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GHS girls' basketball advances to Western Maine Class A semifinals before losing to McAuley.



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Senior Natalie Egbert goes for a layup in season play.

Local Business Installs Wind Turbine

Sherrie Fontaine

A wind turbine unit has been installed at the Great Falls Construction, Inc. building located on Mechanic Street and is the first to be used by a business in the Northeast. Being described as a modern-day weathervane, stretching only six feet across and positioned four feet above the roofline, it is converting wind power into electrical energy. The Windtronics Wind Turbine, produced by Honeywell Industries, is being distributed through Energy Installations, a local company owned and operated by Jon Smith and Elwood (Skip) Sunell. Smith is also owner of Great Falls Construction, which is the company contracted to handle the actual installations.

Once a turbine is installed, there are three options for its use: to charge batteries, supply power to Central Maine Power's main grid, or to power electrical devices within the home or office. The latter application reduces the draw on CMP generated electricity. At a cost of \$10,000 to \$12,000 for a package that includes hardware, equipment and installation, it is a less costly choice over other alternative

energy sources such as solar panels and geothermal heat. It is being promoted by Energy Installations as a good way for both homes and businesses to "go green."

Wind speeds as low as two miles per hour and up to the optimal thirty miles per hour, provide the necessary wind to generate the electricity. The unit senses the wind speed and direction and positions the turbine accordingly. Heavy winds are controlled to a more manageable speed so as not to damage the unit. Surprisingly, the wind turbine is very quiet and does not produce the humming sound associated with the large turbines.

It will be some time before Great Falls Construction, Inc. will be able to calculate the cost savings of this energy savings installation. It is still in its testing phase; however, given its small size and ability to cost-effectively generate power without using fuel resources, this project is already a success. For more information on wind turbine installations, please contact Energy Installations at Skip@energyinstallationsne.com or 839-7857.



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The new wind turbine at Great Falls Construction on Mechanic Street sits only four feet above the roofline.

Revenue Sharing Changes to Hit Town Budget Hard

Bill Ambrose

Under Governor Paul LePage's proposed state budget, the Town of Gorham stands to lose \$545,723 in revenue sharing funds compared to the amount it would have received under the current calculation formula. If the Town had to make up the difference for its fiscal year 2011/2012 budget, it would translate to an increase in the tax mil rate of 40 cents.

Revenue sharing is a state program enacted in 1972. Its purpose is to share a proportion of the state's sales tax revenue with the individual municipalities. Income from revenue sharing is Gorham's third largest source of funds.

Under the present formula, 5.1

percent of the sales tax revenue is returned to the state's towns and cities. However, in recent years using a device known as "legislative transfer," the state can take a portion of the funds and place them into the general fund. This year, the state government used 30 percent of the revenue sharing funds instead of remitting them to the municipalities.

The governor's budget proposes that, in lieu of using a percentage of sales tax revenue, the state legislature would annually appropriate the total amount of revenue sharing funds available for distribution across the state. The reduced amount would leave cit-

ies and towns with difficult choices to make up the difference. These choices would include reducing services, raising property taxes, or a combination of both. Under the currently used formula, Gorham would have received \$1,679,388; the new allocation would be reduced to \$1,133,665, yielding a difference of over \$500,000.

Town Manager David Cole said: "There have been tough times the last three or four years, and the town has had to tighten its belt. We've not had a tax increase in four years. The town council has managed the finances prudently. We've kept up with our capital needs, and it's very disappointing to

have the state of Maine go from one financial crisis to the next. It takes money from those who work hard to manage their finances properly to pay for [the state's] financial mess year after year."

At press time, Cole is expected to present to the Town Council a "Resolution Asking The State To Stop Shifting The Tax Burden to Property Tax Payers and Restore The State Revenue Sharing Program." If the resolution is approved at the March 1 meeting, it will ask the town's representatives in Augusta to vote to retain the present method of funding the revenue sharing program.



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Gorham Sightings

Do you know where this photo was taken? The location of the sighting from the 2/18 issue was correctly identified as the transfer station facility on Huston Road. Log on to Facebook to enter your best guess for this picture.

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NEWS FROM AUGUSTA

The Maine Power Reliability Program

Rep. Jane Knapp

Last September in Gorham I attended the grand opening of the Maine Power Reliability Program (MPRP)—a project to upgrade Central Maine Power's (CMP) transmission system. Shifts in the population and greater demand for electrical power were some factors that necessitated these upgrades.

I was glad to attend the grand opening of the MPRP as this project is a jobs producer. In attendance at the opening were Sara Burns, president of CMP, and Ignacio Galan, the chairman of CMP's parent company, Iberdrola Group. Iberdrola Group is Spain's leading energy company and one of the world's largest utilities. As part of the grand opening celebration, Chairman Galan was given a tour of Gorham. It was great to observe firsthand how the concept of a global society is present even in our local communities.

As the project began to evolve, it was clear that many communities and businesses would be impacted by the transmission upgrade. I wanted to learn more about the details of the work, as well as specific information relative to work that would take place in Gorham. I contacted Cianbro, the company working closely on this project with CMP, which provided a wealth of information.

