



Photo courtesy of USA Archery

Gorham's Kendal Nicely (above) in action at a recent USA Archery event. She heads to China and Poland for International Competitions. See Page 8 for story.

Gorham Times at the Great Wall

Riley Shane Perkins, a junior at Gorham High School, brought the 275th commemorative issue of the Gorham Times all the way to the Great Wall of China. Perkins is studying in China for six weeks this summer.



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New Town Clerk Sworn Into Office

Sherrie Benner

At the July 5 Town Council meeting, the Council voted unanimously to appoint Cornelia "Connie" Loughran to the position of town clerk. Loughran had been serving as interim clerk after the resignation of former Town Clerk Christina Silberman in March of this year. Originally from Massachusetts, Loughran and her five children moved to Gorham in 1973. She has served the Town of Gorham for twenty-five years, first as deputy clerk to Brenda Caldwell and then to Silberman. She is a Certified Clerk of Maine (CCM).

At the council meeting in which Loughran was appointed, the council noted that it was not necessary to do a national job search to fill the vacant clerk position, as the most qualified candidate for the job was already on the town's payroll. It was only fitting that Brenda Caldwell, in her capacity as town councilor, officiated at the swearing in of Loughran.

In the past 25 years numerous changes have been made in the Clerk's office, most notably the computerization of records and other functions. Loughran welcomes these updates in technology.

As the prior administration's budget for this year is already in place, Loughran foresees no changes



Photo credit Martha T. Harris

A resident for over 38 years, the new Town Clerk Connie Loughran has been officially sworn in and continues her longtime service with the Town of Gorham.

in the Clerk's office at this time. Tight budget restraints, including reduced office hours and pay-cuts, will make the job of planning next year's budget more difficult, but Loughran is up for the challenge. As the Town of Gorham begins its next chapter in history, with 25 years of service behind her, Loughran is pleased to be continuing to serve the town and the people of Gorham.

Options for Town Property

Capital Improvement Committee Discusses Actions

Sue Dunn

The Town Council Capital Improvements Committee met recently to further discuss the fate of three of the ten town owned buildings that are used by volunteer and non-profit organizations. Councilors on the committee include Michael Phinney, Noah Miner and Matt Mattingly. The buildings on the agenda were the McLellan House, the Old Town Office and Robie Gym.

The Old Town Office located near the corner of College Avenue and Route 114 currently houses the Historical Society and is utilized regularly for

Critical Crash

Sheri Faber

Three Gorham residents, David Spiller, 36; Stephen Bushey, 37; and Jeffrey Martin, 36, were injured in a single vehicle accident on Friday July 22 at about 11:15 p.m. The accident occurred on Route 25 near Alden Lane. The vehicle being operated by Spiller failed to negotiate a curve, left the road and struck a CMP utility pole. All three occupants of the vehicle were transported to the hospital. Bushey is in very serious condition. Gorham Police Department and the Cumberland County Sheriff's Accident Reconstruction Unit are investigating the incident.

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Snapshots from Tanzania

Gorham Times summer student-intern Julia Parmakian (GHS '09) recalls two adventures from her recent travels with Wheaton College in Tanzania, Africa. See Page 13 for more.



Photo credit Janet Williams

From death row to doggie Olympics, Pixel, a loveable brown and white Chihuahua,

is no doubt enjoying her second chance at life as she competes to raise money for animal shelters and promote awareness for shelter dogs.

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Kennebec River Dredging

Rep. Jane Knapp

Throughout my time in the Legislature, I have learned the issues that come before us frequently involve conflicting interests. One such matter came before the Legislature's Environment and Natural Resources Committee, on which I serve. L.D. 1398 was submitted to the Legislature to correct a water quality classification that would enable the United States Army Corps of Engineers (ACE) to dredge two locations in the Kennebec River and to dump 70,000 cubic yards of sandy material in two locations. The dredging, planned to begin in August, will make way for the Spruance, a Navy destroyer, to safely leave Bath Iron Works (BIW).

Dredging is a process of deepening harbors and waterways and has occurred routinely in this area in the past, but rarely during this time of year. Normally, any necessary dredging is done in the late fall or early spring. ACE says the river's navigation channel must be dredged to remove hazardous shoals from the channel so the Spruance does not run aground when it leaves BIW in September. While the ship traveled safely down the river in March, the ship barely cleared the bottom, with 2 feet between the bottom of the ship and the edges of the river. When the ship travels in September, it will be carrying a crew, as well as fuel.

In reviewing this bill and listening to public testimony I was concerned about the negative impact this dredging could have on the livelihoods of clambers, lobstermen and those involved in the tourist trade. I also took seriously the testimony of BIW and Navy officials who said the speedy delivery of the Spruance is critical to national defense. Our committee was assured that steps would be taken to minimize any risks of environmental damage. After weighing the needs of both sides and discussion

with my fellow committee members, I voted for the passage of L.D. 1398. It was later passed by the full Legislature.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's National Marine Fisheries Service released a biological opinion in June stating their belief that, while the dredging could kill or injure some individual fish and damage habitat, the dredging doesn't jeopardize the continued existence of the shortnose sturgeon or the population of Atlantic salmon in the region. I was glad to know their study confirmed any environmental damage caused by the dredging would be minimal, yet I understand the continued concern of those citizens who are not convinced this dredging should take place this August. I appreciate that members of the public are taking time to share their views on this matter, as public participation is invaluable to our democratic form of government.

Consideration of this issue is still ongoing. The state Board of Environmental Protection has recently denied a series of appeals to alter the plans for the dredging, but challenges have also been filed in federal court. I will be staying up-to-date on this matter and encourage you to also stay informed.

Some information in this column was found at <http://www.mpbn.net/Home/tabid/36/ctl/ViewItem/mid/3478/ItemId/17039/Default.aspx> and <http://www.nero.noaa.gov/nero/nr/nrdoc/11/06291KennebecDredgingBiOp-web.pdf>



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around town

A new full service flower shop is expected to open at 2 School Street between Neu Du Salon and Neu 2 U. Artistry in Flowers is owned by Jessica Mahoney.

Property FROM PAGE 1

research purposes and to store historical town property. The committee decided to tour the building in the near future and make a recommendation regarding the sale of the building. Options regarding the housing of the Historical Society will also be researched. The long-term goal is for the Historical Society to eventually relocate to the Eddy property, which has been deeded specifically for this purpose, but will not be available for an indeterminate amount of time.

Robie Gym, located on Route 114 in the center of town, has been deemed as underutilized property. Town Manager David Cole reported previously that the town does not plan to heat the entire building with the current limited activity. Rather than sell this property, the committee would like to find alternative options to capitalize on it. Gorham Recreation Director Cindy Hazelton explained that there are 90 new user groups currently requesting space in the new Rec facility. As the need for space continues to grow, Robie Gym would be a great facility for non-athletic groups to use as meeting space. The Rec department will brainstorm creative ways to further use this space — possibly as a rental — to offset heating costs and future maintenance of the building. Currently the building is in good shape.

The McLellan House, located on Route 114 adjacent to Baxter Memorial Library, includes a rental apartment and office space that houses the Presumpscot Land Trust and the Gorham Times. Due to the rental income the town realizes no expense from this property. The Land Trust employs a building manager and all upkeep expenses for the building are realized through the collected rental money. The committee decided to take no action on this property at this time.

