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Plan-it Recycling Court Ordered

Must Operate within State Compliance Guidelines Sarah Gavett-Nielsen

Located in the Gorham Industrial Park, Plan-it Recycling & Transfer Facility Inc. came into Gorham with good intentions; but it was recently discovered that it was operating outside of state compliance guidelines.

According to their website (planirecycling.com): "The facility opened in April of 2004 and offers a residential transfer station for area residents, a commercial recycling, transfer station and universal waste consolidation facility. Plan-it has been designed to minimize construction and demolition debris disposal, and maximize the reuse and recycling of waste material."

Plan-it Recycling collects items such as concrete, windows, and asphalt, but because there is more material entering than exiting the facility, a judge ruled that they must remove more tonnage from the facility on a daily basis than what it brings in – sixty more tons daily. The court order states an independent environmental consulting firm will verify the terms of the settlement via an environmental consultant. Town Manager David Cole stated that the consultant will give "a report and some assurance that the reduction of waste is occurring." When asked why Plan-it Recycling has been allowed to operate while out of compliance, David Cole stated, "We don't have a right to just go down and tell a business to stop operating. Businesses have rights and so we have filed with the court and that's how

we got to the agreement that we have reached."

According to Gorham resident and neighboring business owner, Christine Fleury, "Plan-it Recycling has ignored two Maine Department of Environmental Protection notices of violation, one in June of 2009 and another this past spring, as well as the Town of Gorham's October 8, 2009 compliance deadline and several other compliance requirements issued by Robert Lefebvre this past spring." Fleury also states that the current situation at Plan-It Recycling is a "blatant abuse of the environment" and that while the "waste piles are supposed to be brought to ground level at least once per year, it has been years since the soil beneath the piles has seen daylight."

On January 18, David Cole issued a statement saying: "This afternoon the Judge granted the request of the Town of Gorham and the State of Maine's Department of Environmental Protection for a ... temporary restraining order to prohibit Plan-It Recycling from bringing any new material into their site. The Judge also granted the Town access to the property, if needed, for the purpose of securing the property, should the operator cease operations. The Town will now work to help facilitate a cleanup of the site."

Representatives from Plan-it Recycling could not be reached for comment.

Sergeant Robert Mailman Retires

Jackie Francis

"I feel honored that I was allowed to serve and protect the people in the Town of Gorham."

Pictured below at Mailman's retirement luncheon was: Ed Tolan (left), current chief of police in Falmouth, was the Gorham police chief from in 1990-1995; Ron Shepard (middle), Gorham chief since 1995; David Kurz (right), current chief of police for Durham, NH, was the Gorham chief from 1985-1990.



Photos courtesy of Gorham Police Department

"I feel honored that I was allowed to serve and protect the people in the Town of Gorham," says Sergeant Robert Mailman who recently retired from the Gorham Police Department after 29 1/2 years of dedicated service, "but now I plan on taking life a little easy." Sgt. Mailman's idea of rest and relaxation is probably different from most.

Mailman has a passion for fine carpentry work and a to-do list a mile long that he promised his wife of 13

years, Sandy, that he would finally begin once he retired. "I've tripped over that list so many times," he says affably. However, it appears the list will probably have to wait a few more months as the Sergeant is spending a lot of time at Bretton Woods Ski Resort in New Hampshire—working.

A professional ski patroller for 23 years, Mailman has been working the trails in New Hampshire since 1992, two to three days a week in

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Plant Closing, Laying off Workers

Sheri Faber

Maine Industrial Tire, located in the Industrial Park, recently notified 61 employees on January 6 that the plant would be closing in approximately six months. The company, headquartered in Wakefield, MA, is restructuring its global business operations and looking to reduce both its manufacturing costs and operating

expenses. The company that manufactures tires for industrial equipment has two other plants, one in Pennsylvania and one in China.

The tire manufacturer hired Career Management Associates of Portland to help employees find new jobs. Tom Ellsworth, director of Gorham's Economic Development Corporation,

believes he will find another tenant for the facility given that the area has a strong labor force and is close to the transportation corridor. The closing will mean the loss of more than \$28,000 in personal property taxes paid by the company as well as the loss of \$12,000 that the Town of Gorham

received from the state for the value of exempted equipment.

While Maine Industrial Tire was formed in January 2010, tires have been manufactured at the site since Maine Rubber International moved from Westbrook to Gorham in 1999.

Winter Family Fun See page 7.



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NEWS FROM AUGUSTA

Gorham's Schools Emphasize Code of Conduct

Rep. Jane Knapp

Gorham School District has in place a very positive Code of Conduct, which it has impressed upon both students and staff. The code is made up of five core values: respect, honesty, courage, compassion and responsibility. It has helped create and support a positive school atmosphere, inside and outside the classroom. Notably, Gorham's athletic teams are consistently recognized for their sportsmanship, a manifestation of the district's focus on the code, as well as good parenting and caring students and teachers. It is realistic, however, that at times students can make poor choices.

Recently, the Portland Press Herald printed an article on a state education panel charged with reviewing Maine laws and school district policies on school expulsions.

As a former member of the Gorham School Committee, I recalled instances where we were presented with situations that resulted in the need for an expulsion hearing. I was curious to learn how the recommendations proposed by this 23-member panel were similar to the expulsion procedures Gorham schools had in the past versus the present.

The education panel provided recom-

mendations relevant to certain major components of expulsion proceedings. These included, but were not limited to, (1) the recommendation that disciplinary policies leave room for discretion by school administrators to fashion the appropriate discipline for each individual circumstance, as opposed to predetermined consequences that some schools employ; and (2) the recommendation that all students who have been expelled be provided with a written re-entry plan. After learning of these specific recommendations, and many others, I was pleased to know the Gorham School Committee had used very similar measures during my tenure on the committee.

In order to verify the expulsion procedures currently used by Gorham schools, I met with Gorham Superintendent Ted Sharp. I learned that most of the practices recommended by the panel have already been put into practice in Gorham schools and that Gorham School Committee members are familiar with state and federal laws governing expulsions. While the committee has the flexibility to examine each case on an individual basis, the protocol for handling expulsion proceedings, including the expulsion hear-

ing, has been prepared in advance. In addition, Gorham schools provide each expelled student with a written re-entry plan, tailored to fit the student's needs and circumstances.

An overall component of the education panel's recommendations is its goal of increasing publicly supported secondary school graduation rates from 80 to 90 percent by the end of the 2015-2016 school year. While meeting with Ted Sharp, I was proud to learn that Gorham High School's graduation rate is at 91 percent.

I am thankful for the hard work of Gorham School District's students, staff and parents for their commitment to a constructive and encouraging school environment. With this commitment, I am confident our schools will continue to see success.

Some information in this column was found at: http://www.pressherald.com/news/expelled-kids-face-uncertain-road-back_2010-10-03.html and http://www.onlinesentinel.com/news/questions-surround-expulsion-procedure_2010-11-20.html

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The Gorham School Department plans to destroy special education records of former students who were born on or before December 31, 1984.

Parents, guardians and/or former students may obtain their records on or before June 1, 2011. Proper identification will be required in order to obtain the records.

For more information, please feel free to contact the Gorham Special Services office at 222-1002.

around town

Chef and business partner Maureen Terry recently left Pinecrest Inn. While interviewing new chefs, the inn will be open for business as usual.

