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Firefighters work amidst billowing smoke into the following morning to extinguish the four-alarm fire that ripped through the roof at Gorham House of Pizza.

Community Supports Angelo Sotiropoulos

Letter to GHOP Owner

Last week, our community suffered a great loss when the building that was home to Gorham House of Pizza sustained severe damage from a fire. We are grateful that no tenants, GHOP staff, or customers were hurt, and that the USM students who were displaced were taken care of by the University. However, the damage to GHOP was so severe it may not reopen for months.

As members of the Gorham community and regular visitors to GHOP, we want Angelo Sotiropoulos to know that his community is right beside him during this tough time and will continue to be there to help him with anything he or his employees need. Angelo has always been a stalwart supporter of local sporting events, other businesses, and our local schools, and now it is time that we support him. A group is planning to meet to discuss what the community can do that will be most helpful to Angelo. If you would like to be involved, please e-mail ghopproject@gmail.com so we can notify you of what is going on.

Angelo, thank you for all you have done for us. Now it is our turn to help you. We will be there to help every step of the way.

Sincerely,

Your Friends in Gorham

Second Annual Founders' Festival Scheduled for May

Suzie Phillips, Founders' Festival 2012 co-chair

The committee met throughout the winter, planning events and entertainment for the second annual Gorham Founders' Festival, which will be held on Friday, May 25 beginning at 5 p.m. and continuing through Saturday, May 26. All events will be held on the Chick property next to Narragansett School.

The committee consists of co-chairs Darryl Wright, School Committee member, and Suzie Phillips; Dawn Caldwell, event coordinator; Mary Mercier, fundraising co-chair; and Patricia Cobb, live auction organizer.

Beginning at 5 p.m. on Friday, there will be amuse-

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With a large audience filling the streets and sidewalks, the fire fighters put out the fire that began in an upstairs apartment.

"GHOP" Building Badly Damaged in Fire

Sheri Faber

At about 9:45 on the evening of April 19, an employee of Gorham House of Pizza, popularly known as GHOP, located at 2 State Street, saw smoke inside the restaurant. Employees initially thought something was burning in the kitchen but a tenant who lived in an apartment upstairs came out to the street and said his bathroom ceiling fan had caught on fire. Firefighters came from eight different towns including Portland and So. Portland, with over 100 firefighters working to curtail the fire. By 11 p.m. they were making progress and the fire was extinguished by about 3 a.m. They ripped open the attic to get to the fire that ultimately burned through the roof. The entire third floor was destroyed. Main Street and South Street were closed to traffic and power

was shut off throughout the village and beyond. The five or six tenants in the upstairs apartments were displaced. GHOP suffered severe water damage and may be closed for several months. The building and GHOP are owned by Angelo Sotiropoulos.

Hundreds of people turned out to watch the fire and to offer their support to Angelo, a well-known member of the business community. Sotiropoulos expressed his gratitude that no one was injured and that the building was not completely destroyed.

GHOP is located at the busiest intersection in Gorham and fire marshals do not think this event was related to the string of arsons that have plagued the town over the past several weeks.

Arsonist Continues to Set Fires

Sherri Faber

Gorham Police, Fire Marshalls and Firefighters continue to put in long hours trying to find the person responsible for five arson fires including the most recent one that occurred in the early morning hours of April 18 at a vacant house at 363 Sebago Lake Road (Rt. 237). There was very little damage to the house. The wind blew the fire away from the house and just brush and grass were burned. This property is very close to the former White Rock School, which is currently vacant.

The previous fire set on April 11 was at a house being built at 56 Dingley Spring Road. That fire was set in a rear wall of the house and was reported at about 8:40 p.m. Firefighters were able to prevent the

blaze from causing extensive damage to the house. Days after the fire, the police were surprised to discover the doors to the house had been left open. Officers locked the doors and notified the owner.

Along with law enforcement officers, area residents are very concerned about the rash of fires, all of which occurred within a three and a half mile area. The fires are set in a basic way with the arsonist throwing some gas on the building, lighting it and fleeing. Fire setters are generally looking for a thrill and their fire setting behavior may escalate and they may take more risks.

Police are talking to area residents, distributing flyers, and asking people to be alert and to report any

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Maine's Mining Regulations

Rep. Jane Knapp

Up until the very end of the Second Regular Session of the 125th Legislature, the Environment and Natural Resources Committee was in full swing deliberating L.D. 1853, "An Act To Improve Environmental Oversight and Streamline Permitting for Mining in Maine." L.D. 1853 proposed to create a comprehensive framework that would guide the Maine Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) in its rule-making process for mining in our state. Once developed, these rules would still need to receive legislative approval before going into effect.

This legislation was brought forward because Aroostook Timberlands LLC, which owns land at Bald Mountain in Aroostook County where there is a significant deposit of gold, silver, copper and zinc, is interested in determining if a mining operation is feasible there. The company, however, expressed that Maine's current mining laws are vague, confusing and often duplicative and they should be revised. The last time Maine's mining laws and rules were amended was in 1991. Since that time no significant mining has taken place in Maine. The Bald Mountain deposit, discovered in 1977 by geologist John S. Cummings, is one of the largest of its kind in the U.S. Appalachian Mountains with mineable reserves estimated at 37 million tons.

Throughout the committee review of this bill, which included two public hearings and nine work sessions, we heard from proponents, opponents and neutral parties and amended the bill language numerous times. Some of the main points raised by bill proponents included the potential for job creation and for increased state and local tax revenue. Many citizens testified to this effect, especially those from within Aroostook County.

Opponents, mainly environmental lobbyists, raised concerns that the mining will cause significant harm to Maine's waters and natural resources and that the state could be left with the long-term financial liability.

I took all opinions very seriously throughout this process. I could see how proponents felt that changes were necessary to make our mining laws more effective and business friendly. Notably, we heard multiple testimonies from Commissioner Aho of DEP who shared that there was a need, even prior to this bill, to update and modernize our mining rules to take into account advances in technology and also changes that we have made to our own environmental laws. On the other hand, I was strongly opposed to the Legislature weakening any environmental regulations.

I believe that Maine does need to revisit its mining laws and that creating a new framework to guide the DEP is a step forward. We can set regulations that will be doable to businesses that are willing to invest in Maine and create jobs, while at the same time ensuring that the proper rules are in place to protect the environment.