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Mrs. Maine America Hopeful Represents Gorham

Jackie Francis

Destiny Cook of Gorham will be vying for the title of Mrs. Maine America come February 2012. Prompted by friends and encouraged by family to sashay her way into the world of beauty pageants, Cook is undaunted by the demanding schedule involved in pursuing this unique endeavor. With the support of her husband, Dan, and their two sons, Destiny Cook is proud and eager to represent the town of Gorham.



How did you become interested in running for the Mrs. Maine title?

About eight years ago my friend asked if I was interested in competing. I laughed it off thinking I was not the "pageant-type" — I was pretty much a tomboy. Years later, I had my picture taken with the Director of the Miss USA organization and the current Miss Teen Maine, USA at an event that I co-chaired. My son Seth said, after seeing the picture, "Mom, you should be Miss Maine!" I did some research and made the decision to go for it!

What is your motivation in becoming Mrs. Maine?

My initial motivation was to get in better shape — both inside and out. I volunteer a lot and thought it would be a great way to showcase what I already do.

What do you hope to accomplish by becoming Mrs. Maine?

I am passionate about so many causes and am currently trying to hone in on my platform. I co-chair the Center for Grieving Children's Auction and Gala and have been involved with this organization for almost nine years. I am also creating and selling bracelets with a portion of the money going towards the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure run. I have many friends and relatives who have been affected by breast cancer and it means a lot to me to run in honor of them. I have also been on the Board of Directors for the Gorham Football Boosters for two and a half years.

Take me through the process of preparing for the pageant in February.

The first thing I need to do is continue soliciting sponsors to help defray the costs of registration fees and pageant attire. An evening gown, cocktail dress, shoes and jewelry can be cost prohibitive without sponsors. The second thing I need to do is get appearances, particularly in Gorham! The third is coaching. I will be attending workshops put on by the Mrs. Maine organization.

How does your family feel about your decision to run for Mrs. Maine?

I have a very supportive husband and children. Dan is from Gorham and we have lived here for nine years. Seth is going into seventh grade and Jacob is going into fifth grade. They all think it is a great thing for me to do and are adjusting to me being away from home more than normal.

What would you like the residents of Gorham to know about the Mrs. Maine pageant that would be helpful to you?

I would like them to know that I am so proud to represent Gorham and if I can help by attending an event to please contact me at dcook003@maine.rr.com or find me on Facebook or read my blog at <http://mrsgorhamme2012.blogspot.com>. I am documenting my journey!

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Clerk's Corner Connie Loughran

Hopefully most citizens are aware that the Town Clerk's office hours have been shortened. We are open Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. and Friday 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

This week I would like to introduce you to the staff of the Town Clerk's office. Jennifer Elliott, Deputy Town Clerk, Registrar of Voters and General Assistance Director, began work in the Town Clerk's office in August 1999. Laurie Nordfors is our Motor Vehicle Agent and Customer Service Clerk. Laurie started with the Town Clerk's office in September 2008. Alida Landry, a Customer Service Clerk came to the Clerk's office in August 2010. Alysha Deering our invaluable file clerk has been working in the Clerk's office since the first of July 2011. This month we welcome Paula Nystrom and Bethany Benson our two newest part-time Customer Service Clerks. These are dedicated employees, committed to serving the more

than 16,000 citizens of Gorham.

Nomination papers for two seats on the Town Council and two seats on the School Board will be available on August 15, 2011 in the Town Clerk's Office and due back to the Town Clerk by 4:00 p.m. on September 26, 2011. The Town of Gorham's Municipal Election is held in conjunction with State Elections. This year Election Day is November 8, 2011.

Visit us on the web at Gorham-me.org by clicking Town Departments then Town Clerk. There is a lot of information about the Town of Gorham and many online transactions are available.



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

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Gorham's Greatest Generation

Pamela Turner, Director, Baxter Memorial Library

The United States entered World War II seventy years ago in 1941. Without the sacrifices of those who served at home and abroad during World War II, we would not enjoy many of the freedoms we have today.

The Baxter Memorial Library, with the help of long-time Gorham resident Martha Harris, is organizing a tribute to World War II veterans with Gorham ties. This multifaceted program will include a presentation of interviews with World War II veterans, spouses and those who made contributions on the home front. These interviews will be recorded by GoCat and hosted by Jackie and Gain Frances. In addition, a reception thanking and honoring the World War II veterans will be held at the library on Veterans' Day.

We are asking the community's help in identifying World War II veterans in

Gorham or with Gorham ties. Please send names and contact information to Library Director Pam Turner at pturner@msln.net or Martha Harris at marthat@maine.rr.com. We would like to honor as many WWII veterans as we possibly can with this program. Your help is truly appreciated.

We are also looking for photographs of Gorham and Gorham Veterans during World War II. If you have any to share, please let us know.

As another point of interest, the Baxter Memorial Library has a large collection of World War II books and DVDs. Almost all of these items may be checked out of the library with a valid library card.

For more information on library collections and programs, please visit us, check out our website at www.baxterlibrary.org, or call the library at 839-5031. We also have an active presence on Facebook.

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10 Standish Neck Road	Gagne, Nancy	Swanson, Ann & Burnett, Cecilia	\$172,500
5 William Henry Drive	Paruk, James & Strzalkowska, Stefania	Stelmack, Mark & Paula	\$247,500
158 Ossipee Trail	Stevens, Gregory & Dawn	Coagur, Rachel & Jared	\$227,500
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24 Wagner Farm Road	Peters & Co. LLC	Risbara Bros. Construction	\$68,000
177 County Road	Smith, Jonathan	Violette, Bruce & Karen	\$220,000
66 Garden Avenue	Buckley, Karl & Jennifer	Gurski, Jennifer	\$175,000
36 Hay Field Drive	Ordway, Spencer & Landry, Jennifer	Fontaine, Pamela & Jason	\$266,500
105 Plummer Road	Belanger, Nanette	Merola, Denise & Albert	\$365,000
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State Treasurer Addresses Gorham Republicans

Bill Ambrose

Maine's State Treasurer Bruce Poliquin spoke to the Gorham Republican Committee on July 19 at the PineCrest Inn. Poliquin was introduced to the audience by the inn's proprietor, Town Councilor Matt Mattingly.

In a far-ranging informal presentation, the treasurer laid out the legislature's efforts to bring about private sector job creation. He stated that there is "a new tone in Augusta," one that encourages businesses to prosper and hire new workers. Poliquin cited a statistic that in the decade 1999 to 2009, a grand total of only 56 new private sector jobs were created in the entire state. "Having a good paycheck is part of the quality of life that we talk about in Maine," he observed.

Through the use of a detailed graph, Poliquin illustrated the progress made by the legislature to reduce Maine's public employee pension debt by \$1.7 billion. He said that the reduction in this liability makes possible increased spending on edu-

cation and infrastructure improvement.

One of the future goals of the legislature is to encourage retirees to move to Maine. With their generous pensions and Medicare eligibility, affluent retirees would enhance the economic development of the state without becoming a drain on social services. One way to entice retired persons to live in Maine is through eliminating the income tax on their pensions, which is done in other states.

Following the presentation, Poliquin entertained questions from the audience on a wide variety of economic and political issues. He also expressed his support of a Balanced Budget Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which he believes is the only way to ensure that our elected officials in Congress can become fiscally responsible.

