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Gorham Rings in 2011 with Thrills, Tricks and Laughs



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New Year Gorham was another successful community-wide event. Some of the performers included, from left to right, The Magic of the Steelgraves, a duo of illusionists; Karen Morgan, Maine's Funniest Mom; scientist Ron Gill from Mad Science; and yo-yo champ Brandon Baines. See page 11 for more pictures.

GHS Athletic Director Gerry Durgin to Receive National Award

Jeff Pike

The National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (NIAAA) recently presented GHS Athletic Director Gerry Durgin with the 2010 Award of Merit, the most prestigious award presented by the NIAAA and given to an individual who has shown outstanding leadership in interscholastic athletics or related areas. Durgin received his award December 19 in Orlando, Florida during the National Athletic Directors Conference. This award is not automatically bestowed upon an individual every year; it is given only when the NIAAA feels an individual has earned it.

Durgin has been athletic director at GHS since 1993 and served on the Maine Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (MIAAA)

Board of Directors for 15 years. He also was chair of the MIAAA State Conference for 10 years, editor of the organization's newsletter for a number of years and a frequent presenter at the state conference. Durgin has also been a fixture with the NIAAA for more than 20 years. He was chair of the NIAAA Publications Committee from 1993 to 2004, served a four-year term on the NIAAA Board of Directors and was president of the organization in 2007. He was also chairman of the NIAAA's third Strategic Plan in 2009 and has been a Leadership Training Institute instructor at two national conferences.

Among his past awards, Durgin received the NIAAA State Award of Merit in 1999, the NIAAA Distinguished



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Dear Gorham Times,

The Town of Gorham has been building playground parks for kids over the past few years. Playgrounds are important to build community and to keep kids active since computers and video games tend to keep them indoors. Playgrounds also attract young families to move to Gorham. Not only do the playgrounds create memories for the kids, but parents meet other parents and the town comes together.

Although these playgrounds are a great resource to families in Gorham, I have heard complaints that the playgrounds are getting dirty, the trash isn't picked up, and the activities aren't maintained. Budgets may be tight and funding might be low but if a playground is dirty or a ride isn't safe, parents won't take their kids to the playground, which defeats the playgrounds' purpose.

I know that adding more trash receptacles often results in people leaving their own trash for the town to pick up. Perhaps Gorham could try a one-year experiment by posting signs asking all who use the playgrounds to bring home any trash—a carry in/carry out policy. This idea has worked many places and actually keeps recreational areas cleaner as people take more responsibility for their trash.

Regarding maintenance, it might

be helpful if Gorham had one town worker go around once a week to check the condition of all of the rides. Perhaps there is even a retired person in the community who could go around once a week for a quick spot-check for cleanliness and the condition of the rides? He or she could report any problems to the town. An injured child isn't worth the risk of only occasional checking.

The playgrounds are such a wonderful resource for Gorham. I'd like it if they were clean and well kept to continue to attract families for summer fun and other seasons.

Ilunga Mutombo

Dear Gorham Times,

My family and I would like to thank all the wonderfully generous people in our community for helping with the public Thanksgiving dinner we put on at the Gorham Mr. Bagel; the outpouring of support was heartwarming. When Cindy Hazelton was called for advice she immediately offered use of the Rec. Dept.'s van for transportation as well as advertising and flyer design. Paul Rogers, Roger's Appliance, was at my home in October fixing my ovens for Thanksgiving. When I mentioned the idea he didn't hesitate to volunteer he and his girlfriend Denise Dame. He also donated a turkey. This was such a lovely feeling and ONLY the beginning.

The following contributed time, food, or money: Rita Hanscom Pinkham; Mary and Jim Liberty; Brenda Webster Sands; Judy and Howie Turner; Sue Parsons; West Gorham Union Church; Helene Johnson; Tom and Dottie Hughes; Danielle Moody; Bill Lamonte and sons; Brenda Bracy; Cheri McPhee; Anita Lampron, Pit Stop Fuels; Beth Rand; Kristine Biegel; Olean Ginn; Ann Kennedy; Anonymous; Loretta Daley; Corinne and Ben, Meservey's Farm; Dr. Rob Lavoie and Liz Berks, Chiropractic Clinic of Gorham; Don and Mary Jane Millett; Adele Haskell, Jan and Roger Link, Andrea Tetzlaff, Georganne and Roger Hanscom, Pete Blunda; Jan and Roger Link; Andrea Tetzlaff; Georganne and Roger Hanscom; Pete Blunda; Nancy Taylor; Gordon and Madeline McLucas; Sandra Grant; Parker Cowand; Todd Walker and daughters; Party Time Rentals; Don Cross; as well as Mr. Bagel. Many others offered help that we hope to accept next year.

I thank my beloved family (Thad, Tasha, and Heather; Chris from a distance) for their support; without their support this event would not have happened. Next year's event is already being planned!

After putting on a very nice event we were able to make a cash donation of \$430 to the Gorham Ecumenical Food Pantry.

Ever so grateful for such community support,
Roxanne Hansom Moody

CMP Unveils Plans for New Power Lines

Bill Ambrose



Photo credit Bill Ambrose

An H-frame transmission tower similar to the planned new towers.

Central Maine Power Company (CMP) has released plans for new electrical transmission lines for the town of Gorham. The 345,000-volt installation will be four miles long, running from the substation in South Gorham into the town of Scarborough. From there it will connect with the New England power grid in Eliot, Maine. The new power lines will use the existing right-of-way leading to Scarborough.

Construction will begin early this year by clearing the corridor. Seventy-five foot tall wooden H-frame towers will be erected to carry the new cables. Following the completion of the new lines, the older 115-volt towers and wires will be removed. CMP estimates the entire project within Gorham will be completed sometime in 2012.

The South Gorham substation—already a huge facility—will be expanded and upgraded with the installation of various types of 345-kilovolt electrical components. All of these improvements are a part of CMP's Maine Power Reliability Program, estimated to cost \$1.4 billion when completed.

Durgin FROM PAGE 1

Service Award in 2000 and the NFHS Citation in 2002. He has given numerous presentations at the NFHS Summer Meeting and National Athletic Directors Conference, and has had a number of articles published in the Interscholastic Athletic Administration (IAA) magazine.

After 17 years as GHS athletic director, Durgin has revealed that he plans to retire at the end of the current school year. Look for future coverage on his retirement in the Gorham Times.

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BUSINESS PROFILE— ALADDIN VACUUM SERVICES

Start the New Year with Clean Rugs and Upholstery

Sherrie Fontaine



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Bob Lieberum, owner of Aladdin Vacuum Services, opened the new shop at 230 Main Street, Suite 2.

The New Year presents an opportunity to start with a clean slate, but how about starting off the year with clean rugs and upholstery? Owned and operated by Bob Lieberum, Aladdin Vacuum Services offers a wide range of services to meet the cleaning needs of its clients.

As the name would suggest, Aladdin Vacuum Services deals in new and used vacuum sales with brands including Hoover, Oreck, Panasonic and Eureka. The company also offers a wide-range of product rentals and vacuum repairs. Located at 230 Main Street, Suite 2 (next door to Busters Barber shop), the business carries an extensive inventory of parts, filters, accessories and bags available at prices usually cheaper than on-line and competitive with big box stores.

