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Despite the dismal weather in the early part of the day, the Farmer's Market was well attended. Customers were treated to a variety of flowering plants, vegetable seedlings, snacks, vegetables, eggs, meat, and a variety of locally produced wares including fragrant soaps encased in colorful alpaca fiber. The market is from 8 a.m. to noon on Saturdays on the lawn next to Baxter Memorial Library.

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Former Plan-It Recycling Site to Be Sold

Sheri Faber

R.J. Grondin & Sons discovered there was considerably more trash at the Plan-It Recycling site than they anticipated. They purchased the Plan-It site for \$175,000 – buying out a million dollar mortgage from Bank of America knowing they would have to pay to have the debris removed to make the site saleable. They estimated the site contained about 5,000 tons of debris, but it turned out to be 15,000 tons of construction and demolition debris, which required 150 trips to the Old Town landfill site. Then there were 2,500 tons of asphalt shingles and 23 tons of tires along with fluorescent bulbs and batteries in a warehouse. All of those items had to be disposed of at other locations because they required special handling. Because there was so much more debris than expected, clean up costs were considerably higher than originally thought.

Grondin's headquarters is a short distance away from the site. They wanted the eyesore removed; it was the source of many complaints from neighbors and concerns about ground contamination. Grondin's is working on a deal with a construction-related company that is interested in the site. They expect to close the deal this spring.

Church Performing Arts Center to be Auctioned

Sheri Faber

In 2007, Michael Salvaggio and his three younger brothers purchased the former School Street United Methodist Church at 29 School St. for \$330,000. On May 24, the property is scheduled to be auctioned off in a lender-ordered commercial property auction. St. Joe's Coffee and Thatcher's are two independent businesses located at that address, which are not up for sale.

As a rule, when a property is sold, businesses on the premises can stay for the duration of their existing leases. Once the leases are up, they are renegotiated with the new owners. Because the property, built in 1900, was being used for different purposes after Salvaggio

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Photo courtesy of the Into the Mud Challenge

Pictured above are participants making their way over an obstacle in the second-annual Into-the-Mud Challenge at Gorham Middle School on May 5. The event, sponsored by the USM Sports Management Program, was a 2.5-mile dash featuring slippery pits of mud along with obstacles to overcome. 650 runners competed with proceeds going to the USM Sport Management Scholarship Fund.

23 Horses Die at Gorham Farm

Sheri Faber

Between April 7 and 14, 23 horses died at the Whistlin' Willows Farm owned by William and Anne Kozloff located at 17 Nonesuch Road in Gorham. Whistlin' Willows is a 175-acre farm that had more than 50 horses. The horses died or were put down because they developed symptoms of botulism. Horses can die within hours of ingesting food, in this case probably balage, if it contains botulism.

The treatment for botulism is to give fluids but the horse's facial muscles are usually paralyzed and they are unable to swallow. There are antitoxins but the veterinarian would need to know which of the eight strains of botulism caused the problem and the

antidotes are very expensive, costing \$500 to \$1,000 a dose.

Botulism is rare in Maine and horses are not routinely vaccinated against it. Botulism can kill a horse within hours although some horses have recovered. It is not contagious.

Hay is usually dried before being baled but balage hay is baled in plastic while there is still a lot of moisture in the grass. The hay then ferments as a means of preservation. Balage is generally fed to cows because the partially dried grass is more nutritious than hay. Cows have four stomach compartments that can dilute any toxins but horses have much more sensi-

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Operation GHOP

Save the Date – June 2, 2012 Becky Winslow

The first organized meeting to plan a town-wide community fundraising event, referred to as Operation GHOP (Op-GHOP), was held on Friday, April 27. The event will raise money in support of Angelo Sotiropoulos and his crew at Gorham House of Pizza (GHOP), after the building was badly damaged in a four-alarm fire on April 19. Op-GHOP is being planned as the community's way to say thank you to Angelo for the years of support given to Gorham's schools, charities, personal fundraisers and families.

All in attendance had ideas for the event, however common themes were that we needed a space large enough to accommodate what is sure to be a very large turnout. The group agreed it should be open to all ages, and, if possible, free for all to attend. Al Bean, athletic director at USM, offered the Costello Field House at no charge.

A tentative schedule for the day is as follows:

2 - 5 p.m.: Family fun complete with bounce houses for the kids, cotton candy, popcorn, snow cones etc.

5 - 6:30 p.m.: happy hour

6:30 - 9 p.m.: dinner, music, and silent auction

Other fundraising initiatives in the works include a logo contest with Gorham High art students to design a logo for the fundraiser t-shirts, and the option to purchase a paper slice of pizza to write your wishes to Angelo and his crew, which will be displayed the day of the event.

Are you wondering how can you help? We are asking businesses to donate a product or gift certificate for the silent auction. To donate, please contact Becky Winslow 222-1462 rwinslow@gorhamsavingsbank.com, Lisa Allen 839-7603 partytime@maine.rr.com, or Christy Cousins 839-0080 Christy.cousin@td.com.

Monetary donations may be made online at <https://fundly.com/operationghop>. If you prefer to donate in person or by mail, the Gorham Business Exchange will administer the fundraising account. Please donate in person at Casco Federal Credit Union on Main Street or by mail at Casco F.C.U, PO Box 87, Gorham, ME 04038

Methadone Treatment for Opiate Addiction – Myth vs. Reality

Rep. Linda Sanborn

This year a bill came before the legislature, LD 1840, An Act to Limit MaineCare Reimbursement for Methadone Treatment. The effect of this bill is to limit, under the MaineCare program, payment for methadone, a life-saving medication used to treat opiate addicts, to a lifetime maximum of twenty-four months in most cases.

The reasons for which this bill was brought before the legislature, and the debate surrounding it in the Legislature, made it quite clear that there are many misperceptions and myths around opiate addiction and methadone treatment. These myths are too often accepted as facts by many members of both parties and by many in our community. Until people have a better understanding of the realities of methadone treatment, I am afraid that we will continue to pass legislation that harms those struggling with addiction and will end up costing the State millions of dollars.

Below are some facts about Methadone treatment that I found very useful:

1. Methadone treatment eliminates or reduces illicit opiate use by minimizing narcotic cravings and blocking the euphoric effects of other narcotics.
2. Methadone treatment saves lives. Untreated opiate addicts have a death rate three to four times greater than patients in methadone treatment.
3. Methadone treatment enhances employment, academic, and social functioning. Behavior change is evidenced in improved family and other social relationships, increased employment, and improved parenting.
4. Methadone treatment reduces criminal activity. The most detailed study of treatment outcomes to date showed that during the first four months of treatment, crime decreased 70%, and declined further for patients in treatment for six or more years.
5. Methadone treatment is cost effective. Cost benefit analyses indicate a savings of \$38 for every \$1 spent on

treatment from the lifetime impact of criminal activity, potential incarceration, unemployment, and health care utilization.

6. Methadone treatment reduces transmission of disease, including HIV, Hepatitis B and C, and other infections, which in turn decrease medical costs.

7. Methadone treatment does not cause impairment, but rather blocks opiate drug craving. It allows an individual to regain a normal state of mind, free of drug-induced highs and lows.

There is no scientific basis behind the twenty-four month limit to methadone treatment. Patients leaving methadone treatment have a high rate of relapse and relapse rates are highest when withdrawal from treatment is not voluntary.

Opiate addiction is a chronic brain disease that results from the degeneration of nerve cells. It is treated with regular medication just like hypertension or diabetes. The physician and the patient must decide the length of time in treatment, as with any other medical treatment. I would never vote for a bill that capped a person's access to diabetes medication, so why should we cap Methadone?

The key to fighting opiate addictions is stabilizing the patient, helping them build support networks within their family and community, and transitioning them off of treatment when they are healthy and ready. The sad reality is that for many people, life-long treatment may be necessary. Having an arbitrary cut off for treatment of this addiction will lead to more deaths, higher costs from criminal activity, unemployment and healthcare utilization.



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Letters to the Editor

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Dear Gorham Times,

On Friday evening, April 27 the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life 2012 was held at USM. It was a wonderful event, made more memorable for me because the Gorham Times staff along with the Gorham Cancer Prayer and Support Group walked in memory of my husband, Bill Ambrose.

Bill was a long time writer for the Gorham Times. He passed away on March 14 after a brief battle with lung cancer. I want to express my thanks to everyone who participated in this event and contributed to raising funds for the Relay For Life. I especially want to offer my great appreciation to Karen DiDonato for organizing Bill's Team and encouraging all of us to come together to honor Bill.

This is a very special community, full of loving and supportive people. It became very clear to us during Bill's illness that we live in a very caring town. So many of you took the time to reach out to us with calls, cards, emails, and visits. I will be forever grateful for your expressions of friendship to us. I am honored to be a part of the Gorham community.

*With deep appreciation,
Gail Ambrose*

Dear Gorham Times,

Every mother has something inspiring within her that makes her a special mom. Some people would say that their mothers share their unending love to others.



Photo credit Martha T. Harris

Others would say that their mothers' greatest strength is their courage. Susan Eichner is that and so much more.

On this Mother's Day, I would like to introduce you to an amazing woman whose two boys, Ben (11) and Nathan (8), have the privilege of calling Mom. If being the sole caregiver for her husband, Kevin, who was diagnosed with ALS several years ago, sounds like a full time job, then think again. While Susan devotes each and every day to his health and well-being, she also spends her days supporting and cheering on her two active boys involved in football, soccer, hockey, baseball and theater. Each day, Susan inspires her two sons with her unconditional love, supportive hugs and constant smiles that can comfort any tears. Her fortitude and perseverance, as well as her loving heart, are encouraging her children to grow up to live the life of an authentic person. Susan inspires anyone that has the honor of being in her life with her determination, heartfelt eagerness to love her family and friends and her optimistic beliefs in the future. There's

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no better friend than a mother, and there's no better mother than Susan Eichner.

Jane Farr

Dear Gorham Times,

I'm writing to respectfully disagree with Attorney Sarah McDaniel about the "regulatory takings bill" 1810 and her support for the majority report. Her profession misses the objective of the bill for farmers. It's simply a question of fairness. Farmer's incomes depend on their ability to work their land. If new government regulations approved for the good of the public forces farmers to stop producing food and fiber on a portion of their land, a portion of their income is taken away without just compensation to off set the income loss. The regulation

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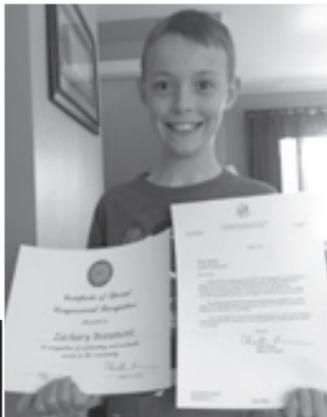
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Gorham Has Heart

Zachary Beaumont

By Jackie Francis

Zachary Beaumont displays his award from the Maine Red Claws.



Zachary Beaumont with his pit bull/labrador mix, Max.