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Keep Randall Orchard "Just the Way It Is"

Andy Colvin

If someone who lived here a hundred years ago could see Southern Maine today, they'd probably be taken aback by all the changes: massive grocery stores with strange foods from around the world, paved highways packed with traffic, and open fields broken up by manicured lawns and neat houses.

But there is one corner of Gorham/Standish they might still recognize. One hundred years ago, the 500 acres of Randall Orchards was working farm- and forest-land, just as it is today. Oh sure, it is not exactly the same as it was then. A dairy farm was started there in 1906 by the grandfather of the current property owner, Dick Randall. He and his father grew vegetables and cultivated apples, which is what it is known for these days. But the heart of the land remains much the same.

Times change, and all too often we do not have much say about it. But every once in a while, we have a chance to say, "No, let's try to keep this just the way it is." That's what conservation is all about. In a rapidly changing world, it is how communities pick and preserve what they do not want to change. It is about celebrating the things our parents valued, and we value, and what we think future generations will value.

We have that chance with Dick Randall's property. Randall does not want to see the land his family has farmed for three generations turned into house lots. Thankfully, he wants it there for the next generation to cultivate and for his neighbors to continue to enjoy. That is quite a statement with land in the area in such high demand.

The community agrees with Randall. For as long as can be remembered, people

have celebrated fall by picking apples at the orchard, cross-country skiing through the woods, or just admiring the view. They would like to be able to continue enjoying it.

The Presumpscot Regional Land Trust (PRLT), with the help of Maine Farmland Trust, is trying to make Randall's and the community's wish come true. PRLT recently applied for and was just selected a finalist for funding through the Lands for Maine's Future (LMF) program to purchase the development rights on approximately 300 acres of Mr. Randall's property in Standish, thereby making it feasible for him to donate a conservation easement on the remaining 200 acres of his land in Standish and Gorham.

Being selected for an LMF award was not easy - many other applicants also had very worthy projects. But the LMF board recognized the property's incredible value to the area. You just do not come across 500 acres of land in two of Southern Maine's fastest growing towns very often. Throw in the excellent agricultural soils and its potential to support the region's local food movement, and the project rose to the top.

This was great news, but it does not mean the project is complete by any means. PRLT continues to need community support to make this project happen. On top of actually purchasing the development rights, there are transaction costs, appraisal fees, survey fees, and much more. PRLT has already raised over \$30,000 dollars from local individuals, businesses and private grant foundations, but still needs to raise approximately \$35,000 to make this happen.

We will need to count on your help.



Photo courtesy of Amy True Photography

Yes, times are tough, but times are changing. This is a once-in-a-generation chance to keep something in our community just the way it is. And the best thing is that you can help make this area of Maine stay "just the way it is."

Andy Colvin is a Board Member with Presumpscot Regional Land Trust, a non-profit land trust conserving lands in the Presumpscot River Watershed and western shore area of Sebago Lake. For more information, please visit www.prlt.org or contact prlandtrust@yahoo.com.

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GMS Students Give Back to Community

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Above, left: Emma Niles pried up a stump from the yard of a Gorham homeowner. Above, right: In addition to washing cars, one advisory group washed a bus. Pictured are Tyler Houston with his grandmother, Bonnie McClure, one of Gorham's bus drivers.

Before Gorham Middle School students headed home for summer vacation, they once again participated in a community service day. On June 9 and 10, students participated in a variety of projects that gave back to their community.

Students at the sixth grade level focused on their school community. Some students took time to create comic strips entitled "A Day in the Life of a Sixth Grader" that will be given to current fifth grade students. Another advisory group cooked brunch to show appreciation to staff members who helped them have a successful year. Another group wanted to show more appreciation to GMS staff and donated their time by washing 36 cars and one school bus. Other advisory groups helped work in the GMS garden.

Seventh graders focused on the local community. Many advisories continued

the work they had started on previous community service days including marking and cleaning on the trails near GMS and counting can tabs to support the Ronald McDonald House charity. One advisory helped teachers and students at Village School. Three seventh grade advisories assisted a Gorham resident with some painting, weeding, stump removing, and raking with supplies donated by Cook's Hardware in Gorham and Lowes in Scarborough.

Using the Internet, eighth grade students donated thousands of grains of rice through the United Nations World Food Programme. (For every question answered correctly 10 grains of rice are donated to help feed hungry people worldwide.) Some eighth grade advisories took time to work inside GMS cleaning classrooms.

Ready, Set, Kindergarten!

Melissa Michaud, Literacy Coordinator

Do you have a child who will start kindergarten this or next fall? If so, it is never too late or too early to start preparing for the adventure that is to come. Back in the old days, kindergarten was where children went to learn to play with others, to recognize numbers and letters, and to print them. Times have changed. Today's kindergartners are expected to come to school equipped with the following skills: recognizing most numbers and letters, counting to ten, recognizing and writing

their names in printed form and much, much more.

As parents, you are your child's first and most important teachers. The role you play in helping your child prepare for school is the key to success in school.

Ready, Set, Kindergarten, a new column in the Gorham Times, describes a skill that your child is expected to know for kindergarten, offers activities to build the skill and suggests a book for family reading time.

Let's get started! Teaching your child

Gorham Receives Grant for Family Literacy

Compiled by Stacy Sallinen

Gorham Literacy Outreach Workshop (GLOW) was awarded a \$25,000 grant in June from the Barbara Bush Foundation's Maine Family Literacy program. Heidi McGouldrick, family literacy coordinator, accepted the award that will allow GLOW, Gorham Adult Education, Baxter Memorial Library and Gorham Head Start to foster increased educational levels for parents and stronger literacy skills among children. Parents will be engaged in planning literacy activities so they will feel more empowered and connected to their community.

Founded by Barbara Bush in 1989, the Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy supports the development and expansion of family literacy programs in settings where parents and children read and learn together. Grants are awarded on a competitive basis to nonprofit organizations, correctional institutions, homeless shelters, schools and school districts, libraries and community- and faith-based agencies.

To learn more, visit www.barbarabush-foundation.com.

Gorham Schools to Develop Partnership with Beijing School

Stacy Sallinen

An agreement has been signed to allow for exchange partnerships between the Gorham School Department and the High School Attached to Capital Normal University (HSACNU) in Beijing, China. As part of the China Exchange Initiative, the partnership strives to enhance learning through a better understanding of culture, tradition and values between the two countries.

Students will initially use teleconferencing and Skype to develop relationships with students in China, but future plans may also allow students and teachers to go abroad to study and visit.

Gorham High School plans to offer a course in Chinese culture and history, which also includes instruction in mandarin, as early as 2012-2013 school year. James Welsh, a social studies teacher from the high school, spent three weeks in July

learning Mandarin in Beijing. Currently, through the use of Virtual High School and a language program called Rosetta Stone, students and teachers can experience basic mandarin.

Both schools participated in an administrator-shadowing project to learn more about the other's education system. In April, Superintendent Ted Sharp traveled to China, noting how polite, appreciative and respectful Chinese students were towards their teachers. Liang Yuxue, also known by her American name, Maria, is the vice-principal at HSACNU. As a result of her visit to Gorham in December, Maria established an Office of Moral Education at HSACNU, and a Code of Conduct similar to that of Gorham's Code of Conduct could be seen throughout the school.

Sharp said both schools have much to learn from one another.

