# **Gorham FD Seeks** New Rescue Truck Sheri Faber

he Gorham Fire Department is hoping residents will approve the referendum to replace their heavy rescue truck with a new vehicle.

The vehicles normally last for 20 to 25 years, and the current vehicle has reached the end of its lifespan after 24 years in service. The motor has blown on the truck, and it is no longer able to carry all the necessary equipment, as there is not enough space. Currently, the basic equipment from the out-ofcommission heavy rescue is in the back of a pickup truck. If there was a major accident requiring a heavy rescue, other towns would have to be asked for help. The heavy rescue truck is not used to transport patients.

The new vehicle, with a projected cost of approximately \$450,000, has double the amount of storage space, as well as a 9,000-watt light tower which will provide enough light to fully illuminate a fire or rescue scene. The new truck will also have a cascade system to fill air bottles.

All heavy extrication equipment will be moved to the new truck, along with equipment for rescues from confined spaces and trenches. The old truck had 555 square feet of storage space while the new one would have1,053 square feet.

In addition to the heavy rescue truck currently out of service, Gorham has five engines, three tank trucks which provide water, one ladder truck, one

combined ladder and pump and two regular rescue vehicles.

Gorham Fire Chief Robert Lefebvre explored the possibility of obtaining a used vehicle, circa 1993 to 2005, at a cost of \$135,000 to \$195,000. One came with a 45-day warranty on the drive train and the others had no warranty. All of the used vehicles would have needed at least \$13,000 to \$15,000 in upgrades to meet current OSHA standards.

The cost of a new motor for the current vehicle would be approximately \$22,000, but a major concern was that the other components of the drive train might not hold up under the horsepower and strain from a new motor. There are also numerous other issues with the current vehicle, including the wiring. Because of its age, the current value of the truck would be about \$6,000.

Deputy Chief Ken Fickett hopes that taxpayers will support the purchase of this vehicle. Fire trucks are so expensive that a referendum is always required to authorize this substantial a purchase.

Chief Lefebvre adds that the proposed cost is based on an estimate from one vendor. They are awaiting estimates from two other vendors. The basic truck with no equipment would be \$327,650. The additional equipment would cost \$115,095 bringing the total cost to \$442,745.

The matter will go before the voters on June 8.

# **Family Art Night** at White Rock Polly Brann, White Rock Vice Principal



On Mar. 25, the White Rock School community was treated to a special event, "Ten From Ten." White Rock Art teacher Ms. Cuddy hosted a wonderful evening with the 10 best art projects from the past 10 years. One special guest artist was former White Rock principal Mrs. Evans, who helped the children with origami. In addition, there was beading with copper wire, recycled object sculptures, mask making, stained glass frames, spring hats, quilting and printmaking. For those who brought in their own shirts, Art Night t-shirts were silk screened by Mrs. Cousins. The GHS Key Club was on hand to perform a myriad of tasks and refreshments were provided by Partners In Education.

# "Painful" Final School Budget Approved

he final 2011 budget for Gorham Schools has been approved by the School Committee.

The proposed budget would eliminate 13.6 positions, including seven educational technicians, 4.6 teachers and two other positions. Of these, 7.6 are actual layoffs and the remainder

are from resignations, retirements or approved leaves of absence.

"It's a painful budget but it reflects our values and what the community would support," said committee member Jim Hager.

Chairman Dennis Libby felt the budget was "fair and responsible to the town and taxpayers. Staff has been reduced but not opportunities for our students."

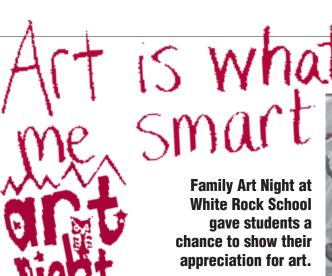
The School Committee voted unanimously to approve the 2011 budget of \$30.3 million, which reflects a 2.31 percent increase over the previous year's budget and a 1.78 percent

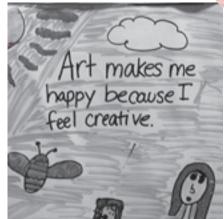
increase to the existing tax rate.

It also approved to accept additional stimulus funds in the amount of

A joint workshop with the Town Council is scheduled for May 18. On June 1 the Town Council is expected to take action on the budget before it

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### Dear Gorbam Times,

We wanted to thank the anonymous donor who gave us this handy rocker for our classroom through the Gorham Educational Foundation. Thank you so much for your generosity and kindness. The students love it and sit in it all day long!

Ms. Durant-Harthorne Narragansett School Second Grade

## NEWS FROM AUGUSTA



# Saving Gorham's Green Space Rep. Jane Knapp

as the weather gets warmer and our thoughts turn to evening baseball games, hotdogs on the grill and weekend trips to the beach, it is also a good time to turn our thoughts toward strengthening our community.

During the 124th Legislature, I was appointed to the Community Preservation Advisory Committee (CPAC), which is charged with advising the Governor, the Legislature and state agencies on matters relating to community preservation. While I am involved with this committee at the state level, the idea of community preservation is one that is actually championed by individual communities to keep them strong. Gorham has a great community spirit. Many of you have had an idea, gathered a working group and then made that idea a reality, such as planning an event that brings the community together. An example is New Year Gorham, spearhead by Ginny Cross.

One issue that I feel strongly about in Gorham is the need for green space. A green space is an area that is dedicated to nature, such as a recreational park. Historically, societies have seen fit to include parks for their aesthetic beauty, but recent research has shown that there are many additional benefits to including green spaces in urban communities.

Research on urban temperatures and air quality has shown that the more green space a city has, the healthier it is. The larger number of plants pulling pollution out of the air and emitting oxygen helps to regulate the temperature in a city. With studies showing that green spaces can make life healthier and more pleasant for residents, more and more communities are considering the need for green infrastructure.

My level of concern for green space in Gorham was heightened at the May 6, 2008 Town Council meeting. One item on the agenda was the proposed development of additional parking at Robie Gym. I was opposed to the idea because I felt that downtown Gorham should not lose more green space. It is necessary to have a balance between parking spaces for businesses and preserving green space so citizens enjoy going to the business. However, the majority of councilors referred the parking proposal to the Capitol Improvement Committee.

