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Chris Hardy, pictured above, controls the puck near the Kennebunk goal in the second period of a home game at the USM Arena, December 13. Gorham won, 5-1.

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The yo-yo master, Brandon Baines, (above left) performs at the GPAC before heading to Tokyo for a teaching job. Physical comedian Randy Judkins (above right) concentrates on the task at hand while keeping the crowd laughing in the Performing Arts Center.

Man Arrested for Armed Robbery

Sheri Faber

Christopher Dimastrantonio, 23, a Gorham resident, is currently being held in the York County Jail on \$250,000 cash bail. Dimastrantonio is expected to be charged with multiple counts of armed robbery including three in Gorham in December (US Cellular, Olympia Sports, Domino's Pizza), one in Portland (Hannaford), one in Scarborough (Shaw's), and one in Westbrook (Subway). He has been charged with the most recent robbery at the Hannaford in Waterboro. In each case he either showed a handgun or said he had one and told clerks to hand over all their money or they would be shot. Clerks at the Waterboro Hannaford turned over more than \$1,100 to him.

Based on the information gathered by detectives, it was determined that one individual was likely responsible for all these crimes. Dimastrantonio wore Carhartt overalls and/or a Carhartt jacket and a blue scarf for most — if not all — of the robberies.

On January 3, a customer at the Hannaford in Waterboro saw the crime and followed Dimastrantonio outside. Dimastrantonio's girlfriend had driven him to Hannaford and was waiting for him at the Dunkin Donuts next door. After the robbery, he walked back to Dunkin Donuts, got in the car and they drove off. The customer noted the license plate, called the police and followed the vehicle while on the phone with dispatch. York County Sheriff's Office

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If you missed New Year Gorham, you might want to mark your calendar for December 31, 2012 because each year this event gets better and better, and based on that record, you certainly do not want to miss next year's party.

New Year Gorham venues were consolidated in the immediate Village area. The event also started and ended earlier making it possible for young families to enjoy the whole event. The changes were

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ecomaine— Who They Are

Krista Nadeau



ecomaine is a non-profit organization owned and operated by 43 municipalities; 21 are owner communities, including Gorham, and 22 contract for services. Located in Portland on Blueberry Road, ecomaine serves about 25% of the state's population. According to Shelly Dunn, ecomaine's communications specialist: "ecomaine is the only single sort recycling center in the state. This means that all recycling can be combined, however, once it arrives at ecomaine,

specialized equipment separates it all as it travels along a conveyor belt." Subsequent articles will explain each of the three facilities of ecomaine, including the single sort recycling, waste-to-energy facility, and the ash/landfill.

Of special interest, and something of which ecomaine is very proud is their International Standards Organization (ISO) 14001 certification. Dunn said that ecomaine earned the ISO certification on all three facilities, which is rare. In order to accomplish this, ecomaine had to "undergo a rigorous onsite review every six months and then a total of

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Robert Nowlin Sr. Faces Charges in Three Towns

Sheri Faber

Nowlin, 36, of Maple Drive in Friendly Village is being held on \$100,000 bail on 11 charges stemming from an incident that started in Friendly Village. On January 2, at about 11 p.m., Nowlin, who was visiting a friend who also lived in Friendly Village, put a knife to the man's throat and demanded his car keys. He left in the man's Jetta taking the man's cell phone. He then drove to Scarborough to the home of an elderly woman he knew through his family, broke into her home on Highland Avenue, and threatened her. In order to stop the woman from calling for help he unplugged

the woman's telephones, stole a cordless phone and took the woman's emergency call button. He also stole cash he found in her house. The woman was not injured and went next door to call police once Nowlin left.

Nowlin then drove to Portland where police found the Jetta on Devonshire Street. The car slowed down and a passenger, Benjamin Cote, 31, jumped out and ran off. Police caught up with Cote and arrested him for carrying a concealed weapon and for failure to submit to arrest.

Later, police were able to locate the car at 55

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A Leader in Energy Efficiency

Sen. Phil Bartlett

The high cost of fuel continues to expose many Maine families and businesses to the reality that we need to become more energy efficient in our homes and businesses. Maine currently has the highest dependence on #2 heating oil in the nation, with annual consumption of half a billion gallons. As a result, our state is losing upwards of a billion dollars and thousands of jobs every year. More than 85% of our energy comes from imported (and often polluting) fuels and a volatile fuel market can handcuff a household's financial stability or the growth and prosperity of a business.

As a member of the Energy, Utilities, and Technology Committee throughout most of my legislative service, I have been focused on addressing energy efficiency for our state. Here in Maine, we are fortunate to have a valuable resource for helping lower energy costs and saving money in a home or business through the Efficiency Maine Trust.

In 2009, the Maine Legislature created the Efficiency Maine Trust to consolidate the funds for consumer efficiency programs for all fuel types - electric, natural gas, and heating oil - in a one-stop shopping experience. The Trust is also helping transform the energy market in Maine to make energy efficient products and alternative energy equipment more accessible and affordable to customers. By reducing waste and improving our energy efficiency, Maine is able to reduce capital outflows and increase local jobs; improve air quality and reduce CO2 emissions; and foster a more competitive, greener economy ready to take advantage of new markets and opportunities for our future.

I am proud to report that 2011 was a record year for programs offered through Efficiency Maine. According to their annual report, the programs

saved more energy and more money than in any prior year. In economic terms, Efficiency Maine programs generated \$116 million in total investments in energy infrastructure upgrades; lowered present and future energy costs by an estimated \$449 million, making businesses more profitable and competitive and families more economically secure; reduced the demand for electricity across the state; and helped create or retain jobs. All of this occurred despite the overall sluggish economy.

To learn more about residential or business energy efficiency and alternative energy programs, visit: www.save-likeamainer.com.

Looking ahead, the Efficiency Maine Trust has been tasked with an aggressive ten and twenty year set of goals to achieve energy savings by reducing electricity and natural gas consumption by 30% within a decade; reducing oil heating use by 20% in the same timeframe; and weatherizing 100% of homes and 50% of businesses by 2030 in Maine. Without a doubt, these targets are some of the more ambitious goals in the country.

It has been said that we discovered the cheapest energy in America - and it is energy efficiency. Through the efforts of Efficiency Maine, we have been a leader in helping lower energy costs and saving money for the people and businesses of Maine. We all benefit by building upon this success. This kind of progress is critical in moving Maine in the right direction.



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around town

Noonan Transportation bought the building on Lower Main Street formerly owned by Shaw Brother's. Noonan Transportation, a Massachusetts-based petroleum transportation company, will be using this facility for fleet storage. The company is relocating from Baldwin.

Cumberland Farms has contacted the town about the possibility of opening a store in the newly zoned area on County Road.

Salty Dog Restaurant on Route 202 has closed.

Ernest Cressey, owner of property at 207 Main Street rented through the federal government to a family displaced by Hurricane Katrina six years ago, has had the house razed. The siding on the house was asbestos and there was also asbestos inside the house, all of which had to be removed before the house came down. The tenants had removed all of the metal plumbing in the house before they left. Cressey plans to have Risbara Bros. build an "attractive two family townhouse" on the 0.47-acre site.

R. J. Grondin & Sons has started the process of removing the waste from the former Plan-It Recycling to the landfill in Old Town.

