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**On Maine Maple Sunday, Lucas Merrifield of Merrifield Farm on North Gorham Road demonstrates the old fashioned way maple syrup was made.**

## Greater Gorham Farmers Market Opens on May 5

Dede Perkins

Yes folks, it's finally going to happen. The Greater Gorham Farmers Market will officially open on Saturday, May 5 from 8 a.m. to noon in Robie Park between the municipal center and Gorham High School. It's been a long time coming. Local farmers, bakers, and craftsmen have been planning the market for close to two years.

"We have worked on this project for a very long time and are so excited it will come to fruition on May 5th," said market founder and coordinator, Nancy Stedman from Little River Flower Farm in Buxton. "There has been great interest and support from the community."

For local consumers interested in community sustainability - organic or eco-minded growing and delivery practices and keeping local money in the local economy - the Greater Gorham Farmers Market is a dream come true. Besides offering a large assortment of seasonal vegetables throughout the summer, The Greater Gorham Farmers Market will offer grass-fed beef from Findview Farm; heirloom apples, eggs, and artisan breads from Dow Farm; raw cows' milk, homemade yogurt and butter, baked goods such as whoopie pies, individual and full-sized pies, and chicken and beef pot pies from Yesteryear Farm; organic vegetables, strawberries, blueberries, watermelon, and early tomatoes from Little River Flower Farm, fresh greens; kale, swiss chard, lettuce, vegetable seedlings, herbs, hanging baskets, and annual bedding plants from Rippling Waters Farm, and felted soaps and hand-crafted goods from Christmas Farm Alpacas.

The market will be held every Saturday, rain or shine, in Robie Park, Gorham, from 8 a.m. to noon from May 5 through October. The market committee is currently looking for a venue to hold an indoor winter farmers market and hopes to confirm details by late summer. Besides local produce, baked goods, and crafts, there will be music and two alpacas at opening day on May 5. Though a few of the farmers accept credit cards, at this point, most don't, so be prepared with cash or checks.

FMI: Nancy Stedman, Greater Gorham Farmers Market Coordinator, 929-3967.

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## Four Fires in North Gorham Area Deemed Suspicious

Sheri Faber

A house on Spiller Road, a foreclosure that had been vacant for 18 months, was damaged on March 30 in what the State Fire Marshall's Office considers a case of arson. The fire, which started outside the empty house and did about \$5,000 worth of damage, was deemed suspicious and is being investigated by the Fire Marshall's Office, the Gorham Police Department and the Gorham Fire Department.

Two Gorham firefighters, Eric Winsor, a full time firefighter and Jeff Manzer, a live-in student were returning from Public Works to the West Gorham Fire Station in a Fire Department pickup when they spotted the fire. They were able to put out the fire with

an extinguisher they had on the service truck they were driving. "It goes to show how effective a trained person can be with even a small extinguisher," said Chief Robert Lefebvre.

The second fire was set at 1:30 a.m. on March 31. This fire destroyed the Gorham SnoGoers clubhouse located at 209 Mighty Street. The SnoGoers had purchased the building from the Gorham North Street Ladies Aid Society about 10 years ago and had just made the final mortgage payment. The building was insured. The club only used the building about six times a year although they stored trail signs and other items in the building.

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## Town Budget Presented

Gorham Times Staff

The Town's proposed budget for fiscal year 2012-2013 is \$12,133,463, a 1.38% increase over the previous year. The estimated property tax rate needed to support this budget, based on assessed value of \$1,302,016,170, is \$4.67. This is an increase of three cents or less than a one percent increase. The rate of inflation for the year was 2.96%.

The Cumberland County property tax is \$843,230, which is a \$49,426 (6.22%) increase, and is a four cent increase in the property tax rate.

This is the fifth budget since the collapse of the financial sector and the start of the deep recession.

Over that period of time, the Town's budget (excluding the School budget) has increased by \$351,236 or 2.98%, compared to a five year inflation rate of 11.83%. The increase in the Town's budget is less than one-third the rate of inflation.

The property tax rate for the five year period needed to support this budget has increased from \$4.43 to the (proposed) rate of \$4.67 or 5.42%, which is about half the rate of inflation.

Town Manager David Cole continues to have concerns about the State continuing to take local revenue sharing funds to solve their budget problems. Beginning in 2006, the State began trans-

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## Gorham Business Exchange Annual Marketplace a Success

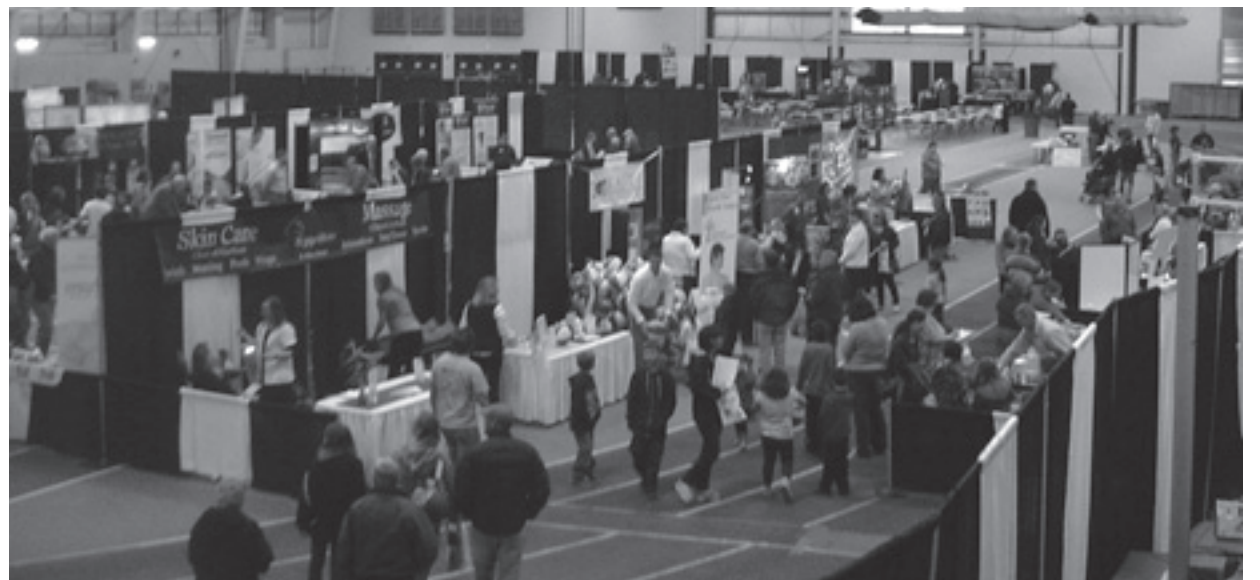


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The Gorham Business Exchange hosted its annual Marketplace event March 31 at the USM Costello Sports Complex with more than 60 participating local businesses, non-profit organizations, restaurants and performance groups. More than \$1,000 in prizes, cash, and gift certificates were awarded to attendees who also enjoyed performances by the Gorham/Falmouth Robotics Team, My-FIT-24, Dance Studio of Maine, and the Greater Portland School of Jukado as well as food and drinks from Sebago Brewing Company, Gorham Grind, Gorham House of Pizza and Amato's. For more than 15 years, Marketplace has provided local businesses with the opportunity to network with each other and present their products and services to the general public. The Town of Gorham as well as the Gorham Fire and Police Departments are among the organizations on hand every year. The event is shown above just after opening at 10 a.m. on March 31.

# Update from the Maine Legislature

Sen. Phil Bartlett

The State Constitution limits legislative business during the Second Regular Session to legislation of budgetary and emergency nature. This year, in the Maine Legislature, there were 113 bills carried over from last session and about 150 new bills introduced for this session.

There were many high profile bills throughout the year, which you probably heard about in the news. However, there were other bills from this session that are lesser known, but worth highlighting. I thought I would share a little bit of information on some of them.

