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Plan-It Recycling Follow Up

Sheri Faber



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Plan-it Recycling in its current state as it appears from Main Street.

For the first several years of business, Plan-it Recycling, which accepted demolition debris such as sheet rock, asphalt shingles and wood as well as electronics and appliances, had a market to sell the items they were collecting. With the downturn in the economy, they are apparently no longer able to sell their stored items.

The town conducted inspections that showed the site was not in compliance with its permit and the facility did not voluntarily come into compliance. One issue was the piles of recyclables that were supposed to be separated so an emergency vehicle

could drive between them in case of fire - there are no longer any fire lanes. In November 2010, the town was granted a temporary restraining order (TRO) to stop the facility from taking in any more waste until the violations were corrected and the facility was back in compliance. The TRO required Plan-it Recycling to provide a cash bond of \$200,000 that would go toward cleaning up the site. Plan-it Recycling did not put up the bond. In January 2011, the town returned to court to get Plan-it Recycling to address and correct the violations. On March 16, staff members from the Department of Environmental

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STATE CHAMPIONS

GHS' One-Act, Elephant's Graveyard, Wins the Class A State Drama Festival with Outstanding Performance Eileen Avery



Photo credit Bridget Evans and Lori Dombek

Above: The cast and crew, including Director Eileen Avery, celebrate their win. Four students, (left to right), Nathaniel Dombek, Ian Hawkes, Quincy Owens and Lia Van de Krol were named to the All-Festival Cast for their outstanding performances.

Gorham High School was the Class A winner for outstanding performance by the cast and crew at the Maine Principals' Association State Drama Festival held at Camden Hills Regional High School on March 25 and 26. There were eight schools competing at the festival, all of which had previously won regional competitions throughout the state. Gorham won first place at the Regional Competition held at Morse High School on March 11 and 12.

In addition, Gorham received the following Judges' Special Commendations: Stage Management by Emma Alden; Set Design by Megan Mitchell; Ensemble Acting by the entire cast; and Overall Technical Excellence with Tyler Patten as light operator and Karen Bomborro on sound. Four students, Nathaniel Dombek, Ian Hawkes, Quincy Owens and Lia Van de Krol were named to the All-Festival Cast for their outstanding performances.

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Transportation Study Presents Recommendations to Public

Bill Ambrose

At a crowded March 22 meeting at Westbrook High School, the Gorham East-West Corridor Feasibility Study presented its recommendations to the public. The study, a combined effort of the Maine Department of Transportation and the Maine Turnpike Authority, devel-

oped a complex set of proposals that encompassed land usage policies, public transportation initiatives, and roadway improvement actions.

The study came about as the result of an agreement entered into in 2008, when the municipalities of South Portland, Westbrook, and

Scarborough, along with Gorham, agreed to be a part of a development process seeking to solve traffic congestion problems. The agreement cited transportation deficiencies in the corridor between Portland and Gorham, and mentioned problems ranging from insufficient capacity to

outdated road designs. It detailed nine traffic studies made in the region from 1988 to 2006. At that time, Gorham Town Councilor Burleigh Lovett characterized the agreement as "a dramatic and watershed event," which he saw as "the culmination of 30 years of vigorous activity" on the part of council

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Gorham and Westbrook to Merge

New Town to be Called Gorbroom Gorham Times Staff

In these cost-conscious times, the towns of Gorham and Westbrook evaluated the savings that would be realized if the two towns merged. The cost savings to the towns are estimated to be significant, which will allow for a new

multi-level town office building and four-story parking garage to be erected on the town line on Main Street. In anticipation of potential opposition to the plan, the Town Councils held a secret meeting and voted in favor of the merger. In

the interest of fairness, the two town managers agreed to flip a coin to decide which town manager will be in charge of the new town, which will be called Gorbroom. The change becomes effective on April 1, 2011. Happy April Fools' Day!

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Sincerely,
Linda Webb



NEWS FROM AUGUSTA

Maine isn't in a "Crisis"

It's Time to Stop Using Our Public Employee Pensions System as a Way to Score Cheap Political Points

Phil Bartlett, D-Gorham

Ever since Governor LePage and Treasurer Bruce Poliquin were sworn into office it seems as if there has been a constant barrage of press releases, news conferences, and email blasts about Maine's "crushing pension debt." Not surprisingly the Governor quickly released a "reform" package as part of his biennial budget to address this pressing issue. Since this has become such a politically charged topic, I thought it might be helpful to provide some simple factual information.

The Maine Public Employee Retirement System (formerly the Maine State Retirement System) was created in 1942 to administer retirement plans for state employees, public school teachers, judges, legislators, and municipal employees. Employees pay into the system, receive a contribution from their employer (the state or municipality) and collect after they retire. Nearly all of the employees are ineligible for Social Security or for matching 401(k) programs, so the money they receive from their pension is their only retirement income.

So where did all this debt come from that the Governor and Treasurer talk about? When the system was created in 1942, it began to pay out benefits to new retirees immediately, even if they had not contributed any money into the fund. This created an immediate funding gap, with current employees contributing money into the fund to pay for retirees. This problem grew worse over time as previous Governors and Legislatures avoided fully funding the retirement system in order to plug holes in the budget, just like the rest of the country. By the early 1990s the system was in real trouble, with less than 40 percent of the money on hand needed for future benefits.

The good news is that during the 1990s Democrats, Republicans, and Independents came together and worked out a plan to close this pension gap, which is also called the

Unfunded Actuarial Liability or UAL. By 2008 Maine's UAL was nearly 80 percent funded and was on track to be completely paid off by 2028. Then the recession hit and losses in the stock market cut the value of the state's pension fund to 70 percent of the UAL.

So where are we now? The average public retiree receives around \$18,500 a year in retirement—well below what most people get from Social Security. The supposed crisis comes from the fact that we only have 70 percent of what is needed to pay our future obligations right now. The good news is we are well on track to having it fully funded by 2028.

The Governor and the Treasurer are proposing making teachers and public workers pay 2 percent more for their retirement so the state can contribute 2 percent less, raising the retirement age from 62 to 65, and freezing the cost-of-living adjustments for at least the next three years. Given the supposed crisis you might expect the savings from these cuts would go toward paying down the pension debt. Wrong. The "reforms" are being used to pay for tax cuts targeted at the wealthiest Mainers.

Making sure the state takes care of its obligations to the pension fund is important and I'm glad that we are talking about these issues. What bothers me is when people demagogue and politicize this issue just to score cheap political points. I am ready to work with the Governor and Republicans in the legislature to protect the pension fund, but I will not support these types of transparent political tricks that call themselves "reforms."

If you would like assistance navigating through the legislative process or state government, please call my office in Augusta at 287-1515. You may also e-mail me through my website at www.mainesenate.org/bartlett and click on the contact form link.

Phil Bartlett, D-Gorham, (207) 839-7827, (800) 423-6900, phil@philbartlett.com

around town

Town Clerk Christina Silberman has resigned effective April 1, 2011. Deputy Town Clerk Connie Loughran will be the acting town clerk until a replacement is hired.