Letters to the Editor

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

Dear Gorham Times,

As a retired teacher, I depend on a small retirement pension and the access I have to fairly good supplemental insurance through Maine Benefits Trust in addition to my Medicare coverage. I feel that the benefits that I've worked for are satisfactory, but certainly not excessive.

This past legislative session, the Maine legislature enacted LD 1326. This bill undermines the employee-run insurance plans of working and retired educators, and replaces them with "management plans," even though they will provide less coverage at higher costs to both participants and taxpayers. This action puts many educators at financial risk. It also affects bus drivers, custodians, and food service people - all are negatively affected by this bill. Kudos to Phil Bartlett, our state senator, who voted against the bill.

It's worth noting that Jane Knapp, Gorham's state legislator, voted for this damaging bill, endangering public educators and eroding still further the support for and respect of public education. Shame on Jane Knapp. This isn't the only time that Ms. Knapp voted against public education. The Maine Education Association (MEA) gave her a failing score (14%) on support for education in this last session. (By comparison, Senator Bartlett received a score of 100%.)

Because 2012 is an election year, I eagerly look forward to voting for a representative who will support public education.

Peter Allen

Dear Gorham Times,

I am writing to thank the families on Green Street for setting out a beautiful candle display all down our street on Christmas Eve every year. I try to explain to my family who all live below the Mason-Dixon line how lovely our street is and how the addition of tea candles in white paper bags on Christmas Eve gives our neighborhood a Victorian-esque ambiance to our village. Many thanks to the Amell Family (Peter, Luanne, Becca, Josh) for keeping the tradition alive, and to the Noah Miner family, and Roseann Peterson for helping them as well.

Many cars quietly and reverently drive down our street to see the calming and peaceful glow of the candles along the sidewalks. It is a stark contrast to the modern LED lights that everyone seems to be using these days. I usually take a walk after 1 a.m. on Christmas Eve and it gives me peace as I reflect on the times of the previous year and think of the hopes for the New Year.

If your readers can remember to try and visit Green Street next Christmas eve and experience a peaceful drive down our lovely street they will be blessed.

Jeffrey Darnell Carpenter

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Robberies

FROM PAGE 1

deputies stopped the car on Route 202 in Hollis. Officers found evidence in the car that linked him to the Waterboro robbery and, with help from the Gorham detectives, they were able to link him to the other robberies.

According to Lt. Chris Sanborn, Gorham Police Department, Dimastrantonio was "a person of interest from day one." Dimastrantonio has an extensive criminal record. Gorham Police Department expects to charge him with five additional burglaries. Since December, in addition to these robberies, he has been charged with theft by deception in Freeport on December 2, burglary and theft in Gorham on December 19 and burglary in South Portland on December 27.

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Friend's Corner

Jackie Francis

Thirty-five years ago, Linda Faatz decided to hold a small craft fair of mostly handmade ornaments in her home, which at the time, was located on Robie Street in Gorham. She re-arranged the living room furniture, tucked away her children's toys, set up some tables and welcomed her friends and neighbors through the front door and had them leave through the back door with their purchases, as there was no turning back once you made it inside. That worked out well for three years, says Faatz, but "Friend's Corner" had grown exponentially and needed more space.

Her parents' barn on Flaggy Meadow Road became the new home of Friend's Corner Holiday Craft Fair. The 40' by 40' barn was filled each November with crafts and wares made by roughly 60 local, Maine artisans. Loyal customers sought after unique gift ideas, from antique glassware and bowls to homemade teas and jellies. "It had an old country store feeling and a perfect place for friend's to meet and shop," says Faatz. But, after a 35-year run, will no longer be hosting Holiday and Spring Craft Fairs at the Treworgy homestead. "It's time for a change," explains Faatz, "I'm not closing so much as I'm changing focus on new creative ventures."

One thing for sure, Faatz will not be retiring. She volunteers in her granddaughter's classroom every week, sharing her love of gardening. She's planning her garden ideas for the future, cleaning house and constantly organizing. Faatz will continue to "manage" the Treworgy homestead with as many as four weddings each year being celebrated among the beautiful apple blossoms and lilac trees. The First Parish Church holds two church services in the gardens each year and the Iris Society of Maine holds their annual auction fundraiser on the 20-plus acres. What better place for the Gorham Garden Club to meet than Friend's Corner or for the Gorham Chamber Singers to hold their Senior Send-off among the rotund rhododendrons in the spring. Treworgy



Photo credit Martha T. Harris

Linda Faatz, an avid gardener, and a customer discuss one of many plants for sale at Friend's Corner, the site of her family home.

family reunion, now in its 75th consecutive year, continue to meet each year at the family home — all of which keeps Faatz hopping.

"I want to continue to share the gardens in different ways," says Faatz, "by focusing on educational classes and sharing my discoveries. I love to share what I learn." In conjunction with Gorham Adult Education, Faatz, a passionate gardener and teacher, will host and teach a number of classes. Her "Fairy Garden Event," which is popular with adults and children, serves a magical lunch, tour of the garden, and a container garden to create and take home for your own backyard.

"I'd like to thank everyone for their loyal support - the many friends who worked together during the sale events," says Faatz. "Friend's Corner Craft Fairs was something I looked forward to each year with great pleasure and hope those who shared in the events will come to enjoy the family homestead in many new ways."

To be included on Faatz's email list for a schedule of events happening at the Treworgy family home, write to lfaatz@maine.rr.com.

Charges FROM PAGE 1

Allen Avenue. Nowlin pulled over but then got out of the car and ran off. Officers caught him and arrested him. Portland police charged him with OUI, driving after license revocation for being a habitual offender and refusal to submit to arrest. Scarborough

police, where the elderly woman lived, charged him with burglary, robbery, criminal mischief, obstructing the report of a crime and assault. Gorham police charged him with robbery and theft.

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Writing Contests for All Ages

Pamela Turner, Director, Baxter Memorial Library

For over 10 years, the Friends of Baxter Memorial Library have sponsored writing contests. Originally, these contests were started to highlight the Baxter Memorial Library's place in the community and to encourage community involvement in the library. In 2006, the writing contest program won a Maine Library of Excellence Award; cementing its place as a Gorham tradition.

Over the years, the writing contest has grown significantly and now has categories for students in grades 3-5, middle school, and high school plus a contest for adults. Community volunteers judge the elementary contest and the middle school contests. Students and faculty of the Stone Coast Writers Workshop MFA program at USM judge the high school and adult writing contests.

The deadline for the 2012 Friends of Baxter Memorial Library Writing Contests is March 10, 2012 at 1 p.m.

Prizes include a variety of gift cards from area businesses. The prizes are sponsored by the Friends of Baxter Memorial Library.

The Friends of Baxter Memorial Library enjoy the support of the Gorham School Department, which distributes information about Friends of Baxter Memorial Library contests throughout the school system. Their support is very much appreciated.

Detailed information about the Friends of Baxter Memorial Library writing contests may be found at the library or on the library's website at www.baxterlibrary.org. Any questions may be directed to Library Director Pam Turner at 839-5031 or pturner@msln.net.



Pam Turner holds an MLS from Simmons College and is active in statewide library activities including the Maine Library Association and the Minerva Library Consortium. She may be reached at the library at 839-5031 or pturner@msln.net.

