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State Wrestling Champ Gorham's Ian Whitis, (right) a Cheverus junior who wrestles with the Deering team, won the Class A wrestling title for the 120-pound division February 18 at Windham High School. After finishing third as a freshman and second as a sophomore, Whitis won this year's event by defeating Lucas Dion (left) of Massabesic. For the season, Whitis won 30 matches while losing just once and will next compete in the New England championships, March 2-3 in Rhode Island.

Council Considers New Use for Little Falls School

Sheri Faber

Currently there are two closed schools in Gorham - White Rock Elementary School and Little Falls School. White Rock Elementary School was closed when Great Falls Elementary School opened in September 2011. White Rock School does not have public water or sewer. The School Committee voted to turn White Rock School over to the town effective June 30, 2012. Little Falls School is under consideration for possible uses.

Little Falls School is located on 6.5 acres and does have public water and sewer. It was previously used by Sebago Educational Alliance, a program that has since moved to a larger space in a closed school in Buxton. Gorham Recreation Department is currently running a before and after school program for children in grades one to five as well as several other programs. Families pay fees to the Recreation Department to participate in these programs so there is no cost to the town for the programs. A senior center with more than 100 members is also headquartered at Little Falls.

The Town Council approved \$10,000 for a feasibility study by PDT Architects to evaluate potential future uses for this property. One possibility would be to move the fire or police department to Little Falls in order to alleviate overcrowding at the current Public Safety Building on Main Street. It is likely that any major project would be deferred until the economy improves and any project would require voter approval through a referendum.

Both schools are in need of major upgrades - including new roofs - if they are going to remain in use.

Refinancing of Bonds Equals Savings

Krista Nadeau

The town of Gorham recently refinanced \$17,085,000 worth of bonds. Because bonds need to be rated prior to refinancing, Moody's and Standard & Poor's (S&P) rated them. Moody's rated the bonds at Aa2 and S&P at AA-Stable, both of which are good ratings. Good bond ratings translate to lower interest rates, which is why the overall interest rate the town received was 1.749 percent. "We are very pleased with the results," said Town Manager David Cole.

Pulling all the necessary documents together created a fair amount of work for the staff, including Finance Director Sharon LaFlamme. The financial advisor on the sale of the bonds was Dick Ranaghan of Gorham Savings Bank and the escrow agent is Bank of New York-Mellon. Cole went on to say that the savings would be realized over the

remaining life of the bonds and totals \$1,686,887. A breakdown of the savings is as follows:

The Town of Gorham	\$513,562
School Department	\$331,773
State of Maine	\$841,592

(This savings is because the state participated in financing the construction of the Gorham Middle School.)

The savings per bond include:

2002 Bonds	\$1,191,468
2004 Bonds	\$132,623
2005 Bonds	\$137,214
2008 Bonds	\$225,581

Public Safety Building Solar Panels Update

Krista Nadeau



Photo credit Krista Nadeau

The town's website will soon feature information about the solar panels installed last year on the roof of the Public Safety Building on Main Street.

In May 2011 photovoltaic solar panels were installed on the Public Safety building in Gorham. The town entered into a contract with Efficiency Maine and a competitive bidding process ensued regarding installation of the panels. The successful bidder was ReVision Energy of Portland. A grant was awarded to the town for the project, in fact, the total cost of the solar panels was \$86,469 and of that the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant covered \$78,960. According to Bob Burns, Gorham's Public Works Director, the grant was an ARRA (American Recovery and Reinvestment Act) federally funded grant project for which Efficiency Maine selected, controlled, and managed the funding. Revision Energy worked with the town to assist with writing and organizing the proposal.

How do the solar panels work? The photovoltaic solar panels collect energy from the sun and turn

it into DC (direct current) electricity. These solar panels have micro inverters on every two units, which help to optimize any shading issues, and then convert the DC current into AC (alternating current) electricity. That electricity goes to the circuit breaker panel and powers the Public Safety building.

Burns estimated that the solar panels are generating approximately 20,000 KWh (kilowatt-hour) annually. The Public Safety building uses around 100,000 KWh, which translates to an approximate annual savings of \$1,810. This actual savings varies based on demand and current electricity prices.

Burns also indicated that in the upcoming weeks information regarding the solar panels will be available on the town's website, www.gorham-me.org. For more information about solar panels for your home or business contact Jennifer Hatch at 221-6342 or visit ReVision Energy's website at www.revisionenergy.com.

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Letters to the Editor

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Dear Gorham Times,

I read with interest the article by Jane Knapp regarding the disposal of "sharps" because of the potential dangers from them. I am sure there are many instances of injuries from their improper disposal but likely one of the dangers we face at times that is not picked up and reported by the media.

That same day, I was preparing to use a kitchen cleaning material that I am sure stored on convenient shelves and under kitchen cabinets where small children are apt to be involved with them.

We have abundant poison control telephone numbers to call in the case of accidental exposure to dangerous chemicals, however in reading the labels of several of the cleaners readily available for public use and even having warnings of "dangers" from them, too many of them do not list the chemicals used in them. They could be simple alcohol, ammonia, or more dangerous basic cleaners.

The first thing a responder on the poison control telephone is going to ask is "what is the item involved?" With the ingredients not printed on the labels, how is one supposed to inform them and get proper instructions? Should one encourage vomiting or not?

Until I started really looking at labels lately, I had assumed in error that the ingredients included at least had to be named, if not the amounts. I do believe there are more people in contact with these materials on a daily basis, which might indicate a larger need for corrective legislation than there are for special federal or state programs to protect against "sharps." Should we be collecting our wooden toothpicks and olive stabbers?

John Labrecque, Jr.

Dear Gorham Times,

Many sincere thanks go out to all who donated goods toward the bake sale event held on Feb 11 that benefited Canine Commitment Rescue group. From the efforts of the sale, our group very gratefully received just over \$500 to immediately go toward urgent vet care bills, food, medicine, and transportation needs. Canine Commitment is a non-profit, volunteer based group who supports rescue dogs. The website is www.caninecommitmentme.org.

A very special thank you goes out to Julie Murray and Emily Murray for organizing this event and making it such a success. Thank you to Alan Grady and Patty Joyce for supporting the idea and helping make it happen. Thank you also to those who donated all the delicious baked goods or manned the sale tables. So many people stepped up to show how much Gorham cares about Canine Commitment and its ongoing devotion to highly adoptable dogs in dire need of homes.

Warmly,

Victoria Reynolds, founder of Canine Commitment

Sarah Loukes, director of Canine Commitment

Dear Gorham Times,

I am sending this email to recognize a dentist in Gorham who made an incredible difference in my life. Dr. Morgan volunteers his time once a month to people in need of dental care but cannot afford it. People are nominated through from his current patients. My aunt nominated me and I was accepted.

I was so thrilled to be picked and also scared to death. I was afraid he could not help me and afraid of how I would be treated after taking poor care of my teeth for years. I cannot express enough how comfortable he and his staff made me feel and the incredible difference he made for me. I can smile again now and not worry about what people must be thinking.

I really wanted people in the community to know what an exceptional

person and dentist Dr. Morgan is. He is an asset to Gorham.

*Thank you,
Michelle Brown*

Dear Gorham Times,

My name is Austin Pomelow and I am a sixth grader at Gorham Middle School. I have been nominated and chosen to travel to Paris and London this summer with the People to People Student Ambassador Program. On my trip I will visit Normandy Beach and the American Cemeteries. I will also visit Parliament, explore medieval castles, Stonehenge, the Eiffel Tower and so much more. It is the chance of a lifetime. The cost of my trip is \$5,200, which includes all of my food, transportation and hotels. I have done a few fundraisers and I have done

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NEWS FROM AUGUSTA

Helpful Tax Resources

Senator Phil Bartlett

Tax season is here and before you immediately stop reading this article, please know this column is dedicated to passing along useful information for filing your tax return. I realize that talking about taxes is rarely a favorite subject and I am reminded about the joke, "There are two types of people who hate paying taxes - men and women." However, there are helpful resources available for many Maine residents that may be worth considering.