Following a disturbing national trend of large banks and mortgage lenders foreclosing without the appropriate paperwork, legislation was submitted to help protect Maine homeowners from this sort of abuse. The bill would have required the entity foreclosing on a home to show proof that it owns the mortgage note, preventing potential fraud against a homeowner. This has become a serious issue around the country and I believe this bill would have done the right thing in protecting those who are already struggling. A significant majority of the Legislature agreed until the governor vetoed it. Unfortunately, many of us in the Legislature were unable to overturn the governor's veto decision and the bill has been defeated.

Bullying in our schools is unacceptable, yet it remains a serious problem for many students. In an effort to put a stop to bullying and cyber bullying, the Legislature supported legislation requiring the commissioner to develop a model policy to address bullying and cyber bullying for use in Maine schools. A copy of the model policy would be sent to each school administrative unit in the state along with any training and instructional materials related to the policy. Bullying can no longer be tolerated and this is a positive first step to ending it.

Studies show that parents are very

involved in their child's education when the child begins school but, as the child ages, parents tend to become less involved in the educational experience. Legislation was submitted and passed this year that will help improve student achievement by engaging parents and families throughout a child's educational career. The parental involvement initiatives will focus on four areas of communication to better provide parents with their child's learning and behavior expectations; update parents on their child's educational work; offer ways for parents to support their child both in and out of school; and provide consistent response to parental concerns.

The Energy, Utilities, and Technology Committee, on which I serve as a member, was able to prevent legislation that would have weakened the Efficiency Maine Trust. For those who may not know, programs offered through Efficiency Maine have helped businesses and Maine families reduce energy use and save money on utility costs. In fact, in 2011 alone, Efficiency Maine helped Mainers lower their overall spending on energy by \$449 million. Additionally, Maine homeowners have saved 30-40 percent or more in annual energy bills through weatherization projects. Maine's continued emphasis on energy efficiency and renewable energy is good for our economy, Maine people, and our environment.

Go to [www.mainesenate.org](http://www.mainesenate.org) to learn more about other legislative matters from this session.



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## Letters to the Editor

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### Dear Gorham Families and Small Business Leaders,

For the past several months, I have traveled around Gorham and talked with families and small business leaders from different walks of life with different political affiliations and priorities. In our conversations, I have heard expressed many of the same concerns I share about the direction of our state.

I'm running to represent the families and businesses of Gorham, and as your Representative I will always listen to you and be responsive to your concerns. I will set the right priorities and work across party lines to find sensible solutions to the challenges we face. I offer a clear vision for Gorham and Maine—one that is rooted in our shared values, shaped by our past and optimistic about the future.

My parents taught me the value of hard work, education, and public service, so when I completed my undergraduate degree, I accepted a job at USM in Gorham, where I'm honored to play a small part in helping Maine's college students achieve success. While working at USM, I attended night classes and earned a Master's Degree in Public Policy from the Muskie School of Public Service. For the past several years I have served on the Maine Commission for Community Service and I am active in New Year's Gorham.

My experience in education, my love for Gorham and Maine and my concern about the direction of our state has fueled my decision to run for the State House.

Over the coming months, I look forward to meeting and talking with you about your concerns for Gorham and our state, and invite you to call or email me at (207) 939-8482 or [mclean-forgorham@gmail.com](mailto:mclean-forgorham@gmail.com).

I humbly ask for your vote in the Democratic Primary on Tuesday, June 12th and in the General Election on Tuesday, November 6th.

Sincerely,  
Andrew McLean

### Dear Gorham Times,

I am writing to the Gorham Times to find out if anyone knows who is responsible for the landscaping at each of the three roundabouts on the new Gorham bypass. Eight or nine evergreen trees were planted in the centers of each circle after construction of the roadway was completed. The trees at the Rte. 114 intersection are mostly alive, although appear to be stressed. The trees planted at the roundabouts on Rte. 202 and Rte. 25 have obvious problems. Most of those trees look dead.

Will someone who has the responsibility please remove this eyesore? One mature tree of this type of species will

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## around town

The Town of Gorham submitted an application under Governor LePage's new program to become certified as a Business Friendly Community.

Maine Dept. of Environmental Protection advised Grondin's they inspected the former Plan-It Recycling property and it is now considered a clean site.

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## Giving Animal Rescue a Chance

**A Gorham-Based All-Breed Animal Rescue** Karen DiDonato

Four years ago, after having a great experience adopting a dog from petfinder.com, an online database of adoptable animals, Gorham resident Victoria Reynolds founded Canine Commitment Maine (CCM), an all-breed rescue. Reynolds, a former board member of the Animal Rescue League, is a part-time school psychologist who is busy with her three children, husband, dog and cat, but still finds time to volunteer many hours with First Parish Church and, of course, CCM.

Reynolds is proud and happy to be involved with animal rescue. Because there is a surplus of dogs in the south, she says, CCM services four southern non-profit rescue groups, and sponsors the dogs to get them to Maine. They have a network of support with four established groups in the south including CARA, the largest non-kill shelter in Mississippi.

Reynolds aims to educate people who have a history of getting dogs from breeders to try adopting from rescues. She wants to debunk the myths of rescue by educating people to give rescuing a chance. She says 25 to 35 percent of dogs relinquished to shelters are purebred animals. In fact, her own Golden Retriever, Jonah, was a rescue that turned out to be the perfect example of debunking the myth that shelter dogs are not good dogs. In the two hours it took to conduct this interview, Jonah did not bark once, and mostly laid by Reynolds' feet. When her young children and husband arrived home, Jonah became calmly animated, evidenced by his swinging golden tail. After a few excited moments, he quickly settled back at Reynolds' feet.

CCM adopts out the following types of dogs: young and healthy puppies, small breeds, family-ready dogs, lab-mixes, and geriatric/special needs, but she also accepts special requests for breed specific animals. Before they are adopted out, all dogs are tested for health, adoptability, and temperament, and are spayed or neutered. Reynolds is adamant about not contributing to the local and national pet overpopulation problem by encouraging people to spay and neuter their pets. CCM will not work with dogs that have a history of biting or aggression toward



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other animals. The aim of CCM is to find the best long-term match for the dog and the family.

When asked if older animals are harder to place, Reynolds said, "There is value in an established adult dog because the training is already done and you know what you're going to get."

Reynolds stresses the importance of beginning the search locally by checking area shelters that have dogs waiting for forever homes. She suggests trying the Animal Rescue League, Coastal Humane Society, Animal Welfare Society, and Harvest Hills (Bridgton), but if your match is not there, try [www.petfinder.com](http://www.petfinder.com) or CCM.

CCM always needs more foster homes. Fosters parents typically have puppies for five to 10 days and adult dogs from one to two weeks. Foster parents do not pay for veterinary care or food. If you would like to become a foster parent or to volunteer your time, please contact [caninecommitmentme@gmail.com](mailto:caninecommitmentme@gmail.com). Donations are always needed and happily accepted via PayPal.



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## Clerk's Corner Connie Loughran

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In Gorham there is a registration process for doing door-to-door sales called the Door-to-Door Solicitation Permit. Business and individuals who wish to solicit business by going door to door need to register with the Town Clerk's office. Each individual is given a signed registration form. Should a door-to-door sales person come to your door, please feel free to request to see the registration form. School groups and non-profit organizations do not need to register.

In the coming weeks when doing a re-registration through Rapid Renewal, citizens of Gorham will have the option of using credit or debit cards as well as an e-check. There is an additional fee that will be associated with using a credit or debit card; an e-check will not generate any additional fee.

The second half payment of real estate taxes is due May 15. Reminder notices were sent in March to the property owner on record as of April 1, 2011. If your property has been sold since then please forward the reminder notice to the new owner or, if your

mortgage company pays your taxes, forward the reminder notice to the appropriate company.