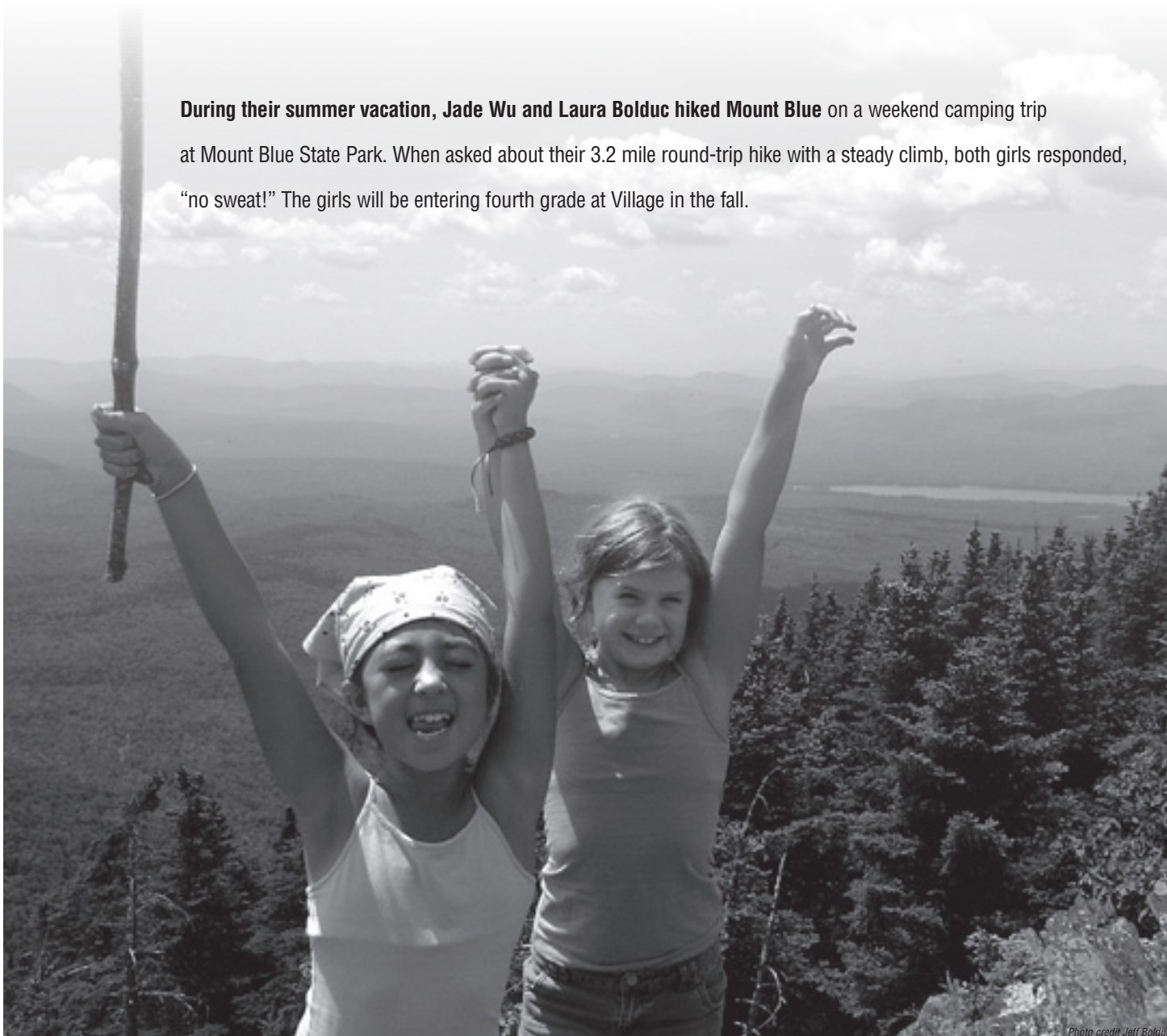
to appreciate the written word is a giant step toward learning to read and it's easy to do.

1. Find time every day to read to your child. Carving out time to do so is one way to let your child know just how important it is to read.
2. Make your reading time special. Turn off the TV. Find a comfy spot and encourage your child to curl up in your lap.
3. Make reading time fun. Let your child choose books - even if you have to

read the same book many times. Look for books with lots of rhyme and great pictures. Use funny voices and take time to talk about the pictures.

Books with lots of rhyme, interaction and fun pictures include Dr. Seuss; Raffi; and Bill Martin, Jr. books. Ask your local librarian or bookstore personnel for further suggestions.

For more information, please contact Melissa Michaud at 222-1263 or Heidi McGouldrick, K-5 family literacy coordinator, at 222-1095.



During their summer vacation, Jade Wu and Laura Bolduc hiked Mount Blue on a weekend camping trip at Mount Blue State Park. When asked about their 3.2 mile round-trip hike with a steady climb, both girls responded, "no sweat!" The girls will be entering fourth grade at Village in the fall.

Fifty Students Graduate from Summer Literacy Workshop

Compiled by Stacy Sallinen

Fifty people from southern Maine graduated from the University of Southern Maine's School of Education of Human Development's Summer Reading and Writing workshop on July 21. The graduation ceremony included an Author's Team with parents, where each participant received a certificate of completion.

Designed to empower youth to become stronger writers and readers, the workshop was held for four weeks during the summer on the University of Southern Maine's Gorham Campus. USM graduate students, many of whom were practicing educators, assess the reading and writing development of children enrolled in the workshop, plan literacy programs based upon each child's needs and interests, and serve as mentors in modeling strategic reading behaviors.

Flat Stanley Helps Students Learn about the World

Lauré McKeen

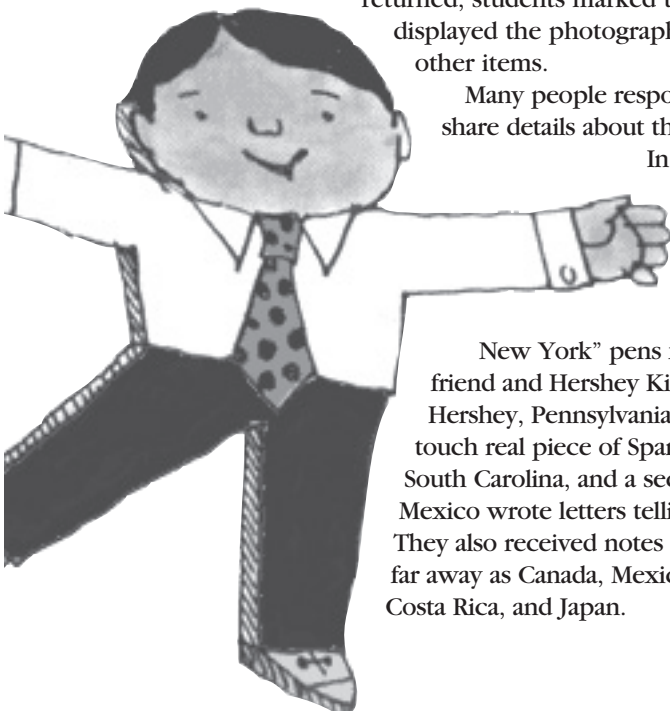
Second graders in Mrs. McKeen's class at Narragansett School participated in a fun project involving a character known as Flat Stanley, a character in a book series written by Jeff Brown. A young boy, Stanley Lambchop, has a bulletin board fall on top of him. Because the weight of the bulletin board flattens him, he is flat and able to slide into a mailbox, thus his travelling adventures begin.

