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Hurricane Sandy Delays GHOP Re-Opening

BY SHERI FABER
Gorham Times Staff Writer

Great Falls Construction, the company that has been restoring the Gorham House of Pizza (GHOP) building severely damaged by fire in April 2012, finished their work on the GHOP portion of the property. However, the booths are delaying the re-opening. Owner Angelo Sotiropoulos ordered booths to be manufactured at a company in southern Connecticut, but, as a result of Hurricane Sandy, the manufacturing company was flooded. In addition, some specialty kitchen equipment has not yet arrived. Once the GHOP portion of the building is completely done, the three upstairs apartments will be completed and ready for occupancy.

Spire 29 on the Square Opening for Public and Private Events

BY SHERI FABER
Gorham Times Staff Writer

Jim Ciampi, who is probably best known for designing and operating the Landing at Pine Point as well as The Inn on Peaks Island, has been named the event consultant for Spire 29, the former Methodist Church on School Street which was more recently the Performing Arts Center. Spire 29 will be a "fully functional event venue" hosting corporate, private events and weddings as well as featuring a public ticket for dinner shows, galas and creative events with seasonal themes. Spire 29 will also host regionally recognized artists and talent in concert and supper club settings. Currently the property is undergoing some cosmetic and infrastructure work but it is available for rental now and will be fully operational in January 2013. Spire 29 can seat up to 200 people. A grand opening celebration will be announced shortly as well as business-to-business events and a wedding open house. For more information about holding events at this site, contact Jim Ciampi at (207) 222-2068 or info@spire29.com.

Robie Park Parade and Tree Lighting Ceremony

Despite the frigid temperatures and wind chill, Robie Park hosted hundreds of people who came to watch the light parade and to observe Santa lighting the Christmas tree. The parade included 15 vehicles – most nearly entirely covered with bright lights. The last vehicle was a Gorham fire truck that held Santa and Mrs. Claus high atop the audience. After a brief countdown, Santa pointed to the dark tree that suddenly came to life.



Photo credit: Martha T. Harris

Moody's Plans Expansion of IAAI Auto Salvage Yard

BY SHERI FABER
Gorham Times Staff Writer

Shawn Moody filed plans in September to expand the auction component of his auto salvage business by developing a nine-acre parcel that he owns that abuts his current business on Narragansett Street. Moody has owned piece of property for many years and his right to use it

commercially was in essence grandfathered as it abuts his current business property.

Several neighbors in The Preserve have concerns about the development. As a result of conversations between Moody and abutting neighbors regarding noise, lighting, and environmental concerns, Moody changed the alarm noise level by using broadband white sound tech-

nology and also changed the exterior lighting. Since 2005, there have been two monitoring wells on the property to test ground water. Samples are routinely sent to DEP and there have been no problems with ground water contamination.

Moody was required to obtain a special exception from the Board of Appeals and later from the Zoning

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Lessons Learned after Eight Years

By SEN. PHIL BARTLETT
Maine Senate

It is hard to believe that eight years have come and gone! In 2004 I was elected to represent Gorham, Scarborough and Westbrook in the Maine Senate. The experience has been gratifying and humbling in so many ways. As I complete my final term, there are three lessons that really stand out for me.

First, nearly everyone I've encountered in public life has gotten involved for the right reasons. Running for office and serving is not easy. Every one of us makes sacrifices to embark on a political campaign and take time away from family, friends and work. I always tried to remember this before, during and after contentious debates. Focusing on what you have in common with your political opponents helps you to hear their legitimate concerns, remain respectful and continue to have a good personal and working relationship.

Second, there is no limit to what you can accomplish if you are willing to give other people the credit. Throughout my term in office, I tried to focus on results for my constituents and the people of Maine. I often found it easier to advance legislation for oth-

A key to success is recognizing when and how to compromise to keep things moving in a positive direction.

ers, playing a strong supporting role and building coalitions around the policies and ideas I believe in. This approach served me well in my term as Majority Leader.

Third, the dysfunction we too often see in politics is not caused by partisanship but rather a lack of pragmatism. What gets in the way of compromise are not strong convic-

tions, but rather a blind adherence to ideology with no room for opposing viewpoints—a “my way or the highway” approach. Real results come from passionate people who are also reasonable. A key to success is recognizing when and how to compromise to keep things moving in a positive direction.

In closing, I offer my thanks to the Gorham Times for giving me space to share what is happening in Augusta. I also thank the voters of Gorham, Scarborough and Westbrook, who have supported me, challenged me and given me the extraordinary honor of working on your behalf in the Maine Senate.



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Dear Gorham Times,

We have been blessed this our third Thanksgiving Dinner by serving 52 meals to residents in Gorham, Buxton, Standish, Westbrook and Portland. We'd like to give thanks to those who helped put this on: Mary & Jim Liberty, Sue Parsons, Heather Moody, Madison Rogers, Bob Swain, Julie & Nick Sabasteanski - an awesome team in the kitchen!

For monetary donations we give thanks to Chuck Barr, Ginny & John McVane, Don & Mary Jane Millett, Judy & Howie Turner, Pit Stop Fuel, Nancy Taber, Jane D. Hamblen, Mary Chaplin, Cathy Falwell, Rhonda Cook, Barbara & Cindy Mills, Spike, Cecelia Roberts, and multiple anonymous donators.

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Special thanks to Heather Moody for allowing us to hold this dinner at Mister Bagel, Gorham.

Donations have allowed us to donate \$572 after expenses to the Gorham Ecumenical Food Pantry and we donated food to Preble Street Soup Kitchen which they were using Thanksgiving night!

For our abundances we are grateful, Thad & Roxanne (Hanscom) Moody

Thank you to the voters of Gorham.

I am truly honored to have been elected to serve on the Gorham Town Council. I am grateful that you have placed your faith and trust in me, to represent this wonderful community. On Election Day, voters faced a difficult challenge in choosing just two councilors among the slate of worthy candidates. We may have shared different views on the issues, but each candidate would have been a fine choice and would have worked hard on behalf of the town's best interests. I am excited for this opportunity to give back to the community and to also be a part of the process of charting Gorham's future. The next three years will be a great experience. Thank you.

Sherrie Benner,
Gorham Town Council

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Gorham Man Passionate about Teaching Trades

BY JACKIE FRANCIS
Gorham Times Staff Writer

With all the good wishing going on this holiday season, Kirk Nygren, trades instructor at the Westbrook Regional Vocational Center (WRVC), has a wish of his own: to have more parents and students become familiar with the variety of programs offered to high school students at the Vocational Center in Westbrook. Not only is the Building Trades Program offered, which he and his colleague Tom Pitman operate, but there also 13 other programs being offered through WRVC. "Unfortunately," says Nygren, "WRVC is the best kept secret around and this is an amazing school with amazing resources."