# Gorham Has Heart

hey're the folks who make our lives brighter: The hospital volunteer who always has a smile, the Little League Coach who works a 60-hour week and still manages to find time for his team, the teacher who works extra hard to bring the joy of learning into her students' lives.

Well, we at the *Gorham Times* would like to hear about those special people. We're starting a new occasional series, called "Gorham Has Heart," to profile all the people who go the extra mile to make Gorham such a great place to live, and we'd like your help in finding them.

You can e-mail us at gorham-hasheart@gorhamtimes.com, or you can call us at our office at 839-8390. Let us know who they are, what they do, and please don't forget to give a phone number or e-mail, so we can get back to you.

On Aug. 5, 2008, the matter was on the Town Council meeting agenda again. Citizens, myself included, spoke for and against. The outcome was that the Capitol Improvements Committee would study the possibility of placing new parking in the Gorham Village Center District. I was a new member of the Legislature when the issue was resolved by providing funds to stripe parking spaces in Gorham Village. I am thankful that the green lawn is still at Robie Gym, and I enjoy watching youngsters frolic on the grass and enjoy the benefits of playing outside.

Another concern I've had for quite some time is the ease in which citizens are able to walk from business to business. I have tested the sidewalks in the village area during the May block party and during food tasting in the summer and they do not lend themselves to a nice stroll, not to mention a purposeful walk to a business. I am happy to say that at the Jan. 5 Town Council meeting, funds for a matching grant to make sidewalk improvements at the intersection of Route 25 and Route 114 were approved.

I've mentioned some of my concerns, involvement and the outcomes to these matters within our community and I am interested in hearing yours. Please contact me at RepJane. Knapp@legislature.Maine.gov with your concerns and ideas on what we can do to make Gorham a stronger community. Working together we can make changes that will benefit many of our local citizens and I look forward to hearing your thoughts.

(Some of the information in this article was found at the following: http://www.wisegeek.com/what-is-greenspace.htm)

## Rep. Jane Knapp

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# **Exchange Program Brings Together Gorham and Russia**

Yelizaveta Salenko

y name is Yelizaveta. I am an exchange student from Russia, and this year is very special for me because during this time I will live in America in the wonderful town of Gorham in the state of Maine. I am really enjoying my new life, Gorham High School and communicating with American people.

I want to introduce you with the program that brought me here.

FLEX (the Future Leaders Exchange) is an exchange program completely sponsored by the U.S. government that provides scholarships for students from the countries of Eurasia (the former Soviet Union) to come to America for one year, live with an American volunteer host family and attend an American public high school. FLEX participants have come to the United States from Russia, Ukraine, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Tajikistan and Turkmenistan.

This program was founded in 1992 by former Senator Bill Bradley to promote peace and understanding between the United States and countries of Eurasia. Since that time more than 20,000 students have returned from America to their native countries with a new enthusiasm and desire to help others and to share their experience and knowledge to benefit their home community and countries.

To become a FLEX students you have to pass a screening process that consists of plenty of essays, tests, interviews and completing the application, which includes the broad description of a student, his/her family, school scores and medical insurance.

What is more, English language comprehension is not the only criterion to pass the program. Personal qualities like adaptability, flexibility, and cultural openness, are the most important criteria. Furthermore, school grades are required to be "B average."

Approximately 20 percent of the applicants get to the final round.
After that, their applications are sent



to Washington, D.C., where trained committees make the final selection. Just one in 30 applicants is selected to participate.

As for me, living in America, I have already faced some challenges, and I have noticed lots of differences between American and Russian lives. I have also decided some things I am going to bring back home. My placement organization, the Center for Cultural Interchange, requires me to do 40 hours of volunteering. I found it very interesting and am hopefully going to develop it in my native country.

After just three months spent in America I changed. This life made me more independent, more helpful to other people, more communicative to different situations and more responsible. I am really glad that the FLEX program gives me the opportunity to understand American society and gives the opportunity to American people to get to know about Russia and break the stereotypes.

Together we can make a difference! If you are interested in hosting please contact Kathy Hansen 653-1007 or khansenww@aol.com.

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# municipal

TOWN COUNCIL REPORT

# \$3 Million Road Work Bond, Capital Fund Go to Referendum

Sarah Gavett-Nielsen

t its most recent meeting, on Apr. 6, the Gorham Town Council voted to place a referendum for a \$3 million bond to repair local roads on the June 8 ballot. Town Manager David Cole estimates the bond would allow work to be completed on two roads in Gorham.

Councilor Phil Csoros said he was not in favor of a \$3 million road bond in light of the debt the town has accumulated over the past eight years. Councilor Noah Miner agreed, stating, "I'm concerned that we don't have a light at the end of the tunnel. We're perpetually borrowing \$3 million to redo two roads and I understand the costs are there, but what I don't see is our tax base increasing to offset that debt burden."

This issue will go to referendum for voters to decide.

A referendum to establish a dedicated capital fund was also discussed, with councilors expressing opinions on both sides of the issue. This referendum would ask citizens if they would like to have a \$1 surcharge added to the tax rate to fund capital projects.

Councilor Matthew Mattingly supported the proposal, saying, "I think that this leads us to a much better place in funding capital issues that we have. People are going to see a return. Every year they are going to see something very specific that they can put that dollar on and see what it goes to."

Chairman Phinney was not in support of this proposal, and expressed his concern with raising the tax rate in a time of economic difficulty.

This item will be sent to the voters as an advisory referendum on June 8. An informational public hearing will be held on May 4.

The Council amended an ordinance to regulate disorderly property to include language that states that in the event of a property being posted, the property owner would have the right to address the Town Council on the complaints. A summary of this discussion would then be sent to the Ordinance Committee for further review

Councilor Miner stated his discomfort with the fact that, under this ordinance, landlords would be held responsible for the behavior of their tenants.

"To find the owner responsible for a disorderly tenant is inappropriate," he said. "You can't really hold the owner responsible for ensuring his tenant is a well-behaved citizen."

An agreement with the First Parish Congregational Church to lease the Town Clock to the church for placement in the church building was discussed at length. The church expressed concern with the clause in the agreement stating that parties had 60 days notice to remove the clock in the event of termination of the lease.



# AT YOUR LIBRARY Helping Out at Your Library Mary Collins

hen I was a child, my mother and several other women started and staffed a library as volunteers. They acquired books by "hook or by crook" and kept it open at least a few hours a week. Lending books was its sole purpose. I couldn't wait for the afternoon each week when I could go to the library.