Cianbro informed me that the MPRP will encompass 75 communities from Eliot to Orrington. The construction will consist of 438 miles of new 345kV and 115kV transmission lines, five new substations, the addition of four new autotransformers and various other transmission system upgrades. Cianbro noted that the project is expected to create 2,100 direct and indirect jobs

through five years of construction. The overall cost of the project will be \$1.4 billion. Of the \$1.4 billion that will be spent, total project expenditures in Gorham will total \$36 million.

There are currently two levels of work already underway in Gorham. First, a new 345kV transmission line is being added to the corridor that runs south from the South Gorham Substation on Straw Road toward Scarborough. Secondly, improvements are being completed at the South Gorham Substation.

I was pleased to learn that among the businesses collaborating on the MPRP, are many local businesses. Specifically, Cianbro noted that R. J. Grondin & Sons and Shaw Brothers Construction, Inc., both of Gorham, will be working on the project. R. J. Grondin & Sons is a family owned earth moving business and Shaw Brothers Construction, Inc. is a bonded site/utility construction company.

I am pleased that CMP is expending some resources in Gorham through the Maine Power Reliability Program. I also appreciate that they decided to employ local businesses. I think this project will be successful in creating jobs and will help to keep Gorham people at work.

Some information in this article was found at: www.pressherald.com/news/CMPs-parent-Wind-power-development-hinges-on-Maine-policies.html?searchterm=maine+power+reliability; www.cmpco.com/OurCompany/News/MPRP.html

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Dear Gorham Times,

As residents for 27 years, my husband and I have enjoyed living in this fine community however, there is one thing that I find lacking: Gorham does not have a senior center. The population of people 50 and over is growing, as well as the baby boomers on the horizon, at a greater rate than any other segment of the population. In addition, we seniors are living longer. Seniors need a place where they can congregate, meet and make friends, enjoy activities such as listening to music groups, playing cards, have guest speakers, hold dances, learn arts and crafts and have a hot meal available every day.

Gorham Recreation does a good job of providing some services, but it is not comprehensive. Soon we will have two empty schools available, which would make an ideal place for a senior center, as they have kitchen facilities, parking and easy one level access. If you feel the way I do about this issue, please contact the Gorham Town Council and ask them to consider having a senior center in the Gorham/Windham area.

*Blanche Alexander
White Rock, Gorham*

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around town

Bella Donna, Mechanic Street, is scheduled to close on May 1 and, in preparation, is holding a liquidation sale.

St. Joe's Coffee, School Street, is extending its hours until 8 p.m. in order to serve dinner Tuesday through Saturday. They will continue to serve breakfast and lunch.

Susan Duchaine of **Design Dwellings, Inc.** is planning an office and retail complex that will include five 3,000 sq. ft. business condominium buildings as well as a drive-up business, such as a restaurant or a bank, at the intersection of Routes 237 and 25, across from Mosher's Farm and Beals Ice Cream. Preliminary groundwork such as installing culverts, erosion controls and creating entrances is underway.

Steven and Amy Bibula have established a new farm, **Plowshares Community Farm**, at 236 Sebago Lake Rd. (formerly Sapling Hill Farm in White Rock). They are currently selling shares of the 2011 harvest of Certified Naturally Grown seasonal vegetables. 239-0442.

Helical, a company in the Industrial Park that produces metal cutting equipment is planning to build a 10,000 sq. ft. addition. Owner David McCulloch anticipates adding five more staff members within the next year.

Marca Coating Technologies, which bought the property in the Industrial Park previously owned by Knowlton Corp., is planning a 30,000 sq. ft. addition.

Second Location for Local Car Dealer

Planet Wholesale Auto Opens on Narragansett Street

Jackie Francis

Shopping for a new automobile? That is, a new "used" automobile? Planet Wholesale Auto in Gorham hopes you'll stop by when searching for your next car. Located where LKQ Auto Salvage Yard once stood, Planet Wholesale Auto opened for business last month.

Owners Tim and Sonja Devine are not new to the automotive industry, having owned and operated OT Motor Sales on Ossipee Trail for over 10 years. Due to an absolute need for new space - not to mention expanding sales - the new proprietors decided to open this "satellite" lot, if you will, and are proud of the quality pre-owned vehicles displayed over the new 2-1/2 acre lot on Narragansett Street.

Planet Wholesale Auto sells cars and services them as well. Looking to have your car reconditioned? Planet Wholesale Auto will shampoo and clean the interior, buff and wax the exterior and clean the motor - yes, the motor - for \$185. Behind the 50x70 sq. ft. showroom is a state-of-the-art service center that offers state inspection stickers, oil changes, tune-ups and brake jobs by highly skilled technicians and ASE certified mechanics. Charging \$13.95 for an oil change and \$49/hour for labor on diagnostic and repair services, Devine says he has the luxury of treating customers fairly because of his long-term relationship with a developed clientele in the Greater Gorham area. One loyal family of clients recently informed Devine that they (along with their extended family) purchased 22 cars through Devine's motor sales business over the past ten years. That is the sort of relationship Devine wishes to maintain at Planet Wholesale Auto. "I have an honest and attentive staff," says Devine, "who are committed to serving our customers in a professional manner."

