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The Bucket List On Sunday, June 19 Don Cross eliminated one item on his "Things I want to do during my lifetime" list. His dream of skydiving became a reality when he donned a jumpsuit, attached himself to a total stranger, and tumble-salted out of a perfectly good airplane. "Awesome" was the only way he could describe the experience when he first landed on the ground. However, the thought that ran through his mind when he first hit the air was, "What am I doing here?" So even though Don didn't know what he was doing there, his advice is this... "Just Do It!"



Sammie Francis and Friends will perform on Sunday, July 24 from 3-5 p.m. at the Summer Concert Series at the PineCrest Inn on Rt. 114. All shows are free and outdoors on the side lawn of the inn. Bring a chair or blanket on which to sit.

Dear Readers and Advertisers,

After nearly 15 years with one printer, the Gorham Times is now being printed by the Brunswick Times Record. We are excited to present their level of print quality to you. We look forward to a successful relationship with the Times Record and we hope you like our new appearance.

Maynard Charron, President, Board of Directors

Roundabout Construction Begins; Village Project Nears Completion

Bill Ambrose

On July 5 construction began of the roundabout at the intersection of Brackett Road/Libby Avenue and New Portland Road. At the same time, the extensive rebuilding project in the center of Gorham Village is coming to a close, possibly as early as July 20.

The roundabout project entails the reconstruction of approximately 400 feet of roadway in each of the four parts of the intersection. The actual roundabout is being built to the northeast of the present crossing, requiring the taking of some land from the Chase Homes property. Other landowners needed to give easements for signs and drainage. Streetlights will be added to enhance nighttime safety.

General contractor for Shaw Earthworks, Inc. Brian Shaw expects construction to continue through November, although the actual paving work will be stopped by the state cutoff date of October 22. In Maine, all roadway paving must be completed by October 22 due to the possibility of frost. The project includes extensive re-grading and elevating of the site, along with major modifications to the existing drainage system.

Seven full-time employees have been added to Shaw's payroll. He characterizes these jobs as "well-paying, far above the minimum wage, with the possibility of earning 20 to 30 hours of overtime weekly." The flaggers at the site are supplied



Photo credit Bill Ambrose

Workers from Shaw Earthworks, Inc. position a catch-basin at the site of the roundabout on New Portland Road.

by a sub-contractor who is responsible for their training and insurance. Shaw said that this situation prevails at most road construction projects.

At the center of Gorham Village, the final part of the sidewalk project is underway. The old broken-down crosswalks have been removed, and are being replaced by new reinforced concrete walks. Chris Duchaine of Design Dwellings says that the new crosswalks are built to modern standards, and

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Town Considers Sale of Buildings

Sheri Faber

The Town of Gorham owns ten buildings that are not currently being used by the town but primarily by a variety of volunteer and non-profit organizations. The Capital Improvements Committee (Michael Phinney, Noah Miner and Matt Mattingly) will review the current status of each building and make recommendations to the council. In some instances, the buildings may be put up for sale.

The town currently uses the Municipal Center, Great Falls, Narragansett and Village Elementary Schools, Gorham Middle School, Gorham High School, the Public Safety Building and Baxter Memorial Library for education and town business. The buildings being considered for alternative uses include Little Falls School, White Rock School, Elmwood School, McLellan House, Baxter Museum, Little Falls Library, Robie Gym, Frederick Robie School, the old Town Office and Cressey Memorial Chapel.

The Gorham School Department turned over

Little Falls School to the town. It is not currently in use but the town anticipates having the Recreation Department before- and after-school daycare programs temporarily moved to that location along with the Teen Extreme program. There is also a proposal to turn the school into a fire station/public safety facility as part of the town's Capital Improvement Plan.

White Rock School, which closed in June at the end of the school year, is the property of the School Department but Town Manager David Cole anticipates that they may turn the property over to the town unless the School Department has another use for the building.

The Lions Club has a 50-year lease on the former Elmwood School on South Street. The lease runs until 2029. The former schoolhouse recently received a new roof.

McLellan House, also on South Street, is used for office space by the Presumpscot Land Trust and the

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Photo credit Kimberlee Bennett

GMS Students Give Back to Community

Before Gorham Middle School students headed home for summer vacation, they once again participated in a community service day. Kara Doane, Georgia Baber, Katie Lodr, Bennett Gasowski, Tyler Houston, Megan Perrin, Allie LaFerriere, Emily Yager, Erin Esty and Jordan Sherwood, all members of Miss Bennett's sixth grade advisory, washed cars to show their appreciation to GMS staff. Further information can be found in the next issue of the Gorham Times.

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Dear Gorham Times,

I would like to thank the Gorham EMT'S for their help on April 14 when I fell from a ladder and broke my leg in two places and shattered my arm. Because of their expert knowledge they made my transport easy.

Carole Keaten

Dear Gorham Times,

We, at Assistance Canine Training Services (A.C.T.S.) of Tuftonboro, NH would like to send a very spe-

cial thank you to Isabella Santoro of Gorham for choosing A.C.T.S. Service Dogs as her school community service project. Isabella visited us at a service dog training session and worked with one of our puppies, researched our organization, and worked on her own fundraiser for A.C.T.S. Isabella sold collars and leashes donated by Yellow Snow Dog Gear and she managed to raise \$200. Since A.C.T.S. is an all-volunteer organization, we are always very grateful when someone goes out of their way

to help us. Thank you, Isabella. We really appreciate all you did toward our goal of helping people with disabilities gain independence.

Robin Crocker, Mt. Washington Valley Training Coordinator

Dear Gorham Times,

I was very impressed by all of the hard work that was put into making the extraordinary issue of the 275th anniversary of Gorham. The Gorham Times staff pulled together many of the articles and should get tremendous kudos for all their hard work. They went above and beyond to produce such a wonderful memento of our town history. I learned many new facts and loved the chronology of events in Gorham.

I realize the Gorham Times' staff members are all volunteers and most have been working on the paper since its founding in 1995. Thank you for your hard work every other week to inform us of town happenings. The Gorham Times truly enhances our community.

Carol Curran

Dear Gorham Times,

This letter is a special thank you to the Gorham High School graduating class of 2011. The class showed thoughtfulness and caring by taking time during their special graduation day to honor the memory of my grandson Chandler Hamilton and others who recently passed away. Our family is grateful for the tribute. We wish all of the Class of 2011 the best life can offer. God bless you.

*Thank you,
M. LeCours and family*

Dear Gorham Times,

The Gorham Times recently did a new business profile on my preschool, 4 Seasons Preschool and Childcare. I would like to thank you for a very well written article on my school. Thanks to everyone who did the article, GREAT JOB!

Becki Yabm

around town

Both the School Department and the Town sold the portable buildings that were no longer needed for \$7,500 each. The sale allowed them to avoid the costs of moving the portables.

Connie Loughran was sworn in on July 5 as town clerk. She was acting clerk for six months after the previous clerk resigned.

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NEWS FROM AUGUSTA

Property Assessed Clean Energy

Senator Phil Bartlett

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High energy costs can financially handcuff a homeowner. The cost of fuel is exposing many households to the need to become more energy efficient (especially during the colder months). Nearly 80 percent of Maine's households use oil for heating, which is the highest percentage in the United States. Last year, the Maine Legislature created an innovative approach for encouraging energy saving improvements at home; the program is called Property Assessed Clean Energy, also commonly referred to as PACE.

As a result of the law, any municipality now has the option to establish a PACE program for its residents. Participating cities and towns will be able to create a funding mechanism based on property assessment to finance home or business weatherization and energy efficiency measures. To date, more than 70 Maine municipalities statewide representing approximately 50 percent of the state's population have already made this new financing tool available to residents. Recently Gorham approved a PACE ordinance, which means that eligible Gorham homeowners can now participate in Efficiency Maine's PACE loan program.

It is known that a significant chal-

lenge for most homeowners is having the upfront money to address any home project. A PACE loan helps ease the upfront costs involved with a project and allows a property owner to borrow funds at a competitive interest rate. Furthermore, the homeowner creates annual savings from the energy efficiency improvements, lower energy bills and a lower vulnerability to increases in energy prices.

With a fixed interest rate of 4.99 percent, loans can have up to a 15-year repayment period, and are transferable upon the sale of the property. Loans can range anywhere from \$6,500 to \$15,000. More information can be found online at: www.efficiencymaine.com/pace.