L.D. 1853 received bipartisan support and was recently enacted by the Legislature. I am proud of all the hard work that took place throughout the committee process to develop this bill into a responsible and thorough piece of legislation.



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Community Pharmacy Robbed

Sherri Faber

On April 16 at approximately 11 a.m., a male entered Community Pharmacy on Main Street and handed the pharmacist a note saying he was armed and wanted oxycodone. The pharmacist gave him an undetermined amount of the drug and the robber fled the area on foot. He was described as a white or Hispanic male, about 5' 7", wearing a black hat and a black hooded sweatshirt. Anyone with information about this crime is asked to call the Gorham Detective Unit at 222-1660.

Letters to the Editor

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

Dear Gorham Middle School Staff,

I want to say a public thank you for the tremendous show of support and encouragement you gave my husband and I during his third surgery for brain cancer. Kim Bennett, my amazing supervisor and friend, put a call out for financial support and your response was immediate and overwhelming. Our trip to Boston was covered from hotel costs, parking, meals and even tips to the various valets and service people. I cannot describe how much your care and concern meant to us both. It is a privilege to work in such a generous and caring school community. The families of Gorham should be aware of the integrity and character of the teachers and support staff who educate their children. We have an outstanding group of people in the Gorham School Department and I am honored to be a part of it.

Sincerely and gratefully,
Pam Tordoff, Gorham Middle School,
educational technician II

Dear Gorham Times,

On Saturday, April 7, a benefit was held for our daughter, Jessica Heath, and her family. Jessica is recovering from a cancerous brain tumor that was removed in February. As she continues her chemotherapy and follow up care with regular trips to Boston, the funds raised will be helpful toward medical and travel expenses.

On behalf of our family, I want to express our deep gratitude for all who organized, attended and made donations. There are too many to list individually, but special thanks to the Rochambeau Club and DJ, Roger Grenier, the Gorham Cooperative Preschool, Atlantic Limousine, Pape Chevrolet, Sun Salutations Yoga & Wellness Center, Hammond Lumber Co., Hancock Lumber Co., Nonesuch Golf Course, DiMillo's Floating Restaurant, St. Joe's Coffee, Shaw Earthworks, Storey Brothers and many, many others including family, friends and strangers who have now become friends.

Blessings from the Brown and Heath Families

Dear Gorham Times,

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MAKE NOTE

The Greater Gorham Farmer's Market will take place on South Street on the lawn by the gazebo between the Baxter Memorial Library and the Gorham Times office. We apologize for the error. For more information, see page 12.

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Portland Fire Chief Fred Lamontagne Retires

Jackie Francis

Most people, who are weeks away from a much-anticipated retirement, seemingly float through those final work days with little left to do but to tie up loose ends and attend farewell lunches, etc. Not so for recently retired Fire Chief Fred Lamontagne who stepped down as Fire Chief of the Portland Fire Department on April 1. On his last day of work, Chief Lamontagne, a resident of Gorham for 34 years, was collaborating with the Secret Service making certain “that all processes were put in place” to protect the president of the United States including those people who came to see the president at a recent fundraising event held at the Portland Museum of Art. “It’s always a detailed and complicated process with a large team to manage when the president or some other dignitary visits Portland,” says the Chief, “but I had a great staff of people who helped ensure that process went smoothly.”

A 1981 graduate of Gorham High School, Lamontagne credits his 28 years of service in the Portland Fire Department to an opportunity he had as a 15 year-old junior volunteer fire-fighter in the Gorham Fire Department. He was later trained as a “regular” fire-fighter/EMT volunteer while assigned to Ladder Company One in Gorham and accumulated 25 years of volunteer service in the Gorham Fire Department. He started his full-time career in Portland as a firefighter in 1984 and climbed the ladder (pun intended) to lieutenant, captain, deputy chief, and, finally, chief in 2002.

An avid fisherman, with a particular love of trolling, Lamontagne hopes to balance more time with family and his outdoor passion, with another interest in the near future. “I have a passion for technology in emergency management,” says Lamontagne, who also happens to be director of the Emergency Management Agency in Portland, “and I’d like to do some consulting for municipalities and different agencies. The world is a very technical place, and where it still takes firefighters to extinguish a fire, the use of technology through pre-planning, analysis, and staffing, allows us to keep our firefighters safer.”

The role of a firefighter has changed significantly in the past 25 years, says Lamontagne. With the advent of smoke

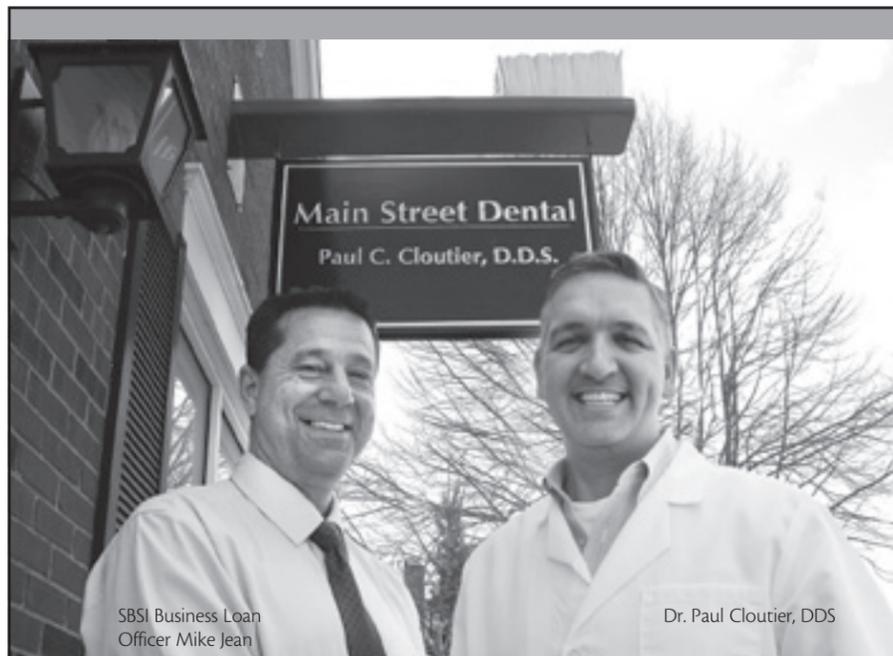


Gorham resident Chief Lamontagne retires after 28 years of service at the Portland Fire Department.

detectors, the number of building fires is significantly less these days. But an increase in emergency services has offset the decline in fires. “A fire department is called on to do a number of things beyond car, grass and building fires,” says Lamontagne. “There are motor vehicle crashes, ambulatory calls, extrications, downed trees, water problems, a lot of things the fire department is called on to do 24/7 that do not make headlines.”

