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USM art students show their work. Far left: "Depose No. 135" by Donald F. Martin and "The Hornist" by Alisa Ann Blundon.

New Cause for Concern Near USM

Sheri Faber

On March 30, staff members at USM held a meeting to discuss the current situation between the fraternities and their neighbors. Last year new rules, among other restrictions, were put into effect requiring fraternities to notify both police and neighbors of upcoming events. According to Tim Allard of Preble Street, there had not been any problems. The current president of Delta Chi reported they only had one function this year, which went well. He was working to let new members know that the fraternity must have good relations with their neighbors. The president plans to live in the fraternity house over the summer and expects to keep the situation under control. The Town Council is working on an ordinance to ensure fraternities and sororities will no longer be a problem for their village neighbors.

Bruce Roullard, who lives on the corner of School Street and College Avenue, reported that The Church Performing Arts Center/Sons of Italy Lodge (PAC) has been holding events that end well after midnight. He noted large groups of noisy students walking toward College Avenue from the PAC, located in the former Methodist church building. There was general agreement that either USM or Gorham

police might station a cruiser in front of the former Odd Fellows building to deter students from being too loud as they walk back to campus. The PAC, with a capacity of over 300 people, scheduled a number of musical events, some alcohol-free and others with alcohol. In an advertisement in a local newspaper, they referred to the venue as "Gorham's hottest new party spot."

According to Jeff Austin, supervisor of Liquor Licensing and Compliance for the state, the PAC is permitted to serve alcohol at their entertainment events. The facility is licensed as a charitable or not-for-profit business. They were required to be in business for one year and to have done 24 performances without serving alcohol before being granted their current license.

For events intended for people above 18 years old, The Church stamps an "X" on the hands of those who are of legal drinking age so they can get additional drinks without being carded again. It is possible that in this type of venue, people 21 years and older provide alcoholic beverages for their under 21 friends.

Attempts to reach property owner Michel Salvaggio, Sr. and manager Celeste Ross were unsuccessful at press time.

Council Approves Synthetic Turf Field Referendum

Bill Ambrose and Stacy Sallinen

In a workshop in early March, the Town Council reviewed a preliminary concept plan to construct a synthetic turf competition field and begin the second phase of improvements to the Chick Property. At the regular monthly meeting on April 5, the Town Council voted 5-2 (Miner, Mattingly) to place a referendum on the June 14 ballot asking voters to approve borrowing up to \$3 million for the project.

The proposed project calls for a synthetic turf competition field and support facilities, including 1000-seat bleachers, locker/changing rooms, concessions and storage areas. An additional fourteen parking spaces would be added at the Public Safety building, and approximately 280 parking spaces would be added to the west of and behind Narragansett Elementary School to support activities at the school and competition field. Sidewalks would run the entire length of Chick Road, and from the parking facilities to the field. An alternate exit for emergency vehicles onto Chick Road would also be created.

Additionally, improvements would be made to address long-standing safety concerns at Narragansett School by separating the bus loop from the parent/visitor drop-off zone and teacher parking lot. School buses would continue to enter the school property from Main Street, but all other vehicles would access the school from the recently constructed Chick Road and a new parking lot/drop-off area. Sidewalks and curbing would be upgraded in front of the school.

Town Council Chairman Matthew Robinson said the committee explored other options for the location of a new field. Talks stalled with University of Southern Maine when considering a joint project because of scheduling logistics with athletic competitions. According to Director of Athletics and Recreation Al Bean, USM's proposed plan to build a synthetic field is expected to go before the Board of Trustees in May. If approved, the project will go out to bid, construction on the first phase would begin during the summer, and the field would be ready to use in fall.

The committee also explored changing the current competition field at Gorham High School from a regular turf field into a synthetic turf field. However, there were not enough cost savings realized, and the high school lacks sufficient parking areas. In addition, wetland concerns made field expansion unfeasible.

Town Manager David Cole explained that the costs to maintain a synthetic turf field are significantly lower, costing approximately \$3,600 to maintain in the first year, versus \$35,000 to properly maintain a regular turf field. Field usage for a synthetic turf field would also increase drastically, whereas a regular turf field needs down time to recover after heavy usage.

Robinson said if the project moves forward, the field would open up to school sporting events, possibly hosting state championship games, as well as to other local activities and teams, including USM. "It would allow us to

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DEP Considers Options for Plan-It Recycling

Sheri Faber

The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) is analyzing the chemical composition of the waste at Plan-It Recycling to determine if it contains gypsum, a substance found in wallboard. Gypsum can contain sulfate, which can create a toxic, foul smelling gas. If the tests

show that the waste is not toxic, the DEP expects to use the 11,000 cubic yards of construction and demolition debris to close a landfill in the Augusta area. The DEP estimates the cost to commercially dispose of the waste would be about \$700,000. If it can be disposed of in the landfill, it would

cost less than half that amount.

Other waste management companies have expressed an interest in taking over the facility, which opened in 2004. Lower clean up costs would make it a more attractive purchase. Plan-It Recycling also took in appliances, leaves, recyclables and

universal waste such as fluorescent light bulbs, batteries and computers. Owner Ronald Smalley has not been able to afford to clean up the site and also owes the City of Rockland about \$163,000 in fees for disposal of construction and demolition debris.



The Gorham Times took a Caribbean cruise with Kattia Lomando, Karen DiDonato (Gorham Times editor), Carol Kalp and Martha Harris (Gorham Times photographer).



GHS Track Athletes Earn All-American Honors Page 9

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Dear Gorham Times,

Regarding Tania Neuschafer's article entitled "Critical Trail Link in Question" (Gorham Times 3/18/11), do our politicians think they can please everyone by supporting development of both a recreational trail and the revival of rail transportation along this old track? It appears the Sebago to the Sea Trail advocates have bought into this shared but blurred vision.

In May of 2007, the Maine senate voted to enact a bill that directed the state's Department of Transportation to study the cost of extending rail service from Portland to Fryeburg. The hope of the study was to conclusively show that with the revitalization of this branch line profitable rail freight would return. At a cost of \$1.2 million per track mile, the numbers did not

support such a plan. Page after page of the 2007 study outlined the deplorable existing condition and cost upgrades that would be needed to activate this rail line. The study went on to say the potential use of the line would most likely not support its costs of operation.

No one seems to want to hear the truth. When fully operational it never made a profit. Put it back in service, and it will need perpetual public funding. Isn't it about time someone puts a stop to the massive waste of taxpayer dollars planned on this piece of "dead railroad?"

I am a proponent of a strong and profitable American railroad system but I cannot remain silent when I see government wastefully spending millions of taxpayer dollars for the benefit

of a few while we the people face difficult fiscal choices on a daily basis. Let's get our priorities straight, take care of our rapidly deteriorating roadways in the state of Maine, roadways that benefit all of us 365 days a year.

Let's keep the Mountain Division Trail just as it is and stop the "train to nowhere."

Respectfully:

John J. McGinnis (Windham)

Dear Gorham Times,

I've been volunteering for the last two years with the town of Windham and the University of Maine on vernal pool surveys, some of the most enjoyable and satisfying work I have ever done. These temporary pools are teeming with life including wood frogs, spotted salamanders, and fairy shrimp. These species only breed in vernal pools and are becoming scarce due to habitat loss. I'm VERY concerned about the talk coming from the governor about repealing some of the regulations around our state's natural resources that include vernal pools. As a naturalist I can't bear the thought of losing more of our land to sprawl and business. I have watched it happen in my front yard at Mosher's Corners, where yet another wetland has been divided and diminished for the sake of commercial interests. We need to keep regulations in place that protect our land, animals, and flora. Maine's livelihoods and character depend on the preservation of our ecology. Just about everything I've heard coming from Augusta lately has made my blood boil (LD1129, public employee pensions, removing the mural!), but natural resources are foremost in my heart. Our state motto is "dirigo," which means "I lead." Let us not lead with bulldozers.

Sincerely,

Allie Rimkunas

Dear Gorham Times,

This retired teacher supports Governor LePage's budget. Governor LePage's proposed budget will be good for Maine. His reforms cut the IOU to the state pension system in half without cutting paychecks, altering job security or higher pay for state workers. He is lowering taxes by \$203 million through tax cuts that will put money back into the pockets of 240,000 Maine families. His proposal eliminates the marriage penalty, increases personal exemptions, and minimizes the impact of the death tax. Funding to education will be \$63 million, the highest in years. Communities will get some property tax relief. Business will



NEWS FROM AUGUSTA

Strain on the Drain

Rep. Jane Knapp

Rep. Jane Knapp, (207) 839-3880, (800) 423-2900, repjane.knapp@legislature.maine.gov

In the legislature, I am a member of the Joint Standing Committee on Environment and Natural Resources, which hears a wide variety of bills submitted to the legislature. During the public hearings and work sessions for these bills, many informative discussions are held. At one recent public hearing, a matter concerning the "flushability" of consumer products was brought before the committee. We were educated about the increase in wastewater pump station malfunctions.