Grondin Aggregates is proposing to construct an 11-lot cluster subdivision on 27 acres off Middle Jam Road. The site was formerly the Middle Jam Pit.

Norman Berube Builders is proposing a seven-lot cluster subdivision on 17 acres at 30 Brackett Road.

The Gorham Municipal office departments will not be able to conduct financial transactions the afternoon of April 8, 2011 due to a software upgrade.



Bruce Hepler was recently accepted as a member of the Gorham Times Board of Directors, for a three-year term. Hepler is a graduate of GHS ('86) and University of Maine School of Law. He practices law in Gorham, is married and has three children.



Thank You Paul and Barbara Neal

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Portland Photo Booth Opens in Gorham

Sherrie Fontaine



Photo credit Sherrie Fontaine

Gorham Resident Justin Amoroso, owner of Portland Photo Booth Co.

Justin Amoroso, a Gorham native, is pleased to announce the opening of his new business, Portland Photo Booth Co. Amoroso provides portable photo booths for any social functions ranging from corporate events, high school dances, graduation parties, fundraisers and currently, a must-have for wedding receptions. The business uses the MojoBooth, a photo booth that utilizes a cutting edge proprietary system for its technology and equipment. Developed by software engineers, measuring five feet by five feet and requiring only a normal AC power source, the booth is a self-operating mini studio delivered

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Chief Shepard Reports

The grand jury returned the following indictments in March: Susan Dyer, 52, of Gorham was charged with OUI, habitual offender, by the Scarborough Police Department.

Michael Fournier, 26, of Gorham was charged with OUI, aggravated habitual offender and violating conditions of release by the Portland Police Department.

Donald James, 48, of Gorham was charged with theft by deception, three counts of forgery and three counts of theft by receiving by the Gorham Police Department.

Anthony Salpietra, 20, of Gorham, was charged with theft, forgery, negotiating a worthless instrument and seven counts of theft by receiving.

Plan-It FROM PAGE 1

Protection, R.J. Grondin & Son, and the town visited Plan-it Recycling to conduct a preliminary evaluation of the site to better understand how much waste there was as well as the components of the pile. Town Manager David Cole estimates that much of what remains at the site is material that needs to go to a landfill.

The town is working to find an option that will enable them to see the site cleaned up without a substantial cost to the town. Most costs for disposal of materials are determined by weight, yet as time goes by the disposal costs increase from the weight of water that is absorbed into the pile.

The town knows of several mortgage holders on the property, the larg-

est being for approximately \$900,000 on the 8.27-acre property. It is also possible that there are other business liens against the property. If the primary mortgage holder forecloses on the property and the mortgage company takes ownership of it, they would be responsible for the cleanup. Cole cannot estimate a cost for the cleanup but guesses it would be "very significant." He added, "We are looking for options that would get it cleaned up but not have the town incur all the costs." Given these circumstances, Cole believes there will not be a quick resolution to the problem.

Ron Smalley of Plan-it Recycling did not return our calls.

Clerk's Corner

Christina A. Silberman, Town Clerk

June 14, 2011 is Election Day in Gorham for the School Budget Validation Referendum and a Special Election to fill one vacancy on the School Board with a term to expire in November of 2012. Any registered voter of the Town of Gorham who is interested in running for the School Board must obtain nomination papers from the Town Clerk's office beginning on Monday, March 21. The completed nomination papers (with not less than 25 or more than 100 signatures of registered voters of the Town of Gorham) must be submitted to the Town Clerk's office no later than 4:30 p.m. on Monday, May 2.

All dogs aged six months and older are required to be licensed annually by state law. Dog licenses expire every year on December 31. If you are the owner/keeper of a dog that has not been licensed for 2011, please visit the Town Clerk's office to license the dog as soon as possible. The Animal Control Officer has obtained the list of unlicensed dogs and has begun to issue summonses.

A post card was sent to remind property owners that the second half property tax payments are due on May 15. The full tax bill was sent in September and is the only bill that will be mailed. If you need a copy of the tax bill, you may find it online at http://www.gorham-me.org/Public_

Documents/GorhamME_Finance/AllTaxBills. If printing a copy of the tax bill from the website, be sure to choose "print selected" or "print current page" on the printer menu or you might print every bill in the file.

The Gorham Town Council Appointments/Personnel Committee is seeking citizen volunteers to fill remaining vacancies on the following town boards and committees: Recycling Committee, Board of Assessment Review, and Fair Hearing Board. If you are interested in volunteering to serve on one of these committees, please visit the Town Clerk's office or the town website www.gorham.me.org. Click "Boards & Committees" on the left of the homepage for information and to find a link to the application.

Please do not hesitate to call or stop by the Town Clerk's office with questions or for information. The Gorham Town Clerk's office is located at 75 South Street on the first floor.



Christina A. Silberman, the Gorham Town Clerk, can be reached by e-mail at csilberman@gorham.me.us or by phone at 222-1670.

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Gorham Times Staff

The Gorham Times is planning a special commemorative issue to celebrate Gorham's 275th anniversary to be published the same weekend as the Gorham Founder's Festival, May 27-30. It will include a schedule and information about the festival as well as articles, interviews and photos celebrating Gorham's history. The Times' volunteer staff has already begun working to research material and plan the layout and content. If you have any information, articles or pictures of early Gorham that you would be willing to share, please contact us at 839-8390 or e-mail them to gtimes@maine.rr.com.

In addition, we are inviting community members and local businesses to support our efforts by purchasing advertisements or sponsoring a page in this special keepsake issue. Your

advertising revenue will help us cover the costs of producing this commemorative edition. The more advertising revenue we are able to get, the more historical information we can include. It will also allow your business or family name to be included in this notable publication.

For information on business advertisements, e-mail gtimes.maine.rr.com. Community members are invited to have their family names included under a congratulatory banner for \$10. If you are interested please send a check and the name of your family to Gorham Times, PO Box 401, Gorham, ME 04038.

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Here's Your Tax Season "Checklist"

Ed Doyle

Tax season is here. You've got until April 18 to file your taxes, so it is a good time to think about improving your financial situation. With these thoughts in mind, here are some "tax-smart" moves to consider:

- **Boost your 401(k) contributions.** By making pretax contributions to your 401(k), you can lower your adjusted gross income. If your employer offers a "Roth" 401(k), you may want to take advantage of it. Your Roth 401(k) contributions are made with after-tax dollars, so you won't lower your adjusted gross income, but your account has the opportunity to grow tax-free. Any withdrawals you make during retirement will not be subject to income tax, provided you are at least 59 1/2 years old and you have held the account for at least five years.
- **Max out on your IRA.** If you have a traditional IRA, your contributions may be tax deductible, and your earnings are always tax deferred, which means your money has the opportunity to grow faster than if it were placed in an investment on which you paid yearly taxes. Taxes are due upon withdrawal and withdrawals prior to age 59 1/2 may be subject to a 10 percent IRS penalty. If you have Roth IRA, the rules are similar to those governing a Roth 401(k): Your contributions are not deductible, but your money has the opportunity to grow tax free, provided you have had your account at least five years and do not start taking withdrawals until you are 59-1/2. (You'll have to meet certain income guidelines to qualify for a Roth IRA.) You have until the tax-filing deadline to contribute to your IRA for the 2010 tax year, for which the maximum contribution amount is \$5,000, or \$6,000 if you are 50 or older. And once you have "maxed out" on your IRA for 2010, you can start contributing for the 2011 tax year.
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Although tax season may end in April, you can make tax-smart moves throughout the year. Keep your eyes open for these opportunities and take full advantage of them. Edward Jones cannot provide legal or tax advice. Please consult your qualified legal professional or tax advisor regarding your particular situation.