Obviously, contemporary libraries in a community the size of Gorham are much more complex and sophisticated. These libraries require professionals and Gorham is fortunate to have a wonderful staff for its library.

But, as senior library assistant Linda Straw said to me, "we can't run without our volunteers either." There are at least four volunteers who come in regularly every day, two in adult services and two in youth services. One big job is to make sure materials are in the right order on the shelves so that patrons may find them. There are always library cards to be made, filing to be done, shredding of paper that includes personal information of patrons, and the constant need to keep bulletin boards and brochures up to date, plants watered and the like.

Another of the big jobs that these volunteers do is handle the volume of interlibrary loans. Volunteers retrieve them from the shelves, pack them to go out and unpack them as they come in. Then these materials, along with all the others coming in from patrons, must be re-shelved, generally by volunteers.

Volunteers select books for home delivery to patrons unable to get to the library and others deliver them.



CLERK'S CORNER

# June 8 is Election Day

Christina A. Silberman, Town Clerk

he second half payment of property taxes is due by May 13. As a cost-saving measure, a postcard reminder was sent recently instead of another copy of the tax bill that was sent for the first half payment that was due in November. The postcard has the following note below the amount due, "Note—\* includes past due amount." If an asterisk does not appear immediately next to the amount due, then the note does not apply to your account.

June 8 is Election Day for the State Primary and Referendum Election as well as the Gorham Special Referendum and School Budget Validation Referendum Election. Absentee ballot applications are now available at the Town Clerk's office and are also available through the Town website, www.gorham-me.org (Go to the Town Clerk's Department and click the absentee voting link).

All State ballots and the Gorham Special Referendum ballot will be mailed to voters when they are available at the beginning of May. Due to State law, the School Budget Validation Referendum ballot cannot be issued until May 25, and cannot be returned prior to June 2. School Budget Validation Referendum ballots returned prior to June 2 cannot be counted by law. Information regarding the State Election can be found online at www.maine.gov/sos (click the link at the left, titled "Elections & Voting").

The Gorham Town Council Appointments Committee is seeking citizen volunteers to fill vacancies on Town boards and committees. Vacancies exist on the following boards and committees: Zoning Board of Appeals and Board of Sewer Appeals, Board of Assessment Review, Fair Hearing Board, Recycling Committee and Cable Television Committee. If you are interested in volunteering to serve on one of these committees, please visit the town website and click on "Boards & Committees" on the left of the homepage for more information and to find a link to the application. Please do not hesitate to call or stop by the Town Clerk's office for information and/or an application.

Please contact the Town Clerk's office at 222-1670 with any questions.



## CHIEF SHEPARD REPORTS

# April Grand Jury Indictments

he April grand jury returned indictments against the following people:

Christopher Craig, 42 of Portland was indicted for unlawful sexual contact on charges brought by the Gorham Police Department.

Matthew Davis, 22, of Gorham was indicted for theft on charges brought

by the Windham Police Department.

Samantha Reynolds, 22, of Gorham was indicted on three counts of stealing drugs on charges brought by the Westbrook Police Department.

Katherine Sweda, 36, of Gorham was indicted for OUI (with priors) on charges brought by the Westbrook Police Department.

Volunteers sort and box all the books donated for the library book sale and still others work on the book sale and bake for special library events. There are many volunteers who do special projects or serve on the Board of Trustees or Friends Group Board.

Yet volunteering time is only one way of helping out your library. Another way is to become a member of the Friends group membership fees provide a significant source of support for the work of the Friends. Or become a more active "Friend" and join the Board.

You can also help by recycling things at the library: You can get "Clynk" bags from the library for recycling bottles and cans all refunds from these go to the library. You can also recycle old cell phones, digital music players, and inkjet cartridges, and any old eyeglasses you donate will be given to charities by the Lions.

Don't forget the Friends' book sale: Friday, April 30, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday, May 1, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Gorham Recreation Department Activities Room.

Please join the Friends of Baxter Memorial Library and help us support the library. For more information go to the library website, www.baxterlibrary.org, or call us at 839-5031 for more information.

# living



LETTUCE BE HEALTHY

# Simple Spring Recipes Barbara T. Schneider

Spring has arrived...a real spring, unlike any we've seen in a while in Maine. Every spring brings big questions: when to mulch? When to plant? How much will my garden produce? How do I manage the kids' busy schedules with everything else that has to get done?

There are no simple answers to these questions, but least the weather outside is partnering with us instead of against us as we juggle our "to do" list. Involving the whole family can certainly make these spring chores more enjoyable. What isn't always easy now is fitting in meal prep inside, when we all want to be outside.

One way to streamline meals is to offer a couple of new, simple choices that are fun, tasty and easy on the wallet. Avocados are a good price now and Maine shrimp are easy to find in the frozen section of the grocery. The two different options for avocado stuffing can be made ahead of time and assembled when you're ready to eat. The salmon patties can also be made ahead and cooked inside or out on the grill after a hard day's work. Give them all a try and don't hesitate to add what you have on hand, such as crab meat and other veggies. Be creative. Enjoy!

## **CRAZY STUFFED AVOCADO** (two ways)

- 1 to 2 cups Maine shrimp
- 2 tablespoons fresh chives
- 1/2 cup Thousand Island dressing
- 1/2 cup mayonnaise
- 2 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce
- 2 tablespoons chili sauce
- 1 teaspoon lemon juice
- 1 teaspoon paprika
- 2 avocadoes sliced in half (pit removed) Shredded lettuce beds

Mix together all ingredients, up to the papri-

ka. Spoon ingredients into the center of pitted avocado. Sprinkle with paprika. Place on shredded lettuce beds. Keep refrigerated until serving.

## 2nd stuffing: ANCHOVIES

I small container of flat anchovies Sprinkle red pepper flakes 2 cups bread crumbs (seasoned is fine) I full head of garlic cloves Chopped handful fresh parsley Salt and pepper to taste Finely shredded parmesan (about 1 cup)

Heat olive oil in saucepan, sauté garlic, red pepper flakes and drained anchovies (they will dissolve). Take off heat, add bread crumbs. Add parsley and season with salt and pepper, mix. Top avocados with mixture, sprinkle cheese on top and place under broiler until golden brown. Yummy!

