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Life Church on New Portland Road held a community-wide Easter egg hunt on the church lawn on April 23. The well attended event was free and open to any community members.

Commemorative Book for Gorham's 275th

Dede Perkins

Plans are in full swing for Gorham Founders Festival, which will take place at Narragansett School during Memorial Day Weekend, May 27—May 30, 2011. The festival will celebrate Gorham's 275 years as a community. In conjunction with the event, a number of commemorative items will be available including limited edition postcards with images of Gorham, a commemorative Longaberger basket, a commemorative postmark for Saturday of the festival, and a 60-page pictorial book chronicling Gorham history from 1986—Abbott and Kay Mosher, Suzie Phillips, Marcena Phillips, Phil Gagnon, and Martha Harris are working on the commemorative book, which will document how the town has changed in the last 25 years. They invite interested community members to get involved. The committee is specifically looking for photos of the many strange weather occurrences during the last 25 years—Hurricane Bob in 1991, the flood of 1996, ice

storm of 1998, the microburst, and the tornado of 2010. The committee is also looking for before and after photos of Gorham's landmarks, images of Gorham's family farms as well as photos of Robie, Shaw, and Fort Hill parks.

Individual and family sponsorships are available for \$100. Sponsors will receive one copy of the book and will be listed on the book's Acknowledgement Page. To share an idea, memory or photo or to purchase a sponsorship, please email gorham-book275@gmail.com.

The Gorham Commemorative Book 1986-2011 will include photos from the 275th celebration and may be pre-ordered at the festival for an expected delivery date at the end of July. Books will also be available for sale at the Gorham Historical Society, Baxter Memorial Library and local businesses.

For a schedule of events and additional information about the Gorham Founders Festival, please visit www.gorhamfoundersfestival.com.

Proposed Municipal Budget Increases Tax Rate

Bill Ambrose

The proposed municipal budget for the fiscal year 2011/2012 represents an increase in the property tax rate of 25 cents, or 5.6% over the present budget. The municipal budget, which does not include the school budget, funds the operation of the town's several departments, the largest of which are police, fire/rescue, and public works.

In presenting the municipal budget to the town council, Town Manager David Cole stated that the goal was to "maintain essential services while having no or a low increase in property taxes." While he believes the goal has been realized, Cole characterized this year's process as "particularly difficult."

The gross budget amount, \$11,961,854, is a 3.9% increase over the current \$11,506,165. Two accounts that impact the increase are higher debt service expenses attributable to bonds to finance road work in 2010 and the purchase of a new heavy rescue vehicle, and the addition of \$200,000 to the capital budget

for new road work in the next fiscal period.

Another factor impacting the municipal tax rate is the change in the revenue sharing formula by which the state transfers a portion of the sales tax revenues to the cities and towns of Maine. At present, the state legislature is deliberating various schemes to modify this important part of the municipal income. Gorham could see a loss of \$545,723 in revenue sharing funds if the current formula is retained.

The municipal budget will be the subject of a public hearing at the regular town council meeting on June 7. At that time, the councilors will have the opportunity to propose changes before adopting the budget. At that meeting, the council will also approve the school budget. The combined municipal and school budget will constitute the town budget. Prior to the June meeting, the Town Council and School Committee will hold a workshop on the school budget on May 17.

Planning Board Approves Plans for Industrial Park

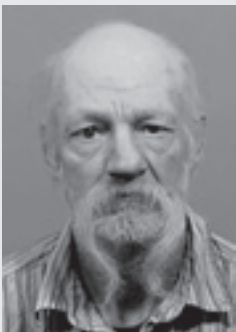
Sheri Faber

Goodwill of Northern New England (GWNNE) purchased the building in the industrial park at 34 Hutcherson Drive formerly owned by Foreside Company, which went out of business several years ago. At the April 11 Planning Board meeting the board approved the construction of a drive-up aisle and canopy on the existing 105,336 sq. ft. warehouse, the construction of parking spaces and associated paved sidewalk, as well as permission to convert 5,000 sq. ft. of the warehouse for use as an accessory wholesale sales office. The property is located on 14.78 acres in the Industrial Park. The property previously gener-

ated over \$67,000 in taxes but because Goodwill is a non-profit, the town will no longer receive property taxes for this site.

Marca Manufacturing received approval to construct a 24,584 sq. ft. building at 5 Sanford Drive with a future build out that would bring the total to 57,585 sq. ft. Marca plans to have parking for 121 vehicles at the site. The building will be completely sprinkled in accordance with the town sprinkler ordinance. Marca provides metalizing, spray finishing and decorating services for cosmetic and industrial applications.

Have You Seen This Man?



Bernard Herring, 57, of 464 Main Street walked away from his home on April 13 at about 9 p.m. and has not been seen or heard from since. Herring, who lived with his girlfriend, was described as both despondent and intoxicated when he left. He was wearing jeans, a jean jacket, Redwing boots, a Carhart work vest and a Bushmaster baseball hat. Herring was described as 5'11" with red hair and blue eyes. His girlfriend reported him missing on the afternoon of Wednesday, April 15, as no one had contact with him since he left the house two days earlier. Police contacted the Game

Warden to search for Herring using an airplane and cadaver dogs along with Town of Gorham employees who volunteered to join the search. The area around his home was searched, but they found no sign of Herring. Anyone who may have seen him is asked to call Detective Sergeant Dana Thompson of the Gorham Police Department at 839-5046.

Spring has sprung at Underhill Farm on Wilson Road with many baby goats that were intrigued with their visitor, Griffin Banks.



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Some Pig!

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Gorham Times Loses Beloved Volunteer



Photo credit Martha T. Harris

The Gorham Times family is deeply saddened by the passing of one of their own. Barbara Neal was a dedicated volunteer for many, many years and a dear friend to many of us. She spent countless hours in the office, filing papers, answering the phone, responding to customer enquiries, doing computer work and filling the candy jar. She and her husband Paul were always first to volunteer to help staff a booth at the Marketplace and Gorham Days, and to offer their help with the annual summer picnic and the mailing of the paper. We will always remember Barbara's willingness to help wherever and whenever, her sense of humor and her smile. She truly embodied the volunteer spirit of the Gorham Times. Our thoughts are with Paul and the Neal family.

Letters to the Editor

Letters must be less than 300 words, signed with a first and last name, typed or e-mailed and include a phone number. Letters are solely the opinion of the writer and not that of the Gorham Times. They are published at the discretion of the Gorham Times and are subject to editing.

Dear Gorham Times,

I would like to thank Gorham Fire Chief Lefevre and his crew and also Officer Sanborn and his men, for their quick response in putting out my 1970 Ford Mustang's engine fire. My car is one of the most important pieces of my life. I will rebuild her and thanks to your quick response the damage may look bad, but not bad enough to give up. Again thank you to all that came and helped today.

Sincerely,
Kyle Fitzwilliam

Dear Gorham Times,

Apparently, Gorham's town officials are unaware that we are in the midst of a recession. Haven't they learned from the mistakes of our state and federal governments? We simply cannot spend money we do not have.

The town council voted 5-2 recommending the expenditure of two million dollars to build a multi-purpose stadium with artificial turf. This will be located on town

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NEWS FROM AUGUSTA

Maine Families Home Visiting Program

Rep. Linda Sanborn

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Over the past six weeks, the legislature has gone through the governor's proposed budget for the upcoming biennium, line by line. The Health and Human Services Committee, on which I serve, addressed our piece of the budget, which contains the greatest cuts, and reported back to the Appropriations Committee. As a signer of the Minority Report to Appropriations, I cannot support many of the changes proposed in the budget.

While the proposals may save money in the short-term, they will add long-term costs and then shift those additional burdens to other places within the state budget, to local governments and to the private and nonprofit sectors. Most importantly, they will do real harm to families who are struggling to build a better, more stable life for themselves.