Gorham Copy Center is under the new management of Jeff Tanguay. Hours remain from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday but Tanguay is considering opening on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to noon.

Rep. Linda Sanborn will serve on the Health and Human Services committee for the 125th Legislature. The committee focuses on policy work relating to Department of Health and Human Services; public health and disease control; health care facilities and health care workforce; social and rehabilitation services; developmental and other disabilities; and nursing facilities and residential care.

A Facebook page was created to create interest in a possible farmers market in Gorham. The discussion on the public group, "Bring a Farmer's Market to Gorham, Maine," is currently discussing where and when the market should take place.

Town Council Appointments Committee is seeking applications for existing and upcoming vacancies for all town boards and committees. In order to be considered for appointment, completed applications, found at www.gorham-me.org, must be received by February 4.

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BUSINESS PROFILE

NEU 2 U is "Neu" in Gorham

Jackie Francis



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Sandie Grant displays clothing currently for sale at her new store, NEU 2 U.

Remember the \$80 shoes your teenager absolutely had to have, so you splurged and bought them for her yet after wearing them once, decided she really didn't love them after all? NEU 2 U, a clothing store offering new and carefully used clothing and accessories, will be more than happy to buy the shoes (or sweaters, jeans, or other items) your teenager will not wear anymore.

NEU 2 U, located at 2 School Street, previously Sierra's, opened for business on Saturday, January 15, but will hold an open house celebration on Friday, January 21 from 5 to 8 p.m. Owner Sandie Grant, a 20-year resident of Gorham, has been busy painting, gutting, scraping, designing, buying, sorting and merchandising for months and is eager to share her labor of love with Gorham shoppers.

A year ago Grant found herself unemployed with less than promising prospects for work due to the economy's impact on the job market. During this now-or-never time, Grant decided to bite the proverbial bullet and open her business despite challenges facing the economy. An avid and successful bargain hunter all her life, Grant's enthusiasm for second-hand clothes was seemingly the obvious path to pursue. After brainstorming with her boyfriend Rob Coppola, owner of the corner brick building where NEU 2 U is located, and consulting with her teenaged children (after all, they would become her best source for buying merchandise from friends), she developed a business plan and has not looked back.

With over 500 items in the store, NEU 2 U caters largely to teenagers and young adults. Daughters Brittany, 16, and Isabelle, 13, are largely responsible for transforming lifeless walls into colorful canvasses ideal for displaying accessory shelving and a 46-inch television playing continuous music videos.

This is not your typical consignment shop. "You don't have to wait until your items sell before getting paid," says Grant. NEU 2 U will buy directly from the seller (allow 48 hours for Grant to sort through the items), and will pay for the items up front (cash or store credit, the latter will be worth 10 percent more). Grant is looking for name brand labels including Hollister, Abercrombie & Fitch, Aéropostale, Pac-Sun, American Eagle, Victoria's Secret, Juicy Couture, Gap etc. She will not resell anything stained, ripped or stretched. Besides clothing, NEU 2 U will offer jewelry, handbags, shoes, boots, and will advertise weekly specials featuring popular items such as leather jackets for men and women.

"I see this store being a good fit for the Gorham community. I'd like to help people make money by selling their unwanted clothes and at the same time help them save money by buying second-hand clothes. Everyone benefits," says Grant wholeheartedly.

How did she come up with the name NEU 2 U? "I always told my kids the clothes I bought them were 'new to you,'" explains Grant, "but New to You is being used by a Boston establishment, so NEU 2 U seemed like the apparent alternative." No relation to the hair salon next door (NEU DU), Grant said the "building will be more uniform and less like a jigsaw puzzle" if the businesses start with the same name.

NEU 2 U is open seven days a week. Monday-Wednesday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Thursday and Friday 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Saturday 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Winter is here but it may be time to start spring cleaning early - starting with your closets!

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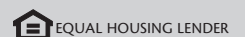
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Chief Shepard Reports

The Grand Jury returned the following indictments:

- Mark Davis, 29, of Gorham was indicted for theft on charges brought by Scarborough Police Department.
- Kimberly Osgood, 19, of Herman was indicted for aggravated forgery on charges brought by Gorham Police Department.
- Gregory Barr, 24, of Windham was indicted for OUI (with priors) and violation of license restriction on charges brought by Gorham Police Department.
- Jamie Coughlin, 35, of Gorham was indicted for two counts of burglary, possession of oxycodone, operating after suspension and fail-

ing to give his correct name on charges brought by Gorham Police Department.

- Matthew Davis, 23, of Gorham was indicted for burglary, theft and criminal mischief on charges brought by Scarborough Police Department.
- Donald James, 47, of Gorham was indicted for theft (with priors) on charges brought by Portland Police Department.
- Lalah Kargar, 24, of Westbrook was indicted on two counts of burglary, two counts of theft and violating conditions of release on charges brought by Gorham Police Department.

Library News Pamela Turner

The USM libraries and the Baxter Memorial Library now offer reciprocal borrowing. With this new system, USM students use their student identifications to check out items from Baxter Memorial Library; and in return, Baxter patrons use their Baxter library card in good standing to check items out of the USM Libraries.

"I am very pleased that Baxter Memorial Library is offering this reciprocal borrowing service to USM students so they have increased opportunity to use our resources," says Baxter Memorial Library Trustee President Linda Frinsko. She went on to say, "Our patrons will also be able to use the USM libraries for free with this new policy."

Making reciprocal borrowing possible is the willingness and cooperation of the libraries and that they use the same circulation software.

With this new venture, the Baxter Memorial Library will stop issuing free library cards to students who attend other local colleges and who do not

live in Gorham. These college students may access Baxter Memorial Library collections via the Minerva library consortium in which most area college libraries participate, interlibrary loan, or through their local libraries.

In other library news, the number of DVDs that may be borrowed at one time from Baxter Memorial Library has been reduced from eight to four per library card. This is to ensure that as many patrons as possible will have access to the DVD collection. DVDs circulate for a one-week period.

In addition, guidelines for the Friends of Baxter Memorial Library Writing Contests are now available at the library and on the library's website at www.baxterlibrary.org. The deadline for writing contest entries is 1 p.m. on Saturday, March 12, 2011.

For more information and updates on library activities, please visit or call the library at 839-5031. In addition, please visit our website at www.baxterlibrary.org or join us on Facebook.

Town Council Report

January 4, 2011 Robin Somes

Representative Jane Knapp, reported the following:

- The well-attended New Year Gorham celebration proved a great success.
- Act to Ensure Regulatory Fairness and Reform: A committee was appointed to discuss this legislation to amend laws to improve the business climate and encourage job growth.
- Central Maine Power began installing smart meters.
- The Maine State Library launched a Maine writers' database and information is available through www.maine.gov/msl/maine/writers.htm.
- Maine potato growers had a productive year, contributing \$540 million to the state's economy.

