shown above with from left to right his daughters Carla and Jill Flaherty and his wife Jeannie Flaherty.

## State Soccer Champions



Photo credit Roberta Gagne

Four recently graduated Gorham High School seniors will represent Maine in the US Youth Soccer Region I Championships July 1 to 7 in West Virginia. Colin Lubelczyk, Greg Gagne, Jake Willis and Eric Plourde (pictured above from left to right) are members of the Maine Coast United (MCU) under-18 team that captured the Soccer Maine State Cup with a 4-0 win over Black Bear United. The four players have played soccer together since age five. In the picture above, they are holding the team's championship trophy.

## GHS Spring SMAA All-Conference Selections

**Girls' Tennis:** Natalie Egbert, first team; Hannah Shorty, first team.

**Girls' Track:** Emily Southard, pole vault; Sarah Perkins, 300-meter hurdles, high jump; Audrey Adkison, 800 meters; Katie Flanders, 1600-meter racewalk; Jennifer Thuotte, 1600-meter racewalk.

**Boys' Track:** Jake Willis, long jump, 100 meters and 200 meters; Cam Stevens, 400 meters; Eric Sawyer, javelin; Matt Walrath, pole vault; Mark Walrath, pole vault; Jesse Orach, 3200 meters.

**Girls' Lacrosse:** Mia Rapolla, first team; Chelsea Black, honorable mention; Kelly Devoe, honorable mention; Katie Smith, honorable mention; Lindsey Smith, all-rookie team.

**Boys' Lacrosse:** Luc Robitaille, second team; Aaron LaPorte, honorable mention.

**Baseball**—Steve Broy, first team-shortstop; Sean Grandmaison, second team and all-defensive team-first base; Zach Speirs, all-rookie team-outfield.

**Softball**—Annie Mitchell, second team-second base; Molly Lortie, honorable mention-catcher.



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**Math** FROM PAGE 6

structing the project, students were conscious that small children would be using it and took every precaution for their safety. They built a cover for the sandbox, as well as seats at each corner.

Once the project was complete, the students had an opportunity to write a reflection paper. Tyler Fredericks wrote, "It made us feel like successful

students, plus we were able to help a family in need." Shawn Labbe added, "The benefit about going on a field trip was feeling good about helping people. We worked our best and it didn't cost the school any money. We feel like successful students in our community."

Overall, students were pleased with the success of the math assignment and look forward to their next project.

moments occurred in 1993, when voters approved the funding of the performing arts center at GHS.

His future plans are up in the air. "One of the first things I'd like to do is to take a deep breath and express what a lucky man I've been and to say 'thank you' to all past and present school committees, administrators, parents, and especially students for all the support that allowed me to turn an interest into a passion and foster that passion into a career."

**Donna Shearman**

Donna Shearman is retiring after teaching for 26 years in Gorham. She taught Spanish at Gorham Middle School for the past six years and sixth grade for twenty years. Before arriving in Gorham, she taught at an urban school in Ohio for five years. In between teaching positions, Shearman has also been an educational technician and done private tutoring.



Photo credit Martha T. Harris

Shearman said the best part of teaching is the kids. "I learned a great deal from students I have taught and have always enjoyed our interactions. Students have been wonderful at teaching me a better way to do my job and to hone my skill. Everyday has its 'wow' moments when you work with kids."

Future plans are nebulous. "There are so many things I want to do that my first year will be exploring some of those options."

**Joan Wood**

Joan Wood has spent her entire teaching career in Gorham, starting in 1970 at Village School when it was only a 12-room building. After a leave to raise her children, she returned to teach art and fifth grade. She taught in all the elementary schools, with the longest being Village for 23 years.



Photo credit Martha T. Harris

Joan has many career highlights, including seeing a struggling child finally grasp a math concept, hearing second grade students tell her that they were wearing many values of blue, and seeing pride in students' faces as they complete special art work.

Her favorite thing about teaching is having "an opportunity to foster children's curiosity, creativity and love of learning. It is the chance to bring out

the best in a child and encourage that child to use their own gifts in life. I will miss all these things in my retirement, as well as seeing their bright smiles and enthusiasm each day."

Joan plans to continue her oils and watercolor painting, and to show her work in a more formalized setting. She and her husband also plan to travel.