Photos courtesy of Jennifer Beaumont

Ten year-old Zachary Beaumont of Gorham was one of five fourth grade students in the state of Maine awarded in March with a \$1,000 NextGen Scholarship from the Maine Red Claws Foundation. The Maine Red Claws, in conjunction with NextGen, a college investment plan, provide scholarships to students who show “demonstrated interest and service to their community.”

Zachary’s fourth grade teacher, Kim Meggison, nominated this young community activist for his leadership abilities, community involvement and his excellent social skills. “Zach is a sincere friend, classmate, and community member who helps make our local and national world a better place,” says Meggison in her nomination letter to the Red Claws. “He has raised a significant amount of money (about \$3,000) to rescue bait dogs from pit bull fighting in Florida.” Max, a Labrador/pit bull mix, is now a member of the Beaumont family.

In addition to his savvy fundraising skills, Zach is keenly aware and supportive of the armed services, says his mother, Jennifer Beaumont, who is retired from the Marine Corps. “Along

with his classmates, Zach helped write a song to a 19-year-old injured soldier from Maine, and he promoted the idea of posting the performance on YouTube,” says his mom. He also helped to raise funds for Wreaths Across America, traveling with his family to Arlington National Cemetery to participate in laying the wreaths.

His teacher is especially pleased with how well he handles himself in social settings – not only among his peers, but with the elderly too. Each month Meggison’s fourth grade class visits their “grandfriends” at the Gorham House, an assisted-living retirement community. “Many children are intimidated by elderly people who might not talk much (or too much!),” says Meggison, “but not Zach, he carries on an engaging conversation and is able to adjust to his grandfriend’s needs.”

An avid basketball fan, Zach was especially pleased to receive a Red Claws jersey and hat along with his \$1,000 college scholarship. “It was a pleasure to nominate Zachary Beaumont for this NextGen scholarship,” says Meggison. “He is a very deserving young man.”



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Town Council Report

April 3, 2012 Robin Somes

At April's Town Council meeting, State Representative Jane Knapp reported on the Maine Senior FarmShare program organized by the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources who work with farmers throughout the state. Eligible Maine seniors can receive up to \$50 worth of fresh produce. Information is available by selecting the March 27 article: "Free Local Fresh Produce Available for Eligible Maine Seniors—Maine Senior FarmShare enrollment begins" from www.maine.gov/agriculture/news/.

Knapp relayed an incident that occurred earlier in the day whereby Governor LePage's veto of an item was not sustained. The item passed unanimously by a committee comprised of both State and House members. Knapp explained the governor never communicated his objection to any of the members of the committee during the process. "I don't suspect that [the governor] will be a happy camper tonight," Knapp stated, noting that this exemplifies the need for a better flow of communication.

Lastly, Knapp reported on Certified Business-Friendly Community program that was recently announced by the governor as part of his efforts to promote job creation. Communities, chambers of commerce, regional development organizations, trade organizations, businesses, or individuals may submit applications. Certification will occur on a quarterly basis beginning April based on applications, and will be active for two years. Information on this program is available at www.maine.gov/dec/d/cbfc/.

In his monthly report, Town Manager David Cole noted that the Town of Gorham plans to file an application to receive the designation of Business-Friendly Community of the new program mentioned by Representative Knapp.

A meeting was held recently with Maine Military Authority, a bureau of the Maine National Guard that refurbishes and rebuilds vehicles. Also attending from Gorham were

Fire Chief Lefebvre, Public Works Director Bob Burns and Gorham School Director of Facilities Management and Transportation Norm Justice. Some vehicles comprising the various fleets of Gorham will be inspected to help determine future, long-term management. Cole stated he would provide updates of this initiative as actions progress.

Cole reviewed the budget, which is proposed at \$12,133,463, an approximate 1.38 percent increase over last year. The amount of property taxes needed to support this budget is \$6,077,766, an approximate 1 percent increase over last year. This would increase the mil rate as proposed by \$.03 or less than a 1 percent increase. The proposed budget is below the LD1 tax cap by \$653,871. The Cumberland County property tax is \$843,230, a 6.2% increase. This increases the mil rate by \$.04 which, when combined with the town's mil rate would be \$.07.

In New Business, the Council:

- Voted 7-0 to adopt the revision of the Community and Economic Development Guide, which will assist and direct the activities of the Gorham Economic Development Corporation.
- Voted 7-0 to approve the use of overweight equipment and loads on municipal ways in support of the project to resurface the road located on Route 22 starting at the intersection of Route 114 and extending 3.32 miles to the Buxton Town Line.
- Voted 7-0 to approve the following appointments which will expire 2015:
 - o Board of Health: Lori Rumery
 - o Baxter Memorial Library Board of Trustees: Linda Frinsko and Nancy Kenty
 - o Fair Hearing Board: Dede Perkins with Johanna Hanselman to fill an unexpired term through 2013
 - o Parks and Conservation: Dale Rines
 - o Recycling Committee: Jane Knapp and Scott Firmin
 - o Planning Board: Edward Zelmanow

Planning Board Notes

April 23, 2012 Sheri Faber

On April 23, the Planning Board:

- Approved (with conditions) plans by Goodwill Industries of NE to expand Spiller Park Residence with the addition of a 1,709 sq. ft. ranch house.
- Discussed plans by Risbara Bros. Construction for Wagner farms II, a 10-lot subdivision on 3.44 acres off 222 Libby Avenue.
- Discussed a request by Travis Caruso for an amendment to the Fort Hill Estates subdivision to revise the site

of lot 1 from 4.63 acres to 1.38 acres with the remaining land to be joined to land owned by C & C Family LLC located at 53 Phinney Street. A site walk was scheduled.

- Discussed Paul Gore's request for approval of Bartlett Woods Subdivision with five lots on Alberta Way off of Bartlett Road.
- Approved with conditions a 433 foot private way, Tranquil Drive, off 439 Libby Avenue.

Family-friendly Events Planned for Public Works Week

Compiled by Gorham Times Staff

There was not much snow to plow this winter, but that did not mean public works department was not busy. Not only does the Public Works Department plow roads, they also plan recycling programs, plant trees, and provide hazardous waste drop-offs, for example. Municipal public works employees are first responders in emergencies, working with police and fire agencies. They are also stewards of the environment, ensuring compliance with state and federal regulations.

In conjunction with National Public Works Week, Gorham Public Works will host an event from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. outside the Cabela's store in Scarborough on Saturday, May 19.

At the event, kids can explore the big equipment, from dump trucks to street sweepers and bucket loaders. There will be other kids' activities and giveaways, including toy hard hats and balloons. For the adults, door prizes

include gift cards from local retailers. There will be demonstrations and displays about public works projects.

"The atmosphere will be festive," said Bob Burns, head of public works in Gorham, and president of the Maine Chapter of the American Public Works Association. "Most of the time we're behind the scenes. National Public Works Week gives us a chance to enjoy some fun events with the public."

"We get to talk about our projects with our friends and neighbors, and hear their ideas for our communities," Burns said. "And there's nothing like seeing the look on a child's face when he or she sits behind the wheel of one of the big trucks."

For more information and a full schedule of events, visit the Maine chapter of the APWA on Facebook at www.facebook.com/mcapwa, or on the organization's website at www.mcapwa.org.

Real Estate Transfers February 2012

Location	Buyer	Seller	Price
31 Winslow Road	Aylward, Helen	Haight, Cynthia & Gary	\$193,900
3 Lois Lane	MacDonald, Scott	Hannon, Dean & Carole	\$185,000
175 Mighty Street	Bush, Gloria & Travis	Quinn, Melba & Rodney	\$340,000
35 Longmeadow Drive	Hazel, Thomas	Schools, Nathan & Abigail	\$154,500
321 New Portland Road	Curran, Jeremy & Beith, Laura	Kilmartin Properties, LLC	\$172,000
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Covering Ground Jeff O'Donal

Spring has sprung early this year and with it, many projects beckon us back outside. One time-honored springtime task is the re-mulching of our trees, shrubs and garden beds. Interestingly, the most common reason for applying mulch is weed control but, in fact, it is actually the least important reason for applying it.

While mulch certainly provides an attractive, finished look to our landscaping, mulch plays an even more important role in replicating essential natural conditions that help our plants thrive. For instance, in a natural setting, decomposing organic material is provided by the forest duff layer. This composted material provides micronutrients to plants and enhances the water-holding capability of the soil. Mulch does the same thing in our gardens.

Often, mulch is applied to an area that currently has mulch that was applied the previous year. This certainly freshens up the area, but may lead to severe problems if the amount is not adequately controlled.

Too much mulch creates an impassable barrier for the exchange of water and important gases with the top layer of soil. For larger trees and shrubs, more than 90% of the plant's roots are within the top 12" - 18" of the soil surface. Covering these roots with too much mulch may suffocate them or, at least, severely hamper growth. For this

reason, instead of simply applying new mulch each spring, measure how much mulch is actually present over the area. If there is more than a two to three inch, rather than adding more mulch, heavily rake the surface of the mulch with a grading or iron rake. This will create a fresh look to the area, similar to what a new layer of mulch would do, yet will not add more mulch than is healthy for the plants. Use caution when raking near the base of shallow rooted plants, such as azaleas and rhododendrons, in order to avoid harming them with the tines of the rake.

Something you must NEVER do is buildup a pile of mulch at the base of a tree. We call this "volcano mulching" and it can badly harm a tree by reducing airflow to the trunk, smothering trunk cells, and creating a toxic environment that harbors rotting fungi and harmful insects.

Properly done, mulch should be applied over the rooting area of the tree; deepest at the outside edge and fading to the soil line near the base of the tree. This provides you with the finished look you want, adds a spongy layer to the soil surface, and helps in the general health of the tree by reducing competition and by providing protection to the roots. Good reasons, indeed, to mulch your plantings.

Jeff O'Donal is a Maine Certified Nursery Professional and owner of O'Donal's Nursery in Gorham with over 40 year of experience in the plant industry.

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GHS Sports Highlights Compiled by Jeff Pike

Girls' Lacrosse: Ashley Gaudette scored six goals in an 18-8 victory over Deering April 21 while Haley Perkins and Meghan Cushing both scored three times. Perkins and Kali St. Germain combined for 11 goals in back-to-back games April 28 and April 30, and Perkins turned in another three-goal game, as did Cushing, in a 16-7 win over Sanford May 2. At press time, the team was 4-1 and ranked fourth in Western Maine Class A.

Girls' Track: Sarah Perkins won the 300 hurdles and the 100 hurdles while finishing second in the high jump and Sophia Swiatek won the pole vault and javelin to lead the Rams to a four-team meet win over Massabesic, South Portland and Biddeford April 26. During a May 3 multi-team meet, the Rams dominated the 1600 meter racewalk, taking the top five spots led by Katie Flanders in first, followed by Laura Turner, Kelsey Mitchell, Karen Knight and Leanna Gray.

Boys' Lacrosse: Tyler Rankin scored five goals and handed out one assist while Eliot Gagne had a goal and five assists to lead Gorham to 9-7 win over Freeport on April 28. Gagne also led the way May 2 in a 14-4 win over Biddeford with four goals and three assists.