According to Efficiency Maine, the PACE program has helped more than 2,000 Maine households in over 225 towns across the state save an annual average of 36 percent in energy costs. At current heating oil prices, that amounts to around \$1,300 in annual energy savings per home.

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Pony Parties

Sherrie Benner



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Kathy Williams and her Shetland and Painted ponies are ready to party.

Patches, Pepper and Penelope know how to party. These three Shetland and Painted ponies, along with owner Kathy Williams, provide fun and entertaining experiences for children through their business, Penelope's Pony Parties. Williams and her husband Steve, a photographer, recently relocated from Virginia to a 1700's home on Houston Road. Sale proceeds from their former home helped to build a new five-stall barn as well as a studio on the property.

The business rents to any event that needs entertainment specifically geared to children such as family reunions, school functions, community fairs, and of course, birthday parties. Rentals are not limited to just parties and large events. A few weeks ago, Penelope greeted a little boy attending Lincoln Middle School in Portland on his last day of school. His mother rented the pony for her son to ride home from school to their home located in a near-by neighborhood.

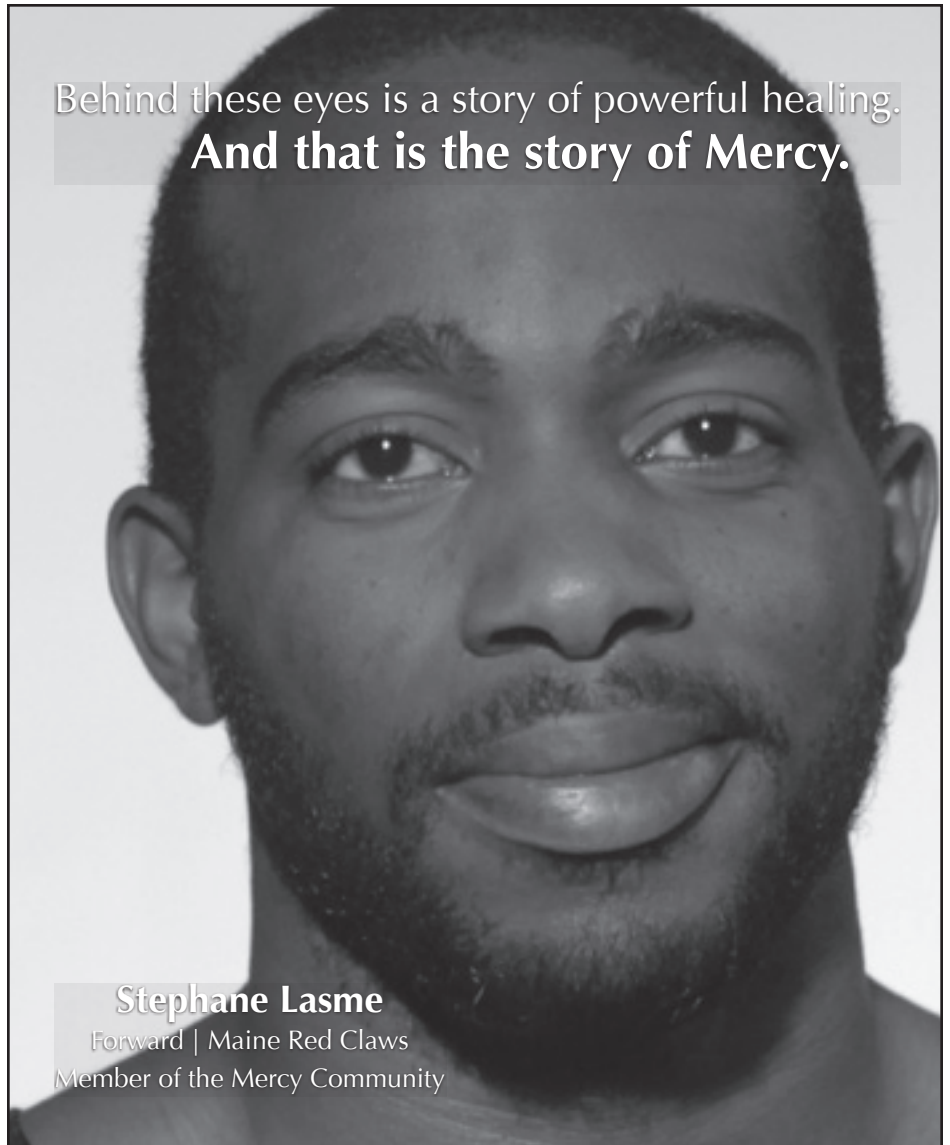
Williams offers several pony party packages. One pony may be rented for \$150 for the first hour and \$75 for each additional hour. Two ponies may be rented for \$250 for the first hour

with each additional hour at \$100. Additional ponies may be rented for larger parties and events. Depending on the venue, an hour may average 6-10 rides per pony. For an additional fee, clients may add a professional photographer, Williams' husband and The Signature Image Photography, to any of the events and receive a complete CD of all the fun. Photographs are also available. For vacationers or parents looking for a child-friendly activity, Penelope's Pony Parties will set up daily at various locations for pony rides. Please see their website for locations. For \$20, these rides last ten minutes.

The parties are equipped with well-trained cowboys. Portable fenced corrals turn any site from a backyard or parking lot to a safe riding arena. Riding helmets are provided. While there is no age limit for the children, there are necessary weight restrictions. Patches, the largest of the three ponies, is able to carry up to 150 pounds. Reservations should be made

a minimum of seven days in advance to ensure availability. Please contact Kathy Williams at 894-5365 or <http://ppprides.com>.

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Planning Board Proposals Sheri Faber

The Planning Board is considering a variety of proposals including:

- The Crossing at Tannery Brook, a proposed subdivision off Gray Road, is seeking permission to increase the number of lots from 29 to 36.
- Gorham House is proposing to renovate the skilled nursing wing by 2,400 sq. ft. with a one-story addition. The proposal will include adding 20 parking spaces and new sidewalks.
- Gorham Village Green Condo

Association off Libby Avenue is requesting permission to remove the over 55 age restriction and to change the form of ownership from condominium to cluster subdivision.

- The Board approved (with conditions) a proposal by USM to add outdoor stadium lighting to the multi-purpose athletic field facility.
- The Board scheduled a site walk for Design Dwellings' proposal for a 26-lot subdivision on the property that was formerly the site of Barrows Greenhouses.

Real Estate Transfers February 2011

Location	Buyer	Seller	Price
85 Wagner Farm Road	Halligan, David & Kathryn	Strumph, Thomas	\$238,000
44 Wight Lane	Hughes, Russell	Gilbert Homes	\$75,000
185 Barstow Road	Johnston, James & Debra	Wilcox, Frederick, Jr.	\$363,900
60 Mallard Drive	Howland, Dana	Cook, Constance	\$55,000
23 Wagner Farm Road	O'Connor, Peter & Mariposa	D.A. Brackett Co.	\$255,000
63 Wagner Farm Road	D.A. Brackett Co.	Risbara Bros. Inc.	\$75,000
32 Wagner Farm Road	D.A. Brackett Co.	Risbara Bros. Inc.	\$75,000
16 Mechanic St.	JCS, I LLC	Duchaine, Susan	\$257,500
236 Sebago Lake Road	Bibula, Steven & Amy	Heirs of Alzina Wight	\$372,000
15 Sanborn Street	Pearson, Robert, Inc.	Neptune, Wayne	\$126,000
170 Ossipee Trail	Small, Jaimee	McDuffie, Richard	\$108,000

Town Council Report

July 5, 2011 Robin Somes

In Open Public Communications, Gorham's newest Police Officer Chelsea Emmans was introduced and welcomed by Police Chief Ronald Shepard.

Susie Phillips announced that the 275th Commemorative Committee is publishing a book this fall honoring 25 years of Gorham history in pictures. Books will be available for \$10 at Gorham Historical Society, Baxter Memorial Library and the Town Clerk's Office.

Representative Knapp reported the following:

- A special ceremony in April was held in Augusta honoring Mark Badeau, a member of the Gorham Economic Development Corporation, for his work with veterans and their families.
- In its effort to lessen some bureaucratic regulations currently deterring business development in Maine, the Legislature reviewed current environmental laws.
- Knapp will provide a list of the many upcoming agricultural fairs within her newsletter. The fairs reflect Maine's heritage. The public is encouraged to attend.