More than just sales, Aladdin Vacuum Services also includes carpet cleaning, a business that began in 1996 and purchased by Lieberum in 2004. Area rugs are cleaned on-site at the business while their truck-mounted machine easily handles wall-to-wall carpeting, mattresses and upholstered items directly at clients' homes.

Additional services include drying restoration for flooded basements. Mr. Lieberum holds six certificates through the Institute of Inspection Cleaning Restoration Certification IICRC, including being a Certified Water Restoration Technician and Certified Mold Supervisor and Specialist. Customers can also rent portable commercial/professional wet vacuum units to handle water situations themselves.

Mr. Lieberum takes pride in the equipment he sells and works with the customer to ensure they purchase the right vacuum for the job. To make it easier, layaways are available and trade-ins are accepted.

Aladdin Vacuum Services may not make your rug a magic carpet, but by using their cleaning or restoration services or through products purchased at the shop, your rug will be clean. That is a good way to start the New Year.

Business hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday and 8:30 a.m. to noon on Saturday.

Other hours by appointment.

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Marine Receives Bronze Star

Jackie Francis

Last winter, John Spring, service manager of Carter's Auto, asked patrons and Gorham Times readers for donations to send to his son, Sgt. John Spring, Jr., and fellow marines fighting in the southern Helmand Province of Afghanistan. The empty donation box in the waiting area of the auto shop quickly filled with more donations than this very grateful father could have imagined. This winter, Spring is once again very grateful, but for different reasons.

His son, Marine Sergeant John R. Spring, Jr. (Cheverus '05), was awarded a Bronze Star with Valor for heroic achievement in connection with combat operations while in Afghanistan last July. "There are so many unsung heroes who need to be recognized for their bravery and service to this country," says this very proud and thankful dad. According to the citation approved by Lt. Gen Joseph Dunford Jr., Sgt. Spring "rushed into kill zone under heavy enemy fire, hoisted a wounded marine into a fireman's carry, and ran 100 meters to the company command post for medical care." His citation also states that Sgt. Spring immediately returned to man an unmanned machinegun, helping to effectively force the enemy to



Photo credit John Spring

change locations. His actions were an inspiration to the Marines under his charge.

Sergeant Spring was also awarded a Purple Heart for wounds he received in action while serving two tours in Iraq in 2006, less than a year after graduating high school.

Once again we wish to thank the Marines of the Second Battalion and Sergeant John Spring, Jr. for their invaluable service to us.

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**Town of Gorham, Maine
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
Village Square Sidewalk Design
December 28, 2010**

Purpose

The Town of Gorham, Maine is seeking proposals from qualified consultants to design a sidewalk plan and specifications for the village square.

Site Description

The village square is located at the intersections of MDOT Route 114 and MDOT Route 202/25. Traffic signals control traffic movement at all four approaches. Currently all corners of this intersection have sidewalks in varying condition as well as four crosswalks with pedestrian controlled traffic signals.

Background

The sidewalks currently are constructed with granite curb and concrete pavers. Over time the pavers have moved and degraded. The Town has been successful in obtaining a CDBG grant to reconstruct this area. The grant proposal will be furnished upon request.

Nature of Services Requested

The consultant will develop a final plan and specifications for the reconstruction of the existing sidewalks and replacement with concrete sidewalks that meet ADA requirements. Existing crosswalks will also be replaced, and the stormwater drain system evaluated for improvement.

Deliverables

The consultant will produce detailed design drawings and bid specifications in final form to be furnished to the Town both in hard copy form and electronically.

Project Schedule

RFP's will be delivered to Bob Burns, PE, Town of Gorham Public Works Director, by January 18, 2011 at 10:00AM. The project will begin immediately upon consultant selection and be at the final design stage with bid specifications prepared by February 21st, 2011.

Proposal Requirements

All proposals must include the following elements:

1. Qualifications of personnel to be assigned to this project. Attach the resumes of all key personnel proposed for the project and estimated percentage of time to be spent on each phase of the project.

2. Consultants understanding and approach to the project
3. Identification of any facilities, equipment or support required.
4. At least three references.
5. Examples of similar projects.
6. A proposed project budget with a bid amount not to exceed \$10,000 for all tasks/deliverables proposed, and any additional anticipated reimbursable expenses.

Questions about the Request for Proposals

Questions should be directed in writing to:

Bob Burns, PE
Public Works Director
892-9062
rburns@gorham.me.us

Questions received after January 13th, 2011 will not be addressed.

Responses that substantially alter the Request for Proposal will be issued in the form of a written addendum to those who indicate that they received the RFP.

Two copies of the proposal must be received by Bob Burns, PE on or before January 18th, 2011 at 10:00AM after which all proposals will be opened and available for public inspection. Interviews will be scheduled with top-identified candidates.

The Town of Gorham reserves the right to accept or reject any and all proposals or parts thereof and to make further modifications as it deems in the best interest of the Town. It also reserves the right to retain all proposals submitted and to use any ideas from a proposal regardless of whether that proposal is selected. Submission of a proposal indicates acceptance of the conditions contained within this Request for Proposal.

Selection Criteria

The following criteria will be used to evaluate proposals:

1. Project understanding and project approach
2. Experience and demonstrated effectiveness with similar projects
3. Work plan and timetable for completion
4. Qualifications of assigned personnel to the project
5. Price

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Town Council Report

December 7, 2010 Robin Somes

Martha Buisman of Burnham Road spoke about the installation of wireless smart meters throughout Gorham by Central Maine Power (CMP). She asked the Council to deny CMP installation of these devices citing findings of long-term studies on radiation that indicate a correlation to brain cancer. In her summary, she asked that the Council at minimum act to enforce the installation of smart meters through hard wiring.

Representative Jane Knapp reported:

- The Maine Department of Labor announced that the state's preliminary, seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 7.4% in October, down from 7.7% in September and 8.1% a year ago.
- GMAC agreed to temporarily halt sales of foreclosed properties, pending further negotiations to resolve Mills' concerns about their foreclosure procedures. Bank of America has agreed not to proceed to judgment on any pending cases. Homeowners dealing with foreclosure issues may contact the free Maine Foreclosure Prevention Hotline at (888) 664-2569.
- The Maine Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD) is seeking nominations for the 2011 Governor's Award in Business Excellence, which recognizes Maine companies that demonstrate commitment to their community, their employees and to manufacturing or service excellence. Nominations must be made by January 18, 2011. Forms are available through Brian Doyle of DECD at (207) 624-9807, e-mail at BrianDoyle@maine.gov.
- The Maine Bureau of Insurance is encouraging consumers to familiarize themselves with insurance they already have prior to purchasing significant items. Keep an updated home inventory of electronics and other valuable household items, including receipts and model numbers.

Chairman Robinson encouraged citizens to take advantage of the town's newly enhanced website, www.gorham-me.org, which now includes online registration of vehicles, ATVs, snowmobiles, etc.; hunting and fishing licenses; library book renewals; and burn permits.

Town Manager David Cole announced that Terry Calabraro, Assessing Department, was honored for five years of service.