ATV registrations expire each year on June 30; however, on May 1 we will begin issuing registrations for the new year. Boat registrations expire annually on December 31. You can come in to register your boat anytime. Re-registrations can be done online through our website.

Last, but certainly not least, the State Primary and School Budget Validation Elections will be held on June 12. Absentee Ballot applications are now available here in the Clerk's office or by visiting our website [www.gorham-me.org](http://www.gorham-me.org).



Town Clerk Connie Loughran can be reached by e-mail at [cloughran@gorham.me](mailto:cloughran@gorham.me) or by phone at 222-1670.

## Planning Board April 2, 2012 Sheri Faber

The Planning Board:

1. Recommended to the Town Council that they approve the change in zoning for 18 Gorham Industrial Parkway from "industrial" to "road-side commercial."
2. Postponed a decision on a proposal by Goodwill Industries of NE to expand the existing Spiller Park, a private non-medical care institution located at 12 Day Road, with a 1,709 square foot three bedroom ranch house, and associated infrastructure.
3. Discussed but made no final decision on the Flaggy Meadow Road subdivision; Bartlett Woods, a five-lot sub-
4. division off Bartlett Road; Tranquil Drive, a 700-foot private way off 439 Libby Ave.
4. Risbara Bros. Construction proposal for Wagner Farms II, a 10-lot subdivision on 3.44 acres on Libby Avenue was postponed due to the 10 p.m. rule, which prohibits discussions from lasting late into the night. Also postponed was Travis Caruso's request to revise Lot 1, located at 53 Phinney Street, from 4.63 acres to 1.38 acres with the remaining land being joined to land owned by C & C Family LLC.

## Real Estate Transfers January 2012

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32 Wagner Farm Road	Ogally, Amalia	D.A. Brackett & Co., Inc.	\$217,300
22 Emma Lane	Morin, Brian & Simonoff, Jennifer	Strumph Sr., Samuel	\$288,000
22 Joseph Drive	Perunko, Beverly	Crisafi Jr., John	\$176,000
5 Sebago Lake Road	Mougalian, Brett	Brown, Thomas	\$153,500
25 Timothy Drive	Exley, Lori & James	S & J, Inc.	\$243,500
26 Church Street	Hall, Douglas & Young, Heather	Fontaine, Dennis & Sherrie	\$276,000
64 Ossipee Trail	Alves, Jacob	Califano, Eleanor	\$157,000
53 Phinney Street	C & C Family, LLC	Holmgren, Kurt	\$220,000
171 South Street	Lalumiere, Melissa	TSL Ventures, LLC	\$190,000
8 Fox Run Court	Spence, Mildred & George	Kasprzak Landholdings, Inc.	\$212,500
11 Bouchard Drive	Howe, Amanda & Jason	Connolly, Shawn	\$232,500

## Cents for Century Tally

The Baxter Memorial Library has collected \$2,227.46 in their Cents for Our Second Century collection. Since they began collecting until press time, the coin tally includes:

57,019 pennies    5,608 nickels    7,583 dimes    5,210 quarters

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## Budget FROM PAGE 1

ferring local revenue sharing funds, which by law belong to Maine Towns and Cities, to fix the State's budget problems. At first, only a small amount was transferred. Now the State transfers about 30% of the entire amount of local revenue sharing funds, which will cost Gorham tax payers approximately \$458,000 this year and is worth 35 cents on our property tax rate.

The following are specific comments about accounts in the proposed budget:

### 1. Welfare:

The Town has continued to see increased need in this area ever since the recession began several years ago. Furthermore, the Governor seems to be attempting to shift additional costs away from the State and onto Towns such as Gorham. While I am hopeful that our costs will decline as the economy improves, the future remains uncertain. I have budgeted an additional \$13,000 in this account.

### 2. Solid Waste:

This account has been reduced by \$18,047 primarily because of another large reduction in our assessment (of \$34,465) from Ecomaine. As Ecomaine's debt has been paid down, assessments to their owner communities, including Gorham, have also been reduced.

### 3. Little Falls School:

As you know, the Town moved its Before and After School Recreation programs into the Little Falls School. At the time, based on estimates, we hoped to cover building operating costs with Recreation program fees.

However, the operating costs of this building are higher than anticipated, and program fees will not be able to pay the operating costs. I am recommending that the Recreation Department vacate this building after the 2012/13 budget year. This account is budgeted at \$38,244. Recreation revenues have been increased by \$15,000 to pay towards the operating costs and results in a net cost of \$23,244.

### 4. Debt Service - Interest:

This account has been reduced by \$119,410, or approximately 25%, and reflects the debt that has been paid and the recent refinancing completed by the Town.

### 5. Capital Part 2 Budget:

This budget is composed of one-time funds budgeted for Capital items. The funds in this account can vary considerably from year to year. After minimal funding for the 2011/12 fiscal year, this account has more favorable funding this year. As a result, I have proposed more funds for road improvements and more funds for the replacement of older but important capital equipment.

The past few years have been a difficult economic period for businesses and individuals. The Town of Gorham, like everyone else, has had to cut back on staffing and services in recent years. Although still lean, this proposed budget does not propose any further reductions in staffing or services.

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# Home Renovations

Dan Grant

Spring is here early this year. For some, this prompts thinking about renovating or adding space to the house. So how does one decide whether to renovate or build an addition? Often this comes down to personal preference and budget. First, an evaluation of your home will help make that decision.

Let's start with some fundamentals. Ask yourself what you want or need to improve. Many of us have already developed this thought process. We know we need another bedroom for a growing family, or want to transform an outdated kitchen into a place that helps bring out our inner chef. You may even want to transform the whole place into something completely new and different. After you are able to express what you want or need, there are three important steps toward better understanding your project. First you need to determine the approximate size and shape required for the new space(s). Next, you need to compare that to the current and potentially available space in your home. Finally, you need to evaluate the condition and suitability of the existing space.

Of course, these steps represent a simple statement of what can be a very complex problem. As you look around your home, keep in mind that renovat-

ing is generally less expensive than building new, with one important caveat. If you need to remove and replace substantial portions of the structure, it can actually cost more than new. This is because it requires most or all of the same materials as building new, and it takes more work to do it. So, if you have an ell at the back of your old cape in great condition, it may be a great place to expand, or even move your kitchen. If it is in poor condition, it may be better to take it down and rebuild. This decision will also depend on how much you choose to preserve forest resources and the historic elements of your home, and how close the building is to meeting current code requirements.

In the end, the choice is personal. So do some analysis, call a professional to consult on a complex situation, and consider the facts for a time until the plan gels for you. Then you can go ahead and do it, feeling good about having considered the possibilities and choosing wisely.

*Dan Grant is a Maine Licensed Professional Engineer. He owns and operates Village Builders, Inc. in Gorham, practicing earth friendly construction, renovation, and building performance contracting.*

## Fires FROM PAGE 1

The third fire occurred on March 31 at 6:50 a.m. and destroyed a vacant house at 5 Great Falls Road that was in the process of being renovated. A firefighter at that scene was taken to the hospital after being injured by a hose line that detached from a fire truck and whipped the firefighter across the leg and head.

A fire late on the afternoon of April 8 destroyed a two car garage at 215 Buck Street along with a truck that was in the garage. Homeowners were away at the time. This location is less than a quarter mile from the site of the first fire on Spiller Road. The Fire Marshall's Office has not yet declared this a case of arson. The Fire Marshall's Office, the Gorham Police and Fire Departments are investigating all four fires.

Investigators are looking for people who may have noticed someone in the neighborhood or someone leaving the area of a fire. Sgt. Joel Davis of the Fire Marshall's Office suggests that owners of vacant properties make an attempt to make their houses look lived in by doing things such as putting lights on timers. He also suggests that neighbors keep an eye on vacant property.