The AARP (American Association of Retired Persons) Tax-Aide program offers free counseling and assistance to individuals with low to moderate incomes with special attention to those 60 and older to prepare basic tax forms, including the 1040, 1040A, 1040EZ and other standard schedules. Appointments can be scheduled at the Gorham Recreation Department by calling 776-6316.

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Free File program is a fast, free and safe way to do federal taxes online. All taxpayers making \$57,000 or less can use the industry's top tax preparation software for free. Users get the help they need to prepare, complete and file federal tax returns online - at no cost. To begin, taxpayers should visit the IRS website at www.irs.gov/freefile.

The IRS also offers a tax calendar for small businesses and self-employed assistance. The interactive calendar is filled with useful information to help start up and tend to any business concerns. It includes tax reminders and instructions by the month and day along with a variety of tax related topics such as: preparing and setting up, accounting methods and periods, reaping retirement rewards, travel and other business expenses, employee and worker issues, keeping good records, your rights as a taxpayer, fil-

ing electronically, help in recovering from disaster, preventing identity theft, and other online resources to help your business thrive. The website also consists of business and tax related forms and publications, tax tips, and news updates. Go to www.tax.gov/calendar for more information and to view the IRS Tax Calendar. I think any businessperson will find it handy.

An estimated 200,000 households in Maine are eligible for the Property Tax and Rent Refund Program, also known as "Circuit Breaker." The program provides a targeted tax relief refund up to \$1,600 for qualified homeowners or renters.

One may qualify for the program if they do not have a spouse or dependent(s) and their 2010 household income was \$64,950 or less; or if they do have a spouse or dependent(s) and their 2010 household income was \$86,600 or less. Additionally, the 2010 property tax has to be more than 4 percent of the 2010 household income, or the rent paid in 2010 was more than 20 percent of their 2010 household income. Seniors do not need to meet the requirements when their household income is below \$14,700 for those living alone or below \$18,200 for those living with a spouse or dependent.

The deadline for the Circuit Breaker application is May 31, 2012 and more information can be found online at: www.maine.gov/revenue.



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Beginning in March, motorcycle inspection stickers must be displayed on the upper left corner of the vehicle's registration plate. This new requirement will be phased in over the next year.

Effective March 1, Cook's Hardware will no longer be an Ace Hardware store. They will still carry Ace products but will do their own advertising. Ace planned to feature products in their ads that Cook's was unable to carry due to space constraints. They will still carry the same products and offer the same service as an independent hardware store.

Meet the Businesses in the Industrial Park

Third Installment in the Industrial Park Profiles Series

Sherrie Benner

Continuing the series on Industrial Park business neighbors, this article introduces two of the park's long-term tenants, NorthAmerican Industrial Service Group and Montalvo Corporation. In addition to their tenure in the Industrial Park, these businesses share being locally owned and having global clients.

The NorthAmerican Industrial Service Group has been located at 56 Sanford Drive for 16 years. The company performs highly innovative industrial services for manufacturers, waste management and some of the world's largest power companies. Their customers rely on NorthAmerican to satisfy industry trade inspections, federal inspections and perform what can be highly technical pipeline and tank cleaning. NorthAmerican is best recognized for doing the "dirty work" for several regional energy and manufacturing industries throughout Maine and the entire northeast. Manager Wayne Cardner of Gorham notes, "Our location in the Industrial Park is close to home, and the town is very receptive to our business thriving in this area." Their proximity to power production facilities allows them to cost-effectively service the customer while staying in close contact in the event of emergencies and for maintenance.

In the past four years, the business has experienced an increase in growth, which has allowed them to position the business on the cutting edge of technology. They attribute the growth to the quality of the local workforce that allows them to best serve and meet their clients' needs.

2012 marks the 65th anniversary of the **Montalvo Corporation**. The fam-

ily owned corporation, begun in 1947 by Edwin J. Montalvo, Sr., specializes in analyzing, upgrading and servicing web tension control equipment. Web tension control refers to the control of the tension in a moving web or strand of material. Depending on the application, different zones may require different tensions in order to produce a quality product. Montalvo has completed successful upgrades for their customers on narrow web presses, printing presses, corrugators, laminators, coaters, slitters, sheeters, filers, extruders, waxes, die cutters, and embossers.

Located at 50 Hutcherson Drive, the business relocated to Gorham in 2000, having outgrown their Portland facility. The company built their manufacturing and office headquarters with the prospect of future expansion. Since moving to Gorham and having gone through two recessions resulting in downsizing, the company is once more fully utilizing the entire building (25 percent is allocated for office space). Montalvo manufactures in Maine and sells worldwide. Sales offices are also located in Shanghai, China. Additionally, the company has employees in Denmark who service the European market.

With the implementation of the town's new strategic plan for economic development, working in tandem with the mix of existing global businesses like Montalvo and NorthAmerican Industrial Service Group, Gorham should be positioned for future economic development expansion.

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my very best to save all of my Christmas and birthday money. Gorham House of Pizza, Gorham Savings Bank and PitStop Fuels have been kind enough to donate money toward my tuition and I am hoping others could help me out a little bit too. If you would like to help in anyway, please contact Fawn Pomelow (207) 712-9584. Thank you very much for your consideration.

Austin Pomelow

Dear Gorham Times,

I am writing to express my deepest gratitude to Georgia Humphrey of Gorham Cable/GOCAT. Georgia works tirelessly to support my police and community TRIAD projects, turning ideas or thoughts into a video reality. She is a remarkable and creative professional

who has made our projects a pleasure to accomplish. I appreciate the energy, commitment and dedication Georgia has extended to our ideas, as well as to members of our community and beyond.

Georgia routinely places others before herself, making her such a value to all who know and work with her. Her schedule runs night and day without expectation of praise. Georgia consistently makes me feel that each project we collaborate together on is as important to her, as it is to me. I am impressed with and sincerely indebted to Georgia for her contribution to serving her community the many ways she does.

Thank you, Georgia!

Officer Ted Hatch, Gorham Police Department





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Crime, Criminals, and Investigators

James Rathbun, Public Services Librarian, Baxter Memorial Library

Do you like crime? I certainly hope not, but perhaps you have an interest in how criminals are caught, or simply enjoy a great police procedural novel? If so, the 2012 March Merriment lecture series at Baxter Memorial Library is sure to please. There will be two presentations, refreshments will be served at each, and both events are free and open to the public.

Tuesday, March 6 at 6:30 p.m., James Hayman, author of "The Cutting and The Chill of the Night," will be speaking about, and reading selections from, his mystery series. He will also discuss the craft of writing and how his background has influenced his work. Like the hero of his novels, homicide detective Mike McCabe, James Hayman is a transplanted New Yorker. Born in Brooklyn and raised in Manhattan, he spent more than twenty years writing TV advertising for clients like the U.S. Army, Lincoln-Mercury and Procter & Gamble. In 2001, he moved to Portland, ME. Four years later, he began

work on his first suspense thriller. This program is geared for adults but all ages are welcome to attend.

Tuesday, March 20 at 6:00 p.m., Detective Sergeant Dana Thompson from the Gorham Police Department will speak about the process of police investigation, the types of equipment used to investigate cases, and the methods used in evidence processing. Some of the equipment used in these investigations will be on display as well. This program is geared for a younger audience but all are welcome to attend. A question and answer session will follow the main presentation.

Throughout the month of March, books about crime, criminals, and the investigators who pursue them will be on display at the library. Be sure to stop by and check one out.

Baxter Memorial Library is located at 71 South Street, Gorham. For more information, visit www.baxterlibrary.org or call the library at 222-1190.