**Claire McCullough**

Claire McCullough is retiring after 40 years of teaching. Her first year was spent at Biddeford High School; for the past 39 years, she taught life science and social studies, as needed, at Gorham Middle School.



Photo credit Martha T. Harris

McCullough said she enjoyed teaching children of previous students. She appreciates the collegiality that the profession offers and has made many friends over the years. She "especially enjoyed the energy that kids bring to one's life. It really can't be explained, it has to be experienced."

A student camping trip to Bryant Pond Conservation Camp was a memorable teaching experience for McCullough. During the three-night outdoor trip, the team hiked Mt. Christopher, conducted stream studies, practiced orienting, studied soil profiles and held mock town meetings to discuss land use issues.

As for future plans, "Retirement will bring what it brings." McCullough is looking forward to reading "The New Yorker" from cover to cover each week, watching "60 Minutes" guilt-free on Sunday night and no last minute correcting. She also plans to audit university courses and travel with "meme-bus tours."

**Pam Gordon**

Pam Gordon is retiring after working as a special education teacher at Village School since 1989. She received a B.A. in Sociology from University of Hartford and M.A. in Special Education from University of North Carolina (UNC).



Gordon is a member of Alpha Delta Kappa, an international, honorary teacher organization. She is the immediate past president and has been very active with the organization's altruistic activities.

In her spare time, Gordon enjoys gardening, reading and family visits.

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## Fun on Wheels



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A group of children from the St. Anne's Church Youth Ministry enjoyed an afternoon of roller skating on May 16. The 21 children, ranging from grades five through nine, skated at Happy Wheels Skate Center in Portland. Back row: Diane Richard (Youth Ministry Organizer), Lily Towle, Madelyn Susi, Meg Towle, Beth Kusturin, Allie MacFeat, Alison Fitzpatrick, Joseph Fiset, Conner Sweatt, Sam Roussel, Middle row: Hailey Poitras, Thomas Susi, Michael Susi, Carly Barber, Katelyn Wilson, Front row: Kelly Aube, Sally Aube, Kate Kusturin, Narissa Libby, Carly Lebreque, Kate Andrew, Nick Wilson

## Litter FROM PAGE 7

bins around the community, creating a website with facts about litter in Gorham and placing posters around town.

While conducting their research, students found some interesting facts. They collected and counted 641 pieces of trash at Village School, 1,286 pieces of trash on one side of the Gorham Bypass, 3,102 pieces of trash around Gorham House of Pizza and Burger King and 314 pieces around the high school and sports fields. In all, students collected and counted more than 5,340 pieces of trash.

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## An Early Father's Day in Afghanistan

Diana Mathews of Gorham recently had an interesting 6 a.m. wake-up call from an excited voice saying "Hey Ma!! – Guess who I have with me!?" Her son Michael and husband Sterling are both in Afghanistan in separate units, and had the opportunity to meet for the first time in six months. Earlier that day (for them anyway: There is an eight-and-a-half hour time zone difference) Michael was waiting at the landing zone watching for his father's helicopter so they could begin their 24-hour visit together. They had a great day, having lunch together and then played horseshoes while helicopters buzzed overhead and big trucks and troops were passing by. They both thought it was a bit surreal. Sterling met Michael's airborne commanders and Michael met Sterling's people at the Army Corps of Engineers (ACE) office. The ACE office put them both up for the night, which Michael thought was more like a Hilton hotel than his own accommodations. They had a wonderful visit together and will share some great memories—just in time for Father's Day. PFC Michael Mathews is a 2009 Graduate of GHS and is an Infantry Paratrooper with the 173rd Airborne, Sterling Mathews is a Chief Warrant Officer with the Army Corp of Engineers.

## dean's list

The following Gorham students were named to the 2010 spring semester Dean's List: **John Adkison**, Harding University; **Erin Cole**, Muhlenberg College; **Kyle Donaldson**, St. Lawrence University; **Samantha Gale**, Southern Maine Community College; **Emily Jenkins**, Rhodes College, Memphis; **Jennifer Moutinho**, WPI; **Rebecca Muller**, Colby College; **Arielle Sorenson**, Drew University in Madison, NJ; **Benjamin Brown** and **Elizabeth Demski**, Keene State College, NH; **Alexander Dahms**, **Abby Stiffler**, **Rachael Tordoff**, **Michelle Walls**, **Elizabeth Wise**, **Joey Wise** and **Craig Woodbrey**, St. Joseph's College.