### **SALMON PATTIES**

- 4-5 cooked salmon small strip fillets (available at Hannaford), flaked
- Bunch of scallions, finely chopped (8-10)
- 1 egg, beaten or 1/4 cup egg whites
- 1 teaspoon lemon juice
- 1 teaspoon fish sauce
- 2 tablespoons Asian seasoning (or about1 teaspoon of fresh ginger, Chinese fivespice powder and cumin)
- 1/2 cup broth (fish, chicken or veggie) or white wine. Add more if mixture is dry Handful of chopped fresh basil Salt and pepper to taste Olive oil for cooking

Mix all ingredients and form patties, try not to handle too much. Heat olive oil in pan and sauté on one side till golden brown, flip for other side to brown. Serve with a black bean or chipotle tomato lime salsa.

Questions about the recipes can be e-mailed to Barbara Schneider at bts@maine.rr.com.

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# school

# Thespian Society Takes a Bow at GHS Gorham Times Staff



Recent inductees of GHS's new Thespian Society celebrated with a ceremony on Apr. 8.

orham High School recently petitioned the International Thespian Society, the student honorary division of the Educational Theatre Association, for the privilege of chartering a Thespian troupe. The theatre arts program of GHS has been determined to meet the standards required by the board of directors of the Educational Theatre Association, and the application has been accepted. The Educational Theatre Association is a professional organization supporting the field of theatre

education and membership into ITS is earned by participating in an affiliated school's theatre program and accumulating points towards membership. Members include theatre arts educators, students, professionals, and enthusiasts. "When I was a student, we had a Thespian Society at my high school," said Eileen Avery, GHS drama advisor and Thespian troupe director. "I remembered it as a very positive experience and I wanted that same experience for students of Gorham High School."

The following students were inducted into GHS Troupe 7533 during a formal ceremony on Apr. 8 with special guest speaker Rick Osann, the Maine Chapter Director of the Educational Theatre Association.

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# New School, New Steel: An Update

Brad Smith, Narragansett and White Rock Principal



The structure of the new elementary school in Gorham begins to take shape with the recent raising of steel I-beams.

onstruction on the new elementary school has progressed nearly one month ahead of schedule due in large part to the mild winter this year. Since the last update, the following has taken place:

- Drilling of the geothermal holes is approximately 50% complete.
- Water and hydrants are now available
- Vertical steel I-beams are being placed.
- Erosion control measures have proven effective.
- Site development work is ahead of schedule resulting in a base layer of paving being completed by late April.

Additionally, the New School Committee has noted the following accomplishments at recent meetings:

• The Percent for Art Project committee, chaired by Roger Marchand, has begun their work. Members include Amy Cousins (GMS), Sharon Portelance, artists Cathryn Falwell

- and Henry Wolyneic, and Suzanne Morin from PDT Architects. The committee will begin screening initial proposals in May.
- The Building Committee has selected exterior colors, including exterior red brick and a crisp white color scheme reflecting a classic New England char-
- · Two sub committees will be formed with representation as identified by Superintendent Sharp. Those committees will address the naming of the new school and playground equip-

While construction work is underway for the new school, the K-5 Transition Team continues to plan for the reconfiguration of all three elementary schools into K-5 schools for the fall of 2011. Updates for both the new school and the K-5 transition can be found on the district website: www.gorhamschools.org with links to desired information.



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# **GMS Student Wins Poetry Contest at Portland Symphony Orchestra**



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On March 9, Gorham Middle School seventh-grader Brendan Kelly read his poem "Winter" while the Portland Symphony Orchestra played "Winter" from Vivaldi's "The Four Seasons." Brendan won the poetry portion of the PSO's Painting, Poetry and Performance Contest, in which students in grades K-8 were invited to submit artwork, poetry or a dance presentation inspired by the repertoire on the PSO program. He entered the contest after being encouraged by his language arts teacher, Mrs. Mary Ridge, who had her students write a poem while listening to music. He was chosen to read his poem during the PSO's "Sounds Like Art" Spring Youth Concert at Merrill Auditorium. Above: Brendan Kelly received congratulations from PSO conductor Robert Moody after reading his winning poem.

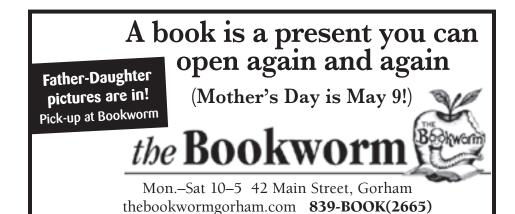
# Narragansett Sings Praises of Our "Big Beautiful Planet"



Photo credit Leslie Dupuis

Morning kindergartners at Narragansett School performed their musical,

"Big Beautiful Planet," on Apr. 8. Directed by music teacher Gail Thibodeau, the production included songs, dancing and solo speaking parts. Above, Matthew Bellantoni, Jackson Smith, Nathan Doane, Jenna DeMichael and Hunter Lovejoy display their musical ability with instruments during one of the songs.



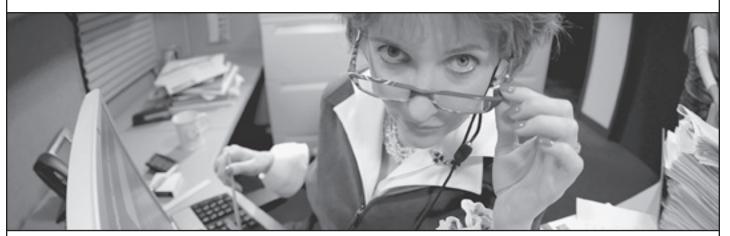
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goes out to the voters on June 8.

In other School Committee news,

- John Ennis, Patrick Lynch and Travis Mansir, seventh-graders at Gorham Middle School, presented their short film, "From the Abacus to the Computer," which won the state National History Day competition. The students are fundraising for their trip to the University of Maryland later this spring. Anyone interested in donating can contact the middle school.
- Athletic Director Gerry Durgin spoke to the importance of the athletic program in Gorham, saying that it's "not about wins and losses but about how students represent the community and school". Freshmen Caleb Dolloff and Kristin Ross and seniors Elizabeth LaMontagne and Cameron Stevens all spoke to how the athletic program had positive impacts for them.
- Percent for Art committee Chairman Roger Marchand said the committee will be screening proposals for art in May.
- Wayne Drown and Emanuel Manno were appointed to the Recreation Advisory Committee. Lisa Shiers was appointed to Special Olympics.
- The 2011-2012 school calendar was approved. The School Committee felt that it had a better flow with more consecutive days in school.