Devine believes that sales and service are what makes his busi-

ness unique. "We're in a position to offer our customers a better price than most dealerships." Buying most of his automobiles from the largest independent auction in the country, Southern Auto Auction, Devine is able to aggressively price his vehicles. Late model imports such as Toyota, Honda and Subaru primarily occupy this Narragansett location. However, Fords and Chevrolets as well as SUV's, trucks and even an occasional snowmobile and four-wheeler are scattered throughout the inventory too. A shiny, midnight blue, 2001 convertible Corvette sits in the showroom with a price tag of \$21,900. "Not bad for a fun summer car," says Devine, "considering new ones sell for \$60,000." Special requests? Devine is happy to locate the right car for you with no obligations to buy. "I'll only buy what I would be comfortable selling on my lot anyway."

Behind the scenes things are just as busy as they are on the lot. Co-owner Sonja Devine splits her time between OT Motor Sales and Planet Wholesale Auto, along with four salespeople. With over 30 years in the finance industry, office manager Debbie McPhail can help you find the right financing for your vehicle.

"We're here for the long-haul," says Devine, who has two children in the Gorham school system and one son who graduated from GHS and is about to graduate from basic training in Naval Station Great Lakes, Chicago.

Come take a test drive, have your car cleaned or just come in for a free cup of coffee. Tim and Sonja Devine will be happy to make your acquaintance.

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Chief Shepard Reports

A 68-year-old woman shot herself in the parking lot at Dunkin Donuts in the early morning hours of February 24. Police responded to reports of an unresponsive woman lying in the parking lot in front of the vacant store in that complex. Officers initiated CPR but she was unresponsive and later pronounced dead at the scene. The woman was believed to have died from a single self-inflicted gunshot wound.

Brian Key was promoted to detective and Sgt. Dana Thompson will move to the new position of sergeant

who is assigned to work with the two detectives. Todd Gagnon is the new animal control/traffic enforcement officer, replacing Wayne Coffin who retired.

Patrick Hutton was sentenced to five years in jail for unlawful sexual contact, aggravated assault and violating conditions of release. On May 27, 2010, Hutton met a young woman in Portland who he and some friends accompanied to Friendly Village. The friends left and Hutton dragged her out to the pole line where he sexually assaulted her.



March Merriment Series at the Library

Mary Collins

Are you ready for spring training? Do you have a passion for baseball? Then this March lecture series at the Baxter Memorial Library will delight you. There will be two presentations, Tuesday, March 8 and Thursday, March 10, both at 6:30 p.m. Both are free and open to the public. Popcorn, crackerjacks and lemonade will be served at each event — a night of baseball would not be complete without these!

Tuesday, March 8, Steve Small, who is a well-known fourth grade teacher at Village School, will talk about "A Passion for Baseball." His talk, which is aimed at students, will cover the history of baseball, how to score a game, and the importance of having a passion in your life. Although geared for students, all ages are welcome.

Thursday, March 10, Mike Brady, professor of Adult and Higher Education at USM, will hold a lively

discussion of the travel course he leads each summer titled "Baseball and American Society: A Journey." Now in its 16th year, the course includes travel to various major and minor league ballparks, speakers and discussions on a variety of topics, and a baseball park's worth of fun. USM students may take the course for credit and anyone may sign up to audit the course; a number of folks go year after year. Mike's presentation will include a slide show and a question/answer session. Although geared for adults, all ages are welcome.

Throughout the month of March books on baseball, its impact on American culture, as well as other kinds of baseball artifacts will be on display at the library. Be sure to drop in and see them.

Baxter Memorial Library is at 71 South Street, Gorham. For more information call the library at 839-5031.

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Lettuce Be Healthy Barbara T. Schneider

Happy late winter. There is no doubt that Mother Nature has bombarded the North American continent with blasts of ice, snow and absolutely frigid temperatures. And not one state has been immune to this off-the-wall, out-of-whack winter.

According to the groundhog, spring is on its way. But in the meantime, here is an interesting trio of recipes to help ward off the cold. They are slow cooked and use reasonably priced products.

The first is a duo (or more if needed) of Cornish game hens. While not necessarily a wise choice for a crowd, this recipe is dependable, easy, and impressive to serve. Include your choice of roasted veggies—the important distinction is to use fresh produce.

The second recipe uses an inexpensive cut of beef such as top round, flank steak or even brisket. Cooked in a crock-pot with onions, salsa, a little mustard or horseradish and soup mix, this recipe will warm you right up.

And last, but certainly not least, a light and versatile dessert creation. You can switch out some of the ingredients to meet your pantry. So, let's start cookin'.

Enjoy and stay warm!

Cornish Game Hen Duo with Veggies

2 Cornish game hens (1.5 lbs each)
Stick of margarine
4 T. fresh herb mix, chopped (oregano, thyme, rosemary, basil and parsley)
1 large onion, cut into wedges
1 lemon, cut into wedges
4 yellow /green squash, cut into 1 inch segments
5-6 carrots, cut into wedges
Olive/canola oil
Soften margarine, add chopped seasonings and work into a paste. Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

Rinse hens with cold water and gently pat dry. Salt & pepper outside and inside. Use your fingers to separate the skin from the meat. Repeat with underside of hens. Place small teaspoonfuls of the paste under the skin and work it downward. Repeat on bottom. Place one wedge of lemon and onion on each hen. Arrange your choice of cut veggies in a large bowl, lightly drizzle with olive/canola oil and salt and pepper. Place prepped

hens in large roasting pan surrounded by vegetables. Squeeze remainder of lemon over contents of roasting pan. Cook for approximately 1 hour and 15 minutes, stirring veggies halfway through cooking. Flip the hens to brown underside for at least 30 minutes, flipping back for end of cooking time. Hens should be golden brown and veggies not too soft. For a softer consistency, continue cooking the veggies separately a little longer. Let hens sit for at least 10 minutes before serving. This is a great recipe to impress.