In Councilor Communications, Councilor Mattingly expressed concern regarding progress of the Turnpike Spur project being caught up in the scandals surrounding the former executive director of MTA. Councilors Mattingly and Phinney, and Burleigh Loveitt were invited by Interim MTA Director Peter Mills to a Board Meeting. Although the MTA Board is very much in support of the Turnpike Spur, there is substantial debt related to bonds that disallows borrowing any more money. To help this project proceed, Mattingly encouraged councilors as well as the public to attend an upcoming MTA open public workshop, whose date will be made public once set.

Councilor Gagnon, a member of the Jetport Noise Abatement Committee, asked that anyone who had related concerns could email him at pgagnon@gorham.me.us.

Councilor Pressey, Chairman of the Personnel and Appointments Committee, announced there are open

seats on various boards and committees. For more information see "News & Announcements" at www.gorham-me.org.

Town Manager David Cole reported the following:

- Five Year Service pins were presented to Gorham Police Officer Brian Key and Ross Larrabee of the Fire Department for their dedicated service.
- Gorham was the recipient of a recognition award from the Council of Governments (COG) for participating in Phase one of the East West Corridor Study.
- Gorham received the Certificate of Financial Achievement for Financial Reporting from the Government Financial Officers Association. Finance Director Maureen Finger was cited for her efforts that resulted in this honor.

Town Clerk Connie Loughran reported on the low turnout of the June 14 municipal elections. She said a total of 1590 voters represented a 7 percent turnout.

In other actions, the Council:

- Voted 7-0 to amend the Land User and Development Code to allow caretaker residential units in the in the Urban Commercial, Roadside Commercial and Industrial Zones and in the Narragansett Development District.
- Voted 7-0 to enact a Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) Ordinance to establish a PACE program in Gorham. The Ordinance went into effect July 6, 2011 so qualifying property owners can access financing for energy saving improvements. Details can be found within the complete minutes within "Town Council Minutes" under "Agendas & Minutes" at www.gorham-me.org.
- Voted 7-0 to appropriate a total of \$97,035 to pay the town's 15 percent local share of the State Road Project on Mosher Road — completed in 2004, with \$74,095 from the Town Clock Reserve Fund, \$127 from the North Street Cemetery Fence Reserve Fund and \$22,812 from the Vacuum Truck Reserve.



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The Doctor Is In

Why Does My Back Hurt? Dr. Robert Lavoie

It's a question I hear every day in my practice and a tough one to answer. Approximately 80 percent of us will experience back pain at some time in our lives. Each year one-half of all working Americans admit to having back pain symptoms and it is the most common reason for missed work. It is second only to colds in reasons to visit the doctor.

So why is back pain so common? The answer is that we live in a world that was not meant for our backs. The typical day of most working Americans consists of a drive to work, 8+ hours in front of a computer, back in the car, dinner and two or more hours of television - all of this requires very little activity and too much sitting. Combined with excess body weight and repetitive motions at work, the back and spine will start to feel the impact. Our bodies were designed to be active and mobile and when we do not use it, we lose it.

Bones, joints, ligaments, nerves and many muscles make up the structure we call the back. Back pain symptoms can arise from a strained muscle, sprained ligaments, disc herniation or pinched nerves. Conditions such as scoliosis, arthritis and obesity can also cause back issues. Sometimes back pain can result from problems with our internal organs such as kidney stones, infections or blood clots.

When any of these structures are out of sync, our body will give us a sign. Pain is our body's way of telling us something is wrong. If we ignore it or cover it up with medications, we can potentially cause more harm.

If you experience back pain, it is best not to ignore it. Your options may include ice/heat, over-the-counter pain medication, massage, chiropractic care, acupuncture, physical therapy or a trip to your primary doctor. The Agency for Health Policy recommends you choose the most conservative care first. If you do not know where to start, consult your chiropractor or physician.

Back pain is not normal and you do not need to live with it. As Ben Franklin so aptly put it, "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure." Prevent back pain from becoming a problem by staying active, avoiding long periods of sitting, shedding excess pounds and practicing good posture and ergonomics.



Robert Lavoie D.C. is the owner of Chiropractic and Massage Clinic of Gorham.

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Congratulations Gorham School Department Retirees

Compiled by Stacy Sallinen

At the close of the 2010-2011 school year, the Gorham school department said farewell to the following teachers and staff:



Tomi Auger

After 30 years of service, all of which have been in Gorham, Tomi Auger retired from her position as special education teacher at Gorham High

School. Her first year was spent between the high school and Little Falls. Auger student-taught under Aggie Lane, who also retired this year.

Auger said her favorite thing about teaching has been the students, which is one of the reasons why she taught as long as she has. She enjoyed hearing from students after graduation to see what they are doing with their lives.

Future plans for Auger include substitute teaching to keep in touch with students and colleagues, volunteering and travel.



Cindy Bishop

After 24 years of teaching, Cindy Bishop retired from her position as a fifth grade teacher, all of which have been at Village. She completed her

student teaching under Deana Chase, who also retired this year. It was under Chase's wonderful mentorship that Bishop realized how much she enjoyed fifth grade students, finding them inquisitive and excited to learn, while displaying a sense of humor, joy and fun.

Each fall, Bishop looked forward to meeting a new class of students. She felt proud to be part of the dedicated, creative, professional and caring staff at Village. Bishop hopes she has made as positive an impact on her students as they have had on her.

Future plans for Bishop include volunteering in the schools, travel and spending more time with family and friends.



Joan Bryant

Joan Bryant retired from her position as secretary after 31 years of service, of which 30 years have been at Narragansett and one year at

Charlotte Millett.

For Bryant, each day was a highlight in her career. She enjoyed working with students, their families and the general public.

Bryant plans to enjoy her retirement by staying up late, watching tele-

vision and having no plans for the rest of the day.



Deana Chase

Deana Chase retired after 34.5 years of teaching, all of which have been at Village. Chase taught all subjects, spending 10.5 years

with sixth grade students and 24 years with fifth grade students.

A favorite for Chase has been teaching wonderful children and working with great people and nice parents. Career highlights include being with a new group of students each year, and she enjoyed every single year.

Chase plans to travel, read and spend time with family during retirement.



Chris Crawford

With 34 years of experience, Chris Crawford retired from her position as librarian at Village. Crawford previously worked as

children's librarian and assistant director at Baxter Memorial Library, Walker Memorial Library in Westbrook and in Lincoln Middle School in Portland.

Crawford most enjoyed connecting kids with books, encouraging them to be enthusiastic and discriminating readers.

During her retirement, Crawford plans to spend more time with her granddaughter, volunteer in the schools, travel and most importantly, have more time to read.



Martha Donahue

After 53 years of teaching, Martha Donahue retired from Village as a fifth grade teacher. Donahue has spent a total of 45

years in Gorham, with her first two years teaching a special class of fourth, fifth and sixth graders at Little Falls, and later continued with teaching fifth grade at Little Falls and then at Village. She also taught sixth grade in Lewiston for eight years.

Donahue enjoyed the people with whom she has worked, and has taught and learned from many wonderful children.

During her retirement, Donahue has no specific plans but is looking forward to spending time with family and friends, volunteering, and pursuing hobbies. She plans to follow her parents' example of being "life long learners" and doesn't expect to be bored.



Gerry Durgin

Gerry Durgin retired after 18 years as athletic director at Gorham High School. Durgin was recently featured in the June 24 issue of the Gorham Times.



Karen Dyer

After 38 years of service in Gorham schools, Karen Dyer retired from her role in school nutrition at Village. Dyer first worked as an aide

on the playground, but then become responsible for preparing salads and vegetables.

Dyer enjoyed working with the crew in the kitchen. She previously raised sheep and sold wool to spinners. During her retirement, Dyer hopes to obtain additional sheep and return to her own spinning wheel.



Linda Hough

Linda Hough, an education technician for 23 years, retired from Gorham Middle School. She previously worked as a substitute librarian in New York

and for the Delaware and Hudson Railroad for several years.

Hough most enjoyed interacting with students. Highlights include the move from Shaw to the new middle school, where the building was new, beautiful and had a computerized library system.

Future plans include traveling with her husband, and eventually moving to be near their children in North Carolina.



Aggie Lane

Aggie Lane retired after 42 years of teaching. She began her career teaching third grade in Connecticut. Beginning in Gorham in 1973,

Lane taught fifth grade for four years at Village, and the other 34 years were spent teaching all subjects to fourth grade students at Village, Narragansett and Little Falls.