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# sports

# **GHS Spring Sports Preview Part I** Jeff Pike

he GHS spring sports season is now in full swing, with a full slate of games beginning Apr. 26 for all teams. In the last issue of the *Gorbam Times*, we previewed the baseball and softball teams as well as the boys' and girls' lacrosse teams. Below are previews of the boys' and girls' track and field teams as well as the boys' and girls' tennis teams.

### **GIRLS' TRACK & FIELD**

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

Last Year's Results: Finished the regular season 10-2. Placed fifth in the Western Maine Class A Meet and 12th in the Class A State Meet.

**Captains:** Seniors Kelsey Rex, Emily Southard and Rachel Wilkinson.

Key Returning Athletes: Seniors Kelsey Rex, distance; Emily Southard, sprints and jumps; Rachel Wilkinson, distance. Junior Jenny Thuotte, racewalk; Sophomores Audrey Adkison, middle distance; Katie Flanders, racewalk; Samantha Grant, pole vault and sprints; Sarah Perkins, hurdles and jumps; Clara Stickney, pole vault; Rebekah Wise, sprints and jumps.

New Players Expected To Have An Impact: Junior Tsiyon Hailu, distance; Freshmen Amber Hollivan, hurdles; Quincy Shaw, sprints and jumps.

Coach Comments: "We will be strong in the distance, mid-distance, racewalk, hurdles and the jumping events, particularly pole vault," said head coach John Caterina. "Areas in which we need to improve include the sprints and throws. This is our biggest turnout in years, with several unproven freshmen and sophomores making their track debut. We will continue to be strong in the distance races with Wilkinson, Rex and Adkison leading the way. The racewalk will also be strong with Thuotte and Flanders being among the

state's best. We will also be very strong in the hurdles with Perkins, and the pole vault with Southard, Stickney and Grant. With several newcomers, hopefully we can develop athletes in the sprints and throws. With increased numbers and the majority of last year's team returning, we should remain very competitive in the SMAA and, hopefully, finish in the top five at the state meet."

### **BOYS' TRACK & FIELD**

**Head Coach:** John Wilkinson, entering his 27th year as head coach.

Last Year's Results: Finished regular season 10-3. Placed fourth in the Cumberland County Championship; fourth in Western Maine Class A Meet and eighth in the Class A State Meet.

**Captains:** Seniors Cam Stevens, Adam Hawkes, Jon Day.

Key Returning Players: Seniors Cam Stevens, 400/800 meters; Adam Hawkes, distance; Jon Day, hurdles; Jake Willis, sprints; Mark Walrath, pole vault; Matt Walrath, pole vault; Eric Sawyer, pole vault. Juniors Jeremy Earl, distance; Kam Alexander, hurdles and jumps. Sophomore Jess Orach, distance; Kyle Nealey, throws; Nate Bucknell, racewalk.

New Players Expected To Have An Impact: Sophomore Carter Bowers and many other athletes out for the team for the first time that are determining in which events they will compete.

Coach Comments: "We should have a very balanced team this year," said head coach John Wilkinson. "We don't have any events that are major weaknesses, but we need to reach higher levels to be among the best teams. We should be well represented in every event, and one of our major keys is to stay healthy, which was not the case for the winter season during which Stevens and Willis were injured. We need find events for the newer athletes but should be able to do so under

the leadership of the veterans.
In Western Maine, should be very competitive if we stay healthy.
With more than 50 athletes, this is the largest roster in my 27 years of coaching the team. The good weather has helped us get an early jump as we work hard to see where the athletes will fit. We have a good group of veterans that have stayed with the program, which helps prepare the new athletes."

## **GIRLS' TENNIS**

**Head Coach:** Sonja Frey, entering her 25th year as head coach.

Last Year's Results: Finished the regular season 11-1 and ranked second in Western Maine Class A. Defeated Deering in tournament quarterfinals and Scarborough in the semifinals. Lost to Portland in Western Maine Class A final.

Captains: Seniors Hannah Shorty and Sarah Robinson.

Key Returning Players: Seniors Hannah Shorty, singles; Sarah Robinson, doubles; Taylor Buotte, doubles. Juniors Natalie Egbert, singles; Sarah Moir, singles; Colleen Ward, doubles; Megan Creeden, doubles. Sophomore Emily Estes, doubles.

New Players Expected To Have An Impact: Freshmen Chloe Johnson, doubles; Michelle Pfam, doubles.

coach Comments: "Singles will be our team strength, with three players who feature consistent ground strokes, strong serving, and considerable pace on the ball," said head coach Sonja Frey. "They all also move around the court well with good footwork. We have some strong players in our doubles group where it's a question of finding good combinations for our doubles teams. The players have big shoes to fill because of the graduation of Shannon O'Brien and Brittany Raymond, who were one of the

top doubles teams for the past three

years. We feel strongly that we will be conference contenders again this year. Our goal will be to defeat Portland this time, though they will be strong again, too. A total of 27 girls are out for the team."

## **BOYS' TENNIS**

**Head Coach:** Aaron Landry, entering his second year as head coach.

Last Year's Results: Finished regular season 4-8, ranked 12th in Western Maine Class A

Captains: Not elected yet at press time.

Key Returning Players: Juniors Will Ross, singles; Tyler Strout, singles; Brian Stresser, doubles. Sophomores Quincy Owens, singles; Adam Bourgault, doubles.

New Players Expected To Have An Impact: Senior Tommy Stirling, doubles; Junior Lars Sunnell, doubles. Freshmen Mike Lubelczyk, Kyle Curley, Joe Bennett, Ryan Gilbert.

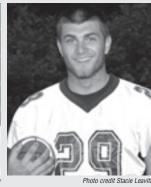
Coach Comments: "We were just one win away from the postseason last year so this year we would like to improve on that," said head coach Aaron Landry. "This year, though we are more experienced, we are still a young team with many of our players in new positions. Hopefully the added match play will get us over the hump, and in the postseason anything can happen. We also have a bunch of players that are just behind the second doubles team on the ladder and will keep the starters on their toes. This will undoubtedly help the program this year and in years to come."