One area of proposed cuts that I can-

not support is a complete elimination of the Maine Families Home Visiting Program. This vital program works in partnership with new parents to ensure safe home environments, promote healthy growth and development for babies and young children, providing key connections to needed services. Maine Families is affiliated with Parents As Teachers, a national evidence-based model. This program has multiple positive outcomes related to physical and emotional health, school readiness, reducing risk for child abuse/neglect and increasing family self-sufficiency.

We now know for a fact that "toxic stress" in early childhood, caused by circumstances such as extreme poverty, abuse or severe maternal depression, damages the developing brain. Toxic stress occurs without consistent support-

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Barbara Stanley Neal, 82, of Gorham, died peacefully and surrounded by loved ones on April 14, 2011 after a brief illness. She was born in Bar Harbor, Maine on April 11, 1929, daughter of the late George and Dorothy Stanley. She graduated from Bar Harbor High School in 1947 and from Gorham State Teachers College in 1951. She also attended Northeastern Business College in Portland. While in Gorham, she met Paul Millard Neal. They married on August 6, 1949.

Barbara spent most of her career as the principal's secretary at the Charles C. Shaw Junior High School in Gorham, retiring after 27 years. For the past 15 years she volunteered with the Gorham Times newspaper. Barbara was a member and past President of both the Annie Louise Cary Club of Gorham, and the Gorham State Teachers College Alumni Association. She was a member of the Mayflower Society, Daughters of the American Revolution, and the Gorham Fire Department Auxiliary. As a young mother, she also served as a Den Mother for Cub Scout Pack 73. She was a long time member of the First Parish Congregational Church in Gorham, where she and her husband sang in the choir for over 40 years.

Barbara had many passions and her devotion and love for her family always came first. Other things that brought her joy were her love of music, gardening and nature. She marveled at the songbirds and other creatures that visited her world. She cherished her many friendships. It has been said that the value of a lifetime can be measured by the friendships made... and if so, Barbara has enjoyed enormous wealth.

Barbara's family wishes to extend a very special thank you to the dedicated staff and caregivers at The Cedars.

Barbara is survived by her husband of 62 years, Paul; three sons, Stuart Mason (wife Kim) of Mechanicsville, Virginia, Stephen Charles (wife Diane) of Scarborough, Maine, and Clifford James (wife Kathleen) of Stormstown, Pennsylvania; Four granddaughters, Nerissa Rouzer (husband Garret) and Miesha Vargas (husband Cesar) of Virginia, Sarah Bordi (husband Peter III) of Pennsylvania, and Caitlyn Neal of California; step grandchildren Brandy and James Butler, and a step great-granddaughter Lauryn, all of Virginia; her sister Marion, who resides in Bar Harbor, Maine; brother-in-law Phillip (wife Lottie) of Florida, and several nieces and nephews.

A celebration of Barbara's life will be held at the First Parish Congregational Church, in Gorham, on Saturday, June 4 at 10:30 a.m., with a luncheon reception to follow. Further details will be made available online at <http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/barbaraneal1> and through other local publications, or visit www.dolbyfuneralchapels.com for more details as the date approaches.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to: Gorham First Parish Church Choir, Attn: Bill Jenks, 1 Church Street, Gorham. Arrangements are by the Dolby and Dorr Funeral Chapel, 76 State Street, Gorham.

around town

The town recently spent \$22,000 to have the pump rebuilt on a 23-year-old fire department vehicle. This was the first time it needed an extensive repair. The vehicle is now back in service.

94 percent of the town as of 3/18 had CMP smart meters installed. 159 customers opted out of the installation.

MDOT is seeking bids for the construction of a roundabout at the intersection of Brackett/New Portland Rd. and Libby Ave. The roundabout should be completed later this year.

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End-of-Life Hospice Q&A with Lenora Trussell

Jackie Francis

Gorham resident Lenora Trussell has over 30 years of nursing experience. Her professional work has included rehabilitation, home care, occupational and geriatric nursing along with the practice of massage and most recently as a certified hospice and palliative nurse. She has taught numerous wellness, self-defense and CNA certification courses and, of lately, dabbled as a writer. She has written a simple and informative, easy-to-read instruction booklet, "Pain Smarts," which deals with end-of-life issues. It was written, says Trussell, for nurses and for the rest of us as well.

Describing herself affably as an "end-of-life tour guide," radio listeners will have a chance to hear Trussell talk about end-of-life issues with a great deal of compassion along with a light touch of humor on Thursday, May 12, 7:30 p.m. on WMPG (90.9 and 104.1 FM). I asked Trussell to talk about the services that she provides.

What is hospice and what does it offer?

Hospice is a program that offers end-of-life support for people with a prognosis of six months or less to live. It provides a team approach with visits from nurses, home health aides, social workers, chaplains, volunteers, and bereavement specialists.

When is hospice right for my family and me?

Your doctor has to certify the patient's eligibility to receive hospice care due to a terminal illness. Hospice staff may visit anytime to discuss the eligibility. Often hospice is called in a matter of days, hours, or even minutes prior to death. It is better to have hospice come earlier rather than later to give the patient, caregivers, loved ones, and staff a chance to plan what is going to work best for everyone in the end-of-life journey.

What do you offer to families and patients?

Sometimes it is hard for people to officially call hospice or even talk with the doctor about a prognosis. Having

an "end-of-life tour guide" helps to navigate the journey from working on a cure to accepting that the cure is not working. This is a very difficult part of the journey. There are several hospices in the area and some offer services that others do not. As your tour guide, I can help with that decision-making process.



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Are you concerned that some people will take offense to the humor you interject at a time when compassion is what most people expect?

I have had many patients tell me that it is wonderful to be able to laugh and let go of some of their tension. I am just as apt to interject humor as I am to share tears with patients and caregivers alike. My primary concern is comfort.

Can you tell me some of the strengths you've discovered as a hospice nurse and any insights that may compel families to want your services?

Life is a terminal condition. We are all in the same boat. My patients and caregivers have taught me what I know about caring for them during that journey. Patients have taught me about dignity, humor, resourcefulness, and trust as we pass from this life to whatever comes next.

What are some misconceptions of hospice care?

Hospice is more about living than it is about dying. We do not stop one process and start the next—they coincide. Once we figure that out, it adds an unbelievable richness to right here, right now. Hospice philosophy supports patients and families, squeezing every ounce of life out of the time we have left. By the way, hospice does not evict you if you live longer than six months. As long as you meet eligibility guidelines, you continue to be onboard.

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ive relationships and leads to lifelong problems with learning, behavior, and both physical and mental health. Investing in effective public infrastructure to protect young children's physical, behavioral and emotional health improves their educational achievement, productivity and future earnings.

Maine Families plays a key role in moving infants and families into a receptive "System of Care" and keeping them engaged. If we "get it right" for the infants and families at high-risk we avoid higher downstream consequences and costs. These costs include antisocial and criminal behavior, substance abuse, learning disabilities, special education, teen pregnancy and a continued cycle of dependency on the welfare system, and lost revenues from gainful employment. Getting things right initially is easier and far less expensive than trying to fix them later.

Maine Families has been supported by the state as a cost-saving prevention program for over 15 years and serves nearly 3,000 Maine families. The state invested in a highly trained and experienced professional workforce, along with a quality training and evaluation infrastructure. Eliminating this funding would lose these investments and 100 skilled jobs. Families all over Maine rely on this program as their lifeline and principal support.

The legislature was encouraged to support this program by statewide law enforcement, United Ways of Maine, municipal health departments, Shaken Baby Prevention Coalition, pediatric physicians, school superintendents, hospitals, and many community based social service organizations. Our goal to change the legacy for the next generation in Maine demands support of this vital program.