WRVC is an accredited school and offers career and technical education opportunities to regional students from five districts - Gorham, Bonny Eagle, Windham, Scarborough and Westbrook. Students are bussed to the Center to take classes in Automotive Technology, Business Education, Commercial Truck Driving, Computer Repairs, Culinary Arts, Drafting, Early Childhood Education, Electricity, Heavy Equipment Operations, Marketing, Medical Occupations, Public Safety and Web Page Design. "This school has 16, 17 & 18 year old students not only building state-of-the-art super-insulated homes," says Nygren, "but students who are also drawing blood in phlebotomy class, running a daycare/nursery school where parents drop off their children, and learning to pull live wires in Electrical class."

The philosophy at WRVC is to prepare students for entry into the labor work force and post-secondary education. "I wish more guidance counselors would talk about our school and programs when advising students," says the Nygren, who is clearly passionate about his work. Nygren believes every student would benefit from taking a trades class stopping short of making the WRVC program a pre-requisite much like languages and gym class. "We're teaching kids employable skills - to think on their own, to problem solve and deal with people hands-on with task-oriented methods of learning."

Very little time is spent in the classroom, says Nygren, pointing to the 3,000 sq. ft. workshop where his students learn "how to make mistakes."



Photo credit Martha T. Harris

Kirk Nygren and Tom Pitman co-teach students enrolled in the Building Trades Program from the Westbrook Regional Vocational Center to construct this super energy-efficient home. Pictured in the back row standing: teacher Kirk Nygren, Alex Howe (Westbrook), Cody Webster (Gorham); back row seated: Trevor Paramakenko (Westbrook); front row: teacher Tom Pitman, Mark Hughes (Windham), Tyler Conley (Westbrook) and Jeremy Eastman (Bonny Eagle).

They try to deliver their lessons in the shop touching on everything from safety to estimating and selecting materials. Today, a \$200,000 super energy-efficient home is being built by students enrolled in the Building Trades Program, one of 43 homes that the Gorham/Westbrook Rotary Club has sponsored since the 1950's. "The administration at [WRVC] gives us the freedom to teach and use advanced framing techniques that

are more efficient than what 95% of contractors use today," says Nygren, referring to the "building envelope" (the part of the house that you heat and cool) which is airtight and well insulated. The 10-inch double walls (as opposed to the standard five-and-a-half-inch walls) are super insulated with 10 inches of dense-packed cellulose,

basically recycled newspaper blown in between the plastic barriers. The 1,500 sq. ft. home sits on an insulated foundation and is hung with triple-glazed casement windows throughout. A heat pump as opposed to a traditional boiler will be installed and Nygren expects the future homeowners to heat and cool their house for under \$300 a year. Virtually no air escapes the super-insulated walls, ceilings and floors, making

for a home that is constantly warm in winter and cool in summer explains Nygren. "Technology is changing so fast, we are so fortunate to teach with the latest and newest technology. We're teaching the future."

Nygren loves his job. He loves the rapport and the connection he has with his students. Gorham High School stu-

dent Cody Webster has been attending WRVC for two years and is enrolled in the Building Trade program. "I'm a visual learner," says the high school senior, "and this has been a great opportunity for me, opening doors and setting me on the right career path."

Pitman, who enjoys seeing the impact a program like this can have on his students, says he loves sharing his love of carpentry with students who love to learn. "I know we're making a big impact on their lives. These kids are running \$100,000 pieces of heavy excavating equipment, hauling and dumping fill at work sites," says Pitman. "They're not building bird houses."

Kirk Nygren,
Building Trades Instructor
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Five Steps to a Healthier Holiday

BY STACEY COLEMAN

T'was the week before the holidays, and all through the season, unhealthy choices were made, for no good reason. The children were out of school and bringing new stress, you did not finish shopping, the house was a mess. And you in your panic, with bills coming in, have that cookie for dinner, as you finally give in. When what on your bathroom scale should appear, but a number that causes you upset and fear. But please do not to worry, this year you'll be ready, with a dynamite plan to stay healthy and steady. And you will exclaim as the New Year rings in, I am healthy and happy both outside and in.

1 Make an eating plan and stick to it. Plan meals for the entire week. Write them on a dry erase board for the family to see. Have the kids help you to choose a lean protein, and a fruit and a vegetable at every meal. This will help you stay on track with a healthy diet as well as save you the stress of last minute meals on the run.

2 Build an exercise support team: your sister, a few friends from work, or even a family member. Most people struggle to stay accountable this time of year, so offer to be someone's workout buddy. Research proves that people who workout with a group have a much higher success rate.

3 Set a physical goal. Register for a race (even if you have to walk) or other physical competition. As a fitness coach, I see a higher success rate for those who choose a goal that tests them physically rather than trying to meet a number on a scale. I have witnessed people accomplishing goals that they never imagined possible by forgetting about the weight and refocusing on strong, healthy goals.

**Get the family involved.**

Kids need to learn to be healthy too, so include them in your healthy holidays mission. My kids love it when my husband and I play an active game with them, such as freeze tag, dancing competitions, or exercise stations in our living room. Or try a fitness facility that offers classes for both kids and adults. Have the family load lunch boxes and help with dinner preparation.



Plan ahead. Eating one slice of grandmother's pumpkin pie or skipping a few workouts to go visit the family will not have a prolonged impact on your fitness goals. If you know you will eat a piece of pie, take an extra boot camp at your gym that week. If you miss boot camp for your family party, plan to go for a family walk/run after dinner. In fact, aim to live a healthier lifestyle all through the year and reward yourself with these special traditions (in moderation).

Don't stress. It can cause defeat. If you feel stress coming on, stop and breathe. Exercise reduces stress even in short bouts. Five to 10 minutes of stair climbing two to three times a day could be a great way for an office employee to reduce their stress. A mom home with the kids could play 10 minutes of freeze tag, take the kids for a walk, or create a 10-minute exercise circuit in her living room.

Do not let the holidays be your excuse to put your health off until next year.



Stacey Coleman is Founder/Executive Director/Fitness Coach of My-FIT-24. She has a B.S. in Health and Fitness and 15 years of professional field experience.

