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## Gorham Well Represented in Bowling Hall of Fame

Four members of the Southern Maine United States Bowling Congress Hall of Fame hail from Gorham including (from left to right) Connie Valley (1995 induction), Jerry McCormick (2012), Rich Hicks (2011), and Cindy Crockett (1995). STORY ON PAGE 8.

## Saco Man Arrested for Pharmacy Robberies

Sheri Faber

John J. Vernon Jr., 28, of Saco has been charged with three separate robberies of Community Pharmacy on Main Street. On July 1 at about 8:38 am, Vernon entered the store and told employees to give him the store's entire supply of oxycodone. Vernon fled in a maroon Chevrolet Malibu. A witness saw him getting into the Malibu and police attempted to pull the car over. Vernon drove off and police chased him up until his vehicle went off the road at the rotary on Route 202. Vernon fled but was found hiding in a truck at LKQ Auto Parts, a salvage yard located at 192 Narragansett Street.. He was arrested and charged with armed robbery, theft, terrorizing, eluding an officer, reckless conduct with a dangerous weapon, criminal speed and operating after suspension. He is being held on \$75,000 bail. Vernon confessed to the two previous robberies at the same Community Pharmacy on April 16 and May 10 and has now been charged with three separate counts of armed robbery.

Vernon has since been charged with robbery of Community Pharmacy in Saco on June 2 and police are investigating him for a robbery at that same pharmacy last January.

Police also have a suspect in the robbery at Rite-Aid on June 27. That suspect handed a note to the staff demanding oxycodone. He left the area on foot but was seen getting into either a GMC Sonoma long bed truck or a Chevy S-10. This robber was described as a white male about 5'8" with a stocky build wearing sunglasses and a black hooded sweatshirt. Police have received helpful information from witnesses in this case and hope to make an arrest shortly.

According to Lt. Christopher Sanborn, Gorham Police Department, there have already been more pharmacy robberies in Maine in the first six months of this year than there were all of last year.

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## Money Raised for GHOP Presented to Angelo

Karen DiDonato

Great Falls Construction was chosen by Angelo Sotiropoulos to complete repairs to the Gorham House of Pizza (GHOP) building that sustained fire damage in April. In a statement to the Gorham Times, Great Falls Construction said: "We have finally started the process to clean out the building from the fire. We received a demolition permit from the town last week and removed the remaining fire debris that had been left behind from the fire. We received the building permit [on July 3] and now we can get started stripping down the remainder of the interior building materials to allow us to install all new electrical, mechanical, plumbing, and insulation materials in the walls to update and repair the building. There will be activity within and around the building from now on to put it back in a timely fashion." Currently there is no definitive date for reopening. Jon Smith, president Great Falls Construction, said it would be several months before GHOP is ready to serve customers.

Sotiropoulos recently underwent prostate cancer surgery and has been given a very positive diagnosis. Get well soon, Angelo!



Photo credit Martha T. Harris

At the Gorham Business Exchange's June reception at Key Bank, members of the Operation GHOP Committee — Paul Kennedy, Becky Winslow (left), Lisa Allen, Katie O'Brien (right), and Al Bean — presented Angelo Sotiropoulos (middle) with a check for \$33,418.04, funds raised by the community to offset costs caused by the April 19 fire at Gorham House of Pizza.

## Teenager Wounded in Shooting

Sheri Faber

A 14-year-old boy was wounded at 8 Mountview Drive at about 11:45 p.m. on July 13 when the homeowner and another person in the house found the boy trying to start a fire on the deck of the home. The boy was shot by the homeowner who used a shotgun. The juvenile was taken to the hospital with non-life threatening injuries. The house sustained limited damage from the fire; the youth, who lives in the same subdivision, was unsuccessful in getting the fire started. The whole

incident is under investigation and no charges have yet been filed. The case is "still under investigation" according to Det. Sgt. Dana Thompson.

Craig and Nancy Bassingthwaite own the home located off Burnham Road. Craig is the head coach of the Gorham Grizzlies Youth Football League.

At this point, police do not have reason to believe this case is connected with the six cases of arson that occurred in March and April.

## Town Purchases Two Properties for Potential Parking Lots

Sheri Faber

At the July 10 meeting, the Town Council voted to approve the purchase of two properties, one at 21 Main Street with a purchase price of \$169,900 and the other at 10 Preble Street with a purchase price of \$239,900. Both properties are now under contract with the town. These two properties are located near the intersection of Routes 25 and 114 in the center of the village. With this purchase, the town is planning to tear down one or both of the existing houses to create parking for businesses in the village. Together the lots total about half an acre, but they do not abut each other. Both lots abut a property owned by Marsha Weeks Traill at 31 Main Street — one is beside and the other behind.

Town Manager David Cole noted that the town has been looking for opportunities to improve parking



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# A Tale of Two Vetoes:

**Lawmakers override veto of teacher-training bill, while R&D veto for economic growth sustained**

Rep. Linda Sanborn

**O**n May 31, the 125th Legislature met one last time to take action on several bills that were vetoed by Governor Paul LePage. I strongly disagreed with two of the vetoes and voted to override them. While one effort to override a veto of a teacher-training bill won, many Republicans would not join Democrats in overriding the governor's other veto of critical investments in economic development and innovation.

The first is LD 1781, "An Act to Restructure the National Board Certification Program for Teachers," which passed unanimously out of the Education Committee and easily in both bodies of the legislature, before being vetoed by the Governor.

The bill will help our students by making sure their teachers are better trained. It encourages teachers to participate in advanced training through the National Board program – the preeminent teacher improvement initiative in the country. Research has consistently shown the program is extremely efficient in improving teacher effectiveness, and in turn, student achievement. Maine lags behind other states in the number of National Board certified teachers teaching in our schools, with only 212 teachers completing the program to date, compared to thousands in many other states.

Educate Maine, a business-led advocacy group whose mission is to champion college, career readiness and increased education attainment, believes high quality teachers are a key to student's success, and commended the legislature for passage of LD 1781.

I voted to override the governor's veto of this excellent bill that will ensure our students have better trained teachers. I am grateful that my vote was helpful in overriding the Governor's veto of this bill and is supportive of teachers' hard work, tenacity and dedication to the teaching profession.

Unfortunately, my vote to override the Governor's veto of a separate

Research and Development Bond was not as successful. On this vote, 12 Republicans who had originally supported the R&D Bond flipped their votes to support the Governor's veto.

In 2007, the Maine Legislature authorized and Maine voters approved \$50 million in bond funds for research, development and commercialization projects to boost economic development and create and sustain good jobs across Maine. The Maine Technology Institute administered the venture, which was a huge success. Awards went to recipients representing every aspect of Maine's economy from non-profit research firms, to university-based programs, to for-profit businesses and were spread across the state.

Business leaders who have benefited from the program strongly encouraged support of \$20 million more in bonding at this time, saying that it is an investment, not an expense. Quoting Charles E. Hewett, executive vice-president and COO of the Jackson Laboratory, Bar Harbor in the Portland Press Herald, May 14, 2012: "We can do better, and we must do better. Our children will need good jobs in industries that are made sustainable and competitive by innovations in science and technology. If they don't find jobs in Maine, they will seek them elsewhere. Passage of the state R&D bond is a clear signal that we care enough to invest in their future."

At a time when interest rates are low and understanding that bonding is cost-effective and can provide essential funding quickly, it is difficult to comprehend why our Governor or any legislators would refuse to use them.



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## letters to the Editor

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### Dear Gorham Times,

I am writing to you express our sincere gratitude to the fine people at Poland Spring. Year after year Poland Spring steps to the plate for the fire-fighters and emergency medical personnel working tirelessly to protect the town of Gorham Maine.

Poland Spring donated many, many bottles of water that we stock our trucks with so that we have drinking water while operating at scenes. Fresh drinking water is something we often take for granted however with the generosity of Poland Spring we need not worry.

The Gorham Fire department would like to express our sincere appreciation to Poland Spring for their continued support. It is great to have a resource that is willing to help in such a generous way.

*Thank you Poland Spring!  
Gorham Fire Department*

### Dear Gorham Times,

I hope you had a peaceful and relaxing Fourth of July. I'm sure many others in town, as well as I, did not. The town must do something to control the use of fireworks in our community.

The all too often barrage of fireworks, day and night, kept many on edge during the day and sleepless at night! I am not just talking about the Fourth itself, which thankfully was lessened by rain, but several days before and after. Some events happened well after 10:00 p.m.!

I live close to the Gorham House and several housing developments. Don't our senior citizens — many ill and bedridden — deserve better than this?