School Committee Chairman Dennis Libby reported the following:

- High school mid-term exams are January 18-21. January 27 is a half-day for K-12. There will be no school on January 28 due to staff professional development.
- The School Department is reviewing accounting software for auditing school activity accounts.
- Fiscal year 2012 discussions are underway with a draft budget anticipated for February.
- The new elementary school work continues and classroom wings are ahead of schedule. The building is not yet weather tight, but there should be no opening delays.
- Expansion of the Sebago Alliance Day Treatment Program to K-12 is being discussed. This will require a larger facility, most likely Buxton's Frank Jewett School.

Councilor Gagnon has been promoting a new event to attract people to Gorham and benefit local businesses and community. The Council voted 6-0 to establish the committee to organize this event, and voted 6-0 to appropriate \$3,253 from the Marcia Parkhurst Fund

and \$1,747 from the Dana Estes Fund for this endeavor. Chairman Robinson appointed Councilor Gagnon as committee chairman.

In other actions, the Council:

- Voted 0-6 to approve a proposal to amend the Land Use and Development Code to allow gasoline stations in Little Falls Center District and Gorham Village Center District to advertise fuel prices in LED lighting, failing this proposal.
- Voted 6-0 to replace the Mass Gathering Ordinance with the new Large Outdoor Event Ordinance, which requires a license issued by the Town Clerk and an application documenting that all ordinance standards are satisfied (requisites for public access, sanitation and safety, among others). It includes a provision for appealing a denied license and penalties for violations.
- Voted 6-0 to authorize the Town to submit applications and endorse the following Community Development Block Grants:
 - o Gorham Village façade improvement for \$56,000 with local matches from property owners.
 - o A joint application with Windham for improvements to Little Falls/South Windham Village for \$100,000 with a local match of \$20,000.
 - o Purchase of a delivery vehicle for the Gorham Ecumenical Food Pantry for \$20,000 with a local match from the Food Pantry.
 - o A \$10,000 planning grant to study the use of Form Based Zoning.
- Voted 6-0 to appoint Jennifer Elliott as Gorham's Registrar of Voters for a two-year term.
- Other goals discussed included a continuation of the east/west corridor; efforts toward lowering taxes; continuation of economic development growth; and a continuation of the project on the public safety building.

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Stacey Coleman

My mission in life is to encourage and support stronger, healthier, happier families. However, this fall, just two days after Thanksgiving, my child was diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes, a lifelong disease that occurs when the pancreas cannot produce insulin to properly control blood sugar levels. My lifelong goal to grow healthier families was rocked to its foundation. How could this child of mine, who has eaten nothing but healthy, wholesome foods and has been taught how to exercise regularly, have this chronic life-threatening disease? The doctor's explanation, "it can just happen," was little comfort. I struggled not to lose my focus or let it make me angry and defeated. When he saw the tears in my eyes, my little boy said to me: "Mama, I want to teach other kids to be healthy. Let's just go with it." Wise words from a 6-year-old. How could I ignore his strength? And so here I am in 2011 pushing harder than ever to teach and encourage you and your family to have a healthy life. My son did not have a choice; his condition was not preventable. But if he can choose to "just go with it," not make excuses, and continue to reach his goals, you, too, can choose to make your life as happy and healthy as you wish.

So let's talk about comfort zones. Everyone has them. Some people are held back by the comforts of their normal routines; they run the same mile loop, repeat the same crash diet, or refuse to try a new and different class. It is time to push past this invisible wall. Change is never easy. It takes persistence, commitment and courage to face your fears. Every day I work with

personal training clients who are afraid to sweat, feel discomfort, and improve. I hear all the excuses: "I don't like pain" or "I don't have time." The hard truth is that you do have time. In fact you have your entire life to take care of your body. Take a hard look at your schedules and routines, step out of your comfort zone and make the time.

You can change. Start by taking complete responsibility for your actions. Only you can put food into your mouth. Choose unprocessed food, stick to a calorie goal, and eat your veggies. Mom knew what she was talking about. Only you can decide to move your body. You do not need to belong to a gym or to run a marathon, just move. Play with the kids, walk the dog, do the laundry, and take the stairs. Start right now. Assess your current health and fitness levels and be honest. Is there room for improvement? Are you feeding your family the way you should? Are you a healthy role model of exercise? Do you need help? By taking a serious look at your lifestyle and deciding to accept and take on the recommended required changes, you can live a healthy life. Make 2011 the year you step beyond your comfort zone and change your life. If a 6-year-old can do it, so can you.



Stacey Coleman is a NASM certified personal trainer and owner of My-Fit-24. She has a B.S. in Health and Fitness and 10 years of professional field experience.



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Gorham Schools Host Vice Principal from China

Stacy Sallinen



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Art teacher Allie Rimkunas shows students a stamp with code of conduct words in Chinese calligraphy (inset). Pictured from left to right are Liang "Maria" Yuxue; first grade students Alden Dimick, Taylor Jordan, Quentin Wise, and Brode Curtis; Rimkunas and Shaohong Huang.

In December, the Gorham School Department hosted an administrator from China as part of the China Exchange Initiative (CEI). Based out of Newton, Massachusetts, CEI provides opportunities for a variety of educational exchange programs and allows for administration to shadow and learn about the other's educational system.

Liang Yuxue, known by her American name Maria, spent a week visiting school classrooms, attending activities and events, and talking with teachers and administrators. Yuxue is vice principal at High School Attached to Capital Normal University (HSACNU) in Beijing, where 2,700 students are enrolled in grades 7-12. The school is known as a key school, or top tier school that receives additional educational resources.

Maria stayed at the home of Jodi Mezzanotte, assistant principal of Narragansett and White Rock schools. Although she speaks English, Maria was accompanied during her visit by translator Shaohong Huang of Gorham.

In 2005, state and national business and education leaders, including Maine's former Commissioner of Education Susan Gendron, were invited to get a first hand look at China's educational system by China's Ministry of Education, Asia Society and the Council of Chief State School Officers. In its report titled "Education in China: Lessons for U.S. Educators," one of the recommendations made by the committee called for more opportunities for students in the United States to understand the international world, as well as the leading nations in the global economy, including China.

Superintendent of Schools Ted Sharp, whose undergraduate degree includes a major in Chinese history, visited China in the summer of 2006 along with Assistant Principal of Gorham Middle School Susie Hanley and then Principal of Gorham High School John Drisko. The trip, funded by the Chinese Ministry of Education, was designed to advance exchange programs between Chinese and American schools and to promote the teaching of Mandarin in American Schools. Educators, the government, non-government organizations and educational organizations agree that fluency in English and either Chinese or Mandarin will allow students many job opportunities in the 21st century. The 2006 visit served as the precursor to the exchange program now being developed between the Gorham Public Schools and HSACNU. The Yarmouth Public Schools are also part of this program and are in the process of establishing an exchange program with another school in China.

The CEI strives to promote a better understanding of culture, tradition, values and friendship between the two countries, not only for students but also for their families and communities. It provides an opportunity for schools in China and the U.S. develop a partnership to enhance learning.

Gorham schools plan to use technology, including teleconferencing and Skype, to encourage conversations and develop relationships with students in China. The project will initially start at the middle and high school, and younger students will eventually participate since HSACNU

GMS Teacher Receives Prestigious Award

Stacy Sallinen

Angela Gospodarek, a seventh grade science teacher from Gorham Middle School, traveled to Washington, D.C. in December to accept the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching for the state of New Hampshire. She was one of 103 mathematics and science teachers nationwide to receive the award, which is the highest recognition that a K-12 math or science teacher can receive for outstanding teaching.