Gorham Police Welcomes New Cop



Photo courtesy of the Gorham Police Department

Steven "Mike" Rappold, 31, has been hired by the Gorham Police Department. Rappold, a native of West Virginia, has nine years of experience with the Cabell County Sheriff's Office in West Virginia and for the past two and a half years has worked for the Buxton Police Department. Rappold, who started with Gorham on February 6, lives in Waterboro with his wife and two children.

Real Estate Transfers December 2011

Location	Buyer	Seller	Price
332 South Street	O'Donnell, Vanessa & Kevin	Garbarini, Patricia & Stephen	\$175,000
48 Dingley Spring Road	Johnson, Emily	Burt, Sarah & Richard	\$154,000
83 Gordon Farms Road	Foley, Jaime & Clifford	Wise, Kathleen & Bradford	\$90,000
30 Mahlon Avenue	Bolland, Linda & Andrew	Cushing, Brady-Anne & William	\$350,000
10 Jane Street	Day, Jessica & Michael	Wyman, Carol & Jeffrey	\$233,000
279 Flaggy Meadow Road	Herrick, Scott	Valentine, Jennifer & Anthony	\$245,000
3 Samantha Drive	Bartels, Teresa	DiDonato, Karen & Lomando, Kattia	\$235,000
35 Wagner Farm Road	Perry, Randi	Peters & Co., LLC	\$274,900
10 Shiers Meadow Drive	Stevens, Lauren & Korey	GPC Development Capital, Inc.	\$230,400
44 Alexander Drive	Bruno, Anne & John	Robitaille, Nancy & Marc	\$276,000
41 Weeks Road	Wooley, Lelia & Mayfield, Linda	Carpenter, Joan	\$172,000
14 Standish Neck Road	Skerlick, Jonathan	Wright, Jeanne & Morris	\$199,900
24 Timothy Drive	Frymire, Jody Beth & William	STJ, Inc.	\$241,500
74 McLellan Road	Higgins, Linda & Ralph	Wojcik, Lisa	\$154,000
16 Donna Street	Dionne, Kimberley & David	Stump, Beverly	\$206,500
63 Day Road	Roth, Lori & Jeffrey	Peoples, Gavin	\$65,000
24 Brown Road	Coulthard, Katrina & Brandon	Bonneson, Melissa & Wade	\$224,000
16 Main Street	7-Eleven, Inc.	Chrissikos, Persefone	\$325,000

Town Council Report

February 7, 2012 Robin Some

In Councilor Communications, Councilor Suzanne Phillips reported that the Founders' Festival will take place on May 25 and 26. Phillips is also a volunteer for Gorham Clothes Closet, which is currently at the Little Falls School. The Closet is open on the first Saturday and the second Wednesday of the month, from 6:00 to 8:00pm. All clothes are free and clothing donations may be dropped off at Little Falls School, Gorham Recreation Department and Baxter Memorial Library.

Councilor Philip Gagnon reported that United Way, through its 211 Maine agency, is providing information on free tax preparations and assistance for people of different income levels at various locations. Information on locations for these free services can be obtained by phone by dialing "211" or through the website <http://211maineportal.communityos.org/cms>.

Chair Brenda Caldwell reported that Collette Monuments will pick up the Founders Monument early this spring. She requested that Collette Monuments inform Public Works when they will be here to pick up the monument, which is expected to be ready in early summer.

Town Manager David Cole reported that the town's bonds were priced for refinancing. The town was able to refinance \$17,000,000 worth of bonds at a savings of over \$1,686,000. Cole explained that the state also receives savings because some of the bonds being refinanced were for school projects in which the state contributed to financing construction of those projects. Thus, when bonds related to those projects are refinanced at a lower rate, both the state and the town benefit. For more information about the bonds and

the ratings received from Moody's and Standard & Poor's, see page one.

In closing his report to the Town Council and the public, Cole presented Bob Lefebvre with a service pin for his 25 years of dedicated service as fire chief for Gorham.

In other action, the Town Council:

- Voted 6-0 to approve development of contract zones for: 103 and 109 County Road, requested by Kurt Albert; 18 County Road, requested by Chandler and Christine Bearce; and separate properties on County Road as requested by James Bruni and Donna Burke.
- Voted 6-0 to refer a proposal to develop an ordinance to regulate dumping and littering to the Ordinance Committee for review and to report back to the Council at a future meeting.
- Voted 6-0 to send a directive to the Capital Improvements Program Committee to develop plans for a project to construct public safety site improvements at and near the Narragansett School, then be passed to the Finance Committee to determine feasibility, scope and funding of this project, the intent being to separate bus and parent student drop-offs and to reduce pedestrian/vehicular conflict. Results are to be reported back to the Town Council.
- Voted 6-0 to appropriate \$4,000 from the Contingency Account to the Gorham Founders' Festival.
- Voted 6-0 to appropriate \$10,000 from the Contingency Account to conduct a feasibility study for reuse of the former Little Falls School, as proposed by PDT Architects.

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Lettuce Be Healthy

Barbara T. Schneider

Is it really winter? We seem to be stuck in a pattern of nice and mild or darn right frigid. No matter what the weather brings, good old comfort food is the way to go. Nothing does that better than a one pot slow cooker meal and a light “oh so healthy for you” soup to warm your innards. The pork and sauerkraut is a no-brainer roasting pan or slow cooker meal. Pop it in the oven and pull out later; ready to eat. The key to the richness of the meat is the Riesling wine, which makes a significant difference. The Creamy Green Pea and Lettuce Soup, a healthy version that uses one or two percent milk instead of cream, offers a rich, creamy texture thanks to the thick sweetness of the green peas. Both of these two recipes are winners in my book. Give them a go and see for yourself. Enjoy!

Roasted Pork and Sauerkraut

6 - 8 country ribs (very thick, separated)
2 packages sauerkraut
2 green apples, chopped
3 onions, thinly sliced
6-8 slices bacon
1 1/2 cup good Riesling wine
2 - 3 cups chicken/beef/vegetable broth
(I use whatever I have on hand, low sodium)
Canola/olive oil for cooking
Montreal steak seasoning
Salt & pepper to taste

Preheat oven to 325 degrees. Rinse sauerkraut twice in a colander and pat dry. Place country ribs in a zip top bag and add Montreal seasoning to generously coat ribs. Refrigerate for at least one hour or overnight. In a heavy pan, heat a few tablespoons of oil and add ribs to brown all sides, move aside (or take out if not enough room) and add onions and bacon to lightly brown. Add ribs to the dish to combine flavors (about 4-5 minutes).

In a large roasting pan with cover, spread sauerkraut and apples. Place ribs, onions and bacon on top of sauerkraut, salt and pepper. If there are brown drippings left in the browning pan, capture the taste by deglazing with a little water or broth and drizzle over mixture in roasting pan.

Add two cups of broth (to start) and the wine. Cover and place in oven for at least one hour (check after 30 minutes to see if you need to add more broth to keep the sauerkraut wet). Roast for another 30-45 minutes. Check meat for doneness; it will almost fall off the bone when done. Place on platter and get ready to enjoy!

Creamy Green Pea and Lettuce Soup

1 T margarine/butter
1 large onion
2 cans (14.5 oz each) chicken broth
2 cups water
3 pkgs (10 oz each) frozen peas
1 head Boston lettuce, coarsely chopped
3/4 tsp salt

1/4 tsp ground black pepper
1/4 tsp dried thyme
2 cups milk (1% or 2% is a healthy choice, or real cream for a more decadent result)
2 T fresh lemon juice
Garnish: plain yogurt, fresh thyme leaves

In 5-6 quart saucepan, melt margarine. Add onion and cook 10-12 minutes until lightly browned. Stir in remaining ingredients EXCEPT milk and lemon juice. Bring to boil. Reduce heat, stir in milk.

In blender at slow speed, blend pea mixture until smooth. Return soup to saucepan; heat through.

Stir in lemon juice, ladle into bowls and garnish. Makes about 13 cups. Can be made ahead of time and frozen, just omit lemon juice until you reheat to serve. ENJOY!