The Portland Water District, along with other parties, provided the committee with facts regarding the disposal of consumer products into municipal sewer systems. These products, such as disinfecting wipes, makeup removal pads and dental floss, introduce sizeable amounts of material that can become tangled in the septic pumps. Thus, wastewater pump stations malfunction, presenting a threat to public health and the environment. Notably, this is an issue for individual septic tank owners as well, because as septic tank pumps back up, septic leach fields can fail.

During the hearing, the committee learned of some recent sewer backups. Gorham was on that list. According to the Portland Water District, several pump stations in Gorham failed when consumer products regularly clogged pumps. These clogged pumps lead to significant expenses. Indeed, the weekly response to the failed pump stations in Gorham was costing \$24,000 per year.

I learned that specialized equipment is often purchased to deal with the problem of clogged pumps. The

Portland Water District had, at one point, installed grates at some pump stations to capture material before it reached the pumps. Due to the large amount of material, however, the grate became completely covered, causing wastewater flow to back up. Since then, screens have been installed. At Gorham pump stations, the most economical solution was to replace the clogged pipes with less energy efficient pumps equipped with cutting elements to break down the disposed products. This was at a cost of \$50,000.

In what I feel is a very worthwhile effort, some water districts dedicate significant resources towards consumer outreach campaigns, making the public more attuned to this issue and how it can be prevented. The public is urged to keep in mind that even products labeled as "flushable" are shown to not always break down after disposal. Specific items that should not be flushed include feminine products, cotton balls, disposable wipes, dental floss, syringes or needles and cleaning wipes. By disposing of products properly, we can help protect local surface waters and reduce the need to fund expanding maintenance requirements.

While it was eye-opening for me to learn the cause of sewer backups in Gorham, the reality is this issue is widespread across Maine. Pump failure is an environmental hazard and a financial burden. The response is a mess for those who maintain the sewer system and for anyone who experiences the consequences of a system backup. Please remember to not just "flush and forget."

around town

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Gorham Boy Granted Wish by Make-a-Wish Foundation

Sherrie Fontaine



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Pictured from left to right are James, Lucien and Michelle Beardsley; Sergeant Peter Cote; First Lieutenant Kevin Korenkiewicz and Captain Chris Gleason.

It is a joy for parents to see the smiling face of their child knowing they are happy and healthy. It is unbelievable anguish when the smile disappears and the child is in pain. For Michelle and James Beardsley that time came when their son Lucien, at age two, was diagnosed with acute lymphatic leukemia. For the past few years, Lucien's childhood has been put on hold. He suffered from extreme pain, enduring three years of chemotherapy treatment,

blood transfusions infusions. Through the most intensive phase of treatment, he developed pneumonia and a bone infection. A full year after his final treatment, there are lingering side effects. Now six, Lucien's smile has returned. He anxiously counted down the days to March 29, when he, his family and his best friend Chloe Smith, would be on their way to Disney World, for a wish come true.

Lucien's wish was being granted

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Officer David M. Kearns Retires

Jackie Francis

Officer Kearns retires from the Gorham Police Department after 40 years of service.

In addition to the “honey-do-list” that has been accumulating for years, and a house that has needed painting for the last three, Gorham police officer David Kearns would like to find a bit of time to get some fishing done and do some traveling. On the destination list is a trip to the Smithsonian in Washington (he loves history) followed by a stay in Ireland, because, well, his name is David McDonough Kearns. Recently retired after 40 years of service in the Gorham Police Department, Officer Kearns will, it seems, finally have the time to do so.

With a tongue-in-cheek penchant for storytelling and a disregard for brevity, Officer Kearns describes the innate inclination for public service in his family. Both of his grandfathers, his father, mother and brother worked for the Portland Police Department. He figures its a combined total of 330 years of police service between the McDonough/Kearns family. Although the likelihood this Irish Catholic boy from Portland would choose law enforcement as a career was a given, he was not aware of it at first.

A 1964 graduate of Portland High School and 1970 graduate of the Maine Criminal Justice Academy, Kearns remembers his father saying while pinning on his badge, “You’re not going to save the world and you’re not going to do anything that hasn’t been done before.” Well, he may not have saved the world, but he did save one particular life.

Responding to a call from a frantic

mother whose infant daughter was not breathing, Officer Kearns arrived, applied CPR to the infant, and within moments “felt a quiver.” He willed the baby to cry and so she did, as he recalls. He remembers handing the baby to her mother and needing to leave the room to compose himself. Fast forward fifteen years later and Kearns is at a craft fair in Windham with his wife. A lady rushes over to him with a teenager in tow and explains to her daughter that Kearns is the police officer who saved her life. “You take the good with the bad,” says Kearns with a smile while offering up one of his many adages.

“I’m a man with many philosophical sayings,” says the unabashed Kearns. His favorite is one he borrowed from his father: “I won’t tolerate a liar, a sneak or a thief, and there’s no better sneak than me.” My favorite of his? “To make a long story short.” It’s the irony that gets me.

With three grown daughters and two baby grandchildren, Kearns is looking forward to retirement with his wife, Liz, of 39 years. “Gorham and the Gorham Police Department have been fantastic places to work,” says Kearns. “I’ve enjoyed being a public servant to the town of Gorham and meeting different people.” And then he adds with a mischievous smile, “I’ll let them decide whether they’ve enjoyed meeting me.”

One thing is for certain, he will have plenty of stories to tell his grandchildren.

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Chief Shepard Reports

The Gorham Police Department has made increased efforts to reduce the number of traffic accidents in town. The Department received two seat belt/speed enforcement grants and two OUI grants in the past year and is applying for similar grants for this year. These grants fund overtime for officers

to focus on speeding, seat belt use and OUI. In addition, the town now has a traffic enforcement officer who spends much of his time enforcing the speed limit. As a result of these activities, the number of accidents has decreased from 555 in 2008 to 519 in 2009 and 454 in 2010.

Clerk’s Corner

Connie Loughran, Acting Town Clerk

We are busy in the Town Clerk’s office preparing for the June 14 election. There will be three items on which to vote: the school budget referendum; electing one person to an existing vacancy on the School Board with a term to expire November 2012; and a \$3,000,000 bond question to construct public safety improvements at and near the Narragansett School and a synthetic turf competition field with related facilities and site improvements.

Nomination papers are still being accepted for the School Board and are to be completed and submitted to the Town Clerk’s office no later than 4:30 p.m. Monday, May 2. Nomination papers must have no less than 25 and no more than 100 signatures of persons who are registered voters of the Town of Gorham.

As I write this it looks like spring from my office window and that

means boating and fishing. Boat registration stickers are now available; currently registered ATV’s expire June 30. As of May 1 ATV’s can be registered for 2012. Hunting and Fishing licenses are available all year. Remember renewal registrations for boats, ATV’s, and motor vehicles including trailers may be completed at www.gorham-me.org by clicking on Online Transactions. Hunting and fishing licenses may also be purchased online. If you have a new or used boat, ATV or motor vehicle, including private sale, dealer sale or new to Maine, you must come to the Town Clerk’s office for your first registration.

For further information please contact the Town Clerk’s office at 222-1670.

Acting Town Clerk Connie Loughran can be reached by e-mail at cloughran@gorham.me.us or by phone at 222-1670.

Marketplace Winner



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Sharen Deering, grand prize winner of the Price is Right, took home over \$800 in prizes from Gorham Marketplace. From left to right—Karen Gaudette, Sharen Deering, and Terry Darling.



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Linda Treworgy Faatz

More grows in the garden than the gardener sows.
— Old Spanish Proverb —

Spring is full of hope and planning. Now is the time to put begin putting your garden vision into action. Wade through the last remnants of unexpected April Fools' snow to cut forsythia stems to force inside. Keep an eye out for pussy willows. Get ready to plant cold weather veggies. Greens of all kinds do best in the cool of spring and early summer.

As excited as I am to get going, I am not over zealous about starting seedlings. In the past I have started them too early and then run out of transplant room. I have, however, started some leaf lettuce. Each sunny day, I take the container to the porch during the warmest part of the day.