Gospodarek was nominated by her former principal at Iber Holmes Gove Middle School in Raymond, New Hampshire, where she taught seventh grade life science for seven years. She has been teaching in Gorham since September 2010.

After learning of her nomination in 2008, she began work on her application, including twenty pages worth of detailed answers about her teaching philosophy and methods, a thirty-minute unedited video of teaching lessons, and a video of student work and the story of her life journey. It was not until June 2010 that Gospodarek learned she received the award.

While in Washington, Gospodarek attended an awards ceremony where she received a citation signed by President Obama, along with a monetary award from the National Science Foundation. Additionally, she met with U.S. Senators Olympia Snowe and Susan Collins, Representative Chellie Pingree, President Obama, and many leading American scientists and mathematicians.

Prior to becoming a teacher, Gospodarek worked as a marine biologist. While she never expected she would become a teacher, she found that she enjoys the excitement of teaching, especially seeing the impact it has on others. Her approach to learning is very hands-on, and she uses her contacts in the biology and science world to bring real-life experiences into the classroom.



Photo courtesy of the Office of U.S. Senator Olympia Snowe

Angela Gospodarek was congratulated by U.S. Senator Olympia Snowe while in Washington, DC.

Senator Snowe said: "I cannot commend Angela enough for being honored with the prestigious Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching—a truly well-deserved accolade. It goes without saying that great teachers are the ones we remember—who have left an enduring mark on our character, intellect, and our capacity to contribute. These teachers challenge us beyond our self-defined potential and inspire us to surmount seemingly insurmountable goals. Angela certainly exemplifies these finest ideals of teaching."

Gospodarek received a Bachelor of Science in marine biology and minor in chemistry from University of North Carolina in Wilmington, and a Master of Science in ecology from the University of Connecticut. She resides in Gorham with her husband, Nathan Henderson, and their three sons.

school notes

Talent Show

Gorham Middle School Talent Show, sponsored by the student council of GMS, will be held on January 27 at 7 p.m. in the GMS auditorium. The cost is \$5.00 per person. Students and school faculty will perform. This is the student council's annual fundraising event to help the council work on community service projects.

White Rock School Closing after 49 Years!

A committee will be set up to celebrate the closing of White Rock School. If you are a parent or community member and would like to help, please come to the first Closing Committee Meeting on Tuesday, February 8 at 3:30 p.m. at White Rock School. If you are unable to attend this meeting but would like to participate, please contact the school at 222-1050 or send an email to pollyb@gorhamschools.org.

Kathy Stager



Photo credit Kathy Stager

Andrea Mitchell (bottom center), a first grade student at White Rock, along with her sisters Libby, Megan and Kelsey, and parents Mike and Jennifer, warm up with hot chocolate and cookies after a chilly sleigh ride.

White Rock School memories were created during the traditional biennial Sleigh Ride, Carol Sing, and Bonfire on a recent December evening.

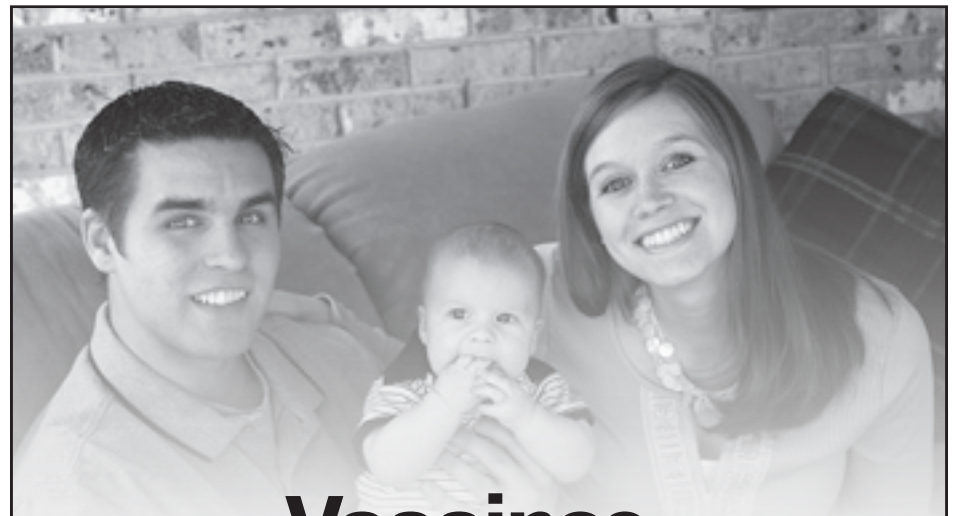
Families arrived with plates of homemade cookies. Festive tables were decorated with pine branches gathered by kindergarten students during gym class. Excitement and the smell of hot chocolate were in the air!

A long line quickly formed in front of the school for the horse drawn sleigh ride. Two draft horses, Doc and Chief, waited as families piled into the bright red wagon. As they clip-clopped around the circle, their bells jingled and young voices sang "Jingle Bells" and various versions of "Rudolph." Many children got back in line more than once for more sleigh rides.

A bonfire drew others to the Carol Sing, which was lead with great enthusiasm by Mrs. Thibodeau and Mrs. Mosher. Families stood side by side and the sense of community spirit was evident as voices joined together in a warm circle on a chilly night. Many thanks to the Gorham Fire Department for assisting with the bonfire.

Hot chocolate and cookies were a welcome treat as families and school staff gathered inside the gym for warmth and conversation. White Rock families new to the area reported feeling welcomed and former students enjoyed returning to attend the event. Although feelings were bittersweet—White Rock School is scheduled to close after nearly a half-century—we were grateful to have them.

CORRECTION The December School Committee report, printed in the January 7 issue of Gorham Times, incorrectly stated that Superintendent Ted Sharp congratulated Rep. Linda Sanborn on changes she made to the school nutrition program. The report should have been written to congratulate Michael Sanborn for his efforts. Mr. Sanborn is the director of nutrition for the Gorham School Department. We apologize for the error.



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Former GHS Star Rachele Burns Suffers Fourth Major Knee Injury

Carter Bowers

In sports, there are always wins and losses. Whether the win is by one goal in overtime, a buzzer-beater shot, or a downfield Hail-Mary pass, a win is a win. All of these situations are examples of overcoming obstacles in the path to success.

Former GHS standout athlete Rachele Burns has withstood more than just one obstacle in her roller-coaster athletic journey. Going into this season as a redshirt freshman on the University of Maine at Orono women's basketball team, Burns had already torn a ligament in her left knee three times—the ACL (anterior cruciate ligament). “What I have learned now is that you have to take it one day at a time and be positive,” Burns said.

The first time she injured herself was January 2008 during her junior year in basketball at GHS. Being the warrior she is, she came back before expected and competed at the highest level during the fall of 2008 in soccer as the girls' team eventually lost to Waterville in the state championship game. Unfortunately, the season did worse damage to Rachele's knee, and she was forced to sit out all of her senior year in basketball. Her one appearance came during Senior Night, where she suited up and was allowed to start. She slowly but surely dribbled down the court and scored the first honorary basket of the game to cap off a spectacular high school career.