Lane said she enjoyed teaching fourth grade student, as they were eager to learn, independent, yet still appreciate and respect the teacher. Throughout her career, she felt she pushed herself professionally, maintained a high level of energy, thought creatively across the curriculum, and

was willing to try new ideas to make the classroom experience exciting for students.

During her retirement, Lane plans to enjoy her family, especially her granddaughter; travel; read; substitute teach; and she may even write a cookbook.



Bobbi MacCallum

Bobbi MacCallum retired after 23 years of service in Gorham as a speech and language pathologist. She has also worked in other school districts and rehabilitation facilities.

MacCallum said her favorite part of her job has been watching students improve and become more competent communicators. Career highlights include obtaining a master's degree while working full time and obtaining a certificate in assistive technology.

Future plans include spending more time with family, taking a master gardening class and quilting.



Jacky Meggison

Jacky Meggison retired from her position at Village. She has been working in Gorham schools for 26 years, first at Little Falls and most recently as a

secretary at Village.

Over the years, Meggison has had the pleasure of getting to know students, parents, grandparents, and community members, and found joy in seeing familiar faces of former students and co-workers. A favorite for Meggison was Professional Administrative Assistant Day, where students created precious thank you cards for the office staff.

Meggison will miss the caring and giving people she has worked with over the years.



Marianna Mickelson

Marianna Mickelson retired after 36 years of teaching. After graduating college, Mickelson taught history at the Perkins

School for the Blind in New York. She then became certified to become a reading specialist, worked as a Title 1 teacher at Massabesic Junior High School and taught in a self-contained program. After taking time off to be with her son, Mickelson started working in Gorham, first as a Title 1 teacher at Village and has been a special education teacher at Gorham High

Gorham Middle School Fourth Quarter Honor Roll 2010-11

6th Grade-High Honors	Theodore Lockman Dylan Lockwood Sarah Lorello Samantha Low Keegan Luce Kaylea Lundin Julia Lyons Thomas Macomber Kayley Mason Angelina Meserve Isabelle Muehle Fiona Nee Bryan Nelson Taylor Nygren Miles Obrey Emily O'Donnell Athena Pappalardo Marina Pappalardo Kyle Peoples Meghan Perrin Kent Piazolla Emma Pierce Maeve Pitman Lauren Poirier Brady Rioux Julia Roy Alexander Scholz-Lague Jordan Sherwood Alex Smith Ariana Smith Caroline Smith Samuella Spurr Raymond St. Cyr Karen Stemm Cameron Stevens Dorothy Stickney Katherine-Helene Sullivan Connor Sweatt Erica Thibeault Justin Thompson John Touchette Lily Towle Evelyn Turnbaugh Dylan Weeks Cameron Wright Emily Yager Marc Yankowsky Alex York	Grade 7-Honors	Diana Albanese Erik Andreasen Kaylin Apt Nadia Barry Trenton Bassingthwaite Doris Beane Carl Bear Christopher Beland Olivia Bell Ross Bellino Tyler Bernier Ahmed Beshir Emily Bragg Daniel Brann Thomas Brent Kyle Briggs Mallory Campbell Alexander Candelmo Chelsea Caron Sydney Caron Amber Cavarretta Bryan Conover Zachary Crockett Jennifer Darasz Taylor Day Madeleine DeWitt Cooper Donovan Emily Duff Caitlyn Duffy Cody Elliott Courtney Fitz Sarah Flanders Natasha Fogg Emerson Fox Morgan Freeman Joseph Gallant Connor Goodall Dane Heckathorn Alexander Hotham Claudia Ingalls Sarah Jordan Mia Kaufman Samuel Kilborn Branden Kuusela Kyle Latronico Spencer Linscott Peter Mahoney Daniel Marean Matthew McCarty Molly Merrifield Hannah Meserve Chatham Mills Emma Niles Madison Ochse Marlo Pappalardo Robert Pellerin Taylor Perkins Madison Poulin Sean Pratt Nathaniel Rines William Ruby William Selens Angela Sills Allison Sinnett Malcolm Smith Lyndsey Sobieralski Jesse Southard Colby Sturgis Elizabeth Sullivan Jackson Trey Taylor Maeve Terry Haley Tetreault-Kellett Jason Tracey Alyda Twilley Kalli Verrill Austin Violette Nicole Walls Connor White Nicholas Wilson Meghan Yaskula	Elizabeth Kane Brendan Kelly Emily Lewis Travis Maier Jeffrey McNally Zachary Mills Blanca Monsen Mikayla Richman Madeleine Scholz-Lague Charlotte Smith Timothy Sposato Andrea Stemm Jacob Sturgis Thomas Susi Zoe Swift Madison Tippetts Michaela Williams Ashley Woodbury Andrew York
Grade 6-Honors	Grade 7-High Honors	Grade 8 - Honors		
Anne Acker-Wolfhagen Elsa Alexandrin Katherine Andrews Georgia Baber Jackson Banks Ethan Barczak Wyatt Barczak Trystan Bates Jake Bear Rachel Beaulieu James Benson Kathryn Bertin Madison Bickford Lucas Bryant Nariah Cavarretta Seth Cook Jenna Cowan Kristen Curley Jordan Currier Brandon Desjardin Hannah Distasio Kara Doane Alyssa Dolley Logan Drouin Travis Emerson Emily Esposito Erin Esty Jordan Falagario Joseph Fiset Abigail Flint Rachael Graham Mia Guimond Ryan Hamblen Carrie Hansen Emily Hayward William Hepler Riley Hohman Madeline Joyal-Myers Fayd Karim Allison King Allison LaFerriere Narissa Libby	Thomas Bernier Kayleigh Bettencourt Kailyn Bowie Benjamin Bradshaw Kevin Brewer Tristan Brunet Hailey Bryant Robert Campbell Nicole Couillard Sara Darling Renee Deering Bregan DeLeon Sierra Eichner Eleanor Feinberg Colin Gotschlich Cody Hanmer Maeghan Higgins Cady Houghton Collin Jones Madison Keating Aisling Kirby Carson Kuschke Cassidy Landry Jordanne Mercier Joseph Moutinho Gordon Murray Jason Nagy Sara Perry Calvin Riiska Dylan Rogers Dayna Shaw Anna Smith Cameron Smith Rachael Stewart Ciara Stillson Sydney Stultz Cameron Tracy Molly vanLuling Emilia Viernes	Megan Baker Catherine Becker Matthew Bennett Kristin Benson Tyler Bernaiche Kaitilyn Bernier MacKenzie Bowers Darcie Brown Amanda Butler Brooke Caron Michael Chapin Emma Christakis Kaitlyn Curley Christian Daigle Megan Demers Margaret Donohue River Dunn Reagan Emerson John Ennis H James Fleming Benjamin Garson Julia Gaudette Griffin Germond Morgan Hager-Perry Abigail Hamilton Meghan Hanley Katherine Hopkins Cole Houghton Andrew Johnson Evan Johnson Maxwell Johnson Muhammad Khan Jessica Labrecque Jamison Lane Taylor LaPointe Kayli-Susan Leavitt Logan Letourneau Sean Luce Zoe Mattingly Brendan Mercier Alexis Miller Dominic Morin Sarah Norton Tanner Ochse Olivia Owens Thomas Pequinot Emily Peterson Savanna Petrin Julie Pike Sarah Plourde Kiana Plumer Chandler Reagan Nathan Roberts Alicia Robinson Mitchell Rossignol Andrew Schmidt Evan Scott Jaymie Seneca Margaret Shields Delaney Shiers Abigail Sladen Julia Smith Katherine Stickney Katherine Stoddard Michael Susi Jordann Thomas Benjamin Thompson Kenneth Tuttle Jordan Ward Autumn Weed		