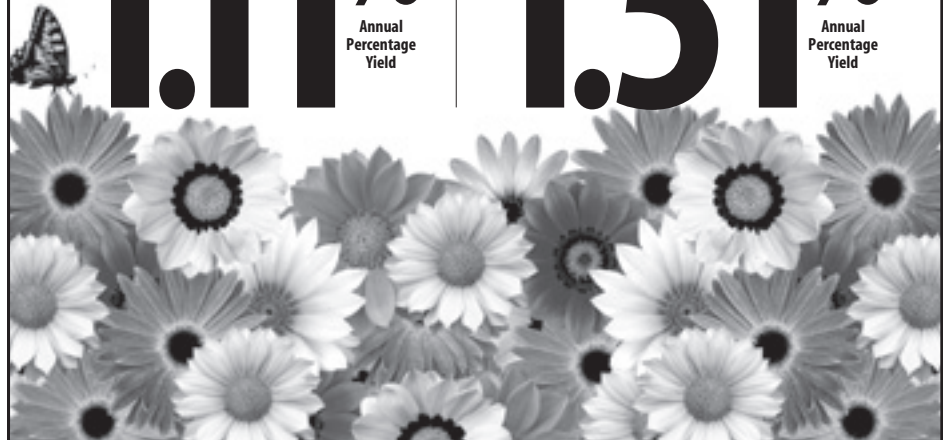
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Chief Shepard Reports

The grand jury returned the following indictments in April:

Tara Bucknell, 31, of Gorham was charged with hindering apprehension by the Maine Drug Enforcement Agency.

Branden Collins, 21, of Limington was charged with theft and violating conditions of release by the Gorham Police Department.

Timothy McLean, 44, of Gorham was charged with terrorizing with a weapon and possession of a loaded firearm in a vehicle by the Maine State Police.

Stephanie Robitaille, 20, of East Lynn was charged with theft and forgery by the Gorham Police Department.

There have been seven burglaries in the West Gorham area since April 7, with five of them occurring between April 15 and April 19. The stolen items included small electronics, jewelry, money and alcohol. The burglaries occurred in the daytime and the houses were not isolated homes. In the last burglaries, some items were left behind possibly indicating that someone coming home spooked the burglars. Police are investigating the burglaries and are asking anyone with any information to call the Gorham Police Department at 839-5046.

Town Council Report

April 5, 2011 Robin Somes

Chairman Matthew Robinson opened the March 1 Town Council Meeting. Attendees included Councilors Brenda Caldwell, Matthew Mattingly, Noah Miner, Michael Phinney, John Pressey, Town Manager David Cole and Town Clerk Christina Silberman. Councilor Phillip Gagnon was absent due to the delivery of his first child.

Chairman Matthew Robinson opened the April 5 Town Council Meeting and continued to Open Public Communications, where Representative Jane Knapp reported the following:

- The State Planning Office has a recycling program and competitive grants are available to municipalities and publicly supported solid waste programs. Application deadline is April 14.
- Seniors may qualify to receive a \$50 certificate to be used for locally grown produce.
- Applications are being accepted by the Maine Legislative Memorial Scholarship Fund, which will

award sixteen \$1,000 scholarships. Information is available at <http://www.mesfoundation.com>.


- Newly designed drivers licenses are now available for \$5 to replace valid ones.

In an update on the Gorham Founders Festival he spearheaded, Councilor Philip Gagnon reported that the Festival will be held May 27-30. Banners and flyers will soon be put up and distributed throughout Gorham. The deadline for the Gorham Then & Now Photo Contest is May 14. Winners will be announced at the Founders Festival Opening Ceremony on Saturday, May 28th at 9:00 am. Comprising the Festival will be amusement rides, historical tours by the Gorham Historical Society, the magic of Phil Smith, music by various artists, fireworks and many other events. Complete information is available at www.gorham-foundersfestival.com.

In other communications:

- Councilor Noah Miner reported that Nappi Distributors received Ecomaine's Eco Excellence Award for their green initiatives.
- Councilor Matt Mattingly conveyed his aspiration to promote "secret" products created in Gorham so people know about local businesses. He encouraged anyone who has such a product to contact him directly.
- Councilor Pressey reported on the Phase Corridor Study presentation. The recent PACTS' "Moving Greater Portland" workshop will be shown on GOCAT.
- Chairman Robinson announced that Town Clerk Christina Silberman resigned; Town Administrator Sandra Mowery retired; and Police Officers Bob Mailman retired after 29 years of service, Wayne Coffin retired after 35 years of service, and David Kearns retired after 40 years of service.
- Town Manager David Cole distributed the Proposed Budget, which totals \$11,961,854, up 3.96%. Details can be found on Gorham's website www.gorham-me.org.
- Tony Dunham from the Maine Rail Transit Coalition spoke on advocacy for passenger rail transportation to get Gorham's support towards legislation that will expand rail service. Joan Saxe from the Sierra Club expounded on his points and handed out a copy of the bill. Information is available at www.mainerailtransit.org.
- School Committee Chairman Dennis Libby reported the following:
 - o Registration and screening is underway for children entering kindergarten next year. Parents may call Narragansett or White Rock schools

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Car Care Doug Carter

Have you ever had your engine light come on, only to have someone tell you the gas cap was probably loose? It doesn't seem to make much sense - why would a loose gas cap cause a problem with your engine?

The system that causes the light to come on is called the Evaporative Emission Control System. Your gas tank holds an environmentally hazardous product - gasoline - that is composed of hydrogen and carbon. When the vapors escape to the atmosphere, they combine with nitrogen to create ground-level ozone, the haze you see in the air on a hot summer day.

To keep gasoline vapor from escaping, a car's computer monitors the integrity of the fuel system, which includes the gas tank and fuel lines that run to the engine. This is a difficult system to keep sealed. The system must be opened to add fuel and the engine is also continually pulling fuel from it. Part of the system is a charcoal canister that allows air to enter and exit the gas tank without letting the gasoline vapors escape. When filling the gas tank, air in the tank is vented through the charcoal canister. When the engine is running, air is drawn through the canister to clean out the filter. The air is then sent to the engine where the raw vapors are burned.

Now, the hard part: testing the system to make sure everything is working correctly. When the engine is started, a pressure sensor detects a vacuum created in the gas tank. If the vacuum is held for a specific period of time, the test is passed and the engine light stays off. This test will only run under certain conditions: the engine must be up to operating temperature, with the gas tank less than 3/4 full and the car must be driven for at least 20 minutes above 35 MPH. If the loose gas cap has been tightened, the computer will turn the engine light off after the test has been successfully completed. If any of these parameters are interrupted, the test will be canceled and the engine light will stay on.

For the test to fail, the vacuum drops in the gas tank and the engine light goes on. The only information that is relayed to the technician diagnosing the problem, via the computer, is how severe the leak is. The rate of change in the vacuum specifies how large the leak is, but it is up to the technician to find the leak. The first step is a visual inspection of the fuel lines and tank for rust holes and cracked rubber hoses. The electric vacuum switching valves should also be tested and inspected. If these check out, the next step is to smoke the system with a special machine that applies pressure, and watch for a leak. This can be a time consuming diagnosis.

Some newer cars have a separate "check gas cap light" instead of turning the engine light on, eliminating some calls to the shop, as long as the problem was the gas cap. The evaporative system will not affect the way the engine runs and can be ignored, at least until your Maine State Inspection is due. However, ignoring the engine light is not a good idea: if something else goes wrong with the car and the engine light is already on, you will not know about the new problem, which could be a more serious issue that could cause your vehicle harm.

We all need to do our part to keep the environment clean. The next time the engine light goes on, check your gas cap first. If it seems loose, give it a good twist and ratchet the cap several times. If all else fails, take the car for a good long drive. With luck, the engine light will go out and you will be the hero instead of your auto mechanic.



Doug Carter is the owner of Carter's Auto Service, Inc. He has been in the auto service business since graduating from Gorham High School in 1981.

A Legacy Set in Stone

Remembering Hamilton Sarah Gavett-Nielsen

Standing with the newly dedicated granite bench and wall plaque are, from left to right, Donna Aikens (aunt), MaryJane LeCours (grandmother) and Todd LeCours (father).