An injury to the ACL, the muscle most responsible for leg strength and lateral movement, almost always requires arthroscopic surgery to repair the damage. It is the most common knee ligament injury, especially in athletes.

As common as the injury is, that is how uncommon of an athlete Rachele is. She was an All-State selection once in basketball as well as an incredible three-time All-State striker for the GHS girls' soccer team, helping the Rams win three state championships and coming tantalizingly close in 2008. Rachele also won the prestigious Maine Gatorade Player of The Year Award for soccer in 2007, the same year that she was an All-American. Rachele was also a great softball player, achieving All-State status in 2007 as a sophomore.

Rachele's third ACL tear occurred in November 2009 during the pre-season of her freshman year at UMaine. She is attending the college on a basketball scholarship while studying kinesiology and physical therapy with plans to become a physical therapist. That injury forced Rachele to miss her entire freshman year.

The current 2010-2011 season was the first time in three years that Rachele was healthy enough to suit up and play. Through five games, she had averaged 15 minutes per game and 3.5 points per contest. As a red-shirt freshman, she had clearly earned her



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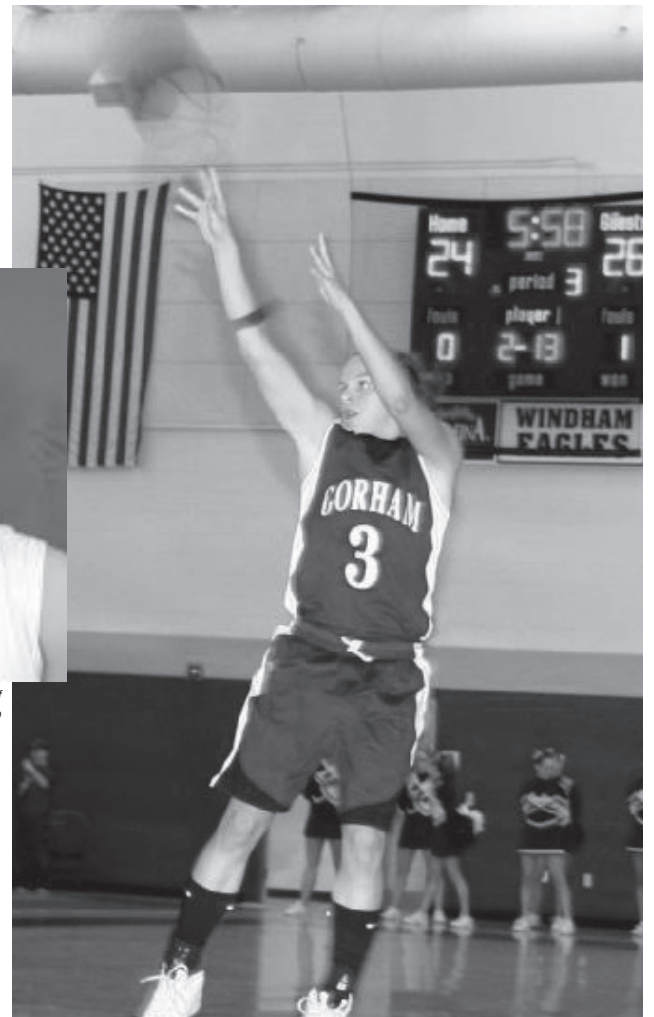


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Rachele Burns shown in action during her junior year and prior to suffering her first knee injury.

way into the roster and was working towards regaining her full strength. Unfortunately, Rachele tore the ACL in her other knee during a December 19 practice. This is exact same injury as the first three injuries, only on the right knee.

Now most people would quit at

this point, in fact, most would quit after the second ACL tear. But Rachele knows the path ahead and is in a positive frame of mind. “I am here at the University of Maine to play basketball and make a difference, and that is all I want to do,” Burns said. “The attitude has to always stay positive.”

Free Throw Contest



Photo credit Mark Andrews

The Fourth-Annual Knights of Columbus Free Throw contest took place January 8 at GHS with more than 20 participants. Winners in their respective gender/age brackets are pictured above, from left to right: Jaymie Seneca (Girls-13), Nikolas Strout (Boys-10), Michelle Rowe (Girls-10), Heather Woodbury (Girls-11), Brandon Desjardin (Boys-12), Will Hepler (Boys-11) and Cody Elliot (Boys-13). Missing from the photo are Kyle King (Boys-10) and Jessica Rexrode (Girls-14). The winners advance to the district tournament in Windham on a date to be determined in February. District winners then advance to the State contest March 12 in Old Town.

GHS Weekend Varsity Sports Line-Up

Friday, January 21

- 4:30 p.m. Boys' Skiing Multi-Team Meet @ Shawnee Peak
- 4:30 p.m. Girls' Skiing Multi-Team Meet @ Shawnee Peak
- 6:00 p.m. Girls' Basketball vs. Westbrook @ GHS Gym
- 7:45 p.m. Boys' Basketball vs. Westbrook @ GHS Gym

Saturday, January 22

- 4:20 p.m. Boys Hockey vs. Cheverus @ USM Gorham Campus Arena
- 4:25 p.m. Girls' Indoor Track Multi-Team Meet @ Portland Expo
- 5:45 p.m. Boys' Indoor Track Multi-Team Meet @ Portland Expo
- 6:20 p.m. Girls' Hockey vs. Portland High School @ USM Gorham Campus Arena
- 7:00 pm Girls' Basketball vs. Massabesic @ GHS Gym
- 7:00 p.m. Boys' Basketball @ Massabesic

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

At the USM-Gorham Campus this Weekend

Saturday, January 22

- 1:00 p.m. Women's Basketball vs. Western Connecticut
- 3:00 p.m. Men's Basketball vs. Western Connecticut

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

intheZone

Roberts Takes First in Giant Slalom: GHS sophomore **Marissa Roberts** won the Giant Slalom January 8 at Shawnee Peak in a multi-team girls' ski meet vs. Kennebunk, Scarborough and Cheverus. Her time of 1:12:13 narrowly edged out the second place finisher by 0.75 seconds.

Bowers Keys First Conference Win: GHS Junior **Carter Bowers** scored 20 points, including seven in overtime, to lead the boys' basketball team to its first conference win, 50-38 over Kennebunk on January 7.

Boys' Track Highlights: At the New Year's Relays Track Meet hosted by USM on December 30 and featuring teams from across the state, several GHS athletes were among the top finishers in the boys' events: Sophomore **Troy Lambert** won the pole vault with a jump of 10' 6" while juniors **Nate Gervais**, **Joe DeRoy**, **Jesse Orach** and sophomore **Alex Thuotte** won the Distance Medley with a time of 11:57.86. Senior **Kam Alexander** placed third in the triple jump (39' 5") and sixth in the 55-meter hurdles (8.76), which also qualified him for State Meet in both events. Gorham placed three athletes in the top ten in the Racewalk: Junior **Nate Bucknell**, third (8:23.78); **Thuotte**, fourth (8:35.03) and junior **Ryan Baillargeon**, seventh (8:43.55). During a multi-team meet January 8 at the Portland Expo vs. Thornton Academy, Portland and Massabesic, **Orach** won the mile (5:00.0) to qualify for the State Meet while **Alexander** won two events that

qualified him for the State Meet: The high jump (5' 8") and the 45 senior hurdles (6.4). Other winners included **DeRoy** in the Open 600 (1:29.6), **Gervais** in the Senior 800 (2:24.9), and the Senior Relay Team of **Bucknell**, **Orach**, **Gervais**, and **DeRoy** that posted a time of 2:28.0.