Gorham High School Fourth Quarter Honor Roll 2010-11

Grade 9-High Honors	Jessica Rexrode Jeremy Reynolds Courtney Roberts Claire Sirois Joshua Slater Victoria Small Timothy Smith Rozada Spiers Lauren Stiles Lydia Story Katie Tucker Dylan Turner Collin Young	Hannah Rovillard Danielle Roy Emily Schulte Andrew Scontras Erin Smith Elliott Speirs Amy Stevens Emily Stickney Bridget Stillson Ryan Sullivan Malcolm Tartt Lindsey Thomsen HonEvelyn Viernes Cameron Willette	Amelia Whitten
Grade 10 - High Honors	Deborah Burgess Kyle Curley Elizabeth Landry Spencer LaPierre Michael Lubelczyk Bethany Marshburn-Ersek Amy McCarty Alexander Owens Michelle Pham Katiana Selens Quincy Shaw Patricia Smith Kara Stahl Michael Sullivan Alexander Swiatek Tyler Verrill Milan Vidovic	Grade 11-High Honors	Grade 12-High Honors
Grade 9-Honors	Rebecca Amell Christian Auspland Gabrielle Bagala Carly Barber Alyssa Beaulieu Kyle Butler Tyler Carroll Lauren Carter Adam Chapman Michael Chin Ashley Clark Jessica Coffin Jeremy Collett Griffin Courtney April Cummings Jessica Day Kiara Day Emily DeLuca Eric DeLuca Sophia Dobben Molly Dufour Megan Dunlap Aaron Erickson Charlotte Feinberg Heather Fields Gabrielle Garson Madeleine Gotschlich Nicholas Greateux Sadie Guimond Natasha Hall Johnathan Hamlin Kacey Hamlin Lucy Harrison Amber Alexis Holivan Karen Knight Narissa Kourinos Joseph Lambert Paige Lara Ryan Latronico Hannah Leclair Matthew Leclair Hannah Linscott Kevin Lombard Rebecca Lord Sarah Lyons Haley MacDonald Abby Mattingly Matthew Melton Jenessa Meserve Dylan Mininger Shannon Nee Jacob Nelson Julianna Pearson Elisabeth Poole Ross Pratt	Grade 11-High Honors	Grade 12-Honors
Grade 10-Honors	Lucia Alexandrin Libby Andreasen Kayla Billings Grace Bourgault Collin Bowie Kristen Braley Morgan Briggs Adam Bucknell Travis Bucknell Celeste Carpenter Caitlin Childress MacKenzie Coburn Ashley Corbeau-Hasenflu Connor Dunn Stefanie Farrington Sarah Fogg Francesca Gallant Meaghan Gilbert Kayla Harris Elizabeth Henderson Abigail Hodgkins Alex Johnson Chloe Johnson Taryn Kaczmarek Ahmad Khan Nicholas Lewis Arthur Jebediah Lockman Cassandra Martel Nicholas Matthews Maxwell McNally Levi Merrifield Riley Sawyer Perkins Riley Shane Perkins Sydney Perkins Taylor Plas Dominic Pompeo Jenna Profenno Allyson Redhunt Mary Redmond Adam Reed Marissa Roberts Kristin Ross	Grade 11-High Honors	Grade 12-Honors
		Ryan Baillargeon Heather Benson Adam Bourgault Abegayle Brown Mason Crocker Briaana Custeau Leanna Dalfonso Abigael Dean Katelyn DiLorenzo Nathaniel Dombek Cortlandt Dunn Ryan Eagle Emalee Esty Katelyn Gearan Michael Giasson Nicole Gile Nathan Goodrich Brittany Grant Andrew Hopkins Ashley Linscott Kevin Lubelczyk Alyssa Lurvey Colin Mader Tyler Maroon Samuel Mosher Quincy Owens Sarah Perkins Sierra Peters Danielle Rivard Sabrina Rowell Margaret Roy Osna Sayed Cole Shiers Lindsey Smith Matthew Southard Alexandra Sturgis Mariah Taylor Emery Thompson Emily Thompson Robert Toothaker Dylan Whitaker	Daniel Aceto Molly Aube Thomas Bahun Benjamin Baines Elena Barnes Katherine Bennett Benjamin Besanko Foster Blake Devin Brann Lindsey Charlton Megan Creeden Jordan Cunningham Kylie Duggan Jessie Dye Lauren Garrard Victoria Geffers Ashley Guiver Shelbi Guimond Kyle Hartford Ian Hawkes Sarah Henderson Brendon Joyce Moir Keahon Alena Kiel Erika Kutchmarick Kimberlee Laney Nathan Lemieux Amy Linscott Joseph Lynch Jennifer Malpass Derek Marceau Alexander Maston Michael Miliano Megan Mitchell Sarah Moir Brianna Nee Samantha Peters Ryan Quint Caite Robinson Elizabeth Rockett Brittany Rogers Michael SeeHusen Kristen Shepard Connor Smith Morgan Stickney Lars Sunnell Renee Tardiff Meghan Taylor Danielle Thompson Mackenzie Tippetts Andrew Turner Colleen Ward Julia Waters Kenneth Whipple

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Second Semester Honor Roll, 2010/11

Grade 9 - Honors	Grade 10 - High Honors	Grade 11 - Honors
Alexander Barris Sarah MacLeod Joseph Smith Alexandra Walker	Ian Lawson	Alissandra Saxton
	Grade 10 - Honors	Grade 12 - Honors
	Trebor Lawton Mina Para	Emily Kurz Joseph LaStoria

North Yarmouth Academy

Third Trimester Honor Roll, 2010/11

Grade 8 - Highest Honors	Grade 10 - High Honors	Grade 11 - High Honors
Eleanor Sato	Timothy Daigler	Jae Yeon Jeon

sports

Swimming Now an Official Sport at GHS

Ryan Baillargeon

As reported in the last issue of the Gorham Times, the Gorham High School Swim Team was approved as a formal program by the School Committee on June 8. During the past school year, ten swimmers from Gorham High School competed individually in swim meets as part of the Westbrook team, and they hope that they will be able to use Westbrook's pool for practices and meets next season. The Gorham Swim Boosters raised \$8,500 to become a sport at Gorham High School, but the fundraising will not stop there. They have to raise another \$8,500 per year for at least the next three years in order to continue as a program. At this point, the program is entirely self-funded.

The Gorham Swim Boosters are made up of parents of the swimmers who wanted to see Gorham have its own swim team. Before the team was approved, Gorham was the only Class A school in Maine to not have its own swim team. But thanks to many fundraisers such as Clynk bags, participating in Founders' Day, and running concessions at events, the Swim Boosters were able to raise enough money for this upcoming season. They also received donations from several local businesses. The team does not have a coach named, but new Athletic Director Tim Spear is looking into it.

After losing one of the ten swimmers to graduation, the team looks poised to have a great first season. "We hope to have twenty swimmers come out for the team, and we would not be surprised if there are more,"

said Swim Booster president Denise Nelson. "Last season, four of the ten swimmers qualified for the state meet, and three of those four then qualified for the New England meet. Most swimmers compete in two to three events and some also do relays. However, last year only two of the ten swimmers were boys, so the boys were unable to field any relay teams. We hope to change that this year."

Similar to several other high school sports, swimming is not offered until the high school level. The Swim Boosters realize that if Gorham is going to compete at a high level against large teams such as Scarborough's seventy-five athletes, they will need a feeder system. "As a winter sport, swimming will allow students who do not usually participate in a winter sport to stay active and stay in the water over the long, cold winter," said Denise Nelson. "To help get things started for next year, we sponsored a clinic for Gorham Middle School students at Saint Joseph's College to introduce them to the sport of swimming."

While most kids go swimming in the many lakes of Maine, not many have ever had the chance to try competitive swimming. The boosters hope that by introducing swimming to the younger kids, it will add depth to the team in later years. Thanks to a lot of hard work and dedication by the Gorham Swim Boosters, Gorham High School now has another sport to offer to its students.

Softball Runner-Up



Photo credit Julie Murray

The Gorham U10 All-Star Softball Team finished second in the State of Maine Babe Ruth Championship tournament July 10 in Farmington. Playing for the team, front row from left to right: Hallie Shiers, Brittney Landry, Brittany Desjardin, Isabella S., Emily Murray and Ashleigh Hotham. Back row: Kali Perry, Trinity Dean, Matilda McColl, Olivia Ionta, Meg Perry and Mackenzie Holmes.