There was a second Public Hearing to amend the Land Use and Development Code to establish standards for small wind energy systems. Norman Justice, Wood Road, spoke in favor of the ordinance with several reservations: tower height, site location, prohibiting lattice type towers and keeping the ordinance consistent with other ordinances of the Town. The order will be referred to the Ordinance Committee.

Councilor Gagnon promoted the concept of a fair or similar event that would attract people to Gorham and benefit local businesses and the community.

In other actions, the Council voted to:

- Accept the newly constructed road as a public way that runs from Main Street/Route 25 to Gray Road/Route 202 near the Public Safety Building. The service road will be named Chick Drive.
- Accept the bid of C.B. Kenworth in the amount of \$121,646 to purchase a dump truck and plow.
- Amend the Baxter Memorial Library Card Policies as recommended by the Library Trustees.
- Authorize the Town Manager to sign an agreement for Gorham to provide emergency response billing services to the City of Westbrook.
- Accept the resignation of Russell French from the Park and Conservation Commission.
- Appropriate \$3,900 from the contingency fund to provide electrical power to the gazebo.

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How Will New Tax Laws Affect You? Ed Doyle

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Consider these key parts of the new tax laws:

- Income tax rates remain the same. Under previous legislation, tax rates were scheduled to rise in 2011, but the new laws will keep all tax brackets the same.
- Payroll taxes reduced by two percent. Your share of the Social Security payroll tax will drop from 6.2 percent to 4.2 percent for 2011. Consequently, you should see more take-home pay. You may want to consider investing at least part of this savings in another retirement account, such as an IRA.
- Top capital gains and dividend tax rates stay at 15 percent. The question of what would happen to capital gains and dividend taxes has been of great interest to most investors. For the past several years, the highest capital gains and dividend tax rate has been 15 percent. However, this 15 percent rate was scheduled to expire at the end of 2010; after that, dividends were to be taxed at one's standard income tax rate, while long-term capital gains would be taxed at 20 percent for anyone above the 15 percent income tax bracket. But due to the new legislation, the highest tax rate for both capital gains and dividends will stay at 15 percent for at least 2011 and 2012.
- The capital gains and dividend tax provisions can have significant effects on your investment decisions over the next two years. You now still have a strong incentive to follow a "buy-and-hold" investment strategy, under which you'd earn the favorable 15 percent rate on capital gains from selling an appreciated asset, such as a stock, that you've held at least one year. And the 15 percent rate on dividend taxes will continue to provide you with good reason to seek out those stocks that regularly pay dividends. Besides offering an

advantageous tax rate, dividends - when reinvested - can help build your ownership stake in the dividend-paying investments. Keep in mind, though, that companies are not obligated to pay dividends and can reduce or discontinue them at any time.

- Estate tax exemption is set at \$5 million per person. Under previous tax laws, the estate tax was scheduled to be repealed entirely for 2010 only, and then return in 2011, with an exclusion amount of \$1 million and a top tax rate of 55 percent. Under the new legislation, the exclusion amount for 2011 and 2012 is \$5 million per person (\$10 million for married couples), with a top tax rate of 35 percent. The new law also includes a "portability" provision that can provide increased flexibility in estate planning between married couples to attain full use of the \$10 million exemption. You'll need to see your tax and legal advisors to determine what, if any, changes you'll want to make to your estate plans for the next couple of years as these laws will sunset at the end of 2012.
- Gift tax exemption is set at \$5 million per person. Under previous tax laws, the gift tax exemption for lifetime gifts was \$1 million. The new legislation increases the lifetime gift tax exemption to \$5 million per person. You should work with your tax and legal professionals to determine whether the new exemption amount provides opportunities for you to consider during the next two years.

As always, changes in tax laws can have a big impact on your financial future, so stay informed and take the steps you need to keep progressing toward your goals.



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Two Gorham Students Recognized for Art

Stacy Sallinen



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Autumn Heil (above left) received a certificate for her participation in the Maine Youth Excellence in Art program from First Lady Karen Baldacci. The artwork created by Isabel Courtney (above right) is being displayed at Village School.

Autumn Heil, a fourth grade student from Village School, was recognized in November at the Maine Artist's Tea, hosted by First Lady Karen Baldacci in the Blaine House.

With help from art instructor Allie Rimkunas, Heil's artwork was submitted and selected as part of the Maine Youth Excellence in Art program, which invites students and art instructors from public or private settings to submit artwork to be placed on display throughout the capital complex in Augusta. The program, developed by Baldacci, works in conjunction with the Maine Arts Commission, the Maine Alliance for Arts Education, and the Maine Art Education Association.

Heil's piece, named "Salmon Lake," was a gift to her father. It was created from watercolor pencil and depicts a variety of fish she caught with him on Salmon Lake in Belgrade. The piece is on display in the Health and Human Services Committee room in Augusta until January 2011.

Another fourth grade student, Isabel Courtney, also intended to submit a piece to the program, but ultimately chose not to have the artwork displayed. The piece, which depicts two horses in a field, was created using pastel chalk and was too fragile to be framed for the exhibit. Courtney's artwork is currently on display in the office in Village School.

School Committee Report

December 8, 2010 Robin Somes

The School Committee voted its approval of a letter endorsed by the Maine School Boards Association Delegate Assembly concerning a proposal on health care. Its intent was to encourage the State Legislature to expand the current system of how health care is determined for Maine schools. The letter proposed enhancements that will reduce costs to teachers and school employees throughout the school districts. The three options included: pursuing all health insurance options in the market place (self insuring); joining the Maine state Employee Group Health Insurance Plan; and conducting the purchase of health insurance through a competitive bid process. Information will be reviewed and analyzed from a relevant health care study conducted by Cape Elizabeth to examine potential savings.

Kathy Garrard encouraged people to communicate with the Gorham delegation of legislators to move the proposal forward. These legislators include State Senator Phil Bartlett, State Representative Jane Knapp, State Representative Linda Sanborn. Rep. Knapp supports this initiative.

In addition, Superintendent Ted Sharp reported:

- The School Committee hosted a guest from China as part of the China Exchange.
- An online school culture survey was administered throughout all districts intended to pursue and develop improvements in schools. Discussions of survey results will occur throughout schools in early 2011.
- A meeting was held with Harold Parks to discuss a program for

GMS Takes Part in Community Service

Kim Bennett

December 8 was a day filled with energy and excitement as Gorham Middle School held its first of three Community Service Days scheduled for the 2010-11 school year. The day was designed by the planning team for the school's new advisory program and carried out by individual advisory groups. Established in September, GSM's advisory program was designed to provide every child with an adult he/she can go to for support and who will serve as their advocate. Each advisory consists of one advisor and 11-15 students, and all faculty within the school serve as advisors, with the exception of the school nurse. In addition to meeting briefly every morning for attendance and announcements, advisories meet twice a week in the afternoon. Wednesdays are focused on supporting student academics, as well as the introduction and practice of school success skills, and Fridays have been devoted to building relationships within each advisory group and designing a community service project.

Students were asked to choose a project they wanted to complete. Each grade level was given an area of focus: sixth grade focused on projects to benefit their school community, seventh graders devoted their projects to the local community, and eighth grade worked on projects that were more global.