Second graders colored a Flat Stanley paper doll in class and then sent him off to friends and relatives across the United States and around the world asking for information about these places. As letters, postcards and souvenirs were returned, students marked the places on a map and displayed the photographs, memorabilia and other items.

Many people responded to the invitation to share details about their hometowns.

In all, letters and postcards were received from approximately 25 states in the United States. The class received "I Love

New York" pens from a New York City friend and Hershey Kisses and photos from Hershey, Pennsylvania. Students were able to touch real piece of Spanish Moss from a tree in South Carolina, and a second grade classroom in Mexico wrote letters telling about their school. They also received notes and photographs from as far away as Canada, Mexico, Jamaica, Costa Rica, and Japan.





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Gorham Archer Heads to China and Poland for International Competitions

Sherrie Benner



Photo courtesy of USA Archery

Kendal Nicely in action at a recent USA Archery event.

By age 16, Kendal Nicely had already been to Mexico, Turkey and Germany, setting several world records with her bow and arrow. Since graduating from Gorham High School in 2009, the world-class-ranked Nicely has continued proving herself as being the best female archer worldwide in her age group. In 2010, she was ranked third overall in the National Women's Senior Division for the compound bow.

World tournaments have also taken Nicely to Korea, Dominican Republic, Venezuela, and Poland. This month she will return once again to Poland for the Junior World Championships. As the age limit for junior competition is capped at 20, it will be Nicely's last competition at this level. She will be joined by her father and coach Matthew Nicely of Nicely Equipped Archery.

Nicely has made every world team she has ever competed for, eleven to date. The two most recent teams are for tournaments being held this month in China and Poland. Already having earned nine world medals (five gold and two each for silver and bronze) as well as setting multiple world records, she hopes to add to her impressive collection of trophies and titles and will again proudly represent the United States.

Recently, Nicely took part in both the Collegiate Nationals and the World University Games Trials, which were held at James Madison University in Virginia. Students from over 60 colleges and universities competed. Representing the University of New England, Nicely finished second in the

trials and first in the nationals; earning her a coveted spot on the United States' team for the University Games in Shenzhen, China, August 12-22.

These world games are the equivalent of the Olympics, specifically for the collegiate level. Archery is only one of the 17 sports being represented. For Nicely, this competition was a welcome change in competing with people her age. "Having spent a lot of competitions over the past years being the youngest on a team, it was nice being with kids who could relate to me," Nicely said. "They got what it was like to sacrifice practice time for work and college."

Nicely will leave China and travel directly to Legnica, Poland for the Junior World Championships scheduled for August 22-27. There she will compete individually and as a member of the woman's compound bow team. Of the 96 countries competing, the United States archery teams have the reputation of being the best in the world and are expected to bring home the gold.

After being overseas for the month of August and with a whirlwind of competitions behind her, Nicely will arrive back home in time for the first day of classes at UNE. As much as she loves competing, college is now her main priority. A Dean's List student, she is in her third year at UNE pursuing a degree in nursing. Already pro status, Nicely looks forward to her future work as a nurse and as a professional archer. Just like in shooting, she has set her sights and is aiming for a bulls-eye.

Swimming Twins Earn Top Honors for Second Year in a Row



Photo credit Lisa Shiers

For the second year in a row, twin sisters Kristen and Katelyn Desrosiers of Gorham finished first and third respectively in the female division of the Cyrus Hagge/YMCA Peaks-to-Portland Swim, which took place this year on July 16. Kristen finished with a time of 46:69, knocking just over a minute off of her time from last year while Katelyn swam the race with a time of 47:29, which was more than two-and-a-half minutes better than last year. Both swimmers are 2009 graduates of McAuley High School and are entering their junior year at Holy Cross where they compete for the women's swim team. The sisters have swum competitively for about 10 years since joining the Westbrook Seals Swim Club. At McAuley they helped the swim team win the State Championship as juniors, and both were named to the Maine Sunday Telegram All-State Team as seniors. In the picture above, from left to right are Jake Wilson (Kristen's accompanying kayaker during the race), Laura Lazenby (Katelyn's kayaker), Katelyn Desrosiers, Aoife Ryle (a former McAuley teammate), Kristen Desrosiers, and Michele Girard (a former McAuley teammate).

Gorham Lions Wins Cal Ripken Championship



Photo credit Linda Komulainen

The Gorham Lions capped off an undefeated 18-0 season by capturing the Gorham Cal Ripken Championship June 21 at Robie Field. The Lions used solid defense and timely hitting along with strong pitching from Billy Ruby and Jason Komulainen to defeat a tough Shaw Brothers team in the best-of-three series, winning game one by a score of 6-1 and game two, 6-2. Both teams received their trophies in a ceremony following the final game. Playing for the Gorham Lions and pictured above, front row, left to right: Zach McGouldrick, Cam St.Cyr, Simon Roussel, Brandon Cummings and Sam Pocock. Back Row: Assistant Coaches Bill Ruby and Adam Smith, Jason Komulainen, Ryan Norris, Malcolm Smith, Billy Ruby, RJ St.Cyr, Sean Pocock, Sam Roussel, Assistant Coach Ray St.Cyr, Head Coach Tom Komulainen, and Assistant Coach Hal Norris.

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Soccer Official Training in Gorham: The Western Maine Board of Approved Soccer Officials is conducting training clinics on Sunday and Wednesday evenings starting August 7 at 6:30 p.m. at the Gorham Municipal Complex. The board provides referee services to middle school and high school soccer throughout Cumberland and York Counties. For more information, visit www.wmbaso.org/ and click on New Officials Training.

U11 Boys Place Second in the State



Photo credit Sue Roop

The Gorham Cal Ripken U11 All-Star Baseball Team competed in the state tournament in Mechanic Falls July 23-27 and finished second to Andy Valley East with a record of 4-2. Playing for the team and pictured above, from left to right front row: Bennett Gasowski, David Drew, Jack Niles, Bat Boy Curan Bassingthwaite, Clayton Bassingthwaite, Lucas Roop and Cam Caron. Middle row: Nolan Brown, Kyle Peoples, Jordan Sherwood, Aaron Farr, Jason Komulainen and Sean Pocock. Back row: Assistant Coach Dave Niles, Head Coach Craig Bassingthwaite, Assistant Coach Matt Roop and Assistant Coach Ben Allen.

Baseball U12 State Runner-Up



Photo credit Tammy Desjardin

The Gorham U12 All-Star Team captured the Cal Ripken District 2 Championship and then went on to finish second to Skowhegan in the State Championship July 12. Playing for the team and pictured above from left to right, front row: Malcolm Smith, Brady Rioux, R.J. St. Cyr, Mike Walls, Gerek Brown and Erik Andreasen. Back row: Coach Bill Ruby, Brandon Desjardin, Cam Holmes, Adam Peterson, Coach Dave Brown, Billy Ruby, Logan Drouin, Cam Wright and Coach Adam Smith.

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Gorham Grads Among Top Maine Amateur Golfers: David Gushee (GHS '09) and Mike Arsenault Jr. (GHS '11) finished eighth and 21st respectively at the Maine Amateur Championship July 12-14 at the Portland Country Club. During the three-round tournament, Gushee shot a 220 while Arsenault shot a 226. Gushee is entering his junior year and plays golf for Siena College in New York while Arsenault plans to play golf for Methodist University in North Carolina.