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Moody's

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Board in order to expand his business, as it is a non-conforming use of the property and was required to meet six criteria for the property in order to obtain the special exception. Five of these did not appear to be problematic but the sixth one, which states that the "proposed use will not create nuisances to neighboring properties because of odors, fumes, glare, hours of operation, noise, vibration, or fire hazard and will not restrict light and air to neighboring properties," generated a lot of discussion at the Zoning Board meeting. Both the Zoning Board and the Board of Appeals meetings lasted four hours each so that everyone had an opportunity to speak, including a noise engineer who brought in a "noise model" to address the neighbor's concerns. The neighbors are concerned with noise because Insurance Auto Auctions, Inc. (IAA), a live and live-online salvage auto auction company, uses diesel engine forklifts with back up alarms, which can be very loud. Moody believes the newly installed broadband white sound technology should mitigate noise issues.

Five of the nine acres will be for his auction business with auctions held weekly on Monday mornings. The expanded area will not be lit and the whole property will be fenced.

One of the biggest issues for the neighbors is seeing the salvage yard from their backyards. Currently there appears to be a barrier of roughly 80 feet according to Moody, which is provided by existing trees behind those houses in The Preserve that abut Moody's property. In addition, Moody plans a 10-foot high berm with 10-foot tall trees to be planted on it. Moody has also set aside two acres for conservation and eight acres for wildlife.

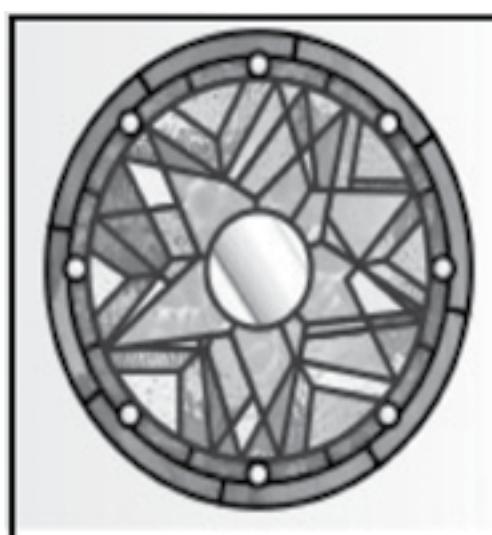
Moody noted that in his 25 years in business at this site, he has never had a complaint. He believes he has gone through the process required by the town and that his is "a value added project for the town." He went on to say he has worked hard to minimize the impact on the neighborhood.

Neighbors declined to comment for this article but they remain concerned about the impact that this new salvage business will have on their lives and property values.

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Town Council Report

November 13, 2012

BY ROBIN SOMES
Gorham Times Staff Writer

With the municipal election passed, the Town Council conducted its own subsequent actions. The Council formally elected Councilor Philip Gagnon as chair and Councilor Michael Phinney as vice chair. Chair Gagnon then presented outgoing Councilors Brenda Caldwell and Matthew Mattingly with plaques thanking them for their service on the Town Council.

Town Clerk Connie Loughran administered the oath of office to newly elected councilors Shonn Moulton, a former Councilor, and Sherrie Benner. Outgoing Chair Brenda Caldwell addressed the Council by saying, "I challenge you to put aside personal issues and to work for the betterment of our wonderful town of Gorham. We have a great town here and it and its citizens deserve the best," Caldwell added, "The past six years have certainly been interesting."

In a special meeting just prior to the regular monthly meeting, Councilors were appointed to the Town Council Committees as follows:

Finance Committee - Suzanne Phillips (chair), Moulton and John Pressey

Ordinance Committee - Phinney (chair), Matthew Robinson and Pressey

Appointments/Personnel Committee - Moulton (chair), Benner and Phillips

Economic Development/Capital Improvements Committee - Robinson (chair), Phinney, and Benner

Representative to Greater Portland COG - Pressey

Ecomaine Representative - Town Manager David Cole

Representative to Jetport Noise Abatement Committee - Gagnon

Caldwell, who noted her desire to see the Public Safety Building renovation project through to completion, remains on the corresponding Committee that she also chairs.

In his monthly report, Town Manager David Cole reported that Larry Fearon of the Police Department was awarded a 30-year Service Pin. Cole noted that 13 different roads as well as the Narragansett School parking lot were paved this year thanks to the Public Works Department. He also noted that the holiday lights for Gorham's downtown display were purchased and were ready for display but an agreement with Central Maine Power, owners of the utility poles on which the lights will be displayed, still needed to be determined. He stated that they are working hard to complete this process this year.

In other action, the Town Council:

Voted 6-1 (Moulton) to postpone action on appropriating \$175,000 from the remaining Capital Part 2 funds for the purpose of conducting any environmental cleanup necessary and the subsequent demolition of the White Rock School.

Voted 6-0 (Phinney abstaining) to approve a Liquor License for Gorham House of Pizza.

Voted 7-0 to approve a liquor license for Sebago Brewing Company

Voted 7-0 to accept the bid of C. B. Kenworth of South Portland in the amount of \$157,615 for a Wheeler dump truck.

Voted 7-0 to approve a 3-year renewal of the contract with Cumberland County Regional Communication Center for dispatching services from July 2013 to June 2016.

Voted 7-0 to appropriate \$300 from the contingency account to support the 2013 New Year Gorham Event.

Scheduled a workshop for 6 p.m. on December 18 to discuss the Little Falls, White Rock School and the Public Safety building. School Facilities Management and Transportation Director Norman Justice, Recreation Director Cindy Hazelton and Public Works Director Robert Burns were to be invited.

Preserving Lands for the Future

BY TANIA NEUSCHAFER

Presumpscot Regional Land Trust (PRLT) has had a successful year—making a bigger impact on our communities than ever before. For 27 years, PRLT has worked to conserve and protect outstanding lands in Gorham, Gray, Sebago, Standish, Westbrook, and Windham to preserve the character of the Presumpscot River watershed for the benefit of people and wildlife. PRLT is actively stewarding over 715 acres of land that are vital to our area's natural character, wildlife, agriculture, water quality, and outdoor recreation.

In 2012, Presumpscot Regional Land Trust successfully:

- Took on a donated conservation easement for 185 acres of the 483-acre Randall Orchard property and is making progress on purchasing an easement on the remaining 296 acres;

- Coordinated the Sebago to the Sea Trail Coalition to finish this 28-mile path;

- Worked with other groups to develop conservation priorities for the entire Presumpscot River Watershed;

- Established a trail network with the Great Falls Elementary School to improve educational activity on the Hawkes Property;

- Developed a five-year strategic initiative to plan how the land trust will match the accelerating pace of development in the area.