Many local towns banned the use of fireworks and perhaps Gorham should do the same. I would favor a total ban but at the very least we should restrict their use to rural areas as we do the discharging of firearms.

Yes, I realize the sale of fireworks is a boost to some businesses, but at what cost? Adults and children being injured, animals being terrorized, and the tranquility of Gorham being lost is too high a price to pay for a few jobs. A logical and mutually agreed upon solution between commerce and ones right to a peaceful existence must be sought! Let's leave the use of fireworks to the professionals to be celebrated only on special occasions in safe areas.

Please join me in contacting our town officials to put a controlling ordinance regarding fireworks on a fast track.

*Sincerely,  
Bill Goff*

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## Around Town

**The town of Gorham** purchased property at 55 Morrill Avenue on June 27. The property is surrounded on three sides by Gorham High School and on the fourth by Morrill Avenue. The former owner will be renting the property from the Town for up to six months and may leave with 30 days written notice.

**National Attachments**, a company that sells heavy equipment attachments and accessories, moved into the building at 16 Mechanic Street, which was formerly occupied by Bella Donna.

**The town received** the necessary permits in order to complete the work to separate the school bus loop from the parent drop off at Narragansett School.

**Residents can use a credit card** when renewing vehicle and trailer registrations through the online Rapid Renewal System.

**A family living at 16 Hanna Drive** turned on their dishwasher before leaving the house. A neighbor saw smoke coming from the house and called the fire department. Damage to the house was estimated to be about \$70,000 because there was a great deal of heavy black smoke from the plastic parts of the dishwasher which burned.

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## Ancient Breed of Sheep at Nason Brook Farm

Chris Crawford



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Pamela Graves is greeted at her farm by her flock of Jacob sheep.

When you visit Nason Brook Farm on Hurricane Road in Gorham, you always get a warm greeting not only from the owner, Pamela Graves, but also from the official welcoming committee - a registered flock of curious, friendly and uniquely beautiful Jacob sheep.

The Jacob is an ancient breed with roots traced to Biblical times. The breed takes its name from Jacob, whose sons fathered the 12 Hebrew tribes. As the story goes, Jacob was given all the spotted sheep as compensation for tending his uncle Leban's flock. God then instructed him to use only spotted rams for breeding, thus producing an almost entirely spotted flock in what is probably one of the oldest documented references to selective animal breeding.

In addition to their winning personalities and noble lineage, two other characteristics make these sheep special. First is the fact that their brilliant white coat is patterned with striking spots of black or lilac, a light gray/brown. Jacobs are excellent wool producers, noted for the soft texture and beautiful color variations ranging from white to gray/lilac to black. While the spots make each creature unique, you can easily see patterns of spots repeated in mother and baby. According to Graves, "Jacob ewes often produce twins and are fantastic, instinctual mothers."

Another intriguing feature of these sheep is that both male and female sport an abundance of horns; two, four or even six horns can grow up to 30 inches, lending them a majestic appear-

ance. Jacobs are small to medium in size, which means that a larger flock can be grazed on less land, making them ideal for smaller farms. They are hardy animals and are resistant to disease and hoof rot.

Part of the Jacob flock at Nason Brook is owned by Graves' Maine Medical Center coworker, Amanda St. Peter. The herd of 18, not counting this year's crop of babies, proudly claims two champions from the Fryeburg Fair and five blue ribbon class winners, as well.

Nason Brook is a humane farm. "All of our sheep are named and none of the critters - including several varieties of chickens - are eaten for meat," said Graves. Eggs are sold to neighbors and friends.

For Graves, caring for the sheep and processing the wool into products are a labor of love - a very intensive labor of love. By hand, the wool is washed, carded (brushed to align the fibers in the same direction) and spun into yarn. Some of it may be dyed, but usually it is left in its soft, natural color to be knitted into hats, mittens or bags. Felted, scented soaps that are rich in natural lanolin are also made and sold under the name of Jacob Fleece Soap Company at various craft markets.

To learn more about Nason Brook Farm, visit [www.nasonbrookfarm.blogspot.com](http://www.nasonbrookfarm.blogspot.com) or for wool products, e-mail [pgraves2@maine.rr.com](mailto:pgraves2@maine.rr.com) or call 776-5546. For more information about these special sheep, visit the Jacob Sheep Breeders Association website at [www.jsba.org](http://www.jsba.org).

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## Chief Shepard Reports

The Grand Jury returned the following indictments in June and July:

- Paul Hale of Bryon was indicted for theft on charges brought by the Gorham Police Department.
  - Ronald Peterson, 58, of Gorham was indicted for possession of a firearm by a prohibited person on charges brought by Gorham Police Department.
  - Peter Curtis, 24, of Portland was indicted for criminal OUI, failure to give correct name and possession of scheduled drugs on charged brought by Gorham Police Department.
  - Matthew Davis, 25, of Gorham was charged with theft (priors) on charged brought by Gorham Police Department.
  - Robert Faulkner, 22, of Gorham was
- indicted for possession of scheduled drugs, aggravated criminal mischief, criminal OUI and operating after suspension on charges brought by Brunswick Police Department.
- Steven Goodine, 47, of Westbrook was indicted for two counts of aggravated forgery, two counts of theft and refusing to submit to arrest on charges brought by Gorham Police Department.
  - Kenneth Grondin Jr., 25, of Windham was indicted for criminal threatening, terrorizing, domestic violence terrorizing and domestic violence assault on charges brought by Gorham Police Department.
  - Richard Paul Labranche, 46, of Gorham was indicted for criminal OUI and operating after suspension on charges brought by Cumber County Sheriff's Office.

## Town Councilor Philip Gagnon Resigns

Effective November 6, 2012 Sheri Faber

In a letter to Council Chair Brenda Caldwell and Town Manager David Cole dated June 28, Town Councilor Philip Gagnon wrote that after thoughtful consideration and consultation with his wife Tatia, he was tendering his resignation because his wife was pregnant. He wrote, "devotion to her and my first child during this time will conflict with the time needed to adequately represent the people of Gorham," and added that "the career advancement of my wife and I has constrained our ability to be flexible to the needs demanded by the council."

Gagnon noted that during his time on the Council, he worked "tirelessly for the citizens of Gorham" and plans to "continue from a private standpoint

to make Gorham a better place to live."

Gagnon noted that his wife is only a few months pregnant and he "didn't feel there was a rush [to resign] and [he] wanted to create as little disruption as possible." To fill the position as called for in the Town Charter, the Council cannot call a special election to fill the vacancy until the position is actually vacant. A special election will need to be held within 60 days after November 6, when the position is vacant, unless Gagnon makes his resignation effective before then.

Two other councilors, Brenda Caldwell and Matt Mattingly have announced they do not plan to run for re-election this fall.

## Town Council Report

July 3, 2012 Robin Somes

After opening the meeting, Chair Brenda Caldwell addressed the councilors, stating she reviewed the June 19 Special Meeting, which is available on the town's website. "If you have not reviewed the tape, I would suggest to council members to do so. This is the image of the Gorham Town Council that the public is seeing." She went on to say, "I expect the entire Council to speak and act on councilor agenda items with the best of our abilities, to be respectful of other councilor members ... and to respect the right of other councilors to have different opinions. We should be able to disagree without being disagreeable or disrespectful to each other. In other words, treat each other with dignity in a respectful way we individually we would like to be treated..."

During Councilor Communications, Councilor Suzanne Phillips read a statement concerning "conflict of interest when voting on Town Council business. At the June 19 Special Meeting, a vote was taken regarding the police and fire departments' retirement plan, and also a vote at the June Regular Meeting on the Town budget. She said: "It has been brought to my attention that there was concern on part of some councilors that my voting on an agenda item referencing the Police Department might give off the appearance of a conflict of interest on my part. I've been advised by the town attorney as well as my own attorney that Maine law indicates that a conflict would exist if an elected official such as myself is placed in a position of temptation to serve my own interests instead of the interests of the citizens of Gorham when voting on town business. The test is whether or not the average person would feel conflicting loyalties, not whether I personally feel conflicted. While I myself do not see any issues or feel conflicted if called upon to vote on matters involving the Gorham Police

department, in order to address any concerns, I would like to address the public and say that if my voting on such issues is a possible conflict in your eyes, I can assure you that in good faith, I can act impartially."