## honors's list (3.0-3.49)

**Meghan Garrard**, **Allison Speed** and **Anna Willis**, St. Joseph's College.

## graduations

**Robert Connolly**, Bachelor of Science degree, Marine Engineering Technology, Maine Maritime Academy.

**Benjamin Lilly**, Bachelor of Science degree, Marine Engineering Technology, Maine Maritime Academy.

**Sarah Slater**, Magna Cum Laude, Gettysburg College.

**Cory Perreault**, MBA, Graduate & Professional Studies division at Saint Joseph's College.

**Shanna Webster**, MBA, Graduate & Professional Studies division at Saint Joseph's College.

## of interest

**Greg Bem** (GHS '04) and other members of the New Philadelphia Poets will be hosting a poetry reading at The Green Hand Bookstore (661 Congress St.,

Portland) Saturday, June 26 at 6 p.m. Seating limited.

**First Parish Church in Gorham** invites all children from preschool through sixth grade to join us for Critter Camp, under the direction of Allie Rimkunas, July 5 to 9 from 9 a.m. to noon. We'll be exploring the outdoors, observing nature, playing games, making crafts, and learning about our place in the world as caring Christians. If you are older and still want to join in on the fun, we'd love your help and energy. FMI or to register, please call Kim Arena at 756-2543 or Allie Rimkunas at 839-3517, or visit [www.first-parishgorham.org](http://www.first-parishgorham.org).

If you are a member of the **Gorham High School Class of 2005** please send your email address to [GHS05alumni@gmail.com](mailto:GHS05alumni@gmail.com) so that class officers can easily make contact regarding upcoming reunions.

**Army Pvt. Arianna Corkum** graduated from Basic Combat Training at Fort Sill, Lawton, Oklahoma. She is the daughter of Robin Doiron of Westbrook and Steven Corkum of Gorham.

**The Gorham Lions** will hold their Annual Trailer Load Yard Sale at the South Street Lions Den on Saturday, June 26 from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thousands of items to choose from. Books, clothes, tools, small appliances and more. Hot dogs, popcorn, soda and coffee will be available.

**Matt Slipp** (GHS '08), received the Emily K. Rand Voice Scholarship from the Portland Rossini Club Scholarship competition held on June 4. Slipp will attend Gordon College in the fall.

**Gorham High School Class of 1990** will hold a 20th Class Reunion on Friday, Aug. 6, from 7 to 11 p.m. at the Mariners Church Banquet Center in Portland. \$30 pp. FMI, call 838-1366.

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# what's happening

## SATURDAY, JUNE 26

- Bean Supper at the Bungalow, Route 22 and Broadturn Road, 5 to 6 p.m. \$5/under 3 free. FMI, 839-6972.

## THURSDAY, JULY 1

- The Guild: Games Used in Leadership Development, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., Baxter Library.
- Registration required. FMI, 642-2612.

## FRIDAY, JULY 2

- The Guild: Games Used in Leadership Development, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., Baxter Library.
- Registration required. FMI, 642-2612.

## MONDAY, JULY 5

- Planning Board Meeting, 7 p.m., Municipal Center, 75 South St., Gorham.

## TUESDAY, JULY 6

- The Guild: Games Used in Leadership Development, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., Baxter Library. Registration required. FMI, 642-2612.
- Time with Tully, the Reading Education Assistance Dog (R.E.A.D), 1 to 3 p.m., Baxter Library. Tully will read with your child for 20 minutes each time. Registration required. FMI, 839-5031.
- Gorham Cancer Prayer and Support Group, 7 p.m., Cressey Road United Methodist Church. FMI, 839-311.
- Town Council Meeting, 7 p.m. Municipal Center, 75 South St., Gorham.

## WEDNESDAY, JULY 7

- Popsicles on the Patio, 1 p.m. Join Baxter Library for a story or two, followed by a tasty frozen treat. FMI, 839-5031.