Junior Golfers from Gorham Finish High: Incoming GHS junior Sarah Fogg and recent GHS grad Mike Arsenault Jr. finished second in their respective divisions during a Maine Junior Tour golf tournament July 18 at Gorham Country Club. Arsenault shot a 70 in the Boys' 15-17 division while Fogg shot a 100 in the Girls' Open division. Other top-ten finishers from Gorham included Brandon Labrecque, who finished fifth with a 95 in the Boys' 13-14 Division, and Nathan Roop, who was sixth in the Boys' 15-17 Division with a 78.

Gorham Resident Shines at National Senior Games:

Competing in the National Senior Games in Houston

June 21-24, Gorham resident Joe Carlozzi, who competed in the 75-79 age group, placed high in three events. He finished second in the shot put (35'-0.5"), third in the discus (105'-10"), and fourth in the high jump (3'-9.25"). Look for a follow up article about Carlozzi in the next issue of the Gorham Times.

Joe Carlozzi receiving his silver medal for finishing second in the shot put at the National Senior Games in Houston.



Photo credit Linda Brooks

Throwing Hoops at Summer Basketball Camp



GHS Girls' basketball coach Laughn Berthiaume and players in the program hosted a week-long basketball July 18-22 for youth players at GHS. Shown from left to right, far left: Abby Hamilton, Asa Wareham, Nathan Doane, Josiah Irish; middle: MacKenzie Holmes, Hailey Morrill, Kathryn Lundin; far right: Faith Warren; and below: Julia Kratzer and Jessica Rexrode.

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Gorham Women Help Fight Cancer By Competing in Triathlon

Jeff Pike

Among the more than 1,000 participants in the Maine Cancer Foundation Tri for a Cure Triathlon July 31 in South Portland, 27 were women from Gorham who helped raise funds in the fight against cancer. The event consisted of a third-mile swim, a 14.6-mile bike race, and 3.1-mile run. Some participants competed as individuals while others participated as members of a three-woman relay team.

In the team competition, Elin Doyle was a member of the B-Fit Babes who finished third with a time of 1:25.22 while Kristine Folan teamed up with her daughters Molly and Shannon (the only team with all three members from Gorham) and placed 81st with a time of 1:53.08. Here's a listing of Gorham residents who competed in the team competition:

Name	Team	Place	Time
Elin Doyle	B-Fit Babes	3	1:25.22
Kerry Herlihy	Dawn's Girls	46	1:43.11
Shannon Folan	KMS	81	1:53.08
Molly Folan	KMS	81	1:53.08
Kristine Folan	KMS	81	1:52.08
Lisa Royland	Tickled PINK	88	1:57.18
Kristal Jean	The BFF's	89	1:57.19
Christine Hepler	Tri'n for Friends	91	1:58.24
Ashley Durrell	Hot Totties	109	2:04.42
Amy Drew	Holden Aces	117	2:10.26
Sue LaPoint	The Boo Crew	130	2:21.20
Jan Anastasoff	Kel's Angels	137	2:32.45

Among the individual participants, Andrea Jordan placed first among Gorham residents and 111th overall with a time of 1:39.12. Here's the listing of all Gorham residents who competed in the individual competition:

Name	Place	Time
Andrea Jordan	111	1:39.12
Holly Braley	145	1:41:14
Stacy Sallinen	153	1:41:41
Pamela Nicely	233	1:46:41
Joann Nichols	247	1:47:58
Theresa Labrecque	255	1:48:27
Katherine Bowe	265	1:49:15
Karen Gaudette	284	1:50:40
Kathleen Dimick	326	1:52:30
Linda Komulainen	335	1:53:11
Joanna Gomes	410	1:58:05
Sharen Deering	419	1:58:38
Shawneen Coffin	511	2:09:18
Jean Rappleyea	587	2:30:32

Cate Wilson also competed.

The Maine Cancer Foundation is a non-profit organization dedicated to improving the health and well being of Maine people by funding cancer research, education and patient support programs. 100 percent of the funds raised remain in Maine. Julie Marchese, a cancer survivor, and Abby Bliss, a dedicated triathlete and volunteer, combined their passions for health and supporting Maine Cancer Foundation's mission to create Tri for A Cure in 2008. Now in its fourth year, the all-women's triathlon raises crucial funds to combat cancer by supporting research, education, and patient assistance programs in the state of Maine. For more information on the Maine Cancer Foundation, visit www.mainecancer.org.



Photo credit Todd Bilodeau

Runner Stacy Sallinen, left, Gorham Times school editor, and her sister Kara Bilodeau, right, with daughter Elise, show off their medals after running in the Tri for A Cure Triathlon.

Shelter Dog to Compete in Rockland

Raises Money and Awareness for Homeless Dogs

Bailey O'Brien

From death row to doggie Olympics, Pixel, a loveable brown and white Chihuahua, is no doubt enjoying her second chance at life. Janet Williams, a former advertising representative for the Gorham Times, saved this pup from a shelter in Johnson City, Tennessee. But this dog leads no ordinary life. She has been selected as one of six doggie finalists in the 2011 World Championship Boatyard Dog Trials that will take place in Rockland on Sunday, August 14. This crazy competition involves weaving through an obstacle course, keeping balance on a wobbly dinghy, and wowing the crowd with a special talent.


Pixel is not doing this merely for the fame, however. She is raising money for three of her favorite animal shelters, since she represents all shelter dogs around the country that deserve to be rescued and given another chance. She has been trained by Mallory Hattie, a local trainer from Raising Canine, and has earned a Canine Good Citizenship certificate.

She has aspirations to become a therapy dog in local schools and nursing homes, which would allow her to share her happiness and optimism with others. Clearly, this rescue dog does not intend to waste her second chance.

So, Gorham, let's cheer this Chihuahua on as she competes for the world title of Boatyard Champion! To help Pixel raise money, find out ways you can donate by contacting Janet at: PIXEL@maine.rr.com.



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Gorham residents Amanda Ekin and Tyler Kinney

were married October 23, 2010, a few months after their high school graduation.

Two weeks later, after enlisting in the U.S. Army, Kinney was sent to boot camp at Fort Knox in Kentucky. After boot camp, he was sent to Fort Benning in Georgia for airborne training. In April of 2011 Kinney was sent to Fort Schweinfurt in Germany and was joined by Amanda in May.



Photo Courtesy of Nanette Eikin

DEAN'S LIST

Kenneth Martin was named to the Dean's List at Lehigh University. He is a junior majoring in Integrated Business and Engineering. He is the son of Barbara and Kenneth Martin.

GRADUATIONS

Meredith Martin Lizotte graduated with highest honors from SUNY in Canton, NY, adding a degree in nursing to her degree in biochemistry from Clarkson University. Lizotte lives in the Potsdam, NY area while her husband, 1st Lt. Lewis Lizotte is deployed to Afghanistan. She is the daughter of Barbara and Kenneth Martin.

OF INTEREST

Meghan Garrard, a junior majoring in Psychology at Saint Joseph's College, will study abroad at the University of Hyderabad in India this fall.

Michael Groatorex, a sophomore majoring in Exercise Science at Saint Joseph's College, will study abroad at Murdoch University in Australia this fall.

Courtney Smith (GHS '08), daughter of Jonathan and Cynthia Smith, was awarded a grant to perform research with a professor at St. Michael's College this summer. Smith, a senior education and religious studies double major, is carrying out a project titled "Creating interpretive signage to educate visitors to the Teaching Gardens."