# **College Sports Commitments**

The *Gorham Times* has already reported on seven GHS athletes who have committed to playing a sport in college, and here are six more who recently made the commitment. Watch for more announcements in future issues.



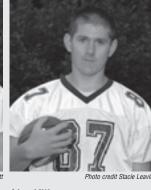
Kayleigh Ballantyne Field Hockey Bryant College (Rhode Island)



Jon Day Football Bridgton Academy



Bill Tebbetts Football McPherson College (Kansas)



Abe Kilborn Football Maine Maritime Academy



John Phinney Football Susquehanna University (Pennsylvania)



Ryan Luxton Football Plymouth State University (New Hampshire)

# **Gorham Rec Basketball Champs**



The Orlando team captured this year's Gorham Recreation Department girls' championship by defeating Toronto in the finals. Playing for the team and pictured above, front row from left to right: Coach Steve Stresser, Fiona Nee, Alexandra Stresser and Jordan Currier. Back row: Amber Cavarretta, Madison Keating, Emma Smith, Abby Kennie and Taylor Nygren.



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The San Antonio team won the Gorham Recreation Department boys' champion-ship by defeating Boston in the finals. Playing for the team and pictured above, front row from left to right: Coach Jim Smith, Bryan Nelson, Jordan Gaudreau, Jack Lamont, Benjamin Swift, and Assistant Coach Monica Steinbuchel. Back row: Daniel Smith, Garrett Steinbuchel, Sam Martel, Cameron Wright, Jesse Southard and Dennis Cloutier.



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# sports Etc.

Soccer Volunteer of the Year: Gorham Youth Soccer Association president Karen Andreasen was named as Volunteer of the Year by Soccer Maine, the organization that oversees leagues across the State of Maine, including the fall-season State Cup leagues and the Maine State Premier League.

Parent Group Launches Effort To Form High School Swim Team: A group of Gorham parents is assessing interest in forming a Boosters Club with the intent to start a GHS swim team. The group will host an informational meeting for all interested parents May 19 at 7 p.m. at the Gorham Recreation Department multipurpose room. Current and future high school students and their parents are invited to learn about this new athletic opportunity. For more info, contact Denise Nelson at dnelson@usm.maine.edu.

# **GHS Weekend Varsity Sports Line-Up**

## Friday, April 30

4:00 p.m. Girls' Lacrosse vs. South Portland @ Site To Be Announced

4:00 p.m. Boys' Tennis vs. Marshwood @ GHS 4:00 p.m. Softball @ Thornton Academy

4:00 p.m. Girls' Tennis @ Marshwood

All games subject to change. For up-to-date schedules of all GHS sports, visit www.digitalsports.com

## This Weekend at USM

## Saturday, May 1

4:00 p.m. Baseball vs. Wheaton @ USM Gorham Field

All games subject to change. For up-to-date schedules of all USM sport, visit http://usm.maine.edu/athletics/upcoming.html



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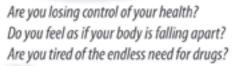
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# in the Zone

Gymnastics State Champ: Gorham's Meegan Daigler, a senior at Cheverus High School, won the Level 9 All-Around competition of the New Hampshire State Gymnastics Meet Mar. 20 in Portsmouth. Daigler won the title by finishing first in the beam, second in the vault and bars, and third in the floor events. By winning she qualified the regional championships that took place in Massachusetts in early April, but just before the event, she broke her foot and was unable to participate. Daigler is a member of the Atlantic Gymnastics Club in Portsmouth, NH.

Three Gorham Runners Compete in Boston Marathon: Three Gorham runners completed the Boston Marathon Apr. 19. The race included 13,072 male and 9,468 female participants. In the men's division, Richard Graves finished 3147th with a time of 3:14:39. In the women's division, Jillian Leger finished 1844th with a time of 3:34:33 while Laurie Nichols finished 5822nd with a time of 4:02:49.

College Softball No-Hitter: Thomas College (Waterville) freshman softball pitcher Kelsey Crowe (GHS '09) pitched a no-hitter and struck-out 11 batters Apr. 11 against Green Mountain College. She took a perfect game into the final inning when, with two outs, a Green Mountain batter reached safely on an error. Through Apr. 21, Crowe's Win-Loss record on the mound was 5-4 with a 2.52 earned-run-average and 55 strikeouts in 50 innings pitched. Two of her wins came in a double-header vs. Castleton on Apr. 10.

Gorham Swimmers Help Team To Third-Place State Finish: Several swimmers from Gorham helped the Westbrook Seals swim team to a third-place finish by placing high enough to earn points at the Maine-USA Swimming Meet Mar. 11 to 14 at Bowdoin College. Gorham swimmers earning points included Meagan Thomsen, Catie Becker, Timmer Sposato, Lindsey Thomsen, Molly Sposato, Diana Kolb and Isabel Kolb.

Boys' Lacrosse Captains: The GHS boys' lacrosse team elected seniors Ryan Davis, Luc Robitialle and Justin Bahr as well as junior Aaron LaPorte as team captains. Robitaille led the way with four goals as the Rams defeated Westbrook, 10-4, on Apr. 21. Conner Smith chipped-in with three goals while Eliot Gagne had a goal and four assists.

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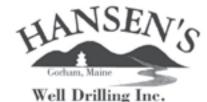




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# community





Lawrence Academy in Groton, MA congratulates senior **Elizabeth Plowman**, who earned academic high honors for the winter trimester, and sophomore **Emily Plowman**, who earned honors. They are daughters of Bonny and Stephen Plowman of Gorham.



**Nicole Belhumeur** (GHS '09), was named to the University of Rhode Island Fall 2009 Dean's List. She competes in track and field and throws the javelin.



**The GHS Key Club** received the annual Volunteer of the Year award at the Annual meeting of the Friends of Baxter Memorial Library.