Girls' Track Highlights: At the New Year's Relays Track Meet hosted by USM on December 30 and featuring teams from across the state, several GHS athletes were among the top finishers in the girls' events: Junior **Sarah Perkins** placed in three events: first in the 55 meter hurdles (9.15), second in the high jump (4' 10"), and fourth in the 55 meters (7.85). Other top individual finishers included junior **Clara Stickney**, third in the pole vault (7' 0"); sophomore **Caitlin Childress**, fourth in the pole vault (6' 6"); and junior **Katie Flanders**, third in the racewalk (8:32.03). During a multi-team meet January 8 at the Portland Expo vs. Thornton Academy, Portland and Massabesic, **Perkins** finished first in three events including the high jump (5' 0"), Sr. 45 meter hurdles (6.90), and Sr. 200 meters (29.70). Other first place finishers included freshman **Jackie Turner** in the 800 meters (2:46.10) and junior **Leanna Dalfonso** in the Sr. 800 meters (2:43.0). Sophomore **Lindsay Chapman** qualified for the State Meet by clearing 4' 8" in the high jump.

Girls' Basketball Highlights: At press time, the GHS girls' basketball team was 6-1 and ranked sixth in the conference. Senior **Mia Rapolla** scored a season-high

27 points January 4 as the Rams defeated Portland 51-46. She was also second in conference scoring; averaging just over 22 points per game while ranking second in steals (4.0), sixth in rebounding (7.4), eighth in free-throw percentage (75%) and tenth in three-point field goals (8). Other top-ten category conference leaders included freshman **Jessica Rexrode**, third in free-throw percentage (86%); senior **Alyssa Clark**, fourth in field-goal percentage (57%); and sophomore **Kristin Ross**, tenth free-throw percentage (71%).

College Hoop Star: UMaine-Farmington senior guard **Andrew Dean** (GHS '07) scored a game-high 24 points to lead the men's basketball team to a 64-52 victory over Plymouth State University. For the season, Dean was second on the team in scoring at press time averaging 13.2 points-per-game. He was also first in free-throw percentage (.872) and second in total assists (25).



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sports Etc.

GHS Grad To Coach Baseball at South Portland: Mike Owens (GHS Class of '96) was recently named as the head baseball coach for South Portland High School. Playing shortstop for the Rams under head coach Rocky Myers, Owens was a three-time conference all-star and a two-time all-state player. He also started four years in goal for the boy's soccer team and played for three years on the varsity basketball team, including the 1996 team that won the Class B State Championship. Owens had been coaching baseball and teaching in Colorado but began looking for coach openings in Maine after his wife accepted a job offer in this area.

Turf Field Planned for USM: Plans are underway at the University of Southern Maine Gorham campus to install an artificial turf field. Athletic Director Al Bean said the plan calls for the turf to be installed where the current soccer field is and will also include lights and seating for approximately 500 spectators. USM is currently going through the approval process with the university's Board of Trustees as well as the Town of Gorham, and Bean is hopeful the field will be ready by the fall of 2011 if all goes well and fund raising proceeds as planned. The turf will be similar to the surfaces installed at Deering H.S. and Cape Elizabeth H.S. To contribute to the fundraising effort, or for more information, contact Bean at 780-5588.



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Did You Know? Gorham Had a Movie Theater on State Street?

Sherrie Fontaine

When asked about the days of movies being shown in town, Gorham residents might remember, as an historical note, that silent movies were shown in Allen Hall, the second floor of the building on the corner of School and Main Streets and current home of Tinsel Bright Trading Co. The advent of "Talkies" in the early 1930s brought a need for a new theater; in 1940 John Knapp erected the Gorham Playhouse Movie Theater at 28 State Street. Today that location houses office condominiums and is owned by Gorham Playhouse Properties, LLC (no connec-

tion to the original owner). The theater's first feature film was "100 Men and a Girl," a lavishly produced Oscar winning musical which finds its heroine, actress Deanna Durban, saving a fledgling orchestra led by her financially challenged father. The 1940s showcased films such as "The Lost Weekend" and "An American in Paris" in the 1950s. Despite some protests in 1943, the town voted to allow movies on Sundays. Current Gorham resident David Fogg remembers being at the theater on Sundays; however, it was for other reasons. In the early 1960s,



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28 State Street (left) was once the Gorham Playhouse Movie Theater. The Playhouse (above) was once a Gorham hotspot.

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prior to the building of Saint Anne's Church, the theater stage served as the altar where area Catholic families came to worship. "The smell of popcorn on a Sunday morning mass left an impression with me to this day," Mr. Fogg recalls. Even more remarkable are his memories of being able to diagonally park in front of the theater on, what was then, a quiet State Street.

It is reported that during evening shows the time would be announced

at 9:50 p.m. to allow college women enough time to return to their Gorham campus residence halls before they closed. In 1950, to accommodate the college students, the dormitory closing hour was changed to 10:30 p.m.

By 1978, the showing of movies came to a close and by 1979 the building was renovated into office space.

Did you know?

Kids Day Successful for Ham Radio Club

Tim Watson

On January 2, the Wireless Society of Southern Maine participated in "Kids Day," a national on-air event designed to encourage young people to have fun with Amateur Radio. The club set up several portable stations at the Gorham Recreation Department, designed to give visitors a taste of many of the different aspects of the hobby, including HF (or short-wave), six meters, D-STAR, (which is a digital voice mode), and a Morse code practice area.

"Getting kids on the air is an enjoyable experience for everyone involved," club president, Charlie Shepard said during the event. "Kids Day is a perfect way to get the word out and encourage young people to get a license of their own." Unlike other types of licenses, an amateur radio license does not have a minimum age requirement. "I think the youngest person I ever talked to on the air was eight years old," added Shepard.

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has a relationship with a nearby elementary school. Eventually there may be opportunities for some students and teachers in Gorham and HSACNU to engage in exchange visits.

Gorham hopes to offer language classes in Chinese. Presently, through the use of Virtual High School and a three-month pilot of the language program Rosetta Stone, some students and teachers are able to experience basic Mandarin. Under the guidance of other organizations, Gorham has had teachers from China, Thailand and other countries spend a semester in the schools working with students and teachers. The eventual goal is to offer students the opportunity to take classes in Mandarin as part of their educational program in the schools, and/or through the Sebago Educational Alliance Collaborative (Gorham, Windham/Raymond, Scarborough, Westbrook, & Bonny Eagle).

Superintendent Ted Sharp will be traveling to China in April to observe the educational system at HSACNU and advance the exchange school relationship of the two schools. The trip is funded through grants from the CEI.

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DEAN'S LIST

Casey Diana-Lee Bernier and **Elizabeth Gorham Demski**, both of Gorham, were named to the Dean's List at Keene State College in Keene, NH for the 2010 fall semester.

Ellen Footer (GHS '09) was named to the Dean's List at Plymouth State University for the 2010 fall semester. A communications major, she is the daughter of Dale and Billy Footer.