At Phillips' invitation, her attorney, Amanda Doherty addressed the Council and public. She stated that according to Charter rules, it is inappropriate to discuss councilor's personal matters during meetings. "With regards to the two charges that Miss Phillips currently has pending ... I remind this Council and any concerned residents of Gorham that there is more information out there concerning the validity of these charges than what the media or other town councilors have gotten hold of." Doherty went on to explain that under the Charter, criminal charges can only become relevant to Council business if a conviction is made for a crime of moral turpitude. "As neither of the charges Miss Phillips has pending are crimes of moral turpitude, I implore you to waste no more Council time assessing this matter as it is irrelevant to the town of Gorham and to town business."

In other business, the Council voted:

- 7-0 for the Town Manager to enter into an agreement with Cornerstone Marketing for a Pharmacy Discount Card to provide savings for residents and revenue for Gorham.
- 7-0 to authorize the Fire Chief to pursue economical options for acquisition of a new fire engine and report findings to the Council.
- 7-0 to have the South Windham Library building demolished after it has closed late August, due to its age, small size, location on private property (in Gorham) with an easement stipulating use only as a library. The vote authorizes the Town Manager to present any proposals to remove the building at no cost to the town.

## Town Councilor Arrested for OUI

Sheri Faber

Suzanne Phillips, 36, of Harding Bridge Road was arrested for OUI on May 4. Phillips, who was driving her pickup truck up Route 114 toward her home, swerved and sideswiped two parked cars on School Street taking the mirrors off both vehicles. No one was injured. Phillips then drove home but was followed by someone who witnessed her hitting the parked vehicles. The witness notified the police of Phillips' location; she was arrested at about 12:40 a.m. and charged with OUI and leaving the scene of an accident. Her alcohol level was .11.

Phillips shared the information about her arrest with Town Council Chair Brenda Caldwell shortly after her arrest. Other members of the Council, who were unaware of the accident until the following month, attempted to add a discussion of this arrest to the agenda, but were advised by the town attorney not to waive the rules about adding items to the agenda and therefore, not to discuss this item at the meeting.

The only grounds under which councilors can be removed are if they are convicted of moral turpitude.

Phillips pleaded not guilty at her arraignment on July 11.



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Jason Beever, CIC, AIS

**W**ith summer finally here, it is time for the family vacation. For many families, summer vacation involves travel, and perhaps a rental car.

One of the most common questions posed to insurance agents is "Am I covered when I rent a car?" While this seems like a simple enough question, in truth, the answer might be "yes," "no," and "maybe."

Here is a list of 10 very important questions that should be addressed before you drive away in your rented automobile:

What type of vehicle are you renting? Your personal auto policy provides physical damage coverage for non-owned private passenger autos, pickups, and vans only. Larger vehicles, such as cargo trucks and motor homes may not be covered.

Is the vehicle being used for business or pleasure? Depending on what version of the personal auto policy you have, there might not be coverage for a rented pickup or van that is used for business, such as a van rented to make a sales call on a client.

Where will you be driving? The coverage territory of the typical personal auto policy is the United States, its territories and possessions, Puerto Rico, and Canada only. There is no coverage if you drive, say, from Texas into Mexico, or if you rent a vehicle in Europe. Some rental agreements are even more limited.

How long will you be renting? Some policies restrict the amount of days during which coverage will be provided for a rental vehicle. Ask your agent.

What is the daily rental charge? This is not how much you are paying to rent the car. This refers to how much the rental company can charge you each day if the car is damaged. The personal auto policy provides coverage for "direct and accidental" damage to a non-owned auto. But what about "indirect" costs? Many rental companies will charge loss-of-use, loss of turn-back value, administrative fees, attorney costs, etc.

Who will be driving? Most rental car companies limit the agreement to the

renter and possibly the renter's spouse. Additional drivers must be listed on the agreement to have permission to use the car. An unauthorized driver could void the rental agreement.

Will the vehicle be rented in the name of a business or in a personal name? The name listed on the rental agreement will dictate whose insurance will apply. If the car is rented in the name of a business, the business auto coverage would respond.

Are you familiar with the rental car agreement's use restrictions? This is very important. Most rental agreements have a list of "use restrictions." Read them. Violating a use restriction could void your rental agreement.

Do you understand the importance of purchasing the rental car company's loss damage waiver? The loss damage waiver, sometimes called the collision damage waiver, waives your responsibility for the indirect costs discussed above. Your personal auto policy will cover the direct physical damage to the vehicle, and the loss damage waiver relieves you of being responsible for the indirect costs. The price for the waiver usually runs \$20 to \$25 per day.

If relying on a credit card to provide coverage, make sure you understand the limitations. Many credit card companies offer coverage for rental vehicles, but this coverage could have limitations and restrictions. For example, violation of the rental agreement's use restrictions could void the credit card coverage.

Clearly, many variables can affect whether or not you have coverage for a rental vehicle. The best advice is to read your personal auto policy and talk to your local independent insurance agent, because sound insurance is sound financial planning.



Jason Beever was raised in Gorham and is a fourth generation owner of Chalmers Insurance Group- C.E. Carll Agency.

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# School Committee Report June 13, 2012

Robin Somes

In his monthly report, Superintendent Ted Sharp shared some noteworthy items concerning Gorham's high and middle schools. At GHS, 142 students took the Advanced Placement exams. 80 students engaged in the Senior Internship program in May. A junior internship is anticipated for next year. In May, Samuel Roussel, Samuel Martel, Theodore Lockman, Coleman Dowdle, Isaac Martel, Simon Roussel and coach Diane Knott of GMS attended the Odyssey of the Mind World Finals in Ames, Iowa and competed against 55 other teams. Categories included Long Term Solution, Style, and Spontaneous Problem Solving. GMS achieved first place for Spontaneous Problem Solving, which was assessed on teamwork and an immediate solution to a given problem, while placing 23rd overall in their first year at this event.

GHS Principal Chris Record initiated a talk on the Advisory Program. While many students are involved in extracurricular activities and socialize with other students and staff, advisory ensures that an advisor knows every student, which is the goal of the program. The strategy requires that each advisee meet with the same advisor twice a week, or some 240 times over their four years of high school, afford-

ing the chance to really get to know one another. Advisors work with a group of 12 to 15 advisees, providing academic guidance and support, social and emotional guidance, a safe environment, post-secondary educational guidance and other future options. As Record noted, "we have so much to offer at the high school ... to help the students, and the advisor plays a key role in seeking ... to connect students to all that we have to offer."

Assistant Principal Charlie Tryder continued, explaining that when the program was introduced, advisors were instructed to interact and connect with students. Though structure was minimal, the thinking was that "as long as there's interaction and people are getting to know each other, then positive things will happen." However, it soon became apparent that more structure was needed. Subsequently teachers worked with Tryder on a curriculum that resulted in a list of themes - some relevant to all four grades and some specific to an individual grade. Tryder pointed out some grade specific themes. For freshmen, the main theme concerned transitioning from eighth grade (middle school) to ninth (high school) smoothly and comfortably. Much effort was put into educating

freshmen on co-curricular and academic groups and other available opportunities. The central theme for sophomores was "self reflection, self examination, getting to know who you are" with the objective of better understanding personality profiles, learning styles, interests and strengths. Juniors worked with their advisors on exploration of pursuits beyond GHS such as career, post-secondary plans, military and other options. For seniors the focus was making college plans a reality, involving efforts towards college applications, senior internship and other relevant undertakings. Tryder also noted themes spanning all grades such as advising students about appropriate courses to take, ensuring they meet with their guidance counselor, goal setting, and general check-ins to review how things are going.

Science Teacher Stacey Mulrey worked with advisees at each grade level. "I have to say that I really love and support this program. For me, it gives an opportunity to really build relationships with students, and that's one of the cornerstones of my teaching philosophy." Mulrey introduced one of her advisees of the past two years, Ben Keene, a junior next year who expressed his point of view. He

described the experience of an incoming freshman with its characteristic stress, experiences with new students, staff and classes, as well as uncertain expectations. As Keene put it, "...you're really not sure what to expect, kind of like [speaking publicly for the first time to the School Committee]." The program promotes getting to know fellow students within the group as well as their advisor. It also represents a valuable break from the one-and-a-half-hour long classes. "I think it's a helpful release," Keene imparted.

In other action, the Committee unanimously approved the following:

- Endorsement of participation of Gorham schools in the SEA for school year 2012-2013.
- Elimination of Varsity Boys Volleyball, Junior Varsity Fall and Winter Cheering positions due to inactivity.
- Addition of Junior Varsity Volleyball, Ninth Grade Field Hockey and Middle School Cheering positions.
- Authorization of the Superintendent to transfer available funds budgeted for the current fiscal year operating budget, not more than 5 percent of the total appropriation for any cost center and not more than \$637,293 in total, between cost centers.