Salsa Beef & Onions

1 1/2 lb. beef (top round/flank/brisket)
Salt & pepper
3 onions, sliced
Golden mushroom soup with can of water or dry mushroom soup mix with 1 cup water
1 jar chunky salsa
Olive/canola oil

Drizzle oil over half of onions, brown and set aside. Cut steak into 1/4 inch thick slices and brown in drippings. Sprinkle with salt & pepper. Place onions and steak in crock-pot; add remaining onions and other ingredients. Cover and cook on low for 6-8 hours. Stir occasionally. This is great on a cold night served with rice and a salad.

Angel Drizzle

1 angel food cake (homemade or store-bought)
Apricot jam or preserves (or seedless raspberry, blackberry or strawberry)
Chopped hazelnuts or pecans
Cool Whip

Cut angel food into three layers. Warm preserves in microwave. Drizzle 1/3 preserves over first layer. Sprinkle 1/3 chopped nuts. Thinly spread Cool Whip. Top with second cake layer and repeat. Top with third layer, drizzle remaining warm preserves and top generously with Cool Whip. Garnish with fresh berries and sprigs of mint. Yum.



Questions about the recipes can be e-mailed to Barbara Schneider at bts@maine.rr.com.

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Student Art Displayed at Portland Museum of Art

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Autumn Heil's artwork, named **Wood Duck**, was completed with watercolor, oil pastels and colored pencils.

Artwork from six Gorham students will be on display at the Portland Museum of Art from March 1 through April 3. Working in collaboration with the Maine Art Education Association, the museum is celebrating National Youth Art Month.

Each March, National Youth Art Month is observed to emphasize the value of art education and to encourage public support for quality school art programs. The focus this month is to convey to the public that art education develops self-discipline, self-esteem, and a sense of pride in self-

expression.

The following students will be featured in the exhibition: Logan Bantly and Autumn Heil of Village Elementary School; Megan Mitchell and Grace Sunnell of Gorham High School; Ashley Woodbury of Gorham Middle School; and Maren Root of White Rock Elementary School.

An exhibition celebration will be held at the museum on Saturday, March 5, from 5 to 7:30 p.m. Admission is free to the public and refreshments will be served.

Preliminary School Budget Introduced

Stacy Sallinen

Superintendent Ted Sharp presented the preliminary fiscal year 2012 school department budget to the School Committee in a workshop on February 16. The proposed budget of \$31.3 million includes a \$917,807 increase over last year's approved school budget. Sharp said the increase includes principal and interest payments on the Great Falls Elementary School bond, which was approved by voters in 2008.

Gorham's share of General Purpose Aid (GPA), or subsidy from the state, is expected to be \$17.3 million, a 6.22% increase over the previous year. The increase includes debt service for Great Falls, and also provides additional funding since funds from the American Recovery Reinvestment Act (ARRA) are no longer available.

As proposed, the budget would increase the mil rate, adding 13 cents per \$1,000 of valuation, assuming the property tax base increases by \$1 million.

The budget would eliminate 3.3 full time equivalent (FTE) positions, resulting in savings of \$198,097. In addition,

Sharp proposed a \$308,055 reduction to discretionary accounts.

New initiatives proposed in the budget include 0.1 FTE K-5 art teacher; 0.5 FTE K-5 classroom teacher; one FTE numeracy specialist for grades 6-12; a budget increase from PATHS and WRVC; costs to cover the Compass Program, which were covered by ARRA funding last year; extended day kindergarten program at all three elementary schools to provide additional reinforcement in the classroom for some students; and the Rosetta Stone language program. It also includes seven Special Education educational technicians, although some of the cost of the new positions was offset by reducing other special education expenditures.

The School Committee is expected to review the budget in detail in the March 5 workshop. If approved by the committee in its regular meeting in April, the Town Council will review in a workshop and take action in May before it goes to public referendum in June.

Robotics Team Heads to Competition

Stacy Sallinen



Photo credit Stacy Sallinen

Working hard on the inner workings of FalGor are Tom Moutinho, Sr., one of the parent mentors, William Emerson and Rachel Eaton.

Students from the robotics team at Gorham and Falmouth high schools, known as Northern Force FIRST Robotics Team 172, will be taking part in the FIRST Robotics competition in New Hampshire on March 3 through March 5. FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) is a program developed by inventor Dean Kamen to inspire young people to become leaders in science and technology.

Since January 8, the team has been designing, building and wiring a robot to meet this year's competition challenge—to design a robot that can move inflatable tubes onto pegs in a specific pattern, and create a mini-robot that can climb to the top of a pole. Each competition match lasts for just over two minutes. The robot, nicknamed FalGor, will spend the first 15 seconds placing tubes on pegs in an autonomous mode, two minutes operated by a driver, and the final ten seconds sending the mini-robot up the pole.

Team 172 is well known for their team spirit and enthusiasm at robotics

competitions. For the past five years, the team has worn bright pink shirts to make them more visible on the competition field, and members even paint their fingernails bright pink.