## THURSDAY, JULY 8

- The Guild: Games Used in Leadership Development, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., Baxter Library. Registration required. FMI, 642-2612.
- Jewelry Making Workshop, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Baxter Library. Materials provided. FMI, 839-5031.
- North Gorham Public Library's summer reading program with Beverly Bishop leading a music program, 9:30 a.m. Refreshments and Sea Dog tickets awarded.

## FRIDAY, JULY 9

- The Guild: Games Used in Leadership Development, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., Baxter Library. Registration required. FMI, 642-2612.

## SATURDAY, JULY 10

- Story Time with Pirates, 9:30 a.m., Baxter Library. FMI, 839-5031.

## TUESDAY, JULY 13

- The Guild: Games Used in Leadership Development, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., Baxter Library. Registration required. FMI, 642-2612.
- Teddy Bear's Picnic, 11 a.m., Baxter Library. Bring a picnic lunch and enjoy a story or two in the park! FMI, 839-5031.
- Time with Tully, the Reading Education Assistance Dog (R.E.A.D), 1 to 3 p.m., Baxter Library. Tully will read with your child for 20 minutes each time. Registration required. FMI, 839-5031.

## WEDNESDAY, JULY 14

- Bubble Day, 1 to 4 p.m., Baxter Library, Come when you can, leave when you want.

## THURSDAY, JULY 15

- The Guild: Games Used in Leadership Development, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., Baxter Library. Registration required. FMI, 642-2612.
- Pastels, Paint and Picnic in the Park, 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m., Baxter Library. Bring a lunch.
- North Gorham Public Library's Annual Pet Show, 9:30 a.m. Bring your pet for show and tell. Refreshments and Sea Dog tickets awarded.
- Kiwanis Club Lunch Meeting, Pinecrest Bed & Breakfast, Noon to 1 p.m. FMI, 839-8944.

## FRIDAY, JULY 16

- The Guild: Games Used in Leadership Development, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., Baxter Library. Registration required. FMI, 642-2612.

## SATURDAY, JULY 17

- Story Time with Dinosaurs, 9:30 a.m., Baxter Library. FMI, 839-5031.
- Authentic Bean-Hole Bean Supper, UCC at North Gorham, 4:30 to 6 p.m. \$8/\$4. FMI, 892-9532.

## TUESDAY, JULY 20

- Time with Tully, the Reading Education Assistance Dog (R.E.A.D), 1 to 3 p.m., Baxter Library. Tully will read with your child for 20 minutes each time. Registration required. FMI, 839-5031.
- The Guild: Games Used in Leadership Development, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., Baxter Library. Registration required. FMI, 642-2612.

## WEDNESDAY, JULY 21

- Popsicles on the Patio, 1 p.m. Join

**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.**

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## THURSDAY, JULY 22

- The Guild: Games Used in Leadership Development, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., Baxter Library. Registration required. FMI, 642-2612.



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**Baxter Memorial Library** will host a summer leadership program titled, "The Guild: Games Used in Leadership Development," from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. throughout the summer months. Do you enjoy non-electronic board games and RPGs? FMI, call Brenden Hill, 642-2612. Registration required. (Also accepting applications for a free Summer Leadership Program for teens 12 to 18 yrs.)

**White Rock Free Baptist Church** in Gorham will host a series of gospel music concerts this summer. On Saturday, June 26, Mr. David Lloyd &

the Musical Messengers from North Conway, NH, will perform older traditional hymns. On Saturday, July 24, the Campbell Family from Manchester, ME will present a concert of southern gospel style music. Come prepared to join in on the musical fun. The concerts will begin at 6:30 p.m. Donations accepted. FMI, www.wrfbc.org.

### close to home

**Bean Supper at the Westbrook Eagles** (89 Saco St.) on Saturday, July 10 from 4:30 - 7 p.m. \$7/\$3.50 under 12.

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**Greatest Hits**

As the *Gorham Times* gets ready to take our summer hiatus, we thought we'd share with you some blotter entries that have given us a chuckle...

**Beech Circle caller** reported a disturbance at a residence. Police determined homeowner was upset with their pet cat.

**Joseph Drive caller** reported a peacock hanging with a flock of turkeys. Caller didn't know to whom the peacock belonged.

**Sebago Lake Road caller** reported several vehicles and tents set up. Police determined it was Cub Scout troop camping out.