The challenges PRLT is facing are critical for the future of our communities. The Gorham East-West Corridor study recently concluded that PRLT's coverage area is the fastest growing area in the state. And, in 2009, the U.S. Forest Service identified Sebago Lake and the Presumpscot River watershed as the most vulnerable in the Northeast. In August, PRLT developed a five-year Strategic Plan in response to the growing threats of our region.

The goals of PRLT's Strategic Plan are to:

- Create and take advantage of new opportunities to protect lands of high priority and conservation value in our region;
- Connect more people to conserved lands by improving trails and water access;
- Recruit and inspire more people, of all ages, to the cause of conservation through education, membership, and targeted outreach;
- Strengthen stewardship practices to better manage the properties under protection; and
- Increase staff capacity to conduct work more effectively.

In November, PRLT launched its annual giving campaign, as well as a Five-Year Strategic Initiatives Campaign. Over the next five years, PRLT must raise an additional \$250,000 from foundations, businesses, and individuals to implement its Five-Year Strategic Initiatives.

All that work has never been more important. If they don't continue to conserve lands that are too important to lose—because of their significance to our communities, recreational opportunities, agricultural value, or importance to our environment—they could be gone before we know it.

By making a gift today to the Presumpscot Regional Land Trust you can help current and future generations by preserving our community's natural resources and special places. To make a donation to PRLT's 2012 Annual Fund or the Strategic Initiatives Campaign, go to <http://www.prlt.org> and click on Donate Now or mail check to Presumpscot Regional Land Trust, PO Box 33, Gorham, Maine 04038. As a 501(c) (3), all donations to the Presumpscot Regional Land Trust are tax deductible to the full extent of the law.

Real Estate Transfers September 2012

Location	Buyer	Seller Price
164 Dingley Spring Road	Wilder, Christopher	\$92,000
115 Longfellow Road	Brooks, Ryan	\$197,250
27 Tannery Brook Road	Swan, Joyce & Overman, Bruce	\$254,000
110 School Street	Hewes, Arthur	\$215,000
101 Plummer Road	Aristizabal, Andrew & Burlingham, Isabel	\$233,500
16 Brodeis Way	Lemieux, Robert & Grenier, Glorianne	\$535,000
57 Wagner Farm Road	Capozza, Joseph & Billie	\$250,000
21 Water Street	Pecoraro, Angela	\$179,000
119 Mighty Street	Kennie, John & Jeanne	\$150,000
14 Straw Road	Nauman, Stephen & Elissa	\$305,000
16 Edgefield Road	Hincher, Clark & Lisa	\$350,450
53 Wagner Farm Road	Risbara Bros. Cons. Co.	\$87,000
690 Main Street	White Rock realty, LLC	\$195,000
31 Gloria Street	Mitchell, Scott & Kelly	\$229,500
30 Harding Road	Purdy, Michele	\$250,000
8 Oak Wood Drive	Cowan, John & Kathleen	\$290,000
6 Daniel Street	Dahms, Michael & Kenneth	\$85,000
183 Ichabod Lane Ext.	Chamberlin, Rachel & Adam	\$321,100
9 Shaw's Mill Road	Meader, Pao	\$164,000
9 Cummings Road	Gumaek, Erik & Angela	\$390,000
10 Preble Street	Town of Gorham	\$239,900
37 Quincy Drive	Faatz, Sarah & Justin	\$330,000
47 Jordan Drive	Curtis, Sheena & Joshua	\$299,500
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School Committee Report

November 14, 2012

BY ROBIN SOMES
Gorham Times Staff Writer

At November's meeting, Roger Marchand announced that there was some good news about the GHS tennis and golf teams. Athletic Director Tim Spear subsequently reported on the season that culminated in Gorham High's golf team winning the Class A State Championships for 2012 – the second time this has been accomplished in three years. He presented each team member with a certificate from the School Committee in recognition of this accomplishment. Certificates were presented to Mike Caron, Spencer LaPierre, Nathan Roop, and coach Rick Altham.

The boys' tennis team was recognized for winning the springs Class A State Championship and certificates were presented to Joe Bennett, Kyle Curley, Ryan Gilbert, Mike Lubelczyk, Riley Perkins, Tom Susi, Milan Vidovic, and coach Aaron Landry. Also cited were two former seniors now attending college who were a "big part of the team" including Quincy Owens and Adam Bourgault.

The next item of the meeting was the appointment of Kyle Currier and Darryl Wright to the positions of Chair and Vice Chair respectively, as determined by unanimous vote. The School Committee is now comprised of: Chair Kyle Currier, Vice Chair Darryl Wright, Roger Marchand, Dennis Libby, Sara Nelson, and Tim Burns. Currier announced that Anne Lawrence, who was serving on the Committee and present at the meeting, had submitted her resignation because she is relocating.

Currier announced the 2012-2013 sub-committee members as follows:

Finance Committee: Dennis Libby, Chair, Darryl Wright and Kyle Currier

Personnel Committee: Darryl Wright, Chair, Dennis Libby and Sara Nelson

Policy Committee: Roger Marchand, Chair, Sara Nelson and Tim Burns

In his monthly address, Superintendent Ted Sharp talked about Maine's ESEA Waiver, a formal request to the federal government from the Maine DOE for flexibility in implementing the No Child Left Behind Act, aka Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA). According to Maine's website, the DOE submitted the request by the September 6, 2012 deadline, after having crafted an Accountability and Improvement System for determining performance of students and schools in accordance with ESEA. Some requirements were waived such as AYP (Adequate Yearly Progress), which has been a part of legislation for the past eight years. This will affect schools throughout Maine that will need to conform to the accountability requirements agreed upon between the federal and state governments. Sharp stated that Governor LePage "expects to support an initiative so that accountability would not only extend to Title One schools which it has traditionally been focused on, it would be a rating system for all schools ... a good idea but the devil will be in the details as to how that actually gets implemented." Sharp continued, "School choice will continue to be an agenda item in the Legislature and the Governor has already said that he intends to introduce new legislation to expand school choice, and also early college, an increase in dual enrollment, and fifth year options, among others. None of these ideas are extreme if addressed in a thoughtful and inclusive manner. It will all depend on what kind of negotiations will take place between the [State] Legislature and the Governor. That could be a very interesting discussion."

Sharp noted that a letter regarding winter storms and school cancellations is available online at: www.gorham-schools.org/winter_storm_letter.