# Congrats Gorham School Department Retirees

Compiled by Stacy Sallinen

**A**t the close of the 2011-2012 school year, the Gorham School Department said farewell to five teachers and staff members.



**Bob Bond**  
Bob Bond retired after twenty-three years of teaching in Gorham. Most recently, he taught Advanced Placement

(A.P.) U.S. History, A.P. Comparative Government, and U.S. History at Gorham High School. Bond also taught for two years in Gray-New Gloucester and for three years in Louisiana.

As the advisor for Model United Nations, Bond has had some memorable experiences. He accompanied Gorham students to Germany and Switzerland to visit exchange students in their home countries, and traveled to Mexico with a Model U.N. delegation where he saw some of his students eat a raw cactus worm. He has also seen one of his students hold a conversation in Mandarin Chinese with his wife.

Bond's favorite part of the job is working with young people and watching them reach their personal academic goals, including being accepted into good universities and winning awards at Model U.N. conferences. A trying

part of the job is keeping up with the initiatives imposed on the school system from the outside. During his career, he worked under six superintendents and five principals—each with their own initiatives—and also had to work with changes imposed from Augusta.

This summer, Bond plans to ride his motorcycle to Alaska to visit his daughter, with round trip mileage totaling an approximate 12,000 miles. He also plans to spend an entire hunting season at his camp in Carthage.

Bond said he has always felt and continues to feel that schools reflect communities in their values and performance. "To the degree that Gorham has a good education system, it is because the citizens of this town value and provide for the things that make schools work. I have met many wonderful kids in my time here and usually after meeting the parents I understood why the kids were the nice people they were. I really like the people of this town," said Bond.



**Michelle Cummings**  
After twenty-six years of working in the Guidance Department at Gorham High School, Michelle

Cummings retired from her role as guidance counselor, where she also served as department chair and team leader.

Cummings previously held a variety of other roles within the education sector, teaching for four years at other schools in Maine, five years at out-of-state schools and five years at the college level.

Cummings enjoyed working with students and alongside excellent colleagues. "I've had so many opportunities to grow and develop in my career field. I will never forget my time at Gorham High School," she said.

During her retirement, Cummings plans to visit her daughter, son-in-law and grandchildren in Zionsville, Indiana, and her daughter and her husband in Charlotte, North Carolina. Gardening and reading are also on the list. Cummings hopes that each day will unfold something new that she previously did not have the time to do.



**Chuck Peters**

After twenty-five years of service, Chuck Peters retired from his position as a biology teacher at Gorham High School. Prior to his career at GHS, Peters did some long-term substituting in Bath.

A highlight for Peters was seeing students engaged in learning, especially biology. He also appreciated hearing from former students who made an effort to seek him out and to share how he inspired them—a rewarding part of his job. Peters disliked the additional demands placed on teachers that were not directly related to classroom instruction.

Peters said that Gorham has been a great place to work. "Kids in Gorham have always been top-notch and well-behaved," he said.

During retirement, Peters plans to fill his days with activities typically done during school vacations and weekends—fishing, hunting, biking, gardening and traveling with his wife.



**Karen Rohrbacher**

Karen Rohrbacher retired after teaching for twelve years in Gorham, eleven of which were spent teaching in

the Community Based Education class at Gorham High School. For the past year, she worked as an educational technician in this class, and supported students at PATHS. Prior to working in Gorham, Rohrbacher taught in Freeport

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## Gorham High School Fourth Quarter Honor Roll 2011-12

### Grade 9 – High Honors

Douglas Beahm  
Kristin Benson  
Ryan Bertin  
Amanda Butler  
Emma Christakis  
Christian Daigle  
Margaret Donohue  
John Ennis  
Matthew Esposito  
Gregory Farrington  
Elizabeth Kane  
Emily Lewis  
Sean Luce  
Jaymie Seneca  
Margaret Shields  
Timothy Sposato  
Thomas Susi  
Meagan Thomsen  
Ashley Woodbury  
Andrew York

### Grade 10 – High Honors

Thomas Bradshaw  
Michael Chin  
Meghan Cushing  
Morgan Cushing  
Kiara Day  
Tyler Eldridge  
Savannah Frager  
Sadie Guimond  
Madeleine Hamblen  
Karen Knight  
Abigail LaPorte  
Joseph Martin  
Celeste Carpenter  
Jason Meuse  
Kelsey Mitchell  
Haley Perkins  
Sydney Prindle  
Jessica Rexrode  
Jacqueline Turner  
Laura Turner

### Grade 11 – High Honors

Morgan Briggs  
Travis Bucknell  
Deborah Burgess  
Celeste Carpenter  
Samantha Cupps  
Michael Lubelczyk  
Nicholas Matthews  
Michelle Pham  
Allyson Redhunt  
Kristin Ross  
Patricia Smith  
Tyler Verrill  
Milan Vidovic

### Grade 12 – High Honors

Michelle Staples  
Dylan Turner  
Melissa Walls  
Owen Whitehead  
Lukas Willoughby  
Owen Wright  
Michael Zagorianakos  
Leanna Dalfonso  
Joseph DeRoy  
Cortlandt Dunn  
William Eldridge  
Rebecca Foster  
Eliot Gagne  
Lincoln Gray  
Nathan Holloran  
Connor Linehan  
Colin Mader  
Olivia Marshburn-Ersek  
Aryn Martin  
Michelina Murray  
Jesse Orach  
Danielle Rivard  
Felisha Saunders  
Osna Sayed  
Lindsey Smith  
Clara Stickney  
Nicole Sutherland  
Ellyn Touchette  
Haleigh Turner  
Kiersten Turner  
Lia Van de Krol  
Jeanette Villanueva

### Grade 9 – Honors

Madison Bennett  
Matthew Bennett  
Megan Bennett  
Darcie Brown  
Grace Ann Burns  
Brooke Caron  
Michael Chapin  
Megan Demers  
H James Fleming  
Tucker Gasowski  
Griffin Germond  
Isabelle Grant  
Abigail Hamilton  
Meghan Hanley  
Erika Hedgesheimer  
Benjamin Hincher  
Sydney Hobart  
Matthew Hooker  
Cole Houghton  
Andrew Johnson  
Muhammad Khan  
Jessica Labrecque  
Taylor LaPointe  
Sarah Logan  
Jeffrey McNally  
Brendan Mercier  
Nicholas Miller  
Zachary Mills  
Hunter Mitchell  
Blanca Monsen  
Olivia Owens  
Thomas Pequinot  
Emily Peterson  
Savanna Petrin  
Julie Pike  
Sarah Plourde  
Kiana Plumer  
Brady Provencher  
Chandler Reagan  
Mikayla Richman  
Cody Rioux  
Elizabeth Rioux  
Nathan Roberts  
Alicia Robinson  
Spencer Ruda  
Isaac Salpietra  
Andrew Schmidt  
Evan Scott  
Delaney Shiers  
Abigail Sladen  
Julia Smith  
Andrea Stemm  
Katherine Stickney  
Michael Susi  
Benjamin Thompson  
Kenneth Tuttle  
Jordan Ward

### Grade 10 – Honors

Tyler Allen  
Gabrielle Bagala  
Carly Barber  
William Beland  
Austin Bell  
Carly Bell  
Emily Berrill  
Melissa Blake  
Rachel Blattstein  
Justin Broy  
Nicole Brunet  
Kyley Butler  
Tyler Carroll  
Ashley Clark  
Jeremy Collett  
Patrick Crocker  
April Cummings  
Jessica Day  
Emily DeLuca  
Eric DeLuca  
Sophia Dobben  
Julia Donley  
Molly Dufour  
Caleb Dunlap  
Megan Dunlap  
Charlotte Feinberg  
Heather Fields  
Madeleine Gotschlich  
Chloe Gray  
Johnathan Hamlin  
Kacey Hamlin  
Lucy Harrison  
Amber Holivan  
Breanna Hoyt  
Joseph Lambert  
Paige Lara  
Hannah Leclair  
Matthew Leclair  
Paige Lemieux  
Hannah Linscott  
Kevin Lombard  
Sarah Lyons  
Matthew Melton  
Jenessa Meserve  
Megan Miller  
Owen Mulrey  
Corey Nadeau  
Shannon Nee  
Francesco Pappalardo  
Gage Pratt  
Ross Pratt  
Jeremy Reynolds  
Courtney Roberts  
Kyle Robida  
Matthew Roy  
Rona Sayed  
Joshua Slater  
Hannah Southard  
Shelby Stack