Softball: Sam Robinson, Erin Smith, Patty Smith and Valencia Jordan combined for 12 of Gorham's 17 hits as the Rams defeated Bonny Eagle, 14-2, on

April 24. On May 2, Courtney Burns knocked in two runs in the ninth inning while pitcher Taylor Hansen allowed just one run while striking out six in a 3-1 win over Sanford.

Boys' Track: Jesse Orach (1600 and 3200 meters) and Nick Kilborn (javelin and shot put) both won two events as Gorham won a four-team meet April 25 and nearly scored as many points as the other three teams combined—South Portland 80, Massabesic 42 and Biddeford 38. Overall, Gorham won 10 of the 19 meet events.

Boys' Tennis: At press time, the boys' tennis team was 4-1 and ranked second in Western Maine Class A. First singles player Kyle Curley and third singles player Milan Vidovic have led the way with 5-0 records in individual matches.

Baseball: The Rams started the season 3-1 led by two complete-game pitching wins without any earned runs turned in by Elliot Spears, and by Damon Wallace, who also pitched a complete game and hit a home run in a 6-0 win over Kennebunk. Through the first four games, Alex Yankowsky was batting .667.

Girls' Tennis: Emily Estes, Stefanie Farrington and Rachel Eaton as well as the doubles team of Kaitlyn SeeHusen and Vicki Parker all won matches May 2 as the Rams improved to 3-2 with a 4-1 over Biddeford.

Student Athletes Receive Citizenship Award



Photo credit Brenda Orach

GHS seniors Kiersten Turner and Jesse Orach were among the seniors from all 17 Southwestern Maine Activities Association (SMAA) schools to receive a Student Citizenship Award for demonstrating superior citizenship while also excelling for Gorham's high school sports teams. Turner is graduating Magna Cum Laude and will attend Bowdoin College in the fall where she plans to play soccer. Orach is also graduating Magna Cum Laude and will attend the University of Maine at Orono. Turner and Orach are pictured above with GHS Principal Chris Record (left) and Athletic Director Tim Spear (right) holding their awards at the May 1 ceremony in South Portland.

Fencing: A Fun and Rewarding Sport for Three Gorham Residents

Carter Bowers



Photo credit Tara Connor

Nine-year-old Rowan Connor-McCoy, left, competes locally the Portland Fencing Center. At his most recent competition on March 3, he took the gold medal for his division.

When "sports" topics come up in normal conversations, everybody's mind usually switches over to images of slam-dunks, touchdowns, and home runs. Although we hang on to our favorite pastimes, the reality is that more sports are gaining popularity in the US, and there are people right here in Gorham who are exploring new athletic opportunities in the form of fencing.

Fencing is one of the oldest sports in the world—fencing schools in Europe can be dated back to the 12th Century, where the sport truly started. It is one of only four sports to be featured at every modern Olympic Games and is still an event in which many countries compete.

The sport attracts people from all ages, including Gorham residents Jeff and Elaine O'Donal, who started in January of 2006 as a "different, interesting-sounding Christmas gift," said Jeff O'Donal. Although to some people it may seem like the sport does not take skill or concentration, success in fencing completely relies on focus and proper technique.

"When fencing, it is necessary to blank out everything in life and concentrate on what is happening right in front of us," explained O'Donal. When commenting on the benefits of participating in such a demanding sport, he added, "We have continued because it has been very worthwhile both physically and mentally—it is an excellent release." Besides staying in shape, the O'Donals agree that the benefits of fencing are far more extensive than

just physical exultation.

Another Gorham resident, nine-year-old Rowan Connor-McCoy, started fencing over a year ago and hasn't looked back. Like the O'Donals, he competes locally in competitions at the Portland Fencing Center. Rowan is in the Y-10 division, for kids competing under the ages of 10. In his first competition, he took a third-place medal in his age group. At his most recent competition on March 3rd, he took the gold medal for his division.

Rowan praises the sport, and agrees with the O'Donals in their statement regarding the physical and mental strain the sport causes. "It's a really fun sport and the best sport I've ever tried," said Rowan. Rowan's mother, Tara Connor, also sees the benefits from fencing in her son. "He's found something that he's really learning a lot of focus from," says Tara.

On top of practicing twice each week, Rowan always has to do his homework before he and his family head to The Fencing Center in Westbrook. Tara also sees his passion and devotion to the sport in a way that she has never seen in her son before he tried fencing. "Nothing has really grabbed his attention like fencing. It's really captured his imagination in a way that he wants to put as much into the sport as he possibly can."

Although it isn't the most common of sports, fencing has proved to be a rewarding experience and a sport for all ages. And who knows where it will go from here? Someday we might just see Rowan on ESPN!

sports Etc.

Run for the Future—5K Run/Walk to Benefit GHS Project Graduation: May 12, 9 a.m. at GHS. Run or walk in Gorham's 1st-Annual Run for the Future 5K Road Race. Proceeds to benefit 2012 GHS Project Graduation, which helps GHS seniors celebrate in a safe, chemical-free environment the night after they graduate. Register online at <http://running4free.com/RaceDetails.aspx?raceid=113> or FMI, contact Kim Turner at kimt@gorhamschools.org.

Downing Follows 5K Win with Second Place Finish

Thirty Gorham residents were among the nearly 175 runners that competed in the Cumberland County Sheriffs 5-K Fugitive Run April 28 in Gorham. Peter Downing, following up his win in the Gorham Lions Club 5K race the previous weekend, was first among Gorham athletes, finishing with a time of 17:58. Nick Bowerman, who came all the way from Iowa, won the race with a time of 15:29. Downing also won his age group (30-39 men) as did Jennifer Rush (30-39 women), Dan Rines (50-59 men) and Pamela Baldwin (50-59 women). Below are results of all Gorham participants:

Place	Name	Time
2	Peter Downing	17:58
13	Tim Zerillo	20:11
14	Owens McCullough	20:12
23	Jennifer Rush	22:00
28	Shane Zerillo	22:27
37	Chris Miller	23:30

50	Dale Rines	24:23
66	Terry Deering	25:26
67	Shannon Williford	25:31
81	Carissa Farwell	26:45
85	Karen Gaudette	27:09
89	Cliff Knight	27:33
93	Scott Corbett	27:49
95	Patrick Schnapp	27:51
97	Cyndi Knight	27:53
101	Pamela Baldwin	28:16
111	Melissa Bailey	29:05
115	Wendy Hammond	29:38
118	Stacey Jensen	29:42
120	Dawn Freeland	29:47
131	Rebecca Towne	31:13
132	Nick Stinson	31:14
145	Vanessa Levesque	32:32
148	Ashley Gaudette	32:45
150	Kristin Bush	33:37
151	Sharen Deering	33:49
153	John Hammon	34:46
154	Julie Young	35:16
156	Joshua Pettengill	35:49
160	K Stinson	39:00

GHS Freeze Frames

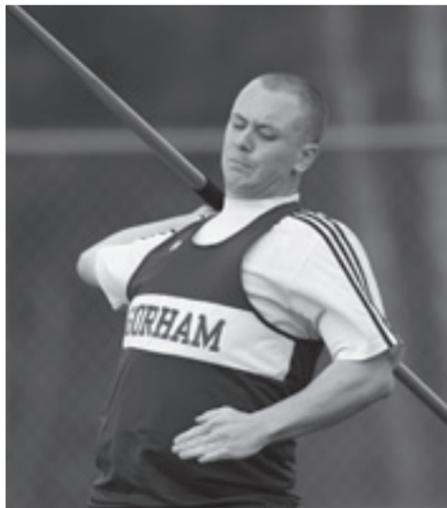
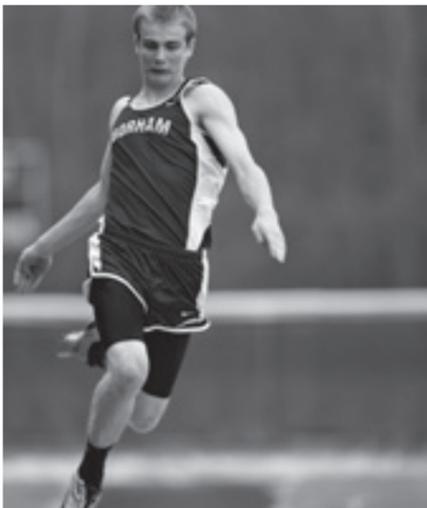


Photo credit Rich Obrey

Travis Grant (left) competes in the long jump and Harrison Fleming hurls the javelin during an April 25 boys' track meet at GHS. Gorham won this first meet of the season against Biddeford, Massabesic and South Portland.

Upcoming GHS Varsity Sports Events

Friday, May 11

- 3:30 p.m. Boys' Tennis @ Sanford
- 3:30 p.m. Girls' Tennis vs. Sanford @ GHS
- 4:00 p.m. Softball @ Kennebunk

Saturday, May 12

- 4:00 p.m. Boys' Lacrosse vs. NYA @ GHS
- 11:00 a.m. Baseball vs. South Portland @ GHS
- 1:00 p.m. Girls' Lacrosse vs. Yarmouth @ GHS

All games subject to change. For up-to-date schedules, visit www.highschoolsports.net

in the Zone

Stand-Out in College

Softball: At press time, Thomas College softball junior pitcher-outfielder **Kelsey Crowe** (GHS Class of 2009) was leading the team in runs-batted-in (19) and doubles (6). She was also among team leaders in batting average (.309) and walks (11). On



Photo courtesy of Mount Ida College

the mound, Crowe had started 15 games posting a 6-9 record with a 4.11 earned-run-average and 90 strikeouts in 92 innings pitched.

Gorham Runners Take Three of Top Ten Spots: GHS seniors **Jesse Orach** and **Nate Gervais** finished first and second in the 2.2 mile Patriot's Day Kids Road Race April 16 in Westbrook with times of 10.57 and 11.20 respectively. Freshman **Jon Gray** was also among the top ten—ninth with a time of 11.50.

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Penobscot Nation Visits Narragansett School

Gracie Shimansky and Veronica Steiner, Students

Students from Narragansett received lessons on the Penobscot Indians from James Francis, a tribal historian. Pictured are Gracie Shimansky, Veronica Steiner and Francis.



Photo credit Steve and Sue Small

Fourth grade students in Mr. and Mrs. Small's classes were treated to a presentation by James Francis, the Tribal Historian of the Penobscot Indian Nation from Indian Island, Maine.

Mr. Francis began by drawing a colorful mural of the four seasons on our classroom white board. On it, he depicted many kinds of trees, plants, birds and animals in the Maine forests, along with several rivers, waterfalls, long houses, and wigwams.

He explained how the Penobscot Indians used everything they found in the forests for food, clothing, and medicine. They never threw things away. Their diet consisted of fish, fiddleheads, and maple syrup in the spring; honey and strawberries in the summer; moose, acorns, blueberries, and corn in the fall; and moose, deer, rabbit and fish in the

winter. They drank water all year round.