Gorham High School First Quarter Honor Roll 2012-13

Grade 9 - High Honors	Grade 11 - Honors	Grade 12 - Honors
Matthew Beahm	Ciara Stillson	Joseph Graff
Tyler Bernier	Colby Sturgis	Spencer LaPierre
Kayleigh Bettencourt	Elizabeth Sullivan	Michael Lubelczyk
Kaitlyn Bowie	Hannah Tarbox	Cassandra Martel
Robert Campbell	Maeve Terry	Amy McCarty
Nicole Couillard	Amber Thompson	Maxwell McNally
Rebecca Cupps	Jason Tracey	Riley Perkins
Sarah Flanders	Taylor Turpin	Darice Plumer
Maeghan Higgins	Alyda Twilley	Katiana Selens
Collin Jones	Emilia Viernes	Quincy Shaw
Sarah Jordan	Austin Violette	Patricia Smith
Mathias Kasjanov	Nicole Walls	Elliott Speirs
Mia Kaufman	Connor White	Kara Stahl
Samuel Kilborn	Lindsey Wilcox	Tyler Verrill
Aisling Kirby	Nicholas Wilson	Milan Vidovic
Joseph Moutinho	Taila Wintle	Evelyn Viernes
Jason Nagy	Alex Young	
Emma Niles		
Taylor Perkins		
Dylan Rogers		
Anna Smith		
Jesse Southard		
Sydney Stultz		
Cameron Tracy		
Molly vanLuling		
Grade 9 - Honors	Grade 10 - High Honors	Grade 10 - Honors
Diana Albanese	Douglas Beahm	Riley Allen
Erik Andreassen		Daniel Bacon
Matthew Arnold		Madison Bennett
Nadia Barry		Kaitlyn Bernier
Trenton Bassingthwaite		Ryan Bertin
Christopher Beland		William Bessette
Hunter Beleckis		Krista Boylen
Ross Bellino		Sarah Buotte
Thomas Bernier		Gabrielle Burke
Cheyenne Boucher		Amanda Butler
Benjamin Bradshaw		Michael Chapin
Emily Bragg		Sage Collins
Thomas Brent		Mariah Cranston
Kyle Briggs		Christian Daigle
Tristan Brunet		Megan Demers
Hailey Bryant		Margaret Donohue
Stanislav Butenko		John Ennis
Mallory Campbell		Gregory Farrington
Alexander Candelmo		Griffin Germond
Amber Cavarretta		Isabelle Grant
Lillian Close		Abigail Hamilton
Jennifer Darasz		Erika Hedesheimer
Sara Darling		Matthew Hooker
Taylor Day		Cole Houghton
Renee Deering		Keysun Jeong
Bregan DeLeon		Chelsea Caron
Madeleine DeWitt		Sydney Caron
Cooper Donovan		Nicole Caruso
Coleman Dowdle		Amber Cavarretta
Caitlyn Duffy		Lillian Close
Gemma Dufour		Jennifer Darasz
Cody Elliott		Sara Darling
Courtney Fitz		Taylor Day
Natasha Fogg		Renee Deering
Emerson Fox		Bregan DeLeon
Joseph Gallant		Madeleine DeWitt
Connor Goodall		Cooper Donovan
Colin Gotschlich		Coleman Dowdle
Christopher Hayward		Caitlyn Duffy
Dane Heckathorn		Gemma Dufour
Cady Houghton		Cody Elliott
Alexandra Johnson		Courtney Fitz
Madison Keating		Natasha Fogg
Carson Kuschke		Emerson Fox
Branden Kuusela		Joseph Gallant
Cassidy Landry		Connor Goodall
Thomas Leach		Colin Gotschlich
Nikolas Lieberum		Christopher Hayward
Spencer Linscott		Dane Heckathorn
Matthew McCarty		Cady Houghton
Jordanne Mercier		Alexandra Johnson
Molly Merrifield		Madison Keating
Chatham Mills		Carson Kuschke
Nathaniel Nadeau		Branden Kuusela
Robert Pellerin		Cassidy Landry
Julia Plante		Thomas Leach
Nicholas Polches		Nikolas Lieberum
Madison Poulin		Spencer Linscott
Sean Pratt		Matthew McCarty
Calvin Riiska		Jordanne Mercier
Dayna Shaw		Molly Merrifield
Allison Sinnett		Chatham Mills
Cameron Smith		Nathaniel Nadeau
Kayla St. Amand		Robert Pellerin
		Julia Plante
		Nicholas Polches
		Madison Poulin
		Sean Pratt
		Calvin Riiska
		Dayna Shaw
		Allison Sinnett
		Cameron Smith
		Kayla St. Amand
Grade 11 - High Honors	Grade 11 - Honors	Grade 12 - High Honors
Justin Broy	Matthew Vail	Lucia Alexandrin
Jeremy Collett	Melissa Walls	Libby Andreassen
April Cummings	Shayla Wing	Morgan Briggs
Meghan Cushing	Jonathan Woodbury	Deborah Burgess
Kiara Day	Collin Young	Lindsey Chadburn
Tyler Eldridge	Michael Zagorianakos	Samantha Cupps
Matthew Leclair		Keagan Dumont
Sarah Lyons		Shannon Folan
Jason Meuse		
Francesco Pappalardo		
Haley Perkins		
Rozada Spiers		
Dylan Turner		
Jacqueline Turner		
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Isabel Courtney
Brandon Cummings
Brittany Desjardin
Abigail Enck
Michael Evans
Emma Forges
Jayden Gaudreau
Trevor Gava
Avery Germond
Caroline Gross
Zachary Hannon
Autumn Heil
Evelin Kasjanov
Elisabeth King
Kate Larkin
Greta Lee
Chance Libby
Thomas Light
Kathryn Lundin
Isaac Martel
Matilda McColl
Libby Mitchell
Hailey Morrill
Felix Morrissey
Gretchen Muehle
Katherine O'Donnell
Vipul Periwal
Alice Riiska
Samantha Rockwell
Colette Romatis
Simon Roussel
Andrew Sharp
Hallie Shiers
Jacob Sladen
Sara Slager
Sarah Stevens
Logan Swift
Sarah Walker
Erin Wentworth
Melanie Wright

Grade 6 - Honors

Iris Adams
Maggy Aube
Lauren Barde
Fatima Batool
Sarah Baxter
Aaliyah Biamby
Quintessa Bissonnette
Kevin Blake
Mackenzie Buteau
Alexa Corey
Connor Coro
Gavin Cupps
Caroline Dowdle
Julia Downey
Molly Duff
Jacob Dupuis
Jackson Ettinger
Riley Ferrigan
Jared Fontaine
Gabriella Gagne
Trevor Gray
Tyler Haines
Brinn Hall
Joshua Hayward
Mackenzie Holmes
Emaly Howard
Riley Jerome
Spencer Keating
Evelyn Kitchen
Michael Knight
Isabelle Kolb
Calvin Lane
Ella LeBlanc
Griffin Lord
Dominic Lorello
Trevor Loubier
Cooper Lyons
Lydia McCrillis
Haley McCullough
Trent McLellan
Evan Morrell
Margaret Munkacs
Benjamin Nault
Thomas Nelson
Alexander O'Connor
Olivia Paruk
Jordan Perkins
Grace Perron
Anna Rathbun
Adriana Risbara
Samantha Robichaud
Leah Scontras