The investigators believe the perpetrator is someone who knows the North Gorham area. They are interviewing people who arrived at the fires shortly after they started, people seen leaving a fire scene as firefighters arrived, as well as people who reported tips.

The Maine Forest Service and federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives have also been contacted for their expertise. Firefighters are trained to look for possible evidence

such as an item of clothing, cigarette butts, tire tracks and anything else that might lead them to the arsonist. According to Fire Chief Robert Lefebvre one of the first groups of suspects that investigators look at are people who have previously been involved in starting fires who are not currently in custody. Anyone with any information is asked to call the Fire Marshall's Office at 624-7076 or the Gorham Fire Department at 839-5581.



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## All Day K Discussed at School Committee Meeting

Robin Somes

During the public comments portion of the March School Committee, two speakers presented their cases. First to address the Committee was Kelli DeVeaux, expressing that she represented a group of parents and Gorham residents also present. She articulated the significance of implementing All Day Kindergarten in Gorham's elementary schools.

DeVeaux stated the estimated \$382,000 to implement All Day Kindergarten is crucial to be able to provide the best opportunities to all students. As she explained, the majority of parents pay for some kind of preschool programming prior to kindergarten. Another reality is that most parents are two income households making transportation to supplementary education challenging and inequitable.

DeVeaux cited that, in Gorham, the extra level of support and time needed for struggling kindergarten learners currently exists. Programs are available for at-risk children, such as a pre-kindergarten summer program and an extended day kindergarten. She noted that these commendable programs offer intensive remediation and reinforcement of concepts because there is the "gift of time" to work with students. DeVeaux said, "Struggling students in general also benefit from a consistent program, pure transitions and additional peer modeling of pro-social and academic behaviors. There are children who need occasional support, the average learner, the careful learner who needs more time, or those who are ready for those enrichment opportunities. These children are not provided the extra time in the classroom presently, and this would be readily addressed through All Day Kindergarten."

DeVeaux conveyed support for All Day Kindergarten noting that every major educational organization has released a resolution or statement in support of it, that nearly every district in the state of Maine offers it, and that recent studies of data from teachers and administrators in surrounding districts overwhelmingly support it. With Scarborough, Gray, New Gloucester, Windham and Falmouth finding the funding and having implemented it, Gorham remains one of three districts in York and Cumberland counties not planning to implement it by next year.

In her conclusion, DeVeaux urged the Council to make this a priority and to "engage in serious conversations with other schools districts who, despite the same cash strapped economy and lower percentage of state aided funding than Gorham, have been able to implement All Day Kindergarten." She emphasized that she and the other parents comprising the attending group were "not criticizing the process or the work of the School Board or district administrators, but to offer suggestions on how to find that \$382,000 needed." Suggestions included reallocating the money that might result from anticipated insurance costs being lower than the budgeted amount of eight percent, allocating savings of budgeted salaries that would result from retirements and subsequent hiring practices, and identifying grants for funding of projects that qualify. "We see this not as a political agenda, but as a moral imperative, and we [the group of parents present] stand before you as constituents and as parents and as collaborators who want to work with the schools to make the commitment to find the money for All Day Kindergarten."

## Moyo Receives Distinguished Young Women Award

Compiled by Stacy Sallinen

Lulama Moyo, a Gorham resident and senior at Catherine McCauley High School, was named the Distinguished Young Woman of Maine in February and was awarded \$1,400 in cash scholarships during a statewide scholarship program for high school girls held at Lewiston Middle School.

Moyo was one of six high school senior girls from Maine who competed to represent the state as the Distinguished Young Woman of Maine for 2012. Participants were evaluated in the categories of Scholastics (20%), Interview (25%), Fitness (15%), Self-Expression (15%) and Talent (25%).

Throughout the next year, Moyo will represent Maine at various pub-

lic events and serve as a role model to young people by spreading the program's national outreach message of "Be Your Best Self." The outreach program is designed to encourage self-esteem and excellence in all young people through its five principles: Be Healthy, Be Involved, Be Studious, Be Ambitious, and Be Responsible.

Moyo will travel to Mobile, Alabama in June to participate in personal development activities and community service projects before competing for the opportunity to become the Distinguished Young Woman of America for 2012.

Moyo is the daughter of Otrude Moyo and Roland Hawkes of Gorham.

## School Committee Report

March 14, 2012 Robin Somes

March's meeting proved indicative of the breadth of issues, challenges and matters in which the School Committee is involved. In addition to discussions about All Day Kindergarten (see article entitled "All Day K Discussed at School Committee Meeting"), the following items were heard and discussed:

Gorham resident Jim Means, vice chairman of the Gorham Economic Development Corporation (GEDC), approached the podium and stated his objective was a "win-win-win outcome - a win for the Gorham School Department, Gorham taxpayers, and a local business." He stated the desire for Clean-O-Rama, a cleaning supply company in the Industrial Park, to meet with the School Department to discuss the possibility of doing business. He said he had been inspired from a recent tour of Clean-O-Rama's facility in Gorham along with other GEDC and Town Council members. What the company offers, said Means, is considerable, affording potential cost savings, thereby obviating the need to continue contracts with the current out-of-state company. Means stated the business offers "state-of-the art products, equipment and training" and is the "ideal corporate citizen." He stressed that Clean-O-Rama wished to be able to compete against other sources of cleaning related products and services and pledged to continue his communications to Committee members towards this end.

Superintendent Ted Sharp reported that the Sebago Educational Alliance has taken preliminary steps to develop a comprehensive summer program for 2013 for the Alliance schools (Gorham, Scarborough, Windham, Raymond,

Bonny Eagle and Westbrook). This would entail enrichment remediation courses and similar offerings.

Along with Gorham High School principal Chris Record, former Committee member Kathy Garrad, and Moody's Collision Centers president Shawn Moody, Sharp will spend a day at Oxford Hills High School to look at their cooperative education program and determine if there are any possibilities of that program in the future for GHS. Implementing that type of program would complement the PATHS and WRVC programs which students attend for vocational education.

In each of the Gorham schools, crisis drills have begun with the participation of safety personnel comprised of local police and fire staff. These are intended to establish an action plan should an actual crisis occur. Drills are conducted initially with only professional and support staff. Then, when there is a sufficient comfort level and all ramifications are understood and addressed, the drills are conducted with students in the buildings, and will occur at a future date.

Superintendent Sharp explained the proposal to increase the price of school lunches by 25 cents, which was approved with a 6-0 vote. This means the price at elementary schools increases from \$2.25 to \$2.50, and for the middle and high schools, increases from \$2.50 to \$2.75. Sharp noted that this is less than lunches at Cumberland and York county schools, which average \$2.56. The need for the price increase is due to increases in food and transportation costs, and changes required to fulfill new federal guidelines. These increases go into effect July 1, 2012.

## Touchette in Top Five at Regional Poetry Out Loud

Kerry Herlihy, GHS Teacher

Gorham High School held its fifth annual Poetry Out Loud competition in January. Poetry Out Loud is a national recitation competition funded by the National Endowment for the Arts. This competition encourages high school students to explore poetry through memorization and performance. Twenty-five students, ranging from grades ten through twelve competed. Ellyn Touchette won the event. Katie Flanders was the runner-up.

Touchette then competed in the Poetry Out Loud competition at the regional level at Biddeford's City Theater in February. Touchette competed against twenty-three other contestants in the southern region of the state and was selected as one of the top five finalists. This competition began with over 8,000 students in Maine participating in classroom activities and contests.



Photo credit Kerry Herlihy

Ellyn Touchette and her mom, Brigitte Emmons-Touchette, at the southern regional Poetry Out Loud Competition at City Theater in Biddeford.

The state finals were held at Bates College on March 23. This is the third consecutive year Gorham has been represented in the state finals.