Chief Lamontagne’s career has been both gratifying and demanding. “I’ve seen a lot of reward and a lot of tragedy.” He’ll miss the service side of helping the people of Portland and the daily relationships of the men and women with whom he worked. What he won’t miss are the “budgets and meetings and managing the dollars and cents through difficult financial times.”

The months ahead for Chief Lamontagne will encompass finishing a Bachelor’s Degree in Leadership and Organizational Theory at the University of Southern Maine, continued coaching of his youngest son’s AAU basketball games, some fishing, and launching a second career. I have a hunch this “fireman” will be celebrating retirement in another 25 years. “Life changes,” he says with a smile.



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Chief Shepard Reports

The Grand Jury returned the following indictments in April:

- Paul Beliveau, 48, of Gorham was indicted for criminal OUI and operating beyond license restrictions on charges brought by Westbrook Police Department.
- Donna Forbes, 53, of Gorham was indicted for theft by the Windham Police Department.
- Bethany Jordan, 25, of Skowhegan was indicted for aggravated assault and domestic violence assault on charges brought by Gorham Police Department.
- Coleen Plummer, 56, of Gorham was indicted for grand theft on charges brought by Gorham Police Department.
- David Spiller, 36, of Gorham was indicted for aggravated assault, reckless conduct with a weapon, aggravated criminal

OUI and criminal speed on charges brought by Gorham Police Department.

Kenneth Grondin, Jr. age 26, has been arrested and charged with criminal threatening with a dangerous weapon, reckless conduct with a firearm, discharge of a firearm within 100 yards of a residence and domestic violence assault for an incident on April 6 that took place at about 3:20 a.m. Grondin had recently separated from his long-term girlfriend, leaving her and their two children in the house they had shared, which he owned. He learned that his former girlfriend had a new boyfriend and he went to the house, told the other man to leave and fired a shot but did not hit the man as he was leaving. Alcohol is believed to have been a factor in this incident.

Founders' Festival FROM PAGE 1

ment rides and local vendors present. Local non-profit organizations will present booths, and games. At 6 p.m. the Tardy Brothers will present high energy juggling with comedy and music. At 7 p.m. Maine's infamous Motor Booty Affair will take the stage. All members of Motor Booty are local talent and present "the ultimate in disco dance party music."

Saturday's celebration will begin with Gorham Firefighters Pancake Breakfast from 7 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. The Festival activities will begin at 9 a.m. and continue throughout the day with family entertainment: Phil the Magician at 10:30 a.m., Wayne from Maine at noon, and a petting zoo, amusement rides, and contests. The Gorham Chamber Singers will perform at 10 a.m. The live auction will start at noon and Carson Lynch, from Gorham Grind, will be on stage at 1 p.m.

The Gorham Fire Department Chicken Barbecue will begin at 4:30 p.m. until 7 p.m. The Center of Movement dancers will perform at 5 p.m. Saturday evening will feature the band Monthly Payment at 6 p.m. followed by the Time Pilots at 7 p.m. Time Pilots are described as "a signature show of decades of dance hits with an energetic sound." The Festival will end with the annual fireworks display at 9 p.m.

As Founders' Festival co-chair, I am thrilled to be part of our second annual event, which honors the uniqueness of Gorham. I am proud of the rich history in our town and I urge all of you to join your friends and neighbors in this wonderful celebration. For more details, updated schedule, and contact information visit the Founders' Festival website at www.gorhamfoundersfestival.com.

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Lego Days Pamela Turner



Photo credit Kathy Stevens

Children are hard at work at the Baxter Library's Lego Days.

We have a fantastic new program at the library! Lego Days! What are Lego Days? It works like this: You are invited to bring your Legos for a day of fun. Each child/family will have an area taped out on the rug in which to build to your heart's content. This is a chance to learn from other builders or just admire their constructions or perhaps answer a challenge. We will also have Legos and Duplos here to borrow for the day. Come when you can and leave when you must.

Lego Days give participants of all ages the opportunity to use the library as a fun place to share their passion for Legos, to learn about building with Legos, to participate in Lego challenges, and to have fun. The library also has several books on Legos complete with project directions.

Our next Lego Days are scheduled for May 14 and June 11 from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. Please join us then to accept a building challenge! Bring your own bricks or use ours.

For more information, please contact the library at 222-1190 or contact Youth Services Librarian Kathy Stevens at kstevens@msln.net.



Pam Turner holds an MLS from Simmons College and is active in statewide library activities including the Maine Library Association and the Minerva Library Consortium. She may be reached at the

library at 839-5031 or pturner@msln.net.

Online Services for the Town of Gorham

Compiled by Krista Nadeau

Did you know you can access many of the same services online that are available at the Municipal Center?

Log on to the Town of Gorham's website at www.gorham-me.org to see the complete list of these services. Following are some of the things that can be taken care of online at your convenience:

- Re-register your vehicle, ATV, snowmobile, boat, or trailer.
- Obtain a burn permit, tax information, and hunting or fishing licenses.
- Register for a recreational program.
- Renew a library book.
- Print voter registration cards, copies of property tax bills/maps, and forms for certificates/licenses/copies.
- View Planning Department projects, meeting videos, and parcel maps in Google Earth.
- Report Public Works issues/inquiries.
- Use planning estimation calculators.
- Download and print building permit applications.
- Access interactive GIS maps.

Town Manager David Cole said, "If you forgot to register your car, you can go online on a Saturday night and re-register it and print out a temporary registration card. In a few days, your registration and stickers will arrive in the mail. It's really convenient."

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TECHNOLOGY MATTERS

Google Apps

Rick Lorello

Many people use Gmail for their personal e-mail. Less well known is Google's "Cloud" product for office applications, e-mail and collaboration. For small businesses with up to 10 users, there is a free version available at <http://www.google.com/apps/intl/en/group/index.html> or search Google Apps Free Version.

Many users and businesses can use Google Apps to replace Microsoft Office. At a recent workshop in Portland, the Google representative estimated that 80 percent of users will find all the features they need in Google Apps. In fact, this article was written in Google Docs.