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

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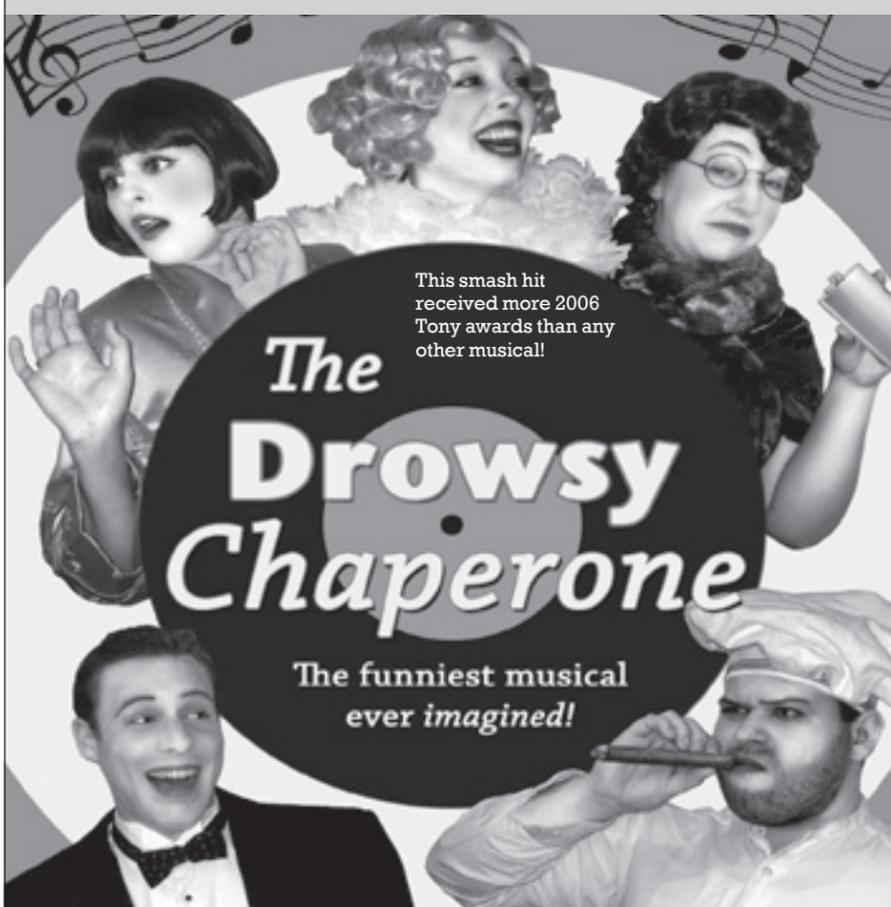


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Great Falls Has Spirit

Connor Donnelly, Gavin Cupps and Will Zidle don 80's attire to show their school spirit for Great Falls Elementary School!



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Ready, Set, Kindergarten!

Melissa Michaud, Literacy Coordinator

A child entering kindergarten should understand the parts of a book and their functions. Reading aloud to your child can be the best part of the day. You can easily include teaching this skill during your daily reading. Here's how:

- Put a book in your child's lap with the cover facing up.
- Use your finger to point out the title of the book as you read the title.
- Look at the pictures on the cover.
- Point to where the story begins and where the story ends.
- Point out how the front and back of the book are different.
- Show your child how you begin reading on the first page and turn one page at a time.
- Have your child practice turning pages one at a time until you reach

the end of the book.

- Read the pages of the story while using your finger to point to each word as you read.
- Allow your child to turn the pages as you read.

A fun book to read together is "The Snowy Day" by Ezra Jack Keats. This book is available at Baxter Memorial Library and at bookstores in the area. Check out other books by Keats while you are there!

Melissa Michaud, Literacy Coordinator K-5, writes this column as a part of a project between the Gorham Elementary Schools and Gorham Adult Education. For more information, contact Michaud at 222-1263 or Family Literacy Coordinator Heidi McGouldrick at 222-1045.

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Brother Becomes L.L. Bean Giveaway Winner

Gorham Times Staff

The prizewinner and his siblings. From left to right: Charlotte (GHS '15), Cameron (NYA '09), and Connor (GHS '11) Smith.



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In celebration of L.L. Bean's 100 years in business, the outdoor retailer is holding a nationwide "Get Out(fitted) Gear Giveaway" contest throughout 2012. A winner is chosen daily from thousands of entries submitted all over the world and Cameron Smith of Gorham, was one of the lucky recipients.

Connor Smith, a freshman at Georgetown University, submitted his entry to L.L. Bean on behalf of his brother Cameron, who suffered a debilitating concussion while playing on a junior league hockey team last

year. Although lingering migraines have prevented him from being able to resume playing hockey at this time, Cameron is setting his sights on higher things, namely, hiking Mt. Washington and Mt. Kahtadin as future goals.

As one of L.L. Bean's lucky winners, Cameron will be receiving GORE-TEX leather hiking boots, a GORE-TEX stow-away hiking jacket and a trail model fleecy pullover. "We wanted to help Cameron begin to enjoy the great outdoors again by outfitting him for hikes," says a representative from L.L. Bean.

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School Committee Report

February 8, 2012 Robin Somes

In his monthly report, Superintendent Ted Sharp reported on the FY13 budget. Sharp received the second preliminary "Subsidy printout," which provided the amount of General Purpose Aid (GPA), finalized by the State Legislature, and bestowed to public schools. The second report indicated an additional \$240,000. The initial ED 279 was received about two months ago. Sharp, however, cautioned that this information will not be "taken seriously until the word 'preliminary' is removed from the title." The final 279 report is due by March 1, which although imminent, presents a dilemma. The budget was to be rolled out February 29 with the subsequent all day Budget Workshop scheduled for March 10. With the 279 report, as finalized by the Legislature, Sharp conveyed concern about the financial differences that currently exist between the Legislature and Governor. Nevertheless, as Sharp noted, "if [the additional subsidy amount holds], that's certainly good for us ... and if it doesn't hold and is less, we'll certainly have a backup plan to reflect that amount."

"K-12 Citizenship Report, Delivery of Support Services," the result of an extensive 18 month study on the delivery of guidance, was rolled out recently. Chaired by Sharp and Special Education Director Katy Hawes, the study details recommended changes to the approach of providing guidance to pupils who will transition from middle school to high school by addressing transitional issues from a dedicated specialist. In support of this effort, one full time position is being requested and is included in the FY13 budget roll-out. The position will be split so that 60 percent of work will be at Gorham High School and 40 percent at Gorham Middle School. Sharp, having been intimately involved with the significant efforts of this study, asserted the importance of approving the budget with the new position. A copy of the report can be requested by emailing administrator Rhonda Warren at rhondaw@gorham-schools.org.

On a different subject, Sharp related that a recently composed letter on the future of the school district's technology will be directed to the Technology Committee. The letter requests a response from the Tech Committee and includes best practices for the integration of technology across the district, the resources required to support those practices, and recommendations regarding the existing Maine Learning Technology Initiative (MLTI) contract, and whether or not to continue with it or engage in a different arrangement such as replacing laptops with iPads. Specific questions in the letter concern:

- Capacity of laptop vs. iPad (or other technology)
- Cost comparisons
- Professional development required for integration across the district

- How far across the district is appropriate

The Technology Committee, comprised of 15 members, is chaired by Technology Director Dennis Crowe, with GMS Principal Bob Riley as administrator.

School Committee Vice-Chair Roger Marchand, who also chairs the Policy Committee, presented two new policies: the Staff Conduct with Students Policy and the Competitive Food Sales Policy. After discussing the new policies, Marchand invited Committee members to the first reading of these policies at the next Policy Committee meeting later in the month and encouraged any feedback and recommended edits prior to the second reading at March's Policy Committee meeting.