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Chief Shepard Reports

The Grand Jury returned the following indictments in December and January:

- Jacob Knight, 25, of Portland was indicted for theft and misuse of identification on charges brought by Gorham Police Department.
- Christopher Shaw, 27, of Portland was indicted for possession of scheduled drugs, trafficking in scheduled drugs and violation conditions of release on charges brought by Gorham Police Department.
- Shasta McCue, 32, of Gorham was indicted for criminal OUI, and operating beyond license restriction on charges brought by Gorham Police Department.
- Michael Morehead, 34, of Gorham was indicted for robbery on charges brought by Portland Police Department.

- Erin Richio, 30, of Gorham was indicted for hindering apprehension on charges brought by Gorham Police Department.
- George Souza, 45, of Gorham was indicted for eluding an officer, reckless conduct and driving to endanger on charges brought by Portland Police Department.
- Jenna Stockwell, 24, of Buxton was indicted for possession of scheduled drugs, trafficking in prison contraband on charges brought by Gorham Police Department.
- Benjamin Taylor, 23, of Buxton was indicted for negotiating a worthless instrument on charges brought by Gorham Police Department.
- Jesse Vickerson, 20, of Freeport was indicted for criminal OUI on charges brought by Gorham Police Department.

Buyer Beware: Chimney Sweep Scam

Compiled by Karen DiDonato

The Maine Attorney General is warning homeowners about an out-of-state door-to-door chimney cleaning scam. Typically the scamming company initiates contact by phone with a homeowner and offers a low cost chimney cleaning and safety inspection. Once they arrive, they persuade the homeowner that the chimney is not safe without a new liner costing well over \$1,000.

Door-to-door sales scams not only consist of chimney cleaning offers, but can also include driveway paving, tree-trimming, and other services.

As a consumer, it is important to know that door-to-door home repair contractors cannot begin the contracted work for three days. The three-day right to revoke period is to provide consumers with a chance to reconsider decisions to buy services that may have been sold under high-pressure situations.

Additionally, contractors must be registered with the state if they do not have a permanent place of business in Maine. If

they are not from Maine, they must have a state issued registration card. This information must be presented upon request.

Door-to-door sellers are required to provide a contract that includes the seller's name and address, the date, the terms for the sale or offer, the consumer's three-day right to cancel, the signatures of the seller and consumer, and, dependent on the work to be done, a statement saying the work cannot begin until the consumer's right to cancel has expired. They are also required upon making a sale to provide a written receipt showing the state registration number as well as the seller's name and permanent place of business.

If you suspect you have been the victim of a sales scam or have been contacted by a potential scammer, contact the Gorham Police Department at 839-5581. For more detailed information, see the Consumer Law Guide on the Maine Attorney General's consumer protection website at www.maine.gov/consumer.

New Year Gorham FROM PAGE 1

well received — attendance doubled over the previous year, the program offered a number of new performers, the dinner was delicious, and the fireworks were fabulous. Because many generous businesses and individuals sponsored New Year Gorham, and the committee worked hard to keep

expenses minimal, the cost of the evening remained the same as in the past.

The committee will begin working on next year's celebration soon. If you would like to be involved or if you have questions, contact Ginny Wilder Cross at 222- 2248 or vwc@maine.rr.com.

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Hawkes Property: A Beautiful Preserve to Enjoy Lightly

Tania Neuschafer

If you are looking for a place for some healthy outdoor recreation this winter, there is a lot going on at the Hawkes property, which lies adjacent to the new Great Falls Elementary School. This stunning 42-acre wild land property features multiple trails through dense hemlock forest, and includes a lovely section of the historic Cumberland & Oxford Canal & Towpath and over 2,000 feet of frontage on the Presumpscot River. It offers a wealth of wildlife, and is open to hikers, mountain bikers, cross-country skiers, snow shoers, bird watchers, and snowmobilers. Or, join members of the Presumpscot Regional Land Trust for an outdoor exploration of animal tracks and signs on Saturday, February 25 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Please RSVP by at prlandtrust@yahoo.com.

While sightings of moose, deer, otter, beaver and owls have been reported, other types of "wild" occurrences have also been noted, including ATV and truck use, littering, vandalism of signs, and fires. Deep ruts from ATV traffic in one of the primary trails on the Hawkes Property is not only unappealing and potentially dangerous to hikers, but also greatly damages the soil leading to erosion issues and tree damage.

PRLT has reached out to neighbors and neighboring businesses, posted signs and sent press releases to invite

more appropriate public use. While these measures have helped somewhat, unauthorized use by motor vehicles still continues. PRLT Stewardship Committee is furthering its outreach to the community, and may resort to installing a gate at the end of Towpath Road to deter ATV traffic.

Because the new elementary school lies adjacent to the Hawkes Property, PRLT saw this as a wonderful partnership opportunity to provide access for school greening projects and outdoor classrooms. PRLT met with the principal and superintendent to discuss the development of a trail from the school onto the property, along with a kiosk and interpretive signage. PRLT applied for and has now received a grant from the Harold Dudley Charitable Fund through the Maine Community Foundation to further this vision. A trail has been scouted and the school has approved the installation of a kiosk at their parking area. Once complete, this parking location will likely serve as the primary entrance to the property. The new trail will allow students to explore wildlife habitat, forest canopy, a section of the historic Cumberland & Oxford Canal & Towpath, a pond, as well as river frontage.

To become a member or to learn more, contact prlandtrust@yahoo.com or go to www.prlt.org

GARDENING PLEASURES

The Amaryllis

Linda Treworgy Faatz

Many of us received an amaryllis bulb as a holiday gift or purchased one for our own winter enjoyment. The flowers are stunning and bright and grow on sturdy stems. They are fast growing so children and adults alike can enjoy measuring their growth progress. They take little care and can summer over in the garden to bloom another year.

To ensure success, here's what you need to do: Be sure you have a good-sized bulb that is firm and has healthy roots. Plant it in a snug pot that is just slightly larger than the bulb. Be sure to use a potting mix that you have dampened. The container must have drainage holes. Nestle the bulb into the center of the pot. Fill the pot with more soil, up to the bulb's shoulders where it tapers inward. The top third of the bulb should be uncovered. Press the soil down and water well.

After the initial planting, water sparingly - only when dry - until growth emerges. Fertilize once a month with a diluted solution of houseplant fertilizer.

Support with stakes if necessary as the blooms can be heavy. After the flowers open, keep the plant out of direct sunlight and away from heat. Temperatures of 55 to 70 degrees work best.

In the late spring, take the pot outside and continue to fertilize over the summer months. Stop watering the amaryllis in August. Bring it inside before the first frost. Cut down the foliage and store it in a cool, dark place for eight weeks.

Repot the bulb in new potting mix (no garden soil, please). If, over the summer, the bulb has multiplied, the babies can be potted in separate pots. Water and thoroughly and begin the care cycle outlined above for another blooming year.



Linda Treworgy Faatz, a passionate gardener for many years, lives in her family home at Friend's Corner and cares for the extensive Treworgy gardens.