Minor League Baseball Champs



Photo credit Rebecca Lord

Moody's Collision Center won the Gorham Recreation Minor League Baseball Championship June 18 with a 6-3 win over Carter's Auto Service led by first-inning doubles by Sam Dunlap and Jeremy Harris that helped Moody's jump to a 5-0 lead. Other highlights during the game included a great stop of a hot grounder and unassisted out turned in at first base by Peter Richards; Monroe Reeder, who only gave up one run pitching while recording two strike outs; Dylan Carpenter with a triple that scored Jacob Roberts; and a tag play at the plate that went from center fielder Zachary Shaw to short-stop Colby Christakis to catcher Ayden Lindsay to end a Carter's rally. Playing for Moody's and pictured from left to right, front row: Griffin Lord, Dylan Carpenter, Zachary Shaw, Ayden Lindsay and Gage Young. Middle row: Monroe Reeder, Jeremy Harris, Sam Dunlap, Jacob Roberts, Peter Richards, Ryan Reno, Adam Petrin, Colby Christakis and Brian Bunker. Back row: Coaches Alicia Paige and Tony Jeffords.

in the Zone

Half-Marathon Top Finishers: Incoming GHS seniors **Cortlandt Dunn** and **Joe DeRoy** ran the Kennebec Rail Trail Half Marathon June 26 in Augusta with Dunn placing second in his age division and 18th overall with a time of 1:32:52 and DeRoy placing sixth in the same division and 33rd overall with a time of 1:37:13. In the adult division, **Laurie Scott** finished 14th in her age division with a time of 1:51:37.

Gorham Soccer Stars Travel to Pennsylvania: Several Gorham soccer players participated as members of their Premier Soccer clubs in the U.S. Youth Soccer Region I Championships that took place in July 1-5 in Pennsylvania and featured teams from 13 states across the northeast: **Jackson Fotter** (Seacoast U12 Boys); **Megan Perrin** (Seacoast United U12 Girls); **Nate Roberts, Chandler Reagan, Cole Houghton, Matt Hooker and Cody Elliot** (MCU Phoenix U14 Boys); **Kate Hopkins** (Seacoast U14 Girls); **Kyle Curley, Tyler Eldridge and Austin Bell** (MCU Phoenix U15 Boys); **Jessica Rexrode** (Seacoast U15 Girls); **Connor Reagan** (Seacoast U16 Boys); **Erin Smith** (Seacoast U16 Girls); **Kevin Lubelczyk** (MCU Phoenix U17 Boys); **Kiersten Turner, Sierra Peters, Audrey Adkison, Lindsey Smith and Allie Lurvey** (Seacoast

U17 Girls); **Seth Wing** (MCU Phoenix U18 Boys); **Samantha Peters** (Seacoast U18 Girls); **Colin Lubelczyk** (Seacoast U19 Boys).

National Rugby Team Player: Ally Day (GHS '11) earned a spot on the USA U20 Women's Rugby Team that competed in an international tournament in California July 14-23 against teams from South Africa, England and Canada. For the past four springs, Day has been one of the leading players for The Portland Women's Rugby Football Club.

Top National Racewalker: Katie Flanders, an incoming senior at GHS, finished seventh in the one-mile racewalk at the New Balance Outdoor Nationals held in North Carolina June 17 with a time of 8:21.22.

Tennis Coach of the Year: Retiring GHS girls' tennis coach **Sonja Frey** was named Coach of the Year by the Maine Sunday Telegram. Frey leaves Gorham after 25 years of coaching and leading the Rams to a 43-5 record over her last three seasons.

Six Hits in Double-Header By Two Players: Recently-graduated GHS senior **Steve Broy** led the Moody's Collision Centers American Legion baseball team to a double-header sweep over Falmouth on July

Gorham Youth Baseball and Softball Award Winners



Photo credits Lisa Curley

Gorham Babe Ruth Softball John Jenkins Award recipients from left to right: Natasha Fogg, Renee Deering, Lizzy Kutzer and Lindsey Wilcox. The award is given to a 12-year-old on each team who has been a role model and who demonstrates sportsmanship, love of the game, and willingness to help others on the team. In addition receiving the team award, Wilcox was also acknowledged as the league-wide John Jenkins Award winner.



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Gorham Recreation Baseball players receiving the Felgar Nicely 10th-Player Award, from left to right: Justin Laughlin, Michael Walls, Aaron Farr, RJ St. Cyr, Dylan Weeks, Nick Reed, Tyler Marston, Tim O'Brien and Nick Strout. Missing from the photo is Grant Hamblen. The award is given to players who demonstrate a willingness to learn, play any position, give a hundred and ten percent, and demonstrate sportsmanship.



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Gorham Recreation Softball players receiving the Felgar Nicely 10th-Player Award, from left to right: Isabella S., Abby Flint, Jordan Currier and Noelle Dibiase. The award is given players who demonstrate a willingness to learn, play any position, give a hundred and ten percent, and demonstrate sportsmanship.



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Gorham Cal Ripken Baseball John Jenkins Award recipients from left to right: Willy Baxter, Logan Drouin, Erik Andreasen, Will Hepler, Billy Ruby, Mark Yankowsky, Gerek Brown, Jordan Gaudreau, Sam Martel and Brandon Desjardin. The award is given to a 12-year-old on each team who has been a role model and who demonstrates sportsmanship, love of the game, and willingness to help others on the team.

Shiers Chosen for Football Game at Harvard



Photo credit Lisa Shiers

On June 3 Gorham resident Cole Shiers was given the opportunity of a lifetime as he was chosen as a water boy for a charity football game at Harvard Stadium to benefit the National Best Buddies Organization. Several current and former New England Patriots played in the game including Tom Brady and Tedy Bruschi, who is pictured above with Cole at the game. Cole was very excited to spend the game with the Patriots on the sidelines and felt honored to pass out water to the players.

GHS Senior Committing to Play a Sport in College



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2 with six hits, including a three-run home run, and by driving in five runs. **Brendan Joyce**, also a recent GHS graduating senior, also had six hits in the two games.

Obstacle Course Winner: After an impressive senior year at GHS starring in cross-country, basketball and lacrosse, **Mia Rapolla** turned to a new sport on a whim after being asked by her brother **Nick Rapolla** (GHS '08) to join him in The Urban Epic Challenge. Without training for the event, Mia won the women's competition with a time of 40:34.2. The event took place in Portland over a 4.5-mile course with 17 obstacles. The various challenges competitors faced included carrying sand bags up a steep hill and bear crawls—forward and backward. Mia is currently training to play lacrosse for the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, which awarded her a scholarship last fall.

Woman of the Year Nomination: GHS 2007 graduate **Emma Deans**, who graduated this past spring from the University of Maine at Farmington, has been nominated for the 2011 NCAA Woman of the Year Award by the North Atlantic Conference. The NCAA Woman of the Year Award hon-

ors graduating student-athletes who have distinguished themselves throughout their collegiate careers in the areas of academic achievement, athletic excellence, service and leadership. Deans is a three-time all-conference selection for the UMF field hockey team and was a New England East Regional All-American in 2010. She was also selected this past season to participate in the Division III Senior All-Star Game. A two-time conference All-Academic honoree, Deans graduated with a 3.95 grade point average, and throughout her time at UMF earned numerous athletic and academic awards. The winner of the award will be announced October 16 at a ceremony in Indianapolis.



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Gorham Times. There is a rental apartment upstairs. The income from the rental is used by the Land Trust to maintain the building.

Baxter Museum is a functioning museum that has exhibits pertaining to life in Gorham in the 1800's. It is open in the summer and tours are available.

South Windham Library (also known as the Little Falls Library) is a functioning library that serves residents of the Little Falls area.

Robie Gym on South Street is primarily used for storage at present. At times, it is rented out for events and in the future may be used by the Recreation department for their daycare programs if Little Falls becomes a Public Safety building.

Frederick Robie School was substantially renovated under the auspices of the PTA but has since been turned over to the town. The site, which has a kitchen, is available for social events. It can be rented through the Recreation Department.

The old Town Office on School Street has long been the home of the Gorham Historical Society.

Cressey Memorial Chapel in Eastern Cemetery, off New Portland Road, is owned by the town and maintained by a trust fund dedicated to its upkeep.



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Bob and Heather Rondeau and Tom and Karen Varney, all of Gorham, are thrilled to announce the engagement of their daughter **Chelsea Rondeau** (UMO '10) to **Jason Tarr** (UMO '10), son of Willy and Bonita Tarr of Carmel. A June 2012 wedding is planned.



Kristi and Rob Walker of Gorham and Mark Ridgeway of Topsham are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter, **Kaitlin Shari Ridgeway** (GHS '09) to **Johnny Wolfe** (GHS '09), son of Dan Wolfe of Gorham and Nancy and Steve Lawson of Westbrook. A December 2011 wedding is planned.