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GMS Students Win WatchMeRead Challenge

Terri Dawson



Photo credit Terri Dawson

Collin Jones, Nicole Walls and Matt McCarty will inspire others to read with their MLTI WatchMeRead winning video, "Blast off with Books!!"

Gorham Middle School's iTeam, led by Technology Integrator Terri Dawson, submitted the winning video, "Blast Off with Books!!" as part of the Maine Learning Technology Initiative (MLTI) Challenge WatchMeRead. The iTeam is a group of students who are interested in all aspects of video production and are responsible for digitally recording events at the school.

The contest asked the following questions: "What is happening in your school to make sure all members of your school community are active and effective readers? And what would it take so that everyone, when asked,

'Are you a reader?' would say, 'of course I am...'" Their video focused on such themes as Sustained, Silent Reading; Blast Off with Books; and Read, Lead, Succeed.

Nicole Walls, Matt McCarty and Collin Jones, pictured above, will each receive an iPod Nano and share a \$500 award to support reading at GMS! The students were very excited to learn about the award and were recognized during their grade level Internet Safety assembly in March. To view the winning video, visit www.gorhamschools.org, click on "Middle School" and the link to the video.

One-Act Champions

FROM PAGE 1

The students performed in George Brant's moving drama, *Elephant's Graveyard*. The play is the true tale of the tragic collision of a struggling circus and a tiny town in Tennessee. Set in 1916, the play combines historical fact and legend, exposing the deep-seated American craving for spectacle, violence and revenge.

Gorham is one of 2 schools from Maine now qualified to move onto the 83rd Annual New England Drama Festival at the J. Everett Collins Center for the Performing Arts at Andover High School in Andover, Massachusetts. The Festival is will be held April 16-18. Yarmouth High School will also be attending as the Class B representative.

The entire cast and crew consisted of Sarah Kennedy, Joe Lambert, Joshua Plummer, Collin Young, Kevin Lombard, Katelyn DiLorenzo, Stefanie Farrington, Quincy Owens, Chloe Gray, Megan Mitchell, Molly Stewart, Nathaniel Dombek, Hannah Pratt, Kristin Nelson, Ian Hawkes, Lucia Alexandrin, Raisa Lück, Ellyn Touchette, Karen Bombaro, Merrill Porterfield, Tyler Patten, Adam Bourgault, Lia Van de Krol, Eric DeLuca, Lincoln Gray, Eileen Avery, Emma Alden, and Nicole Gile.

FMI on how you can be involved and supportive of this great educational opportunity for these Gorham students, contact Eileen Avery at 222-1136 or eileena@gorhamschools.org.

Gorham Students Participate in State Poetry Competition

Lulu Hawkes Named Champion

Kerry Herlihy

Lulu Hawkes, a junior at Catherine McAuley High School, was chosen as the winner of Maine's State Poetry Out Loud finals on Friday, March 11. The event was held at the Franco-American Center in Lewiston. Ian Hawkes, a senior at Gorham High School, was also among the top ten finalists competing in the competition.

Poetry Out Loud is a national recitation competition funded by the National Endowment for the Arts. This competition encourages high school students to explore poetry through memorization and performance. Poetry Out Loud began with over 4,500 Maine students who participated in classroom activities and competitions. Lulu Hawkes and Ian Hawkes competed against 23 other contestants in the southern region of the state and were selected as two of the top five finalists. The other five finalists were chosen from the northern region of the state.

While she was nervous about performing, Lulu went into the competition with an open mind. "I was ready, and wanted to give the judges something they had never seen before. I wanted to get more comfortable, confident and familiar with the feelings of the words."

Lulu's Creative Writing teacher, Lynne Erikkinen said that Lulu was "open to possibility of finding new and fresh perspective of language in poems. She has strong writing skills and a unique gift of expressing."

Lulu will receive an all expenses paid trip for two to Washington D.C. to represent Maine in the national competition on April 27-29, where she will compete for the national title and cash prizes.

Twenty students, ranging from grades 9-12, competed in GHS's fourth annual Poetry Out Loud competition in January. Five finalists for the school included Emma Alden, Sarah Kennedy, Ian Hawkes, Megan Mitchell, and Stefanie Farrington. Hawkes then advanced to the regional and states



Photo credit Bryan Bruchman

During the state Poetry Out Loud competition, Lulu Hawkes recited "Gitanjali 35" by Rabindranath Tagore; "Black Boys Play the Classics" by Toi Derricotte; and "A Song For Soweto" by June Jordan. In selecting her pieces, she chose poems that spoke to her ethnic background. Born in Africa, Lulu moved to the United States at age two, and has been living in Gorham for the past eight years. She returns to Africa during the summer to visit family.

competition where he recited "Israfel" by Edgar Allen Poe; "The Healing Improvisation of Hair" by Jay Wright; and "What Kind of Times are These" by Adrienne Rich. In selecting his poems, Ian said he looks for "poems which relate to me in the most personal way. As an actor, I believe you need to be able to put yourself in the shoes of an author."

Moirra Driscoll, Portland Stage Company affiliate artist and one of the judges of the school-wide competition, said: "I was so impressed by the poems the students chose, and by the kids' understanding and interpretation of those poems. The performances were just outstanding! It's a very cool program, and it's a thrill to see so much talent and hard work invested in it."

school notes

Kindergarten Screening

Screening for incoming kindergarten students for all K-5 Elementary Schools in Gorham will take place on April 4, 5, and 7 in Shaw Gym at the Gorham Recreation Department. Children need to be 5 years old on or before October 15 to attend school in the fall. Please call Regina Lefebvre at 222-1050 to schedule your child's appointment. Registration packs can be picked up at either Narragansett School or White Rock School offices.

GHS's Green Team will be holding a spring breakfast fundraising event on Saturday, April 2 from 8 to 10 a.m. at Applebee's in South Portland. Breakfast is \$5 for children 12 and under and \$7 for all others. They will also be selling reusable Chico Bags at Sam's Club in Scarborough on Saturday, April 9 from 11 to 3 p.m. Funds raised will help the team put a solar panel on the roof of GHS.

CORRECTION The following information was omitted from Gorham Middle School's Second Quarter 2010-2011 Honor Roll: **Grade 6 Honors—John Patrick Touchette**

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School Committee Report Robin Somes

School Committee Chairman Dennis Libby opened the meeting with Public Comments. Suzanne Ennis described the lack of respect by the majority of students towards the flag and Pledge of Allegiance. Her experience was being the only person to recite the pledge; all students remained seated and silent. She requested the Committee to address the issue.