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All-State Music Festival Announces Participants

Compiled by Stacy Sallinen

The Gorham High School Music Department is proud to announce that sixteen students have been selected through a competitive audition process to participate in the Maine Music Educators Association's All-State Music Festival. The Music Festival will take place on May 17-19 at the

University of Maine at Orono.. Under the direction of Matt Murray, director of vocal music at GHS, and Tim Ebersold, director of instrumental music at GHS, students competed against other students from across the entire state. This is considered to be the highest honor for high school musicians in Maine.



Photo credit Matt Murray

Selected for All-State Chorus: Back row, l to r: Josh Plummer, Christian Auspland, Adam Bourgault, Lincoln Gray; Middle row, l to r: Ellyn Touchette, Allie Sturgis, Eric DeLuca, Quincy Owens; Front row: Lia Van de Krol and Stefanie Farrington. Also selected but not pictured is Emily Stickney.



Photo credit Matt Murray

Selected for All-State Band: (l to r) Chloe Gray, Samuel Fisher, Michael Sullivan and Justin Reyes.

Selected for All-State Orchestra: (inset) Clara Stickney.

GMS Students Explore the Unseen World

Angela Gospodarek, GMS teacher and Gail Fletcher, SEPA coordinator

Providing a view into the unseen world, both living and non-living, at the micro-scale and the nano-scale has immense importance in understanding health and disease and is possible only when using the appropriate tools of microscopy. This magnified view employing both light and electron microscopes was available to seventh grade students in Mrs. Gospodarek's classroom in December, which allowed them to view rod-shaped bacteria, mouth and leg parts of deer ticks, and the pleated body of a tick that expands as it takes its blood meal.

A team of SEPA staff members from the University of Southern Maine brought this versatile tool into the classroom. Staff members included Gail Fletcher, a retired biology professor from WNEU and coordinator of the SEPA program at USM; Karen Moulton, a laboratory manager in Duboise Virology and Electron Microscopy Laboratory; and Jeff Gaynor, an electron microscopist and graduate student in the Duboise Virology Laboratory.

The scanning electron microscope (SEM) with its magnification of 10,000-fold has a number of advanced features, including computerized operation and fully digitized image capture that make it user-friendly and appropriate for classroom observations. Students enjoyed the opportunity to operate the SEM and take a peek into this unseen world.

During the visit from SEPA, students also discussed various microbes and had a chance to collect bacteria samples that will be grown and photographed in labs at USM. Photos will then be returned to students.

More information about the SEPA project at USM and the associated professional development opportunities for K-12 teachers can be found at the project website, www.nanodiscovery-lab.org. Gail Fletcher, SEPA coordinator



Photo credit Angela Gospodarek

Noelle DiBiase, a seventh grade student at GMS, and Karen Moulton, a laboratory manager in Duboise Virology and Electron Microscopy Laboratory, use a scanning electron microscope to explore the different bacteria.

at USM, can be reached at 780-4377 or gletcher@usm.maine.edu.

These resources of the "Micro- and Nano-space Explorations of Health and Disease" Science Education Partnership Award (SEPA) project at the University of Southern Maine, directed by S. Monroe Duboise, associate professor in the Department of Applied Medical Sciences, are funded with a grant from the National Institutes of Health (NIH).

School Committee Report December 14, 2011

Robin Somes

Technology was the dominant subject of December's School Committee meeting. Technology Director Dennis Crowe presented an overview of some of the technology being used by school staff of the Elementary schools, Gorham Middle School and Gorham High School. Through the Gorham School website, Crowe provided examples of technological tools elementary teachers have developed to provide their students with alternate and effective methods of learning.

Jacqueline Durant-Hawthorne, a 2nd grade teacher at Narragansett Elementary, created a wiki that provides customized information and interactive lessons to her students. Her website represents a repository of documents and links to other sites that she can

manage and maintain. From the website, Crowe demonstrated the "Center Projects" link which offered a list of activities and lessons organized by Unit and Week. As Crowe showed, the "Write a Postcard" option guides users through components of a postcard as they create one, which can subsequently be reviewed, edited and printed.

Barb Hauke, a second grade teacher at Village Elementary, created a website whereby students create their own websites, onto which parents can comment. Crowe showed a video clip of an interview, one of several done by the students, featuring Aiden, a second grader who interviewed Assistant Principal Jodi Mezzanotte.

Crowe next introduced Technology Integrator Terri Dawson and teachers Angela Gospodarek, who reported

and demonstrated some of the ways technology is being used at Gorham Middle School. Dawson elaborated on the Monster Match, a program devised around Halloween that presented a collaborative effort between schools that involved a writing component, a drawing component, math and literacy. The middle school and the elementary schools took part in the program. Utilizing video conferencing, participants of one school developed a detailed description of a "monster" incorporating text and math, which another school, whose participating students created a drawing of the monster. A collaborative analysis of descriptions and drawings revealed how close drawings were to their descriptions.

Moodle, an online curriculum delivery system, allows teachers to manage

their curriculum online and make it available to students, who can take lessons and adjust the speed of their learning. Moodle accommodates online textbooks and affords a near "paperless" classroom, resulting in significant cost savings. A recent upgrade of the server now allows mobile access to Moodle.

LAN School is another management tool that provides sharing and collaborating of documents, and allows teachers to monitor and to take control of students' machines.

American Studies teacher Jonathon Werner and Chemistry teacher Aaron Landry, both of Gorham High School, discussed and demonstrated their use of technology in the classroom.

Werner presented his use of Google Apps, which are used to create a web-

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Third Grade Raises Money for Pet Oxygen Masks



Photo credit Tammy Oplinger

Chief Lefebvre of the Gorham Fire Department was presented with a check from students from Mrs. McKeen's and Mrs. Oplinger's third grade classes at Narragansett Elementary School in December. Students raised \$240 by collecting bottles and cans to enable the fire department to purchase three pet oxygen kits, each containing different size masks for a felines and canines. These masks are designed to provide supplemental oxygen to animals suffering from respiratory distress and smoke inhalation. Lefebvre was excited to receive the generous donation and explained how beneficial the masks can be. Students were very proud of their efforts.

Kindness Counts to Animals



Photo credit Becky Fortier

Students from Mrs. Rudolph's second grade class and Mrs. Simpson's kindergarten class organized a collection at Great Falls Elementary School for the Animal Refuge League. They were extremely successful and collected many necessary items for a great cause. Again, the community at Great Falls proves that "kindness counts!"

School Committee

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based storage area where he can share documents with students. Students can read the documents and edit or comment on some, etc. Through this approach, Werner provides his students with challenging writing and thinking activities through document-based questions (DBQs) to promote advanced writing skills.

Aaron Landry showed his use of an iPad as an interactive whiteboard in his Chemistry classes. Other interactive whiteboard products Landry had tried could not discern characters and symbols common in formulas, calculations and equations that comprise most class

notations. With the iPad, notes can be recorded in such a way that they can be used again in other classes where they appear to be written "live," with the ability to interrupt at any point. At a few hundred dollars, the iPad costs a fraction of interactive whiteboards, which run into the thousands of dollars.

In other business, the school committee voted 7-0 to adopt:

- Student Drug and Alcohol Policy,
- Drug Free Workplace Policy, and
- Awarding of High School Diplomas for Veterans Policy

Getting to Know Gorham's Assistant Principals

Compiled by Stacy Sallinen

Over the last several issues, the Gorham Times has profiled each of Gorham's assistant principals. This is the fourth of five profiles.