Debora Laughton of Scarborough and Greg Cuffey of West Newfield are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter, **Abigail Cuffey** (GHS '05) to **Jared V. McGuire** of Arkansas City, KS. Cuffey, a USM graduate, works for the Central Kansas Library System. McGuire is a graduate of Sterling College. A 2012 spring wedding is planned.



Nicholas Wallace (GHS '05) graduated Magna Cum Laude from the University of Southern Maine School of Music with a degree in Classical Guitar Performance. Wallace is presently part of the Sawin-Wallace Duo flute and guitar ensemble with flutist Sarah Sawin and is the guitarist with the popular bluegrass group Tricky Britches. Nick is the son of Kathy and David Wallace of Gorham.

DEAN'S LIST

Rachel Fogarty (GHS '09), Communication Science & Disorders;
Katelin Perkins (GHS '08), Psychology, University of Vermont
Justin Bolinger, Megan Hamilton, Courtney Hawkes, Christopher Kokoll, Annie Ledoux, Logan Nee, Bailey O'Brien, Miriam Rimkunas, Sarah Robinson, Kara Sarver, Jennifer Stoudt, Jeffrey Sun, Chantal-Marie Tijssen, Whitney Tulloch, Kelsey Wilson and **Linda Wong**, UMaine Orono
Solange Carpenter, Lasell College, Fashion Design and Production
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Samantha Gale, Southern Maine Community College
Marissa Patten-Harris, UNE, Dental Hygiene
Mary Kusturin, Lasell College, Fashion Design and Production
Erikka Lewis, UNH, Durham, NH
Carly Perkins (GHS '10), Providence College
John Phinney (GHS '10), Susquehanna University, Business Administration
Lucinda Pike, Boston University
Jordan Prince, UNH, Durham, NH
James Moody (GHS '08), Bates College, Economics
Christina Nealey, Coker College, SC
Arielle Sorenson, Clark University
Emily Southard, Boston University
Luke Tanguay (GHS '10), Suffolk University, Interior Design
Kristin Zarrilli, UNH, Durham, NH

GRADUATIONS

Matthew Arey graduated from Stonehill College with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration.

Elijah Lienhardt graduated from the Winchendon Boarding School in Winchendon, MA, receiving his high school

diploma. He earned an academic excellence award in Foreign Language – Spanish. He is the son of Paul and Caroline Lienhardt.

Kyle Murphy received a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering at Merrimack College in North Andover, MA.

Mariel Roy (GHS '07) graduated Summa Cum Laude from Dean College in Franklin, MA, with a Bachelor of Arts in Dance. She is the daughter of Thomas and Deborah Roy.

Peter Van De Krol received a Bachelor of Science from Emory University in Atlanta, Ga. He is the son of Barbara Van de Krol and Andrew Van de Krol.

OF INTEREST

Have you noticed the camper outside the Lions Club at 414 South Street? The proceeds from the sale of the 1992 fully equipped Jayco camper will go to various Gorham Lions projects including the Gorham High School scholarship fund, and the eyeglass and handicapped ramp projects. The RV sleeps six and is being sold as is. The asking price is \$6,700.00 or best offer. For more information or an inspection, call 839-6569.

Samantha Jones (GHS '06) has accepted a two-year position with Teach for America in Memphis, TN. Jones is a 2011 graduate of Northeastern University.

Dahlia Lynn will serve as the USM interim associate provost for academic affairs.

Navy Ensign Colin R. Hurd (GHS '06) was recently commissioned upon graduation from the Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps (NROTC) Program with Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps Unit, University of Colorado, Boulder, CO.

The Maine Army National Guard promoted **Micah Maurio** to the rank of Sergeant,

serving in the 152 Maintenance Company (HV)(GS) and **Michael Walsh** to PFC, serving in the 3rd Battalion 142nd AV DET 2 CO E.

GHS senior Nathaniel Dombek is one of seven dancers performing in Maine State Ballet's premiere of "The Poet's Love," a blending of voice, piano, poetry and dance on Aug. 4, 5, 6, 12 & 13. FMI, 781-3587.

Mystery writers Marcia Talley and Julia Spencer-Fleming will interview each other about their award-winning novels, a writer's life, and the current state of publishing on Wednesday, Jul. 27 at 7 p.m. at the North Gorham Public Library. Free and open to the public. FMI, 892-2575.

Kids of Courage Vacation Bible School will be held at the White Rock Free Baptist Church, 300 Sebago Lake Road, July 25 – 29 from 6 to 8 p.m. Children ages 5 – 12 are welcome to come learn about living and worshiping in other countries including China and Nigeria. FMI, 893-1919 or www.wrfbc.org

The Commemorative Book Committee in Gorham will publish a book this summer titled, GORHAM 1986-2011, celebrating the last 25 years. The committee is looking for the names of any living descendants (Phinney, Mosher, Hamblen, Ayer, McLellan, Reed, Irish, Bryant, Cloutman, Watson, Hodgdon, Meserve and Stevens) of these founding families who still live in Gorham. The book will be available for \$10 through the Gorham Historical Society, the Town Clerk's Office and Baxter Library. FMI, gorhambook275@gmail.com.

The GHS Class of '91 is planning a 20th class reunion for Saturday, Aug. 6. For details visit: www.ghs91reunion.eventbrite.com.



Anna Devoe will play Gypsy Rose Lee in the musical 'Gypsy' at the City Theater in Biddeford from July 22 – Aug. 7. FMI, call 282-0849 or www.citytheater.org.

Pika Energy LLC of Gorham received a \$275,000 energy grant from the Maine Technology Institute to develop a low-cost wind turbine system for families and businesses interested in producing renewable electricity. Pika Energy, which matched the award with \$343,000, develops smart microgrids, which are local energy networks that make it easier and cheaper to produce your own power.

The Presumpscot Regional Land Trust is seeking volunteers to conduct trail work on the PRLT Little River Property in Gorham. Four people are needed for approximately 3 hours of work on Saturday, Aug. 20 at 8 a.m. clearing the Upper Trail of cut logs that should be neatly stacked in the woods. FMI, call Dennis Irish at 233-5127.

Bean Supper July 30 at Cressey Road United Methodist Church – Proceeds to benefit the Gorham Cancer Prayer and

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Photo Credit Martha T. Harris

Marine Scott Sampson is pictured with his family this summer before heading to Afghanistan to train Afghan troops. Sampson is the son of Raymond and Theresa Sampson and grandson of Ron and Nancy Sampson, lifelong Gorham residents. (L-R): Ron Sampson, brother Nick Sampson, grandmother Gail McIntire, Scott Sampson, Theresa Sampson, Raymond Sampson, and grandmother Nancy Sampson.



Raisa Luck (GHS '11), is one of eight Maine high school students accepted into a new USM honors program for students majoring in science, technology, engineering or math. Luck is the daughter of Carlos and Bernice Luck of Gorham.

Support Group. Two kinds of beans, hot dogs, American chop suey, cole slaw, corn bread, biscuits, pies, cakes. Seatings at 5 & 6 P.M. Adults \$7, Children under 12 \$3.

Saco River Grange Hall, Bar Mills, presents 'Fame Takes a Holiday,' a comedy review of sketches and songs by four High Heeled Women, through July 30. FMI, 929-5412.

CLOSE TO HOME

Leavitt's Mill Free Health Center will sponsor their 9th Annual Golf Classic and Silent Auction on Thursday, Aug. 18 at the Dutch Elm Golf Club. Register by July 29. FMI, call 929-6455 or mail@leavittsmill.org

On Tuesday, Aug. 2 the Buxton Garden Club and Rec. Dept. will present a "Preserving Food Workshop" from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Buxton Town Hall. \$5. FMI, 929-8283 or email buxtongc@yahoo.com

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School for the last 15 years.

Mickelson said her favorite aspect about teaching is working and laughing with the kids, trying to figure out how they learn best, and helping them develop confidence. A highlight in her career has been working with the special education staff at the high school, where teachers are supportive, dedicated and full of good humor.

Future plans include spending more time with her mother and sisters all of whom live in Greece, providing needed attention to her garden, tutoring, substitute teaching, relaxing, spending more time with her husband and looking for new adventures.



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Mary Ellen Moon

Mary Ellen Moon retired after 34 years of teaching, of which 28 years have been at White Rock and six years at Kittery Point. Most of her career was devoted to teaching first and second grade.