In other action, the School Committee:

- Voted 7-0 to approve the 2012-2013 school calendar, which will be posted on the website (www.gorhamschools.org)
- Voted 7-0 to approve the GTA negotiated contract
- Voted 7-0 to approve the negotiated administrative contract

school notes

Incoming Kindergarten Registration and Screening Night for all Gorham K-5 elementary schools (Great Falls, Narragansett, Village) will take place on Monday, March 5 at Gorham Middle School. Storm date is Monday, March 12. Parents of children who will be five years old on or before October 15 should plan to attend. Parents can pick up registration packets and schedule a screening appointment from 5 to 6 p.m. A parent-only information meeting is scheduled from 6 to 7 p.m. where parents will learn about the screening process, a typical day, safety, code of conduct, transportation, academics, meet staff and receive teacher advice. Screening dates for kindergarten are April 2, 3, and 4 at Shaw Gym at the Gorham Recreation Department. Immunization records, proof of residency and original birth record are required at screening. If you are unable to attend the March 5 meeting, please contact Amy Pednault at 222-1050 (regardless of which school your child will attend) to schedule a screening appointment.

Great Falls Family Fun Fair will be held on Friday, March 16 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at Great Falls. Activities include games, magic show, bounce house, scooter board course, arts and crafts, bingo, family Zumba, Dance Dance Revolution and a special visit from Crusher. Admission is free. Donations to the Gorham Clothes Closet and Food Pantry are greatly appreciated.

For more information on the following Gorham Adult Education courses, please visit www.gorham.maineadulted.org or call 222-1095.

English Pub Fare, Thursday, March 8, 6:30-9 p.m., GMS, \$25

Yoga/Pilates Combo - Session II, 8 classes, Tuesdays, March 3-May 8 (no class 4/17), 6-7 p.m., GMS, \$49

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Local Man Carves Out Niche in Woodworking

Sarah Gavett-Nielsen



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Bob Meyers stands amongst several handmade items he created through the years.

Gorham resident Bob Meyers has always had a desire to build pieces with wood, but it was not until he moved to town approximately twelve years ago that his passion to build was put into action. When Meyers moved to Gorham, his new property included a barn that was full of old wood, which sparked his desire to experiment with woodworking. Asked about his foray into woodworking Meyers stated, "I've always had sort of this creative interest in building things with wood. I think it was just the fact that moving here and moving into this old house and having a barn full of old wood that really was the spark that made me even venture into trying to build things."

Meyers started off small building pieces for his house including a china cabinet and tables. Regarding his early days of woodworking he stated, "We needed furniture in our house so I just starting experimenting with it and building things. I started with simple two-shelf bookcases and went from there." After many years of woodworking Meyers now sells his pieces at gift shops, yard sales, and on Craigslist.

Meyers sells Windsor chairs for five hundred dollars each, as well as bookcases and cabinets ranging in price from two hundred to four hundred dollars each. The Windsor chair parts are crafted by hand. Asked to describe his pieces Meyers stated, "Most of my pieces have an old look to them - I feel like it gives them a lot of character. I'm not afraid

to leave little discrepancies and nicks and things in the wood - I think that only adds to the character of the piece." Meyers has a small shop in his barn dedicated to woodworking, in the place where it all started.

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Sarah Perkins Captures Three State Track Titles

Jeff Pike

Sarah Perkins has officially joined the ranks of elite track stars at GHS. The senior won three events February 20 during the Class A Indoor Track Championships at USM. Head coach John Caterina ranks the achievement by Perkins right up there with two other stars he has coached during his 12-year stints for both indoor and outdoor track - Noel Beagle and Shannon Houlihan.

"Winning in the 55 meter hurdles, 400 meters and 200 meters is a difficult combination," Caterina said. "But Sarah came into the season in fantastic shape and was very motivated to be the best. Her work ethic at practice was outstanding, and she was an outstanding leader on the team, never hesitating to work with her teammates."

Coming into the Class A State Meet, Perkins faced the difficult decision of deciding in which events to compete since three is the maximum allowed. In addition to the hurdles, the 200 and the 400, Perkins had also excelled and qualified for the high jump and 55 meters. "My decision was impacted somewhat by the competition in each event," Perkins said. "And I feel it's easier to push myself in the running events as opposed to the high jump."

In the hurdles, Perkins actually had her best time of the season in the preliminary heat (8.49 seconds) before posting an 8.55 in the final. "I felt good right out of the blocks, which is a bit unusual," Perkins said. "I don't usually feel in rhythm until the second hurdle, but in this race, things clicked right away."

For the 200 meters, Perkins ran another personal best time (25.82 seconds). She was in lane five and knew that she was in good shape to win when she passed the runner in lane six who started with a staggered-start advantage. The 400 meters, a 58.23 win and a full second better than the previous personal record for Perkins, created the most drama.

"Coach told me to go all out on the first lap, which I don't usually do," Perkins said. "I got a good lead, with a 26 second lap, but during the last stretch of second lap I began to



Triple Champion: GHS senior Sarah Perkins won three gold medals at the Class A State Indoor Track Championships by finishing first in the 55 meter hurdles, the 200 meters and the 400 meters. During the February 20 meet at USM, she set personal records in all three events. Perkins will next compete in the New England Championships March 2 in Boston.

lose steam. The second-place runner made a good push and closed the gap but then ran out of steam too. Somehow I managed to hold on for the last few yards."

Perkins now finds herself in company with Beagle and Houlihan who both won multiple track titles and were voted track Athlete of Year (among other accolades) by the Portland Press-Herald. Over the course of this season Perkins also set new school records the 55 hurdles, 200 meters and 400 meters, and she tied the school record in the high jump.

Next up for Perkins is the New England Championships March 2 in Boston. She plans to compete in the 55 meter hurdles and the 300 meters. Because of how other states conduct indoor track, the New England's do not include a 200 meter or a 400 meter race. "But I think I will be okay even at the different distance," Perkins said. "I run the 300 meter hurdles in outdoor track, so I am used to the distance."

in the Zone



Skiing State Champion: GHS junior Marissa Roberts displays her medals from the Class A State Skiing Championships. She took first place in the giant slalom event with a combined two-run time of 1:25.32. She also placed third in the slalom with a combined two-run time of 1:40.28. In the boys' competition, Nathan Roberts was the top skier from Gorham, placing 15th in the slalom (1:38.23) and 16th in the giant slalom (1:31.07).

Hot Finish for Boys' Hockey: From February 1 to February 18, the GHS boys' hockey team reeled off seven straight wins and outscored its opponents 50-9. The run helped the team secure an eighth-place ranking in Western Maine Class A and a final record of 11-7. The 7-1 February 18 win over Portland featured a hat trick by Spence Cowand. Cowand also scored four goals while Justin Broy had 33 saves in net at the Rams defeated Bonny Eagle, 5-1, February 24 in the playoff preliminary round. Gorham was scheduled to play top-ranked Thornton Academy on February 28.

College Soccer Player Earns Honors from UNH: Kristi Zarrilli (GHS Class of 2010) received The Barros Family Award February 11 at the end-of-year banquet held the University of New Hampshire women's soccer team. The award is given to a player whose pursuit of excellence is uncompromised, a positive life force, a respected team member, and has achieved academic success. Zarrilli, who played for UNH as a sophomore midfielder, has maintained the second-highest GPA on the team during her first two years at the university.

Girls Basketball Highlights:

Kristen Ross, a GHS junior, was named Player of the Week February 14 by the Portland Press-Herald for scoring 18 points and grabbing 12



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rebounds in a 42-24 win over Westbrook. The win also earned the Rams a Western Maine Class A tournament spot. Earlier in the week, Ross scored 23 points against Windham. All season long, she was among the conference leaders in scoring, rebounding and blocked shots. Senior Kiersten Turner was selected to the SMAA senior all-star game March 7 at SMCC. Sophomore Jessica Rexrode scored a career high 22 points in the preliminary game playoff loss to Cheverus. She also made five three-point shots.