### Grade 11 – Honors

Libby Arendsen  
Daniel Bahun  
Kayla Billings  
Kristen Braley  
Anthony Coppola  
Ashley Corbeau-  
Hasenflu  
Kyle Curley  
Nathan Dinsmore  
Keagan Dumont  
Stefanie Farrington  
Elizabeth Henderson  
Jewel Holiday  
Evan Hopkins  
Sequoiah Jacobs  
Alex Johnson  
Elizabeth Landry  
Spencer LaPierre  
Darrian Lewry  
Arthur Jebediah  
Lockman  
Bethany Marshburn-  
Ersek  
Cassaudra Martel  
Alexander McCarthy  
Amy McCarty  
Maxwell McNally  
Nathan Goodrich  
Alexis Merrifield  
Devon Nelson  
Alexander Owens  
Nicholas Parlin  
Evan Peoples  
Riley Perkins  
Riley Perkins  
Jennifer Pinkelman  
Dominic Pompeo  
Taylor Porter  
Marissa Roberts  
Naomi Seavey  
Kaitlyn SeeHusen  
Caitlin Shaw  
Quincy Shaw  
Kara Stahl  
Mary Alice Stewart  
Bridget Stillson  
Shannon Nee  
Michael Sullivan  
Madeline Susi  
Alexander Swiatek  
Lindsey Thomsen  
Margaret Towle  
Damon Wallace  
Cameron Willette

### Grade 12 – Honors

Ryan Baillargeon  
Abegayle Brown  
Alyssa Cormack  
Jameson Crawford  
Briana Custea  
Leanna Dalfonso  
Joseph DeRoy  
Cortlandt Dunn  
William Eldridge  
Rebecca Foster  
Eliot Gagne  
Lincoln Gray  
Nathan Holloran  
Connor Linehan  
Colin Mader  
Olivia Marshburn-Ersek  
Aryn Martin  
Michelina Murray  
Jesse Orach  
Danielle Rivard  
Felisha Saunders  
Osna Sayed  
Lindsey Smith  
Clara Stickney  
Nicole Sutherland  
Ellyn Touchette  
Haleigh Turner  
Kiersten Turner  
Lia Van de Krol  
Jeanette Villanueva

## Gorham Middle School Fourth Quarter Honor Roll 2011-12

### Grade 6 – High Honors

Benjamin Adams  
Conor Battaglia  
Benjamin Bellantoni  
Jessica Bennett  
Vanessa Berrill  
Hayley Bickford  
Emily Chapin  
Layna Charest  
Courtney Cushing  
Claudia Daigle  
Maleek Dias  
Bennett Donohue  
Benjamin Eichner  
Aaron Farr  
Meadow Fortier  
Alexis Fotter  
Kate Gilbert  
Andrew Harjula  
Saoirse Herlihy  
Garrett Higgins  
Madison Hincher  
Christian Hubbard  
Kyle King  
Zebulun Leavitt  
Grace Libby  
Hannah Libby  
Erica Mallory  
Camryn Morton  
Emily Murray  
Benjamin Nelson  
Jack Niles  
Alexander Ousback  
Sean Pocock  
Hunter Poitras  
Emily Prindle  
Bridget Rossignol  
Madeline Rossignol  
Wilkins Rossignol  
Asma Sayed  
Jonathan Scribner  
Anna Slager  
Isabella Solari  
Stefan Street  
Nora Susi  
Ian Taylor  
Christopher Tucker  
Claire Valentine  
Abigail van Luling  
Simeon Willey

### Grade 6 – Honors

Carlos Monsen  
Lauren Nagy  
Emelia Nejczchleba  
Nariah Cavarretta  
Ryan Norris  
Mathew Norton  
Amelia Pappalardo  
Deidra Perreault  
Andy Pham  
Megan Polches  
Victor Popov  
Liberty D'Anto  
Natalie Pratt  
Delia Puopolo  
Maia Puopolo  
Brittney Reed  
Lucas Roop  
Michelle Rowe  
Isabella Sawyer  
Alexis Shaw  
Sarah Shields  
Josephine Smith  
Anna Smith  
Nicholas Sturtevant  
Jillian Worster

Carlos Monsen  
Lauren Nagy  
Emelia Nejczchleba  
Nariah Cavarretta  
Ryan Norris  
Mathew Norton  
Amelia Pappalardo  
Deidra Perreault  
Andy Pham  
Megan Polches  
Victor Popov  
Liberty D'Anto  
Natalie Pratt  
Delia Puopolo  
Maia Puopolo  
Brittney Reed  
Lucas Roop  
Michelle Rowe  
Isabella Sawyer  
Alexis Shaw  
Sarah Shields  
Josephine Smith  
Anna Smith  
Nicholas Sturtevant  
Jillian Worster

### Grade 7 – High Honors

Anne Acker-Wolfhagen  
Mary Adams  
Elsa Alexandrin  
Jordan Allen  
Katherine Andrews  
Avery Arena  
Jack Lamont  
Kelly Aube  
Sally Aube  
Trystan Bates  
Katherine Bennett  
Kathryn Bertin  
Delaney Burns  
Alyssa Carey  
Dean Carrier  
Jamie Carter  
Kathryn Christianson  
Anna Slager  
Isabella Solari  
Stefan Street  
Nora Susi  
Ian Taylor  
Christopher Tucker  
Claire Valentine  
Abigail van Luling  
Simeon Willey

### Grade 6 – Honors

Nathan Bachner  
Wilder Baldwin  
Molly Barr  
Clayton Bassingthwaite  
Caitlyn Beaulieu  
Hannah Beliveau  
Lindsey Boylen  
Isabelle Burke  
Derrick Burnham  
Ian Butler  
Caitlin Callahan  
Megan Caruso  
Anthony Chase  
Kaitlyn Clowes  
Sydney Cowand  
Brianna Crockett  
David Drew  
Lauren Edwards  
Holden Edwards  
Emily Emmons  
Gabriella Fisher  
Tyler Fitz  
Olivia Garand  
Emily Goriss  
Brooke Greatorex  
Maxwell Harvey  
Lauren Hohman  
Rachel Hooker  
Baylee Howlett  
Kaitlyn Jodojn  
Phoebe Johnston  
Heather Jordan  
Ryan Kaczmarek  
Haley Keeffe  
Stephen Klatt  
Cassidy Mathieson  
Brogan McDonald  
Grace McGouldrick  
Zachery McGouldrick  
Sean Miller

### Grade 7 – Honors

Georgia Baber  
Jake Bear  
Rachel Beaulieu  
James Benson  
Madison Bickford  
Nikolas Briggs  
Lucas Bryant

### Grade 8 – Honors

Calvin Riiska  
Anna Smith  
Jesse Southard  
Ciara Stillson  
Sydney Stultz  
Colby Sturgis  
Jason Tracey  
Cameron Tracy  
Molly vanLuling

### Grade 8 – Honors

Diana Albanese  
Erik Arendsen  
Trenton Bassingthwaite  
Matthew Beahm  
Christopher Beland  
Hunter Beleckis  
Ross Bellino  
Tyler Bernier  
Ahmed Beshir  
Cheyenne Boucher  
Kyle Briggs  
Hailey Bryant  
Stanislav Butenko  
Mallory Campbell  
Alexander Candelmo  
Chelsea Caron  
Nicole Caruso  
Sara Darling  
Taylor Day  
Renee Deering  
Bregan DeLeon  
Jennifer Devine  
Cooper Donovan  
Heidi Donovan  
Emily Duff  
Caitlyn Duffy  
Cody Elliott  
Courtney Fitz  
Sarah Flanders  
Emerson Fox  
Joseph Gallant  
Colin Gotschlich  
Dane Heckathorn  
Mitchell Hobart  
Cady Houghton  
Andrew Jenkins  
Alexandra Johnson  
Collin Jones  
Madison Keating  
Carson Kuschke  
Branden Kuusela  
Cassidy Landry  
Thomas Leach  
Mitchel Letourneau  
Spencer Linscott  
Hannah Meserve  
Chatham Mills  
Jason Nagy  
Emma Niles  
Sara Perry  
Grace Petty  
Nicholas Polches  
Matthew Rex  
Amanda Reynolds  
Dylan Rogers  
William Ruby  
William Selens  
Dayna Shaw  
Cameron Smith  
Malcolm Smith  
Lyndsey Sobieralski  
Rachael Stewart  
Elizabeth Sullivan  
Maeve Terry  
Alyda Twilley  
Emilia Viernes  
Austin Violette  
Michael Walls  
Nicole Walls  
Cody West  
Connor White  
Aidan Whitis  
Brandon Whitney  
Nicholas Wilson  
Meghan Yaskula  
Alex Young

Gorham High School. She spent a total of twelve years in the district —six and a half years at GHS and five and a half at Village School.