Moon said the best thing about teaching was the children. "They amaze me every day. They make me laugh, and they love to learn." Career highlights include having teachers at White Rock create multi-age classrooms; opportunities to have students for more than one year, which allowed students to become a community of learners; and the interaction between students of different ages provided amazing opportunities.

Moon is looking forward to the new adventures that lie ahead, but admits she will need to learn how to be retired.



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Cynthia Wilcox

After 27 years as a hospital and school social worker, Cynthia Wilcox retired from her position. She spent 11 years at Gorham Middle School and one year at Village.

Additionally, she worked at Tripp Middle School, Children's Hospital in Washington, DC and Tufts-New England Medical Center in Boston.

Wilcox said her favorite part of her job has been watching children grow and change, learning about their own personal strengths and interests, and appreciating what makes them unique. Career highlights include participating in annual eighth grade graduation

ceremonies to see the confidence, joy, pride and promise in the faces of young adolescents.

During retirement, Wilcox plans to read, play golf, go to the beach, garden, play the piano, volunteer, clean her house, take a road trip with her husband to celebrate their 40th anniversary, spend more time with her grown children, and host college friends as they celebrate turning 65.



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Marcia Wilcox

Marcia Wilcox began her career in Rockland as a kindergarten teacher, and then taught for two years in Massachusetts.

After settling in Gorham, Wilcox taught kindergarten at Charlotte Millett for one year before taking a five-year leave to stay home with her children. During this time, she started Little Falls Nursery School where she taught for 18 years. Wilcox has been at Narragansett since 1988, first as a substitute teacher, and then teaching second and third grades.

Highlights for Wilcox include working with wonderful families in Gorham, teacher interns from ETEP, receiving two post-graduate degrees from USM, and participating in an exchange program with a teacher from Wales.

During her retirement, Wilcox plans to substitute teach in Gorham - hopefully in the functional life skills, autism and behavior programs.



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Sharon Wescott

After 39 years of teaching in Gorham, Sharon Wescott retired from her position as a kindergarten teacher at Narragansett.

One of Wescott's favorite things about teaching has been using her creativity with games, art projects and puppets. Highlights include teaching in the kindergarten classrooms, previously located at the Little Falls Kindergarten Center, where the group of teachers worked well together in accomplishing goals.

During her retirement, Wescott plans to move to Bucksport to become a caregiver for her mother, travel, and volunteer in the schools and animal shelter.

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GHS Student Spends Summer Immersed in Chinese Culture

Stacy Sallinen



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A party was held for Riley Shane Perkins before he departed for a six-week trip to China. Pictured are (back row): Nancy Perkins, Randy Perkins, Ron Sampson and Nancy Sampson; (front row): Bruce Perkins, Riley Perkins and Rhonda Perkins.

Riley Shane Perkins, a junior at Gorham High School, has been awarded a scholarship to study in China for six weeks this summer. Perkins is one of twenty students selected from Maine to participate in the National Security Language Initiative for Youth, a multi-agency United States government language initiative that strives to prepare American citizens to become leaders in a global economy.

At the end of June, Perkins left for the Bangor Chinese school, part of the

Chinese Language and Culture Center of Maine, where he received intensive studies in Mandarin before leaving. While in China, Perkins will immerse himself in the culture, continue to learn Mandarin, and travel across the country.

In March, with encouragement from his teacher Mrs. Roy, Perkins applied for the scholarship. His interest in China involves learning more about its role in the global economy, and hopes to become a diplomat in the future.

the blotter

Courtesy of the Gorham Police Department

Sssssssouth Street Snake

South Street caller requested to speak to the Animal Control Officer regarding a three-foot snake in their basement.

Tori Lane caller requested to speak with an officer after receiving a call from a female stating she was in financial trouble and needed \$600.

Webster Road caller reported they were driving home from work and received an odd text message from an unknown person that referred to buying illegal drugs.

State Street caller requested to speak with an officer regarding how old a child had to be to be left alone for an hour.

County Road caller reported suspicious activity in the church parking lot involving two to three vehicles.

Church Street caller reported that the bass at the new club was too loud.

Preble Street call reported a number of pictures were stolen from the residence during a social event.

Meadow Crossing Drive caller requested to speak with an officer regarding the noise ordinance as the neighbor was out cutting down trees.

College Avenue caller reported that there was a very loud party, speakers outside, and about a dozen kids there.

Juniper Circle man was arrested for OUI.

Caller reported that two horses were running loose on Rust Road.

Caller reported seeing an individual in a parked vehicle hunched over the wheel. Subject was napping.

Dundee Road caller reported witnessing dogs tearing apart a raccoon. When caller tried to intervene, dog's owner assaulted caller.

Maple Drive caller reported that an individual was standing outside their home naked when the kids got off the bus.

Gloria Street caller reported they had a raccoon staggering around on their deck.

Robie Street caller reported underage drinking and people were being mean to caller.

Nonesuch Road caller reported that their dog had been missing since 7:00 a.m. and was dragging a 30-foot chain with him.

Caller reported that a sickly looking fox appeared confused and was running back and forth across the road.

Deering Road caller requested to speak with an officer regarding an individual who was badmouthing caller's 15-year-old daughter.

Spiller Road, Winslow Road and Windham men were arrested for OUI.





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what's happening

FRIDAY, JUL. 22

- Art Experience for children ages 2-5 years, 10 – 11:30 a.m., Baxter Library. FMI, 839-5031.

SATURDAY, JUL. 23

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

MONDAY, JUL. 25

- Food & Fellowship Ecumenical Meal Program, Windham Hill UCC, 140 Windham Center Rd, Windham. Free. Everyone welcome. FMI, 892-3769.

TUESDAY, JUL. 26

- Teddy Bear's Picnic, babies and toddlers listen to stories and enjoy their own picnic lunch, 11 a.m., Baxter Library. FMI, 839-5031.

WEDNESDAY, JUL. 27

- Popsicles on the Patio, 1:30 p.m., Baxter Library. FMI, 839-5031.
- Time with Tully, kids read to registered therapy dog, 1:30 – 3:30 p.m., Baxter Library. Registration required. FMI, 839-5031.

THURSDAY, JUL. 28

- Pastels or Painting in the Park, 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. Bring a picnic lunch to enjoy while your masterpiece dries, Baxter Library. FMI, 839-5031.
- Gorham Food Pantry, 9 – 11 a.m., located in St. Anne's Catholic Church parking lot.

FRIDAY, JUL. 29

- Beginning Knitting, ages 8 and older, 10 – 11:30 a.m., Baxter Library. FMI, 839-5031.

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, AUG. 1

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

TUESDAY, AUG. 2

- Reading Round-Up with Kit & Boone, registered therapy dogs, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. Baxter Library. Registration Required. FMI, 839-5031.
- Jewelry Making Workshop, 1 – 3 p.m., Baxter Library. FMI, 839-5031.
- Gorham Cancer Prayer and Support Group, 6 p.m., Cressey Road United Methodist Church. FMI, 839-311.
- Town Council Meeting, 7 p.m., Gorham Municipal Center, 75 South St.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 3

- Popsicles on the Patio, 1:30 p.m., Baxter Library. FMI, 839-5031.

THURSDAY, AUG. 4

- Sparkling Sun Catcher Workshop, 1 – 3 p.m., Baxter Library. FMI, 839-5031.
- Gorham Food Pantry, 9 – 11 a.m., located in St. Anne's Catholic Church parking lot.
- Our World Famous Pet Show, 10 – 11:30 a.m., North Gorham Public Library. FMI, 892-2575.

Food Pantry Needs Your Produce

The Gorham Food Pantry is looking forward to the growing season and fresh garden vegetables. They will gladly accept any amount available for their clients. Since the Pantry is open each Thursday morning from 9-11 a.m., Wednesday evening between 6-7 p.m.

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Construction Projects

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should hold up much better than the old ones. The new crosswalks have been covered with steel plates to permit them to cure for a full three days. In pouring concrete, weather is frequently a determining factor in the completion of a project.

To reduce daytime traffic congestion in the intersection, nighttime construction began July 5. This has enabled the workers to carry out their tasks less impeded by the constant

flow of cars and trucks. In addition to the crosswalk replacement, two new catch basins were installed in the roadway. In a contract change-order negotiated with the town, new granite curbing was extended up School Street in front of the former Methodist church, along with a new blacktop sidewalk. According to Duchaine, the new curbing will permit improved rainwater drainage on the street.



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