If you saved your geraniums, it is time to bring them up, cut them back to about six inches, remove dead stems and repot. Fill your sunny windows with these plants until danger of frost has past. Keep them watered and lightly fertilized with a water-soluble mixture.

Hopefully you saved your banana peels in a bag in the freezer over the winter months. When the soil can be worked in the spring, put them into the ground around your roses. The potassium will encourage strong canes and healthy growth. Added diet for roses might include alfalfa meal to use as a growth regulator. Fish emulsion will promote vigorous growth, lush

blooms and green foliage. Epsom salts also provide magnesium for healthy plant development and lush growth. Cut back dead canes of roses after the leaves are visible. April and July are the best months to fertilize roses.

Sharpen your pruners, clean off your edger and oil the wooden handles of shovels and weeders. The time for garden play will soon begin and your tools should be good to go.

This is the season for rippled puddles and melting snow, the perfect start to the growing season. On these sunny days take a close look at the silhouettes of the bare trees against the blue spring sky. The sun, still low in the sky, casts the most interesting shadows across the fields. If you listen, the birds will tell you that spring is in the air. They will soon be building their nests. Some birds like to add dryer lint to their nests - just another interesting way for you to recycle.



Linda Treworgy Faatz, a passionate gardener for many years, lives in her family home at Friend's Corner and cares for the extensive Treworgy gardens. She loves to share her home and gardens through craft sales, classes and garden events.



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Student Art Spotlight

Eight Gorham students have artwork on display until April 3 at the Portland Museum of Art in celebration of National Youth Art Month. For the next three months, the Gorham Arts Alliance will be co-sponsoring the art to be displayed at local businesses and public buildings. All eight pieces will rotate as a group, and can be viewed at Casco Federal Credit Union in April, Mr. Bagel in May and the superintendent's office in June.

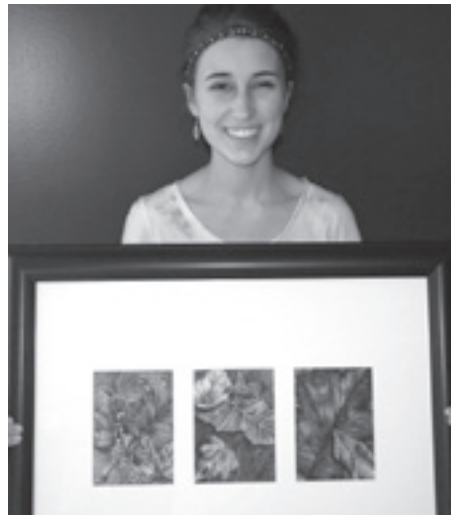


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Megan Mitchell, Grade 12, Gorham High School, Title of artwork: Leaves Triptych

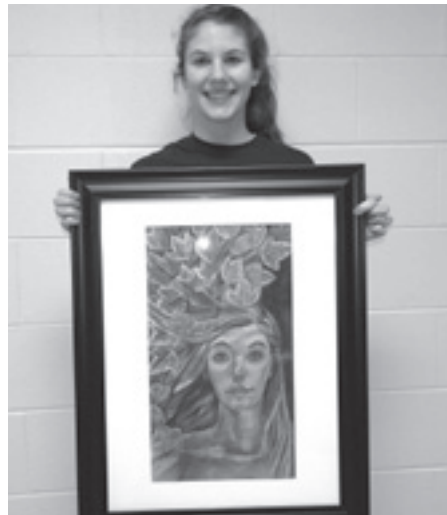


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Grace Sunnell, Grade 12, Gorham High School, Title of artwork: Self-portrait



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Maren Root, Grade 2, White Rock Elementary School
Title of artwork: Year of the Rabbit



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Logan Bantly, Grade 4, Village School
Title of artwork: Jackie Robinson

Autumn Heil, Grade 4, Village School
Title of artwork: Wood duck

Gorham Arts Alliance to Support Arts in Gorham

The Gorham Arts Alliance

A new organization called the Gorham Arts Alliance was formed to promote visual and performing arts in Gorham. Its mission is to inspire, enrich and strengthen the community by offering cultural experiences through the arts.

The Gorham Arts Alliance will provide opportunities to encourage creativity, life-long learning, and the participation in the arts through after-school clubs, vacation camps, art shows and exhibits. It will also foster community relationships by working in collaboration with the Gorham Recreation Department, Baxter Memorial Library and University of Southern Maine, Gorham. The intent of the Gorham Arts Alliance is to involve citizens of all ages in the programs.



"Gorham's Got Talent Show," which is co-sponsored by the Gorham Arts Alliance, will be held at Gorham Middle School on May 14 and 15. It is also working with Baxter Memorial Library to offer a class in Mask Making on April 30 at 10 a.m. and Creative Parade Crafts on May 21 at 9:30 a.m. These classes are free and open to parents and children of any age group.

In addition, the Gorham Arts Alliance will host a steel drum concert on May 20 at Gorham Middle School at 7 p.m. featuring the wildly popular Planet Pan Steel Band from Blue Hill. Two workshops will be held on Saturday, May 21 from 9 a.m. to noon

Green Team Hopes to put Solar Panel on GHS Roof

Forrest Plaisted, GHS Student



Photo credit Eli Wilson

Samuel Emerson, Forrest Plaisted and Olivia Marshburn-Ersek volunteer their time to collect recycling bins at GHS.

Forrest Plaisted, a sophomore at Gorham High School, thought his school was lacking something every school should have at a time when energy costs are high and the effects of global warming are apparent - an environmental club. With the help of club advisor Josie Tierney-Fife, an English teacher, the Green Team became a reality in March 2010.

At the first meeting, the Green Team discussed the possibility of getting solar panels installed on the roof of GHS to help save energy costs and to reduce the use of carbon fuels. The total cost was about \$57,000 - a large amount of money to be raised by a club in its infancy. Club members were not deterred by the large amount of money for solar panels, but were determined to come up with a number of fundraising ideas. In April, the Green Team held its first fundraising event - a raffle, offering gift certificates to local businesses. In June, the team sold Chico Bags at Sam's Club in Scarborough. On that day, the Green Team sold out of Chico Bags in less than three hours. Chico Bags are reusable bags that fold into the size of a credit card and are used to replace plastic bags, which are made using petroleum products and take thousands of years to decay in landfills.

"From the very beginning we decided that all our fundraising events would be environmentally friendly. The gift certificates were from local businesses, encouraging people to buy locally. Selling reusable Chico bags helps the environment," said Plaisted. When school started up in September, the Green Team was ready to continue to strive to reach its goal. In October, the Green Team sold Chico

bags again, but this time, they sold apples too, placed inside the Chico bags as an added incentive to buyers. The apples were donated by John and Ellen Lucy of Douglas Hill Orchards in Sebago. The Green Team was able to sell 51 Chico Bags in five hours.

"It was the time of year when apples were being harvested and we thought to include a Maine-grown product in the Chico bags. Since the apples were locally-grown, they left a smaller carbon footprint because they didn't have to be shipped in from out of state," said Plaisted. By this time, word of the Green Team's success and mission to improve the environment was well known throughout the halls of Gorham High School. In January 2011, the Green Team was notified that the recycling was not being done on the second floor at Gorham High School. The Green Team took on the responsibility to help make Gorham High School greener. On the first and third Mondays after school, the Green Team picks up the waste paper and cardboard contained in bins in front of each classroom.

"Helping the planet is great, and it feels so good to do it. We are doing the right thing because there is only one earth," says Plaisted. Other Green Team members include Olivia Marshburn-Ersek, Samuel Emerson, and Michelle Pham. The Green Team will be applying for a grant that will pay for 80% of the solar panel cost, but all help is greatly appreciated. Donations can be made to Gorham High School in care of the Green Team.

where students and community members can learn to play the steel drums.

A list of exciting visual and performing arts camps being offered during the week of April vacation and over the summer will be available through the Gorham Recreation Department.

Through donations, grants and fundraising efforts, the Gorham Arts Alliance will be able to offer classes

and have visual and performing artists visit in the schools and throughout the community. To learn more about the Gorham Arts Alliance or upcoming events and classes, look for their booth at the Gorham Founder's Day celebration on May 28, or visit their website at www.gorhamartsalliance.org, or contact Amy Valentine at 318-0584 or avalentine_cis@yahoo.com.