# Teams Compete at Odyssey of the Mind State Tourney

Diane Knott, Odyssey of the Mind Coordinator for Gorham Schools



Photo courtesy of Diane Knott

**First Place GMS Balsa team is headed to World Finals in Iowa. Pictured (l to r) is Isaac Martel, Samuel Martel, Samuel Roussel, Coleman Dowdle and Simon Roussel (missing from photo, Theodore Lockman).**

Gorham students joined more than 1,200 other participants in Wells on March 24 at the Odyssey of the Mind State Tournament. After months of practice, 170 teams from across the state competed in five problem categories offered by this international educational program. Gorham sent seven teams to present their creative solutions with impressive results, earning six awards. One first, three second and two third place trophies were awarded to Gorham School Department teams.

A Gorham Middle School balsa team entertained the crowd with a mathematical solution. Their balsa structure, made out of 14 grams of balsa wood, held an amazing 325 lbs. The team won first-place and is planning to attend the World Finals at Iowa State University in May. Team members included Samuel Roussel, Samuel Martel, Theodore Lockman, Coleman Dowdle, Isaac Martel, Simon Roussel, and were coached by Kelly Roussel.

Two other teams from GMS earned trophies. A classics team created a humorous musical performance based on Shakespeare's line "To Be or Not to Be," earning a second-place trophy. Team members were Grant Hawkes, Abbie vanLuling, Autumn Heil, Hayley Bickford, Nathan Bachner, Maxwell Harvey, Bridget Daigle, and were coached by Karen Hawkes. The technical team won third place. Using a NASA Earth Observatory picture, the team created a skit based on a scientific expedition and the use of mechanical devices. Team members were Elizabeth Lemieux, Molly vanLuling, Avery Arena, Madeline

Joyal-Myers, Emelia Nejezchleba, Claire Valentine, Eleanor Feinberg, and were coached by Pamela Weiss and Kimberly Clark.

Gorham's K-5 schools were represented, including members from across the district. Narragansett School's vehicle team designed, built, and drove a vehicle through a creative pirate-themed course. Team members were Timothy O'Brien, Connor Hathaway, Reed Henderson, Zakary Lembarra, Nolan Gava, Evan Chambers, and were coached by Stacy O'Brien and Holly Hathaway.

Three Gorham K-5 teams earned awards in Division I. Village School's balsa team won second place for their math-themed performance including a structure that held 345 lbs. Team members were Laura Bolduc, Jade Wu, Ryan Gaudreau, Madison Sweatt, Kiera Emerson, Julie Cooper, and were coached by Jeff Bolduc and Amy Wu. Another second place trophy was earned by Village for turning a negative situation into a positive by "Odyssey Angels." This team included Isabelle Kolb, Mason Hawkes, Kyren Bettencourt, Thomas Nelson, Margaret Munkascsi, Madison Firmin, and were coached by Thomas Kolb and Karen Hawkes. The Great Falls School's technical team uncovered the cause of a mysterious scientific event in their solution and earned a third place trophy. Team members were Andrew Sharp, Trevor Gava, Dawson Smith, William Zidle, Ryan Desanctis, Vipul Periwal, Camden Sawyer, and were coached by Angie Sharp and Beverly Gava. Congratulations to all participants!

## South Pacific at GHS

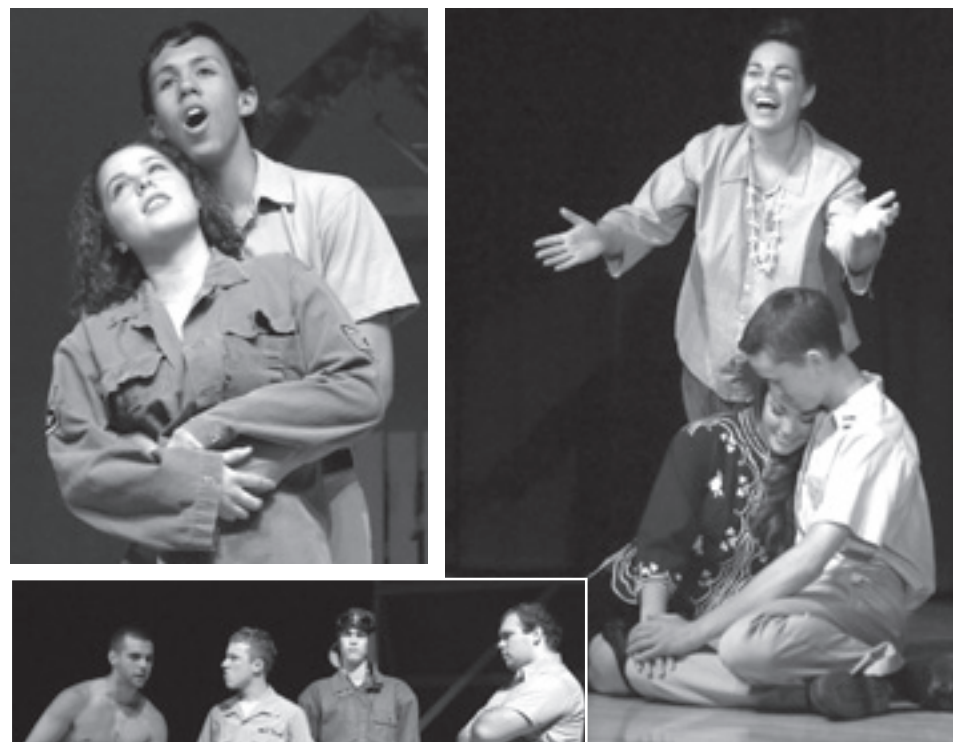


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**Gorham High School presented the musical South Pacific**, which involved many GHS students and faculty, as well as community members. Shown top left, Clara Stickney as Nellie Forbush, Quincy Owens as Emile de Becque; top right, Stefanie Farrington as Bloody Mary, Matt Southard as Lt. Cable, and Lia Van de Krol as Liat; Middle photo: Carter Bowers as Luther Billis, Lincoln Gray as Captian Brackett, Adam Borgault as Lt. Buzz Adams, Ryan Hohman as Commander Harbirson.

## Honors in Music

**The following students were selected to participate in the John Philip Sousa National Honor Bands**, New England Region, April 19-21 to be hosted at The Broomfield School in Harvard, MA. Grade 7: Elsa Alexandrin, Tenor Saxophone; Emily Chapin, Euphonium; Kara Ellsmore, Alto Saxophone; Theodore Lockman, Trumpet; Samuel Martel, Trumpet; Haley Poitras, Alto Saxophone; Stella Rojecki, Flute; Samuel Rousell, Percussion-snare; Karen Stemm, Flute; Katherine-Helene Sullivan, French horn; Evelyn Turnbaugh, Trumpet. Grade 8: Connor Goodall, Trumpet; Carson Kuschke, French Horn; Alex Young, Alto Saxophone. Grade 11: Michael Sullivan, Baritone Saxophone; Justin Reyes, Euphonium. Grade 12: Amy Sutherland, Euphonium; Nicole Sutherland, Flute.

Pictured are (back row): Connor Goodall, Alex Young, Ted Lockman, Sam Martel, Evelyn Turbaugh; (middle row) Stella Rojecki, Carsen Kuschke, Katherine Sullivan, Kara Ellsmore, Karen Stemm; (bottom row) Haley Poitras, Elsa Alexandrin, Sam Roussel, Emily Chapin



Pictured are Amy Sutherland, Justin Reyes, Michael Sullivan, Jr., and Nicole Sutherland.



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## in the Zone

**Free-Throw Finalist:** Representing Gorham Middle School, 11-year-old **Michelle Rowe** reached the finals of the Mercy Hospital Best Shot for Youth free throw tournament April 1 at the Portland Expo that was co-hosted by the Maine Red Claws. Rowe competed against players up to 16 years old.