Jodi Mezzanotte

As a classroom teacher and administrator, there are always stories that make everyday important. Particularly memorable for Jodi Mezzanotte is when a former student came back to share the leadership roles he assumed, and thanked her for helping him to believe in himself. It's this story, among others, that energizes Mezzanotte in her work and career.

Last year, Mezzanotte became the assistant principal at White Rock and Narragansett schools. Currently, she is the assistant principal at Village, where she previously taught third and fifth grades, as well as having had other roles within the district. As assistant principal, she is involved with realigning the science units with the new Parameters of Essential Instruction, as well as actively participating in school-wide activities and event planning.

Mezzanotte is involved with numerous outside affiliations, service opportunities and program training that bring innovative practice to her work in the district. She serves as a member of the advisory board for the Finance Authority of Maine; is a State Representative for the Representative Democracy in America, a national project centered on the importance of civic education; serves on the Board of the Rising Sun Programs, a non-profit organization based in Washington, D.C. that educates children in aspects of wellness; and is a certified Money Coach for Creative Wealth International, a non-profit organization based in California that focuses on financial education programs for children. Additionally, she is trained in Quantum Teaching Methodology, a research-based frame-



Photo Credit Stacy Sallinen

work promoting increased student engagement and academic instruction, and recently became certified as a Leadership Coach through Babson College in Massachusetts.

Mezzanotte has an undergraduate degree and initial teaching certification from the University of Maine. She is expected to complete her graduate degree in Educational Leadership in May 2012. She holds K-8 teaching certificate, assistant principal certification and pending principal certification.

A Gorham resident for 16 years, Mezzanotte has a son attending Babson College and daughter attending Gorham High School. She enjoys spending her free time with family and friends, as well as skiing with her children.

A rewarding part of Mezzanotte's job is working with a wonderful group of educators to impact children and education at different levels, and especially recognizing student growth and achievement. Challenges of the position are always centered on not having enough time to complete all the things that she would like to do. Mezzanotte feels fortunate to serve the Gorham School community and looks forward to a wonderful year ahead.

school notes

The National Honor Society (NHS) is the nation's premiere organization established to recognize outstanding high school students. More than just an honor roll, NHS serves to honor those students who have demonstrated excellence in the areas of scholarship, leadership, service and character. The honor will be conferred to the following Cheverus High School students at an induction ceremony to be held on January 29 in the Keegan Gymnasium at the school: Mino Para (Cheverus'13), Ian Lawson (Cheverus'13) and Trebor Lawton (Cheverus'13).

Auditions for the Second Annual Gorham's Got Talent competition will be held on Wednesday, February 8 from 2:30-7:30 p.m. in the Gorham Middle School auditorium. Any singer, dancer, band, comedian or performance artist in the larger Gorham area is welcome to audition. Please keep in mind this is a family show. The actual competition will take place on Saturday, March 17. To sign up for auditions, please contact Jeff Carpenter at jcarpenter@gorhamschools.org or 749-2837.

The National Geographic Geography Bee for the Gorham school district will take place on Thursday, January 19 at 7 p.m. in the Gorham Middle School auditorium. The winner will advance to the state finals in April. Please join us for a riveting and entertaining evening. Admission is free.



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Third Grade Class Receives Grant for iPads

Shannon Bartash, teacher, Great Falls Elementary School

Berlin City Auto Group and its Drive for Education Foundation awarded \$26,500 to eight K-12 schools throughout Maine in December. Shannon Bartash's third grade class at Great Falls Elementary School in Gorham was presented with a check for \$3,500 for iPads and educational apps.

As part of the application process, Ms. Bartash's students each wrote a persuasive paragraph explaining to Berlin City Auto Group what they would do and how their class would benefit from the grant money. Michael McPherson, a representative from Berlin City said they were so "touched" by the students' eagerness to learn and individual participation in the application process that they had to present them with the funding.

Students were hard at work during math class when a phone call interrupted the lesson. A representative from Berlin City Auto Group called to share the excellent news. A loud cheer and spontaneous "thank you" erupted when they heard the news. During the check presentation, the representative shared that the spontaneous cheer caused her to "choke up" and reaffirm the decision to support the class efforts.

Ms. Bartash had already explored several educational apps on her personal iPad to enhance the students' educational experience, and found that the interactive apps were making a huge impact on several of her students' writing. These experiences led her to search out funding to expand the iPad project to more students in her class. The class chose, as part of the project



Photo credit: Jane Esty

Students from Ms. Bartash's third grade class at Great Falls were thrilled to receive a grant to purchase iPads to enhance classroom learning.

for the iPads, to teach other classrooms how to use them and pair up with a kindergarten classroom as iPad buddies. Ms. Bartash's students plan to show their appreciation by providing Berlin City with a presentation, sharing how the grant enriched their learning and classroom environment.

Ms. Bartash and her class would like to express their appreciation to Berlin City for their generous gift and this opportunity. Companies like Berlin City Auto Group allow teachers, including Shannon Bartash, to expand student learning and prepare students in our communities to succeed in the 21st century.

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On a snowy January day, a crew moved a former portable classroom from Village School to its new location on Libby Avenue. The portable is about 24 feet wide – about the distance between the telephone poles on one side of the road and mailboxes on the other. During transport, crews stopped to cut back tree branches so as to avoid damage to the portable. The new owner plans to use it for now as storage space.



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Indoor Track Star Sets Records in Multiple Events

Jeff Pike



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GHS senior Sarah Perkins competes in the 400 meter run (right) and high jump (above) January 14 in a multi-team at USM. Despite this being the first time Perkins competed in the 400 meters, she set a school and SMAA conference record with a time of 59.22. Perkins set a school and SMAA conference record in the high jump earlier this season with a jump of 5 feet, 2 inches, and she also set records this season in the 55-meter hurdles and the 200 meters. She is also one of the top performers in the state in the 55-meter dash.



GHS senior Sarah Perkins is off to a blazing start for the girls' indoor track team. She has already set records in four events this season and has her sights on placing high in three events at the State Meet—with hopes of also placing high at one or two events in the New England championships in February. Here are records Perkins has set thus far during the current indoor track season:

- **55 meter hurdles:** 8.54 seconds, a GHS school record. She also holds the SMAA conference record at 8.60 seconds.
- **High Jump:** 5 feet-2 inches, a GHS school record and an SMAA conference record.
- **200 meters:** 26.59, an SMAA conference record.
- **400 meters:** 59.22, a school and conference record

In addition to the records that Perkins has set, she has also shown her versatility by performing well in other events including the 55-meter dash, the 400-meters and the long jump. Looking ahead to the states, she thinks she can do well in the 55-meter hurdles, the 55-meter dash, the 200-meters and the high jump. But per state meet rules, she will be allowed to compete in only three events. Perkins is the defending state champion in the 55-meter hurdles for indoor track and the 100-meter hurdles for outdoor track.

She is currently battling a hip flexor injury that is not keeping her out of events but is causing some discomfort. "The adrenaline I feel during meets helps me overcome any pain or fatigue that I feel, and my hip is better now than in the beginning of the season," Perkins said. "It impacts me most in the hurdles."