I did find a shortcoming in Google's large, complex spreadsheets. Most users already have an Excel Spreadsheet they would like to convert/import into Google Apps. At this point, a spreadsheet with complex formulas will not import smoothly; however, Google is constantly improving the application. That is the beauty of a Cloud application.

There is no software to install or update. Any new features are available the next time a person logs in. It is like getting into your car to find that a new option, like a sunroof or heated seats, has been installed.

Your company's e-mail domain, i.e. T7Tech.com, can be moved over to Google fairly easily. This is called changing your MX record, which is similar to filling out a change of address form at the Post Office. The MX record tells all the servers on the Internet to deliver your e-mail to a new server. Once completed, it is easy to program a Smart Phone or tablet to retrieve e-mail from Google. If you use Google Apps for documents, spreadsheets or presentations, you can easily access those files on any device that has access to the Internet.

But the real power of Google Apps is collaboration. If you work with others

outside of the office, a remote login to access the documents is not needed. Coworkers can collaborate seamlessly across organizational, geographical and linguistic barriers using a wide range of mobile devices, including Android, Blackberry and iPhone. The documents are securely saved on Google's servers and can be accessed from any device with an Internet connection. There are communication features in Google Apps for phone calls, video calls and chat messages. I have used the video call many times. With the communication features, users can work on the same document at the same time without needing to be in the same room. This is really powerful stuff.

When my niece's laptop was infected with a virus, I had to take it overnight for repair. She used it for college and needed some documents she was working on for her classes. This was not a big deal, but did require a few steps to retrieve the files and e-mail them to her. If she had been using Google Apps, it would not have been an issue at all. She could have accessed all the files she needed right from the school's computer lab or from any other device connected to the Internet. Google Apps also offers the opportunity to work in a group with other students and the ability to meet over the Internet to share and complete class projects. This would be helpful for most students as well as for businesses.



Rick Lorello has an undergraduate degree from Husson University and a Master Degree in Information Systems from Florida Institute of Technology. Before starting T7 Technology, he was the Data Center Manager for TD

Insurance. He lives with his wife and two children in Gorham.

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Feinberg Wins Gorham's Got Talent

Jeffrey Carpenter, GMS, ed tech

Ellie Feinberg's operatic performance of "Art is Calling Me" secured her a win at the second annual Gorham's Got Talent competition held on March 17 in the Gorham Middle School auditorium. The day began with twenty-nine preliminary performances by a wide array of singers, dancers, and musicians. The judges at the morning show - Ann Mallory, Mariah Mallory, and last year's champion, Timothy Smith - chose their top fifteen acts and the production staff chose three wild card performers to compete at the finals later that night.

At the evening show, our celebrity judges came from Bullmoose Music and included Sarah Mulkern, Kyle Gervais, and Matty Marcinuk. They chose Ellie Feinberg as the overall winner. Second place went to Nate Harvey; third place, Jessica Coffin; fourth place, Jeannette Villanueva; and fifth place, the rock group "Remove."

The proceeds raised during the performances went to the GMS National History Day Team and to the Gorham Arts Alliance. All 50/50 monies were given to Tracey Wheeler's steel drum band to help pay for tuning the instruments.

We are looking forward to next year's show!



Photo credit Robert Feinberg

Ellie Feinberg won second annual Gorham's Got Talent competition with her rendition of "Art is Calling Me."

Great Falls Family Fun Night



Photo credit Jane Esty

Great Falls Elementary School held its first Family Fun Night on Friday, March 16. The night was full of fun games and activities, including Sparks Ark, Bingo, Zumba, Dance Dance Revolution, a bounce house, and arts and crafts. Crusher, the mascot for the Red Claws, also made a special appearance. In the photo above, Isabella Morrell navigates her way through Mr. D's popular scooter board obstacle course.

school notes

Join the Great Falls School community for an old-fashioned family picnic with outdoor games and activities on Saturday, May 5 from 11:30 to 1 p.m. Bring your own picnic lunch and a dessert for the potluck table. Rick Charette will perform from 1 to 2 p.m. In the event of rain, the concert will take place in the gym at Great Falls.

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Two Gorham Teams Place at National History Day

Diane O'Neill



Photo credit Diane O'Neill

Avery Arena, Molly VanLuling, Matt Gaudette, Tim O'Neill and Andrew Johnson received special recognition at the statewide National History Day competition.

National History Day (NHD) was held on March 28 at the University of Maine in Augusta. Two Gorham teams received special recognition and qualified to go the National Finals in June, where they will compete with other teams from around the county.

Avery Arena and Molly VanLuling, representing Gorham Middle School, were awarded first place in the Junior Division's exhibit category with their winning entry entitled "The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals."

Tim O'Neill, Andrew Johnson, and Matt Gaudette, representing Gorham High School, were awarded second place in the Senior Division's documentary category,

with their entry entitled "The Rock Heard Round the World."

Both entries qualify for the National NHD Competition to be held at the University of Maryland just outside Washington, DC in June.

Other GMS students attending the event were Heidi Donovan, Cheyenne Boucher, Vidalia Marandola, Emily Emmons, Rachel Jean and Erica Mallory, along with Jeffrey Carpenter, GMS teacher and NHD coach.

NHD teams will be fundraising for this trip. Contributions can be sent to Gorham Middle School, Weeks Road, Gorham, ME 04038.

Gorham Student's Art at Blaine House



Photo credit Becky Fortier

The artwork of Alice Peterson, a third grade student at Great Falls Elementary School, was selected to be on display at the Blaine House as part of the Maine Youth Excellence in Art initiative. Alice and her family visited with Governor LePage at the State House in March, where she received a medal, certificate and the honor of having her sunflower art on display.

Arsonist FROM PAGE 1

suspicious vehicles or suspicious behavior. The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives provided an agent to help with the investigation and contacted a profiler for assistance, even though a residential fire is not a federal crime.

The Town Council held a meeting on April 18 to hear a report from Police Chief Ron Shepard about the investigation into the recent cases of arson in Gorham. The Council conveyed strong support to the Public Safety and Law Enforcement Community during this investigation and advised Chief Shepard to inform them if additional resources were needed.

The Town Council voted to offer a \$10,000 reward for information leading to the apprehension of those involved in the arsons with the reward to be administered by the Gorham Police Department. The Council voted to appropriate \$10,000 from the contingency account for this reward.