From Mr. Francis's presentation, the students came away with an appreciation of the Native Americans way of life, which was as varied as the seasons. Mr. Francis was a great storyteller as well. One of his stories told about why frogs have broken backs. One day, Gluscap slapped the biggest frog ever in the back with a pine tree so hard that the dent in the ground made the Penobscot River!

After Mr. Francis's presentation, students enjoyed drawing their own pictures of his mural. It was so good the students did not want to erase it. You can see our pictures on the bulletin boards outside of our classrooms. We want to thank Mr. Francis for taking the time to come and visit our school and talk with us.

GMS Gets a Good Feeling

Terri Dawson, Technology Integrator



Photo credit Terri Dawson

Members of the GMS iTeam acted as guides for the lip dub video.

Gorham Middle School performed a lip dub activity on its early release that included over 650 students and staff. A lip dub is a type of video that combines lip syncing, interesting visuals, and audio dubbing to create a one-shot-take music video. It means once the camera turns on and starts taping, there's no turning it off or editing the end result. The song, "Good

Feeling" by Flo Rida, was later dubbed over the video to create the soundtrack. The school was very pleased to view their Lip Dub thirty minutes after the filming was finished.

The purpose of the activity was to promote community building and school spirit aligned with our code of conduct. Terri Dawson, a technology integrator, and Angela Gospodarek, a

School Committee Report

April 11, 2012 Robin Somes

In his April report to the School Committee, Superintendent Ted Sharp commented on the exchange program between GHS and its sister high school affiliated with Capital Normal University in Beijing, which was initiated last year. Three staff members and seven students will be traveling there this summer. In turn, Chinese students will come here in the fall for what is now an undetermined length of time. This represents the first exchange between the two high schools. With China now the world's second leading economy, this program will promote future international opportunities for Gorham students.

Sharp announced he has established a committee for teacher evaluations, which begins in May and is targeted for completion in June of 2013. Sharp noted that such an evaluation has not been done in years and with the recent teacher evaluation bill being signed into law, this effort is necessary. Michael Lortie, head of the GTA, and Sharp will co-chair the evaluation committee. In addition, Sharp noted his intention to establish a committee for Principal and Assistant Principal evaluations.

Village School Principal Brian Porter, who is responsible for all assessment throughout the Gorham school district, presented the Summary Assessment Report that provided a status of how well Gorham schools are meeting federal and state standards. In explaining the needs for assessment, Porter presented details regarding Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP), federally mandated reporting to indicate how students are progressing academically each school year. Each state determines what it uses as a measurement for AYP; in Maine it is measured by New England Comprehensive Assessment Program (NECAP) testing results for grades 3-8, and SAT results for 3rd year high school students. For high school students, AYP requires 95% student participation in the testing as well as an 80% graduation rate, which Gorham has consistently achieved. NECAP represents a consortium that includes ME, VT, CT, NH and NY. Porter related a "90% goal," targeting to have 90% of students meeting the standards for reading and math by 2013 at a proficient level. For the school year ending, 2011, 80% was achieved and for 2012, the target is 85%, keeping efforts towards the 90% goal on track.

With regards to science, Porter reviewed past assessments separately from those focused on reading and math. Enhancements to action plans for science will incorporate continued development of Common Grade Level Assessments to better monitor student progress, leverage of STEM that will begin December of this year, incorpora-

tion of Best Practices in science instruction and increase of technology integration in science instruction.

Sharp elaborated on the assessment efforts noting that recent legislation has come about that will result in "proficiency-based diplomas," which would replace the conventional grade based diploma. Sharp pointed out that conventional grades are ultimately a subjective measure that are not comparable at a state or national level and that "proficiency based education really tells us if a student knows something or not." Endorsement by the New England Board of Higher Education implies the understanding that colleges and universities will have of this more telling approach. Sharp noted that education in Massachusetts has been proficiency based for over nine years through its Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS), which has resulted in it being consistently the highest scoring state in the nation for student achievement. The assessment details that Porter reviewed reflect Maine's direction towards this approach of more precisely evaluating students' learning. Complete details are available at: www.gorhamschools.org/assessment.

The extensive work on the FY13 school budget came to a head with its unanimous approval by Committee vote. Finance Officer Hollis Cobb reviewed the budget that reflects a total of \$32,215,330, a 3.27% increase of \$1,019,660 over the FY12 budget. The effect on the existing tax base is a mil rate of 10.51, a 2.76% increase over FY12 and a property tax increase of \$.28.

Committee member Dennis Libby commented on this item, noting that American Recovery and Reinvestment Act and the Maine Jobs Bill grants were ending and federal money for the Medicaid program would be reduced. These monies funded two positions added to address last year's increase in enrollment and effects of the changed configuration of the K-5 schools. Also being funded were two Instructional Support Services positions, two Alternative Education program related positions and two positions for the new Great Falls Elementary School. Funding for these positions totaled \$417,347, which was shifted over to the operational budget.

Libby also noted the need to address capital improvements, representing an increase of \$200,000. The total amount was worked in the budget so as to minimize what taxpayers would carry. With re-allocation of monies and identification of \$185,982 in savings, the increase in the local appropriation amount coming from taxes is \$429,304.

science teacher, organized the event by assigning specific activities, including bubbles, balloons, paper airplanes, posters, hula hoops, instruments, basketballs, gymnasts, umbrellas, tennis balls, confetti, and even fire, to each advisory in grades six through eight. The GMS

iTeam members acted as performers and guides as the lip dub was filmed with 650 outrageously appropriate students and staff as the backdrop.

The video can be viewed on Youtube by visiting: <http://bit.ly/Hy9Dhm>.

Gorham Middle School Third Quarter Honor Roll 2011-12

Grade 6 - High Honors	Grace McGouldrick Zachery McGouldrick Jonathan Meyers Sean Miller Carlos Monsen Haylie Morris Emily Murray Lauren Nagy Emelia Nejezchleba Ryan Norris Mathew Norton Amelia Pappalardo Alexa Perkins Deidra Perreault Megan Polchies Victor Popov Aleksander Porter William Prescott Brittney Reed Lucas Roop Isabella Sawyer Kyle King Tyler Seger Alexis Shepard Sarah Shields Anna Slager Owen Smith III Isabella Solari Nicholas Sturtevant Breana Verrill Jillian Worster Madison Young	Anne Acker-Wolfhagen Elsa Alexandrin Tyler Arnett Sally Aube Georgia Baber Jackson Banks Jake Bear James Benson Madison Bickford David Blattstein Nariah Cavarretta Tony Cooper Cameron Coro Jenna Cowan Rianna Crowell Kristen Curley Jordan Currier Liberty D'Anto Hannah Distasio Nathan Dix Kara Doane Logan Drouin Drew Eid Kara Ellsmore Erin Esty Jordan Falagarrio Abigail Flint Nina Greenwood Mia Guimond Brooke Hall Emily Hayward Brandon Howard Anne Kelly Allison King Jason Komulainen Jack Lamont Carter Landry Eric Lane Theodore Lockman Dylan Lockwood Sarah Loretto Keegan Luce Kaylea Lundin Isabelle Muehle Fiona Nee Miles Obrey Emily O'Donnell James O'Keefe-Neal Marina Pappalardo Kyle Peoples Meghan Perrin Kent Piazzola Emma Pierce Maeve Pitman Lauren Poirier Skyler Rawding Kenneth Richard Tyler Richman Brady Rioux Julia Roy Alexander Scholz-Lague Caroline Smith Dorothy Stickney Benjamin Swift Erica Thibeault Justin Thompson J P Touchette Blake Wallace Jenna Marie Webster Dylan Weeks Marc Yankowsky Alex York	Peter Mahoney Jordanne Mercier Joseph Moutinho Gordon Murray Nathaniel Nadeau Taylor Perkins Calvin Riiska Dylan Rogers William Ruby Dayna Shaw Anna Smith Jesse Southard Ciara Stillson Logan Stout Sydney Stultz Cameron Tracy Molly vanLuling Nicole Walls
Grade 6 - Honors	Grade 7 - High Honors	Grade 8 - Honors	
Benjamin Adams Molly Barr Clayton Bassingthwaite Tarquin Bates Hannah Beliveau Jessica Bennett Vanessa Berrill Lindsey Boylen Isabelle Burke Derrick Burnham Caitlin Callahan Megan Caruso Jason Catoggio Anthony Chase Marisa Collins Brianna Crockett Shawn Crosby Courtney Cushing David Drew Vy Duong Lauren Edwards Holden Edwards Benjamin Eichner Emily Emmons Tyler Fitz Emily Goriss Sawyer Hanscome Andrew Harjula Maxwell Harvey Garrett Higgins Nathaniel Hollister Rachel Hooker Baylee Howlett Christian Hubbard Phoebe Johnston Heather Jordan Haley Keeffe Stephen Klatt Derek Kuusela Noah Lambert Samantha Langevin Kyle Mason Cassidy Mathieson	Mary Adams Jordan Allen Katherine Andrews Avery Arena Kelly Aube Trystan Bates Rachel Beaulieu Katherine Bennett Kathryn Bertin Lucas Bryant Delaney Burns Alyssa Carey Dean Carrier Jamie Carter Kathryn Christianson Seth Cook Sydney Coolong Haylee Dahlborg Travis Emerson Ryan Firmin Jackson Fotter Grant Hamblen Ryan Hamblen Sophia Hendrix William Hepler Cameron Holmes Madeline Joyal-Myers Jamie Juskiwicz Whitney King Diana Kolb Carli Labrecque Allison LaFerriere Justin Laughlin Hannah LeBlanc Elizabeth Lemieux Narissa Libby Abigail Longstaff Samuel Martel Thomas Matthews Ethan Orach Padraic Owens Athena Pappalardo Olivia Puopolo Samuel Roussel Emma Smith Molly Sposato Samuella Spurr Raymond St. Cyr Karen Stemm Cameron Stevens Alexandra Stresser Katherine-Helene Sullivan Connor Sweatt Evelyn Turnbaugh Heather Woodbury Emily Yager	Diana Albanese Erik Andreasen Nadia Barry Trenton Bassingthwaite Matthew Beahm Hunter Beleckis Ross Bellino Ahmed Beshir Emily Bragg Kyle Briggs Stanislav Butenko Nicole Caruso Amber Cavarretta Rebecca Cupps Sara Darling Taylor Day Renee Deering Bregan DeLeon Madeleine DeWitt Heidi Donovan Sierra Doyle Emily Duff Caitlyn Duffy Cody Elliott Eleanor Feinberg Courtney Fitz Sarah Flanders Joseph Gallant Christopher Hannon Dane Heckathorn Mitchell Hobart Andrew Jenkins Alexandra Johnson Collin Jones Sarah Jordan Mia Kaufman Madison Keating Carson Kuschke Branden Kuusela Cassidy Landry Mitchel Letourneau Spencer Linscott Matthew McCarty Molly Merrifield Hannah Meserve Chatham Mills Jason Nagy Emma Niles Benjamin Paulin Robert Pellerin Sara Perry Julia Plante Nicholas Polchies Madison Poulin Cameron Smith Lyndsey Sobieralski Amber St. John Rachael Stewart Colby Sturgis Elizabeth Sullivan Maeve Terry Haley Tetreault-Kellett Alyda Twilley Emilia Viernes Austin Violette Michael Walls Aidan Whitis Lindsey Wilcox Nicholas Wilson Alex Young	
Grade 7 - Honors	Grade 8 - Honors		