GHS Principal Chris Record spoke about "Ban the Word," a program headed by Special Educator Karen Rohrbacher, who presented a video. Assisted by Cole Shiers and Caleb Dunlap, the video highlighted various young adults who relayed the message of people being "different, but not less," promoting the word "respect" replace "retarded." View "Ban the Word" at: www.youtube.com/watch?v=h_4QsqGbN3s.

Superintendent Ted Sharp's report: Nine teachers will take advantage of the Incentive Retirement Plan, a cost saving measure since those positions will be filled at lower salaries.

Kyle Currier congratulated the GMS team of Nicole Walls, Matt McCarty and Colin Jones for winning the Maine Learning Technology Initiative's (MLTI) WatchMERead Challenge. The team was awarded a \$500 grant and each member received an iPod Nano.

Kate Rotroff, Director, Gorham Adult Ed, provided the annual program review:

- The English Language Learner Program should double this year. Tutors are needed; anyone with teaching experience will qualify.
- The Volunteer Program will develop on-line registration to replace manual entry.

- Marketing efforts include the State's web portal, Facebook and future use of LinkedIn.
- New programs encouraging students to pursue education beyond GED include:

- o College Transition Program
- o College Success Program
- o Career Pathways

Chairman Libby provided the FY 2012 budget schedule:

- March 5 - Budget Workshop
- March 23 - Workshop follow up
- April 6 - School Committee Meeting to act on the budget for the Town Council
- May 17 - Joint Budget Workshop with Town Council
- June 7 - Public Hearing consideration and action
- June 14 - finalization with referendum on the budget.

Technology Director Dennis Crowe provided an update of the Five Year Technology Plan. Currently, the MLTI provides laptops for students/staff. Leases ending in 2013 will be renewed. Crowe indicated laptops that can be procured should be purchased. By 2013 each class room should have mounted projectors. Future goals include increased access to interactive technology and continued support for local and wide area network bandwidth.

In other actions the Committee:

- Voted 6-0 to approve the Bullying Policy.
- Voted 6-0 to approve the Weapons, Violence and School Safety Policy.
- Voted 3-3 (Libby, James Hager, Kyle Currier against) on the Board Member Code of Ethics Policy. As per voting directives, a tie fails the vote.

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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 Credit Federal Union in April, Mr. Bagel in May and the superintendent's office in June.



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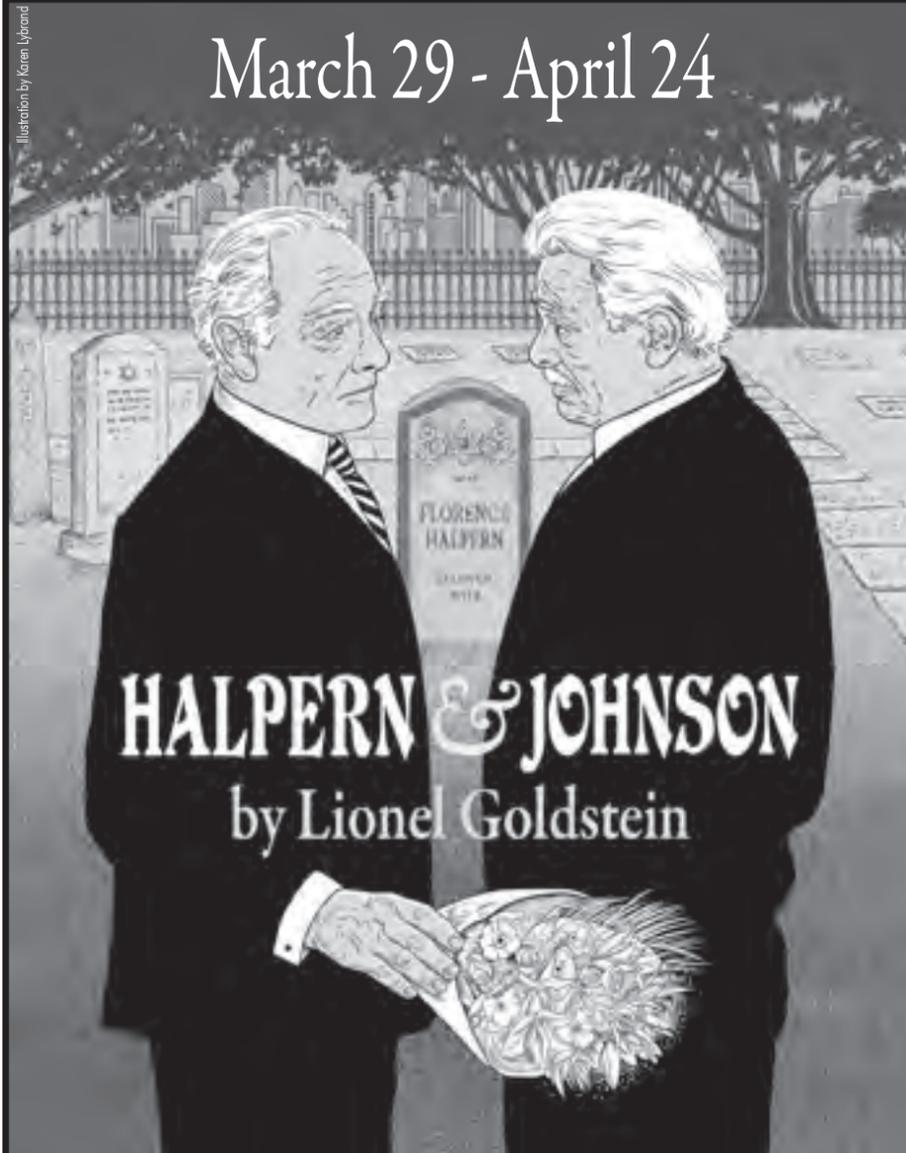
Narragansett Elementary School
Michael Lewis, Grade 2
Title of artwork: Stained Glass Ocean

Grace Collomy (left), Grade 6, Title of artwork: Grace; Right: Ashley Woodbury, Grade 8, Title of artwork: Self-portrait



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Coach of the Year

GHS girls' basketball coach **Laughn Berthiaume** was named Western Maine Class A Coach of the Year on March 12 by the Maine Association of Basketball Coaches. Berthiaume is pictured above on Senior Night with his three senior players from this past season, from left to right Natalie Egbert, Alyssa Clark and Mia Rapolla.



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Free-Throw Champs



Gorham youth basketball players took first place in four of the 10 gender-age groups March 12 at the state finals of the Knights of Columbus free-throw competition in Old Town. Pictured above, from left to right are Jason Komulainen, boys' age 11 division; Kyle King, boys' age 10 Division; Michelle Rowe, girls' age 10 division; and Jaymie Seneca, girls age 13 division. Komulainen received the special gold-ball trophy for being the only competitor in all divisions to sink all 25 of his shots from the free-throw line. A fifth Gorham participant, Heather Woodbury, placed second in the girls age 11 division.