Celebrating Music in Our Schools

Tim Ebersold, GHS Band Director

On Tuesday, March 22, the Gorham High School Concert Band, under the direction of Tim Ebersold, traveled to Village Elementary School to perform a concert in honor of Music in Our Schools Month (MIOSM). The fifth grade band, directed by Kim Mathieu, played three pieces to kick off the concert. The two bands played in the gym to hundreds of Village students. The following day, the GHS Concert Choir and Chamber Singers, under the direction of Matt Murray, performed a five-concert tour of all Gorham schools that included two concerts at Gorham Middle School and one concert each at Village, White Rock, and Narragansett schools.

The National Association for Music Education designated March as the month for music education to become the focus of schools across the nation. MIOSM began as a single statewide

celebration in 1973, and has grown over the decades to encompass a day, then a week, and since 1985, it has become a month long celebration of school music. The purpose of MIOSM is to raise awareness of the importance of music education for all children, and to remind citizens that school is where all children should have access to music.

The two high school groups not only wanted to share their music with younger students but to also share their stories. "We have everybody from members of the varsity basketball and football teams to actors and robotic team members involved in music," explained Murray. "Music is something in which every student at GHS can get involved. It is a way to share common ground and make new friends. There are many musical classes to take advantage of at the high school and at every skill level."



Photo credit Matt Murray

The GHS Concert Band, under the direction of Tim Ebersold, during one of their rehearsals.

School Department to Use Connect-ED Service

Compiled by Stacy Sallinen

The Gorham School Department is using Connect-ED service by Blackboard Connect Inc., a mass-communication service that allows school officials to reach thousands of parents, faculty and staff with time-sensitive information within minutes. The system can be used to provide information on school closures,

contingency plans due to inclement weather, issues arising from pandemics or other breaking developments.

The Connect-ED service enables school officials to schedule, send and track personalized voice messages to up to six phone numbers and two e-mail addresses per person. Voice messages can be sent to home, work

or cell phones; text messages can be sent to cell phones, PDAs and other text-based devices; written messages can be sent to e-mail accounts; and messages can be sent to TTY/TDD receiving devices for the hearing impaired.

The Gorham School Department will test the Connect-ED service on

Wednesday, April 27 at 5 p.m. This will also test the accuracy of the data provided by parents of currently enrolled students. If you are a community member who erroneously receives a call, please contact Dennis Crowe, director of technology, at 222-1005 to have your phone number removed from this service.

school notes

Gorham Middle School will hold a special meeting for parents of incoming sixth grade students for the 2011-2012 school year on Wednesday, May 18 from

6:30-7:30 p.m. in the GMS auditorium. Parents attending the meeting will hear about plans for step-up day; get good summer ideas for helping with a smooth transition to middle school; and have an opportunity to meet school administrators, social worker, guidance counselor,

school nurse, instructional strategist, and a few sixth grade teachers. FMI, please contact Susie Hanley or Bob Riley at 222-1220.

Upcoming Gorham Adult Education Classes. Register NOW! For more infor-

mation on these and other courses being offered this spring, please visit www.gorham.maineadulted.org. Classes such as Vernal Pool Walk, Moving to Manual Mode, Introduction to Fly Tying and Beginning Fly Fishing.

GMS Holds Career Fair

Ciara Stillson, Natasha Fogg and Maddie DeWitt, GMS Students

On Thursday, March 3 the Gorham Middle School hosted the 2nd Annual Career Day for students. Each team of teachers invited several members of the community and from businesses in the Greater Portland area to speak to our students about how they decided upon their chosen career, what kind of education was necessary for them to be successful and how their chosen career was impacted by their time in middle school.

Additionally, Bob Stuart, president of Yarmouth Educational Consultants, spoke to students about preparing now for college. He discussed scholarships, both athletic and academic, and his best piece of advice for all students who indicated they hoped to get a college scholarship was to "get as many A's as you can!"

The Gorham Middle School community is grateful to everyone who took time out of their very busy days to share with us their jobs and pass along their years of wisdom.

Cheverus Student Wins Award in Titan Challenge

Compiled by Stacy Sallinen

As part of Maine Entrepreneurship Week, Junior Achievement of Maine hosted the fifth annual Titan Challenge at the University of Southern Maine's Lewiston-Auburn College on February 17.

Using Junior Achievement's high school simulation program, "JA Titan", the JA Titan Challenge is a daylong competition that places high school students in the CEO seat to help increase their understanding of business. Young entrepreneurs are taught in an engaging way about the nuances of running a global business in a competitive, high-tech marketplace. Students have control of managing and operating their own virtual business and making key decisions. Companies (teams) are challenged to outperform the competition in profit, sales and market share.

Sixty teams, made up of three students each, competed in this year's event. Joe LaStoria (Cheverus '11) of Gorham, along with two other team members, took first place honors in



Photo courtesy of Cheverus High School

Joe LaStoria (Cheverus '11)

the lower division. Each team member won a \$50 cash prize.

At the conclusion of the competition, top-performing teams took home scholarships. Governor Paul LePage was on hand to congratulate the winners.



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Cressey Road United Methodist Church

81 Cressey Road, Gorham
Rev. Linwood Arnold, 839-3111
April 17 – Palm Sunday – 9 & 10:30 a.m.
April 21 – Maundy Thursday – 7 p.m.
April 22 – Good Friday Services at St. Annes's Catholic Church – 12-3 p.m.
April 24 – Sunrise Service at Fort Hill – 6 a.m.;
Easter Sunday Service – 9 & 10:30 a.m.

First Parish Congregational Church, UCC

One Church Street, Gorham
Rev. David Butler, 839-6751
April 17 – Palm Sunday, Distribution of Palms – 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.
April 21 – Maundy Thursday, Eucharist and Tenebrae – 7 p.m.
April 22 – Good Friday Service at St. Anne's Catholic Church – 12-3 p.m.
April 24 – Sunrise Service at Fort Hill – 6 a.m. with breakfast to follow at Cressey Road United Methodist Church; Easter Sunday Service – 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.

Galilee Baptist Church

317 Main Street, Gorham
Rev. David Christensen, 839-6985
April 17 – Palm Sunday – 10:30 a.m.
April 22 – Good Friday Service – 7 p.m.
April 24 – Easter Sunday Service – 10:30 a.m.

Grace Bible Church

74 Deering Road, Gorham
Pastor Bob White - 839-8800
April 24 - Easter Sunday Service - 10 a.m.

LifeChurch

New Portland Road, Gorham
Pastors Brian Undlin and Gordy Johnson, 839-6354
April 22 – Showing of the Passion of the Christ – 6:30 p.m.
April 23 – Free Community Easter Egg Hunt – 9:30 a.m.
April 23 – Easter Service – 5:30 p.m.
April 24 – Easter Sunday Service – 8:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.

Little Falls Baptist Church

Gray Road, Gorham
Pastor Tony Bafiades, 892-4240
April 21 – Maundy Thursday Service – 6:30 p.m., Potluck Supper – 5:30 p.m.
April 22 – Good Friday Service – 6:30 p.m.
April 24 – Breakfast at 9 a.m.; Easter Sunday Service – 10 a.m.

Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church

410 Main Street, Gorham
Rev. Edward Balfour, 839-7100
April 21 – Maundy Thursday – 7 p.m.
April 22 – Good Friday Tenebrae – 7 p.m.
April 24 – Easter Sunday Service – 10:15 a.m.

St. Ann's Episcopal Church

40 Windham Center Road (Off River Road), Windham
Rev. Tim Higgins, 892-8447
April 17 – Palm Sunday, Distribution of Palms – 8 a.m. & 10 a.m.
April 21- Maundy Thursday Seder Service with meal – 5:30 p.m.
April 22 – Good Friday Reflection & Prayer 12 – 3 p.m.; Stations of the Cross – 3 p.m.; Service with Veneration – 7 p.m. (Bishop will attend).
April 24 – Easter Sunday Service – 8 a.m. & 10 a.m.

St. Anne's Catholic Church

299 Main Street, Gorham
Rev. Joseph Koury, 839-4857
April 17 – Palm Sunday and Blessing of Palms – 8 a.m. & 11 a.m.
April 21 – Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper – 7 p.m.
April 22 – Good Friday Ecumenical Service – 12-3 p.m., Lord's Passion – 7 p.m.
April 24 – Easter Sunday Liturgies – 8 a.m. & 11 a.m.

South Gorham Baptist Church

53 County Road, Gorham
Rev. Peter Beckwith, 839-3457
April 22 – Good Friday Service at Scarborough Free Will Baptist Church – 7 p.m.
April 24 – Easter Sunday Sunrise Service at South Gorham Baptist Church – 6 a.m.; Sunday Worship – 10:30 a.m.