Emma Shields
Caelyn Smith
Dawson Smith
Mariah Stout
Tylor Summerson
McKayla Taft
Brenden Waterman
Ethan White
Bryce Womack
Brooke Woodbury
William Zidle

Grade 7 - High Honors

Benjamin Adams
Tarquin Bates
Caitlyn Beaulieu
Jessica Bennett
Lindsey Boylen
Caitlin Callahan
Emily Chapin
Llyana Charest
Sydney Coward
Courtney Cushing
Claudia Daigle
Bennett Donohue
Benjamin Eichner
Aaron Farr
Gabriella Fisher
Meadow Fortier
Kate Gilbert
Emily Goriss
Brooke Greatorex
Andrew Harjula
Saoirse Herlihy
Garrett Higgins
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Ryan Kaczmarek
Zebulun Leavitt
Grace Libby
Hannah Libby
Erica Mallory
Brogan McDonald
Zachery McGouldrick
Camryn Morton
Benjamin Nelson
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Jonathan Scribner
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Josephine Smith
Anna Smith
Isabella Solari
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Christopher Tucker
Claire Valentine
Abigail vanLuling
Simeon Willey

Grade 7 - Honors

Nathan Bachner
Asal Bahmani
Kaylin Baker
Wilder Baldwin
Molly Barr
Clayton Bassingthwaite
Conor Battaglia
Hannah Beliveau
Connor Bell
Benjamin Bellantoni
Vanessa Berrell
Hayley Bickford
William Blanchard
Nolan Brown
Isabelle Burke
Anthony Chase
Cameron Choiniere
Marisa Collins
Meaghan Couillard
Emma Cousins
Brianna Crockett
Grace DeWitt
Allyssa Doughty
David Drew
Vy Duong
Jessica Dusseault
Lauren Edwards
Holden Edwards
Emily Emmons
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Tyler Fitz
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Brooke Woodbury
William Zidle

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Mia Gallant
Olivia Garand
Julien Gibbs
Lauren Hohman
Rachel Hooker
Christian Hubbard
Kaitlyn Jodoin
Phoebe Johnston
Tanjil Kasjanov
Kyle King
Stephen Klatt
Karalyn Kutzer
Noah Lambert
Samantha Langevin
Elise LaSalle
Shelby Leach
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Sean Miller
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Mary Adams
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Cameron Holmes
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GMS Band Update

BY LIZZY LEMIEUX
GMS Student

On November 5, the Gorham Middle School Band, in collaboration with the Casco Bay Band, hosted a concert to benefit all of the band's endeavors. The highlight of the concert came at the end when both the younger and older musicians joined together to perform one piece. After months of raffle ticket sales, winning tickets were drawn and winners were Ann Carroll, Susie Kiser and Marc Poitras. During the concert, the 50/50 raffle winner, Illana Scribner, generously donated her \$150 winnings back to the band. GMS Band would like to thank everyone involved, including

the Casco Bay Band, and Kim Mathieu, director of Gorham Middle School band.

Students participating in the European Sousa Tour this summer would like to thank those who took part in the raffle; the generous community sponsors and donors including Gorham Sand and Gravel and PoGo Reality; and Berlin City for awarding them a \$1,500 grant. All have had a role in helping them meet their lofty goal to travel to seven different countries.

Look forward to more performances in the future including the Casco Bay Band's winter concert, 3 p.m. December 8 at GHS, and the GMS band concert, 7 p.m. on December 19 at GMS.

Great Falls Helps Victims of Superstorm Sandy

The students at Great Falls Elementary School made a financial contribution of \$268 to support American Red Cross

Disaster Relief. The students sold "Kindness Counts at Great Falls" pens and pencils to raise the money. They wanted to make a difference and help the people affected by Hurricane Sandy. **Pictured purchasing pencils for the Red Cross Disaster Relief is Phoebe Johnson.**



Photo credit Becky Fortier

Geography and Multicultural Night



Photo credit Nancy Packard

November 15 was Geography and Multicultural Night at Narragansett School. There were many activities for students and their families, including puzzles, games, map activities, books, passport stamping and scrapbook making. Other avenues of learning were also employed; technology was incorporated, as laptops were used to learn about other states, countries and continents. In the gym, Mr. Fortier taught sports games from around the world. Mrs. Flanders, the ESOL teacher, and students who came from, or have family from other countries, shared some of their belongings. Finally, Mrs. Knott, our gifted and talented teacher, shared information and GPS tracking of a ship that some of her students built and launched in the Atlantic Ocean. Eunice Bentley, Narragansett's Literary Specialist, did a great job organizing this fun, well-integrated event. Taking part in the night's events are Brady and Camden Sawyer, and Nate Rorer and his dad, Rob.

All-State Golf Selection



Photo credit Rich Obrey

GHS senior Mike Caron, shown above during a regular-season golf match at Gorham Country Club, was one of 10 players named to the Maine Sunday Telegram All-State Team. Caron won the Class A State Individual Championship and also helped GHS win the Class A State Team Championship. As a sophomore, Caron was a key player on the 2010 GHS golf team that also won the Class A State Team Championship.

GHS Fall SMAA All Conference Selections

Football: Honorable Mention-Matthew McKenney, Nicholas Greatorex, Nicholas Lewis.

Volleyball: First Team-Lindsay Chapman, Samantha Robinson; Second Team-Kaitlyn SeeHusen, Lexi Merrifield; Honorable Mention-Quincy Shaw.

Girls Soccer: First Team-Kali St. Germain; Second Team-Libby Andreasen, Meghan Cushing, Jessica Rexrode.

Boys' Cross Country: Second Team-Jesse Southard.

Field Hockey: First Team-Patricia Smith; Second Team-Caitlin Shaw; Honorable Mention-Gabrielle Martell; All-Rookie Team-Charlotte Smith.

Boys' Soccer: SMAA Offensive Player of the Year and First Team-Connor Reagan; SMAA Defensive Player of the Year and First Team-Kyle Curley; First Team-Austin Bell; Second Team-Chandler Reagan; Honorable Mention-Chris Hardy, Alex Owens, Alex McCarthy.