Community service projects included cleaning and organizing GSM's auditorium; making clay bowls and soup mixes to sell with proceeds benefiting a local teacher in need; manufacturing healing salve that will be sold with profits going to the GSM garden from which vegetables are donated to the local food pantry; producing holiday cards for soldiers and their families; collecting can tabs to benefit the Ronald McDonald House; cleaning local walking trails; building bookcases to organize a book closet; collecting food and making toys and treats for animals at local animal shel-



Photo courtesy of Gorham Middle School

Sixth grade students Emily Yager and Georgia Baber spent a morning cleaning the auditorium at the middle school.

ters; creating gifts of appreciation for the unsung heroes working at GSM; making holiday cards for residents of Gorham House; and reading books to students at White Rock. There were also activities, like the hula hoop-athon, the Lego-athon, and the jump-rope-athon, that were used to raise money for an Indian orphanage.

Students and staff at GSM pulled together to create a successful day devoted to doing activities to better our communities. Advisory groups will continue focusing on community service. April 14 and June 9 will also be devoted to community service projects. If you are interested in helping GSM in an upcoming community service day or have ideas for community service projects, please contact Kim Bennett, Sarah Rubin, and/or Rick Rand at Gorham Middle School at 222-1220.

school notes

The Gorham School district's National Geographic Society Geography Bee will be held on Thursday, January 20 in the Gorham Middle School Auditorium at 7:00 pm. 30 students will compete for a chance to take part at the state level in April. The event is sponsored by the National Geographic Society, Borders Books and Music, and Sagittarius Studio. The event is free and open to the public.

North Yarmouth Academy First Trimester Honor Roll 2010-11

Grade 8 – Highest Honors
Eleanor Sato

Grade 10 – High Honors
Timothy Daigler

Grade 11 – High Honors
Jae Yeon Jeon

Grade 11 – Honors
Chelsea Muller

Gorham Middle School First Quarter Honor Roll 2010-11

6th Grade-High Honors	Keegan Luce Julia Lyons Thomas Macomber Kayley Mason Kelly Aube Sally Aube Georgia Baber Trystan Bates Kathryn Bertin Lucas Bryant Delaney Burns Jamie Carter Kathryn Christianson Tony Cooper Liberty D'Anto Brandon Desjardin Kara Doane Drew Eid Travis Emerson Emily Esposito Ryan Firmin Nina Glenn Greenwood Grant Hamblen Ryan Hamblen Emily Hayward Sophia Hendrix Cameron Holmes Jamie Juskiewicz Whitney King Elizabeth Klatt Jason Komulainen Carli Labrecque Justin Laughlin Hannah LeBlanc Elizabeth Lemieux Abigail Longstaff Kaylea Lundin Samuel Martel Thomas Matthews Ethan Orach Kylie Peoples Olivia Puopolo Samuel Roussel Alex Smith Molly Sposato Raymond St. Cyr Cameron Stevens Alexandra Stresser Katherine-Helene Sullivan Heather Woodbury	Kevin Brewer Gerek Brown Stanislav Butenko Mallory Campbell Alexander Candelmo Chelsea Caron Sydney Caron Amber Cavarretta Lillian Close Michael Corkum Nicole Couillard Rebecca Cupps Jennifer Darasz Renee Deering Bregan DeLeon Jennifer Devine Madeleine DeWitt Victoria Dorazio Caitlyn Duffy Emma Dufour Eleanor Feinberg Courtney Fitz Natasha Fogg Emerson Fox Morgan Freeman Joseph Gallant Ariana Gaston Connor Goodall Isabella Griffin Christopher Hannon Christopher Hayward Dane Heckathorn Maeghan Higgins Mitchell Hobart Alexander Hotham Claudia Ingalls Collin Jones Mia Kaufman Madison Keating Allison Keffe Carson Kuschke Branden Kuseala Cassidy Landry Kyle Latronico Mitchel Letourneau Nikolas Lieberum Spencer Linscott Hannah Meserve Zachary Meyers Jason Nagy Madison Ochse Marlo Pappalardo Benjamin Paulin Taylor Perkins Sara Perry Corbin Pierce Julia Plante Calvin Riiska Nathaniel Rines Makayla Roycroft William Ruby William Selens Dayna Shaw Lyndsey Sobieralski Rachael Stewart Samuel Storer Elizabeth Sullivan Haley Tetreault-Kellett Taylor Turpin Alyda Twilley Michael Walls Nicole Walls Robert Weisman Lindsey Wilcox Nicholas Wilson Meghan Yaskula Alex Young	Katherine Stickney Jacob Sturgis Thomas Susi Benjamin Thompson Jordan Ward Autumn Weed Ashley Woodbury Andrew York	Katherine Stickney Jacob Sturgis Thomas Susi Benjamin Thompson Jordan Ward Autumn Weed Ashley Woodbury Andrew York
Grade 6 - Honors	Grade 7 - High Honors	Grade 8 - High Honors	Grade 9 - High Honors	
Anne Acker-Wolffhagen Elsa Alexandrin Katherine Andrews Tyler Arnett Jackson Banks Jake Bear Katherine Bennett James Benson Madison Bickford Noah Frank Bird Nikolas Briggs Tess Buzzell Riley Campbell Alyssa Carey Brooke Carpenter Dean Carrier Nikoles Charron Anna Collins Seth Cook Sydney Coolong Cameron Coro Jenna Cowan Kristen Curley Jordan Currier Sarah Dickey Hannah Distasio Alyssa Dolley Logan Drouin Erin Esty Jordan Falagario Abigail Flint Jackson Fotter Megan Fraley Kortney French Sean Glasgow Rachael Graham Mia Guimond William Hepler Brandon Howard Madeline Joyal-Myers Ethan Joyce Diana Kolb Allison LaFerriere Eric Lane Narissa Libby Theodore Lockman Sarah Lorello	Grade 7 - Honors	Grade 8 - Honors	Grade 9 - Honors	
	Erik Andreasen Kaylin Apt Nadia Barry Trenton Bassingthwaite William Baxter Carl Bear Christopher Beland Olivia Bell Ross Bellino Ahmed Beshir Benjamin Bradshaw Emily Bragg Thomas Brent	Douglas Beahm Christian Daigle River Dunn John Ennis Matthew Esposito Morgan Hager-Perry Abigail Hamilton Cole Houghton Maxwell Johnson Elizabeth Kane Thomas Lawson Emily Lewis Blanca Mosen Emily Peterson Julie Pike Kiana Plumer Madeleine Scholz-Lague Margaret Shields Timothy Sposato Andrea Stemm	Grade 9 - Honors Rebecca Amell Carly Barber Alyssa Beaulieu John Beety William Beland Carly Bell Emily Berrill Melissa Blake Rachel Blattstein Tyler Carroll Lauren Carter Adam Chapman Michael Chin Ashley Clark Jeremy Collett Griffin Courtney Patrick Crocker Thomas Dahlborg Jessica Day Sophia Dobben Julia Donley Samantha Doughty Megan Dunlap Aaron Erickson Charlotte Feinberg Marissa Gallant Travis Golder Madeleine Gotschlich Travis Grant Nicholas Greatorex Johnathan Hamlin Corey Harmon Lucy Harrison Benjamin Keene Noah Kiel Morgan LaBranche Joseph Lambert Paige Lara Ryan Latronico Jesse Leavitt Hannah Leclair Matthew Leclair Paige Lemieux Gabrielle Libby Hannah Linscott Kevin Lombard Sarah Lyons Abby Mattingly Matthew Melton Jenessa Meserve Dylan Mininger Sara Nelson Heather Nystrom Francesco Pappalardo Julianna Pearson Elisabeth Poole Harry Portlock Shanya Pottle	