GHS AD Gerry Durgin Receives Prestigious Award

Jeff Pike

The Maine Association of Basketball Coaches (MABC) presented its prestigious Bob Brown Contributor Award to Gorham Athletic Director Gerry Durgin on March 11 at the 2011 Maine McDonald's High School Senior All-Star Basketball Games banquet at Husson University in Bangor. Each year, the All-Star Games committee selects an honoree who has made a significant contribution to the sport of basketball in Maine.

"For Gerry Durgin, basketball is not only a passion, but also has been a lifetime commitment," said Mike Giordano, MABC west vice president and girls' varsity coach at South Portland High School. "Gerry has been involved in Maine High School basketball for more than 38 years as a player, coach and athletic director across the state. We are proud to recognize him for his many contributions to Maine

high school basketball."

Durgin began coaching basketball in 1982 at Telstar Regional High School, leading the Rebels to their first tournament appearance. His career next took him to Fryeburg Academy where, in 1988, Durgin's team won the Western Maine Conference Championship. Recently he was inducted into Fryeburg Academy's inaugural Hall of Fame Class. In December 2010, the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association honored Durgin with the National Award of Merit - the highest and most prestigious award given to an athletic director in the United States.

Durgin announced he will step down as the GHS athletic director at the end of this school year. Look for coverage in future issues of the Gorham Times.

Mia Rapolla to Close Out Amazing Career

Carter Bowers

Mia Rapolla doesn't set the bar for athletic excellence. She is the bar. Rapolla seems to excel at everything she does. Whether she's running uphill through dense woods, dribbling down the hardwood, or sprinting up the lacrosse field, she always finds a way to succeed.

Rapolla is a senior at Gorham High School and is continuing her schooling at the University of Massachusetts of Amherst next fall where she will play lacrosse on a full Division I scholarship. And her plan doesn't stop there. "I hope to excel at UMass and get playing time as a freshman," Rapolla said. "I also hope to become a college lacrosse coach one day."

This basketball season, Rapolla was the star on a team that finished 14-4 in the regular season, with their most notable win coming against then-undefeated McAuley, a 37 to 27 victory at home. The Rams would later face McAuley in the Western Maine Class A semifinals where the Lions ended the Rams' great run and season.

As the team captain, Rapolla was second in the league in scoring, pumping in almost 25 points per contest, along with being in the top ten in the league for steals, free-throw percentage, and rebounds. She was named to the All-SMAA First Team and later to the All-State team. Recently, Rapolla was recognized as a candidate for the McDonald's All-America Team, one of only nine girls in Maine to be named. At the March 12 Maine McDonald's High School Senior Basketball Game, she capped her basketball career by scoring 25 points to lead the girls' A/B West Team to a 108-83 victory. She also won the event's three-point shooting competition.

With the snow melting and the spring athletic fields being prepared, Rapolla has her mind focused on the upcoming lacrosse season. "I am very excited about lacrosse because we have a very good chance at it all this year," she said. "We have a lot of



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Mia Rapolla in action during the 2010 GHS girls' lacrosse season

returning starters and we mesh very well."

With a player like Rapolla at the helm, the sky is the limit for this veteran squad. She has been on the All-State Team the last two years, and she has been selected to the All-SMAA Team every year since her freshman year. She was also awarded the Team MVP Award by her coach last season. The Gorham girls hope to continue their rise from last season, one where Rapolla netted an amazing 110 goals.

Along with basketball and lacrosse, Rapolla used her natural athleticism last fall to compete in cross-country. She was on the All-State Team and the All-Conference Team the last two years, along with being named the Team MVP.

As Rapolla's last sports season at GHS draws near, get out and watch her while you can. She is approaching it the same way she has attacked every sport from the minute she walked through the front doors: "We are all hard workers and have a great coach to lead us. We all know what we want and we won't settle for anything less."

On any team that Rapolla is a part of, you can be sure that is exactly what they will do. Work hard and never settle for second best.

sports Etc.

New Spring Coaches at GHS: Two new coaches will make their debut this spring for GHS. Dennis Crowe takes over for Pete Walker in girls' softball while Jason Tanguay takes over for John Wilkinson in boys' track and field. Crowe has been involved in youth softball as a coach and umpire for many years while Tanguay is starting as a new coach for the third time this school year. He also took over the reigns from Wilkinson for boys' cross country and boys' indoor track.

Swimming Clinic: The Gorham Swim Boosters and Gorham Recreation Department are sponsoring a swim clinic for grade 6-12 at St Joseph's College of Maine in Standish on April 12, 14, 26 and 28 from 3.30-5:00 p.m.

Transportation by bus will be provided. Cost is \$65. FMI call 222-1630

USM will host the inaugural Into the Mud Challenge on May 7 at 9:30 a.m. The 2.5 mile race features obstacles and mud pits designed to provide participants with a muddy, fun time. The race starts and finishes at GMS and includes individual, team, and youth divisions. Early registration runs through April 30. Cost is \$25 for individuals and \$80 for a team of four. Fee for youth racers is \$10. Register in advance online at www.intothemudchallenge.com. Race-day registration and check-in starts at 8 a.m. with the individual and team races kicking off at 9:30 a.m. FMI: contact info@intothemudchallenge.com.



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GHS Track Athletes Shine on National Stage: GHS junior **Nate Bucknell** and sophomore **Alex Thuotte** placed fourth and sixth place respectively with times of 7:45.29 and 8:01.65 in the one-mile race-

walk March 12 at the New Balance Indoor Track and Field Nationals in New York City. For finishing among the top six, both have earned All-American awards. Junior **Ryan Baillargeon** finished eighth in the same

event with a time of 8:25.71. In the girls' racewalk, junior **Katie Flanders** placed 17th with a time of 8:25.61. Junior **Sarah Perkins** competed in the 60-meter hurdles and placed 19th with a time of 9.54.

New GHS Athletic Director Appointed

Jeff Pike

On March 23, the Gorham School Committee formally appointed Tim Spear as the new GHS Athletic Director, effective July 1. Spear replaces Gerry Durgin who is stepping down after leading the athletic department at GHS for many years.

Spear comes to GHS after serving as athletic director for Massabesic High School/Middle School for the past two years. He also served as that school system's head athletic trainer from 1999 to 2009. Spear received his B.S. in Sports Fitness & Management/Business Management from the University of New England and his Assistant Principal/Athletic Administration Certificate from University of Southern Maine. He is currently the President of the Southern Maine Middle School Athletic Conference. Spear lives in Waterboro with his wife and two children.



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Study FROM PAGE 1

members and concerned Gorham residents.

Paul Godfrey, a consultant from the engineering firm HNTB, detailed steps that the study committees went through to come to their conclusions. He cited projections from professor Charles Colgan of USM's Muskie School of Public Service that predicted a great increase in population and housing units within Cumberland and York counties. These two counties would account for 70 percent of

the increase in Maine's population by the year 2035. Without controlling and channeling patterns of growth and land usage, any improvements in transportation would be overwhelmed by numbers.