Golf: First Team-Michael Caron, Spencer LaPierre; Second Team-Nathan Roop, Andrew Scontras.

Burn Off the Turkey 5k Road Race Results



Photo credit Megan Bennett

Close to 300 runners start fast at the 13th Annual Burn Off the Turkey 5K Road Race sponsored by the Gorham Recreation Department on November 24.

BY JEFF PIKE
Gorham Times Sports Writer

Nearly 300 runners participated in the 13th Annual Burn Off the Turkey 5K Road Race sponsored by the Gorham Recreation Department on November 24. Wout Moulin was the top male runner from Gorham, finishing fourth overall with a time of 17:27 while Kathryn Moulin was the top Gorham female runner, finishing third among all women with a time of 21:11.

The overall race winner was former Gorham resident Mike Caiazzo, who now lives in Westbrook and turned in a time of 16:44. Emily Durgin of Standish was the overall female winner with a time of 19:05. Gary Eaton

was Gorham's top male in the race-walk division with a time of 43:40 while Donna Kennie was the top female Gorham racewalker with a time of 46:06.

Other Gorham participants who finished at the top of their gender-age group included Kaitlyn Roberts, female 14-and-under; Jesse Southard, male 14-and-under; Brendan McDevitt, male 30-39; Veerle Pottie, female 40-49; Pamela Baldwin, female 50-59; John Strout, male 50-59; and Cindy Stevenson, female 80-and-over.

Below are the results of all Gorham participants as posted by www.cool-running.com. Most participants competed as runners while many others competed as walkers.

Place	Name	Time	103	Corey Noel	27:23	192	Roland Arsenault	32:58
4	Wout Moulin	17:27	104	Amanda Rockwood	27:27	193	Marc Arsenault	32:58
7	Jesse Southard	18:53	107	Shelby Wintle	27:42	194	Rob Gaudette	33:02
10	Ben Foster	19:08	108	Peter Clark	27:51	196	Sharon Deering	33:10
12	Brendan McDevitt	19:44	109	Betty Disanza	27:52	200	Tina Ruel	33:18
14	Doug Beahm	19:55	110	Steven Smith	27:58	210	Stephanie Bingham	34:10
19	Dino Desanctis	20:27	111	Bruce Sutherland	27:59	211	Brad Bingham	34:11
21	John Strout	20:34	115	Lindsay Buteau	28:05	212	Melissa Deering	34:11
22	Peter Dewitt	20:40	116	Leah Sturm	28:16	213	Megan Baker	34:12
28	Kathryn Moulin	21:11	117	Jen Hughes	28:17	216	Matt Hoyt	34:19
31	Brech Moulin	21:15	119	Rob Landry	28:24	218	Michael Foster	34:28
32	Veerle Pottie	21:17	120	Melinda Shain	28:37	219	Scott Dimick	34:29
33	Spencer Linscott	21:34	121	Ben Smith	28:43	220	Kathleen Dimick	34:29
35	Josh Hughes	21:44	122	Sandy Smith	28:43	223	Charles Whitten	34:51
36	Denis Albert	21:48	124	Ian Luciano	28:48	224	Esther Eaton	35:16
37	Anton Gulovsen	21:49	126	Kristin Uhlig	28:56	226	Jessica Dobbins	35:37
39	Greg Hughes	21:53	127	Kelly Greenier	28:59	227	Sara Darling	35:49
40	Garrett Higgins	22:06	128	Jon Smith	29:01	228	Renee Deering	35:49
42	Zack Wbt	22:35	131	Donna Foster	29:08	229	Samantha Clark	35:57
45	Chris Dodd	22:50	135	Andrea Benvie	29:40	231	Charlene Manning	36:12
49	Abraham Eaton	23:34	137	Rachel Eaton	29:47	236	Ashley Gaudette	37:00
50	Kelley Scott	23:35	142	Sam Orlando	29:58	242	Kristin Penny	38:53
51	Cooper Lyons	23:39	143	Keith Orlando	29:58	243	Grace Herrick	39:27
54	Brian Darling	24:08	149	Rob Lavoie	30:07	244	Michael Sinnott	40:27
56	Chris Harrison	24:22	152	Kristen Lehmann	30:29	247	Nicholas Tinkham	40:59
57	Leanna Dalfonso	24:25	154	Cassie Pelletier	30:34	248	Ronald Tinkham	40:59
58	James Benson	24:26	155	Katie Foster	30:36	249	Karen Tinkham	41:02
59	Mike Chabot	24:27	156	Rebecca Foster	30:37	251	Casey Skofield	41:07
61	Dale Rines	24:28	157	Noah Badezio	30:37	252	Jenny Skofield	41:09
62	Tim Higgins	24:37	158	Paul Badezio	30:37	253	Mykaila Rush	41:41
64	Johan Moulin	24:46	163	Kenneth Curtis	30:50	254	Caden Garcia	41:57
66	Maria McInnis	25:00	166	Brittney Landry	31:16	255	Jack Luciano	41:57
69	Heather Kilborn	25:15	168	Amanda Landry	31:19	256	Cindy Stevenson	42:25
71	Courtney MacLeod	25:26	171	Andrew Tinkham	31:29	257	Bobbi Luciano	42:28
72	Bruce MacCleod	25:26	173	Christine Hepler	31:47	264	Sydney Rappleyea	43:22
73	Pamela Baldwin	25:29	174	Audrey Theriault	31:55	265	Nathan Rappleyea	43:23
74	Linda Whitten	25:40	175	Peter Luciano	32:02	267	Mallorie Rappleyea	43:24
76	Leif Erickson	25:52	176	Grace Eaton	32:06	268	Jean Rappleyea	43:24
78	Karen Gaudette	26:06	177	Paul Eaton	32:10	269	Gary Eaton	43:40
79	Jennifer Banks	26:07	178	Shaun Dobbins	32:12	270	Doug Mercier	44:17
81	Megan McDevitt	26:15	179	Kathy Bowe	32:22	271	Jordanne Mercier	44:18
82	Kyle Landry	26:17	180	Carrie Sturgis	32:24	272	Pam Mercier	44:55
83	Kaitlyn Roberts	26:33	181	Sarah Jordan	32:26	273	Ethan Mercier	44:56
84	Terry Deering	26:34	182	Dahlia Shvets	32:27	274	Marissa Rush	45:58
88	Dawn Stevens	26:39	183	Eteri Shvets	32:28	275	Donna Kennie	46:06
89	Andrew Eaton	26:45	185	Maddie Dewitt	32:47	276	Mary Hoskin	46:24
91	Robert Gava	26:47	186	Corey Theriault	32:50	283	Kathi Fortin	47:41
92	Sara Younger	26:49	187	Toni Chabot	32:52	284	Becky Yahm	47:57
93	Katie Hazel	26:50	188	Hayley Bickford	32:52	285	Virginia Wilder-Cross	48:05
94	Scott Verrill	26:53	189	Kristin Benson	32:52	287	Lori Jalbert	48:43
98	Brady Wintle	27:04	190	Jean Roberts	32:56	288	Beth Hawkes	48:43
99	Victoria Reynolds	27:06	191	Taila Wintle	32:57			

in the Zone

Jackson Fotter and his U13 Super Y club soccer team consisting of players from several Maine towns are headed to the Super Y League North American Finals in Florida December 7-11. Fotter is a starter for the team and plays as a midfielder and a striker.