LifeChurch in Gorham is reaching out to the community asking for donations of backpacks & school supplies that will be distributed to those in need at an Aug. 13 outdoor concert featuring "Salvation's House." Concert begins at 6:30 p.m. and donations will be accepted throughout the concert. LifeChurch is hoping to collect and distribute 200 backpacks.

Gorham Artist Edgar Reims was a participating artist in the Cape Elizabeth Land Trust's Fourth Annual Paint for

Preservation Benefit Event in July that raised over \$50,000 for the CELT.

The Don Roy Trio will perform on Sunday, Aug. 14 from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Summer Concert Series at the PineCrest Inn on Rt. 114 in Gorham. All shows are free and outdoors on the side lawn of the PineCrest Inn. Please bring a chair or a blanket on which to sit. (NO PIC, bad quality)

The Grace Notes, a cappella musicians, will perform at the White Rock Free Baptist Church (300 Sebago Lake Road) on Saturday, Aug. 13, 6:30 p.m. Free but donations accepted. FMI, visit www.wrfbc.org.



Photo credit Martha T. Harris

Greg Palmer (above) retired from Gorham Savings Bank after 40 years of service. He began at the bank in 1971 when Gorham Savings had only one location.

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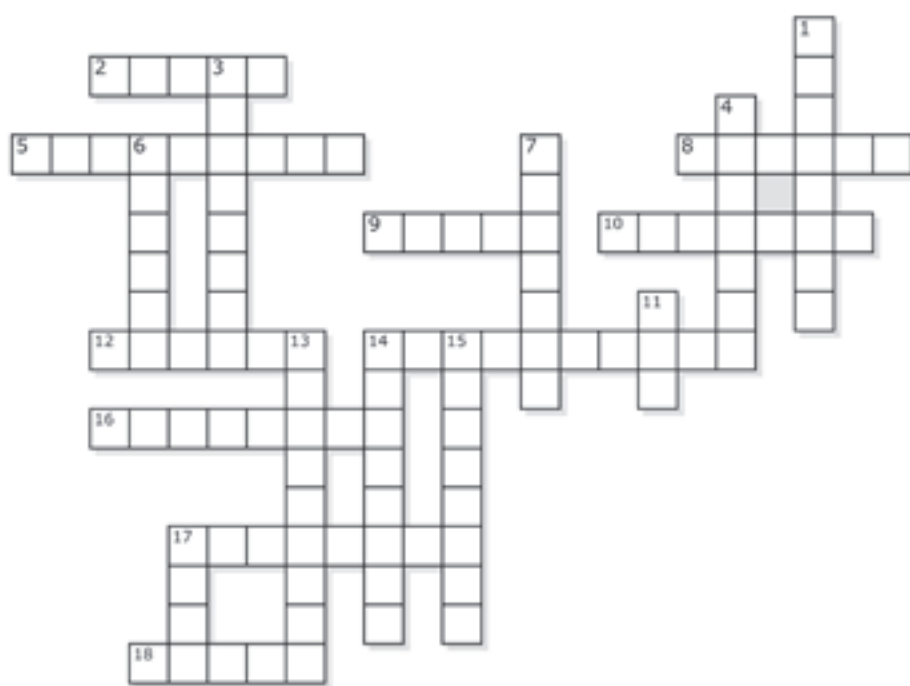
Saint Joseph's College will host "Summer Day," an open house for prospective high school students and their families on Friday, Aug. 12 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. FMI, 800-338-7057.

The Schoolhouse Arts Center in Standish will host summer concerts to benefit the Save Our Schoolhouse Fund. Rick Charette will perform on Monday, Aug. 8; The Saco

River Jazz Band on Monday, Aug. 15 and Boghat on Monday, Aug. 22. All concerts begin at 7 p.m. \$10/\$5/under 5 free. FMI, 642-3743 or schoolhousearts.org.

Saint Joseph's College will offer a course in Babysitter's Training and First Aid Certification for kids ages 11 and older on Sunday, Aug. 14 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The cost is \$55. FMI, 893-6615 or mailto: rdaigle@sjcme.edu

Gorham Facts



Across

- 2) Nickname of Officer Wayne Drown
- 5) Elected as Governor of the State of Maine in 1882
- 8) Museum and library
- 9) Gunpowder Mill donated to Land Trust
- 10) First settler, Captain John
- 12) This was named after Bernard P. Rines and opened in 2009.
- 14) County
- 16) Ex-governor and town benefactor Baxter
- 17) Concert hall at USM
- 18) Gorham was first called Narragansett Number ____.

Down

- 1) Senator for Gorham
- 3) Town Clerk's real first name
- 4) Gorham Times President, Board of Directors
- 6) Edna of "Fifty Years of Gorham"
- 7) Said to be the most popular section of the Times
- 11) Gorham made it into Guinness Book of World Records in 2002 for this type of dance
- 13) The sum of the numbers in the year Gorham was founded.
- 14) First female town clerk
- 15) William who erected the first two story house in Gorham
- 17) Last name of town manager

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from Tanzania

By Julia Parmakian

Julia Parmakian (GHS '09) recently traveled to Africa as part of her studies at Wheaton College in Massachusetts. The three week for-credit course brought several students to Tanzania, Africa to tutor English in a local high school. The trip was headed by Donna Kerner, anthropology head at Wheaton, who lived in Tanzania for five years. Twenty two students traveled with the professor to visit Arusha, Moshi and Rongai to study the Tanzanian culture. Parmakian, a summer student intern with the Gorham Times, shares two African recollections below.

An Interesting Welcome to Tanzania

Landing at the Kilimanjaro International Airport after about 30 hours of travel, our massive group of 23 Americans was exhausted, irritable and excited. As we stood inside, looking down at the wood floor, I noticed a gigantic brown crusty bug roaming the floors. After waiting for ten or fifteen minutes, I realized that my big brown beetle was not the only insect roaming around, some other flying things were living large on the ceiling, enjoying their time in the airport and greeting us as we entered Tanzania.

Our true Tanzanian greeting came once we had all gotten our luggage and gone through security. We were all given flowers and then our luggage was pulled from our hands and carried for us to our bus. We were so close to getting on that bus and getting to the hotel, but as was customary in Tanzania, we had to go through formal introductions and greetings. To everyone who was older, we were told to shake their right hand (touching anything with your left hand is dirty), curtsy slightly and say "Shikamuu," (the loose translation

being "may I kiss your feet?") and get the reply "Marahaba." Then after the personal greetings were complete, we were all given a history lesson and a summary of what we would be doing while some younger men climbed on top of our bus and began piling our luggage. Although it was virtually impossible for me to be able to concentrate on what we were being told, I got the feeling that we were very welcome in Tanzania.

The Marketplace at Arusha

The first city in which we stayed was Arusha, located in northern Tanzania and about three hours away from the base of Mt. Kilimanjaro. Even though we were higher than sea level, we still needed to use mosquito nets as we slept. This city was a tourist location seeing as the Serengeti was close enough, so there were other fantastic hotels that were very luxurious. The tourism in Arusha made it possible for street vendors to attempt to make a living. These street vendors were very aggressive. They of course could spot the group of American tourists from a mile away and then we were ambushed, but politely. The men, and only men, would come up to us saying "Mambo" and we would reply "Poa," this all meaning something along the lines of "How are

you doing?" and "Cool." Then they would try to sell us the goods they were carrying with them, which sometimes were nice, but at this point in the trip we were all so frazzled by these interactions that we were more turned off by the goods than interested in buying them.