Police Chief Ron Shepard is optimistic that someone will report something that will enable the investigators to find the arsonist. Police have followed up on numerous tips, but have not been able to make an arrest. Anyone with any information is asked to call 839-5581.

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A Star from Yesteryear: Gorham Runner Ed Shepard

Ryan Baillargeon

Running has not always been the sport that it is today. Many years ago, road races were not as predominant, track meets had few competitors, and people just didn't feel very inclined to go out and start running. But for Ed Shepard this was not the case. Shepard was born in 1921, but that didn't stop him from becoming a great runner. His son, current Gorham Police Chief Ron Shepard, said, "Running was my father's passion."

The numbers prove it. In 1948 Ed Shepard won the Portland Boys Club Meet five-mile road race with a record breaking time of 25 minutes and 48 seconds. Just five days later, he was at it again, running the Brewer-Bangor five-mile road race in 25 minutes and 38 seconds, a state record.

In that same year, Shepard ran a forty-four mile Boston to Worcester relay with three other men. He was given the role of anchoring the squad, and when the third leg reached him, the team had some ground to make up. Ed did just that, bringing the relay team to a come-from-behind victory.

Shepard moved to Maine in 1939 with his sister and settled in west Gorham. It was here that he began to promote running. He helped revolutionize the sport in Maine, promoted road races all around Maine, and ran in them. Ron remembers, "On the weekends, we would go all over Maine to his road races, it's just what we did."

Ed Shepard later set up an annual five-mile road race in Gorham. In the mid-1950s, he began to step away from running and became more involved in organizing and officiating track. He helped officiate many Gorham and Sacopee Valley cross-country meets, and in the early 1960s, he was the manager for a team built around the top runners from the United States that toured the Middle East.

To honor Ed Shepard, who passed away in 2003 and who was one of



Photo courtesy of Ron Shepard

Ed Shepard is shown above in on July 4, 1950 after winning the first annual 15K Maine Association AAU Championship in Thomaston. He ran the course in 58 minutes, 56 seconds to finish nearly three minutes ahead of the second-place challenger.

Gorham's greatest runners, there will be a Memorial 5K Road Race on June 24th at 9:00 a.m. The race will start and finish at Baxter Memorial Library in Gorham. The event will also raise funds for the Gorham D.A.R.E program.

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

In looking back on Ed Shepard's career, Ron Shepard said, "My father used to chuckle about how he was born twenty or thirty years too soon. He could have made a living off his running. But he didn't run for the money or the fame or even really to stay in shape. He ran because he enjoyed it, and that is what he stressed as he spread the sport in Maine."

Peter Downing Wins 5K Lions Club Race

Peter Downing of Gorham was the overall winner of the April 21 Gorham Lions Club 5K Road Race with a time of 17:35. Other Gorham runners that won their gender-age division included Courtney MacLeod (female 20-20), Jennifer Rush (female 30-39), Brenda Chase (female 40-49), Gary Eaton (male 50-59), Linda Whitten (female 50-59), Mike Towle (male 60-69), Donna Kennie (female 70-79), and Cindy Stevenson (female 80 and above).

The Lions Club hosted the event to raise funds for the Iris Network, which assists people in Maine who are blind or visually impaired. Results of all Gorham participants appear below. Some ran the course while others competed as walkers:

Place	Name	Time
1	Peter Downing	17:35
5	Neil Raymond	20:12
8	Timothy Nagle	21:22

New Football, Lacrosse and Tennis Coaches at GHS

Compiled by Jeff Pike

Gorham High School recently announced its new varsity football coach, and three coaches are taking over programs for their first time this spring. Here's some background info on all four as well as comments from GHS Athletic Director Tim Spear.

Jamal Chatman—Football: Chatman, a Gorham resident, grew up in Texas and played college football at Texas Southern University where he was three-year starter and captain at wide receiver. Since moving to Maine, he has been an assistant coach, working most recently in the Greely H.S. program. "Jamal is very excited to lead the football program," said Spear. "He has a passion for football and developing young men that will help him be successful. Jamal is also very familiar with our football program, and I look for him to continue the success that Gorham has seen over the past ten years."

Dan Soule—Boys' Lacrosse: Soule is a South Portland high school graduate (Class of 2000) and graduated from USM in 2004 with a degree in communications. He has coached multiple sports and is also currently coaching freshman football at Cheverus. This is Soule's second year in Gorham, having served as the JV coach last season. "Dan is extremely passionate about

coaching, and his dedication to the lacrosse program is very evident," Spear said. "Dan displays great character and will implement that to the student-athletes that play for him."

Mary Vaughn—Girls' Lacrosse: Vaughn is from Brunswick where she was an outstanding student-athlete, graduating in 2006. Currently, she is finishing her degree in English from the University of Southern Maine after completing a strong college athletic career in both women's ice hockey and lacrosse, receiving recognition as an All-Conference student-athlete in both sports. She began coaching in Bonny Eagle as the boys' JV lacrosse coach for two seasons. "We are very excited to have Mary on board as she brings a wealth of knowledge in lacrosse and is a wonderful leader in our athletic program," said Spear.

Erin Feldhaus—Girls Tennis: A Gorham resident, Feldhaus has been with the Gorham tennis program for the past few years. As an assistant coach in the program, she was able to learn from one of the best in Sonja Frey, who stepped down last spring after coaching for 25 years. "Erin's knowledge of our program and her ability to connect with our student-athletes will allow her to be successful in continuing a strong tennis program," Spear said.

Golf Champ Signs Letter of Intent



Photo courtesy of Southern Maine Community College

Tommy Stirling, GHS Class of 2010, has signed a letter of intent to play golf at Southwestern Oklahoma State University. Shown above with his parents Craig (left) and Debbie as well as Southern Maine Community College Athletic Director Matt Richards (right) during the signing ceremony, Stirling competed for the SMCC golf team the past two years. In the fall of 2011, he won the Yankee Small College Conference Golf Championship and the United States Collegiate Athletic Association Golf Championship, which led to Stirling earning All-American honors.