**Weeks Road caller** reported suspicious activity in the woods. Police found three people having a picnic.

**Libby Avenue caller** reported that their newspaper was missing every Tuesday and Thursday.

**Burnham Road caller** reported a peacock running down the side of the road. A subject who was missing a peacock tried to locate the bird to see if it was theirs.

**Caller reported** there were two cats in their basement. One animal was placed in custody and the other fled on foot, or rather paw.

**Suspicious activity** in the Robie Street area turned out to be someone involved in a scavenger hunt.

**Main Street caller** reported that they had purchased beer but drove over it, destroying several bottles. When they went back into the store to get something to clean it up, two males picked up the remaining beer and ran off.

**Morrill Avenue caller** reported that they had hit their own vehicle while plowing snow. Subject was to contact his insurance agent.

**Mechanic Street caller** reported seeing strange lights on inside a building. Police checked the location and found that decorative lights had been left on.

**Gaia Lane caller** reported that there were two vehicles at the end of their private drive that appeared to be drinking.

**Main Street caller** reported a horrible smell in the air and wanted to lodge a formal complaint. Smell was coming from a farm in Westbrook that had spread fertilizer.

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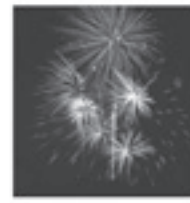
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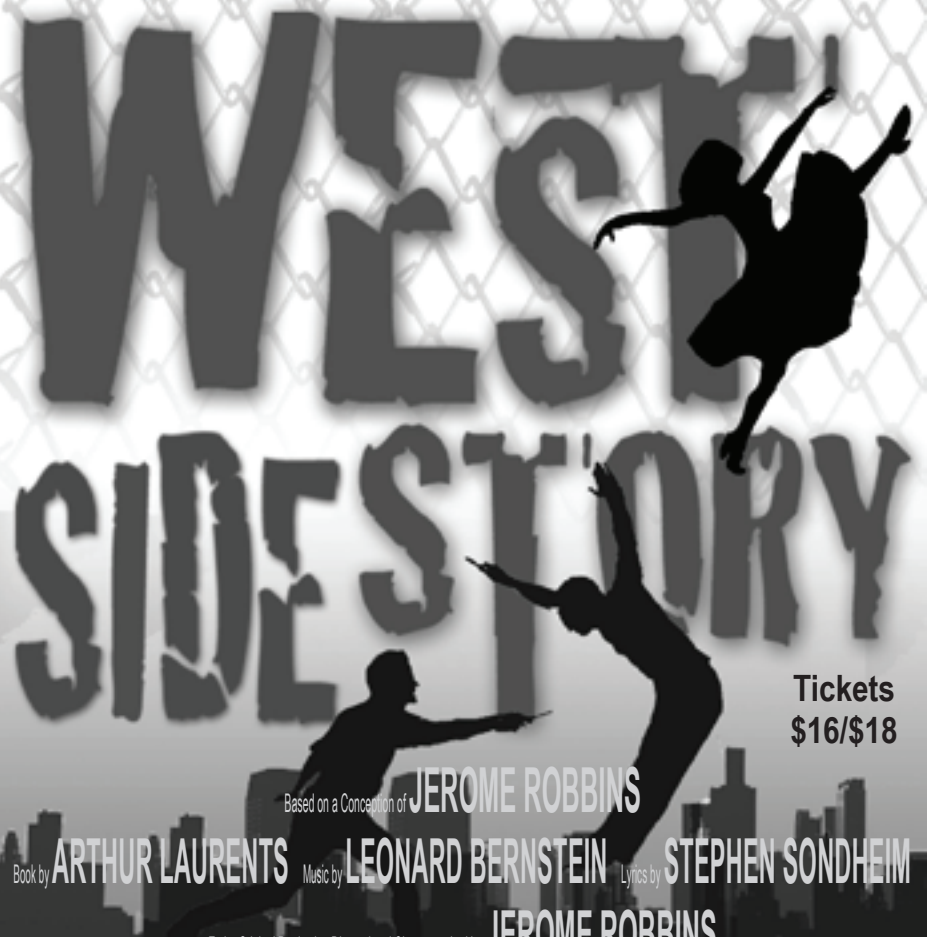
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