Lanco Assembly Systems in Westbrook allows the team to use their facilities to build the robot. While students fundraise to cover some of the costs, the team also receives donations from three main sponsors, Lanco, Fairchild Semiconductor and IDEXX Laboratories, along with several other companies.

Gorham's robotics coach, Nancy Porter, explained that the robotics program not only allows students to learn about science and technology, but also gives them an opportunity to expand their problem solving, communication and marketing skills. Many students become experienced in all the different teams within robotics, including design, electrical, mechanical, drive and programming.

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school notes

Gorham High School's chapter of the Dream Factory Club will host the third annual Happily Ever After Royal Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, March 12 from 8 to 10:30 a.m. at Cressey Road United Methodist Church, Gorham. Come dressed as your favorite prince or princess! A free continental breakfast will be available for parents. Tickets are \$5 per child with a \$15 maximum for families, and are available at the Bookworm, Gorham Grind and the Gorham Recreation Office. Tickets will also be available at the door. Proceeds go directly to the Dream Factory Club, which funds dreams for chronically and critically ill children in Maine. FMI, please contact Kerry at kerryh@gorhamschools.org.

All Gorham K-5 elementary schools (Great Falls, Narragansett and Village) will hold an Incoming Parent Information Meeting for kindergarten registration on Monday, March 7 from 6 to 7 p.m. at Gorham Middle School. Parents of children who will be five years old on or before October 15 should plan to attend. At this meeting, parents will receive the registration packet, learn about the screening process, schedule a screening appointment, learn about a typical day, safety, code of conduct, transportation, academics, and receive kindergarten teacher advice. Storm date is Wednesday, March 9.

Lulu Hawkes (Catherine McAuley HS '12) was one of five finalists in the Poetry Out Loud Competition and will be competing in the state finals in Lewiston on March 11 against nine other students.

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AED Demo at Shaw



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On Valentine's Day, Village School nurse Beth Ewing provided a demonstration on operating an automated external defibrillator (AED) unit for residents who walk at Shaw Gym. Early defibrillation is critical to survival from cardiac arrest and AED's have been proven to save the lives of many people who have sudden heart failure. AED's are located in the Municipal Center and all Gorham School locations.

Furry Love Song



Photo credit Anne LaPierre

Kindergarten students filled the gym at Narragansett School with sweet sounds from their musical, "A Time for Love." Singing about their beloved furry friends are (front row) Josephine James, Madeleine LaPierre, Brooke Gordon, (back row) Christopher Sargent, Keira Rosario, Wyatt Woodsum, and (very back) Morgan Cole.

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Class A State Ski Results: GHS sophomore **Marissa Roberts** finished seventh in the giant slalom Class A State Ski Championship February 22 at the Big Rock Ski Area in Mars Hill with a time of 1:34.01. In the slalom event on February 23, Roberts was in fourth place after the first run then slipped to 42nd after the second run with a combined time of 1:56.98. Gorham was also represented in this event by **Michelle Ramsey**, who finished 65th with a combined time of 2:24.05.

Free Throw Champs Moving on to States: At the Knights of Columbus District 20 free throw competition February 19 at Windham High School, several Gorham participants won their age-gender groups to advance to the state finals scheduled for March 12 in Old Town: **Jason Komulainen** (Boys-Age 11), **Michelle Rowe** (Girls-Age 10), **Kyle King** (Boys-Age 10), **Heather Woodbury** (Girls-Age 11), and **Jaymie Seneca** (Girls Age-13).

Boys' Hockey Finishes Strong: In a February 17 loss to Falmouth, GHS senior goalie **Nate Holloran** stopped a whopping

61 shots on goal. The Rams then finished the season strong February 19 with an 8-2 win over Cony. The team was down 2-1 midway through the second when senior **Connor Smith** tied the game with his final varsity goal followed soon after by freshman **Tucker Buteau** scoring his first varsity goal, which proved to be the game winner. **Senior Steven Broy** scored just as time expired in the third period to cap off his high school career, and his brother, freshman **Justin Broy**, played a strong game in net earning his second varsity win.

Two Career Highs: GHS senior **Mia Rapolla** scored a career-high 34 points February 21 as the Rams defeated Windham, 54-33 in the quarterfinals of the Western Maine Class A tournament. Rapolla notched a career-high in three-point shots with six. Rapolla is also among the 10 semifinalists for the Miss Maine Basketball Award, given to the top senior basketball player in the state each year. Three finalists for the award will be named after the state championships games are played, and the winner will be announced at the Maine McDonald's High School Senior All-Star Banquet March 11 at Husson University.

State Champion



Photo credit Todd Perkins

GHS junior Sarah Perkins won the 55-meter hurdle event at the Class A State Championship meet February 21 at the USM Gorham campus. In winning the race, Perkins set a GHS school record originally set by Shannon Houlihan in 2000. Perkins also qualified for the New England Championship meet that takes place March 5 in Boston. Above: Perkins is shown above holding her first-place medal during the award ceremony after the race. Right: Perkins is shown competing in a relay event during a regular-season meet.



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GHS Indoor Track Athletes Placing In Class A State Championship and Western Maine Championship

State Meet—February 21 at USM

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Sarah Perkins (junior): first in 55 meter hurdles 8.74; fifth in 55 meters, 7.63; seventh in 200 meters, 27.38. Perkins qualified for the New England Championship meet in the 55 meter hurdles March 5 in Boston.