North Yarmouth Academy Second Trimester Honor Roll 2011-12

Grade 9 - Highest Honors Eleanor Sato	Grade 11 - High Honors Timothy Daigler	Grade 12 - Honors Jae Yeon Jeon
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Gorham High School Third Quarter Honor Roll 2011-12

Grade 9 - High Honors	Michaela Williams	Deborah Burgess Celeste Carpenter Samantha Cupps Elizabeth Landry Michael Lubelczyk Nicholas Matthews Michelle Pham Dominic Pompeo Kaitlyn SeeHusen Patricia Smith Alexander Swiatek Tyler Verrill Damon Wallace	Aryn Martin Nathan Moody Samuel Mosher Michelina Murray Osna Sayed Lindsey Smith Clara Stickney Nicole Sutherland Kiersten Turner Lia Van de Krol Jeanette Villanueva
	Grade 10 - High Honors	Grade 11 - Honors	Grade 12 - Honors
Douglas Beahm Megan Bennett Ryan Bertin Amanda Butler Emma Christakis Christian Daigle Margaret Donohue John Ennis Matthew Esposito Gregory Farrington Meghan Hanley Matthew Hooker Maxwell Johnson Emily Lewis Sean Luce Julie Pike Jaymie Seneca Timothy Sposato Katherine Stickney Thomas Susi Ashley Woodbury Andrew York	Nicole Brunet Savannah Frager Abigail LaPorte Rebecca Lord Joseph Martin Jason Meuse Kelsey Mitchell Haley Perkins Sydney Prindle Hannah Southard Jacqueline Turner Laura Turner	Libby Andreasen Daniel Bahun Kayla Billings Robert Billings Collin Bowie Kristen Braley Adam Bucknell Travis Bucknell Lindsay Chapman Anthony Coppola Ashley Corbeau-Hasenflu Kyle Curley Brian Darling Keagan Dumont Connor Dunn Stefanie Farrington Meaghan Gilbert Kayla Harris Evan Hopkins Alex Johnson Tristan Juday Spencer LaPierre Elizabeth Lavoie Arthur Jebediah Lockman Bethany Marshburn-Ersek Cassandra Martel Amy McCarty Maxwell McNally Justin Nugent Alexander Owens Nicholas Parlin Riley Sawyer Perkins Riley Shane Perkins Sydney Perkins Hannah Pratt Allyson Redhunt Kristin Ross James Sawtelle Andrew Scontras Naomi Seavey Katiana Selens Caitlin Shaw Erin Smith Kara Stahl Mary Alice Stewart Emily Stickney Bridget Stillson Michael Sullivan Madeline Susi Milan Vidovic Cameron Willette	Audrey Adkison Kellen Adolf Karylghash Akhmetbek Steven Albanese Kelsey Alfiero Ryan Baillargeon Heather Benson Adam Bourgault Abegayle Brown Meredyth Clements Mason Crocker Zackary Cummings Brandon Cushman Briana Custeau Samantha Dahlborg Olivia Dolloff Cortlandt Dunn Ryan Eagle William Eldridge Kaitlin Flanders Rebecca Foster Eliot Gagne Ashley Gaudette Nathaniel Gervais Michael Giasson Nicole Gile Nathan Goodrich Rachel Harriman Garrett Heckathorn Nathan Holloran Philip Holmes Farkhunda Jamal Ashley Linscott Sophie Little Kevin Lubelczyk Tyler Maroon Kirsten Olson Jesse Orach Victoria Parker Kelsey Pequinot Sierra Peters Samuel Phinney Amanda Richardson Mark Ridgeway Danielle Rivard Margaret Roy Daria Semenov Cole Shiers Matthew Southard Deireann Stillson Alexandra Sturgis Alexandra Sturtevant Amy Sutherland Emery Thompson Elynn Touchette Bradley Turnbaugh Haleigh Turner Rachael Webster Dylan Whitaker Rebekah Wise
Grade 9 - Honors	Grade 10 - Honors		
Ashley Aceto Matthew Bennett Kristin Benson Darcie Brown Sarah Buotte Grace Ann Burns Brooke Caron Michael Chapin Tucker Gasowski Griffin Germond Jonathan Gray Abigail Hamilton Erika Heddeshheimer Benjamin Hinchey Sydney Hobart Cole Houghton Aliza Jordan Elizabeth Kane Muhammad Khan Jessica Labrecque Jamison Lane Taylor LaPointe Brooke Leeman Jeffrey McNally Brendan Mercier Nicholas Miller Zachary Mills Hunter Mitchell Blanca Monsen Timothy O'Neill Thomas Pequinot Emily Peterson Sarah Plourde Kiana Plumer Chandler Reagan Mikayla Richman Cody Rioux Elizabeth Rioux Alicia Robinson Mitchell Rossignol Spencer Ruda Isaac Salpietra Andrew Schmidt Madeleine Scholz-Lague Evan Scott Margaret Shields Abigail Sladen Julia Smith Andrea Stemm Jacob Sturgis Michael Susi Nicholas Thibeault Benjamin Thompson Daniel Thompson Meagan Thomsen Kenneth Tuttle Jordan Ward	Tyler Allen Gabrielle Bagala Carly Barber Emily Berrill Anas Beshir Melissa Blake Rachel Blattstein Thomas Bradshaw Justin Broy Kyley Butler Tyler Carroll Michael Chin Ashley Clark Jeremy Collett Patrick Crocker April Cummings Meghan Cushing Morgan Cushing Jessica Day Kiara Day Emily DeLuca Sophia Dobben Julia Donley Molly Dufour Caleb Dunlap Megan Dunlap Tyler Eldridge Charlotte Feinberg Heather Fields Gabrielle Garson Sadie Guimond Madeleine Hamblen Kacey Hamlin Corey Harmon Amber Holivan Karen Knight Joseph Lambert Paige Lara Matthew Leclair Kevin Lombard Sarah Lyons Matthew Melton Johnathan Miller Owen Mulrey Corey Nadeau Shannon Nee Francesco Pappalardo Delaney Patten-Harris Gage Pratt Jessica Rexrode Jeremy Reynolds Courtney Roberts Rona Sayed Rosada Spiers Katie Tucker Dylan Turner Nathaniel Twombly Melissa Walls Cameron Welch Owen Whitehead Owen Wright Michael Zagorianakos		

school notes

The Gorham High School Interact Club is sponsoring the Second Annual Pile of Food to be held Saturday, May 12. The fundraiser will collect food and monetary donations for the Gorham Food pantry. Bring your non-perishable food and money donations to either Robie Gym or the lawn in front of Mr. Bagel from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Horses Die FROM PAGE 1

tive systems. Botulism only develops when there is no oxygen present, as with hay sealed in plastic.

State officials have contacted feed suppliers and cautioned other stables from using balage. Whistlin' Willows changed their feed and no additional horses have gotten sick. No other botulism cases have been reported in Maine.

The horses were buried in a mass grave about six to eight feet deep next to a barn on the farm. The carcasses may have to be moved as they are close to a water table. While the botulism is unlikely to spread through the water - it would be diluted and no longer harmful - there are concerns about the deterioration of the carcasses and potential runoff. State officials are meeting with the Kozloffs to discuss options to prevent ground water contamination. One possible option will be to install a curtain drain/trench around the burial area, line the trench with plastic and crushed rock so that the water runoff would travel around the burial site, not through it.

40 to 45 horses are still at the farm and state agents did not find evidence of neglect noting that the care level met state standards.

The Church FROM PAGE 1

bought it, everything had to be brought up to current code. The town assesses the property at \$688,300. As of May 1, Salvaggio was approximately \$5,500 behind in his taxes on the property.

Salvaggio renamed the property the Sons of Italy/The Church Performing Arts Center. Over the past two years bands played at the site and college students from USM came to dance and, if they were over 21, to drink. Salvaggio doubled the admission fee from five dollars to ten and in recent months has held few events.

In April, The Town Council authorized the Sons of Italy, a non-profit group, to hold poker games and to have slot machines. According to Town Manager, David Cole, "by law, non-profits are allowed to have games of chance for members of their organization. The state issues the license and the town must approve it. The Town Council had no grounds on which to deny the request."

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April 12, 2012

To: David Cole, Town Manager & Members of the Town Council
Fr: Ted Sharp, Superintendent & Members of the School Committee
Re: FY13 School Department Budget

Enclosed and submitted for your review and consideration is the FY13 School Department Budget as approved unanimously by the School Committee on April 11, 2012.

This proposed FY13 Budget totals \$32,215,330 and represents a 3.27% increase over the final approved FY12 Budget of \$31,195,670. This budget requires a 3.24% increase in the local appropriation. **Assuming the actual FY12 property tax increases \$6 million in FY13, the impact of this budget on the mil rate is an increase of 2.76%, or \$0.28.** The actual amount of the increase in the local appropriation is a relatively modest \$429,304.

During the past year, the School Department has continued to engage in dialogue and review of all programs, personnel, facilities, and attendant infrastructure, a review designed to assess their utility and their value in the advancement of a high quality, comprehensive educational program for all of our students.

As you will note in your review, we have applied an accumulated designated fund balance of \$620,000 as a revenue source for the FY13 Budget. If we had not applied these funds as a revenue source, there would have been additional positions eliminated, personnel cuts that would have increased student/teacher class ratios across the District, as well as impairments in the programs that would impact the quality of education for many students.

We look forward to the joint TC/SC FY13 Budget Workshop scheduled for May 22nd. In the interim, if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Finance Officer, Hollis Cobb and/or Superintendent, Ted Sharp.

Major Initiatives 2012-2013

▪ 1.0 FTE Guidance Counselor shared position .40 GMS/.60 GHS	\$68,000
▪ Purchase of current MLTI laptops	\$79,000
▪ Additional RAM for MLTI laptops	\$40,000
▪ Purchase & install dry erase boards Village, Narragansett, GMS, GHS	\$20,000
▪ Increase ELL (English language learner) teacher from .80 to 1.0 FTE	\$10,000

Budget Reductions 2012-2013

▪ Savings realized through reissue of 2002 GMS bond (\$38,305 local, \$96,464 State)	\$134,769
▪ 1.0 FTE Extended Day K teacher	\$68,000
▪ Reduction to discretionary/supply accounts	\$54,000
▪ Reduction to portable lease accounts <i>Elementary portable lease discontinued</i>	\$40,000
▪ Reduction to electricity accounts <i>New electricity supply contract</i>	\$34,000
▪ Reduction to telephone accounts <i>New phone service contract</i>	\$18,000

Unclaimed Property Easy to Find

According to an e-mail State Rep. Linda Sanborn recently sent to those in her district, "The State of Maine Treasurer's Office recently released its statewide Unclaimed Property list. Each year, the list is produced to help unclaimed property find its rightful owner. Unclaimed property

is considered as money and other personal assets that are lost or abandoned when an owner cannot be located after a specified period of time."