Various forms of public mass transit were investigated to learn how they could become part of the solution to the traffic woes. The development of mass transit systems is intertwined with an increase of housing density. Mass transit is only feasible in the

presence of a sufficiently dense ridership to use the system in an efficient and cost-effective manner. Bus service would be the easiest to implement because of its flexibility of routing and scheduling. Park-and-ride lots would encourage the use of car-pooling and busing. Light rail and commuter rail could be developed as the region reaches a greater population density.

The third and final portion of the study's recommendations involved roadway improvements and expansion

of the roadway capacity in the region. These proposals included all or any of the following: intersection improvement, widening existing roads, use of freight rail to preserve existing roads, various ways to control access to the roads, and building new roads. The study detailed two "roadway improvement scenarios."

Each scenario featured a combination of improvements in the region. Scenario number one featured a bypass around the Route 22 and 114 "over-

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lap" area in South Gorham along with widening Route 114 in Scarborough and a connection to I-295. Scenario number two featured a new roadway from South Gorham connecting to the Maine Turnpike near Exit 44/45 (Maine Mall). Both corridors called for renewed freight traffic on the Mountain Division rail line, as removing heavy trucks from the roads resulted in less congestion and reduced damage to the road surface.

Following the recommendations presentation, Godfrey provided a description of the next steps needed to implement the study's conclusions. As a first step, a Memorandum of Understanding signed by the involved municipalities and the various governmental agencies was necessary to begin the process of finding ways to work together to solve the area's land use, transit, and traffic difficulties. A Phase II action plan would then be developed to refine the recommenda-

tions, and make specific and detailed proposals.

Members of the audience were invited to comment on the conclusions of the study. Gorham Town Councilor John Pressey stressed the urgency of the situation, and cited statistics to show the gravity of the problem. Councilor Noah Miner inquired about the use of the defunct rail line that runs through Gorham in an east-west direction from Westbrook to Buxton and westward. Councilor Phil Gagnon asked about plans by a developer to connect Running Hill road near the Maine Mall with Route 114. Former Councilor Burleigh Loveitt, a member of the study's Steering Committee, praised the work of the study, calling it, "a congenial and collaborative effort, not driven by private agendas." Loveitt went on to say the study was unique in that it was initiated through cooperation among the various communities.

Several members of the public spoke in favor of commuter and freight rail service. Two Gorham residents expressed their concern about the routing of possible roadway expansion, but they were assured that nothing has been decided in any detail about the location of any new or expanded roads. Westbrook City Councilor Paul Emery read a letter from the Snyder family, offering a portion of their property on Stroudwater Street for the construction of a road

connecting Routes 22 and 25.

On April 30, the Gorham East-West Corridor Feasibility Study will issue its completed final report, taking into account comments from the public at the meeting, as well as written statements received in letter or e-mail form. The entire highly detailed report, up to this date, complete with maps and charts, can be found in pdf format at www.gorhamcorridor.org.

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Joseph and Donna Pastore of Gorham are excited to announce the engagement of their daughter, **Amanda Rose Pastore** (GHS '05) to **Todd Roy Bacon**. Bacon is the son of Jeff and Robin Bacon of Gorham. A September wedding will take place at the Evergreen Chapel in Portland.

DEAN'S LIST

Business Administration majors **Dawn Turner** and **Tyler Dunlea** have been named to the Dean's List for the fall 2010 semester at Southern New Hampshire University in Manchester.

OF INTEREST

Former Gorham resident Beverly Mann Lessard (GHS '68), will be at the Baxter Memorial Library to chat with visitors and sign copies of her new book, "Relentlessly Upbeat," on Apr. 13 from 5 to 7 p.m. "I have fond memories of Baxter Library on South Street," says Mann Lessard, "because I would go there with my mother in the hot summer months and lay flat down on the cool floor...it was heaven!" Relentlessly Upbeat is a collection of life stories guaranteed to "produce a few chuckles and even a tear or two." A resident of Stow, MA, Mann Lessard, grew up on South Street in Gorham and is the daughter of Alfred and Doris Mann (Whitten). She earned a Mechanical Engineering degree from UMO in 1972, owns and operates a children's center and writes regularly for a local paper. She and her husband of 41 years, Philip Lessard, have three daughters, three sons-in-law and nine grandchildren. The book is \$15.



Ashley Earl, a senior at GHS and assistant dance instructor at the Dance Studio of Maine, participated in STRIVE's all-night dance marathon on Mar. 5, from 11 p.m. to midnight, teaching her original dance

choreography to dancers who participated in the fundraising event.

A **ten-year service pin** was presented to **Tim Richardson** of the Gorham Public Works Department, as well as a twenty-year service pin to Tony Labrecque.



Zone 4 Commissioner, Bob Philbrick, presented an Appreciation Certificate to Shawn Moody for his dedicated sponsorship of the Moody's Legion Baseball Team.

KeyBank announced that **Jay Kiel** of Gorham has been named branch manager and vice president for the Gorham branch located at 45 Main Street in Gorham. Prior to joining Key, Kiel was vice president for Gorham Savings Bank in Falmouth. He has more than 20 years experience in the financial services industry.



The Gorham/Westbrook Rotary Club recently celebrated its 85th anniversary of providing service to the Gorham/Westbrook area.

The Gorham Business Exchange will hold its annual meeting with catered lunch on Apr. 14 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Moody's Collision Center in Gorham. Shawn Moody will speak about his experience running a statewide gubernatorial campaign. Members \$15/Guests \$25. FMI, 892-5515.

Auditions will be held for Gorham's Got Talent on Thursday, Apr. 14 from 5 to 8 p.m. in the Gorham Middle School Auditorium. The competition is open to all citizens in the Gorham/Standish/Buxton/Westbrook area. The top 20 acts will compete on May 14 and 15 for the top monetary prize/trophy/and the prestige of being Gorham's most talented act. Singers, dancers, musicians, bands and magicians are all welcome to audition. This is a family oriented show and a fund raising event for the Gorham Middle School National History Day Team and for the Gorham Arts Alliance. FMI, 749-2837.

The Baxter Memorial Library is co-sponsoring a "Gorham Then and Now" photo contest in conjunction with the Gorham Founder's Festival. Entries are due at the library by 1 p.m. on May 14. FMI, www.gorhamfoundersfestival.com, www.baxterlibrary.org, 839-5031 or email pturner@msln.net.

Members of Gorham High School's Key Club recently attended a meeting of the Maine Beta chapter of Alpha Delta Kappa, an organization for educators, to explain their mission and projects.



Pictured L-R: Rebecca Foster, secretary; Lily Landry, president-elect; Lydia Storey, GHS freshman; and Meghan Storey, president; with Maine Beta's president, Susan Morneault.