Gorham Wrestler Shines at Eastern Maine Regional: Abraham Eaton, a freshman from Gorham who is home schooled, competed this year with the Westbrook High School team representing Gorham.

At the Eastern Maine Class A Championships, Eaton earned five points as the lone Gorham wrestler and finished sixth in the 138-pound division.



Photo credit Jennifer Eaton

Gorham Youth Finishes 1st In Travel

League Event: Tyler Divinsky, a freshman at GHS who bowls in 10-pin youth league at Yankee Lanes in Portland, finished first at the Youth Travel League Event February 11 in Bangor. Divinsky bowled a 601 to qualify second in his class during the qualifiers. He then handily defeated his opponents in the semifinal and final to take the match.

On To State Free-Throw Championship:

Nine Gorham basketball players won the Knights of Columbus District Free-Throw Contest at Windham High School on February 11. They all qualified to advance to the March 3 state finals in Old Town: Sarah Stevens-Girls Age 10; Nikolas Strout-Boys 10; Michelle Rowe-Girls 11; Drew Meader-Boys 11; Anna Gikas-Girls 12; Jason Komulainen-Boys 12. Brandon Desjardin-Boys 13; Sarah Plourde-Girls 14; and Stefan Gikas-Boys 14.

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Hockey Development Program Launched in Gorham:

The Gorham-based ice hockey program, the Maine Renegades, announced it will work with the New Hampshire Seacoast Spartans program for the 2012-2013 season to give Maine youth ice hockey players unique development opportunities. The Renegades will offer a

practice facility out of their home rink at the USM Ice Arena to Spartan players living in Maine. Renegade players will also have access to opportunities involving skill development, practice sessions, and games with the Spartans in New Hampshire. For more information, visit www.mainerenegades.com.



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GHS Class A State Championship Results

Indoor Track

February 20 at USM

Girls: The Rams finished sixth place with 35 points led by three first-place finishes by senior Sarah Perkins. Scarborough won the meet with 66 points.

Individual Point Earners:

55 meter hurdles - Sarah Perkins (1) 8.55
 200 meters - Sarah Perkins (1) 25.82
 400 meters - Sarah Perkins (1) 58.23
 Triple Jump - Hannah Southard (5) 32' 10.75"
 Pole Vault - Sophia Swiatek (6) 9' 0"

Boys: The Rams finished 10th with 23 points led by a second and seventh place finish by senior Jesse Orach in the one mile and two mile respectively. Scarborough won the title with 46 points.

Individual Point Earners:

1 Mile - Jesse Orach (2) 4:33.61
 400 meters - Nate Bucknell (3) 51.91;
 Austin Bell (7) 52.73
 Pole vault - Alex Johnson (4-tie) 11-00;
 Troy Lambert (7-tie) 10-06
 3200 meter relay - Brandon Cushman,
 Jon Gray, Joe DeRoy, Nate Gervais (6)
 8:31.94
 2 Mile - Jesse Orach (7) 10:15.33
 55 meter hurdles - Julian Nijkamp (7) 8.30

Swimming

February 20 and 21 at Orono

Girls: In the team's inaugural season, the Rams finished 11th with 85 points behind first-place Bangor, which totaled 319 points. Leading the way was Lindsey Thomsen and Meagan Thomsen who both

earned points in two individual events and helped earn points in three relay events. Ashley Clark earned points in one individual event and three relays events.

Individual Point Earners:

200 freestyle relay - Lindsey Thomsen, Ashley Clark, Sabrina Rowell, Meagan Thomsen (5) 1:51.31
 100 backstroke - Lindsey Thomsen (7) 1:04.96
 50 freestyle - Lindsey Thomsen (8) 26:00; Meagan Thomsen (12) 26.97
 500 freestyle - Ashley Clark (10) 5:53.34
 400 freestyle relay - Ashley Clark, Sabrina Rowell, Meagan Thomsen, Lindsey Thomsen (10) 4:07.40
 200 medley relay - Logan Letourneau, Brandi Emerson, Blanca Monsen, Sabrina Rowell (14) 2:18.96
 100 freestyle - Meagan Thomsen (15) 1:00.60
 400 freestyle relay - Ashley Clark, Sabrina Rowell, Meagan Thomsen, Lindsey Thomsen (10) 4:07.40

Boys: The Rams finished 13th with 63 points behind first-place, Bangor which totaled 384 points. This was also the first season ever for the team. Tim Smith led the way earning points in two individual events and helping to earn points in two relay events.

Individual Point Earners:

50 freestyle - Tim Smith (4) 23.42
 100 freestyle - Tim Smith (8) 52.89
 200 freestyle relay - Timmer Sposato, Caleb Goodall, Max Storer, Tim Smith (8) 1:41.31.
 100 backstroke - Max Storer (12) 1:03.26
 400 freestyle relay - Timmer Sposato, Caleb Goodall, Max Storer, Tim Smith (12) 3:48.26

Ice Hockey Association Presented with Donation



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Prior to the February 18 game between the Gorham boys' hockey team and Portland, a check for \$5,000 was donated to the Gorham Ice Hockey Association in memory of Timothy Stickney. Tim was the team's manager who tragically passed away in 2011 at the age of 16. Fundraising efforts began about a year ago, and to date \$9,000 has been raised to go towards a scholarship program and to support the association. Players pictured above, from left to right, Nate Holloran, Dylan Turner, Tucker Buteau, Jordan Ward, Shawn Sullivan, Casey Viel, Griffin Germond, Brad Turnbaugh, Luke Inman, Chris hardy, Eliot Gange, Blake Babineau, Nate Goodrich, Justin Broy, Matt hooker, Drew Hopkins, Spence Cowand, Ryan Koenig and Hunter Wing. Holding the check during presentation ceremony from left to right, are head coach Jon Portwine, Melody Stickney and Tim's father, Chris Stickney. Those wishing to donate or help out in future fund raising efforts can visit www.timothystickneymemorialfund.org.

GHS Sports Freeze Frames

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Top: Kyle Nealey gets in position for a rebound in a boys' basketball game February 3 vs. Deering.

Middle: Daria Semenov, a senior on the girls' track team, competes in the long Jump, competed at a meet earlier this season.

Bottom: Ryan Sullivan of the boys' basketball team goes up for two in a February 3 game vs. Deering.



Hannaford Receives Check for Selling Winning Ticket



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Tim Poulin (right), deputy director of the Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations, presented a check for \$10,000 to **Tim Perry (left), manager of the Gorham Hannaford** on February 14 after Robert Mezanotte of Gorham won \$1,000,000 in the Maine Millionaire instant lottery with a ticket purchased at Hannaford. “Everyone in the store is excited – staff and customers” said Perry. “We can only imagine how Robert, the winner, is feeling!”

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BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Helena Margaret Taylor was born February 12, 2012 to Annie and Ben Taylor weighing in at 9 lbs 10 ozs and measuring 21" long. Grandparents: Mark & Kitty Faulkner of Gorham, Regina Irish of Gorham and Robert & Julie Taylor of Buxton. Great Grandparents: Howie & Kay Faulkner of Gorham, Robert & Sandy Taylor of South Portland.

DEAN'S LIST

The following students were named to the Dean's List for the 2011 fall semester:

Alexandra Tracy – Ithaca College

Arielle Sorenson – Clark University

Seth Wing (GHS '11) – Business Administration major, Bryant University

Katherine Bennett, Austin Hayes, Brianna Holloran, Sara Lolley, Trinity Macomber, Megan Meehan and Therese Redhunt – University of Maine Farmington.