Photo credit Martha T. Harris

Chandler Hamilton was a good student, a good worker, and was well liked by those who knew him. Chandler's life was tragically cut short on November 12, 2010 after being involved in an automobile accident. As a tribute to Chandler's life, his family donated a stone bench located in the lobby of Gorham High School. According to his grandmother, Mary Jane LeCours, the family chose the bench with the intention of it being a lasting memorial. "We thought it would be a good addition and it would be something lasting," said LeCours. She continued to say the bench was a fitting tribute to Chandler as he "liked the ocean and the environment; the stone bench is sort of indicative of Maine."

On March 15 Chandler's father, aunt, and grandmother attended the dedication of the bench and accom-

panying plaque. Students who knew Chandler will be reminded of him as they wait for busses at the high school. LeCours states that most of this year's graduating students knew Chandler, and they will make good use of the bench. In addition to the stone bench and plaque, the family will also honor Chandler as they award a scholarship this year to a graduating senior.

On behalf of her family, LeCours wishes to thank all the people who contributed to the scholarship fund. They are grateful for the outpouring of community support and condolences received. LeCours also wishes to thank the Gorham School Department for accommodating the family's request to erect the bench in Chandler's honor, as well as the maintenance technicians who installed the plaque.

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Gorham Middle School Collects More Than Just Pennies

Donna Pastore

Gorham Middle School recently finished their annual penny drive to benefit the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society through the Pennies for Patients fundraiser. For two weeks, forty-nine advisory groups collected coins and bills, collecting over \$3,540 and again surpassing their goal from the previous year. Many students contributed their allowances, birthday money, bottle money, or worked to earn donations.

The advisory group that collected

the most donations was awarded a pizza party. This year, the final totals were literally within pennies between Mrs. Pastore's sixth grade advisory and Ms. Townsend's seventh grade advisory. Both advisories raised over \$345 with only 13 students in each group. Together they celebrated their amazing efforts with a pizza and snack party. Special thanks to all the families that helped to make the drive such a tremendous success again this year.



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Sixth grade students from Mrs. Pastore's Advisory Group.



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Seventh grade students from Ms. Townsend's Advisory Group.

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School Committee Report

April 6, 2011 Stacy Sallinen

The School Committee began its regular monthly meeting by recognizing many Gorham students, who were in the audience.

Diane Knott, K-12 Gifted and Talented Coordinator, along with Odyssey of the Mind team members and coaches, were recognized for their achievement in the state tournament held on March 26.

Director Eileen Avery and the cast of Gorham High School's One-Act Play, "Elephant's Graveyard," were recognized for their outstanding performance and win at the Maine Principals' Association State Drama Festival. The cast and crew advanced to the 83rd Annual New England Drama Festival on April 16-18 in Andover, Massachusetts. Avery said that she received many compliments on how GHS students represented themselves in a positive manner, giving standing ovations to every school's performance and reaching out to make connections with students in other schools. She expressed her appreciation of community support for the arts in Gorham, including the police escort and parade when returning to town after their win. Superintendent Ted Sharp offered his congratulations to the group, and also thanked Avery as she is "the heart and soul" of the group.

Superintendent Sharp reported on the following:

- Congratulated the winners of the 2011 Friends of Baxter Memorial writing contest.
- School Department is looking forward to developing a close relationship with the Gorham Arts Alliance, which supports the arts in Gorham schools and the community.
- In response to Suzanne Ennis's request at the March school committee meeting, Sharp explained that he did his due diligence and reported the status of flags in schools.
- K-5 teaching assignments will be finalized and released in the next few weeks.

Director of Instructional Support, Katie Hawes, provided committee members with an overview of her program. Since 2008, Instructional Support has evolved to serve students in Special Education, Section 504, Response to Intervention/Title 1, Gifted and Talented and English Language Learners. As a result of administrative restructuring, new laws involving RTI process and referrals, and budget reductions, the department has become more efficient. This has resulted in a decrease in special education referral rates, more focused and timely interventions, more coordinated learning services for students and teachers, better programming, improved student achievement and a less stigmatizing perception of services for students by other students.

In addition, Hawes informed the committee that the Kindergarten Jumpstart program is changing from the current in-home based model to a classroom model. Fifteen incoming kindergarten students will receive intensive literacy intervention for 20 hours a week for five weeks, totaling 100 hours.

The School Committee voted (7-0) to approve the FY12 school budget of \$31.3 million, representing an increase of 3.02%, or \$917,807, over last year's budget. The increase is mainly due to principal and interest payments on the Great Falls Elementary School Bond, and increases the mil rate by 13 cents per \$1,000 of valuation, assuming the property tax base increases by \$1 million. Sharp said this budget is a result of fiscal efficiencies and good planning, as no programs have been cut given the economic circumstances over the past few years.

In other news:

- Committee member Kathy Garrard said the GHS musical, "The Music Man," was wonderful, and it was great to see so many talented kids and younger students.

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Two sixth grade students from Mrs. Pastore's language arts class at Gorham Middle School entered writing pieces in the Scholastic Scope nationwide writing contest. Grace Collomy (left) won the contest in February for her paragraph describing the irony in the short story, "The Gift of the Magi." Amna Beshir (right) won the contest in March with her paragraph depicting the moral in the short story, "The Necklace." Both students were awarded a book for their efforts and had their names published on the Scholastic Scope website.



Photo credit Donna Pastore

Odyssey of the Mind State Tournament

Diane Knott, Odyssey of the Mind Coordinator



Photos credit Diane Knott

Pictured from the Odyssey of the Mind Technical Team are (back row) Autumn Heil, coach Carolyn Bickford, and coach Karen Hawkes, (front row) Max Harvey, Abbie vanLuling, Hayley Bickford, Grant Hawkes, and Nathan Bachner.

Pictured from the Odyssey of the Mind Vehicle Team are (back row) coach Beverly Gava, coach Angie Muhs Sharp, Simon Roussel, and Kiera Emerson, (front row) Trevor Gava, Jade Wu, Dawson Smith, and Andrew Sharp.



Photos credit Diane Knott

After months of preparation, five teams from Gorham competed in the Odyssey of the Mind State Tournament in Sanford on March 26. Gorham students joined some 800 participants on 125 teams. Three of Gorham's teams were from Village Elementary and two were from Gorham Middle School. Two first-place trophies were awarded to Gorham. Both teams were invited to compete at the end of May in the 2011 World Finals at the University of Maryland.

Village Elementary School won first place in Division I for the vehicle problem called "Extreme Mouse Mobiles." Using a mousetrap and string to power their vehicle made from the body of a Pinewood Derby car and erector set wheels, the team creatively solved their problem. The vehicle completed different challenges within a team-created skit set in Paris, France. Team members included Andrew Sharp, Trevor Gava, Dawson Smith, Simon Roussel, Kiera Emerson, and Jade Wu. Beverly Gava and Angie Muhs Sharp coached the team.

Another team from Village Elementary won first place in Division I for the technical problem "As Good as Gold...berg." The team created a device with a complex series of components that performed a real-life task. The setting for their performance was an abandoned western town with entertaining characters and tumbleweed props. Team members included Grant Hawkes, Nathan Bachner, Max Harvey, Abbie vanLuling, Hayley Bickford, and Autumn Heil. Karen

Hawkes and Carolyn Bickford coached the team.

Three Gorham teams earned fourth place in their division. GMS's Technical Team created a Goldberg device. The team included Coleman Dowdle, Sam Roussel, Sam Martel, Jackson Banks, Colin Gotschlich, Will Perrin, and was coached by Shannon Dowdle and Kelly Roussel. The other teams chose to solve the performance problem, "Full Circle." The GMS team included Elizabeth Lemieux, Avery Arena, Molly vanLuling, Elizabeth Kane, Luther Liang, Madeline Joyal-Myers, and was coached by Pamela Weiss. The Village Elementary Performance team coached by Thomas Kolb and assisted by Mia DeSanctis. This team included Isabelle Kolb, Ryan DeSanctis, Maggie Munkacsi, Kyren Bettencourt, Caroline Dowdle, Hailey Morrill, and Thomas Nelson.