Wallace is also a marriage and family therapist, and has her own private practice in Gorham. She enjoyed working

with teachers and students in Gorham, and will miss them.

During retirement, Wallace intends to focus on her practice, help care for her grandson, travel, garden and to do the things that she loves to do.

for five years and ran the Community Skills program for adults with disabilities at Goodwill for eighteen years.

Rohrbacher enjoyed working with students, especially through the community and arts portion of the program. Paperwork and meetings were not her favorite tasks.

A memorable experience, although tragic, was the unexpected passing of a student, Tim Stickney. The class pulled together to fundraise, and were successful enough to purchase two flowering trees, plaques and two granite benches in Tim's memory.



**Kathy Wallace**

Kathy Wallace retired from her position as an educational technician in the special education department at

## GHS Racewalker Earns Spot on National Track Team

Jeff Pike

Katie Flanders, who recently graduated from GHS, earned a spot on the USA Junior Outdoor Track & Field team by finishing fourth in the 10,000-meter racewalk during a national competition in Indiana on June 17. By earning All-American status, Flanders will join the USA team that competes against a Canada team August 19 in Toronto.

The national racewalk scene is not new to Flanders. In the summer of 2010 she won the 3,000-meter racewalk at the USA Track & Field Junior Olympic National Championships in the 15-16 age group. This past March, she earned a spot as an indoor All-American after finishing sixth in the New Balance Indoor Track & Field Championship, a 1600-meter racewalk, in New York City.

This race in Indiana was the first time Flanders had competed at the 10K distance, and she turned in a time of 59:04. During the high school season, all the races she competed in were at the 1600-meter distance.

"It was difficult to train for the longer distance after being used to 1600 meters, but I like longer distances better," Flanders said. "I had to start training during the high school season while still competing at the 1600-meter distance, but I just kept increasing my practice time until I worked up to about 90 minutes."

In the 10K race, Flanders managed to finish ahead of Abby Dunn from Edward Little who had beaten Flanders in the Class A State meet at 1600 meters this past spring. "We have formed a friendly rivalry," Flanders said, "And we will both compete in the event against Canada. As teammates



*Photo credit unknown*

**Gorham's Katie Flanders competes in the 10,000-meter racewalk at the USA Junior Outdoor Track & Field Championships in Indiana on June 17.**

on the Maine racewalk team, we have known each other for a while and push each other to do better."

June was a big month for Flanders, who was also named to the Maine Sunday Telegram All-State Team. In the fall, she will attend Biola University in California where she plans to compete in the racewalk for the women's track team. She will certainly arrive with quite a resume of success!

## Maine Bowling Hall of Fame Now Features Four from Gorham

Jeff Pike

This past March, Gorham resident Jerry McCormick became the fourth person with Gorham ties to be inducted into Southern Maine United States Bowling Congress Hall of Fame. McCormick follows the 2011 and 2010 inductions of Rich Hicks and Cyndi Crockett respectively while Connie Valley earned the honor in 1995. All four participate in 10-pin bowling.

McCormick has been involved in organized bowling for nearly 50 years and has been a league officer for 45 years. Recently, he has served as Youth Director for Yankee Lanes in Portland and this past season established the Southern Maine Blizzard, the first-ever Portland-area high school team, which included two players from Gorham. McCormick has also been the Youth Director on the Maine State Bowling Association Board and led fund-raising efforts for scholarships given to high school bowlers. As a bowler, McCormick was part of the 1992 and 1993 Portland city team champions, and in 1991, his team broke the state five-man team record.

Hicks, who has lived in Gorham since 1989, was the Portland City Champion in 1995 and has bowled six perfect 300-pin games as well as a three-game series of 802. He has competed during his career against professional bowlers and once bowled 24 consecutive strikes across a three-game series. Hicks continues to bowl at Yankee Lanes in Portland where his son Austin competed for the high school

bowling team this past season.

Crockett, a long-time Gorham resident who graduated from Gorham High School, now lives in Buxton. She has bowled competitively for 29 years and was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 2010. Crocket has been the Portland City Champion seven times (including most recently in 2010) and was named the state Bowler of the Year twice for having the highest average among women. She has also bowled two perfect 300-pin games—within the same week in 2002.

Valley has lived in Gorham for about 11 years and was inducted in 1995. She has volunteered and provided fund-raising assistance to bowling associations in Maine for more than 30 years and is the current vice president of the Southern Maine U.S. Bowling Congress Association. She has also helped run many tournaments and has been a youth bowling coach for many years. As a bowler, Valley won a national amateur tournament in Massachusetts in 1997 and was the Portland city champion (net handicap score) in 1982. This past February she set her career three-string record with 711 pins.

For Gorham residents interested in 10-pin bowling, Yankee Lanes has many programs, and high school students can try out for the team that begins action this fall. For more information, contact Jerry McCormick at gm51642@yahoo.com.

## Fore! Business Exchange Raises Money for Scholarships



The Gorham Business Exchange hosted its annual "Fore" a Scholarship Golf Scramble and Barbecue June 22 at Gorham Country Club to raise funds for two scholarships given each year to graduating GHS seniors. The team representing Chalmers Insurance Group took first place for Low Gross while the Gorham Times team took place for Low Net. Playing for Chalmers Insurance Group and pictured (far left), from left to right: Pat Sweeney, Kevin MacDonald, Jason Beever, and Pooch Drown. Playing for the Gorham Times team (near left), from left to right: Skip Trafton, Maynard Charron, Brad Scott, and Todd Bickford.

## GHS Inducts Eight into Athletic Hall of Fame



Photo credit Martha T. Harris

Six athletes as well as a former athletic director and girls' tennis coach were inducted into GHS Athletic Hall of Fame June 22 at the GHS auditorium. Pictured above, front row from left to right: Lloyd Egers (Class of 1957-soccer, basketball, baseball and track); Cindy Philbrick Campbell (Class of 1983-field hockey, softball and basketball); and Sonja Frey (girls' tennis coach 1985-2011). Back row: Kendrick Ballantyne (Class of 2002-football, basketball and baseball); Michael Barden (Class of 1971-soccer, basketball and track); Gerry Durgin (athletic director 1983-2011); Paul Banks (Class of 1981-golf and soccer); and Patrick Cianciolo (Class of 2000-tennis).

## GHS Spring Sports Awards

Jeff Pike

### SMAA All Conference All-Stars

**Baseball:** Nick Greatorex, All-Rookie team Cumberland County.

**Boys' Lacrosse:** Eliot Gagne, honorable mention.

**Girls' Lacrosse:** Kali St. Germain, 1st-team attack; Meghan Cushing, 2nd-team midfield; Shannon Folan-2nd-team defense; Aliza Jordan, All-Rookie team.

**Boys' Track:** Nate Bucknell, 1st-team racewalk; Jesse Orach, 2nd-team 1600 meters; 2nd-team 3200 meters; Alex Thoutte-2nd-team racewalk; Kyle Nealy, 2nd-team shot put; Ryan Baillargeon, honorable mention racewalk.

**Girls' Track:** Sarah Perkins, 1st-team 100 meter hurdles; 1st-team 300 meter hurdles; 2nd-team 200 meters; Katie Flanders, 1st-team racewalk; Kelsey Mitchell, 2nd-team racewalk; Laura Turner, honorable mention racewalk; Sophia Swiatek, honorable mention pole vault.

**Boys' Tennis:** Kyle Curley, 1st-team singles; Mike Lubelczk, 1st-team doubles; Tom Susi, 1st-team doubles.

### SMAA Senior All-Academic

**Softball:** Courtney Burns, Rachel Webster

**Boys' Lacrosse:** Joseph DeRoy, Eliot Gagne, Bradley Turnbaugh

**Girls' Lacrosse:** Lindsey Smith

**Boys' Track:** Ryan Baillargeon, Brandon Cushman, Cortlandt Dunn, Jesse Orach

**Girls' Track:** Audrey Adkinson, Leanna Dalfonso, Kaitlin Flanders

**Girls' Tennis:** Bethany Marshburn-Ersek

**Boys' Tennis:** Adam Bourgault, Quincy Owens

### Ram Awards

**Baseball:** Most Valuable Offensive Player-Alex Yankowsky; Most Valuable Defensive Player-Dylan Turner; Leadership Award-Mark Ridgeway.

**Softball:** Leadership Award-Taylor Hanson; Coach's Award-Courtney Burns; Dedication Award-Meredith Clements.

**Boys' Lacrosse:** Most Valuable Player-Nate Holloran; Most Improved Player-Matt Petty; Coach's Award-Malcolm Tartt.

**Girls' Lacrosse:** Leadership Award-Lindsey Smith; Coach's Award-Ashley Gaudette; Heart & Hustle Award-Marissa Roberts.