Samantha Gale of Gorham was named to the Dean's List at Southern Maine Community College for the 2010 fall semester.

Christina Nealey of Gorham was named to the fall 2010 Dean's List at Coker College in Hartsville, SC.

Alisha Sauvageau (GHS '10) was named to the Dean's List at University of Maine, Orono for the 2010 fall semester majoring in earth science. She is the daughter of Paul and Lisa Sauvageau.

MILESTONES

Sydney Butler of Gorham was awarded the Valedictorian Scholarship at Elmira College in NY.

OF INTEREST

Kelly Caufield (GHS '98), **Emily Ann Cain** and **Matthew Small** will hold a benefit concert of musical theater songs at the First Congregational Church of South Portland (301 Cottage Rd.) on Sunday, Jan. 23 at 4 p.m. \$10. FMI, 655-3750.

The Gorham Food Pantry needs the following items: canned pears (no sugar), canned ravioli, canned baked beans (large), bar soap, shampoo, conditioner and diapers (sizes 4 & 5). Donations are particularly appreciated in January and February as the winter months are some of the most challenging at the pantry.

The Gorham Business Exchange is calling all vendors! Registration is now open for the 14th Annual Marketplace on Saturday, Mar. 26 at the USM Costello Field House. Register early and save money on reduced booth fees and be included in pre-show publicity. Every year thousands of shoppers visit Marketplace - don't miss this opportunity to market your product/service to the Gorham community. FMI, 892-5515, www.gorham-business.org.

The Gorham Garden Club will hold a meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 25 at 7 p.m. in the First Parish Church, School Street. Guest speaker Dawn Clements will discuss vegetable gardens. Public welcome. FMI, 839-3630.

GHS Project Graduation will sponsor a Valentine's Day Dance and Silent Auction featuring Motor Booty Affair on Saturday, Feb. 12 at 7:30 p.m. at The Gold Room in Portland. Tickets \$15 and available at Bookworm or call Amy at 839-4383.

Join friends and neighbors on Friday, Feb. 11, 7 p.m. for **Gorham Night at the Maine Red Claws** face the Springfield Armor. Gorham Middle School Choir will perform the National Anthem and The Dance Studio of Maine will provide half-time entertainment. Gorham Recreation and members of the Gorham Business Exchange will cheer from the stands. For tickets call 892-5515 or email dede@gorhambusiness.org.

A Town Fair Planning Committee has been organized to help benefit Gorham businesses and the community. Gorham Councilor Philip Gagnon, Jr. is chairman. Anyone interested in participating on this committee is encouraged to contact Councilor Gagnon at pgagnon@gorham.me.us or Recreation Director Cindy Hazelton at chazelton@gorham.me.us for information.

Maine Rural Water Association recently honored Friendly Village of Gorham with the Annual Outstanding Small Water System Award for Friendly Village's commitment to compliance with the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Act and the Maine Drinking Water Program's Safe Drinking Water Rules. Tom Bahun of MRWA (left) presents award to John Richard of Friendly Village of Gorham (right).



The USM Art Gallery in Gorham will exhibit artwork from a wide range of disciplines by members of USM Art Department faculty from Thursday, Jan. 27 through Thursday, Feb. 17. An opening reception will take place from 4 to 6 p.m., Friday, Jan. 28 (snow date: 4 to 6 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 3). FMI, 780-5008.

The USM Theater Dept. presents Airswimming by Charlotte Jones on Feb. 3, 4 & 5 at 7:30 p.m. and Feb. 6 at 5 p.m. Matinee on Feb. 5 at 2 p.m. "Airswimming" follows Persephone and Dora during the fifty years they are imprisoned as moral imbeciles in St. Dymphna's Hospital for the Criminally Insane. \$15/\$11/\$8. FMI, 780-5151.

There will be a Baked Bean & Macaroni and Cheese Supper on Saturday, Feb. 5 from 4:30 to 6 p.m. at White Rock Community Club, Wilson Road (off Rt. 237). \$7/\$3. FMI, 892-4342.

CLOSE TO HOME

Living Waters Church, 197 Parker Farm Road, Buxton, will hold a Haddock Dinner as well as other entrees on Saturday, Jan. 29 at 5 p.m. \$8/\$4. FMI, 329-0753.



Sara Esty, a principal dancer in the Miami City Ballet, was recently featured in

Dance magazine. The New York Times' Alastair Macaulay praised Esty's performance in Twyla Tharp's "The Golden Section" as "precision infused with radiance." According to the article in Dance Magazine, Esty reprised her part in the Tharp piece for the filming of Dance in America: Miami City Ballet Dances Balanchine & Tharp, to be broadcast early this year on PBS. The broadcast also features Esty in "Western Symphony and Square Dance," a ballet she places among her Balanchine favorites.

Sweet 16 Benefits Good Cause

On New Year's Eve, **Meaghan Gilbert, Morgan Briggs, and Allyson Redhunt** celebrated their 16th birthdays together with a New Year's Eve birthday party at the Old Robie School in Gorham. In lieu of gifts, the girls asked that donations be made to the Bill Bennett and Dawn York Scholarship Funds. Both scholarships were set up to honor former GHS teachers who passed away. The girls are grateful to have raised over \$550.



Gorham Boy Scout Troop 73, during a November 2010 weekend trip to Acadia National Park, cleared trees and brush from a power line right-of-way to Blackwoods Campground before hiking Precipice Trail to the summit of Champlain Mountain. Boy Scout leaders Scott Nystrom, Ron Latronico and Tom Bahun accompanied the boys on two nights of camping and exploring the park. Pictured (L-R) are Ryan Latronico, Sam Mosher, Matt Southard, Bailey Daigle, Kyle Latronico, Jesse Southard, Dan Bahun and Parker La. FMI, www.troop73gorham.org.

Project Graduation: The Tradition Continues

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Project Graduation began in Oxford Hills, Maine in 1980 in response to seven drug or alcohol related deaths during graduation season the year before. It has long since been recognized as a prototype for the nation to provide a chemical and drug free evening for graduating seniors.

Gorham has been providing a safe and fun event on graduation night for over 25 years. The event is always a huge success, with most of the senior class in attendance. The night features live entertainment, arcade games, psychics, swimming, a casino, lots of food, games and much more. The GHS Project Graduation 2011 committee began planning in August and is well on its way with plans for a special night for our seniors.

We had a busy fall with two successful fundraising events. Our next event will be on February 12 with a Valentine's Dance and Silent Auction with Motor Booty Affair at the Gold Room on Warren Avenue in Portland. Motor Booty is "The Ultimate Disco Party Band" that delivers dance floor classics with authenticity, groove and just the right amount of attitude. They are a band not to be missed! Tickets are \$15 and are available at the Bookworm on Main Street or from Amy Story at 839-4383.

Along with the dance the committee will host a silent auction with over 100 items from the Greater Portland area on which to bid. If you would like to donate an item for the auction please call Amy Story at 839-4383. Thank you


to the many area business that donated items for our auction; your support is appreciated.

Ham Radio

FROM PAGE 10

the time to show them how radio worked. "So far we've had several young people stop by and make contacts on the radio," Shepard said, "and a few were even interested in learning Morse code after trying it out."