Perkins first began competing in

track during elementary school, taking part in summer programs. She continued competing during middle school and started doing outdoor track as freshman. She went out for indoor track as a junior after competing in basketball her first two years of high school. She says she was able to raise her performance to a higher level last year as a junior when competing in the State Meet and New England events against tough competition. This year she has improved her performance by taking a yoga program, which has improved her flexibility.

"Sarah has been a very talented athlete throughout her career, but her flexibility through yoga has improved her performance greatly this year," said John Caterina, the GHS head coach for indoor and outdoor track. "She has worked real hard, and her improved flexibility has particularly helped in hurdles and the high jump."

Caterina added that Perkins is also more focused this year. "As one of the captains, she is a great leader and helps her teammates with agility and core strengthening. She takes captaincy very seriously and helps carry the team—Sarah has a great combination of talent and the ability to interact personally with teammates."

Looking ahead to the spring outdoor track season, Perkins plans to compete in the 100 and 300-meter hurdles, the 200-meter dash and the high jump. She also has aspirations of competing in track at the college level and is currently considering several colleges that she might attend.

"Most likely I will do hurdles in college as that has been my strongest event overall," Perkins predicted. "But I'm also open to see how I do in other events."

GHS Winter Sports Highlights

Compiled by Jeff Pike

Girls' Swimming: As a first-year program, the Rams won their first meet ever December 16 with a 95-53 win over Westbrook. Leading the way were multi-event winners Lindsey Thomsen (200 freestyle, 100 breaststroke, 400 freestyle relay), Ashley Clark (200 individual medley, 500 freestyle and 400 freestyle relay), and Meagan Thomsen (100 freestyle, 400 freestyle relay). Lindsey and Meagan Thomsen as well as Clark all also won two individual events and participated on a winning relay team as the Rams defeated Scarborough, 90-86, on December 22.

Boys' Swimming: As was the case with the girls' team, the boys' team also won its first meet ever on December 16, defeating Westbrook 53-44. Multi-event winners included Timmer Sposato (200 freestyle, 100 backstroke, 200 freestyle relay, 400 freestyle relay), Tim Smith (50 freestyle, 100 freestyle, 200 freestyle relay, 400 freestyle relay), Max Storer (200 freestyle relay, 400 freestyle relay), and Caleb Goodall (200 freestyle relay, 400 freestyle relay).

Boys' Hockey: Rams among the conference scoring leaders at press time included Chris Hardy and Spence Cowand, both with eight goals and four assists. Justin Broy is among the leading goalies with a 2.86 goals-against-average and a 91% save percentage. The team was ranked seventh in Western Maine Class A with a 3-4 record. Recent heartbreaking losses included two overtime defeats to top-ranked Scarborough and fourth-ranked Kennebunk.

Boys' Track: Several members of the team have qualified for the State Meet: Seniors Ryan Baillargeon (55 and 200 meters), Nate Bucknell (400 meters and 800 meters), Brandon Cushman (400 meters), Nate Gervais (2 mile), and Jesse Orach (800 meters, 1 and 2 mile); Juniors Alex Johnson (pole vault), Troy Lambert (pole vault), Matt McKenney (55 meters), Julian Nijkamp (55 hurdles); Sophomores Austin Bell (200 and 400 meters), Travis Grant, (55 hurdles, long jump); Freshman Jon Gray (400 meters).

Girls' Track: Members who have qualified for the state meet include Sarah Perkins (55 hurdles, 55 meters, 200 meters, high jump), Patty Smith (shot put), Hannah Southard (triple jump), Deireann Stillson (400 meters) and Sophia Swiatek (pole vault). During a January 14 multi-team meet at USM, Southard set a school and SMAA conference record in the triple jump with a 32' 2.5" jump.

Skiing: Marissa Roberts placed second in the SMAA giant slalom meet January 6 at Shawnee Peak with a time of 40.59.

Girls' Hockey: The Rams earned their first win of the season December 21 with a 5-4 win over Biddeford led by two goals each from McKenzie Collins and Charlotte Smith.

20 Point Basketball Scorers: Kristen Ross scored 28 and 24 in back-to-back games December 27 and 30 as the girls' basketball team defeated Bonny Eagle and Portland. For the boys' team, Carter Bowers scored 20 points in a December 19 in a loss to Kennebunk.

in the Zone

Former GHS Star Overcomes Four Knee Operations: Despite suffering from three torn ACLs in her left knee and one torn ACL in her right knee over the course of her high school and college sports career, GHS graduate Rachele Burns (Class of 2009) has recently made it all the way back to appear in games this season for the University of Maine at Orono women's basketball team. At press time, Burns had appeared in four of the team's 16 games and was shooting 50% from beyond the three-point line.

Youth Race Car Driver Complete Successful Season: 15-year-old Sulo Burbank enjoyed a successful season at Canaan Motor Speedway and Lee Motor Speedway, both in New Hampshire. At the end of the season, Burbank received the Rookie of the Year award in the Papa Z's Pro Stock series. Burbank finished third in points out of the twenty-two drivers in the Papa Z Pro Stocks. Of the twenty-seven drivers in the Pro Stock USA Six Pack series, he finished fourth in points.

Hot Shots Champions: The Gorham Rec Department held its Hot Shots basketball shooting competition December 28 and crowned several champions: Lucia Reidy (Girls Age 9-10), Michelle Rowe (Girls 11-12), Nick Strout (Boys 9-10), Kyle King (Boys 11-12) and Cam Holmes (Boys 13-14). Each winner will participate in a regional competition February 21 at the South Portland Community Center.

Marathoner with Gorham Ties Qualifies for Olympics: Shalane Flanagan won the Olympic Trials Marathon in Houston on January 14, setting a new trials record of 2:25:38. With this effort, Flanagan will represent USA in the London Olympics this summer. Flanagan is the step-daughter of John Treworgy, niece of Gorham Times photographer Martha T. Harris, niece of Gorham Times writer Linda Faatz, cousin of Jen Banks and family, and cousin of Nathan Fates and family — all of Gorham.

sports Etc.

Ed Shepard Memorial 5K Road Race will take place June 24, 9:00 a.m., starting and finishing at the Baxter Memorial Library. The event will raise funds for the Gorham D.A.R.E program and honors one of Gorham's greatest runners—Ed Shepard, the father of current Gorham Chief of Police, Ron Shepard. Ed Shepard was a pioneer in Maine running, winning many road races throughout New England during his prime running years. Race organiz-

ers are currently looking for sponsors to help attract leading runners from the area. Those organizations wishing to contribute can mail donations to Gorham D.A.R.E., 270 Main Street, Gorham, ME 04038 or contact Mark Sanborn at 318-1737 or Paul Dubai at 939-7746. Registration cost to run is \$15 in advance and \$20 the day of race. To register, contact Mike Towle at 839-2376—the first 50 to register will receive a t-shirt.

GHS Hall of Fame Committee Now Accepting Nominations

The GHS Hall of Fame committee will accept nominations for 2012 inductions up until February 28. Applications are available by contacting athletic director Tim Spear at the high school or by mailing him at GHS Athletic Director Office, 41 Morrill Avenue, Gorham, ME 04038. Athletes who graduated in 2002 or any year prior to 2002 can be considered for induction. Below is a list of past athletes, coaches and contributors who have been inducted. Athletes appear with their year of graduation.