Odyssey of the Mind encourages students to think creatively to solve problems. It is an international educational program that provides an opportunity for students to work on a team, apply their talents, and solve problems. Students are required to keep their expenses within a budget and to do all work without assistance. "Being on a team helped me to think way outside the box," said Abbie vanLuling. "It helped me to build with items differently and to think in creative ways," reported Trevor Gava. All teams gathered to celebrate their accomplishments on April 4 with a pizza party at GMS.

A World United

Village School Reaches Out to the Children of Japan

Jane Esty, Assistant Principal



Photo credit Chris Crawford

Pictured with their flags are Anthony Theriault, Haley Lowell and Ava Pitman.

The world once again found tragedy and sorrow among its people. The earthquake and tsunami in Japan wreaked unspeakable damage and destruction. In our small corner of the world, we were left wondering how we could help.

On Monday, March 21, Village School launched a campaign to raise money called "A World United - Reaching Out to the Children of Japan." For each dollar donated, a flag was hung in a student's name around Village School. The flags are two sided, with one side being the American flag and the other being the Japanese flag. The flags are a visual representation of the generosity and compassion shown by the children in our community for the children in theirs.

While it was not a requirement, students were encouraged to earn the money they donated, perhaps by taking on extra chores or showing

acts of kindness in helping neighbors in need.

An amazing total of \$1196 was raised! This was made possible by the individual dollars brought in by students, as well as generous lump sum donations from families, staff members, and community members. One hundred percent of the monies collected will be donated to the organization "Save the Children," which supports children affected by disasters in a number of ways, including health care, shelter, food, family reunification, and education. Village School has supported this organization in the past. FMI, please visit their website, www.savethechildren.org.

We would like to thank everyone for their generous participation in this effort. Every dollar will help, and each time our children reach out beyond the scope of their own lives a valuable lesson about a world united is learned.

Celebrating Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week

Heidi McGouldrick and Julie Murray, District Volunteer Coordinators

The week of May 2-6 is teacher and staff appreciation week in Gorham schools. It is a great way to show our staff that we appreciate all they do for our children. There are several ways parents and community members can help throughout the week.

On Monday, May 2, we are looking for parents or community members to bring in breakfast treats for our staff to enjoy. Food and drinks can be dropped off anytime after 8 a.m.

On Thursday, May 5, teachers and staff will be treated to a luncheon. We are looking for salads, fruit, hot dishes, desserts, snacks, veggies, paper goods and drinks. Items should be dropped off by 11 a.m. Any item that does not require refrigeration can be dropped off the day before and left in the

teacher's room. Please include a note that the items are for teacher and staff appreciation week.

What else can YOU do? We would love for students to write letters or poems to any staff members. Think of those people at our schools that we sometimes forget to thank and send in a letter to them. Some students will be asked to read their letters over the PA system during the course of the week.

Additionally, parents, community members or businesses are welcome to donate gift certificates to be given out to teachers and staff. Please contact Heidi McGouldrick at 222-1117 or heidim@gorhamschools.org for more information. Thank you in advance for your help to make this week a huge success!

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Sebago Brewing Company recently opened their Gorham brewing facility to the public for a tour and delicious dinner. Shown above is Brewer Peter Dahlen (at bottom) leading a tour group while explaining the many steps it takes to make the varieties of Sebago Beer. Paul Kennedy, manager of the Gorham Sebago Brewing Company, was in charge of the five-course dinner. The event, which sold out quickly, happens on an occasional basis.

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property behind the police/fire station, a mile and a half from the high school. This same referendum is asking for one million dollars to construct a new bus loop at Narragansett School due to safety issues. Why wasn't this important issue addressed last year when the funds were available instead of building the new bypass road? If the new loop is necessary to keep our children safe, let's admit we made an error in planning, remove it from the stadium issue, and address it separately.

Several council members felt we should act on this now to "take advantage of low interest rates and construction costs." A tough sell to those who have lost jobs, to seniors without a COLA increase in two years, and for all of us as we attempt to keep up with ever increasing food and fuel expenses. Gorham presently has athletic facilities that many towns envy. A new stadium, in addition to the existing fields, will increase maintenance, as well as transportation costs to and from the high school.

Consider the location and its impact on surrounding neighborhoods. By all means, let's increase the traffic flow on Main Street especially during commuting time! This stadium, along with other residential and commercial development in the area, will aggravate an already horrific situation. Shouldn't traffic impact studies have been completed prior to this referendum?

No, this is not the time to borrow two million dollars! I urge Gorham residents to vote "No" on June 14th. I am an avid sports fan, but this stadium is the wrong expense, in the wrong location, at the wrong time!

William Goff

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YourSpace Continues Facility Improvements

Gets Help from Local Vocational School and Businesses

Jeff Pike

It has now been just over three years since the indoor soccer facility on Narragansett Street was sold at auction to the Southern Maine Community Recreation Center (SMCRC), a non-profit organization. SMCRC renamed the facility as YourSpace and has since made a number of improvements with help from many local businesses as well as students from the Westbrook Regional Vocational Center (WRVC).

One of the first major projects was replacing the sprinkler system. "The initial system was a "wet" system and was always filled with water," said General Manager Sandy Warren. "That system required the temperature be kept above 32 degrees to avoid freezing pipes, which resulted in huge heating expense. The new sprinkler system is a dry system and only calls for water if it senses fire. This enables us to turn the heat off when it is not being used without having to worry about pipes bursting."

After the sprinkler system was installed, the dome of the field house was insulated. This was a significant expense but has significantly reduced heating costs. Another improvement was a new function room adjacent to the concession area, which was opened up to make it more conducive for team meetings and parties. "It's also a comfortable place for parents to enjoy a cup of coffee, read a book, or just chat with other parents while waiting for their children's practice to end," Warren said. "It's proven to be a great gathering place for parents and kids."

Because parking has been an issue during tournaments and other large functions, SMCRC decided to add additional parking. In the spring of 2010, the facility formed a relationship with the Westbrook Regional Vocational Center to expand the parking lot, and through the school, students had the opportunity to operate different pieces of equipment. Local construction companies and equipment vendors have supported by donating materials and loaning heavy equipment for students to use.

"We worked with the vocational school to coordinate the work by the students, and several local construction companies donated the aggregate and construction equipment," Warren said. "We have added in excess of 20 parking spaces and are now seeking to pave the added spaces. It's a great training opportunity for the students to learn all aspects of paving, and we are hopeful that a local company will donate asphalt for our project."

In 2010 YourSpace received a grant to replace the lights in the field house and worked with a local electrician and Efficiency Maine to design and implement the most efficient lights possible. "After we insulated the ceiling, we found that the original lights did not provide adequate lighting on playing surface," Warren said. "The grant enabled us to purchase state-of-the-art, efficient lights, which students from WRVC will install."

In addition to installing the new lights, the students have done a significant number of other projects

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Tournament Champions



Photo credit Andy Maier

A team of Gorham Special Olympians and high school basketball players from Gorham High School and Cheverus High School won the Unified Special Olympic Basketball Tournament April 2 at USM in Gorham. Gorham won all three of its games in pool play and then went on to defeat Oceanside in the final to win the gold medal. Playing for the team and pictured above, front row from left to right: Caleb Dunlap, Amanda Thompson, Joe Harper, Travis Maier, Beth Poole, assistant coach Delaney Shiers and assistant coach Reagan Emerson. Back row: Head coach Lisa Shiers, Jake Smith, Peter Mahoney, Carter Bowers, Nate Moody, Cole Shiers, Tyler Maroon, Damon Lyons and Phil Holmes.

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Boston Marathon Participant: Gorham resident Laurie Nicholas ran the Boston Marathon for the second year in a row and finished with a time of 4:17:22. She ran after receiving an invitation through the charitable organization Run for the Fallen and participated on a team that ran in memory of LCPL Angel Rosa of South Portland. In 2010, Nicholas ran the race with a time of 4:02:00, and she hopes to run again in 2012. Nicholas is pictured here running the Sugarloaf Marathon, where she turned in a time of 3:46:00.