BOYS

Jesse Orach (junior): fifth in two mile, 10:14.42. Orach qualified for the New England Championship meet in this event March 5 in Boston.
Kam Alexander (senior): seventh in triple jump, 39-2.5
Troy Lambert (sophomore): seventh in pole vault, 10-0

Western Maine—February 12 at The Portland Expo

GIRLS

Perkins: first in 300 yards, 41.10; second in Sr. 45 yard hurdles, 6.75
Jenny Thuotte (senior): fifth in 2 mile, 14:06.5

BOYS

Orach: first in the two mile, 10:26.20
Alexander: sixth in high jump, 5-8
Julian Nijkamp (sophomore): fifth in 45 yard hurdles, 6.4
Joe DeRoy (junior): third in 400 meters 57.40
Nate Bucknell (junior): fourth in 600 yards 1:21.50
Travis Grant (freshman), Collin Bowie (sophomore), Austin Hager-Perry (sophomore) and Nijkamp: fifth in 4x140 yard relay, 1:08.40
Alexander, DeRoy, Orach and Bucknell: fourth in 4x280 yard relay, 2:21.20



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Sisters from the Epsilon Rho Chapter at the University of Southern Maine volunteered at the 17th Annual Dr. Noel Paradise Memorial Swish-Out Childhood Cancer Challenge held at the USM gymnasium in February. The Alpha Xi Delta team participated in the co-ed, three-on-three basketball tournament, helping to raise money for the Maine Children's Cancer Program.

DEAN'S LIST

Hallie Balcomb (GHS '10) was named to the Dean's list at Bates College for the 2010 fall semester. She is the daughter of Scott Balcomb and Abigail Sanborn.

Thomas Bennett (GHS'10) was named to the Dean's List at Gettysburg College for the 2010 fall semester.

Ishah Price (GHS '09) was named to the Dean's List at D'Youville College in Buffalo, NY. Price is majoring in Biology.

The following Gorham students were named to the University of Southern Maine Dean's List for the Fall 2010 semester: **Dorette Marie Amell, Bailey Auspland, Jeremy Byrd, Caitlin Caldwell, Gregory Cavanaugh, Jessica Cole, Jennifer Coppersmith, Matthew Defiore, Christina Dougherty, Angela Doxsey, Katherine Foster, Michael Frier, Emily Garza, Briana Gervais, Megan Gosse, Hilary Greenier, Jennifer Kennedy, Garrett King, Jacob Litke, Elizabeth Little, Nathaniel Marcet, Thomas Owens, Riley Ploch, Kyle Pomerleau, Amy Prescott, Julia Ridge, Joseph Roberts, Lafeesa Tarrence, Jessica Taylor, Natasha Tibbals, James Tillman, Austin Walker, Charles Widdis and James Williford.**

OF INTEREST

The law firm of **Eaton Peabody** is pleased to announce that benefits attorney **Edward F. Feibel** of Gorham joined the Brunswick practice. Feibel graduated from the University of Maine School of Law in 1982 and received his B.A. from Bucknell University in 1974. For more than 25 years, Feibel has represented businesses, nonprofit organizations, governmental entities, and individuals with employee benefit issues.

Baked Bean Supper on Saturday, Mar. 5 from 4:30 to 6 p.m. at the White Rock Community Club, Wilson Rd., Off Rte 237 in Gorham. \$7/\$3. FMI, 892-4342.



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State Rep. Jane Knapp (R-Gorham) and Karen DiDonato (above), also of Gorham, stand in front of the Speaker's rostrum in the House Chamber. DiDonato, editor of the Gorham Times, was the guest of Rep. Knapp at the State House and had the opportunity to watch the day's proceedings from the gallery in the House Chamber.

The Gorham Woman's Club will meet on Thursday, Mar. 10 at the First Parish Church Fellowship Hall in Gorham. Refreshments will be served at 12:30. Author Andrea Valquez will talk about her book "Remembering Westbrook – The People of the Paper City." All are welcome. FMI, 839-6375.

The USM Chamber Singers will present a one-hour concert on Sunday, Mar. 20, 2 p.m. at the Cressy Road United Methodist Church in Gorham. In preparation for the May tour of Andalusia, Spain, the Chamber Singers will perform a cappella motets from the Europeans sacred tradition, love songs by American and French composers, African-American spirituals, and Eric Whitacre's monumental setting "Leonardo Dreams of His Flying Machine." Donations of \$5pp/\$10 families will be accepted to help fund the tour in Spain. FMI, 839-8717.

USM Theatre and School of Music will present "Triumph of Love," a witty musical romance directed by Dr. Assunta Kent and musical direction by Edward Reichert. March 11, 12, 17, 18, 19 at 7:30 p.m. and March 13 & 20 at 5 p.m., Russell Hall, USM Campus. \$10/\$15/\$21.



Mr. and Mrs. James Hager, Jr. are happy to announce the engagement of their son, Andrew Hager (GHS '06), to Mishelle McNamara, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mark McNamara of West Covina, CA. Hager, a 2010 graduate of Wagner College, is employed by Goddard Community Center as a Vocational Rehab Specialist in New York City. McNamara is a senior at Wagner College. A 2012 wedding is planned.