**Boys' Tennis:** Coach's Award-Kyle Curley; Doubles Award-Thomas Susi; Doubles Award-Mike Lubelczyk.

**Girls' Tennis:** Most Valuable Player-Emily Estes; Coach's Award-Rachel Eaton; Rookie of the Year-Kaitlyn SeeHusen.

**Boys' Track:** Most Valuable Athlete-Jesse Orach; Coach's Award-Brandon Cushman; Never Give Up Award-Nate Bucknell.

**Girls' Track:** Outstanding Performer-Sarah Perkins; Coach's Award-Audrey Adkinson; Most Improved-Jackie Turner.

## in the Zone

### All-State Track Selections:

Recently graduated seniors Sarah Perkins and Katie Flanders were both named to the Maine Sunday Telegram girls' All-State Track and Field Team. Perkins earned the honor by winning both the 100-meter and 300-meter hurdle Class A State titles while Flanders was one of the state's top racewalkers who also achieved national success

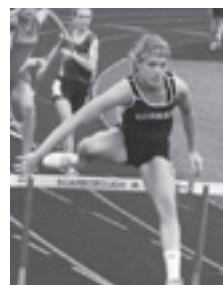


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Westbrook that won the Division 2 Bracket at the AAU (American Athletic Union) national championships held in late June in Tennessee. The team won three games then defeated a team from Indiana to win the title. As the team's starting center, Holmes led the team in scoring, rebounding and blocked shots during the tournament.



Mackenzie Holmes holding her plaque AAU National Championship plaque.



Photo credit Martha T. Harris

**Tennis Coach of the Year:** GHS boys' tennis coach Aaron Landry (right), who led the Rams to their first-ever state title this past spring season, was named Coach of the Year by the Maine Sunday

Telegram. Including the playoffs, Gorham finished the season with a 14-1 record including wins in their last 12 matches. Landry has also positioned the team for a strong showing next season as five of the seven starters will return.

**National Champion:** Mackenzie Holmes of Gorham was a member of YES!, a fifth-grade basketball team based in

### Six from Gorham Compete in Maine Amateur:

Gorham golfers who were among the 132 that qualified for the Maine Amateur Championship at Sunday River Golf Club July 10-12 included Mike Arsenault Jr., Jim Caron, Mike Caron, Ed Fortier, Spencer LaPierre, and Tommy Stirling. David Gushee, a GHS graduate who now resides in Old Orchard Beach, also qualified.

**GHS Star Update:** Mia Rapolla (GHS Class of 2011) has transferred from UMass-Amherst to Merrimack College in Massachusetts. Rapolla played lacrosse for UMass but decided to transfer to have the opportunity to participate in two sports—lacrosse and basketball, both of which she excelled in at GHS.

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To honor Ed Shepard, who passed away in 2003, as one of Gorham's greatest long-distance runners and the father of current Gorham Chief of Police Ron Shepard, members of the Gorham Police Department hosted the Ed Shepard Memorial 5K Road Race on June 23. Recent GHS graduate Jesse Orach won the men's race with a time of 16:46 while Cindy Hathorne won the women's race with a time of 21:04.

Proceeds from the event went to the Gorham D.A.R.E. program. Organizations and individuals who would still like to contribute can mail

donations to Gorham D.A.R.E. at 270 Main Street in Gorham. Following are the results of the top 15 participants—some ran while others walked to help with the fund raising effort.

Place	Name	Time
1	Jesse Orach	16:46
2	Peter Downing	17:19
3	Ben Foster	19:19
4	Matthew Tilsbury	19:22
5	Dino Desanctis	19:36
6	Tim Zerillo	19:54
7	Dana Welch	19:59
8	Paul Gallant	20:07
9	Nichol Ernst	20:10
10	Jason Leclerc	20:17
11	Doug Beaulieu	21:03
12	Cindy Hathorne	21:04
13	Alecia Jack	21:25
14	Dana Packard	21:32
15	Ben Shepard	21:34

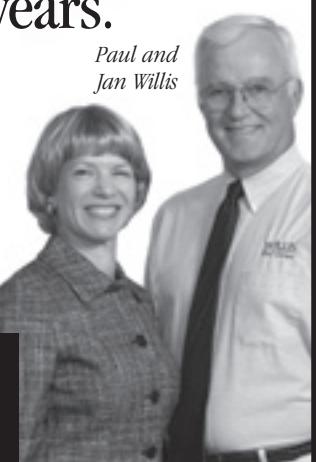
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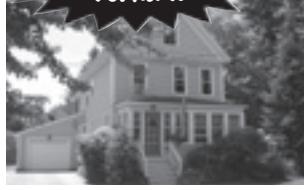
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## DEAN'S LIST

**Rachel Fogarty** was named to the dean's list at the University of Vermont. Fogarty is a junior Communication Science & Disorders major.

**Gorham resident Kelsie Kerwin** was named to the president's list at James Madison University for the spring 2012 semester. Kerwin is majoring in international affairs.

**Stephanie Morin**, a public-relations and history major, was named to the Dean's List at Huntington University for the spring semester of the 2011-12 school year.

**Lauren Peter** has been named to the Dean's List at Marquette University in Milwaukee, WI. Peter majors in Public Relations.

**Conor Kirby and Travis Fields** both of Gorham, were named to the Dean's List at the University of Hartford.

The following students were named to the Dean's List at the University of Maine in Orono: **Alexander Bailey, Justin Bolinger, Siobham Bolinger, Taylor Buotte, Rachele Burns, Matthew Cota, Ashley Crane, Eric Custeau, Nicole Dandrea, Anne Ledoux, Bailey Obrien, Samantha Owens, Mallory Pelkey, Clayton Peterson, Kathryn Smith, Jennifer Stoudt, Ryan Tardiff, Kiet Thai, Whitney Tulloch and Linda Wong.**

The following students were named to the Dean's List at the University of New Hampshire for the 2012 spring semester: **Connor Bell, Kristi-Lee Colarusso and Kristina Zarrilli.**

Bentley University named **Isaac Pease** and **Matthew Fenton** to the President's List for the 2012 spring semester.

The following students were named to the Dean's List at Northeastern University for the 2012 spring semester: **Aaron Bartlett, English; Russell Hammond, Economics; Chelsea Clark, physical Therapy; Jordan Cunningham, International Affairs.**

The following students were named to the Dean's List at the University of New England for the 2012 spring semester: **Melissa Deering, Carolyn Lambert, Kendal Nicely, Marissa Patten-Harris, Kelsey Pelynio, Mason Roy and Jan Swiatek.**

## GRADUATIONS



Emily Plowman graduated from Lawrence Academy in Groton, MA and will attend the University of North Carolina at Greensboro in the fall. She is the daughter of Bonny and Steven Plowman of Gorham.

Gorham residents **Aaron Bergeron** and **Deanna McLaughlin** earned Bachelor of Arts degrees at Stonehill College.

**Kyla Mininger** graduated from Hartwick College with a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing. She is the daughter of Lorrie and Robert Mininger.

**Brian Keahon** (GHS '07) graduated from Fitchburg State University with a BS degree in Industrial Technology with a major in Architectural Technology. He is the son of Tom and Teresa Keahon.

## OF INTEREST



**Gorham resident Albert Curran** (above), co-founder of Maine's largest engineering firm, Woodard & Curran, was honored by the University of Maine College of Engineering for his service on its Dean's Advisory Council. Curran served on the Council for 10 years.

**Debbie Smith** was recently acknowledged as a founder of the Gorham Ecumenical Food Pantry at a reception held for her at St. Anne's Catholic Church. Smith, who has supported the pantry for 13 years, arranged for the Pantry to have its first space at St. Anne's Church.

**The Gorham Food Pantry** recently honored Fred Helming for his work for the past four years. Praised for his work ethic and compassionate nature, Helming received his honor from Food Pantry Director Fran Doucette at First Parish Church in Gorham where he attends.



**Steve and Dawn Caldwell** are pleased to announce the engagement of their son Matthew Caldwell (GHS '06) to Kimberly Negrich of Mayfield, NY. Kimberly is the daughter of Sam and Mary-Ann Negrich. A wedding date is being planned.

**Dance Studio of Maine** owner Trish Moulton is seen presenting a check to Peter King of the Maine Cancer Foundation, along with dancers Mikki Leskowsky and Bella Moulton (below). Families of the Dance Studio raised \$1,000 in five minutes at their annual recital.