Gorham High School First Quarter Honor Roll 2010-11

Grade 9 - High Honors	Gage Pratt Ross Pratt Harley Press Dylan Roberts Samantha Robinson Matthew Roy Victoria Small Timothy Smith Rozada Spiers Shelby Stack Michelle Staples Lauren Stiles Lydia Story Dylan Truong Katie Tucker Dylan Turner Matthew Vail Owen Whitehead Lukas Willoughby Jonathan Woodbury	Madeline Susi Alexander Swiatek Milan Vidovic Cameron Willette	Deireann Stillson Alexandra Sturtevant Amy Sutherland Nicole Sutherland Mariah Taylor Emery Thompson Emily Thompson Robert Toothaker Haleigh Turner Casey Viel Rachael Webster Paige Weymouth Hunter Wing
Grade 10 - High Honors	Elizabeth Landry Spencer LaPierre Michael Lubelczyk Nicholas Matthews Danielle Roy Katiana Selens Patricia Smith Joshua Slater Hannah Southard Jacqueline Turner Laura Turner Melissa Walls	Grade 11 - High Honors	Grade 12 - High Honors
Grade 10 - Honors	Lucia Alexandrin Libby Andreasen Joseph Bennett Kayla Billings Megan Blanchette Grace Bourgault Kristen Braley Morgan Briggs Adam Bucknell Cameron Campbell Celeste Carpenter MacKenzie Coburn Ashley Corbeau-Hasenflu Samantha Cupps Kyle Curley Connor Dunn Dylan Evans Stefanie Farrington Sarah Fogg Shannon Folan Meghan Foley Jeremy Foster Francesca Gallant Meaghan Gilbert Ryan Gilbert Kayla Harris Abigail Hodgkins Daniel Holmes Alex Johnson Chloe Johnson Elizabeth Lavoie Arthur Jebediah Lockman Bethany Marshburn-Ersek Cassandra Martel Amy McCarty Maxwell McNally Levi Merrifield Alexander Owens Nicholas Parlin Isaac Parsons Riley Perkins Sydney Perkins Michelle Pham Jennifer Pinkelman Darice Plumer Dominic Pompeo Hannah Pratt Allyson Redhunt Nathan Roop Kristin Ross Marissa Rush Andrew Scontras Quincy Shaw Kara Stahl Emily Stickney Timothy Stickney Michael Sullivan	Grade 11 - Honors	Grade 12 - Honors
		Kellen Adolf Steven Albanese Kelsey Alfiero Ryan Baillargeon Julia Batchelder Karen Bombaro Adam Bourgault Abegayle Brown Nathan Bucknell Chelsea Burnham Kassandra Burnham Meredyth Clements Mason Crocker Danielle Currier Brandon Cushman Briaana Custeau Leanna Dalfonso Abigail Dean Dominic DeLuca Sarah Doughty Cortlandt Dunn Ryan Eagle William Eldridge Kaitlin Flanders Rebecca Foster Eliot Gagne Kaitlin Gaudette Michael Giasson Nicole Gile Dustin Goodale Brittany Grant Taylor Hansen Philip Holmes Rachel Johnson Madison Juday Nicholas Kilborn Bryan Henry Kucheman Kimberlee Laney Connor Linehan Ashley Linscott Sophie Little Alyssa Lurvey Stefani Magee Tyler Maroon Andrew McCarthy Samuel Mosher Michelina Spenc Murray Quincy Owens Victoria Parker Kelsey Pequinot Sierra Peters Sara Potts Mark Ridgeway Danielle Rivard Margaret Roy Osna Sayed Martin Soper Matthew Southard	Danielle Street

Catherine McAuley High School First Quarter Honor Roll 2010-11

Grade 9 - Second Honors	Grade 10 - Second Honors	Grade 12 - Second Honors
Stephanie Hillman	Anna Richard	Sophia Lawton Danielle Street

Therapy Dogs Visit Narragansett



Photo credit Joanne Gauley

Second grade students at Narragansett School learned about rescue and service dogs through their reading program, Reading Street. Two therapy dogs, Shetland sheepdogs Jenny and Jake, recently visited four classrooms with their foster owner, Holly Fent of Kennebec Valley Shetland Sheepdog Rescue, which fosters lost and abandoned dogs and helps them to find permanent homes. The students asked many questions and learned about the calm demeanor of the dogs and their role in visiting patients in nursing homes and hospitals.

She's Got Some Sass



Photo credit Stacy Sallinen

First grade students from Narragansett performed their musical, "Sounds of the Season" on December 8. Dancing to "Hip Hop Reindeer" are Sadie Scholl, Anna Nelson, Sarah Duff, William Perry, Madison Michaud and Rahmut Ali.

GHS Basketball Freeze Frame

Photos by Rich Obrey



Senior Zach Spiers



Senior Alyssa Clark



Junior Carter Bowers



Girls' Head Coach Laughn Berthiaume



Boys' Head Coach Ryan Chicoine



Senior Natalie Egbert

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High School Captains Excel as Captains in College

Jeff Pike

Three former GHS athletes who graduated in 2007 have recently closed out their fall college sports careers while serving as captains of their respective teams. The three student-athletes highlighted below, were also captains in the same sports while in high school.

All three women are now focusing on finishing their senior years and contemplating their futures. Given how well they performed as captains in high school and college, their futures look bright.



Photo courtesy of Husson College

Caitlyn Butterfield, a captain of GHS girls' soccer team in the fall of 2006, captained this year's Husson College women's soccer team. Butterfield was named the conference Defensive Player of the Year and was a first-team conference all-star for all four years she played for Husson. During her college career she has also played for the basketball, softball and lacrosse teams. "In college I had to do a lot more administrative tasks such as coordinating travel plans for our road games," Butterfield said. "By taking care of a lot of off-the-field tasks, it made it easier for the players to focus on the games. "But both high school and college captaincies involved keeping the team motivated and making sure there weren't any divisions. In some ways it's more of a challenge working with older college players where there's more pressure compared to high school."



Photo courtesy of the University of Maine at Farmington

Emma Deans served as a captain for the University of Maine at Farmington field hockey team after filling the same role for GHS in the fall of 2006. She played in the National Field Hockey Coaches Association Division III Senior Game and is the first UMF player ever to be selected to play in the game. Deans was also named to the all-conference first team for the third straight season after scoring six goals and handing out a conference-best 13 assists. "There are a lot of similarities being a captain in high school compared to college," Deans said. "You need to try to bring 20 or so teammates together and face similar challenges along the way. College is more intense, which makes being a captain more challenging, especially with the need to balance a busier schedule that includes attending classes, studying and work."