March 16 at 5 p.m., all seats \$10. High school matinee March 15 at 10 a.m. FMI, 780-5151 or www.usm.maine.edu/theatre

Baxter Memorial Library will host a FREE lecture series on baseball beginning with Village School fourth grade teacher Steve Small talking about "A Passion for Baseball" on Tuesday, Mar. 8 at 6:30 p.m. Although geared for students, all ages are welcome. On Thursday, Mar. 10, Mike Brady, professor of Adult and Higher Education at USM, will hold a discussion of the travel course he leads each summer, titled "Baseball and American Society: A Journey." Although geared for adults, all ages are welcome. FMI, 839-5031. See page 4 for details.

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Lecture series in the Visual Arts, "Art Talks," Burnham Lounge, Robie Andrews Hall, USM Gorham, with USM Artist-in-Residence Joe Kievitt on Friday, Mar. 4 at 1 p.m. Free and open to the public. FMI, 780-5008.

"The Orb and the Octopus," exhibit of black and white drawings by Amy Ray and John Jennison will be up in the USM Area Gallery, Portland, from March 3 to April 28. Free and open to the public. FMI, 780-5008.



Fourteen-year-old Katie Stoddard, an eighth grade student at Gorham Middle School, won the title of Miss Pine Tree Teen Queen in Dexter, ME on February 5. The pageant is an annual event that benefits Maine's Pine Tree Camp, a summer camp that offers day and overnight camp programs for children and adults with disabilities.

The 11th Annual Northern New England Science Bowl Competition will take place on Saturday, Mar. 5 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Bailey Hall, USM Gorham. Students field questions on a range of subjects including biology, chemistry, physics, astronomy, earth sciences and mathematics. The event is free and open to the public.



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Jackie Francis

Did you know the Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS) program right here in Gorham has been operating for three years and is looking for new recruits? Does serving your community by way of patrolling neighborhoods or directing traffic interest you? If so, you may want to investigate this organization a bit more closely, as Gorham resident Don Sedenka did a few years ago.

Retired after 30 years in human resources, Sedenka was looking to give back to his community on a part-time basis. One of only four volunteers from Gorham, Sedenka enjoys relieving police officers of traffic duty at emergency scenes and checking on seniors who are part of Senior Neighbor Awareness Program (SNAP), a call-in program for at-home seniors living alone. SNAP is free to seniors over 60 who live alone and would like someone to check on them daily. "I'd love to have more people to call," says Sedenka, "it's a valuable program."

Before entering the gold striped black vehicle with "volunteer" painted along the side, Sedenka checks with Chief Ronald Shepard of the Gorham Police Department to ask where he is most needed. "The most important thing we do for the community," says Sedenka, "is to be visible." Carrying only a portable radio, cell phone, digital camera, flashlight and GPS in the volunteer vehicle, Sedenka says volunteers are trained to "back out of an area" if confronted with a potentially dangerous situation.

Janet Biczak, VIPS volunteer coordinator, says, "volunteers don't replace police officers, they are another set of eyes and ears - a supplement to the police department." VIPS support drug awareness programs, assist with wellness checks on the elderly, attend to parking details at community events, and promote child safety programs such as child safety seat checks, iris scans and child identification programs.

The VIPS program was started in 2002 as part of the Citizen Corps initiative launched by President George W. Bush. In 2006 the Cumberland County Sheriff's office and then Deputy Sheriff Kevin Joyce set up the program of training volunteers to assist local police departments and the sheriff's office.

Chief Shepard applauds the work of the VIPS program. "I just think it's fantastic," says Shepard. "It gets folks involved and they provide a service for the community that fills a void."

Volunteers are a diverse group of people of all ages. Once a candidate applies, clears a background check and interview process, volunteers are required to attend a 12-week program consisting of three hours of instruction once a week followed by a monthly meeting.

Anyone interested in learning more about Volunteers in Police Service, may contact Janet Biczak at 239-9755 or email biczak@cumberlandcounty.org



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Don Sedenka, a volunteer in the VIPS program, patrols the town of Gorham.

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Gray Road caller reported an uninvited female subject entered caller's residence and threatened to harm them.

Newell Street caller requested to speak with an officer regarding an issue with a known subject borrowing money.

Gray Road caller reported a domestic disturbance where subject took the telephone from the residence.

Gray Road caller reported a fight in the alleyway involving multiple juveniles.

Hutcherson Drive caller reported that scrap metal was stolen from the dumpsters at their business.

Burnham Road caller reported receiving a notice from a radiology company that all of their information had been stolen from the office.

Davis Annex caller reported a suspicious truck pulled over on the side of the road and the driver was knocking on doors.

Subject from Davis Annex called the Town Manager with a complaint regarding a neighbor's barking dog.

Ossipee Trail caller reported their oil truck had been hit with snowballs.

Deering Road caller reported a homeowner was placing wire across the snowmobile trails because they didn't approve of the riders.

Gray Road caller reported suspicious activity in the area. Subject had fallen asleep while delivering newspapers.

Burnham Road caller reported five horses that were left out all day with no food, water, or shelter. Officer investigated and found the horses well cared for.

Meadowbrook Drive caller reported they lost some paperwork that they set on top of their vehicle.

Barstow Road caller reported they found an old magazine in their mailbox that was not delivered by the postal service.