In order to use this free service to search the database, enter the property ID or the name of individual for whom you wish to search the unclaimed

property. In order to view details and file a claim, enter the social security number of the property owner. There is no charge to process an unclaimed property.

The Unclaimed Property list is available at: https://www.maine.gov/treasurer/unclaimed_property/online/

FY13 PROPOSED BUDGET SUMMARY					
		FINAL APPROVED BUDGET	PROPOSED BUDGET	FY13 vs. FY12 CHANGE	
		FY12	FY13	%	\$\$\$
EXPENDITURES					
1	Operating budget (excluding debt service & capital)	\$26,879,093	\$27,996,697	4.16%	\$1,117,604
2	Adult Education	\$226,816	\$239,928	5.78%	\$13,112
3	District Capital Improvements	\$150,000	\$350,000	133.33%	\$200,000
4	Debt Service	\$3,939,761	\$3,628,705	-7.90%	(\$311,056)
5	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$31,195,670	\$32,215,330	3.27%	\$1,019,660
REVENUES					
6	Local Tax Share - K-12 Education	\$10,782,571	\$11,012,849	2.14%	\$230,278
7	Local Tax Share - Debt Service	\$866,512	\$681,599	-21.34%	(\$184,913)
8	Local Tax Share - Adult Education	\$109,050	\$121,928	11.81%	\$12,878
9	Additional Local	\$1,502,627	\$1,873,688	24.69%	\$371,061
10	Adult Ed. Registration Fees	\$37,765	\$50,000	32.40%	\$12,235
11	State Subsidy - General Purpose Aid*	\$14,204,448	\$14,580,159	2.65%	\$375,711
12	State Subsidy - Debt Service**	\$3,158,402	\$2,947,107	-6.69%	(\$211,295)
13	State Subsidy - Adult Ed	\$80,000	\$68,000	-15.00%	(\$12,000)
14	State Agency Clients (K-8) - reimbursements	\$167,500	\$167,500	0.00%	\$0
15	State Agency Clients (9-12) - reimbursements	\$82,500	\$82,500	0.00%	\$0
16	Gorham Municipal Center Maintenance Revenue	\$10,000	\$10,000	0.00%	\$0
17	Designated Fund Balance	\$200,000	\$620,000	n.m.	\$420,000
18	TOTAL REVENUES	\$31,201,375	\$32,215,330	3.25%	\$1,013,955
Local tax effect					
19	Local appropriation need	\$13,260,760	\$13,690,064	3.24%	\$429,304
Effect on existing tax base					
20	Mil rates	10.23	10.51	2.76%	0.28
21	Property tax base	\$1,296,016,170	\$1,302,016,170	0.46%	\$6,000,000
22	*FY12 General Purpose Aid updated to reflect actual subsidy enacted 7/6/11				
23	**Debt Service previously included in State Subsidy - General Purpose Aid. Beginning in the FY13 budget, Debt Service will be reported separate from General Purpose Aid.				

DISTRICT RESPONSIBILITY CENTERS SUMMARY					
COST CENTER	COST CENTER DESCRIPTION	FINAL APPROVED BUDGET FY12	PRELIMINARY BUDGET FY13	FY13 vs. FY12 CHANGE	
		FY12	FY13	%	\$\$\$
2	Great Falls	\$3,172,441	\$3,613,399	13.90%	\$440,958
3	Narragansett	\$2,552,570	\$2,262,116	-11.38%	(\$290,454)
4	Village	\$3,079,625	\$3,069,127	-0.34%	(\$10,498)
5	Gorham Middle School	\$4,699,062	\$4,906,925	4.42%	\$207,863
31	Gorham High School	\$7,375,949	\$7,597,492	3.00%	\$221,543
32	Athletics	\$223,411	\$251,920	12.76%	\$28,509
40	Adult Education	\$226,816	\$239,928	5.78%	\$13,112
90	System Wide	\$1,048,924	\$1,195,530	13.98%	\$146,606
91	Operations and Maintenance	\$1,553,637	\$1,861,757	19.83%	\$308,120
92	Student Transportation	\$1,448,991	\$1,515,049	4.56%	\$66,058
93	Technology	\$621,521	\$647,550	4.19%	\$26,029
94	Capital Leases/Debt Service	\$4,091,761	\$3,784,005	-7.52%	(\$307,756)
95	Shared Instruction & Support - Elem.	\$550,751	\$513,594	-6.75%	(\$37,157)
97	Special Services	\$213,971	\$297,879	39.21%	\$83,908
98	Curriculum Assessment Council	\$70,511	\$70,511	0.00%	(\$0)
99	Shared Instruction & Support - Secor.	\$265,730	\$388,547	46.22%	\$122,817
COST CENTER TOTAL		\$31,195,670	\$32,215,330	3.27%	\$1,019,660

MAINE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION BUDGET CATEGORIES					
BUDGET CATEGORY	CATEGORY DESCRIPTION	FINAL APPROVED BUDGET FY12	PRELIMINARY BUDGET FY13	FY13 vs. FY12 CHANGE	
		FY12	FY13	%	\$\$\$
1	Regular Instruction	\$12,745,876	\$12,913,288	1.31%	\$167,412
2	Special Education	\$4,692,842	\$5,118,367	9.07%	\$425,525
3	Career & Technical Education	\$517,945	\$534,045	3.11%	\$16,100
4	Other Instruction	\$533,768	\$570,543	6.89%	\$36,775
5	Student & Staff Support	\$1,974,814	\$2,069,560	4.80%	\$94,746
6	Systems Administration*	\$676,026	\$829,595	22.72%	\$153,569
7	School Administration	\$1,587,909	\$1,735,670	9.31%	\$147,761
8	Transportation and Buses	\$1,600,991	\$1,670,349	4.33%	\$69,358
9	Facilities Maintenance	\$2,698,923	\$2,905,280	7.65%	\$206,357
10	Debt Service	\$3,939,761	\$3,628,705	-7.90%	(\$311,056)
11	All Other Expenditures	\$0	\$0	n.m.	\$0
	Including Adult Ed	\$226,815	\$239,928	5.78%	\$13,113
BUDGET CATEGORY TOTAL		\$31,195,670	\$32,215,330	3.27%	\$1,019,660

**Increase in Systems Administration due the following:*
 1) Central Office lease, \$90,000 previously budgeted in Debt Service. The MDOE chart of accounts requires this be appropriated to Systems Administration.
 2) Errors and Omissions Insurance, \$20,792 previously budgeted in Facilities Maintenance. The MDOE chart of accounts requires this be appropriated to Systems Administration.
 3) Central Office telephone account has been added to Systems Administration. In previous years, the Central Office telephone was budgeted in School Administration.
 4) School Committee stipend increase, \$4,150
 5) The remaining \$25,127 is due to wage & mostly benefit increases for 6 employees who work in the Superintendent's Office.



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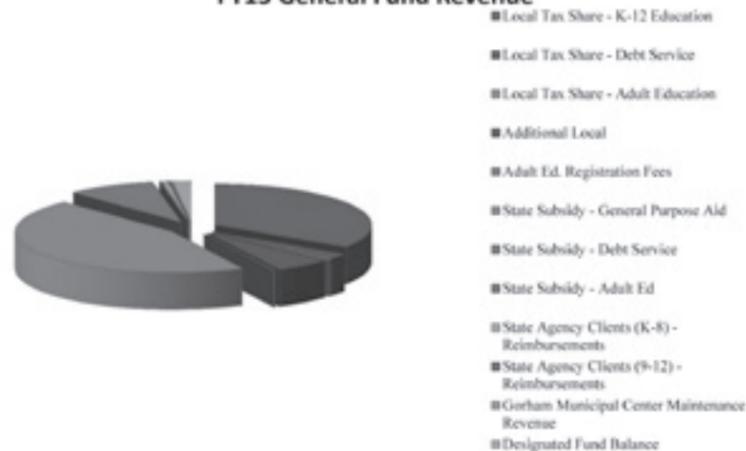
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**Gorham School Department
 FY13 Proposed General Fund Revenue**

Revenue	FY13 Proposed Budget	% of Total Budget
Local Tax Share - K-12 Education	\$11,012,849	34.19%
Local Tax Share - Debt Service	\$681,599	2.12%
Local Tax Share - Adult Education	\$121,928	0.38%
Additional Local	\$1,873,688	5.82%
Adult Ed. Registration Fees	\$50,000	0.16%
State Subsidy - General Purpose Aid	\$14,580,159	45.26%
State Subsidy - Debt Service	\$2,947,107	9.15%
State Subsidy - Adult Ed	\$68,000	0.21%
State Agency Clients (K-8) - Reimbursements	\$167,500	0.52%
State Agency Clients (9-12) - Reimbursements	\$82,500	0.26%
Gorham Municipal Center Maintenance Revenue	\$10,000	0.03%
Designated Fund Balance	\$620,000	1.92%
Total Revenue	\$32,215,330	100.0%

FY13 General Fund Revenue



**Gorham School Department
 Proposed Budget Appropriation Report
 FY13**

Budget Category	FY13 Proposed Budget	% of Budget	Description
Wages/Benefits	\$23,549,214	73.10%	District wages, benefits and taxes
Building Operations	\$1,752,801	5.44%	Cost of operating district buildings
Capital Improvement	\$350,000	1.09%	District capital improvement/reinvestment
Transportation	\$577,795	1.79%	Cost of student transportation
Debt Service	\$3,628,705	11.26%	Repayment of construction/renovation bonds
Adult Education	\$239,928	0.74%	Full cost of operating Gorham's Adult Education Program
All Other*	\$2,116,887	6.57%	Discretionary, lease payments, vocational, other fixed costs
Total FY12 Budget	\$32,215,330	100.00%	

FY 13 Proposed Budget



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Author and Illustrator Kevin Hawkes Visits Narragansett School

Luke Walker and Goodwin Dougingu, Students



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Kevin Hawkes, an author and illustrator from Gorham, showed students at Narragansett School how he illustrates his characters.

Kevin Hawkes, a Gorham author and illustrator, visited Narragansett School on March 22. He talked to us about his books. He drew pictures of people and he showed us his workbook where he drew pictures of his characters. He had to draw pictures over and over again until he gets them just right.

Mr. Hawkes talked about being an author. He wrote "The Wicked Big

Toddlah" and its sequel, "The Wicked Big Toddlah Goes to New York," among other books. He shared with the students how he got the idea to write those books. Mr. Hawkes told us that Mr. Barton has a lot of his books at the Narragansett School library. Mr. Hawkes encouraged all of the students to draw and write.

Living Healthy

Heather Kilborn, Denny Albert and Chris Mitchell, GMS Staff



Photo credit Rhonda Perkins

Alyssa Crowell, Allison Sinnett and Thomas Brent stand with their poster that was created as part of the substance abuse awareness activities at Gorham Middle School.