Photo credit Marie Rowe

**Softball Stand-Out:** **Annie Mitchell** (GHS Class of 2010) shown below, a sophomore at USM, is starting at second base for the softball team and at press time was first in runs-batted-in (5) and fourth in batting average (.258).



Photo courtesy of USM

**Bowling Award Recipients:** Two Gorham youths won awards at the annual Southern Maine U.S. Bowling Congress (SMUBC) Awards Night Banquet on March 31. **Tyler Divinsky** won the Most Improved award by raising his average 35 pins from the previous season. He also received an award as a member of the City Youth Championship team. **Austin Hicks** was awarded a plaque for being a member of the City Youth All Star team, which is made up of the youth having the five highest averages for the year. Gorham resident **Gerald McCormick** was selected as the Association League Officer of the Year for his work with the local youth program. Additionally, he was selected as the 75th member to be inducted into the Southern Maine United States Bowling Congress Hall of Fame.

## Roberts Receives All-State Accolades



Photo courtesy of Hockmeyer Studios

**GHS junior Marissa Roberts** was selected to the Maine Sunday Telegram girls' All-State Skiing Team. Roberts was the Class A giant slalom champion and placed third in the slalom. She was also the fourth-ranked skier on the Maine team that competed in the Eastern High School Championships where Roberts finished 12th among in the giant slalom among 111 skiers from several northeastern states.

## sports Etc.

**Race to Benefit the Blind and Visually Impaired:** The Gorham Lions Club hosts its annual 5K and Kids' Fun Run April 21 at the Gorham Recreational Center starting at 8:30 a.m. Registration is \$18 in advance and \$25 on the day of the race, and awards will be given in all age groups. All proceeds will go to the Iris Network, which assists people in Maine who are blind or visually impaired. To register or FMI, visit [www.running4free.com/RaceDetails.aspx](http://www.running4free.com/RaceDetails.aspx) or call 839-6569.

**Open for Golf:** Mother Nature listened to local golfers this year and provided some amazing spring weather. The Gorham Country Club maintenance crew was able to start their work early and have done an excellent job preparing the course for the season, with Opening Day taking place April 10. Course pro Rick Altham reports, "the course is drying up nicely and the greens look great. We haven't opened this early in years and are excited to see golfers soon."

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## Sarah Perkins Wins State MVP Award

Jeff Pike

After winning three events in the Class A State Championships, GHS senior track star Sarah Perkins probably had a hunch that post-season accolades might be on the way. She hit the jackpot April 25 when the Maine Sunday Telegram selected her as the State Most Valuable Player for girls' indoor track.

At the Class A State Meet, Perkins won the 55 meter hurdles, the 200 meters, and the 400 meters to place herself in the mix for the MVP award. Because of her versatility, she had also qualified for the high jump and 55 meters, but race regulations allowed her to compete in only three events.

"I did not expect the MVP at the beginning of the season," Perkins said. "I started the season just focusing on the 55 meter hurdles, but as the season went on, I was turning in good results in several events, so I started to expand my focus."

Looking to the high school outdoor track season, Perkins has recovered from a fall she took in the 300 meter New England Indoor Track Championship and is focused on both hurdles events (100 and 300 meters). "I also want to work on the 200 and 400 meters, in which my times have been improving, but those races take place close to the hurdles event during meets, so it would be difficult to do all of them," Perkins said. "I will probably just see how I'm doing and try different events at different meets."

Perkins might also give the high jump a try depending on how the season goes, and she may compete for the 4x400 relay team. At the states, she will have to settle on competing in two running, one relay and one field event.



Photo credit Nicole Richman

"I really want to set a state record during the outdoor season, particularly in the 300 hurdles" Perkins revealed. The record was set last year in the Class A State Meet by Peyton Dostie of Bonny Eagle. "She had a high 44 (seconds) time while I had a lower 45 time, so I'm right there and want it very much."

Perkins has committed to attending USM in the fall and will compete for the women's indoor and outdoor track team. As proof of her versatility, the USM coach has suggested she may want to consider competing in the grueling pentathlon, which includes the 60-meter hurdles, high jump, shot put, long jump and 800 meter. "I know the pentathlon will be a year-round commitment and take a lot of extra training," Perkins said. "I may just focus on the hurdles, 200 meters and 400 meters."

Whichever events Perkins focuses on this spring and during her college career, we are likely to see her among the leaders!

## Gorham Times Joins Relay for Life

Please join the staff members of the Gorham Times and their friends and family at the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life, which will be held at the Field House at USM, Gorham at 6 p.m. on April 27. This year the Gorham Times is donating time and money in honor of those who have been touched by or struggled with cancer and those who succumbed to it. To become a team member, to donate, or to dedicate a luminaria to a loved one, visit <http://main.acevents.org/goto/GorhamTimes>. For more information, please call the Gorham Times at 839-8390 or the American Cancer Society at (800) 227-2345. The figure below represents how much money we have currently raised. Please join us in raising more!

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# Gorham Health Council Chris Crawford

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The loan closet is located at the Municipal Center and is run by Alice Keddy. She is a devoted volunteer who has spent hours walking back and forth to the loan closet, sometimes two and three times a day, to meet people who call and need medical equipment. She has a detailed list of what the loan closet has to offer. Keddy can be reached at 839-4579.

In addition to maintaining the loan closet, the Health Council helps meet the health needs of Gorham citizens in other ways. Its members serve as volunteers for local health clinics. They just completed two blood pressure clinics for the Lakes Region Senior Center at Little Falls School.

Cash donations to the organization are welcome and medical supplies and equipment donations will be considered, as well. In the past, when the Health Council's supply has overflowed, they have donated crutches and walkers to Nigeria and South Africa, where the demand for medical supplies is overwhelming.

The Gorham Health Council began

in 1943. Cornelia Files was one of the founders, and her daughter, Betty Files, is still an active member. In those days, Doctor Robert Love and other local doctors were the town health officers who ran health clinics including flu shot clinics and polio clinics. The Council also helped on the monthly Well Baby Clinic. During that era, there were several nurses who oversaw the handling of the volunteers.

At present there are about 25 active members. The Health Council convenes three times a year for a luncheon

meeting at the Municipal Center.

The Gorham Middle School nurse, Teresa Merrill, serves as the liaison with the Gorham School Department and is knowledgeable about school medical needs. If anyone is interested in learning more about the organization, contact Council President Gerry Day at tday1@maine.rr.com. Other officers include: Vice President, Laurel Smith; Secretary, Lucie Twaddel; Treasurer, Ann Rust; and Loan Closet Coordinator, Alice Keddy.

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# Letters

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grow 60 feet tall and 25 feet wide. One tree for each circle would have been enough. We already have one major eyesore on Main Street. This beautiful community does not need others.

*Thank you.*  
*Eric Pettengill*

**Dear Gorham Times,**

As an attorney focusing in property law and land use permitting, I have

closely followed the "regulatory takings" bill (LD 1810). I joined with more than 40 Maine attorneys (including five former Maine Attorneys General) in writing a letter to state legislators to oppose the bill, because its passage would create a nightmare of costs for the state, inconsistent application of state regulations, and a flurry of litigation.

I'm pleased that a majority of the Judiciary Committee members voted for an alternative approach, sponsored by Rep. Moulton (R-York) and Rep. Priest (D-Brunswick). I hope Rep. Jane Knapp will vote for the Moulton-Priest amendment, and not the minority amendment that fails to cure the original bill's dire consequences.

Courts have repeatedly upheld land use regulations that are designed to protect the public health and safety and which do not eviscerate the economic value of the land. Just as speed limits protect the safety of all, while perhaps inhibiting the owner of a Camaro from utilizing his automobile's 100+ m.p.h. capacity to its fullest, environmental regulations protect the safety of all people in Maine, even if they inhibit some landowners from developing their property to its maximum extent. The Legislature can and must identify specific regulations that may be problematic, and amend those laws. That process would be strengthened through the Moulton-Priest amendment, while avoiding a flurry of costly litigation guaranteed if the minority report passed.