There was also a gigantic market right down the street from our hotel. It was strictly a tourist market selling only handmade goods such as paintings and bracelets that the locals probably would not be using. There were about 30 shops packed into two rows with only a narrow alley to walk through. The alley was even narrower because the shopkeepers (mostly the men) would hang out of their shops and push us inside. Each shop had pretty much the same goods: some

woodcarvings, some beaded jewelry and maybe some fabric paintings. Yet even with all of the same products, there were no set prices so we had to haggle for everything. It was an exhausting process, but once I thought I was getting a good price for something I got such a feeling of accomplishment. I liked going into the shops owned by women more than the men because they were so much less aggressive, and their goods were a little bit different. A woman who did beaded art owned one shop that I visited. They were not just typical bracelets, but full on paintings made entirely of tiny colored beads. Shopping in the market was something that I will never forget, and haggling was something I miss every time I walk in into the grocery store.





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what's happening

FRIDAY, AUG. 5

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

MONDAY, AUG. 8

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

TUESDAY, AUG. 9

- Reading Round-Up, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m., Baxter Library. Children read to trained therapy dogs. Registration required. FMI, 839-5031.
- Teddy Bear's Picnic, 11 a.m., for babies and toddlers, Baxter Library. FMI, 839-5031.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 10

- Bubble Day, 1:30 - 4 p.m., Baxter Library. Bring your friends, we have tons of bubbles!
- Gorham Food Pantry, 6 - 7:30 p.m., located in St. Anne's Catholic Church parking lot.

THURSDAY, AUG. 11

- Sand Art, 1 - 3 p.m., Create art using colored sand, Baxter Library. FMI, 839-5031.
- Gorham Food Pantry, 9 - 11 a.m., located in St. Anne's Catholic Church parking lot.

FRIDAY, AUG. 12

- Beginning Knitting, 10 - 11:30 a.m., ages 8 and older, Baxter Library. FMI, 89-39-5031.
- Gorham/Westbrook TRIAD meeting, 8:45 a.m., Gorham Town Hall. FMI, 839-2948.

SUNDAY, AUG. 14

- Don Roy Trio, PineCrest Summer Outdoor Concert. PineCrest Inn, 91 South St., 3 - 5 p.m. Free. Bring a chair or blanket.

MONDAY, AUG. 15

- Gorham Food Pantry, 6 - 7 p.m., located in St. Anne's Catholic Church parking lot.
- Free Food & Fellowship Ecumenical Meal Program, Windham Hill UCC, 140 Windham Center Rd, Windham. Everyone welcome. FMI, 892-3769.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 17

- Popsicles on the Patio, 1:30 p.m., recommended for those who love stories and pops. Baxter Library. FMI, 839-5031.

THURSDAY, AUG. 18

- Gorham Food Pantry, 9 - 11 a.m., located in St. Anne's Catholic Church parking lot.
- Kiwanis Club Lunch Meeting, PineCrest Inn, 91 South St., 12 noon - 1 p.m. FMI, 839-8944.

Howling Horror

Mosher Road caller reported hearing coyotes on either side of them howling while they were walking and requested assistance.

School Street caller reported that their flowerbed had been destroyed.

Maple Drive caller reported that they lent their vehicle to an acquaintance who did not return it.

Narragansett Street caller reported that there was a cow moose possibly stuck in the fenced in area of the trailer park, and they were afraid it was going to cause some damage or hurt somebody trying to get out.

County Road caller reported that they found a dog with no collar and that their cat was missing.

School Street caller reported that someone dug up and removed a plant from their property.

Weeks Road caller requested to speak with an officer regarding a bully at the middle school who had been stealing money from caller's child.

Cider Mill Lane caller reported that their daughter was home alone and a wood-chuck was in their backyard attacking their small dog.

Caller requested to speak with an officer regarding the theft of rose bushes from their garden.

Mercier Way caller reported their home had been burglarized.

Saco Street caller reported that there was possibly a boa constrictor in a sack on the property.

Morrill Avenue caller requested to speak with an officer regarding how their rental house was left.

Forest Circle man was arrested for domestic violence assault and domestic violence terrorizing.

Hidden Pines Drive caller reported that they found damage to a back shed that occurred a couple of weeks ago and other strange things that have happened in the neighborhood.

An officer responding to a call on Tink Drive found a 15-year-old female who had been assaulted by a parent.

North Street caller reported that they returned home to find burn marks on their deck as if someone had attempted to light the house on fire.

Caller requested to speak with an officer about a sex offender registering with an address where they do not live.

Western Avenue caller reported that their motor home was missing.

County Road woman was arrested for OUI.

In separate incidents, Mosher Road and Oakwood Drive men was arrested for domestic violence assault.

Flaggy meadow Road caller reported a cow in their yard that did not belong to them.

Prebble Street caller reported a belligerent male walking in the street talking on a cell phone.

Burnham Road caller was concerned about animals as caller felt their accommodations were insufficient.

Mighty Street man was reported to be pulling metal out of bushes.

Numerous callers complained about a man attempting to sell a cleaning product who became belligerent and rude when callers declined to purchase the product.

Finn Parker Road caller requested that an officer remove two guns and knives from her husband's truck.

Lawn Avenue caller reported a fox with a broken leg.

Johnson Road caller reported a male on the porch playing the guitar, drinking beer and yelling extremely offensive language at people driving by.

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Inside the Gorham Times

A Letter from The Editor: A Year in Review Karen DiDonato

The Gorham Times has been creating and distributing newspapers for 16 years, which is no small feat considering that the paper is a volunteer run organization dedicated specifically to the town of Gorham. In my year as the editor, I have come to learn that many people do not know that the Times is a non-profit organization. Our writers, production team, sales staff, and distribution department work tirelessly fueled only by a love for the town and a desire to bring the news to all of Gorham. Other than small stipends, they do not get paid for their efforts; they get rewarded bi-weekly when their work is printed and the papers seemingly fly off the shelves.

Each time an advertiser pays for ad space, they are helping the community not only to see their advertisements and sell their product, but also to get the word out to community members about upcoming or past events, which oftentimes include other non-profit or start-up organizations.

As a non-profit newspaper, the money paid from advertisers goes directly back into the paper for printing and other administrative fees.

There are several people who have been working with the Gorham Times since its inception including Julie Burnheimer, distribution; Chris Crawford,

living section editor; Sheri Faber, reporter and news and police beat contributor; Martha Harris, photographer; Sandra Wilson, business manager, and of course, Gorham Times' founder Maynard Charron. Jeff Pike, sports editor, recently celebrated seven years with the times.

For people who have worked for so long at the Times, what keeps them going? Why do they continue contributing their time without getting paid for the efforts? While I cannot speak for everyone on staff, I can speak for my experiences with them. The team enjoys helping the community, working together, and having fun doing it. Our bi-weekly production meetings are seemingly reunions of old friends who discuss local topics and possible news items.

On my one-year anniversary, I would like to thank the staff at Gorham Times for their tireless efforts and countless hours of work. To our advertisers, thank you for your consistent contributions that fund the printing of the news and events of our community. To our readers, thank you for your continued support.

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