Today there are nearly 690,000 amateur radio operators in the United States and more than 2.5 million worldwide. For more information on becoming involved, contact the Wireless Society of Southern Maine at ws1sm@qsl.net or visit www.qsl.net/ws1sm.



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Mailman Retires FROM PAGE 1

addition to his full-time law enforcement responsibilities in Gorham. He finds the two-hour drive to and fro relaxing and enjoys the excitement of patrolling the trails. "We are 'do-everything' guys, from opening the mountain, marking trails, rescue operations and even running the lifts if need be. I was bitten by the bug when I took my first ski lesson at Lost Valley in Auburn. I was 34 years old." Retired? Not really.

Born and raised in South Portland, after high school Mailman dabbled in construction, mechanics, and sales, then became a locksmith for 10 years. During that time he worked as a part-time reserve officer in Gorham before graduating from the Maine Criminal Justice Academy in Waterville in 1981. "I always new it was in me to do this," explained Mailman. "There was a natural draw to go into law enforcement; the unknown factor makes it exciting." When asked to recount a memorable experience on the police force, he said after a few moments of pondering, "I've got plenty of them but none that I can think of should go in the paper!"

Over the past ten years the biggest change he saw in law enforcement was in the expansion of the Internet.

Facebook, MySpace and other social networking sites contributed to a surge in cybercrime and identity theft, said Mailman.

In addition, drug related crimes are far more prevalent than they were 29 years ago making the 25 pounds of equipment an officer carries the norm. "I used to carry a revolver and handcuffs when I started as a patrolman, now a police officer has to carry a semi-automatic weapon, expandable baton, pepper gun, Taser with holster, along with a bullet proof vest."

Grateful for the acknowledgement he received at a recent retirement party, Mailman appears anxious to get the "hoopla" out of the way. Naturally unassuming, he proudly displays the retirement badge that was presented to him by Gorham Chief Ron Shepard. Chief Shepard said: "Sgt. Mailman was a steady, low key and very reliable officer. He always did what needed to be done. You knew that if he was in charge of an incident, he would make a good decision and you wouldn't need to worry about what he had done. He did accident reconstructions for the Gorham PD and did a great job at it. He has worked long and hard for the Gorham PD and I hope he enjoys every moment of his retirement."

Retirement? What retirement? Thank you Sergeant Mailman for your service to the Gorham community. See you on the slopes!

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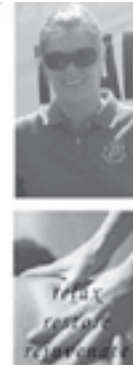
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what's happening

SATURDAY, JAN. 22

- Bean Supper at the Bungalow, Rt. 22/ Broadturn Rd. \$5/under 3 free. FMI, 839-6972.

MONDAY, JAN. 24

- Food & Fellowship Ecumenical Meal Program, Windham Assembly of God, Rte. 302, Windham. Everyone welcome. FMI, 892-3769.

TUESDAY, JAN. 25

- Pre-School Story Time, ages 3-5 years, 9:30 a.m., Baxter Library. FMI, 839-5031.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 26

- North Gorham Public Library, Babies in the Library, ages 0-3 yrs, 10-11 a.m. FMI, 892-2575.
- Partners in Education Meeting (PIE), 5:45 - 6:45 p.m. GHS library. All are welcome!

THURSDAY, JAN. 27

- Baby & Me, birth-18 mos, 9:30 a.m., Baxter Library. FMI, 839-5031.
- Toddler Time, ages 18-36 mos, 10 a.m., Baxter Library. FMI, 839-5031.
- Sewing Club, ages 7 years and older, 2:30 - 4:30 p.m., Baxter Library. FMI, 839-5031.
- WWCC Thursday Community Meals, noon, 810 Main St., Westbrook. \$4. FMI, 854-9157.
- Gorham Food Pantry, 9-11 a.m., St. Anne's Church Parking Lot, Main St.
- North Gorham Public Library, Story Hour for ages 3-5 yrs, 9:30-10:30 a.m. FMI, 892-2575.

SATURDAY, JAN. 29

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

The Gorham Ecumenical Food Pantry is open at St. Anne's Church every Thurs. from 9-11 a.m.; the second Wednesday of the month from 6-7 p.m.; and the third Monday of the month from 6-7 p.m. Open to anyone in need of food. Located in the building behind St. Anne's Church, Main St.

MONDAY, JAN. 31

- Food & Fellowship Ecumenical Meal Program, Standish Congregational Church, 25 Oak Hill Rd., Standish. Everyone welcome. FMI, 892-3769

TUESDAY, FEB. 1

- Pre-School Story Time, ages 3-5 years, 9:30 a.m., Baxter Library. FMI, 839-5031.
- Cancer Prayer and Support Group, 7 p.m., Cressey Road United Methodist Church, Gorham. FMI, 839-311.
- Town Council Meeting, 7 p.m., Municipal Center, 75 South St., Gorham.

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the blotter

A Kitty Conundrum

Solomon Drive caller reported that a cat followed them home and tried to get in their house.

Preble Street caller reported their cat had been missing for two weeks.

Deer Run Drive caller reported that they had received a call from someone stating they were from a bank and informing caller that they had won millions of dollars, but needed to deposit \$1500 into an account in order to receive the money.

Greentrees Drive caller reported that their teenager left the house after an argument, and they did not know where the teen went.

Mallison Street caller reported a suspicious pedestrian. Subject was working in the area.

Gray Road caller reported the theft of money from their EBT account by a company that owned an ATM machine.

Burnham Road caller reported that, while turning around in a parking lot, a male subject came out, threw two apples at caller's vehicle, and threatened caller.

Huston Road caller reported a suspicious male selling candles and soap.

Small Pond Road caller reported a peacock in their yard that did not belong to them.

Longfellow Road caller requested to speak with an officer about their dog that was dying.

Meadow Crossing Drive caller reported a strange dog in the neighborhood. Dog appeared to be lost.

Burnham Road caller reported that there were horses in the road by their house. Caller was worried that someone would hit them.

South Street caller reported an accident involving two motor vehicles where a fist-fight ensued.

Running Springs Road caller requested to speak with an officer regarding a suspicious bottle that was on their property.

Caller reported suspicious activity in the area of Main Street and Libby Avenue. Subject was waiting for another party to do their paper route together.

New Portland Road caller reported that there was a fox acting aggressively behind their business.

Fort Hill Road caller reported there were a lot of barn cats at their residence.

Gray Road caller reported loose cows in the area.



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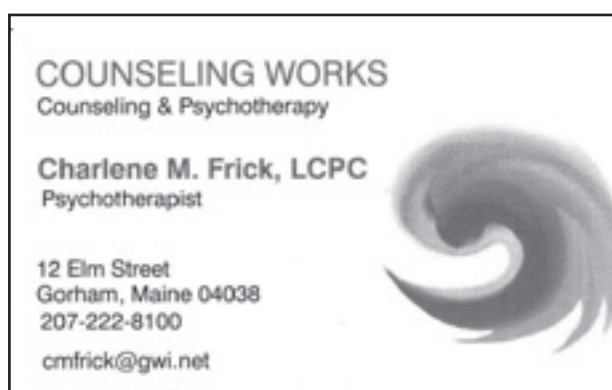


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