Girl Scouts from five different Girl Scout Troops in Gorham and Buxton worked together to collect food for the Gorham Food Pantry in honor of Girl Scout Sunday at the Cressey Road United Methodist Church. The girls advertised, collected and delivered more than 500 pounds of food for the Gorham Food Pantry. (Front L-R: Gabrielle Bruns, Julia Lyons, Lindsey Nygren, Kasey Cummings, Hannah Milne, Anna Keenan, Iris Kitchen. Back: Taylor Nygren, Maeve Pitman, Rachael Graham, Evelyn Kitchen, Chloe Owen, Shelby Zaner of Gorham Food Pantry)



**Terri Douglass and David Sawyer** were installed as Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron at the Apr. 5 officer's meeting of the Pine Tree #27 Order of the Eastern Star held at the Masonic Hall on Cressey Road. (Front row L-R: Barbara Lombard, Karine Ettinger, Cheryl Kimball, George Johnson, Ann Johnson, Thressa Wengland, Marlene Crouse. Middle row: Hiram Davis, Betty Thompson, Terry Knight, Kathy Woodbrey, Barbara Sawyer, Bob Dorr. Back row: Terri Douglass, David Sawyer, Melinda Dorr)

## honors and dean's list

Mary Kusturin was named to the Dean's List at Lasell College for the 2010 fall semester. She is a junior majoring in fashion design and production.

Worcester Polytechnic Institute has announced that **Jennifer Moutinho**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Moutinho of Gorham and a first-year student majoring in chemical engineering, has been named a Charles O. Thompson Scholar for the 2009-2010 academic year.

Jonathan Allen of Gorham was recently awarded the President's 3.5 Scholarship Pin in the College of Education and Human Development at the University of Maine at Orono.

## of interest

Ossipee Trails Motor Sales donated \$3600 to the Gorham High School Dream Factory Club through its Charity of the Month program. The GHS Club is trying to raise \$5000 to sponsor a "Dream" for a critically ill child in Maine. Anyone wishing to donate may do so by calling 939-9972.

Four-year-old Jenna Pequinot, who attends Gorham Cooperative Preschool, got a free haircut by Rae Ann Knightly from Raezors Salon & Spa in Windham. Pequinot donated two eight-inch ponytails to Beautiful Lengths, an organization that creates free wigs for women who have lost their hair to cancer.

State Rep. Jane Knapp will hold constituent hours on Tuesday, May 4 from 6 to 7 p.m. at the Baxter Memorial Library Grondin Room, located at 71 South Street in Gorham. Constituents interested in discussing specific problems or legislative issues are encouraged to stop by.

Margaret Solomon Gunn of Gorham won Rookie of the Year with her quilt "Summer on the Beach," at the Machine Quilters Exposition in Providence Rhode Island on Apr. 14. Gunn, a faculty member at USM, has made and donated more than 100 quilts to the Linus Project, an organization that provides warmth and comfort to seriously ill children.

Frank Hazelwood, Russell Phillips and Virginia Wilder Cross were winners of

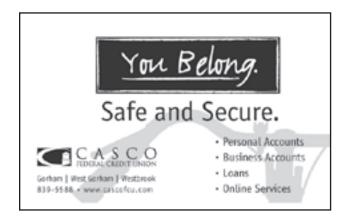
free *Gorham Times* subscriptions in a drawing held at Gorham Marketplace.

**Aryn Martin of Gorham**, a 4-H member Ambassador from Cumberland County, was selected to attend the National 4-H Conference in Washington, D.C., where she attended workshops, met with state leaders and visited government entities.

Darah Morin of Gorham, a digital media arts major with a focus in animation at Huntington University, will be one of 18 students showcasing her work at the Graduating Digital Media Arts Majors Exhibit in Huntington, Ind.

James Boyle of Gorham was the weekly winner in TD Bank's Big Mortgage Payoff Sweepstakes, winning \$2,500 to help with his monthly mortgage payment. All TD Bank mortgage customers are eligible for the \$250,000 mortgage payoff drawing, which will be held in May.

High School students interested in auditioning for the USM Youth Ensembles
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– May 26; Brass, percussion – May 28;
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# what's happening

### FRIDAY, APR. 30

- Public Book Sale sponsored by Friends of Baxter Memorial Library, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Gorham Recreation Department Activities Room. FMI, 839-5031.
- Two-Day Rummage and Perennial Plant Sale, Cressey Road United Methodist Church, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. FMI, 839-3666.

### SATURDAY, MAY 1

- USM Student Composers Showcase, 8 p.m., Corthell Concert Hall. Free. FMI, 780-5555.
- Gorham's Fourth Annual Block Party, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. (See "Of Interest" for more details.)
- Baked Bean Supper, White Rock Community Club, Wilson Road (off Route 237), 4:30 to 6 p.m. \$7/\$3. FMI, 892-4342.
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- Chicken Pie Dinner, First Parish

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.

Church, Route 114, Gorham, 5 to 6:30 p.m. \$9/\$5 under 12. FMI, 839-6514.

- The Greater Portland Mothers of Multiples Club annual used kids clothing and equipment sale, 9 a.m. to noon, St Anne's Catholic Church, Gorham.
- West Gorham Union Church public supper. 5 to 6 p.m. Ticket sales start 4 p.m. Adults \$7, under 12 \$3. FMI Judie 839-4208.

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 5

Partners in Education Meeting (PIE), GHS Library, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Public welcome.

## FRIDAY, MAY 7

 American Cancer Society Relay For Life event, USM Costello Sports Complex, Gorham. 6 p.m. May 7 to 6 a.m. May 8. FMI, www.relayforlife.org/universitysouthernmaine

# Of Interest FROM PREVIOUS PAGE



University of Maine student **Annie Ledoux** was inducted into the Sophomore Eagles Honor Society on Apr. 18 in Orono. She was one of 13 women chosen for the service-based honor society based on scholarship, leadership, character, friendship and dignity. Ledoux is a 2009 graduate of Cheverus High School and the daughter of Arty and Wilma Ledoux of Gorham.

edu/music/youthensembles/auditions. html. FMI, e-mail marshunda.smith@maine.edu.

Gorham Savings Bank has named **Ann Armstrong** as senior business officer for their new Falmouth Foreside location, which will open this summer. She is currently president of Falmouth/Cumberland Community Chamber Board of Directors.

The USM Spotlight Concert Series concludes on Friday, Apr. 30 at 8 p.m. with "Art's Message: The Music of Art Blakey and the Jazz Messengers." Drummer Les Harris Jr. and the USM Jazz Faculty will perform music made famous by drummer Art Blakey and his famous Jazz Messenger groups from the 1950's through the 80's. Corthell Concert Hall, Gorham campus. \$15/\$10/\$5. Call 780-5555 for reservations.

invites the public to join them in the 59th Annual National Day of Prayer on Thursday, May 6 from noon to 1 p.m. in Bug Light Park in South Portland. FMI, 799-4565.