VP Elmer Alcott of Nappi Distributors in Gorham accepted the 2011 eco-Excellence Award from ecomaine, a non-profit, municipally owned and operated recycling center. By consolidating their distribution centers into one building in Gorham in 2007, Nappi Distributors increased their efficiency by installing a high-efficiency natural gas heating system and by using LED lighting throughout the warehouse and offices. They were also recognized for helping the environment by recycling paper, plastic and cardboard. L-R: ecomaine Chairman Michael Bobinsky, Gorham Town Manager David Cole, Nappi Distributors Vice President Elmer Alcott, Gorham Council Vice Chair Brenda Caldwell, Gorham Council Chairman Mathew Robinson, and ecomaine General Manager Kevin Roche.

2011 Gorham Historical Society Board of Directors

from left to right: President Gregory Cuffey, Vice President. Sue Parsons, Treasurer Beth Parsons, Newsletter Jenifer McCullough, VP Special of Events Dave McCullough, seated Exec. Secretary Brenda Caldwell; not pictured, Recording Secretary Gladys Carter, Archives George Watson, Past Pres. Jan Labrecque.



Gorham Adult Education is seeking volunteers to provide weekly instruction to adults who are learning to read, write and speak English. No teaching experience is necessary. As of now, three adult ELL (English Language Learner) students are waiting for tutors. FMI, 222-1095.

The Gorham Woman's Club will meet on Apr. 14, 1 p.m., at the Cressey Road United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall. Artwork from GHS artists will be on display and the results of local judging will be a part of the program. Gloria Tewhey will present the Maine Youth Leadership

Program. Refreshments served at 12:30 p.m. FMI, 839-6375.

Get your 80's gear ready for an evening of dancing in Gorham! The Time Pilots will perform from 9 p.m. to midnight on Apr. 16, at the Brooks Student Center, USM Gorham. The public is invited to attend this cancer research benefit event. \$5 admission. FMI, LREID@usm.maine.edu

USM's Art Gallery is hosting its final Lecture Series in the Visual Arts this semester at 1 p.m. on Friday, April 1 in

the Burnham Lounge, Robie Andrews Hall, USM Gorham. Bates College Museum of Art Director, Dan Mills, will discuss his artwork, the work of other, and his work curating exhibitions. This event is free and open to the public. FMI, 780-5008.

The USM School of Music spring Spotlight Concert Series continues on Apr. 15 with "Unaccustomed Earth," a concert joining the sounds of a New York based group, Two Sides Sounding, with USM School of Music faculty member Daniel Sonenberg's composers collective, South Oxford Six. 8 p.m. at Corthell Concert Hall, USM Gorham. FMI, 780-5555.

The USM School of Music will spotlight its top students in its 34th Annual Honors Recital on Apr. 9, at 8 p.m. in Corthell Concert Hall, USM Gorham. Free, but reservations recommended. FMI, 780-5555.

The USM Youth Ensembles Spring Instrumental Concert will be held on Apr. 14 at 7 p.m. at the Merrill Auditorium in Portland. \$6/\$3 donation at the door.

The Gorham Ecumenical Council will hold their monthly meeting on Apr. 7 at 6:30 p.m. at the West Gorham Union Church. All are welcome to attend. FMI, 892-9437.

Former Gorham resident Kelly Caufield will perform in a musical cabaret/revue, "There is Nothing Like a Dame," April 1, 2, 8, 9, 15 & 16 at Anthony's Dinner Theater, 151 Middle St., Portland. FMI, 221-2267.

Performances of "Rowan and Martin's Laugh-In" will be held Fridays and Saturdays, Apr. 1-17 at Schoolhouse Arts Center, Sebago Lake Village. Gorham performers are Brett Stewart, Steve Morin, Alyssa Rojecki and Bob Mosey. \$14/\$12. FMI, 642-3743 or www.schoolhousearts.org.

Company member Nathaniel Dombek of Gorham will perform in Maine State Ballet's Production of Sleeping Beauty April 1 to April 10 at the MSB theater in Falmouth. FMI, www.mainestateballet.org or 781-3587.

Wai Nei Academy of Health will study ancient and sacred Taoist healing arts, martial arts, and meditation on Tuesday, April 4 and Thursday, April 6 at 6:00 p.m. Facilitated by Shifu Kelcey Hart. Free. FMI 839-LIVE (5483).

Earth Day Festival, sponsored by R.O.O.T.S. Enrichment Center & Integrated Performance. April 23, 2 to 6 p.m. Come celebrate the earth! Live music, dancing, yoga, bounce house, face painting, and more. The restored century old brick building will be open to the public! FMI or to volunteer contact rootsmaine@yahoo.com.

Winners of the Gorham Times subscriptions, drawn at the Gorham Marketplace were Fred Helming, Jennifer Ernest, Jean Rappelyea, Dawn Caldwell and Michelle Phillips.

Volunteer needed to help deliver the Gorham Times in the village. 1-2 hours every 2nd Thursday. FMI gtimes@maine.rr.com or 839-8390.

CLOSE TO HOME

Access Health, Inc., dba Leavitt's Mill Free Health Center announced it was awarded a one-year grant totaling \$7,500.00 by United Way of York County.

Gorham Girl Scout Troop 1173 participated in the Food from the Heart Program and held a food drive at the Gorham Hannaford on Feb. 13 collecting 500 pounds of food for the Gorham Food Pantry and \$76.00 in cash donations used to buy additional items. We would like to thank the Gorham community for their overwhelming generosity and support!

Pictured in the back from left to right: Melanie Wright, Julia Downey, Autumn Heil, Abby Enck, Brenna Donovan. Front: Samantha Rockwell, Grace DiPhillipo and Kate Larkin.



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Coming or Going

County Road caller reported they were stuck halfway in their driveway and half in the roadway.

Caller reported a male subject skateboarding in the middle of the northbound lane of Fort Hill Road.

Lincoln Street caller reported seeing a juvenile breaking windows in a garage.

Dunlap Road caller reported a snowmobile accident where subject was originally reported as unconscious. Maine State Police attempted to contact caller. Caller reported they had overreacted as person got up and rode off. Police and the Warden Service eventually located an individual who had been involved in a snowmobile accident, and subject was transported to a hospital.

Mosher Road caller reported an unattended vehicle in the area. Subject was coyote hunting.

McQuillians Hill Drive caller requested to speak with an officer regarding a verbal altercation. Caller wanted to file a harassment complaint.

Dingley Spring Road caller reported the theft of tools from their vehicle.

Preble Street caller reported a distur-

bance in the area. A Shaw Brothers sign was recovered and returned to the owner.

Gray Road caller reported an unknown person without owner's permission had used their credit card.

Caller reported they were driving under the overpass on the bypass when snow from a plow overhead fell and smashed their windshield.

A truck driver advised that the roads in Gorham were slippery.

Wescott Road caller requested to speak with an officer regarding a dispute with a furniture store.

Burnham Road caller reported a deer standing in the middle of the road, and they were afraid it was going to get hit.

Queen Street caller requested to speak with an officer regarding the theft of their TANF food stamp card.

Johnson Road caller believed that while at a traffic stop, caller's passenger stole some of their medication.