United Church of Christ at North Gorham

4 Standish Neck Road, Gorham
Rev. Richard Small and David Butler, 892-5363
April 24 – Easter Sunrise Service (Atwood's) – 6 a.m. followed by pancake breakfast; Easter Sunday Service – 9 a.m.

West Gorham Union Church

Intersection of Routes 25/112, Gorham
Pastor Gary Groves, 839-5946
April 24 – Easter Sunrise Service (Rust Road at Hoyt Farm) – 6:30 a.m. with breakfast following; Easter Sunday Service – 8 a.m.

White Rock Free Will Baptist Church

300 Sebago Lake Road, Gorham
Pastor Jonathan Marshall, 893-1919
April 21 – Maundy Thursday Service – 6:30 p.m.
April 22 – Good Friday Service – 6:30 p.m.
April 24 – Easter Sunrise Service

Gorham High School Ran Meredith Wilson's *The Music Man*,

which featured a large cast including 46 high school students and 26 students from Narragansett School, Village Elementary School, and Gorham Middle School. Pictured below, left column – top: Ian Hawkes as Harold Hill and Sarah Kennedy as Mayor Shinn; second from top: Carter Bowers, Eric Deluca and Matt Southard as Salesmen; third: Hawkes, Becca Moran as Mrs. Paroo and Grant Hawkes as Winthrop Paroo; fourth: Jonas Rimkunas, Mitch Perrin, Lincoln Gray and Joshua Plummer as The Quartet; bottom: Andrew Ernest and Kelsie Kerwin as Marcellus Washburn and Ethel Toffelmier. Right column – top: Hawkes with Allie Sturgis as Marian Paroo; second: Amelia Whitten as Zanetta Shinn and Quincy Owens as Tommy Dijilas; Bottom: Molly Stewart as Eulaie Mackecknie Shinn.



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Good Friday - April 22 at St. Anne's Church

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GHS Sports Spring Preview

Compiled by Jeff Pike

GIRLS' LACROSSE

Head Coach: Ashley Dyer, entering fourth year as head coach.

Last years' results: Finished regular season 10-2 ranked third in Western Maine Class A. Defeated Sanford in the quarterfinals and Thornton Academy in the semifinals before losing to Scarborough in the Western Maine Class A finals.

Captains: Seniors Mia Rapolla, Kelly Devoe, Shannon Wilcox and Maureen Clements.

Key returning players: Seniors Mia Rapolla-center, Kelly Devoe-defense, Chelsea Black-attack, Maureen Clements-goalie, and Shannon Wilcox-midfielder; Junior Lindsey Smith-attack; Sophomore Kali St. Germain-attack.

Other players expected to have an impact: Sophomore Jackson Marshall-midfielder; Freshmen Katie Tucker-attack, Haley Perkins-midfielder, Meghan Cushing-midfielder, Morgan Cushing-midfielder.

Coach Comments: "Our team strengths will be our fitness level and our transition game," said head coach Ashley Dyer. "We have strong team chemistry that will make it easier to be successful because we are going to work as a team. But we also need to work on transitioning back into defense faster and stopping the ball before it meets our defensive end. I'm excited for this season because we have a lot of talent to be successful like we were last year, and the Western Maine final game that we lost to Scarborough feels like yesterday, so we are still riding the high of that game. The girls want it bad this year, and you can see it in all their eyes that they are ready to go another step higher than last year."

BOYS' TRACK & FIELD

Head Coach: Jason Tanguay, entering first year as head coach

Last years' results: Finished regular season 11-1 and second in the Cumberland County championship meet as well as the Western Maine Class A meet. Placed third in the Class A State Championship.

Captains: Senior Jeremy Earl; Juniors Jesse Orach, Nate Bucknell, Cortlandt Dunn, Kyle Nealey, Brandon Cushman; Sophomores Cam Willette, Julian Nijkamp.

Key returning athletes: Seniors Kam Alexander-jumps/hurdles, Ben Besanko-sprints, Jeremy Earl-distance; Juniors Ryan Baillargeon-racewalk, Carter Bowers-jumps, Nate Bucknell-racewalk/ middle distance, Brandon Cushman-hurdles, Cortlandt Dunn-middle distance, Kyle Nealey- throws, Jesse Orach-distance; Sophomores Connor Dunn-middle distance, Troy Lambert-pole vault, Matt McKenney-sprints, Julian Nijkamp-hurdles, Alex Thuotte-racewalk/distance, Cam Willette-throws.

Other athletes expected to have an impact: Seniors Logan Marshall-distance, Will Ross- distance, Connor Bell-middle distance; Juniors Nate Gervais-distance, Nick Kilborn-throws, Sam Fisher-sprints/ jumps, Drew Hopkins-sprints/jumps, Kevin Lubelczyk-sprints/jumps, Steve Albanese-sprints/jumps; Sophomore Ryan Sullivan-jumps; Freshmen Travis Grant-hurdles/ jumps, Austin Bell-hurdles/jumps.

Coach Comments: "We are a young team that graduated some big points from last year's team," said head coach Jason Tanguay. "Our team numbers are higher this year than last year, but we will need

many underclassmen and newcomers to step forward early to be successful as a team. We do return many quality athletes that can set the right example so our inexperienced athletes will know what is expected to be successful. I am excited about the potential this team brings into the season, and we are particularly looking forward to our second meet of the season (May 3 at GHS), which is our rivalry meet versus Windham, Westbrook and Scarborough."

BASEBALL

Head Coach: Chuck Nadeau, entering third year as head coach.

Last years' results: Finished regular season 4-12

Captains: Not announced yet at press time. Key returning players: Seniors Steve Broy-SS, Brendon Joyce-C, Zach Speirs-OF, Mike Arsenault-P/IF, Seth Wing-OF; Sophomore Damon Wallace-P/IF.

Other players expected to have an impact: Sophomores Alex Yankowsky-IF/P, Spencer Lapierre-IF/P, Alex Owens-OF, Chris Hardy-OF.

Coach Comments: "We will be more athletic than we have been in my three years at GHS," said head coach Chuck Nadeau. "I like our combination of senior leadership with a deep and talented sophomore class. We also have experienced seniors at key positions up the middle. But we also need to pitch much better this year than last year—as a team, our earned-run-average was last in the conference. The good news is that we return Arsenault, who won three of our four games last year. In addition, Wallace is a promising sophomore who proved last year as a freshman that he is ready to compete. Behind Arsenault and Wallace, we need to develop some young pitching, and I think we have some nice options in Roy, Alex Yankowsky, Mark Ridgeway, Elliot Speirs, Lapierre and others. We have an experienced group of seniors—led by Broy, Joyce, Speirs, Wing and Arsenault—so I am confident we will be a difficult lineup to pitch to. I also believe we will continue to be a very good defensive team, and I like our improved speed and athleticism. With solid pitching, we are good enough to challenge for a playoff spot."

GIRLS' TENNIS

Head Coach: Sonja Frey, entering 26th year as head coach.

Last years' results: Finished the regular season 11-1 and ranked second in Western Maine Class A. Defeated Westbrook in the quarterfinals, McAuley in the semifinals and Portland in the finals to capture the Western Maine Class Championship. Lost to Lewiston in the Class A State Final.

Captains: Seniors Natalie Egbert and Colleen Ward.

Key returning players: Singles players Natalie Egbert-senior, Sarah Moir-senior, Michelle Pham-sophomore; Double players Colleen Ward-senior and Megan Creeden-senior, Emily Estes-junior and Chloe Johnson-sophomore.

Other players expected to have an impact: Doubles players Emma Alden-senior, Grace Eaton-junior, Stefanie Farrington-sophomore.

Track All-Americans



Photos credit Rich Obrey

GHS Track Athletes Earn All-American Honors: GHS junior Nate Bucknell (left) and sophomore Alex Thuotte (right) placed fourth and sixth place respectively with times of 7:45.29 and 8:01.65 in the one-mile racewalk March 12 at the New Balance Indoor Track and Field Nationals in New York City. For finishing among the top six, both earned All-American awards. Bucknell and Thuotte have continued the strong showing of multiple Gorham racewalkers, both boys and girls, who have excelled at the state and national levels.