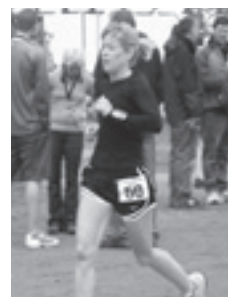


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All-State Basketball Selection: GHS senior Mia Rapolla was selected to the All-State Girls' Basketball Team by the Maine Sunday Telegram. Rapolla led the GHS girls' basketball team to a 14-4 record by placing second in the SMAA conference in scoring along with being in the top ten for steals, free-throw percentage, and rebounds.

Gorham Grad Commits to Wesleyan Football: GHS Class of 2010 graduate Jon Day has committed to attend Wesleyan University in Connecticut and play for the football team. During the past school year, Day attended and played football for Bridgton Academy.



Photo credit Demers Photography

Sets Record for Most Goals in a Game: Aimee St. Germain (GHS '09) set a University of Maine at Farmington single-game scoring record for women's lacrosse with six goals April 20 vs. Thomas College. At press time, she was leading the team in scoring with 26 goals in nine games and had twice been named as the North Atlantic Conference East Division Rookie of the Week.

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Boys' Lacrosse Announces Captains: Seniors Aaron LaPort and Mike Seehusen along with junior Nate Holloran were announced as captains of the boys' lacrosse team.

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to schedule appointments.

- o A parent meeting regarding getting ready for the next school year is scheduled at Narragansett School for May 23.
- o The school calendar has been finalized and is posted on www.gorhamschools.org.
- o The new elementary school is nearing completion as final stages of construction, painting and other finishing tasks are now underway. The school will open on schedule.

In new business:

- Approved 5-2 (Mattingly, Miner) for the Town Council to authorize a referendum vote on June 14 to seek voter approval to issue general obligation bonds for \$3,000,000 for the synthetic turf field, related facilities and construction of public safety site improvements at Narragansett School.
- A request from Hans Hansen to develop a contract zone on a lot off County Road was approved 7-0 to be sent to the Ordinance Committee.
- Voted 7-0 to appropriate \$6,000 from the contingency account to support the Gorham Founder's Festival.
- Voted 7-0 to ask the Finance Committee to review opportunities for providing public bus transportation.

YourSpace FROM PAGE 9

including the installation of outside safety lights, motion-sensor lights and other electrical upgrades. Once all the work is completed, Warren expects the YourSpace electrical bill will be greatly reduced.

Another major improvement at YourSpace was the installation of two 24-foot ceiling fans. "All of the hot air rises to the ceiling and has no place to go, so we needed to install large ceiling fans to move the air," Warren said. "These fans will move the warm air and help reduce fuel consumption as well as making it much more comfortable for players and patrons."

Looking ahead, YourSpace hopes to construct a grass practice field, working once again with the students at the vocational school. "For this project and the ones that have come

before it, we are very thankful to the local businesses that supported us," Warren said. "We are also thankful to all of the volunteers who help us. We are very fortunate that there are so many families in our community willing to help out in a number of different ways."



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Peter Mirkin and Cathy Falwell of Gorham are thrilled to announce the engagement of their son, **Alex Mirkin** (GHS '02) to **Katie Wauchope**, daughter of Kathleen Wauchope of Westport, Connecticut. Katie and Alex are currently living in Brooklyn, New York. A wedding date is being planned.



State Representative Jane Knapp (R-Gorham) welcomed Andrew McLean, also of Gorham, in the Hall of Flags at the State House. McLean serves with the Maine Commission of Community Service and came to the Capitol to take part in the Governor's Volunteer Service Awards ceremony.

OF INTEREST

Robert Swain of Gorham was recently promoted to PFC of the 262d Engineer Company in the Maine National Guard.

Emma Deans of Gorham was named a 2011 Michael D. Wilson Research Scholar by the UMF Undergraduate Research Council. Deans' project is entitled "Exploring Environmental Imagination through Creative Nonfiction Multimedia." She is a senior majoring in creative writing.

The Gorham Founder's Festival is looking for vendors to participate in the 275th Anniversary of the founding of Gorham from May 27 through May 30. Businesses, professional vendors and nonprofit organizations are welcome to participate. For more information please contact Darryl Wright at vendor@gorhamfoundersfestival.com. You can also download the application at www.gorhamfoundersfestival.com.

State Representative Jane Knapp (R-Gorham) recently presented Marc Badeau, also of Gorham, with a legislative sentiment in the Hall of Flags at the State House. Badeau was the recipient of the Maine's Outstanding Nonprofit Award. He is the founder of Operation Tribute, a nonprofit organization created to acknowledge the sacrifices made by children of military families.

Greater Portland Mothers of Multiples Club will hold a children's used clothing

& equipment sale on Saturday, May 14, 9 a.m. to noon, St. Anne's Church, 299 Main Street.

Free and open to the public, O'Donal's Nursery in Gorham will host its 5th Annual Organic Workshop on Saturday, Apr. 29 & Sunday, May 1. Learn about composting, planting and growing organically; natural pest and weed control; benevolent bugs for your garden; solar and wind power, and more! For a schedule of events and speakers, visit www.odonaldsnurseries.com.

The Dance Studio of Maine recently recognized nine dancers with the studio's second quarter "Stand Out Student" awards: Emma Forgues, Katie Proia, Alexis Fotter, Alicia Hannan, Makenzie Goudreau, Ashley Grant, Mia Kratzer, Nicole Labbe, and Ashley Avery.

Ossipee Trail Arts Center, in coordination with the Centre of Movement in Gorham, presents the ballet, "Cinderella," Apr. 29, Apr. 30, May 6 and May 7 at 7:30 p.m. \$5 advance tickets/\$8 at the door. FMI, 839-3267.

The Friends of Baxter Memorial Library will hold their Spring Book Sale at the Gorham Recreation Department's activity room on Thursday, Apr. 28 from 5 to 7 p.m., Friday, Apr. 29 from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday, Apr. 30 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Non-members may purchase a \$5 courtesy ticket at the door for Thursday evening's preview sale. There is no entry

fee for the public sale on Friday and Saturday. FMI, 839-5031.

There will be an art show from May 6 to May 25 at the Baxter Memorial Library featuring the watercolor paintings of adult education students.

The USM School of Music Concert Band will perform a mix of musical selections at its Annual Spring Concert Saturday, Apr. 30 at 2 p.m. at the McCormack Performing Arts Center, GHS. \$6/\$3. FMI, www.usm.maine.edu/music.

The USM Costello Sports Complex field house (Gorham campus) will host the annual USM Spring Craft Show on Saturday, April 30, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Over 80 artisans will exhibit and sell their handcrafted wares, from wood products, photography, handcrafted jewelry and knit items, to garden art, pottery, glass art, fabric art and gourmet specialty food items. FMI, 780-5434.

A free public lecture by Director of Bates College Museum of Art Dan Mills has been rescheduled to 1 p.m. on Friday, Apr. 29 in the Burnham Lounge, Robie Andrews Hall, USM, Gorham. A discussion of his artwork, the work of other artists, and his work curating exhibitions will be part of the discussion.

The following local music students auditioned and were accepted to perform in the USM School of Music's Youth Ensembles Concert held at the Merrill Auditorium in April. The Southern Maine Children's Chorus Concert will be held on Thursday, May 12, at 7 p.m. in Corthell Concert Hall, USM Gorham. Shea Ahearn, GHS, Trumpet; Stanislav Butenko, GMS, Violin; Grace Eaton, Home School, grade 11, Timpani; Esther Eaton, Home School, grade 7, Voice and Percussion; Samuel Emerson, GHS, Clarinet; Melody Hasbrouck, Home School, grade 10, Flute; Ian Hawkes, GHS, Clarinet; Phoebe Johnston, Village School, Voice; Arthur Lockman, GHS, Trombone; Bethany Marshburn-Ersek, GHS, Viola; Allison Matthews, GHS, Oboe; Miles Obrey, GMS, Voice; Justin Reyes, GHS, Euphonium; Alex Saunders, Home School, grade 9, Trumpet; Clara Stickney, GHS, Violin; Emily Stickney, GHS, Cello; Dorothy Stickney, GMS, Viola; Katherine Sullivan, GMS, Voice; Michael Sullivan, Jr., GHS, Baritone Saxophone; and Amy Sutherland, GHS, Euphonium.