*Sarah McDaniel*



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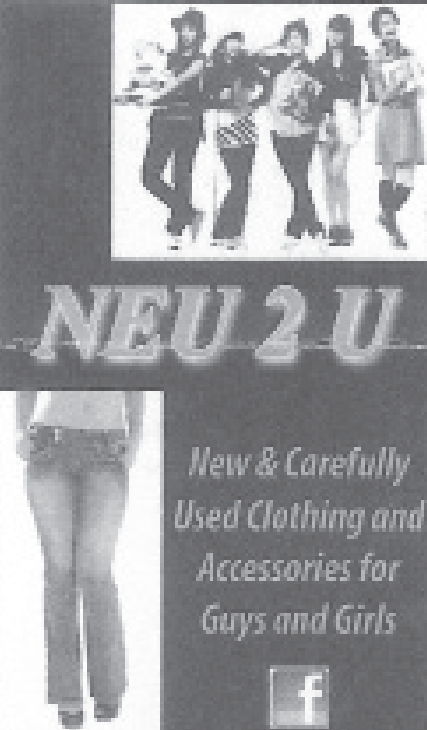
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## OF INTEREST

**The Maine Army National Guard** promoted Matthew Huhn to Private First Class. He is with Detachment 1, 262nd Engineer Company Unit.

**Matthew Fenton** (GHS '08) was recently inducted into Beta Gamma Sigma, an international honor society for business schools at Bentley University.

**In celebration of Earth Day 2012** Gorham Savings Bank is bringing a confidential shredding truck to the Gorham Savings Bank Parking Lot (64 Main St) on Saturday, April 28 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Stop by and watch a video of your documents being safely shredded by Northeast Record Retention. All shredded documents will be recycled!

**A Spring Luncheon**, sponsored by the Gorham Woman's Club, will be held on Friday, Apr. 27 at noon at the Cressey Road United Methodist Church. There will be entertainment and door prizes. Tickets \$10. To reserve call Alice Keddy at 839-4579.

**In celebration of National Library Week**, the North Gorham Public Library (corner of Standish Neck Rd/No. Gorham Rd) will host an Open House and Pie Sale on Saturday, Apr. 14, from

10 a.m. to 1 p.m. FMI, 892-2575.

**The Gorham Founders Festival** will be held on Friday, May 25 and Saturday, May 26 near Narragansett School on Chick Drive. A schedule of events will include a Pancake Breakfast, Live Auction, Motor Booty Affair, Amusement Rides, Granite State Zoo, Chicken BBQ Dinner, local performers, Fireworks and more! FMI, [www.gorhamfoundersfestival.com](http://www.gorhamfoundersfestival.com), or email [info@gorhamfoundersfestival.com](mailto:info@gorhamfoundersfestival.com).

**A FREE Community Dinner** will be served on Monday, Apr. 23 at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the First Parish Congregational Church, Church Street, Gorham. A free-will offering will be accepted but not required. All are welcome! Sponsored by the Gorham Ecumenical Council.

**A Gambo Gunpowder Mill** power point presentation will take place on Saturday, Apr. 21 at 9 a.m. at the Windham Historical Society, 234 Windham Center Road, with refreshments to follow. A guided tour of the gunpowder mill site begins at 1:30 p.m. with Don Wescott of the Presumpscot Regional Land Trust and David Tanguay, Vice President of Windham Historical Society. No charge but donations accepted. FMI, David Tanguay at 892-1306 or email [kso48@aol.com](mailto:kso48@aol.com).

**The Saco River Grange Hall** presents pianist virtuosa Oni Buchanan on Sunday, Apr. 15 at 3 p.m. in the Old White Church, 29 Salmon Falls Rd, Bar Mills. \$18/\$16. Piano students and children 12 and under - free. \$30 max/family. FMI, 929-6472.

**The Gorham Business Exchange Annual Meeting** will be held on Tuesday, Apr. 24 at Gorham Savings Bank, 10 Wentworth Drive, Gorham from 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. Josh Saunders from Maine Small Business will speak on Business Planning and Marketing. Lunch is catered. FMI: [www.gorhambusiness.org](http://www.gorhambusiness.org).

**Join members of the Presumpscot Regional Land Trust**, stewards for land conservation and public recreational access, for upcoming trail projects such as shoring bridges with stones, removing trash from woods, repairing and repainting kiosks, and installing wood footings into trail hillsides. Saturdays, May 5 & 12, June 9 & 16 and July 14 & 21 starting at 9 a.m. FMI, email [Tania@prlandtrust@yahoo.com](mailto:Tania@prlandtrust@yahoo.com).

**St. Anne's Council of the Knights of Columbus** will hold their final Baked Haddock Dinner on Friday, Apr. 13 from 5 - 6:30 p.m. at St. Anne's Parish Hall, 299 Main Street, Gorham. \$8/\$4. FMI, 839-4857.

**The 2nd Annual "Into the Mud Challenge"**, a 2.5-mile dash that is sure to be a muddy good time for participants of all ages, will be held on Saturday, May 5 at the Gorham Middle School, with prizes for Individual, Youth and Team divisions. Proceeds benefit the USM Sport Management Scholarship Fund. FMI, [www.intothemudchallenge.com](http://www.intothemudchallenge.com).

**Morgan Callan Rogers**, author of "Red Ruby Heart in a Cold Blue Sea," will talk about her work on Wednesday, Apr. 18 at 7 p.m. at the North Gorham Public Library. Set in coastal Maine, the novel follows the spirited daughter of a lobsterman as she comes of age in the 1960s. FMI, 892-2575.

**The semi-annual Friends of Baxter Memorial Library Book Sale** starts Thursday, Apr. 12 from 5 - 7 p.m. with a members-only preview night. You can join at the door or purchase a special entry ticket for \$5. The general public sale begins Friday, Apr. 13 from 9 a.m. - 7 p.m. and continues through Saturday, Apr. 14 from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. The sale will be held in the Activities Room at the Gorham Municipal Center, right next door to the library. FMI, [jrathbun@msln.net](mailto:jrathbun@msln.net) or 222-1190.

**The Lakes Region Senior Center (old Little Falls School)** is open Monday - Thursday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. This is a drop-in center with daily activities such as cribbage, bingo, pickleball, exercise videos, movies and more. Drop-in and check us out! FMI, 892-6326.

**The Gorham Cancer Prayer and Support Group** has been serving the Gorham community for close to two years and is currently seeking donations to support the group's mission of providing gift packages to people who have been diagnosed with cancer.

To help support the group, consider a tax deductible contribution. Checks should be payable to Cressey Road United Methodist Church, 81 Cressey Road, Gorham, ME 04038. Include "Cancer Ministry" in the memo line. The Group meets at 6 p.m. on the first Tuesday of every month at the Cressey Road United Methodist Church. FMI, Den Morton, 222-2566.

**Gorham High School Drama Program** and Thespian Society will hold their first annual Theatre Student and Alumni Showcase on Saturday, Apr. 28 at 7:30 p.m. in the High School performing arts center \$5, general public; \$3, students and seniors. Tickets will be sold at the door. Proceeds to benefit the GHS Thespian Society, Troupe #7522.

**Better Homes and Gardens** - the Masiello Group announced its 2011 performance award recipients for the Gorham office. Bill Trask won the Presidents Award for being number three in companywide units and number one in volume and units at the Gorham location. Lynn Hall won the Leadership Award for being number two in volume and units in the Gorham location.

**Life Church, off New Portland Road**, will host illusionist, magician and comedian Don Townsend on Saturday, Apr. 21 at 5:30 p.m. and Sunday, Apr. 22 at 8:45 and 10:30 a.m. Appropriate for all ages. Free.