Photo courtesy of the University of Maine at Orono

Kelsey Wilson, a captain for GHS girls' soccer in the fall of 2005 and 2006, was the sole captain for the University of Maine at Orono women's soccer team this year and earned a spot on the ESPN Academic All-District Women's Soccer Team. She led the team in scoring with eight goals and helped the Black Bears reach the finals of the of the conference tournament. "Being a captain on the field is very similar in college compared to high school," Wilson said. "You need to lead by example and keep your team up when things are not going well. But off the field, being a college captain involves a lot more work. Captains need to work with the younger players year-round and make sure the players do everything they need to do to get ready for the season."

in the Zone

All-State Soccer Selection: GHS boys' soccer senior Seth Wing was one of 11 players selected to the Maine Sunday Telegram boys' All-State Team. Wing scored seven goals from the sweeper position while also being named as the conference Defensive Player of the Year. He helped the Rams earn a record of 9-3-2 and advance to the Western Maine Class A finals.



Photo credit: Judy Wing

Rapolla Off To Fast Start: GHS girls' basketball senior Mia Rapolla scored 22 points or more in four of the team's first five conference games as she led the Rams to a 4-1 record and fifth-place ranking in Western Maine Class A. She scored a season-high 26 December 11 in 59-42 win over Scarborough, the defending Class A State Champion.

Sophomore Hat Trick: GHS boys' hockey sophomore Spence Cowand scored three goals and assisted on three others as the Rams defeated Fryeburg/Lake Region, 12-1, on December 11.

sports Etc.

The Fourth-Annual Free Throw Shooting Contest sponsored by the St. Anne's Council Knights of Columbus takes place January 8 at 9:00 a.m. at the GHS gym. Boys and girls, ages 10-14 are eligible to participate (proof of age is required), and there is no entry fee. Winners advance to district competition. Ages 10-11 shoot from 12 feet while ages 13-14 shoot from the regular 15-foot line. For more information, contact Scott Stevens at 839-3417.

GHS Winter Sports Preview Part II

Compiled by Jeff Pike

Below are team previews for the GHS boys' and girls' indoor track teams as well as cheering. Previews of the boys' and girls' basketball teams as well as the boys' and girls' hockey teams appeared in the previous issue while the boys' and girls' ski team preview will appear in the next issue.

GIRLS INDOOR TRACK

Head Coach: John Caterina, entering 12th season as head coach.

Last Season's Results: Finished regular season 4-8; placed eighth in Western Maine Class A and 14th in the Class A State Meet.

Captains: Juniors Sarah Perkins, Deireann Stillson; Sophomores Lindsay Chapman, Quincy Shaw.

Returning Key Athletes: Senior Jenny Thuotte-distance; Juniors Clara Stickney-pole vault, Deireann Stillson-sprints,

Rebekkah Wise-sprints; Sophomores Lindsay Chapman-high jump/sprints, Amber Hollivan-hurdles, Quincy Shaw-jumps/sprints.

Other Impact Athletes: Juniors Leanna Dalfonso-distance, Sarah Perkins-sprints/hurdles/jumps; Sophomore Caitlin Childress-pole vault; Freshman Hannah Southard, sprints/jumps.

Coach Comments: "We should be strong in the hurdles, jumps, mid-distance and distance races," said head coach John

GHS Weekend Varsity Sports Line-Up

Friday, January 7

5:00 p.m. Boys' Skiing Multi-Team Meet @ Shawnee Peak
5:00 p.m. Girls' Skiing Multi-Team Meet @ Shawnee Peak
7:00 p.m. Boys' Basketball vs. Kennebunk @ GHS Gym
7:00 p.m. Girls Basketball @ Kennebunk

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 8

1:45 p.m. Girls' Indoor Track Multi-Team Meet @ Portland Expo
3:05 p.m. Boys' Indoor Track Multi-Team Meet @ Portland Expo
8:15 p.m. Boys Hockey vs. Massabesic/Old Orchard Beach @ Gorham Campus

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

Football Awards



Photo credit Gorham Times staff

The GHS football team recently presented team awards at its end-of-season banquet. Pictured above, from left to right are Nick Kilborn, All-Conference Honorable Mention (running back); Joey Lynch, Ram Pride Award; and Kyle Nielsen, Best Defensive Player. Missing from the photo are Dylan Whitaker, All-Conference Honorable Mention (offensive line); and Stephen Verrill (Best Offensive Player).

Boys' Youth Soccer Team Reaches State Finals



Photo credit Nicole Richman

The Gorham Youth Soccer Association (GYSA) U-12 boys' team reached the finals of the Maine Fall Classic League Maine state tournament this past fall after finishing the regular season undefeated while allowing only five goals and finishing with a number-one ranking in the State. Since 2009, the team had not lost a game in over 50 games within their age group until this year's final game vs. Yarmouth. Playing for the team and pictured above, front row from left to right: Dylan Weeks, Jackson Fotter, Nick Sturtevant, Grant Hamblen, Ethan Orach, Tony Cooper, Ryan Firmin, Connor Sweat and Jordan Gaudreau. Back row: James Benson, Ryan Hamblen, Adam Peterson, Tyler Richman, Jason Komulainen, Cameron Stevens and Zach Meyers. The team was coached by Adam Sturtevant, Kim Fotter and Tom Komulainen.

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Caterina. "This is one of our youngest squads ever, with only two seniors on the roster of 30. But with the addition of Sarah Perkins, an outdoor State scorer in the hurdles, as well as several young talented freshmen and sophomores, we should show continuous improvement throughout the season."

CHEERING

Head Coach: Julie Dvilinsky, entering second season as head coach.

Last Season's Results: Finished sixth in the Western Maine Class A and 12th in the Class A State Meet.

Captains: Seniors Molly Aube, Kylie Duggan, Elizabeth Rocket; Junior Rachel Webster.

Returning Cheerleaders: Seniors Molly Aube, Elizabeth Rocket, Cameron Cupps; Juniors Abbey Brown, Rachel Webster, Emily Thompson, Emalee Esty; Sophomores Kara Stahl, Amanda Foster, Jenny Pinkleman.

Other Cheerleaders Expected To Have an Impact:

Seniors Kylie Duggan, Sean Dongo; Juniors Niki Jean, Sammy Dahlborg, Kaitlyn Buzzell, Annie Brewer; Freshman Savoy Boyd.

Coach Comments: "Our stunting skills have been extremely amazing this season, and our flyers have amazing flexibility with the ability to do double twists from one and two legs," said head coach Julie Dvilinsky. "The main area that needs improvement is tumbling. Though we have gained higher-level skills with some of our returning athletes, it's still not enough when competing against schools such as Biddeford and Lewiston, which predominately have full-team layouts and standing-back hand-

springs. We expect this will be another strong year for us with a predominately older team with lots of talent. We should do extremely well this competition season—our goal is to go to states and place higher than we did last year."

BOYS' INDOOR TRACK

Head Coach: Jason Tanguay, entering first season as head coach.

Last Season's Results: Finished regular season 8-5 and placed 18th in State Class A.