There will be two days of bargains at the Cressey Road United Methodist Church Two Day Rummage and Perennial Sale on Friday, Apr. 29 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on Saturday, Apr. 30 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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Gorham resident and past Gorham Times volunteer Bill Watson, an Ed Tech at The School at Sweetser in Saco, has been named the 2010 Garland Award recipient. The award is given annually to one employee who shows quality work and exhibits exceptional service to others in non-work related activities. Sweetser CEO Carl Pendleton (L) and Director of Educational Services Eslie Parquette (R) present Bill Watson with the Garland Award.

This year's sale will feature clothes, dishes, furniture, books, puzzles, toys, perennials, and houseplants. FMI, 839-3666.

The First Parish Congregational Church in Gorham (Route 114) will hold a Chicken Pie Dinner on Saturday, May 14 from 5 to 6:30 p.m. \$9/ \$5 children under 12. FMI, 839-6751.

Join the Gorham Arts Alliance for a Mask and Creative Headwear Event on Saturday, Apr. 30 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Baxter Memorial Library. FMI, www.gorhamart-salliance.org.

Sebago Brewing Company in Gorham will hold its 2nd Annual Brewing for a Cause on Saturday, May 7 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. with lunch served. A unique fundraiser for the American Lung Association's "Trek Across Maine," attendees will be able to participate in brewing "Trekker Pale Ale," as well as taking home a case of this special brew. Tickets are \$125. FMI, visit sebagobrewing.com or call 856-2537.

Two Gorham High School rock bands,

Crossed Out and Beware of Pedestrians, are competing in Reindeer Records "Off-Ramp: Exit 26" competition. The bands were given the task to create and record a song entitled "I Scream at Walls." They have now successfully added music video production to their list of skills and accomplishments. To vote for your favorite band, visit www.reindeergroup.org. The results show is Saturday, May 7 at 7 p.m. at the Westbrook Performing Arts Center.

Ellie Sato of Gorham auditioned and was accepted at Boston Ballet for the intensive summer dance program. She currently dances with Portland School of Ballet.

GHS Band "Crossed Out" is one of six bands in the MAMM SLAM Finals, competing for the title of Best High School Band in Maine, on Sat. April 30 at Portland Music Hall, starting at noon. Tickets are \$10 for students, \$12 for adults.

Girl Scouts of Maine will be hosting the Parent Information and Registration Meeting at Narragansett School on Tuesday, May 10 at 6:30 p.m.

Brian T. LaBonte



Brian T. LaBonte, 49, of Gorham, passed away after a brief illness on April 21, 2011. He was born on November 27, 1961 in Portland, the son of Clement T. and Frances S. Gillespie LaBonte. He was educated in South Portland and was a graduate of Portland High School Class of 1982.

Brian was a certified welder, tower climber, iron worker, and fabricator. Brian worked at Wireless Construction. He was a member of the South Portland and Portland Eagles Club for 20 years. Without a doubt, Brian was always seen with a smile on his face. He was loyal to his family and friends. He would talk to anyone and become instant friends. He loved his birthday and especially Christmas with the whole family. He loved riding his Harley and enjoyed singing karaoke with his adoring wife Maria at the Eagles Club.

Brian is survived by his wife Maria LaBonte, his Daughter Jessica Wilson, her husband Barry and granddaughter to be (Brian wanted to be called "Pops"), three step children Andrew, Ben, and Cassie of Buxton, ME, his Mother Sharon Parlin and Step Father Herman of Scarborough, ME, his Father Bing LaBonte of Florida, his sister Terry Budzko and her husband Ric of Scarborough, ME, his sister Robin Hill and her husband Troy of Bottineau, ND, his sisters Michelle LaBonte of Portland, ME, Patty LaBonte of So. Portland, ME, Nicole LaBonte of Portland, ME, his brother David LaBonte and his wife Laurel of Scarborough, ME, and his brother Bobby LaBonte of Florida, also his many nieces and nephews.

Special thanks to the Eagles Club, VNA In-Home Hospice staff, and to the caring staff at Gosnell Memorial Hospice of Southern Maine. In lieu of flowers please donate to Gosnell Memorial Hospice of Southern Maine, 180 US Route 1, Scarborough, ME 04074 www.hospiceofsouthernmaine.org or to the Maine Cancer Fund, P.O. Box 553, Portland, ME 04112.

A funeral service and burial in Highland Memorial Cemetery, South Portland was held on April 25th.

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Longfellow Road caller reported a deer in their residence that eventually walked out the door and was possibly injured.

Caller reported that someone cut the catalytic converter off their vehicle while it was parked in a church parking lot.

Mosher Road caller reported seeing a woman with a dog on a leash and carrying a flashlight. Woman said she was searching for her children.

Teran Street caller reported graffiti spray painted on the 25 MPH sign and on the stop sign.

Wood Road caller requested to speak with an officer regarding an unmarked Police car that followed his daughter to the Scarborough line for the last few mornings.

Ossipee trail caller requested to speak with an officer regarding things that her husband has said about her.

Deering Road caller reported their sibling called and stated that while sibling was walking, an unknown subject started shooting at them.

Officer was requested to assist a patient in getting home from Bramhall Street in Portland, but patient got tired of waiting and left.

A postal carrier attempted to deliver a package at a Brackett Road address and found small children and a dog playing outside, but no adult around.

Shirley Lane caller reported three bicycles stolen sometime in the last three months.

Libby Avenue caller reported that two "scruffy looking men" in a beat up old vehicle came to their door trying to sell them a vacuum cleaner.

Elizabeth Street caller reported that two teenagers were going door-to-door requesting bottles for orphans.

Acorn Street caller reported that someone broke into the site overnight and took a generator and compressor.

Barstow Road caller requested to speak with an officer regarding their 13-year-old having a relationship with someone out of state who may be in college.

Parker Hill Road caller stated that their roommate found a job as a housekeeper on Craigslist and the person who hired them went by two different names. Caller was concerned for the safety of the roommate as their address was given out.

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School Committee

FROM PAGE 6

- Chairman Dennis Libby said the GMS musical was well run and entertaining, and it was wonderful to hear students singing spontaneously at the end during the slide show.
- Village School's musical will take place May 5-6.
- The Allergy Policy and Bidding/Purchasing Policy were approved (7-0).
- The 2011-2012 school calendar was approved and available online.
- Voted (7-0) to appoint Rachel Presby as the behavior support teacher at GMS, MacKenzie Smith as seventh grade girls' lacrosse coach, and Lisa Shiers as Special Olympics advisor.

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FRIDAY, APRIL 29

- Cressey Road United Methodist Church Two Day Rummage and Perennial Sale, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. FMI, 839-3666.
- USM Theater Department presents "Harvey," 7:30 p.m., Russell Hall Theater, Gorham Campus. \$15/\$11/\$8.

SATURDAY, APR. 30

- Cressey Road United Methodist Church Two Day Rummage and Perennial Sale, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. FMI, 839-3666.
- USM Guitar Studio Ensemble, 7:30 p.m. at Corthell Concert Hall, USM Gorham. FMI, www.usm.maine.edu/music.
- USM Concert Band concert, 2 p.m., McCormack Performing Arts Center, GHS. \$6/\$3. Tickets sold at the door.
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SUNDAY, MAY 1

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MONDAY, MAY 2

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

TUESDAY, MAY 3

- Gorham Cancer Prayer and Support Group, 6 p.m., Cressey Road United Methodist Church. FMI, 839-3111.
- Town Council Meeting, 7 p.m., Municipal Center, 75 South St., Gorham.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 4

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

THURSDAY, MAY 5

- Gorham Food Pantry, 9-11 a.m., (located in St. Anne's Catholic Church parking lot)
- Baby & Me, birth-18 mos., 9:30 a.m., Baxter Library. FMI, 839-5031.
- Toddler Time, ages 18-36 mos., 10 a.m., Baxter Library. FMI, 839-5031.
- North Gorham Public Library, Story Hour for ages 3-5 yrs, 9:30-10:30 a.m. FMI, 892-2575.