## USM NOTES

**Internationally acclaimed virtuosa Imogen Cooper** will offer a piano master class Thursday, Apr. 26 from 10 a.m. to



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**WHO:** From Kodiak, Alaska, to Key West, Florida, in 5,000 towns and cities across America, volunteers will give away half a million free books on April 23, 2012.

**WHAT:** World Book Night U.S. is an ambitious campaign to give away half a million books across America. Volunteer book lovers will help promote reading by going into their communities and handing out free copies of a book especially in underserved places - and even some fun spots. The volunteers will be picking up their books at

a local bookstore or library in order to share them.

We are proud to be a community partner for the first World Book Night in the U.S. We will be hosting activities the week before World Book Night, in preparation for the givers going out into the community on April 23.

**WHEN:** Monday, April 16 from 5-6:30 p.m.

**WHERE:** The Bookworm, 42 Main St., Gorham

For more information, please go to [www.worldbooknight.org](http://www.worldbooknight.org)

## Community FROM PAGE 12

12 p.m. in Corthell Concert Hall, USM Gorham. \$6. Free for USM music students, faculty and staff, and USM Youth Ensembles members. Tickets at the door. FMI, [www.usm.maine.edu/music](http://www.usm.maine.edu/music).

**Denis DiBlasio, director of the jazz program at Rowan University,** will provide an informative and fun afternoon focused on jazz saxophone on Friday, Apr. 27 from 2-3:30 p.m., in Corthell Concert Hall, USM Gorham. \$6. Free for USM music students, faculty and staff, and USM Youth Ensembles members. Tickets can be purchased at the door. FMI, [www.usm.maine.edu/music](http://www.usm.maine.edu/music)

**USM Concert Band and Chorale** presents Carl Orff's, *Carmina Burana*, a musical homecoming on Sunday, Apr. 22 at 3 p.m. at the Merrill Auditorium, Portland. \$15 donation recommended at door. FMI, [www.usm.maine.edu/music](http://www.usm.maine.edu/music).

**The USM School of Music** will hold an Open House on Saturday, Apr. 21 from 2 - 4 p.m. at the Corthell Concert Hall, Gorham Campus. Free and open to public. FMI, [www.usm.maine.edu/music](http://www.usm.maine.edu/music).

**The USM School of Music Jazz Ensembles** will present a Spring Concert on Thursday, Apr. 19, at 7:30 p.m. in Corthell Concert Hall, Gorham campus.

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# the blotter

## Harsh Punishment

Cressey Road caller requested an officer speak with their six-year-old child who was not doing their homework.

**Cyr Drive caller reported** that someone took fuel from one of their trucks.

**Forest Circle caller reported** that they could see footprints going from the road to the rear door of their neighbor's residence. Neighbor has been away for more than a month.

**Mighty Street caller reported** that someone stole their children's piggy banks from their home.

**Main Street caller** requested police assistance with an unhappy customer.

**Gray Road caller** reported being threatened by two females.

**South Street caller** reported that workers moved their belongings as they were doing work on caller's residence. When work was completed, the workers failed to return all of caller's belongings.

**Main Street caller** reported that during the night, someone smashed in the door and ransacked the business.

**Mosher Road caller** reported that they went to check on a friend and found the door to the residence kicked in.

**Caller reported** a person sleeping in a car with an alcohol bottle next to it.

**Mosher Road caller** reported a suspicious individual who tried to sell them a vacuum cleaner.

**School Street caller** reported that there was a party going on in the area and they were almost run over by a vehicle leaving the party.

**Farrington Road caller** reported finding a gun and case off to the side of the road near the pits.

**Caller was seeking** assistance with a place for caller and two children to stay.

**The owner of a towing company** helped pull a customer out of a ditch, but the subject never paid for the services.

**Caller reported** that they lost a large amount of cash sometime during the previous day.

**Mighty Street caller** reported that their 14-year-old received a text message that contained pornography.

**Brackett Road caller** requested to speak with an officer to report their child as a runaway and to make child come home.

**Davis Annex caller** requested to speak with an officer regarding people who have been walking around in their back yard.

**Fort Hill Road caller** reported that there was a suspicious male subject at their residence. Subject was a civil deputy looking to speak with caller.

**Caller reported** a suspicious vehicle in the area. Subject was looking for cans.



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## THURSDAY, APR. 12

- Gorham Food Pantry Open, 9-11 a.m., St. Anne's Catholic Church Parking Lot.
- Friends of Baxter Library Book Sale, members only, 5-7 p.m. Activity Room, Gorham Municipal Center. FMI, 222-1190.
- Early Release for grades K-12

## FRIDAY, APR. 13

- TRIAD meeting, 8:45 to 10:15 a.m., Gorham Municipal Building Council Chambers. Joel Loranger of Key Bank will speak on Bank Identity Theft. FMI, 856-1212.
- Friends of Baxter Library Book Sale, 9 a.m. - 7 p.m., Activity Room, Gorham Municipal Center. FMI, 222-1190.
- No School for grades K-12 - Teacher Inservice.

## SATURDAY, APR. 14

- Open House and Pie Sale, North Gorham Public Library, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. FMI, 892-2575.
- Red Cross Blood Drive, Moody's Collision Center, Gorham. 8 a.m.-1 p.m. FMI, www.redcrossblood.org.
- Friends of Baxter Library Book Sale, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Activity Room, Gorham Municipal Center. FMI, 222-1190.

## MONDAY, APR. 16

- Gorham Food Pantry Open, 9-11 a.m., St. Anne's Catholic Church Parking Lot.
- Spring Vacation Week begins - No School for grades K-12.

## WEDNESDAY, APR. 18

- 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.

## THURSDAY, APR. 19

- Gorham Food Pantry Open, 9-11 a.m., St. Anne's Catholic Church Parking Lot.
- Free Car Seat check, Gorham Fire Station, 270 Main St., 1-5pm.

## SATURDAY, APR. 21

- Illusionist, magician, and comedian Don Townsend, Life Church, off New Portland Road, 5:30 p.m. Free.

## SUNDAY, APR. 22

- Illusionist, magician, and comedian Don Townsend, Life Church, off New Portland Road, 8:45 and 10:30 a.m. Free.

## MONDAY, APR. 23

- Gorham Community Chorus Rehearsal, 7 p.m., Village School.
- Free Community Dinner, 5:30 p.m., First Parish Church, Church St, Gorham. All are welcome.

## TUESDAY, APR. 24

- Gorham Business Exchange Annual Meeting, Gorham Savings Bank, 10 Wentworth Drive, Gorham, 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Speaker from Maine Small Business Development Center. FMI, www.gorhambusiness.org.

## WEDNESDAY, APR. 25

- Red Cross Blood Drive, USM Gorham campus. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. FMI, www.redcrossblood.org.
- 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.

## THURSDAY, APR. 26

- Gorham Food Pantry Open, 9-11 a.m., St. Anne's Catholic Church Parking Lot.

Baxter Memorial Library, 71 South St.  
 Cressey Road United Methodist Church, 81 Cressey Rd.  
 First Parish Congregational Church, 1 Church St.  
 Gorham Clothes Closet, Little Falls Activity Center, 40 Acorn St. (off Rt. 202)  
 Gorham Food Pantry, St. Anne's Church Parking Lot, 299 Main St.  
 GPAC, Gorham Performing Arts Center, Gorham High School, Morrill Ave.  
 Lakes Region Senior Center, 40 Acorn St. (off rt. 202)  
 No. Gorham Public Library, 2 Standish Neck Rd.  
 Scarborough Lions Club, 273 Gorham Road, Scarborough  
 St. Anne's Catholic Church, 299 Main St.  
 USM Costello Field House, Campus Ave.  
 Village School, 12 Robie St.  
 West Gorham Union Church, 190 Ossipee Trl.

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