Captains: Juniors Jesse Orach, Joe DeRoy; Sophomores Cam Willette, Troy Lambert.

Returning Key Athletes: Seniors Kam Alexander-hurdles/jumps, Ben Besanko-sprints; Juniors Jesse Orach-distance, Joe DeRoy-middle distance, Nate Gervais-distance; Sophomores Troy Lambert-pole vault, Cam Willette-shot put, Julian Nijkamp-hurdles/jumps; Alex Thuotte-middle distance, Alex Johnson-pole vault.

Other Impact Athletes: Freshmen Travis Grant-hurdles/jumps, Sam Johnson-shot put, Christian Auspland-shot put.

Coach Comments: "We are a young group but have been working hard so far and are willing to put in the effort to improve," said head coach Jason Tanguay. "The coach-ability demonstrated by the team should allow us to improve over the season, which will be important since we lack experience competing at a higher level. I look for the team to be competitive with the middle of the pack of our league and hopefully can qualify some individuals for the state meet. I am excited to work with this group as they have shown they are anxious to improve."

OBITUARY

Alan A. Porter born 12/27/1962 in Manchester, Connecticut died 12/11/2010 in Scarborough, Maine. He grew up in East Glastonbury, Connecticut son of Arthur F. and Sylvia E. (Perham) Porter. After living in Connecticut all his life, Alan and his wife moved to Raymond, Maine and then finally settled in Gorham, Maine in 1996.



Alan fought a long hard battle with endocarditis. His final days were spent surrounded by family and friends that Alan had touched in so many ways throughout his short, yet very memorable life.

He loved his job at Nationwide Payment Solutions. In addition, he enjoyed gardening, woodworking, comics and the Portland Sea Dogs.

One of the things that mattered the most to Alan was his family. Alan met his wife, Kerry, in High School and they were married in 1986. He is survived by Kerry, son Cody, daughter Taylor, in addition to his sister, brother, uncle, two godsons, nieces, nephews and cousins. He is predeceased by both of his parents.

Alan's life would seem too short to many, but those who were touched by him understood that the quality of existence far exceeds the quantity of time in which one lives.

A memorial service was held on Saturday, December 18th. Donations may be made in Alan's memory to: Gosnell Memorial Hospice House, Hospice of Southern Maine 180 U.S. Route 1 STE 1 Scarborough, ME 04074 or www.hospiceofsouthernmaine.org/donate

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MILESTONES

Arlene E. Riley of 193 Sebago Lake Road celebrated her 90th birthday on Dec. 22 with friends and family. Guests included her children Nancy and Ron Sampson, Gloria and Darrell McBee, Pam and Charlie Gagnon, Cheryl Riley and Carol Riley. Grandchildren attending were Ray and Theresa Sampson, Kevin and Gale Sampson, Wendy and Mitch Nugent, Rhonda and Randy Perkins, Val and Tom Cotnoir, Marty Gagnon, Melissa and Brian Jolie. Great-grandchildren: Nick Sampson, Riley, Taylor, and Jordan Perkins, Madison Nugent, Abbie Jolie, Camden and Jaxson Cotnoir, Allison Sampson, Joshua and Ernesta Kennedy. Great-great grandchildren: Tyler, Chase and Drew Kennedy, Friends: Adam Nason, Corinne Burgess, Janet Shepherd, Betty and Earl Ahlquist.



Movement in Gorham and Jan. 9 on Rt. 25 in Limington. Ballet dancers, a gymnast, and a few jazz dancers from ages 8 through adult are needed. Actors older teens & adult. Come prepared to dance, read and have fun. Directed by Vicky Lloyd. Performances are April 29 & 30 & May 1, 6, 7 & 8. FMI, 839-DANS or www.ossipeetrailarts.org.

Registration is now open for The Gorham Business Exchange's 14th Annual Marketplace to be held on Saturday, March 26, 2011 at USM's Costello Field House. For more information and a registration form, call Dede Perkins, at 892-5515 or visit www.gorhambusiness.org.



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Matthew Phinney of Gorham won a slam dunk contest at Maine Red Claws game he attended in December to celebrate Griffin Banks' (right) birthday. Also pictured is **Ryan Kratzer** (middle).

Mr. & Mrs. Mark Faulkner would like to announce the marriage of their daughter **Ann Margaret Faulkner** (GHS '09) to **Benjamin Allen Taylor** (GHS '06), son of Regina Irish of Gorham and Robert Taylor Jr. of Buxton. The couple married December 4, 2010 at West Gorham Union Church.



Photo credit Martha T. Harris

Food Pantry Honoree



Photo credit Marc Robitaille

The Gorham Food Pantry Board recently honored **Paul Willis** for 10 years of outstanding leadership and dedication as its president. Paul was the driving force behind the acquisition and renovations leading to the new home for the Food Pantry in 2009. Pictured in row one are Food Pantry Director Fran Doucette, Paul Willis, and Nancy Robitaille. Row two: Brenda Caldwell, Chris Moody, Dede Perkins, Sue Dunn, Cherry Finck, and Ernie Manderson. Missing from the picture are board members Marc Badeau, Diane O'Neill, and Jen Banks.

OF INTEREST

The Gorham Business Exchange "Year-End Financial Planning" luncheon meeting will be held on Thursday, Jan. 13 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the community room at Gorham Savings Bank, 10 Wentworth Drive, Gorham. Guest speaker is Kristi Frates, Gorham Financial Group. FMI, 892-5515 or www.gorhambusiness.org.

Ossipee Trail Arts Center will hold auditions for a ballet theater production of "Cinderella" on Jan. 8 at the Centre of

New Year Gorham 2011: Photo at right: Kayden and Egan Barter (Westbrook) pose after getting their faces painted. Below, top row, left: Stillbrook Acres provided a horse drawn wagon ride to and from venues. Right: Gorham Community Chorus sang at First Parish Church. Bottom row, left: \$1800 shoes, a barbershop harmony group, also sang at First parish Church. Middle: The Don Roy Trio played in the Odd Fellows Building. Right: An African hedgehog was presented to the group. Far right: 10-year old Virginia Hugo-Vidal (Buxton) touched a snake presented by the Granite State Zoo.



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school children to take advantage of the Penobscot Regional Land Trust acreage for hiking and observing nature.

- Sebago Educational Alliance voted to move the Day Treatment Program from Little Falls Kindergarten Center in Gorham to the Jewett School in Buxton, which is larger and can accommodate a full K-12 program. Due to the larger facility, other programs are being considered.
- At the December 11 Sebago Alliance Dine & Discuss, Charlie Colgan, USM Muskie School of Public Service professor and chief economics consultant to the last five governors, gave a presentation on the current recession "The Great Recession and the Not So Great Recovery." He shared his perspective of the current economic climate and his projections for its recovery that he assesses will not occur until 2015.
- The Maine Children's Cancer Program expressed their gratitude for the efforts of the Gorham Girls' Soccer team in their September MCCP Walk and contributing the success of this event.

Nutrition Director Michael Sanborn added to the meeting by providing an update on the School Nutrition

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Program. The underlying theme of this year's efforts is communication, which will more effectively get relevant information out. Existing tools will be explored and further developed and new approaches will be considered and determined. Such examples include:

- Meetings with student groups. This year's Maine Harvest Lunch for grades K-12 was prompted in a meeting where students requested another event like the one held several years earlier.