Students at Gorham Middle School are living healthy! On April 12, students spent their day involved in wellness activities and participating in substance abuse awareness activities provided by Opportunity Alliance.

During the wellness portion of the day, students chose to participate in two activities out of a long list of options including biking, skateboarding and riding scooters, yoga, Zumba, kick-ball, ultimate Frisbee, soccer, Jukado,

boxing, lacrosse, Ping-Pong, Hunger Games, basketball, hiking, and a dance party. The weather was dreary, but it did not dampen the festivities.

As part of the substance abuse awareness activities, a team of teens from the Dover Youth to Youth after-school drug-prevention program, which is coordinated through the Dover, New Hampshire police department, present-

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Outdoor Classroom Created at Great Falls



Photo credit Martha Harris

Working in collaboration with Landmarcs Inc. Creative Landscape and Gorham Public Works, several teachers and staff from Great Falls Elementary School rolled up their sleeves and spent a Saturday working to construct a nature path and outdoor science classroom around the school's pond. Staff and students have already begun using the natural space to integrate the science curriculum. Thanks to the following businesses for donating their time and materials: Landmarcs, Inc. Creative Landscapes, Charlotte Maloney Landscape Architecture, the Opportunity Alliance, Richard Wing-N-Sons Logging, Gorham Public Works, Gorham Arts Alliance, Shaw Brothers Construction, and O'Donals Nursery.

Students Donate Flowers to Gorham House



Photo credit Rhonda Perkins

Student ambassadors at Great Falls Elementary School harvested their raised garden beds and donated the flowers to the Gorham House as part of the Kindness Counts at Great Falls campaign. Pictured with their harvest are Assistant Principal Becky Fortier, Charlotte Dean, Madison Gould and Michala Smith.

Green Team Continues to Make GHS More "Green"

Syrena Clark, GHS Student

On April 5, the Green Team at Gorham High School participated in the first environmental conference at Noble High School. While Noble had invited green teams from all around the state to participate, only three attended - Gorham, Noble, and Scarborough high schools. At the conference, solutions to common green problems in the high schools were discussed. For instance, overhead lighting being misused; global warming; newer programs that allowed the school's energy usage to be tracked; and farming were all hot topics. Later all three green teams mingled and then were mixed into diversified groups where

they discussed what they had been doing in their schools, and what they would like to do.

The outcome of the conference was optimistic. Each of the schools agreed that the conference must be held again next year, and the central idea for later communication will include a blog to allow all the teams to keep in touch. Seven members of Gorham's Green Team attended: Forrest Genthner, Olivia Ersek, Clair Sirois, Elizabeth Kane, Joseph Martin, Samuel Emerson, and Syrena Clark. A special thanks to the adults who drove students to Noble High School: Cathy Genthner and Rob Roy

Graffiti Art at Life Church



Photo credit Brenda Pelletier

It is definitely not church as usual – especially for the children’s ministry. Life Church hired Westbrook artist, Ryan Adams, to create an atmosphere to which the children can easily relate. The walls in the Varsity Room, which serves grades one through six, have a background of bright green with splashes of color, positive, uplifting scripture, and children skateboarding, playing sports, listening to music, and, well, being cool. To say Adam’s creativity is impressive would be an understatement and the kids and parents really love it. For more information about Ryan Adams visit www.ryanadamsart.com. Life Church services are Saturday at 5:30 p.m. and Sunday at 8:30 and 10:30 a.m.

Loveitt Doing Well, Grateful to Be Alive

Krista Nadeau

“I’m almost perfect,” said Dr. Burleigh Loveitt when asked how he was recovering from his accident on February 16. He said he was grateful to survive what he called a “near death experience.” While reflecting, he said his brother Peter saved his life by “keeping his head, using belts to create a tourniquet, and calling rescue.” Dr. Loveitt was also full of praise for how the Gorham rescue handled the situation, “they did everything to a tee to take on a patient who had lost a substantial amount of blood.” In no time flat, he added, he was at Maine Medical Center where he says he couldn’t have asked for better treatment.

Dr. Loveitt underwent five surgeries in eight days and said there was not a moment when he didn’t have his wife, Debbie, his children, Kim, Jonathan, and Justin, or his brothers by his side. In addition, he said the outpouring from friends and the community has been unbelievable. Dr. Loveitt describes himself as blessed. “Out of all of this comes a life that has been spared and

knows it. I have been the recipient of kindness and courtesies never imagined possible and I am humbled and grateful,” he said.

More surgeries lay ahead but his determination is unwavering. Dr. Loveitt said he will keep doing what he has been doing, “looking neither left nor right, but moving straight ahead.” Every day is a good day and a chance to “be better than you have to be.”

“Never miss an opportunity to be decent and kind in an incident where you don’t have to be. If we could take away from this an overwhelming desire to be kind and courteous in our daily lives, perhaps our world would not be in the fix it’s in.” Dr. Loveitt always knew this life lesson, but through this, he knows it even better now. He said this is something for which each one of us should strive.

To follow Dr. Loveitt’s progress, log on to www.caringbridge.org and in the space to the left of “Visit a Site,” enter [burleighloveitt](http://burleighloveitt.com).

Living Healthy FROM PREVIOUS PAGE

ed to sixth graders about the risks associated with tobacco use, and to seventh and eighth grade students about the risks associated with alcohol use. All were impacted by the true and tragic stories. The group also brought student attention to the fact that tobacco and alcohol companies market to teens and

young adults with cartoon characters, beautiful, healthy and athletic-looking models, and catchy slogans. After the high-energy, attention grabbing presentation, students created their own slogan and a poster that represented the message and the expectation that they plan to live up to. Students and teachers com-

mented that the presentation and follow-up activity gave information that everybody should know about and that the group that presented was well prepared and enthusiastic about their message.

Many thanks go out to volunteers who shared their “wellness” passion: Todd Bacon (Portland Boxing Co.);

Alan Viernes (Jukado); Susan Sinnett (Zumba); Amanda Currier (yoga); Claudine Emerson, substance abuse counselor at Gorham High School; the Dover Youth to Youth team; Chanda Sinclair and Opportunity Alliance for providing the substance abuse awareness program for the students at GMS.

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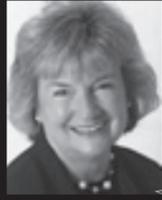
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Relay for Life Recap



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In total, the Relay for Life event held at USM Gorham on May 4, raised over \$19,000. The Gorham Times' team raised \$2,465 plus individual participants on the Gorham Times' team raised nearly \$800. Pictured above, front row: Bill Goff, Stacy Sallinen, Sandra Wilson, Sheri Faber, Gail Ambrose, Maynard Charron. Back row: Karen DiDonato, Jeannine Owens, Kattia Lomando, Luke and Krista Nadeau, Martha Harris.

COLLEGE MENTIONS

Lydia Story (GHS'14) was selected to attend the Maine Youth Leadership (MYL) seminar dedicated to leadership, civic engagement, and community service, May 17-20, at the Gorham campus of the University of Southern Maine. Since 1980, MYL has worked with youth in Maine to seek out, recognize and develop their leadership skills.

Jennifer Moutinho, a junior majoring in Chemical Engineering at Worcester Polytechnic Institute, recently completed an intensive, applied research project in Bangkok for C-Term. The project was titled Botanical Garden.

Adam Hawkes (GHS '10) was honored for scholastic achievement with induction into the Saint Joseph's College chapter of Psi Chi, the International Honor Society in Psychology. Hawkes is a psychology major.

OF INTEREST

Greater Gorham Farmers Market will be held on Saturdays from 8 a.m. – Noon on South Street/Route 114, on the lawn next to Baxter Memorial Library.

Kids used clothing and equipment sale held by The Greater Portland Mothers of Multiples Club. Saturday, May 19, 9 a.m.-noon, St. Anne's Church, Gorham. All welcome. FMI, www.gpmomnc.org.

Leavitt's Mill Free Health Center was awarded a \$1,000 grant by Northeast Delta Dental Foundation, Inc, which will be used to help with the costs of the Leavitt's Mill Free Health Center oral health screening and dental hygiene program for its diabetic patients. FMI, www.nedelta.com or 800-537-1715.

Gorham Lions Club is looking for people willing to purchase an American flag to be installed and displayed on the streets of Gorham. Flags can be purchased for individuals, or in memory of a loved one. Cost is \$50 installed for each unit and funds can be sent to Gorham Lions, c/o James Bunham 332 Gray Rd., Gorham 04038. The Lions have already received a large donation from the Rusty Knoll farm (Rust family) that will allow them to purchase several new flags to be installed on Main/South streets in memory of the many Rust family members. Each year about eighty flags are installed, with nearly half having metal memorial plaques.

Deepen your yoga practice with 108 Sun Salutations on Friday, May 11 at Holistic Pathways, Gorham. \$30 donation goes to either The Center for Grieving Children or Wounded Warriors Project. Contact Amanda in advance to reserve your space. 839-7192 or amanda@holisticpathways.com

Local award-winning author Sis Deans will share tips on writing and the

process of getting published on Tuesday, May 15 at Baxter Memorial Library from 6-7 p.m. Deans will also discuss her newest book, *Riding Out the Storm*, which was published by Henry Holt of New York, the Y/A division of Macmillan. This program is geared toward teens and adults with an interest in writing, but all are welcome. Books will be available for purchase. To find out more about Deans' work, visit www.sisdeans.com.

The Chorale of Philadelphia Biblical University, Langhorne, PA, will present a concert on Tuesday, May 15 at 7:00 p.m. at Galilee Baptist Church. FMI, call 839.6985.

Dancing with the Teachers at Gorham High School will be held on Friday, May 11 at 7:00 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center. Students \$4, Adults \$6. Proceeds to benefit Project Graduation Class of 2012.

The Kora Shriners will sponsor a screening clinic for pediatric/orthopedic/burn injuries referral to Shriners Hospitals for Children on Saturday, May 12, 2012 at Windham High School, 406 Gray Rd., Windham. No appointments are necessary. No charge. 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

2012 Gorham Business Person of the Year Award Ceremony and Reception. Thursday, May 17, 5:30-7:00 p.m. at Crockett Furniture, 673 Main Street, Gorham.

Gorham/Westbrook TRIAD meeting will be held in Westbrook at Mill Brook Estates on May 11, 8:45-9:45 a.m. Mill Brook Estates is located at 300 East Bridge Street.

Gorham Adult Education presents 3rd Annual Student Art Show & Reception, Friday, May 18, 6:00-7:00 p.m. Meet the artists and enjoy refreshments.

Gorham Adult Education students, taught by local artist Maddie Lou Chaplin, will present their current work at Baxter Memorial Library. Artwork will be displayed through June 27. FMI, 222-1095 or www.gorham.maineadulted.org.

Girl Scouts of Maine will host a Parent Information and Registration Meeting on Wednesday, May 23 at 6:30 p.m., at Great Falls School Cafeteria. FMI or to volunteer, call (888) 922-4763 or visit www.girlscoutsofmaine.org.