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Gorham Swimmer Competes in National

Event: Lindsey Thomsen, a sophomore at Gorham High School, competed in the Speedo Champions Series Sectional Championship March 17-20 in Ft. Lauderdale, FL. As a member of the Westbrook Seals Swim Club, she qualified and competed in three individual events and two relay-team events. Over 900 athletes from the USA and many other countries from around the world participated. Thomsen also participated in the high school New England Championship Meet on January 25 at the University of New Hampshire where she placed seventh in the 100-yard backstroke and ninth in the 50-yard freestyle.

Conference Rookie of the Week in Women's Lacrosse:

Aimee St. Germain (GHS '09) was selected as the North Atlantic Conference East Division Rookie of the Week on March 28. St. Germain earned the honor by scoring nine goals and handing out an assist in three games. She is the first Farmington women's lacrosse player to be recognized by the conference this season, and through the first four games of the season, St. Germain was leading the team in goals and shots-on-goal.



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Fitness/Soccer Skills Clinic for Special Olympics Athletes and Siblings:

April 30, 9:30 a.m. at YourSpace. Participation is free, but pre-registration is required by April 22 and limited to the first 100 athletes/siblings. Snacks will be provided as well as a gift for every athlete/sibling. FMI call 879-0489 or e-mail markc@somaine.org.

USM Fundraiser for Synthetic Turf

Field: To strengthen community relationships, provide expanded recreational opportunities for all USM students, and remain competitive regionally, USM is currently undergoing a capital campaign to build a synthetic turf field. As part of the fundraising campaign for the field,

USM will host an online auction April 15 through May 15. Organizations and individuals can donate a variety of items including rounds of golf, event tickets, sports memorabilia, vacation getaways, hotel accommodations, restaurant gift certificates, gift baskets, artwork/craftwork, and any other type of item. Each item added to the online auction will include a photo, description, company logo, and website link. To participate as a contributor or to bid for items, visit www.biddingforgood.com/usmathletics. For additional information, contact David Kerschner at dkerschner@usm.maine.edu or 228-8588 or Al Bean at albean@usm.maine.edu.

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Coach Comments: "Egbert is one of the best players in the state," said head coach Sonja Frey. "She did an excellent job in the state singles tournament last spring, ending up in the top six players, and she should do as well this year. Moir was a singles' player last year, ending the season with a good record while Pham should be ready to show some strong playing. The doubles' team of Estes and Johnson performed at a high level for the team last year, winning several crucial matches, and should be stronger this year. Ward is returning from a knee injury, and combined with Creeden will make a strong doubles' team too. This affords the team some depth, which is so important to enable a team to be strong at all positions. With hard work, good teamwork and a little luck, we should be a division contender again. McAuley will be very strong and a major competition, but we are planning on being in the state championship again."

GIRLS' TRACK & FIELD

Head Coach: John Caterina, entering 18th year as head coach.

Last years' results: Finished regular season 8-4 and then placed fifth in the Western Maine Class A Championship Meet and 10th in the Class A State Championship Meet

Captains: Juniors Sarah Perkins and Audrey Adkison.

Key returning athletes: Seniors Jenny Thuotte-racewalk; Juniors Audrey Adkison-distance, Leanna Dalfonso-distance; Katie Flanders-racewalk; Kelsey Pequinot-sprints, Sarah Perkins- hurdles/sprints, Sabrina Rowell-pole vault, Clara Stickney-pole vault, Deireann Stillson-sprints, Jeannette Villaneueva-distance; Sophomores Lindsay Chapman-jumps/sprints, Caitlin Childress-pole vault, Marissa Rush-throws, Quincy Shaw-jumps/sprints.

Other athletes expected to have an impact: Junior Kiersten Turner-throws; Freshmen Jessica Rexrode-sprints, Hannah Southard-hurdles, Heather Nystrom-sprints, Lauren Carter-sprints, Jackie Turner-distance, Laura Turner-distance.

Coach Comments: "We will be strong in the distance races, sprints, hurdles, racewalk and pole vault," said head coach John Caterina. "We also need develop some throwers from a young group that shows lots of potential. We are a very young team

but with a lot of very athletic girls. I am very optimistic that we will be in contention as one of the top teams in the SMAA this spring and hopefully be a top-five finisher in the State Meet in June."

BOYS' LACROSSE

Head Coach: TJ Bell, entering fourth year as head coach.

Last Year's Results: Finished regular season 7-5 and ranked fifth in Western Maine Class A.

Lost to Thornton Academy in the Western Maine Class A quarterfinals.

Captains: Not elected yet at press time.

Key returning players: Seniors Aaron LaPorte-attack, Kyle Nielsen-midfield, Connor Smith-midfield, Sully Conley-defense, Mike Seehusen-defense, Stefano DiDonato-defense; Juniors Nate Holloran-goalie, Eliot Gagne-attack.

Other players expected to have an impact: Juniors Joe DeRoy-long stick middle, Tyler Rankin-attack, Brad Turnbaugh-midfield, Brody Robbins-midfield, Jared Robbins-midfield, Tim Bola-midfield, Caleb Dolloff-midfield; Sophomore Anthony Coppola-midfield.

Coach Comments: "We have multiple veteran players returning at each position, so we will be experienced at both ends of the field," said head coach TJ Bell. "However, we are not terribly deep, so if we're to have success deep into the playoffs, a few key underclassmen will have to step up and be consistent contributors. LaPorte, Holloran, and Gagne all have the talent to be top players, and our goal is to make the playoffs. But more specifically, we are looking to improve each day throughout the season, and when the playoffs begin, we want to be playing our best lacrosse."

BOYS' TENNIS

Head Coach: Aaron Landry, entering third year as head coach.

Last years' results: Finished regular season 2-11.

Captain: Tyler Strout

Key returning players: Seniors Tyler Strout, Lars Sunnell, Brian Stresser; Juniors Quincy Owens, Adam Bourgault; Sophomores Mike Lubelczyk, Kyle Curley.

Other players expected to have an impact: Sophomores Ryan Gilbert, Joe Bennett.

Coach Comments: "We had strong performances from our doubles teams last year,

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so hopefully we can build on that, but we also need to improve in matches that go to three sets," said head coach Aaron Landry. "With gained experience, we should be able to pull out some of the close matches that we dropped last year. We have confidence that a few key wins will put us in playoff position, and then anything can happen."

SOFTBALL

Head Coach: Dennis Crowe, entering first year as head coach.

Last Year's Results: Finished regular season 6-10.

Captains: Seniors Alyssa Clark, Caroline Fogarty, Moira Keahon

Key returning players: Seniors Alex Tracy-P, Caroline Fogarty-CF; Alyssa Clark-3B, Moira Keahon-1B, Leaha Keene-OF; Junior Taylor Hansen-P.

Other players expected to have an impact: Sophomores Valencia Jordan-C, Erin Smith-SS, Mary Redmond-Utality.

Coach Comments: "Our team strengths will be having two pitchers returning with varsity experience and several hitters who show promise including Clark, Fogarty and Redmond," said head coach Dennis Crowe. "Our team defense need works work as we are very inexperienced at several defensive positions. We also need to be able to create offense to hit and score runs in every batting order position. On defense, we will focus on getting outs and not give our opponents extra chances to score. Our goal is to reach the post season."

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Officer Hatch of the Gorham Police Department and Sergeant Eugene O'Neill of the Scarborough Police Department discussed public safety with Scarborough-based Girl Scout Daisy Troop 153. In addition, the girls were shown the inside of a police cruiser.

OF INTEREST

Courtney Smith (GHS '09) received a summer research grant from Saint Michael's College in Vermont where she will work on "creating interpretive signage to educate visitors to the teaching gardens." Smith, who majors in both education and religious studies, is the daughter of Jonathan and Cynthia Smith of Gorham.

Do you have any pictures from Gorham's 250th anniversary celebration that you would be willing to share? If so please contact us at gtimes@maine.rr.com or 839-8390.

Peggy Marchand and **Mary Collins** were presented with Volunteer of the Year honors at the Friends of Baxter Memorial Library Annual Meeting and Awards Ceremony on April 6.

The USM School of Music will honor excellence in student performance at the 2011 Chamber Music Awards on Saturday, Apr. 23 at 5 p.m. in Corthell Concert Hall,

USM Gorham. Nick Wallace of Gorham, will perform on guitar "Samba!" from "Dances in the Madhouse," by David Leisner. The concert is free and open to the public. FMI, 780-5265.

The USM Chamber Singers will preview the program they will perform in Andalusia, Spain on Sunday, Apr. 17, 5 p.m. in the Immanuel Baptist Church, High Street, Portland. \$6/\$3.