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FRIDAY, APRIL 1

- Spotlight Concert Series, "A Celebration of the Music of Liszt 200 Years After His Birth," Anastasia Antonacos, solo piano, 8 p.m. Corthell Concert Hall, USM Gorham. \$15/\$10/\$5. FMI, 780-5555.
- Gorham High School presents "The Music Man," 7:30 p.m., GHS Performing Arts Center.
- Knights of Columbus, Baked Haddock Dinner, St. Anne's Catholic Church Parish Hall, 5 to 6:30 p.m. \$8/\$4. Cheese pizza too. FMI, 839-4857.

SATURDAY, APR. 2

- Gorham High School presents "The Music Man," 7:30 p.m., GHS Performing Arts Center.
- All You Can Eat Baked Bean Supper, White Rock Community Club, Wilson Road (off Rt. 237) 4:30 to 6 p.m. \$7/\$3. FMI, 892-4342.

SUNDAY, APR. 3

- Gorham High School presents "The Music Man," 2:30 p.m., GHS Performing Arts Center.

MONDAY, APR. 4

- Food & Fellowship Ecumenical Meal Program, Windham Assembly of God, Rte. 302, Windham. Everyone welcome. FMI, 892-3769.
- Planning Board Meeting, 7 p.m., Gorham Municipal Center, 75 South St.

TUESDAY, APR. 5

- Preschool Story-Time, ages 3-5 yrs., 9:30 a.m., Baxter Library. FMI, 839-5031.
- Gorham Cancer Prayer and Support Group, 7 p.m., Cressey Road United Methodist Church. FMI, 839-311.
- FREE income tax preparation, all ages and incomes below \$75,000. 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., Gorham Rec. Dept. Call for appt. 839-7439.
- Town Council Meeting, 7 p.m., Gorham Municipal Center, 75 South St.

WEDNESDAY, APR. 6

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

THURSDAY, APR. 7

- 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.

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.

- Gorham Food Pantry, 9-11 a.m. (located in St. Anne's Catholic Church parking lot).

FRIDAY, APR. 8

- Gilbert and Sullivan's "H.M.S. Pinafore," USM Opera Workshop and Chorale students, 8 p.m., Corthell Concert Hall, USM Gorham. Directed by Ellen Chickering and Robert Russell. \$10/\$5. FMI, 780-5555.
- Gorham/Westbrook TRIAD meeting, Gorham Town Hall, 8:45 a.m. FMI, 839-5407.
- Gorham High School presents "The Music Man," 7:30 p.m., GHS Performing Arts Center.

SATURDAY, APR. 9

- 34th Annual Honors Recital, 8 p.m., Corthell Concert Hall, USM Gorham. Free. FMI, 780-5555.
- Gorham High School presents "The Music Man," 7:30 p.m., GHS Performing Arts Center.
- Public Supper at West Gorham Union Church, 5 to 6 p.m. \$7/\$3 under 12. FMI, 839-4208.

SUNDAY, APR. 10

- Gilbert and Sullivan's "H.M.S. Pinafore," USM Opera Workshop and Chorale students, 2 p.m., Corthell Concert Hall, USM Gorham. Directed by Ellen Chickering and Robert Russell. \$10/\$5. FMI, 780-5555.
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MONDAY, APR. 11

- Food & Fellowship Ecumenical Meal Program, Windham Assembly of God, Rte. 302, Windham. Everyone welcome. FMI, 892-3769.
- USM Flute Studio Ensemble, 7:30 p.m., Corthell Concert Hall, USM Gorham. Free.

TUESDAY, APR. 12

- Preschool Story-Time, ages 3-5 yrs., 9:30 a.m., Baxter Library. FMI, 839-5031.
- FREE income tax preparation, all ages and incomes below \$75,000. 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., Gorham Rec. Dept. Call for appt. 839-7439.

WEDNESDAY, APR. 13

- North Gorham Public Library, Babies in the Library, ages 0-3 yrs, 10-11 a.m. FMI, 892-2575.
- Gorham Food Pantry, 6-7:30 p.m. (located in St. Anne's Catholic Church parking lot)

THURSDAY, APR. 14

- Baby & Me, birth-18 mos., 9:30 a.m., Baxter Library. FMI, 839-5031.
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- USM Spotlight Concert Series, "Unaccustomed Earth," 8 p.m., Corthell Concert Hall, Gorham campus. \$15/\$10/\$5. FMI, 780-5555.
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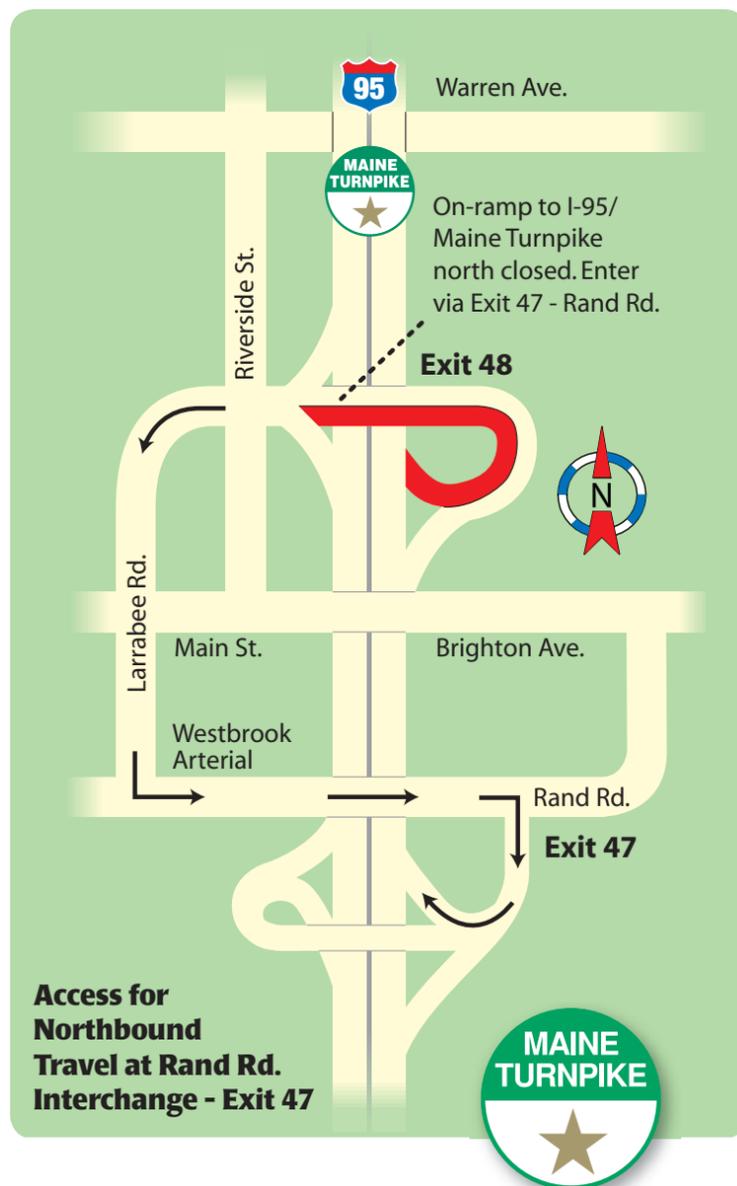
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