**Rick Beal** of Gorham was recognized with the Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage Achievement Award for the month of May. Beal, whose office is located in Portland, has been a full-time associate broker for eight years.

**Luci Pike** (GHS '08) is running in the August 4 Beach-to-Beacon 10K road race to raise funds for Camp Sunshine, a camp in Casco for children (and their families) diagnosed with life threatening illnesses. To contribute and track Luci's progress towards her goal



**Sylvia Burnham of Gorham** celebrated her 102nd birthday at a family party in June. Burnham has lived in Gorham for over 60 years.

of raising \$500, visit [www.lucipike.wordpress.com](http://www.lucipike.wordpress.com).

**Maine Author Barbara Walsh** spoke recently at the North Gorham Public Library discussing her memoir "August Gales: A Father and Daughter's Journey into the Storm," as part of the library's Maine Author series.

**Citizens for a Greener Gorham** will meet on Monday, Aug. 13 at 5:30 p.m. at the Mountain Division Trail at Westcott Road in Gorham to walk the trail and partake in an organic potluck dinner. FMI, 892-6000 or visit [info@citizensforagreenergorham.org](mailto:info@citizensforagreenergorham.org)

**The Lakes Region Senior Center**, 40 Acorn St., offers a variety of programs and drop-in classes for seniors. Stop in for morning coffee or play pickleball, poker, or Bingo. Join in on exercise, watch a movie or learn to knit. FMI, 893-9088.

**Gorham Times staff writer Krista Nadeau** was one of three winners of the Annual Poetry Contest sponsored by Kaplan University's Arts & Science department. Nadeau, whose winning poem is titled "Learning in the Rain," attends KU.

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**Gorham thespians** Jennine Cannizzo, Susan Crimp-Marcet, Nicole Giles, Mikayla Martorano, Ashley McBrairy, Cristina McBrairy, Miles Obrey, Eric Porter, Meghan Reidy, and Cindy Smith along with Standish thespians John Eckstein, Meira Eckstein, and Sabrina Luy perform in the Schoolhouse Art Center's production of "The Sound of Music" through July 22. FMI, call 642-3743 or visit [www.schoolhousearts.org](http://www.schoolhousearts.org).



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### CLOSE TO HOME

**Leavitt's Mill Free Health Center** will sponsor their 10th Annual Golf Classic fundraiser on Thursday, Aug. 16 at the Dutch Elm Golf Club in Arundel. Rain date: Aug. 23. Shotgun start at 12 noon. FMI, 282-9850.

"**The Sound of Music**" will run through July 22 at the Schoolhouse Arts Center in Standish. FMI, call 642-3743 or visit [www.schoolhousearts.org](http://www.schoolhousearts.org).

"**Don Roy and Company**" returns to the Windham Hill UCC Church, 140 Windham Center Rd., Windham, as part of the summer "Music on the Hill" concert series. Saturday, July 21 at 7 p.m. \$12/\$8 under 12/under 5 free. FMI, 892-2154 or 892-4217. Visit [www.windhamhillucc.org](http://www.windhamhillucc.org).

## DARE Gives the Cold Shoulder to Drugs



*Photo Courtesy of Gorham Police Department*

On June 11, 187 fifth grade students from Gorham's three elementary schools graduated from the D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) program, which teaches kids the skills necessary to avoid illegal substances, gangs and violence. Each fifth grade classroom presented a project to outline the dangers of drugs and reasons to resist. Adam Ouellette holds the cold shoulder sign as his classmates perform a skit to show one of the nine ways to say no to drugs.

## Parking Lots

FROM PAGE 1

in the downtown area as part of the Village Master Plan, which calls for the development of common parking spaces to benefit a number of businesses. While the Council handles real estate transactions in private (executive session), future plans for the property will be discussed in public. Cole noted that the town is in the early stages of what will be "a long range plan to provide more parking in the village through acquisition of property to address that issue." Funding for this project will come from an existing land acquisition reserve fund that the town has had for a number of years.

Several years ago, the Town Council voted down a plan to create a parking lot next to Robie Gym. They faced considerable opposition to the plan from a number of people but particularly those on Preble Street, who were very much opposed to having a parking lot on their residential street. Cole noted that one possible option for the Preble Street property would be to keep the house intact but to use the land behind it for parking if there were access through the property at 31 Main Street.

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Tink Drive caller reported an unknown subject had come to their door, rung the bell, and pounded on the door. Caller later determined that subject was their grandchild.

**Annie's Way caller** reported seeing two suspicious male subjects, who didn't seem to belong in the area, speeding down the road.

**Officer observed** a suspicious vehicle parked in the parking lot at South Gorham Crossing. After investigation, officer found the driver was making a phone call.

**Brackett Road caller** reported that they were selling coins to a subject they located on Craigslist and wanted the police to be aware.

**Willow Circle caller** reported a large black bear in the area.

**Justice Way caller** reported a suspicious vehicle that had been sitting in parking lot near playground for at least an hour with one male subject inside checking out the playground. Subject was a parent watching his kids playing on the playground.

**Mountview Drive caller** reported finding a plastic bag with something inside and taped over with duct tape. Officer investigated and found it to be an empty candy box.

**Brackett Road caller** reported they had an injured female subject at their residence. Woman had jumped from a moving vehicle.

**Caller reported** the theft of a shopping cart full of food.

**Winslow Road caller** requested to speak with an officer regarding whether or not Gorham has a noise ordinance.

**Wagner Farm Road caller** reported a suspicious male subject in the neighborhood. Subject was there to visit a neighbor. There was no suspicious activity.

**Hemlock Drive caller** reported that their neighbor was in caller's house with a gun, but neighbor did not threaten caller.

**Caller reported** seeing a confused baby raccoon on Route 25 and was worried it would get hit.

**Mercier Way caller** reported their juvenile child was making threats against the family.

**Preble Street caller** reported there was a large party in the street where people were screaming and hollering and the music was too loud.

**Four people** were arrested for OUI. One was also charged with being a minor transporting alcohol and operating without a license.

**Wescott Road caller** requested to speak with an officer regarding a suspicious video they received.

**County Road caller** requested to speak with an officer regarding their 50-year-old son who had been caring for caller and had not been heard from in over a week.

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## THURSDAY, JULY 19

- Gorham Food Pantry, 9-11 a.m., located in St. Anne's Catholic Church parking lot.
- My-Fit-Kids workout with Dawn from My-Fit-24, 9:30-10 a.m., Baxter Library.
- Pickleball for experienced players, 10 a.m., Lake Region Senior Center (LRSC). FMI, 893-9088.
- Bingo with Rosemary, 10 a.m., LRSC. FMI, 893-9088.

## FRIDAY, JULY 20

- Art Experience for Youngsters, ages 2-5, 10-11:30 a.m., Baxter Library.

## SATURDAY, JULY 21

- Gorham Farmer's Market, 8-12 noon, off Rt. 114 (between Baxter Library and Gorham Times Bldg.)
- Presumpscot Regional Land Trust trail project, 9 a.m. FMI, email prlandtrust@yahoo.com.
- Summer Concert Series, White Rock Free Baptist Church, singer/songwriter Timothy Mark, 6:30 p.m. Free admission but donations accepted. FMI, 893-1919 or www.wrfbc.org.

## SUNDAY, JULY 22

- First Parish UCC Summer Worship Service, 10:30 a.m., Treworgy Gardens, 120 Flagg Meadow Rd., Gorham. All are welcome.

## MONDAY, JULY 23

- Crocheting on the Hyperbolic Plane, 2-3 p.m., Baxter Library. FMI, 893-5031.

## TUESDAY, JULY 24

- Teddy Bears' Picnic, 11 a.m., Baxter Library. FMI, 893-5031.
- Pickleball for beginners, 10 a.m., LRSC. FMI, 893-9088.

## WEDNESDAY, JULY 25

- 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.
- Bubble Day, 1:30- 3:30 p.m., Baxter Library. FMI, 893-5031.

### Activities listed above are located at:

Baxter Memorial Library, 71 South St.

Gorham Farmer's Market, South St., Rt. 114, next to Baxter Library

Gorham Food Pantry, St. Anne's Catholic Church parking lot, 299 Main St.

Gorham High School, 41 Morrill Ave.

Gorham House, 50 New Portland Rd.

Gorham Municipal Building, 75 South St.

Lakes Region Senior Center, 40 Acorn St.

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No. Gorham Public Library, 2 Standish Neck Rd.

St. Anne's Catholic Church, 299 Main St.

White Rock Free Baptist Church, 300 Sebago Lake Rd.

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