FRIDAY, MAY 6

- USM Concert Series presents "A Celebration of the Music of Liszt 200 Years After His Birth," 8 p.m., Corthell Concert Hall, USM Gorham. \$15/\$10/\$5. FMI, 780-5555.

SATURDAY, MAY 7

- Into the Mud Challenge, 2.5 mi. obstacle course in the mud, Gorham Middle School, 9:30 a.m. start. FMI, www.intothemudchallenge.com
- All You Can Eat Baked Bean Supper, White Rock Community Club, Wilson Rd., Off Rte. 237 in Gorham, 4:30 - 6 p.m. \$7/\$3. FMI, 892-4342.

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.

MONDAY, MAY 9

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

WEDNESDAY, MAY 11

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- School Committee Meeting, 7 p.m., Municipal Center, 75 South St., Gorham.

THURSDAY, MAY 12

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FRIDAY, MAY 13

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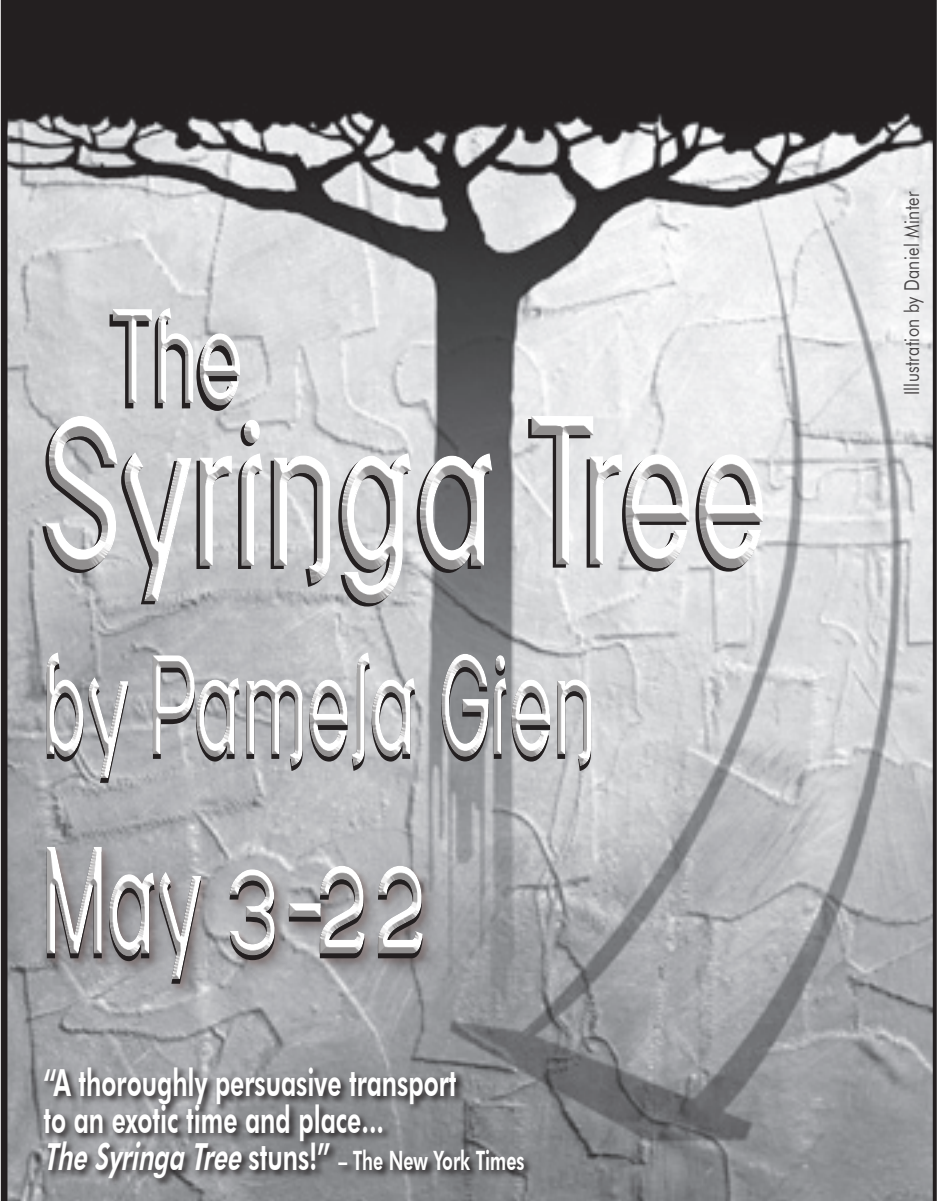


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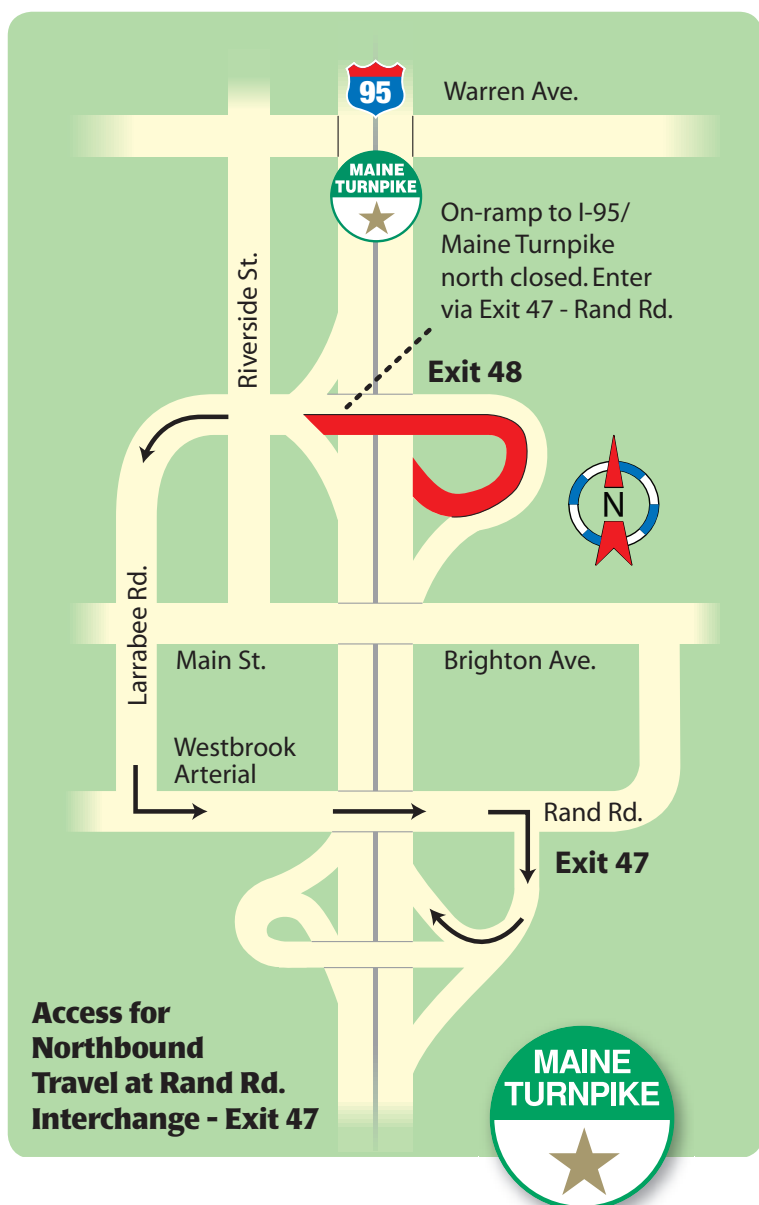
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