10	Jennifer Rush	21:57	29	Belinda Chase	29:23
11	Kristal Jean	22:31	30	Sharen Deering	34:37
12	Mike Towle	22:33	31	Keith Potts	35:27
13	Courtney MacLeod	22:49	32	Sue Britting	36:13
16	Andrew Eaton	23:29	34	Cindy Stevenson	40:46
17	Linda Whitten	24:31	36	Cindy Jean	44:26
19	Terry Deering	24:48	39	Natalie Miner	48:44
20	Anthony Zerillo	25:01	39	Lillian Miner	48:44
24	Gary Eaton	27:06	41	Noah Miner	49:08
25	Rebecca Curtis	27:15	42	Donna Kennie	49:44
27	Siena Zerillo	28:28	43	Norma Storer	50:47

in the Zone

Career Assist Leader:

Mount Ida College senior Shannon Wood (from Gorham and McAuley H.S. Class of 2008) was second in scoring (11.2 per game) and first in assists (4.4), steals (2.7) and three-point shot percentage (27.7) for the women's basketball team. Despite playing just two years for the team after transferring from Bryant University, Wood set the Mount Ida career assist record with 217 and the single-season assist record with 113 while leading the team to its first-ever playoff appearance 2011 and first-ever playoff win in 2012.

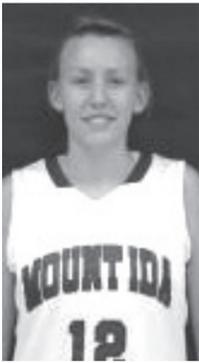


Photo courtesy of Mount Ida College

Maine Rebels Football Team Starters:

Two Gorham residents are starting for the Maine Rebels women's football team, which began an eight-game season starting on April 7. Alicia Paige starts at defensive end, while Jessikah Lopez (GHS class of 2002) starts at middle linebacker. The team's next home game is June 2nd, 4 p.m. at Fitzpatrick Stadium in Portland.

Boys' Lacrosse Wins Season Opener:

Jimmy Talbot had four goals with two assists and also scored the go-ahead goal in the fourth quarter to help Gorham defeat Massabesic, 11-9, in the team's season opener on April 14. Nate Holloran made 18 saves in goal.

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Guide Developed to Address Community Growth

Sherrie Benner

At the April 3, 2012 meeting, the Gorham Town Council unanimously approved the Town of Gorham Community and Economic Development Guide. Initially drafted in November 2011, the guide was an initiative of the Gorham Economic Development Corporation (GEDC) to proactively address community growth along with reassessing the corporation's mission. Presented by GEDC President, Thomas Ellsworth, the guide's purpose is to identify specific goals and action steps considered necessary in providing long term continuity and in supporting the community in making sound economic development decisions. Ellsworth stated, "the

GEDC believes this guide will provide a blueprint for charting our economic development strategy well into the future."

The focus of an outreach program formed at a Town Council workshop, the draft-to-council-approved guide relied heavily on input from GEDC board members, town council and local businesses in the public and private sectors. Additionally, contacted agencies outside of the Gorham community included The Greater Portland Council of Governments, Portland Area Comprehensive Transportation System (PACTS), Cumberland County Community Block Grant Program, EcoMaine and the University of

Southern Maine. The outreach program was considered to be comprehensive and successful. David Cole, Gorham town manager, credits Ellsworth with presenting the draft to a broad and diverse group for the greatest amount of valuable feedback.

Consisting of seven specific goals, each accompanied by action steps for implementation, the guide's overall objective is to foster and promote the community as a vibrant place to live, work and raise a family. In Gorham, quality of life and economic development are interdependent objectives. The Guide's primary goal relates to marketing and communications with the town and GEDC continuing to work with businesses that increase job opportunities, tax base diversification, and contribute to the community's well being. Secondly, in addressing the planning process, the Guide acknowledges that a key to successful business attraction is to be timely in the permitting process. To that end, action steps include providing clear information

and consistent communication from town staff to the business development community throughout the permitting process regarding planning and zoning ordinances and related policies and procedures. Goals for Land Use and Zoning continue to be recognizing that Gorham is a growing and ever changing community and that policies need to adapt to those changes, specifically, rezoning additional land on Routes 237 and 25 to provide more industrial space in the community.

Acknowledging the months' long process in drafting and implementation of the Guide, Cole said it was important for an organization such as the GEDC to refresh its mission statement and to identify new priorities. "It is a positive and useful process and one that makes the end product all the more valuable," noted Cole, and "that the completed process will well serve the town in going forward in its economic development."

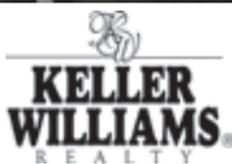
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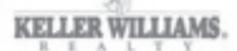
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Nicole Labbe, Alexis Pinkham, Lexi Trafton, Natalie Parent, Mikayla Richman, Bailey Turner and Ashley Grant of the Dance Studio of Maine in Gorham, provided dancing entertainment at a recent fundraising "Dance for Autism" event held in Yarmouth.

OF INTEREST

Bailey O'Brien (GHS '10) was recently inducted into Phi Beta Kappa – Delta Chapter, a national honors organization at the University of Maine.

Thomas Moutinho (GHS '11), a first-year student majoring in biomedical engineering, has been named a Charles O. Thompson Scholar at Worcester Polytechnic for the 2011/12 academic year.

Award-winning author **Sis Deans** of Gorham will share tips on writing and the process of getting published on Tuesday, May 15 from 6 – 6:45 p.m. at the Baxter Memorial Library. This program is geared toward teens and adults who have an interest in writing. To find out more about Deans' publications visit www.sisdeans.com. FMI, 839-5031.

The Greater Gorham Farmer's Market, located between Baxter Library and the Gorham Times building off South Street, opens for the season on Saturday, May 5 from 8 a.m. – 12 p.m.



State Rep. Jane Knapp (R-Gorham) and David Delano of Gorham (above) stand before the Speaker's rostrum in the House Chamber. David, a student at USM, had the opportunity to sing the National Anthem before the start of the day's session.

The Gorham High School Drama Program and Thespian Society cordially invite all to attend the first annual Theatre Student and Alumni Showcase on Saturday, April 28 at 7:30 p.m. in the McCormack Performing Arts Center. \$5/\$3. Tickets sold at door.

There will be a Yard Sale on Saturday, May 19 from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. at the Lakes Region Senior Center (formally Little Falls School) off Rt. 202 in Gorham. Donations will be accepted with restrictions. No clothing, no large appliances and no overstuffed furniture. Donations may be dropped off between 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Monday, May 14 – Thursday, May 17. FMI, 893-9088.