Tiffany Amoroso, Alexandra Bacon, Thomas Bahun, Nicole Bastarache, Erica Benson, Richard Burgess, Dani-le Davis, Cindy Day, Matthew Defiore, Christina Dougherty, Angela Doxsey, Julie Doxsey, Ora Freeman, Michael Frier, Briana Gervais, Megan Gosse, Hilary Greenier, Alexis Hamlin, Norma Harrison, Jennifer Kennedy, Sarah Kennedy, Jennifer Koenig, Tony Kourinos, Dylan Lajoie, Emily Lavery, James Lewis, Courtney Maiorino, Nathaniel Marcet, Katharine McConnell, Sarah McCullough, James McDonald, Ilunga Mutombo, Lindsay Paschal, Cameron Pomerleau, Jessica Portlock, Corey Randall, Nicholas Randall, Nicole Silverman, James Tillman, Austin Walker, James Williford, Christina Zahn and Colin Zarnoch – University of Southern Maine.

Isaac Barnes, Siobhan Bolinger, Taylor Boutine, Matthew Cota, Nicole D'Andrea, Courtney Hawkes, Leaha Keene, Annie Ledoux, Logan Nee, Bailey O'Brien, Samantha Owens, Ishah Price, Elizabeth Richard, Michael SeeHusen, Kathryn Smith, Morgan Stickney, Jennifer Stoudt, Jackson Taylor, Chantal-Marie Tijssen, Casey Weed, and Linda Wong – University of Maine Orono.

Graduations

Kristina Cossar of Gorham received a Master of Business Administration degree from Western New England University.

Of Interest

All You Can Eat Baked Bean Supper on Saturday, Mar. 3 from 4:30-6 p.m. at the White Rock Community Club, Wilson Rd (off Rte 237). \$7/\$3. FMI, 892-4342.

Registration is still open for Gorham Business Exchange's 15th Annual Marketplace to be held from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. on Saturday, Mar. 31 at USM's Costello Field House. FMI, 892-5515 or visit gorhambusiness.org

The Gorham Woman's Club will meet on Thursday, Mar. 8 in the Fellowship Hall at First Parish Church in Gorham. Phil Gagnon will speak at 1 p.m. on Gorham's Founder's Day. Refreshments at 12:30. The meeting is open to all. FMI, 839-6375.

An Ecumenical Choir Festival will be held on Sunday, Mar. 11 at 3 p.m. at the Cressey Road United Methodist Church of Gorham. Several pastors of Gorham-area churches will offer prayerful reflections. Light refreshments served. Good-will donations accepted. FMI, 892-9437.

Austin Pomelow, a sixth grade student at Gorham Middle School, was selected to travel to France and England this summer as part of the People to People Student Ambassador Program. During his two-week



visit, Pomelow will experience new cultures and visit area landmarks including Warwick Castle where he will receive training as a medieval knight. He will also view the changing of the guard at Buckingham Palace and visit Normandy Beach where his great-grandfather was in WWII.

Join the Baxter Memorial Library on Tuesday, Mar. 6 at 6:30 p.m. for an evening with mystery writer, James Hayman, who will discuss and read from his novels. This program is free and geared for an adult audience but all are welcome to attend. FMI, 222-1190.

GHS 2012 Project Graduation Committee will host the Bob Marley Comedy Show & Silent Auction on Thursday, Mar. 8 at the Gorham Performing Arts Center. Doors open at 5 p.m., show starts at 7 p.m. \$15. Tickets available at Bookworm, Mr. Bagel, Cook's and Gorham Grind. FMI, 838-3148.

Local author Sis Deans has had a new book published. "Riding out the Storm" is a young adult title and is available at local bookstores.

Baxter Memorial Library will hold a book discussion group on Thursday, Mar. 1. This will be the fifth meeting of the Winter/Spring session of the group. For discussion, "Charles Dickens: A Life" by Claire Tomalin.

USM Notes

USM has named Micki Meggison as its first Scientist/Engineer-in-Residence in USM's College of Science, Technology and Health. Meggison is the director of Technical & Process Improvement at Sappi Fine Paper North America.

The USM School's of Theater and Music presents "The Drowsy Chaperone" March 9-14 at Russell Hall Theater, Gorham Campus. \$21/\$15/\$10. FMI, 780-5151 or usm.maine.edu/theatre.

Conductor Robert Lehmann performs sonatas by Prokofiev and Brahms on Friday, Mar. 16, at 8 p.m. in Corthell Concert Hall, Gorham Campus. \$15/\$10/\$5. FMI, 780-5555 or usm.maine.edu/music/boxoffice.

Close to Home

Turkey Supper on Saturday, Mar. 10 from 4:45-6:00 p.m. Roasted turkey, mashed potatoes, vegetables, stuffing, bread, and dessert. Bake sale table. \$8/\$4. Highland Lake Grange #87, Rt. 302 and Hardy Road, Westbrook. FMI 854-2379.

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Siblings Josh and Kate Fasulo

Jackie Francis

Gorham High School graduates Josh Fasulo (GHS '97) and sister Kate Fasulo (GHS '00) have both been working in the film industry since graduating college. Josh, a freelance feature film screenwriter, who lives outside Sacramento, CA. with his wife Jenny, has just finished working on the film, "Deep in the Heart," starring Jon Gries. Kate, an in-house production supervisor with Working Title Films, lives in London where she has just completed work on the action/drama film "Contraband" starring Mark Wahlberg and Kate Beckinsale. Both Josh and Kate were gracious enough to share some of their insights of the industry with the Gorham Times.

Gorham Times: What were your interests while attending GHS?

Josh Fasulo: All I ever wanted to do was be a baseball player. Never once did I consider pursuing anything to do with writing, let alone writing screenplays. Gordon Strout, my English teacher, told me I was a good writer. He caught me off-guard with that one, but it stuck with me.

Kate Fasulo: I was a class officer and in my senior year at GHS, I assistant directed the production of Guys & Dolls.

What was your major in college?

JF: A double major in Communications and Media Studies concentrating on creative writing.

KF: I studied Film and Television at Emerson College.

What inspired you to pursue a career in the film industry?

JF: My initial thought was to become a novelist but it wasn't until after I attended the Stonecoast Writers Conference that I considered screenwriting. My friend and I drove to LA together in '04, became permanent writing partners and wrote a screenplay that got us an agent and eventually sold. That script really opened the door for us.

KF: During my college application process, I realized that if I was going to spend a

large part of my adult life doing one thing, then I better love whatever it was I decided to do. In college, I participated in the Los Angeles study program to do an internship at Paramount Classics, a distribution arm of Paramount Studios and at Working Title Films.

Who do you work for now?

JF: Unless you're on a TV show writing staff or have a feature deal with a production company, screenwriting is a freelance gig. So, at the moment, I'm a freelance feature film screenwriter and currently working on a script for Twenty8 Entertainment to follow up "Deep in the Heart," the movie I wrote for them with my second writing partner. "Deep in the Heart" is currently being released theatrically at the Austin Film Festival.

Explain the job description of a production supervisor.

KF: I work with a team of five and together we are responsible for overseeing the prep, production and post-production of our films. We prepare budgets and schedules, discuss potential filming locations and department heads (Director of Photography, Production Designer, etc.) and assemble a crew. We oversee the filming process and make sure we are moving forward as planned, on time and on budget.

Where do you see yourselves in 10 years?

JF: I'd like to start my own production company and I'd also love to have the opportunity to work directly with Kate. We've actually been collaborating on a project recently, and I've really enjoyed it.

KF: I hope to be producing films that I have developed (and I hope that some of these projects will be written by Josh!)

Any advice for those interested in following your footsteps?

JF: 1. Read. Read books on screenwriting and read scripts. And watch movies. After all, it's research! 2. Write. It seems obvious,



Photos courtesy of John and Kate Fasulo

but the progress you make from script one to script ten is astounding. 3. Network. No matter how talented you are, you can't get anywhere unless you know people.

KF: It's a tough business. Not all glitz and glam. You need to be passionate and hungry. Get as much experience as you can. Volunteer to work on short films. Get an internship. Be proactive and be willing to take on any task thrown your way. And do it with a smile.