- The enhanced website, www.gorhamschools.org/food_service, now provides much more useful information including online applications for PayPAMs (prepaid accounts), monthly newsletters, menus, contact information, and "Did you know?"

Superintendent Sharp congratulated and commended Rep. Linda Sanborn on the significant changes to the School Nutrition Program in the three years he has been leading this program. Chairman Libby explained that

the service is funded through government funding and student reimbursements. He also cited that Sanborn was responsible for the turnaround of a several hundred-dollar deficit to a \$50,000 surplus within one period.

In addition, the decisions for all interior finishes and colors have been finalized for the new elementary school. Although there were concerns about the schedule completion of the construction, the contractors explained details of their staff management and confirmed the school will be completed on time.

Lastly, the committee voted to approve the finalized proposed positions for school cheering, boys' and girls' basketball, boys' and girls' indoor track, boys' and girls' ice hockey and skiing.



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PRESUMPSCOT REGIONAL LAND TRUST

Grant Funding Received to Preserve Randall Orchards

Gorham Times Staff



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In this springtime photo, the apple trees at Randall Orchards are in full bloom.

Presumpscot Regional Land Trust (PRLT) has received a \$10,000 grant from the Davis Conservation Fund to help in its effort to conserve the 100-acre Randall Orchards in Standish and the surrounding 400 acres in Standish and Gorham with a conservation easement.

This is a very large conservation project for the Gorham/Standish area and for southern Maine. According to Will Plumley, co-chair of the Randall Orchard protection Campaign Steering Committee, "This is a rare and important opportunity to conserve more than 500 acres of farm and forest in the fastest growing part of the state." If successful, the conservation effort will provide a long-term public benefit for Maine residents by protecting a working farm and substantial wildlife habitat and by giving public access to a large parcel of undeveloped woodlands as well as scenic open space.

Randall Orchards, located off Route 25, 1/4 mile over the Gorham/Standish line, has operated as a family farm since 1906. Dick Randall, the current owner, purchased the farm from his grandfather, Edgar. Through three generations, this beautiful family-farm has graduated from using horses to tractors and has grown a variety of crops. It currently grows many varieties of apples, peaches and squash and has working cider mill.

Randall, a forward-thinking man, is planning for the future. While he could have sold the property to the

highest bidder after his father died, that is not what he wanted. Instead, he and the PRLT are working together to create a legacy for many future generations to enjoy.

The Randall Orchards conservation project is dependent on further funding from the Land for Maine's Future (LMF) grant program and accompanying federal funds. PRLT, with the help of the Maine Farmland Trust, has a current pending application with LMF. Announcements of grant awards will be made in May/June 2011. The LMF bond was passed by a 60% vote in the November elections.

The Presumpscot Regional Land Trust (www.prlt.org) is currently working to raise the additional funds needed to receive the Land for Maine's Future grant. In addition to the \$10,000 Davis Conservation fund grant, an estimated additional \$16,500 is needed to cover the direct transaction costs—survey, appraisal, environmental assessment, baseline document, and fees—all of which are required to receive LMF state and accompanying federal funds.

All donations are tax deductible. Checks should be written to the Presumpscot Regional Land Trust and earmarked for the Randall Orchard Protection Campaign. If you are interested in getting involved in the fundraising effort, please contact Will Plumley, Co-Chair of the Randall Orchard Protection Campaign Steering Committee at w.plumley@roadrunner.com or (207) 595-2134.



A Cow-incidence?

Caller requested to speak to an officer regarding the location of the cemeteries in Gorham. **North Gorham Rd. caller reported** there was a cow in the cemetery across from the school.

Running Springs Rd. caller reported that an acid bomb destroyed their mailbox.

Barstow Rd. caller reported that all the sheep were loose from the fenced in area, and no one answered the door at the house where the sheep belonged.

Caller reported that traffic was backed up all the way to the golf course in Scarborough due to a subject, who was running for political office, in a parking lot waving a flashlight.

Maple Dr. caller reported that their neighbor was screaming at them when they pulled into their yard.

School St. caller reported suspicious activity in the area. Subjects were laying carpet.

Elm St. caller reported suspicious activity in the area. Employees and friends were closing the store.

Douglas St. caller reported that a neighborhood dog keeps doing its "business" on their property.

Cressey Rd. man was arrested for domestic violence assault.

Huston Rd. woman was arrested for OUI.

Gray Rd. man was arrested for domestic violence assault.

Gray Rd. caller wanted to anonymously report the abuse of a dog.

Elm St. caller reported a stray cat walking around.

Mitchell Hill Rd. caller reported a large white horse in the middle of the road.

South St. caller reported an accident involving a motor vehicle and a turkey.

Files Rd. caller stated that the chickens at the residence next door keep coming into their yard.

Harding Bridge Rd. caller requested to speak with an officer regarding town rules on shooting his gun, specifically where he can and cannot shoot.

Harding Bridge Rd. caller requested to speak with an officer regarding a rumor that there had been a lot of break-ins in the area.

Caller reported an abandoned vehicle in the area; its occupants pulled over to sleep.

Dundee Rd. caller reported two recycling bins were run over two weeks ago and two more were stolen.

Gray Rd. caller reported that there were several cows headed toward the road.

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what's happening

SATURDAY, JAN. 8

- Drama Club Fundraiser, 7:30-9 p.m., GHS Auditorium.

MONDAY, JAN. 10

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

TUESDAY, JAN. 11

- PIE Meeting, 6-7 p.m., White Rock School Teacher's Room.
- Volunteer Orientation Meeting, 6:30-8 p.m., GMS Library.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 12

- Gorham Food Pantry, 6-7:30 p.m., St. Anne's Church Parking Lot, Main St.
- North Gorham Public Library, Babies in the Library, ages 0-3 yrs, 10-11 a.m. FMI, 892-2575.
- School Board Meeting, 7 p.m., Gorham Municipal Center, 75 South St.

THURSDAY, JAN. 13

- 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.
- 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.
- North Gorham Public Library, Story Hour for ages 3-5 yrs, 9:30-10:30 a.m. FMI, 892-2575.
- Village School Chorus Concert, 7-8 p.m., GMS Auditorium.

FRIDAY, JAN. 14

- Local TRIAD meeting, 8:45 - 9:45 a.m., Westbrook Safety Building. FMI, 856-1212.

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. 17

- No School for grades K-12. Martin Luther King Day.
- Gorham Food Pantry, 6-7 p.m., St. Anne's Church Parking Lot, Main St.
- Food & Fellowship Ecumenical Meal Program, Windham Hill UCC, 140 Windham Center Rd, Windham. Everyone welcome. FMI, 892-3769.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 19

- North Gorham Public Library, Babies in the Library, ages 0-3 yrs, 10-11 a.m. FMI, 892-2575.

THURSDAY, JAN. 20

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- Kiwanis Club Lunch Meeting, Pinecrest Bed & Breakfast, 12 noon -1 p.m. FMI, 839-8944.
- PIE Meeting, 5:30-6:30 p.m., Village School Library.

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