The USM Theater Department will present "Harvey," Apr. 22 - 30 at Russell Hall, USM Gorham. \$5. FMI, 780-5151.

An Ecumenical Service based on the Traditional Seven Last Words of Christ will be held from 12 to 3 p.m. at St. Anne's Catholic Church in Gorham on Good Friday, April 22. An ecumenical group of ministers and lay leaders will preach about each of the seven last words of Christ. Everyone is invited to attend. Come and go during the service as you wish.

The Gorham Arts Alliance will offer Vacation Art Classes in Jewelry Making and Acrylic Painting April 19-22. FMI, visit www.gorhamartsalliance.org. Sign up through the Gorham Rec. (www.gorham-rec.com)

The Gorham Arts Alliance invites you to their next meeting on Tuesday, Apr. 26 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Baxter Memorial Library. The Alliance serves to strengthen the community by offering cultural and educational experiences through the visual and performing arts. FMI, write to avalentine_cis@yahoo.com.

Goodwill Industries earned the Best Business Award in ecomaine's eco-Excellence Awards for ReConnect, a computer recycling program for Maine residents. In partnership with Dell, individuals can drop off old computers and peripherals to any Goodwill store free of charge.

Local youth grades 12 and younger will perform in the USM School of Music's Youth Ensembles. The Spring Instrumental

Concert will take place Thursday, April 14, at 7 p.m. in Merrill Auditorium, Myrtle Street, Portland, and the Southern Maine Children's Chorus concert will be Thursday, May 12, at 7 p.m. in Corthell Concert Hall, USM Gorham. Ensemble members are accepted by audition, with the next round of auditions scheduled for May 25-27. Contact marshunda.smith@maine.edu to arrange an appointment.

The Gorham Woman's Club will hold a meeting and judging of local high school artwork on Thursday, Apr. 14 at 12:30 p.m. at the Cressey Road United Methodist Church. Their Annual Scholarship Luncheon will be held on Friday, Apr. 15 at noon at the church. Tickets are \$10. And finally, the District Meeting of the Maine Federation of Woman's Clubs will be held on Saturday, Apr. 16 starting at 10 a.m. with a luncheon following the district judging of artwork. The public is invited to attend. FMI, 839-4579 or 839-6375.

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USM's Geography-Anthropology Student Association will hold its sixth annual Knap-In on Sunday, April 17 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Bailey Hall, USM, Gorham. Activities will include demonstrations of flint-knapping techniques, a hands-on "atlatl" demonstration, and many more displays, presentations and exhibits. Everyone will have the opportunity to make a stone tool to take home, and a free buffet lunch will be provided. This event is family friendly, open to the public and free, however donations will be accepted.


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Letters FROM PAGE 2

be provided incentives through bonus depreciation to create jobs right away. The indexing of gas prices will go. Gov. LePage sincerely wants you keep more of your hard-earned money.

Union members need not be concerned that Gov. LePage will eliminate collective bargaining. He believes we have the God-given right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, with liberty being the operative word. Yes, our labor laws allow people the right to unionize, but at the same time, people should not be forced with the threat of losing their jobs, to join a union.

The governor has at heart the state's best interest, just like the head of a household who makes tough budget decisions for the family. The state can learn to live within its means.

Rose Marie Russell (Westbrook)

Dear Gorham Times,

Turf or no turf? I performed a telephone survey on March 18. I asked 100 people "yes or no." 68 taxpayers said "no," 15 said "yes." 17 of the 100 calls knew nothing about this. Why put a tax burden on the elderly with a fixed income, who will never set foot in the building? Why put a tax burden on taxpayers who do not have children in the school system?

With the country in an unstable mode and cost of living on the rise, the town should invest in some other business such as manufacturing, retail, wholesale etc.

Parents should look at this a little closer. The injury rate on turf is very high. The only difference in turf or playing soccer in the road is the turf is green.

Traffic issues, funds for maintenance, insurance cost, overtime for police coverage at games, ambulance standing by, energy costs etc.

If people in Gorham want this, have them sign a legal document to add the cost to their tax bill, not the people who do not want this.

This is not good for Gorham, no matter how you look at it!

Peter Russo (West Gorham)

Dear Gorham Times,

Hi! My name is Sara. I am a fifth grade student at Harlan Intermediate School in Harlan, Iowa. My class is studying the geography and history of the United States. I picked the state of Maine because I know that many people are super nice there. I would really appreciate it if you would send me some pictures, a souvenir, or some information about your state.

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Turf Field FROM PAGE 1

showcase the town of Gorham."

At the April 5 meeting, several local residents involved in youth sports voiced their approval of the turf field, citing current difficulties in scheduling due to a lack of playing fields. Donna Street resident Rick Willey stated that the project should be split into two parts—safety improvements and field development. He also believed that the 296 additional parking spaces would be inadequate for large events, resulting in an overflow of parking on local streets.

Dennis Libby, school committee chair, told the council that the school committee fully endorses the improvements to the Narragansett School traffic safety, and the construction of the competition field and other site modifications. Norm Justice, the school facilities director, provided a detailed description of the wetland issues at the high school campus.

Charlie and Linda Pearson spoke about the impact of the bonding on the tax rate, and the wisdom of borrowing during the current economic climate. He characterized the proposed project as a luxury, not a necessity. They were also in favor of separating the project into two parts. In reply to this assertion, Cole maintained that the two proposals were "intertwined" in such a way that they could not be easily separated.

Following public comment, the

councilors deliberated. Several members mentioned the historically low interest rates that make borrowing affordable. The need for additional playing fields and the all-season availability of synthetic turf were factors discussed by councilors. The overall sentiment was that the project was expensive, but voters will decide on the benefits to the town.

Councilor Matt Mattingly did not support the measure because he believed that all borrowing should include a 15% portion set aside specifically for economic development.

Councilor Noah Minor stated that the playing field proposal should be rolled into the future plans for the expansion of Gorham High School. The traffic safety modifications for the elementary school should be undertaken first as a distinct project.

If approved by the voters on June 14, the measure will add principal and interest of \$4,351,875 to the bonded indebtedness of the town, which presently amounts to \$62,030,251 in principal and interest. Cole has stated that this level of indebtedness is well below the limit that the town could borrow. The new borrowing will increase the mil rate by 5-cents the first year and 16-cents more (21-cents total) the second year. In subsequent years, the effect on the mil rate will decrease as the principal is paid down.

Make-a-Wish FROM PAGE 3

by the Make-a-Wish Foundation, which grants wishes of children with life-threatening medical conditions. The Maine chapter of the foundation opened in 1992 and as of February 2011 has granted over 950 wishes. Communications Manager Lisa Gleason said, "It is wonderful to see a child's eyes light up during their wish experience, especially knowing the adversity they have faced along the way." Lucien's wish was to meet the Toy Story characters at Disney World. Helping to grant his wish were volunteer "Wish Grantors" Barabra and Kevin McDonald who served as liaisons between the foundation and family to determine the child's most exciting wish and continue being an important part of the wish process. "Kevin and I are honored to be part of this organization that offers hope, strength and joy to these deserving kids."

On March 19, friends and family met at Bugaboo Steakhouse to help celebrate the granting of Lucien's wish. Like their Toy Story III movie counterparts, it was soldiers Captain

Chris Gleason, First Lieutenant Kevin Korenkiewicz and Sergeant Peter Cote who surprised Lucien at the celebration with news from Toy Story characters. They presented Lucien with a certificate honoring his positive attitude and bravery as well as a few pins and ribbons. After the presentation, Lucien shared milk and cookies with the soldiers while asking about their friends Buzz Lightyear and Woody. With a beaming face, Lucien exclaimed: "I love the little green army men and their autographs. Wow, I thought I had imagined it."

The average cost of a wish is \$6,000. Lucien's wish was granted through the generosity of Portland Radio Group, which owns several local stations including WPOR, WGAN, and WCLZ. Through a radio promotion and listeners' donations, they were able to fund Lucien's wish.

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MONDAY, APR. 18

- USM Guitar Studio Ensemble Concert, 7:30 p.m., Corthell Concert Hall, USM Gorham. Free and open to the public.
- Gorham Food Pantry, 6-7 p.m. (located in St. Anne's Catholic Church parking lot)
- Food & Fellowship Ecumenical Meal Program, Windham Hill UCC, 140 Windham Center Rd, Windham. Everyone welcome. Free. FMI, 892-3769.