Gorham's 4th Annual Block Party is Saturday, May 1 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Businesses within the blocks of Main Street, Elm Street, Railroad Avenue and Mechanic Street will open their doors and take to the streets with a parade, dancing, musical entertainment, moon bounces, giveaways, food, tractor rides, face painting, shoulder massages and more. Visit any of the participating businesses to enter to win a \$50 gift. Participating businesses are: Carter's Auto, David Douin Accounting, Eye Care and Eyewear of Maine, Gorham Copy Center, Gorham Chiropractors, Gorham Fitness, Gorham Grind, Gorham Insurance, Gorham Savings Bank, Great Falls Construction, The Masiello Group, Norway Savings Bank, Pogo Realty, Salon La Luna, Sebago Brewing Company, Skin Therapy and TD Bank. This is a rain or shine event. FMI, 839-2744.

The Gorham Educational Foundation (GEF) will sponsor an "Uno de Mayo" fundraising event on Saturday, May 1 from 7 to 11 p.m. at the OddFellows Hall on School Street. Grupo Esperanza will perform, along with the music of guitarist Nick Wallace and flutist Sarah Sarwin. Food and drink provided by the PineCrest Inn. \$25 pp. FMI, go to www.gorhamef. org or pick up a ticket at the Gorham Grind, the Dance Studio of Maine or the PineCrest Inn.

The Gorham/Westbrook TRIAD meeting will be held on Friday, May 14 at 9 a.m. in the Gorham Municipal Building. The TRIAD will not be meeting the months of June, July and August. FMI, Officer Ted Hatch 839-5581, ext. 279.

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## Of Interest FROM PAGE 13

The Baxter Memorial Library is proud to introduce the "We the People Bookshelf Collection" provided by a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities. The library will now offer hardcover editions of 17 classic books on the theme of "A More Perfect Union," along with a DVD edition of the Ken Burns documen-

Den Morton of Gorham is interested in starting a Cancer Prayer and Support Group in Gorham starting with two meetings a month. If you are interested in taking part of this powerful mission please call Den at 222-2566.

The Cressey Road United Methodist **Church** in Gorham will host a two-day rummage and perennial plant sale on Friday, Apr. 30 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday, May 1 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. FMI, 839-3666.

First Parish Congregational Church on Church Street in Gorham will be holding a church-wide yard sale and bake sale on Saturday May 22 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

May is Military Month, and Nancy Robitaille is working with the Pease and Bangor Airport Greeters to provide hats to servicemen on their way to deployment. The troops wear woolen hats under their helmets. To get the pattern and FMI, nrobitai@maine.rr.com.



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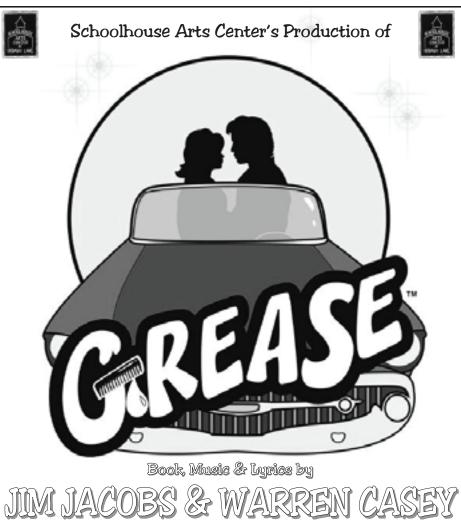
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Sebago Lake Road caller advised that they had had a dream that their cousin who lives nearby was kidnapped by an unknown subject.

Caller reported there was 20-pound propane tank, painted bright red, sitting in the ditch near County Road and Hodgdon Road.

Small Pond Road caller requested to speak with an officer regarding their dog who had been missing for over a week.

**Two different callers** from North Street reported four wheelers racing up and down the road, possibly racing with a truck.

State Street caller reported that someone dressed as a police officer was in her driveway and had threatened her.

Preble Street caller reported a female out of control.

Parker Hill Road caller reported that a iuvenile lit a fire in the basement.

Elm Street caller reported hearing a female at the frat house next door screaming. The next day their phone and cable TV lines were cut.

Gambo Road caller reported that an inlaw was breaking into their home.

Flaggy Meadow Road caller requested to speak with an officer regarding a fraudulent letter they received.

Fort Hill Road caller reported that juveniles ripped up mailboxes and threw them into caller's pool.

Cressey Road caller reported two individuals had been walking down the road going through people's trash.

**Hemlock Drive caller** reported that a subject, who was released from jail with bail conditions, would be staying at a residence where there were guns. Caller wanted it checked out.

New Portland Road caller requested to speak with an officer regarding getting their car back, since caller's son would not give the car back because son didn't think his mother was fit to drive.

**Dingley Spring Road caller** reported a male who was breaking things with an axe.

County Road caller reported that their vehicle had been hit in South Portland. The other driver followed caller to their place of work and yelled at caller.

Caller reported suspicious activity in the Post Office area. Subject was teaching daughter how to drive in the parking lot.

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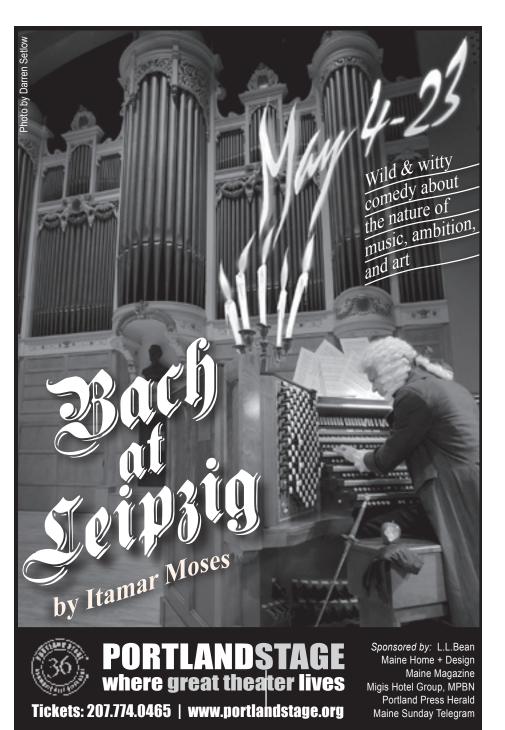
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