The Lakes Region Senior Center (formally Little Falls School) off Rt. 202 in Gorham is open Monday thru Thursday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. This is a drop-in center and daily activities are flexible for members. FMI, 893-9088.

The Gorham Founders Festival will be held this year on Friday, May 25 and Saturday, May 26 next to Narragansett School off Chick Street. Some of the events include a Pancake Breakfast, Live Auction, Motor Booty Affair, Amusement Rides, Granite State Zoo, Chicken BBQ Dinner, The Time Pilots, local performers, Fireworks and more! FMI, www.gorham-foundersfestival.com

The Annual Spring Rummage and Perennial Sale will be held at the Cressey Road United Methodist Church in Gorham on Friday, May 4 from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. and on Saturday, May 5 from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Don't miss this popular recycling event!

A Spring Luncheon, sponsored by the Gorham Woman's Club, will be held on Friday, Apr. 27 at 12 p.m. at the Cressey Road United Methodist Church. Proceeds go toward GHS scholarships. Entertainment and door prizes! \$10. For reservations, call Alice Keddy at 839-4579.

A Chicken Pie Dinner with all the fixings will be served at the First Parish Congregational Church in Gorham on Saturday, Apr. 28 at 5 p.m. \$9/\$5. All are welcome!

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. FMI, www.intothemudchallenge.com.

A Document Shredding Event will be held at the Gorham Saving's Bank parking lot on Saturday, Apr. 28 from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Destroy your confidential documents for Free! Watch a video of your documents being safely shredded by Northeast Record Retention.

USM School of Music's Vocal Jazz Ensemble will perform on Tuesday, May 1, at 7:30 p.m. in Corthell Concert Hall, USM Gorham. The vocal combo will present selections from Nat King Cole, George Gershwin and Randy Newman. \$6/\$3. FMI, 780-5555.

Pixel's Posse in Gorham has joined other animal welfare organizations that list their homeless pets on www.petfinder.com, the oldest and largest database of adoptable animals on the Internet.

Join members of the Presumpscot Regional Land Trust on Saturday, May 5 at 9 a.m. for upcoming trail projects such as shoring bridges, removing trash from woods, repairing and repainting kiosks, and installing wood footings into trail hill-sides. FMI, prlandtrust@yahoo.com.

Galilee Baptist Church will host the Chorale of Philadelphia Biblical University in a concert on Tuesday, May 15 at 7 p.m. The Chorale's repertoire includes sacred choral works from various periods and styles sung a cappella or accompanied with piano or various instruments. The Chorale offers a varied selection of choral music, including hymn arrangements, spirituals, and some of the great choral classics. FMI, 839.6985

Gorham native Josh Fasulo co-wrote the movie "Deep in the Heart," which will be screened at Cinemagic in Westbrook on Sunday, April 29 at 4 p.m. The movie is a story of redemption, forgiveness and love. FMI, Kim Meggison, 838-0533.

USM NOTES

The Southern Maine Children's Choir will perform its spring concert Thursday, May 10, at 7 p.m. in Corthell Concert Hall, USM Gorham. Donations accepted at the door. FMI, 780-5256.

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Listless in Laos

Bruce and Linda Webb

On March 1, we found ourselves in the beautiful French colonial city of Luang Prabang on the Mekong River in central Laos. The contrast with our "real" lives in Gorham couldn't be greater.

After spending the fall in Guatemala, we spent a few weeks at home to celebrate the holidays with family and friends. On a cold, snowy Friday in early January, we left Portland for our long trip to Thailand.

On our arrival in Bangkok we experienced another profound culture shock because everything was so different from our own culture. The weather was hot and tropical; the language was totally incomprehensible; the traffic was mind numbing; and the customs unfamiliar.

After a few days recovering from jet lag and exploring Bangkok, we reserved a sleeper train for the overnight trip to Chiang Mai in Northern Thailand, where we would be volunteering for a month at an international school. On a busy Friday evening, we were waiting for our train at the huge Bangkok Central Station when we heard music blaring from loudspeakers. A great commotion followed. When I looked up from my book, I noticed that everyone was standing up and that a woman was angrily motioning me to stand up, which I did immediately. It turned out that this music was a tribute to the King of Thailand, a greatly revered figure, and that failure to pay respect was a serious offense.

We spent a month at Chiang Mai International School working with the children and staff. The school had an American curriculum and would be immediately recognizable to any teacher or child from Gorham. We quickly adapted to the school routine and were grateful that all the instruction was in English. Linda worked full time with the kindergarten class, while I worked with high school kids, helped score

basketball games, and chaperoned field trips. On the weekends, we strolled around the ancient city, sampled street food when we dared, and explored the lovely old temples that were numerous there. The city was very hectic with lots of traffic and only the occasional sidewalk. It was an adventure every time we left our residence. We missed the basic infrastructure of home, while enjoying the lovely tropical weather, the energy, and the charm of the Thai people.

After five weeks in Thailand, we took a five-hour van ride north to the Golden Triangle area of the country in preparation for our boat ride on the "slow boat" to Laos. We crossed over the Mekong River, which forms the border between Thailand and Laos and, after much waiting for visas and clearances, we boarded a long narrow boat to start our trip down-river to Luang Prabang, Laos. The boat carried about 100 passengers and was equipped with comfortable seats, a small canteen, and a large diesel engine. We read, chatted with other passengers and watched the rural countryside of northern Laos pass by. After a night in a small riverside town, we boarded the boat again for the remainder of our trip.

We planned two weeks in the peaceful and gracious UNESCO World Heritage site of Luang Prabang, and we have not been disappointed. We have enjoyed exploring the town, learning more about the history of this ancient capital of Laos, and just relaxing in the languid, slow-paced atmosphere. It is

Gorham Times Joins Relay for Life

Compiled by Gorham Times Staff

The University of Southern Maine will celebrate its third annual Relay for Life scheduled for April 27-28th from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. at the Costello Sports Complex on the Gorham Campus. In recognition of our friend and longtime writer, Bill Ambrose, as well as those who are currently fighting or who have lost the battle, the Gorham Times and friends are taking part in this fundraising event.

Relay for Life is about celebration and coming together to raise funds for a cure so that someday our world will be cancer free. The funds raised through Relay for Life supports many programs that the American Cancer Society funds; research for a cure, community/ patient support programs, detection and treatment programs, free wigs for those who may lose their hair, transportation to treatments, free lodging for those who need to travel long distances for treatment, and so many other programs.