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Vincent Johnson 1945
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Ron Boothby 1963
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Jennifer Durgin Judge 2001
Dean Evans-Coach/Athletic Director
Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Herrick-Contributors
Bonnie Titcomb Lewis-Coach
Angelo Sotiropoulous-Contributor
Kevin Jenkins-Coach

Upcoming GHS Varsity Sports Line-Up

Friday, January 20

4:30 p.m. Boys' Skiing Multi-Team Event @ Shawnee Peak
4:30 p.m. Girls' Skiing Multi-Team Event @ Shawnee Peak
7:00 p.m. Boys' Basketball @ South Portland HS
7:00 p.m. Girls' Basketball vs. South Portland @GHS

Saturday, January 21

12:30 p.m. Girls' Track Multi-Team Event @ USM
2:20 p.m. Girls' Hockey vs. Cape Elizabeth @ Cumberland County Civic Center
Time TBD Boys' Track Multi-Team Event @ USM

All games subject to change. For up-to-date schedules of all GHS sports teams, visit www.highschoolsports.net

Upcoming Sports Events at the USM Gorham Campus

Friday, January 20

4:00 p.m. Women's Hockey vs. St. Anselm
7:00 p.m. Men's Hockey vs. Castleton

Saturday, January 21

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1:00 p.m. Women's Basketball vs. Eastern Connecticut
3:00 p.m. Men's Basketball vs. Eastern Connecticut
4:00 p.m. Men's Hockey vs. Skidmore

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Ashlee Marie Sawyer and Jarrod James Maxfield were married on December 2, 2011 at the Atlantis Resort on Paradise Island in the Bahamas. The bride is the daughter of Harvey and Kathleen Sawyer of Gorham and the groom is the son of Leon and Tricia Foster of Sarasota, Florida. The newlyweds reside in Windham, Maine with their two dogs, Oliver and Samson.

DEAN'S LIST

Maureen Clements received Dean's List Honors from Johnson and Wales University for the first trimester. Clements, who is majoring in culinary arts with a concentration in nutrition, is the daughter of Mark and Peggy Clements.

Amy Linscott (GHS '11) has been named to the Dean's List at the University of New Haven in New Haven, CT for the fall 2011 semester.

Carly Perkins (GHS '11) has been named to the Dean's List at Providence College in Providence, RI for the fall 2011 semester.

Emily Plowman (GHS '08) earned academic honors for the fall trimester at Lawrence Academy in Groton, MA. She is the daughter of Bonny and Steven Plowman.



OF INTEREST

The Maine National Army Guard promoted **Chelsea Marcantonio** to the rank of PV2; she will be with the 133rd Forward Support Company. Additionally Jared Gowen was promoted to PFC; he will be with Detachment 1, 262nd Engineer Company.

Emily Robbins (GHS '00) graduated from East Tennessee State University in December with a Bachelor of Social Science in Sociology and Women's Studies. She is the daughter of the late Kathleen Robbins and late Peter Robbins and granddaughter of Beatrice Straw of Gorham. Emily secured a job with AmeriCorps VISTA for a year, where she will be a Family Service Coordinator.

Capt. Aaron J. Dombroski, home from Afghanistan and recently honored at a Bruins/Canadiens hockey game in Boston, spent the holidays in Gorham with his wife, Meghann (Foley) Dombroski (GHS '02).

The Maine National Army Guard of Cumberland County promoted Gorham residents **Matthew Strom** to Specialist with the 133rd Forward Support Company Unit and



Ten-year old Jacob Cook donated his birthday money – a \$250 check – to the Center for Grieving Children in Portland, which makes him the youngest sponsor of the Center's 25th Anniversary Auction and Gala on Friday, February 3. L-R: Destiny Cook, co-chair and Jacob's mom; Anne Lynch, director at the Center; Jacob Cook; and Scott Whytock, co-chair.

Michael Walsh to Specialist with the 224th Aviation Unit.

John Brewer, D.O., has joined Mercy Hospital's Gorham Crossing facility as a primary care provider, specializing in family practice medicine.

Gorham residents **Christopher King and Paul Ottoson** joined Wells Fargo Home Mortgage as Home Mortgage Consultants. King was most recently with Cumberland County Mortgage and Ottoson was with Embrace Home Loans.

There will be a FREE Roast Turkey Community Dinner in the Fellowship Hall at the First Parish Congregational Church in Gorham on Monday, Jan. 23 at 5:30 p.m. All are welcome. Sponsored by the Gorham Ecumenical Council.

The Gorham Clothes Closet located at the Little Falls Activity Center, 40 Acorn St. (off Rt. 202), will be open the first Saturday of each month from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and the second Wednesday of each month from 6 to 8 p.m. FMI, 839-3104 or rhondasawyer@maine.rr.com

Baxter Memorial Library will host a new "Girl's Point of View Book Club" with the first organizational meeting on Monday, Feb. 6 at 6 p.m. Book titles and a regular meeting day and time will be discussed. The club will offer girls of all reading levels a chance to delve into contemporary fiction that focuses on issues they face today. FMI, visit www.maine-girls.org or call Kathy Stevens at 222-1190 or kstevens@msln.net.

The Southern Maine Agency on Aging will hold a Living Well for Better Health Workshop on Mondays, Jan. 30 thru Mar. 12 from 9 – 11:30 a.m. at the Gorham Recreation Department building (behind Baxter Library).

To register call Jessica LeBlanc at 800-400-6325, ext. 583 or 396-6583.

The next Gorham Business Exchange meeting will be held on Thursday, Jan. 19 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at Gorham Savings Bank, 10 Wentworth Dr., Gorham. Jesse Coleman, owner of My-FIT-24, will speak on the topic "Healthy Workers, Healthy Bottom Line." A dinner will be catered by Thatcher's Restaurant and Sports Pub. FMI or to register: www.gorhambusiness.org.

The Gorham Founders' Festival will be held on May 25 and 26 of this year. If interested in sponsoring an event, contact fundraising chair Mary Mercier at mmercier@maine.rr.com. The committee is looking for vendors for the two-day festival. If interested, write Darryl Wright at vendor@gorhamfoundersfestival.com.

The Presumpscot Regional Land Trust will sponsor a Snowshoe Hike on the Chessey Property in Sebago on Saturday, Jan. 28 from 10 a.m. – noon, featuring Brown's Pond. RSVP to prlandtrust@yahoo.com

Get your car detailed! The Gorham High School Softball team will sponsor a "Complete Interior Detail" cleaning of your car for \$25 on Saturday, Feb. 18 from 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the Great Falls Elementary School. Tickets sold by GHS softball parents and on location. FMI, Dennis Crowe, 222-1005.

Calling all vendors! Registration is now open for Gorham Business Exchange's 15th Annual Marketplace to be held on Saturday, Mar. 31 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at USM's Costello Field House. Register early and save money on reduced booth fees and be included in pre-show publicity. Marketplace 2012 will showcase quality products and services available in the Gorham area. FMI, 892-5515 or visit www.gorhambusiness.org.



Anthony and Patty Alfiero have been selected as winners of a 51" flat-screen HD TV courtesy of Gorham realtor Demetria Chadbourne. Alfiero learned that he had been selected for the prize from a friend's posting on Facebook as he returned home from participating in the 2012 Lobster Dip to raise money for the Maine Special Olympics.