Do you have favorite actors with whom you have worked?

JF: Jon Gries ("Napoleon Dynamite"), who stars in the movie "Deep in the Heart," was amazing to work with. Very humble and laid back, and when he got into character, man, he was awesome to watch work. Val Kilmer had a small role in the movie, and he was definitely entertaining, to say the least.

KF: My favorites are always those who

are down to earth and have a sense of humor. If I had to name a few, I would say Ryan Reynolds, Jason Bateman and Rachel McAdams.

Kate, do you have favorite films that you've worked on?

KF: Those that stand out do so for different reasons. "Pride & Prejudice" was my first insight into the casting process; "Smokin' Aces" - the most fun cast and crew; "Definitely Maybe" - the development process; "State of Play" - where I learned the nuts and bolts of day to day filmmaking; "Contraband" because I had a level of responsibility and involvement I had never had before; and "Birdsong" (a two-part miniseries we did for the BBC which will air on PBS in April) because it was my first experience as a production executive and was the biggest challenge of my career thus far!

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Spiller Road caller reported that someone pulled in, shut their lights off, and was walking around the house with a flashlight.

Longfellow Road subject called the Dispatch Center because they were angry

about everything.

Narragansett Street caller reported that their landlord was trying to kick them out, but gave caller no warning. Caller wanted to know if that was legal.

Chestnut Circle caller reported that several items had been stolen from their home.

Winterberry Drive caller requested to speak with an officer regarding what to do about someone who will not pay money owed to caller.

North Gorham Road caller reported suspicious activity involving an ATM.

Libby Avenue caller believed that the police were trying to get a hold of them and they did not know why.

Longmeadow Drive caller reported an unknown vehicle pulled into their driveway and threatened homeowner.

Farrington Road caller reported receiving a telephone call informing them they had won a large amount of money and needed to send money to collect their winnings.

Boulder Drive caller reported their home had been burgled.

Barstow Road caller reported that the house a relative was house-sitting had been broken into.

Hemlock Drive caller reported that as they were leaving the house, the father of the children said bad things to caller in front of the children.

Juveniles on Gray Road reported that there was a man that kept driving by them, staring at them, and scaring them.

Tink Drive caller reported that a neighbor was allowing their loose dogs to defecate on caller's property.

Tink Drive caller reported that their dog was barking and when they let the dog out, they realized that someone had thrown some type of liquid at their front door.

Solomon Drive man was arrested for unlawful possession of oxycodone and unlawful trafficking in scheduled drugs.

Acorn Street man was arrested for OUI.

Standish man was arrested for OUI, possession of marijuana and sale and use of drug paraphernalia.

Scarborough woman was arrested for OUI.



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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21, 2012
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Accommodations will be made for persons with disabilities. Auxiliary aids will be provided upon advance request.

Any inquiries regarding this project may be directed to the attention of Mark Parlin, Project Manager, Maine Department of Transportation, Bridge Program, Child Street, 16 State House Station, Augusta, Maine 04333-0016. Telephone: (207) 624-3449. Email: mark.parlin@maine.gov.

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calendar

THURSDAY, MAR. 1

- Bingo, Lake Region Senior Center, 10 a.m. FMI, 892-6326.
- Food Pantry open, 9-11 a.m., St. Anne's Church Parking Lot.
- Story Hour for 3-5 yr olds, 10-11 a.m., No. Gorham Public Library. Stories, songs & crafts. FMI, 892-2575.
- Toddler Time, reading to children 18-36 months, 10 a.m., Baxter Memorial Library. FMI, 222-1190.
- Baby and Me, birth to 18 months, 9:30 a.m., Baxter Memorial Library. FMI, 222-1190.
- Baxter Sewing Group, various textile techniques and projects, 2:30-4:30 p.m. FMI, 222-1190.

FRIDAY, MAR. 2

- Baked Haddock Dinner, Parish Hall at St. Anne's Church, Gorham, 5-6:30 p.m. \$8/\$4. Sponsored by Knights of Columbus. Cheese pizza may be substituted. FMI, 839-4857.
- Early Release for grades K-12.

SATURDAY, MAR. 3

- Gorham Clothes Closet, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. FMI, 839-3104 or rhondasawyer@maine.rr.com

MONDAY, MAR. 5

- Coffee Café, Lake Region Senior Center, 9 a.m. \$1.50.
- Cribbage for all levels, Lake Region Senior Center, 9:30 a.m. FMI, 892-6326.
- Gorham Community Rehearsal, 7 p.m., Village School. FMI, 839-3517.
- Kindergarten Registration, Gorham Middle School Cafeteria, 5-6 p.m. Screening Appt. Parent Information Mtg., 6-7 p.m.
- Planning Board Meeting, 7 p.m. Gorham Municipal Center.

TUESDAY, MAR. 6

- Gorham Cancer Prayer and Support Group, 6 p.m., Cressey Road United Methodist Church. FMI, 839-311.
 - Exercise with video, Lake Region Senior Center, 9:30 a.m. FMI, 892-6326.
 - Mystery writer James Hayman, Baxter Library, 6:30 p.m. Free and open to public. FMI, 222-1190.
 - Knit with Florence, Lake Region Senior Center, 10 a.m. FMI, 854-9284.
 - Cards/Board Games, Lake Region Senior Center, 10 a.m. FMI, 892-6326.
- ## WEDNESDAY, MAR. 7
- Senior Community Meal, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., St. Anne's Catholic Church, \$3.50. FMI, 839-4857.
 - Learn and Play Poker, Lake Region Senior Center, 10 a.m. FMI, 892-6326.
 - Play Bunko, Lake Region Senior Center, 1 p.m. FMI, 892-6326.

- Prayer Shawl Knitting Group, 1-2:30 p.m., St. Anne's Catholic Church. All are welcome. FMI, 839-4857.

- Toddlers in the Library, 10-10:30 a.m., No. Gorham Public Library. FMI, 892-2575.

THURSDAY, MAR. 8

- Bingo, Lake Region Senior Center, 10 a.m. FMI, 892-6326.
- Food Pantry open, 9-11 a.m., St. Anne's Church Parking Lot.
- Story Hour for 3-5 yr olds, 10-11 a.m., No. Gorham Public Library. Stories, songs & crafts. FMI, 892-2575.
- Bob Marley Comedy Show & Silent Auction, GPAC, 7 p.m. \$15. FMI, 838-3148.
- Mental Health Presentation - Diane Menario discussed coping with stress, tension and anxiety. Noon. FMI, 892-6326.

FRIDAY, MAR. 9

- Gorham/Westbrook TRIAD meeting, Westbrook Safety Bldg., 8:45 a.m. Learn how you can help senior citizens in your community, call David Garthe 839-5407 or Doris Ames 839-2948.
- Baked Haddock Dinner, Parish Hall at St. Anne's Church, Gorham, 5 - 6:30 p.m. \$8/\$4. Sponsored by Knights of Columbus. Cheese pizza may be substituted. FMI, 839-4857.

SUNDAY, MAR. 11

- Ecumenical Choir Festival, 3 p.m., Cressey Road United Methodist Church of Gorham. Good-will donations accepted. FMI, 892-9437.

MONDAY, MAR. 12

- Gorham Community Rehearsal, 7 p.m., Village School. FMI, 839-3517.

WEDNESDAY, MAR. 14

- Food Pantry open, 6-7:30 p.m.
- Senior Community Meal, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., St. Anne's Catholic Church, \$3.50. FMI, 839-4857.
- Prayer Shawl Knitting Group, 1-2:30 p.m., St. Anne's Catholic Church. All are welcome. FMI, 839-4857.
- Toddlers in the Library, 10-10:30 a.m., No. Gorham Public Library. FMI, 892-2575.
- Gorham Clothes Closet open, 6-8 p.m. FMI, 839-3104 or rhondasawyer@maine.rr.com

THURSDAY, MAR. 15

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