Laurel Pines Drive caller reported a group of young males on snowmobiles and three-wheelers were in the road doing donuts and racing around. Caller felt it was dangerous as they had no helmets on and was concerned because a family member was recuperating from surgery and could not sleep with the noise.

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what's happening

FRIDAY, MAR. 4

- USM Spotlight Concert Series, "Crook vs. Schubert," 8 p.m. Corthell Concert Hall, Gorham campus. \$15/\$10/\$5. FMI, 780-5555.
- Frazier's Friendly Fridays: Live GOCAT call-in show, 3 & 3:30 p.m.

MONDAY, MAR. 7

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

TUESDAY, MAR. 8

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

WEDNESDAY, MAR. 9

- North Gorham Public Library, Babies in the Library, ages 0-3 yrs, 10-11 a.m. FMI, 892-2575.
- Gorham Food Pantry, 6-7:30 p.m. (located in St. Anne's Catholic Church parking lot)
- School Committee Meeting, 7 p.m., Gorham Municipal Center, 75 South St.

THURSDAY, MAR. 10

- Baby & Me, birth-18 mos., 9:30 a.m., Baxter Library. FMI, 839-5031.
- Toddler Time, ages 18-36 mos., 10 a.m., Baxter Library. FMI, 839-5031.
- Sewing Club, ages 7 and older, 2:30 - 4:30 p.m., Baxter Library. FMI, 89-39-5031.
- North Gorham Public Library, Story Hour for ages 3-5 yrs, 9:30-10:30 a.m. FMI, 892-2575.
- Gorham Food Pantry, 9-11 a.m. (located in St. Anne's Catholic Church parking lot)

FRIDAY, MAR. 11

- The Gorham/Westbrook TRIAD, 8:45 a.m., Westbrook Safety Bldg. Helping senior citizens in your community. FMI, David Garthe 839-5407 or Doris Ames 839-2948.

SUNDAY, MAR. 13

- Saxophone Celebration with Bill Street's Sax Quartet and Maine Saxophone

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.

Project, 2 p.m. Corthell Concert Hall, USM campus. Free. FMI, 780-5555.

MONDAY, MAR. 14

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

TUESDAY, MAR. 15

- Preschool Story-Time, ages 3-5 yrs., 9:30 a.m., Baxter Library. FMI, 839-5031.
- USM Job Fair, noon-4:30 p.m., Sullivan Gym, Portland. FMI, 228-8471.

WEDNESDAY, MAR. 16

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

THURSDAY, MAR. 17

- Kiwanis Club Lunch Meeting, Pinecrest Bed & Breakfast, noon-1 p.m. FMI, 839-8944.
- Baby & Me, birth-18 mos., 9:30 a.m., Baxter Library. FMI, 839-5031.
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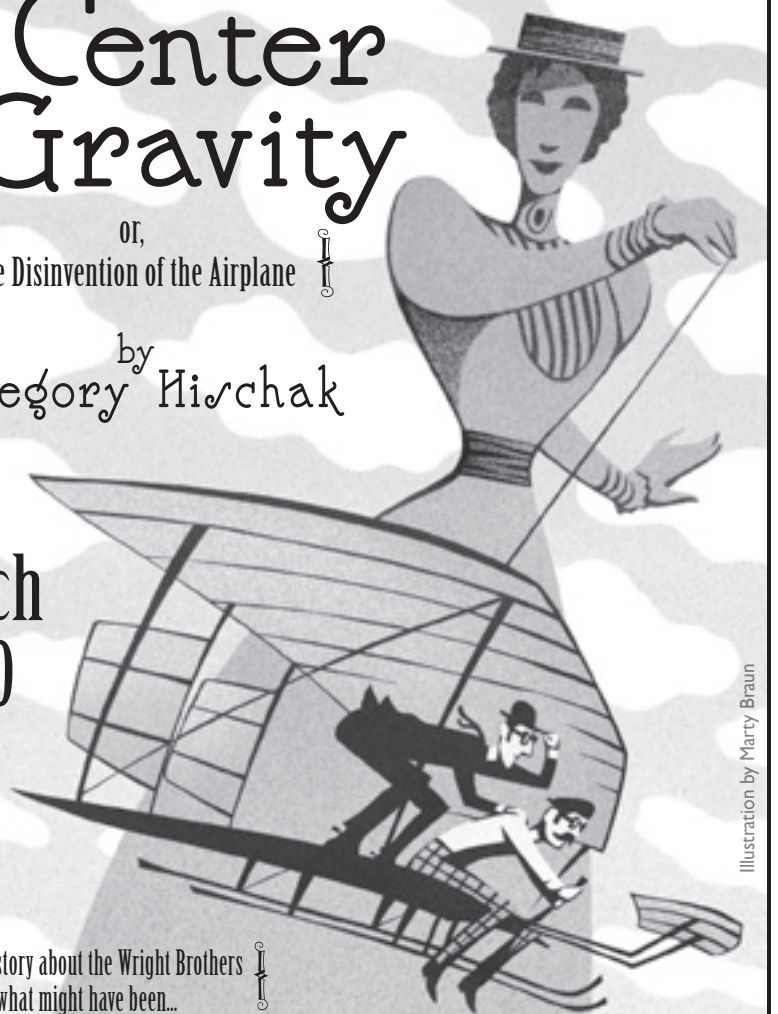


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