CLOSE TO HOME

Take a walk on the Breakwater with author and award-winning journalist Kevin C. Mills. The Gorham native will be appearing at the Portland Public Library Friday, May 18 from noon to 1 p.m. as part of the library's Local Author Series.



Jennifer Stoudt (GHS '08) a political science and journalism major at the University of Maine in Orono received the Eugene Mawhinney Outstanding Senior Award in Political Science, awarded to a graduating senior with the highest grade point average within their major. She was also initiated into Maine's Delta Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa. Jennifer is the daughter of William and Brenda Stoudt of Little Falls, and granddaughter of the late long-time Gorham Town Councilor Sherman "Red" Gray and his late wife Jean Gray

Take a Stand Against Bullying two-day event at Big Moose Harley Davidson, 375 Riverside St., Portland. Friday, May 11 from 6:30-9:30 watch the documentary "Rats & Bullies," then discuss with Executive Producer Cassidy McMillan. \$5 admission fee. Saturday, May 11 from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., dance to popALERT and the Veayo Twins! Fundraising to support "Bikers Against Bullying" and "The JD Foundation," a suicide prevention program.

Learn about puppy mills (large scale breeding facilities) at Pet Quarters, Payne Rd., Scarborough, on Sunday, May 13, noon until 2 p.m. Maine Citizens Against Puppy Mills, founded by Gorham resident Lynne Fracassi. For information about future anti-puppy-mill protests, contact Lynne at mainecitizensagainstpuppymills@yahoo.com or 317-7341.

Schoolhouse Arts Center's musical theater students will present *Annie Junior* from May 18-20. Performances will be held on Friday, May 18, at 7:00 p.m., Saturday, May 19 at 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m., and Sunday, May 20, at 2:00 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$8 for students and seniors, and \$5 for children under 5. Call 642-3743 for reservations or buy tick-

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in effect takes away a portion of the farmer's property. That's not fair. It's only fair that farmers be justly compensated when their property is taken for regulatory uses.

The bill is modeled after a Florida law with improvements that has worked successfully for 15 years without a landslide of lawsuits.

The majority report does absolutely nothing for farmers who lose some of their land for production due to new regulations. We already have a Land Use Mediation Program and it has conducted only five mediations between 1995-2009 (14 yrs.). Clearly, this program does not work and the majority report is simply a preservation of the status quo, which denies farmers relief from regulatory taking.

The minority report is supported by the Farm Bureau in all 16 counties and SWAM and we urge the support of the public and our representatives on this issue of fairness.

David Kent

Dear Gorham Times,

The Alpha Xi Delta and Sigma Nu Chapters at the University of Southern Maine would like to thank all the members of the community who donated to our bottle drive on Sunday April 22nd! We collected so many bottles; the count is at 6,000 and climbing! All proceeds will go to Autism Speaks, and it is wonderful that the Gorham community was able to come together and donate to this worthy cause.

Autism Speaks is the nation's largest autism science and advocacy organi-

zation and it is dedicated to funding research into the causes, prevention, treatments, and a cure for autism. They also seek to increase awareness of autism spectrum disorders, and advocate for the needs of individuals with autism and their families. Since entering into a national partnership with Autism Speaks in April 2009, Alpha Xi Delta has proudly raised more than \$800,000 for its philanthropic partner.

Alpha Xi Delta inspires women to reach their potential by providing opportunities for Sisterhood, leadership, knowledge and service. Here at USM as the Epsilon Rho chapter we as a group reach our potential in many ways. We challenge each other to reach academic greatness, and because of this we hold the highest GPA of all Greeks on campus! We are also dedicated to raising money for Autism Speaks through both on and off campus fundraisers. We also encourage each other to be the best we can, by providing a sisterhood of almost thirty women who care and provide support for every single member of our sorority. If you have any questions about Alpha Xi Delta or Autism Speaks you can email USMAlphaXiDelta@gmail.com.

Thank you again for your support and we look forward to coming together as a campus and community soon to help out another worthy cause.

Monique Giroux, Alpha Xi Delta



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USM NOTES

The **USM Youth Ensembles** will hold open auditions on May 23-25 for musicians grades 12 and younger interested in performing in the upcoming fall season. Singers are especially welcome.

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Flaggy Meadow Road caller reported a suspicious male subject knocking on doors in the area. Subject was collecting signatures for the open senate seat.

Boulder Drive caller advised that a man with a clipboard rang their doorbell.

Autumn Brook Way caller requested to speak with an officer regarding possessing pocketknives in Maine.

Ledge Hill Road caller requested to speak with an officer regarding items they put up for sale online and were worried about people coming into their home.

Fort Hill Road caller requested to speak with an officer regarding a car they sold. They left the plates on the car and were getting parking tickets from Rhode Island.

Preble Street caller reported people fighting in their driveway.

North Gorham Road caller reported a suspicious vehicle in the area. Officer advised that the female who had pulled over was reading.

Wilson Road caller reported that a male subject had asked them for a glass of water, thanked them, and then stated he was off to Boise, Idaho.

Winding Brook Way caller reported a possible disturbance in progress involving a male and a female.

Main Street caller reported that a male customer drove recklessly out of the parking lot when the clerk refused to break his \$100 bill.

South Street caller reported a suspicious male subject outside trying to hitchhike down South Street who kept staring at caller's house.

South Street caller reported suspicious activity in the area. Subject was stopping to eat and walking their dog.

Longfellow Road caller requested to speak with an officer regarding a verbal dispute with a delivery driver.

Woodland Road caller reported that when their grandchild got off the bus, they found windows in the house had been broken and items were missing.

Narragansett Street caller reported that when they returned home, they found some of their food was missing.

Hemlock Drive caller requested to speak with an officer regarding a neighbor who kept calling the police on them and constantly complaining about them.

Sebago Lake Road caller advised that it took them four hours to clean out a garage and then the owner refused to pay for the cleaning.

Longfellow Road caller reported that a family member came to their residence and asked them to call the police as they believed a known individual had cut the phone lines.

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FRIDAY, MAY 11

- Gorham/Westbrook Triad Meeting, 8:45 a.m., Westbrook Safety Bldg, 570 Main St, Westbrook. FMI, 839-2948.
- Yoga practice at Holistic Pathways. 203 Main St. \$30 donation goes to either The Center for Grieving Children or Wounded Warriors Project.
- Dancing with the Teachers at GHS, 7:00 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center. Students \$4, Adults \$6.
- Take a Stand Against Bullying, Big Moose Harley Davidson, 375 Riverside St., Portland. 6:30-9:30pm.

SATURDAY, MAY 12

- Gorham Farmer's Market, 8 a.m. – 12 p.m., Rt 114(between Baxter Library and Gorham Times).
- Presumpscot Regional Land Trust land projects, 9 a.m. FMI, email prlandtrust@yahoo.com.
- Take a Stand Against Bullying, Big Moose Harley Davidson, 375 Riverside St., Portland. 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., dance to popALERT and the Veayo Twins! Fundraising to support "Bikers Against Bullying" and "The JD Foundation," a suicide prevention program.

MONDAY, MAY 14

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

TUESDAY, MAY 15

- Pre-school Storytime, 3-5 yrs., 9:30 a.m., Baxter Library. FMI, 839-5031.
- Author Sis Deans shares tips on getting published, geared for teens and adults. 6-6:45 p.m., Baxter Library. FMI, 839-5031.
- Exercise with video, 9:30 a.m., 10 a.m., Knitting with Teresa and Florence, 10 a.m., Lakes Region Senior Center. FMI, 893-9088.
- The Chorale of Philadelphia Biblical University, Langhorne, PA, concert, 7:00 p.m. at Galilee Baptist Church. FMI, call 839-6985.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 16

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

THURSDAY, MAY 17

- Baby and Me, birth to 18 mos., 9:30 a.m., Toddler Time, 18 to 36 mos., 10 a.m., Baxter Library. FMI, 839-5031.
- Gorham Food Pantry, 9-11 a.m., located in 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.

- Bingo, 10 a.m., Lakes Region Senior Center. FMI, 893-9088.
- 2012 Gorham Business Person of the Year Award Ceremony and Reception, 5:30-7:00 p.m. at Crockett Furniture, 673 Main St..

FRIDAY, MAY 18

- Gorham Adult Education 3rd Annual Student Art Show & Reception, 6:00-7:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, MAY 19

- Yard Sale, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Lakes Region Senior Center (formally Little Falls School), off Rt. 202 in Gorham. FMI, 893-9088.
- Gorham Farmer's Market, 8 a.m.-12 p.m., Rt. 114/South St. (between Baxter Library and Gorham Times).
- Kids used clothing and equipment sale held by The Greater Portland Mothers of Multiples Club. 9 a.m.-noon, St. Anne's Church.

MONDAY, MAY 21

- Evening Story Time, Froggy Fling, 6 – 6:45 p.m., Baxter Library. FMI, 839-5031.
- Gorham Food Pantry, 6-7 p.m., located in St. Anne's Catholic Church parking lot.

TUESDAY, MAY 22

- Pre-school Storytime, 3-5 yrs., 9:30 a.m., Baxter Library. FMI, 839-5031.
- Pickleball, 10 a.m., Lakes Region Senior Center. FMI, 893-9088.
- Exercise with video, 9:30 a.m., Lakes Region Senior Center. FMI, 893-9088.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 23

- 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.

- Pickleball, 10 a.m., Learn to play Poker, 10 a.m., Lakes Region Senior Center. FMI, 893-9088.
- Girl Scouts Parent Information and Registration Meeting, 6:30 p.m., at Great Falls School Cafeteria.

THURSDAY, MAY 24

- Baby and Me, birth -18 mos., 9:30 a.m., Baxter Library. FMI, 839-5031.
- Toddler Time, 18-36 mos., 10 a.m., Baxter Library. FMI, 839-5031.
- Gorham Food Pantry, 9-11 a.m., located in St. Anne's Catholic Church parking lot.
- Story Hour for 3-5 yr olds, 10-11 a.m., No. Gorham Public Library. Stories, songs and crafts. FMI, 892-2575.
- Bingo, 10 a.m., Lakes Region Senior Center. FMI, 893-9088.

Baxter Memorial Library, 71 South St.
Galilee Baptist Church, 317 Main St.
Gorham Farmer's Market, South Street between Baxter Memorial Library and Gorham Times' building
Gorham High School, 41 Morrill Avenue
Great Falls School, 73 Justice Way
Lakes Region Senior Center, 40 Acorn St.
No. Gorham Public Library, 2 Standish Neck Road
St. Anne's Catholic Church, 299 Main St.
Village School, 12 Robie St.

The Gorham Ecumenical Food Pantry is open every Thursday from 9 to 11 a.m., the second Wednesday of the month from 6 to 7 p.m., and the third Monday of the month from 6 to 7 p.m. Open to anyone in need of food. The Pantry is located at 299 B Main Street in the Saint Anne's Church parking lot (across from Narragansett Elementary School).

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