Relay is an overnight fundraising event where participants set up campsites and take turns walking laps for 12 hours. USM's Relay for Life kicks-off with the Survivor Lap, where cancer survivors open the event by walking the first lap. If you are a survivor but are unable to attend, we encourage you to register to have someone walk in your honor. Another highlight of the evening festivities is the Luminaria Ceremony where those who have been affected by or lost their fight to cancer are honored. Throughout the night, there will be different theme laps and a special viewing of "Toy Story" at 1 a.m.

To sign up to walk or to donate to our team, please visit <http://main.acsevents.org/goto/GorhamTimes>. If you would like to donate a check to the cause, please mail it to Gorham Times, PO Box 401, Gorham, ME 04038. In the memo line, please write "Relay for Life, USM, Bill's Team-Gorham Times."

an easy place to like with good food, friendly people, safe streets, enchanting atmosphere, and warm weather. We have spent a bit of time volunteering to teach English to Lao teenagers and are impressed with the eagerness and dedication of these young kids who spend their evenings attending English classes. We leave Luang Prabang in a few

days and will head south to Vientiane, the current capital, and then back to Thailand. In mid-March, we will leave for India for the next leg of our adventure.

To read more about our adventure, check out our blog at www.webbworldtour.blogspot.com.

Community

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USM Theater Department presents Hedda Gabler, a play by Henrik Ibsen, from Apr. 26-29. \$15/\$11/\$8. FMI, 780-5151 or www.usm.maine.edu/theatre

The Southern Maine Symphony Orchestra will feature winners of the Music Concerto/Aria Competition on Saturday, April 28, at 2 p.m. at the Gorham Middle School. \$6/\$3.

CLOSE TO HOME

Schoolhouse Arts Center in Standish presents Steel Magnolias through April 29. \$14/\$12. FMI, 642-3743.

The Living Waters Church in Buxton (Rte 112/22) will hold an Italian themed Buffet Dinner on Saturday, Apr. 28 at 5 p.m. \$8/\$4. FMI, 329-0753.

The Westbrook-Warren Congregational Church (810 Main St., Westbrook) will hold a Spring Fling Dinner with entertainment on Saturday, May 5 at 6 p.m. \$12pp. RSVP Evelyn Meserve at 854-4604.

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The Case of the Following Goat

Wescott Road caller reported that there was a goat on the railroad tracks on the Mountain Division Trail and it was following them home.

Gray Road caller reported that they hit a deer and requested that an officer check to see if the deer was okay.

Paulin Drive caller requested to speak with the Animal Control Officer regarding a chicken problem.

Main Street caller reported that a male subject tried to steal some wood from their property.

The Animal Control Officer was requested to do a welfare check on animals at a Fort Hill Road residence.

A local bank reported that a customer had received some fraudulent postal money orders.

Burnham Road caller reported that they received a suspicious telephone call stating they won a vehicle and cash.

New Portland Road caller stated there was a strange male walking around the parking lot doing karate. They requested that he be moved along.

Maryann Drive caller reported a suspicious female in the area knocking on doors.

Evergreen Drive caller reported that they wrote a check out to a male subject for work to fix their roof. The check was cashed, but the work was never done.

South Street caller reported that they were concerned for their teenager's safety after seeing pictures of the teen drinking alcohol.

Huston Road caller reported that there were intoxicated males fighting at their residence.

Caller reported that they were pick pocketed at a store. Caller later called back apologizing as they had found their wallet in the car.

Van Vliet Drive caller reported that their girlfriend took their wallet and wouldn't give it back.

Caller reported that a male and a female were at their business and appeared to be intoxicated. Couple was filming caller without permission.

Winslow Road caller requested to speak with an officer after a suspicious individual came to their residence claiming to be a civil deputy.

Main Street caller reported a drive off theft of kerosene.

School Street caller reported that their neighbors keep asking the older residents for money and drugs.

Autumn Brook Way caller reported a disturbance involving three females and a male subject.

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THURSDAY, APR. 26

- Baby and Me, birth to 18 mos., 9:30 a.m., Baxter Library. FMI, 839-5031.
- Toddler Time, 18-36 mos., 10 a.m., Baxter Library. FMI, 839-5031.
- Baxter Sewing Group, ages 7 and older, 2:30 – 4:30 p.m., Baxter Library. FMI, 839-5031.

TUESDAY, MAY 1

- Pre-school Storytime, 3-5 yrs., 9:30 a.m., Baxter Library. FMI, 839-5031.
- Exercise with video, 9:30 a.m., Lakes Region Senior Center. FMI, 893-9088.
- Pickleball, 10 a.m., Lakes Region Senior Center. FMI, 893-9088.
- Gorham Cancer Prayer and Support Group, 6 p.m., Cressey Road United Methodist Church. FMI, 839-311.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 2

- Learn to play Poker, 10 a.m., Lakes Region Senior Center. FMI, 893-9088.
- Pickleball, 10 a.m., Lakes Region Senior Center. FMI, 893-9088.
- 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, MAY 3

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- Bingo, 10 a.m., 5 cards for \$1. Lakes Region Senior Center. FMI, 893-9088.
- Gorham Food Pantry Open, 9-11 a.m., St. Anne's Catholic Church Parking Lot.
- Story Hour for 3-5 yr olds, 10-11 a.m., No. Gorham Public Library. Stories, songs & crafts. FMI, 892-2575.

FRIDAY, MAY 4

- Rummage and Perennial Sale, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m., Cressey Road United Methodist Church.

SATURDAY, MAY 5

- Gorham Farmer's Market, 8 a.m. – 12 p.m., on Rt. 114 (between Baxter Library and Gorham Times Bldg.)
- West Gorham Union Church Public Supper, 4 p.m., \$7/\$3.
- Rummage and Perennial Sale, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., Cressey Road United Methodist Church. Fill a grocery bag for \$1 at 11 a.m.

- All You Can Eat Bean Supper, 4:30-6 p.m., White Rock Community Club, Wilson Rd, off Rt. 237. \$7/\$3
- Gorham Clothes Closet Open, Little Falls Activity Center, 40 Acorn St. (off Rt 202), 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. FMI, 839-3104 or rhondasawyer@maine.rr.com

MONDAY, MAY 7

- Gorham Community Chorus rehearsal, 7 p.m., Village School.

TUESDAY, MAY 8

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WEDNESDAY, MAY 9

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