TUESDAY, APR. 19

- Robot Day at Baxter Memorial Library, make your own robot anytime between 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, APR. 20

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THURSDAY, APR. 21

- Scooby Doo Mystery Day, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Baxter Library.
- Sewing Club, 2:30-4:30 p.m., Baxter Library.
- Gorham Food Pantry, 9-11 a.m. (located in St. Anne's Catholic Church parking lot)
- Kiwanis Club Lunch Meeting, Pinecrest Bed & Breakfast, 12 noon -1 p.m. FMI, 839-8944.

SATURDAY, APR. 23

- 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 Gorham in need of food. Located in the building behind St. Anne's Church, Main St.

- USM Chamber Music Awards Concert, 5 p.m., Corthell Concert Hall, USM Gorham. Free and open to the public.

MONDAY, APR. 25

- USM Trombone Studio Ensemble, 7:30 p.m., Corthell Concert Hall, USM Gorham. Free!
- Food & Fellowship Ecumenical Meal Program, Windham Hill UCC, 140 Windham Center Rd, Windham. Everyone welcome. Free. FMI, 892-3769.

TUESDAY, APR. 26

- Preschool Story-Time, ages 3-5 yrs., 9:30 a.m., Baxter Library. FMI, 839-5031.

WEDNESDAY, APR. 27

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

THURSDAY, APR. 28

- USM Jazz Ensemble Concert, 7:30 p.m., Corthell Concert Hall, USM Gorham. \$6/\$3. FMI, 780-5555.
- 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 and older, 2:30 - 4:30 p.m., Baxter Library. FMI, 89-39-5031.
- North Gorham Public Library, Story Hour for ages 3-5 yrs, 9:30-10:30 a.m. FMI, 892-2575.
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Caller reported a refrigerator in the intersection of Saco Street and Brackett Road.

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Mighty Street caller reported that someone threw an egg at their car. They did not pull over and did not see anyone when it happened. Caller felt this was unsafe and wanted an officer to know about it.

New Portland Road caller wanted to talk to an officer about a stolen recycling bin.

North Gorham Road caller reported a vehicle pulled into their driveway and the operator just left it there, half in the driveway and half in the street. Vehicle was out of gas.

Hemlock Drive caller reported that their snowblower was stolen sometime overnight.

Main Street caller reported a vehicle parked crookedly for several days.

South Gorham Crossing reported an unruly patient tearing the place apart.

Caller reported a vehicle in a Main Street parking lot that looked abandoned.

County Road caller reported two vehicles parked in their lot with their windows smashed during the night.

Plummer Road caller reported a phone call from a suspicious individual claiming to be from the United States Crime Bureau.

Pine Street caller reported seeing two young males in dark clothing running away from caller's residence. Caller thought it was suspicious, as they had been having issues with oil being siphoned from their tank.

Mosher Road caller reported a domestic disturbance.

Presumpscot Ridge Road caller, who had been away for a few months, returned home and found numerous items missing from their home and garage, including firearms.



MaineDOT

**NOTICE OF FINAL
 PUBLIC HEARING
 IN GORHAM REGARDING THE
 INTERSECTION OF ROUTE 22 AND
 BURNHAM ROAD
 TUESDAY, APRIL 26TH, 2011
 AT THE GORHAM TOWN HALL
 AUDITORIUM
 FROM 6:00 – 8:00 PM
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Representatives of the Maine Department of Transportation will be available on Tuesday evening, April 26th, 2011 from 6:00 - 8:00 PM to discuss Realign Burnham Road approach to create a standard 90 degree intersection with separation island and construct a left turn lane for westbound Route 22 traffic at the intersection of Route 22 and Burnham Road

Accommodations will be made for persons with disabilities. Auxiliary aids will be provided upon advance request.

Any inquiries regarding this project may be directed to the attention of Ernie Martin, Project Manager II, Maine Department of Transportation, Highway Program, 16 State House Station, Augusta, Maine 04333-0016. Telephone (207) 624-3470.

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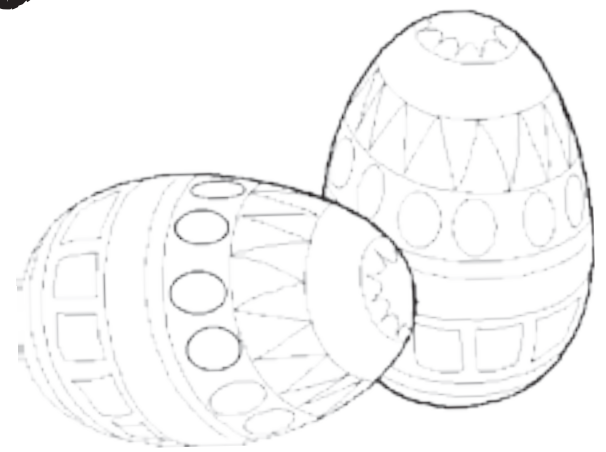
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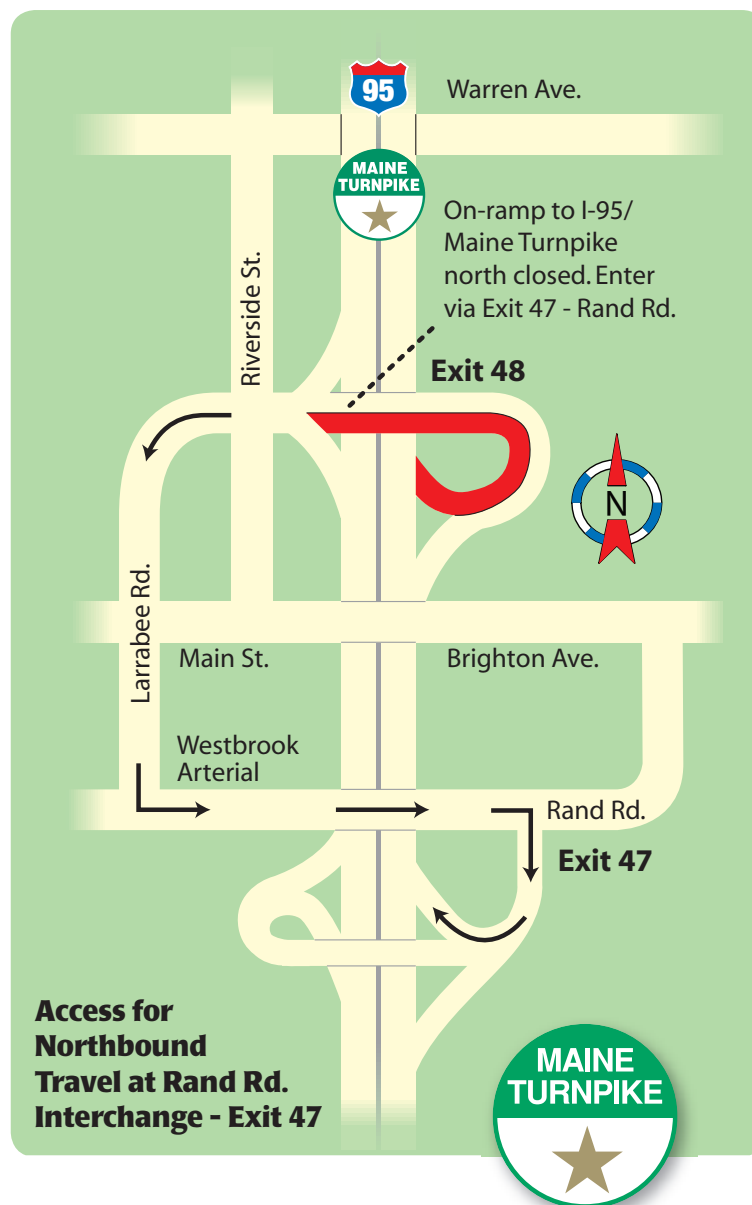
On-Ramp Closed to Northbound Lanes from Exit 48 - Riverside St.

Alternate Northbound Turnpike Access via Rand Road Interchange - Exit 47

Due to the reconstruction of the Exit 48 Interchange Bridge, the northbound on-ramp from Riverside St. (Exit 48) will be closed from March 28 through November, 2011. Alternate access to the Maine Turnpike northbound lanes is available via Rand Rd. Interchange (Exit 47) approximately one mile to the south.

The closure of the Exit 48 northbound on-ramp is necessary for worker and driver safety. The Exit 48 on-ramp to southbound lanes, and off-ramps for southbound and northbound traffic, will remain open except for 2 to 4 weeks during the fall to allow for ramp reconstruction. We apologize for any inconvenience.

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