The newly opened Lakes Region Senior Center (LRSC), located off Rt. 202 at the old Little Falls School, encourages seniors in the greater Gorham area, to stop by and check out the facilities and on-going activities. Open Monday thru Thursday from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. for coffee/tea and great conversation. Activities include card games, knitting, cribbage, exercising, scrapbooking, movies and more. FMI, LakesRegion50@gmail.com or call LRSC president Glen Lynds at 310-0311.

Gorham Republican Caucus will be held on Saturday, February 4 from noon to 2:00 p.m. at the Gorham Town Hall Council Chambers.

PRLT will hold an Animal Tracks and Signs Walk on Saturday, February 25 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Hawkes Property adjacent to Great Falls Elementary School. RSVP at prlandtrust@yahoo.com.

USM NOTES

USM School of Music faculty member and trombonist, Brian Diehl, accompanied by pianist Sanae Kanda, will perform "Favorite Works, A La Cart," as part of the Spotlight Concert Series on Friday, Feb. 3 at 8 p.m. in Corthell Concert Hall, USM Gorham. \$15/\$10/\$5 FMI, 780-5555.

Representatives of Stantec and the University of Southern Maine gathered recently in USM's John Mitchell Center, Gorham, to celebrate the completion of a \$100,000 pledge from Stantec that supported construction of a computer-aided design lab.

CLOSE TO HOME

Westbrook-Warren Congregational Church (810 Main St.) will hold a Community Meal on Jan 19 at 12 noon. \$4. FMI, 854-9157.



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Boy Scouts Earn Special Award

Tom Bahun



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During a weekend camping and hiking trip to Acadia National Park, Gorham Boy Scouts from Troop 73 cleared brush and leaves from the park's historic Carriage Roads. This was part of a coordinated community service project with the Friends of Acadia and 11 other Maine Boy Scout troops. In addition, the scouts learned the history of the Carriage Roads - a 45-mile network of rustic roads donated by philanthropist John D. Rockefeller Jr. The weekend camping trip, service project and historic lesson qualified the scouts to earn the Boy Scouts of America's Historic Trails Award. Pictured from left to right are: Matt Southard, Jesse Southard, Kyle Grass, Mark McShane III, Dan Bahun, Adam Harrington and Parker Lane. Adult leaders not pictured are Scott Nystrom, Shawn Harrington, Mark McShane II and Tom Bahun.

Scouting for Food



Photo credit Debbie Bellantoni

Several Boy Scouts troops from around Gorham teamed up to scout for food, collecting over 700 food items to help fill Christmas baskets for the Gorham Food Pantry. In addition, the scouts collected money to purchase Hannaford gift cards, which in turn will be used to purchase fresh fruit for the baskets. Scouting for food are (front row) Tom Bahun and Sean Pratt; (second row) Chuck Bellantoni, Kevin Southard, Tommy Sallinen, Matthew Bellantoni, Ben Demers and Ian Obrey; (third row) Jerry Hayward, Dan Bahun, Jesse Southard, Matt Southard and Bailey Daigle; (back row) Josh Hayward, Ben Bellantoni, Chris Hayward and Riley Campbell.

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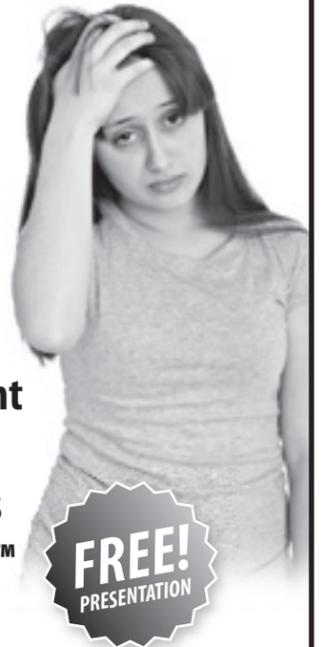
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Gray Road caller reported a subject at the store the previous evening who tried to pass bad checks and stole lottery tickets.

Maple Ridge Road caller reported that their garage was broken into and two cans of gas were missing.

Van Vliet Drive caller reported that they were threatened by a friend.

Ichabod Lane caller reported they had bought refrigerators to start a restaurant and later learned that they were stolen.

North Gorham Road caller requested to speak with an officer regarding a fraud call they kept getting from Florida about winning money.

Jennifer Way caller reported they were out walking their dog and a red light, which looked like a laser, was pointed directly at and followed their dog. Caller was concerned for the safety of the dog.

Deering Road caller reported that people were stealing items off their front lawn.

Tink Drive caller reported that an individual was out of control.

Huston Road caller reported that a male and female were canvassing the area saying they do home repairs and were very aggressive about seeing the house.

Barstow Road caller requested to speak with an officer regarding a hunter that came onto caller's property and told caller "how to act."

Huston Road caller requested assistance with four horses that were loose.

Queen Street caller requested to speak with an officer regarding their house that had been burgled and a family member who is getting harassing calls.

Bridgton man was arrested for OUI. Passenger in vehicle, from Finn Parker Road, was arrested for OUI, offensive words and gestures.

Brookdale Drive caller requested that a well-being check be done on a female acquaintance in New York.

Libby Avenue caller requested to speak with an officer regarding what they thought was a firecracker.

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- Story Hour for 3-5 yr olds, 10-11 a.m., No. Gorham Public Library. Stories, songs & crafts. FMI, 892-2575.
- Gorham Food Pantry, 9-11 a.m. Located in St. Anne's Catholic Church parking lot.
- Blood-Pressure Clinic, 10 a.m., Lakes Region Senior Center, 40 Acorn St., Gorham. (off Rt. 202). Free. FMI, bbrocket350@aol.com

MONDAY, JAN. 23

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

TUESDAY, JAN. 24

- Learn to Knit/Prayer Shawls, 10 a.m., LRSC (Senior Center), off Rt. 202 (old Little Falls School).

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 25

- Toddlers in the Library, 10-10:30 a.m., No. Gorham Public Library. FMI, 892-2575.
- Prayer Shawl Knitting Group, 1-2:30 p.m., St. Anne's Catholic Church. All are welcome. FMI, 839-4857.
- Senior Community Meal, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., St. Anne's Catholic Church, \$3.50. FMI, 839-4857.
- Scrapbooking, 1 p.m. LRSC (Senior Center), off Rt. 202 (old Little Falls School).

THURSDAY, JAN. 26

- Story Hour for 3-5 yr olds, 10-11 a.m., No. Gorham Public Library. Stories,

songs & crafts. FMI, 892-2575.

- Gorham Food Pantry, 9-11 a.m. Located in St. Anne's Catholic Church parking lot.
- Early Release for grades K-12.

FRIDAY, JAN. 27

- No School for grades K-12. Inservice day.

MONDAY, JAN. 30

- Play Cribbage, all levels, 9:30 a.m., LRSC (Senior Center), off Rt. 202 (old Little Falls School).

TUESDAY, JAN. 31

- Learn to Knit/Needlework, 10 a.m., LRSC (Senior Center), off Rt. 202 (old Little Falls School).
- Gorham Garden Club meeting, 7 p.m., First Parish Church. Linda Frinsko will present a program on forcing bulbs. Pubic is welcome.

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THURSDAY, FEB. 2

- Baby & Me, ages 0-18 mos., Baxter Library. 9:30 a.m.
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