Photo credit Lucy Liaw

All-New England Soccer Selection: The Maine Soccer Coaches named GHS senior boys' soccer player **Connor Reagan** as the Class A Player of the Year as well as to the All-New England Team to go along his naming to the Western Maine State team. Look for more coverage on Reagan's achievements in the next Gorham Times.

Western Maine All-State Team Selections: GHS seniors **Kyle Curley** and **Kali St. Germain** were named to the Western Maine State Team for boys and girls respectively by the Maine Soccer Coaches.

Upcoming GHS Varsity Sports Events

Friday, December 7

- 7:00 p.m. Boys' Basketball @. Scarborough
7:00 p.m. Girls' Basketball vs. Scarborough @ GHS
7:00 p.m. Girls' Swimming vs. Yarmouth @ Casco Bay YMCA
7:00 p.m. Boys' Swimming vs. Yarmouth @ Casco Bay YMCA
9:00 p.m. Girls' Hockey vs. Cape Elizabeth @ USM Gorham Ice Arena

Saturday, December 8

- 6:15 p.m. Boys' Hockey vs. Cheverus @ Portland Ice Arena
6:20 p.m. Girls' Hockey vs. Biddeford @ USM Gorham Ice Arena

Monday, December 10

- 8:30 p.m. Boys' Hockey vs. Thornton Academy @ Biddeford Ice Arena

All games subject to change. For up-to-date schedules of all GHS sports teams, visit www.digitalsports.com

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High Flying Dogs

BY SUE DUNN
Gorham Times Staff Writer

Flying through the air and jumping lengths of 24 feet and heights of eight feet isn't just for gymnasts any more, but also for dogs competing in the new canine sport called Dock Dogs. Gorham residents Jesse and Jen Dalton (and their dogs) recently returned from the Dock Dogs World Championship in Dubuque, Iowa with impressive results.

Dock Dogs has been rapidly growing in popularity since its inception 12 years ago. Dogs compete in speed swimming or, as the name suggests, in measured distance and height jumps from a dock into a water. The iron dog event includes all three disciplines in one event. Worldwide there are 22,000 teams competing in Dock Dogs vying to become one of the 250 teams invited to compete in the World Championship. Competitors were from the US, Canada, United Kingdom and Australia with Daltons as the only competitors from Maine.

The Dalton's canine lineup consists of three dogs: Molly, a rookie four-year-old German Shorthair Pointer, placed second in the Cadet Extreme Vertical; Taho, a rookie two-year-old yellow lab, placed sixth in Elite Big Air, eighth in Top Gun Extreme Vertical and was also invited to compete in the Iron Dog event, but declined due to youth and inexperience; Abby, a five-year-old seasoned veteran of one year and a German Shorthair Pointer mix, placed 12th in Top Gun Extreme Vertical.

Abby, the Daltons first competition dog, was rescued from the Westbrook shelter. In 2011, Jesse and Abby traveled the US extensively while compet-

ing. That year she was ranked 12th overall in the world in Big Air (all categories combined). Currently she is recovering from an injury but is still giving it her all as she performed at the world championship for an audience of 2,500 in a showcase event featuring top Dock Dogs from around the world.

Dock Dog events are not your normal dog show venue. Jen explained, "There is lots of noise, cheering and applause and the dogs go crazy with excitement. The dogs just can't wait to get into the competition." While it is all fun and games for the dogs, the Daltons are on a more serious mission. They are a part of "Team 21," which raises funds for Down Syndrome Awareness and early intervention programs.

intervention programs. The name refers to the 21st chromosome which is where Down Syndrome occurs. Jesse, who works for Sit Means Sit, has a co-worker with a child who has Down Syndrome. Team 21 also puts on a large Dock Dog event and concert in Foxborough with all proceeds going to organizations focused on Down Syndrome.

Being a full time dog trainer, Jesse has seen his share of unruly dogs as he is often the last ditch effort for problem pets, but training dock dogs is quite different. The Daltons travel to Berwick to dock train their dogs at Seacoast Dock Dogs. Jesse explained, "Everyone helps each other even though we know we are going to be competing against one another." In fact Jesse is often hired to train other dogs for competition. Additionally, he conditions his dogs to reduce the risk of injury. Running up and down hills, running on a tread mill and running while pulling a parachute are a few of the drills the dogs perform regularly. Demonstrating his concern for the dogs,



Photo credit Jen Dalton

Abby, a rescue dog from the Westbrook animal shelter, competes in the Big Air competition.



Photo credit Jen Dalton

Molly makes quite a long jump into the water in the Extreme Vertical competition.



Photo credit Jen Dalton

Molly and Jesse proudly show their accomplishment for the crowd. Molly has only been competing for one season.

Jesse commented, "As much as we like to compete, at the end of the day these are our pets and what matters most is that they are happy and healthy."

For more information, email Seacoastdockdogs@gmail.com or to view a video, go to www.youtube.com/watch?v=MX6n_WbEpRQ&sns=em.

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ball, Bob has similar designs on Prince Percy's kingdom-wide baseball game. When the two strangers disappear at midnight after Cinderella hits a game-winning home run, the search is on to find the feet that fit the glass slipper and the muddy cleat.

Directed by Janelle Mosey, thirty-eight students in grades four through eight make up the cast for this hilarious twist on the classic Cinderella. Curtains open at 7 p.m. on December 7 and 8 in the Gorham Middle School Auditorium.



Correction

As stated in the November 22, 2012 issue of the Gorham Times, Gorham residents have a choice in which company supplies their electricity. The options include Electricity Maine, Gulf Electricity Services, the standard offer through Central Maine Power, or, not mentioned in the previous article, Dead River Company. We are sorry for the omission.

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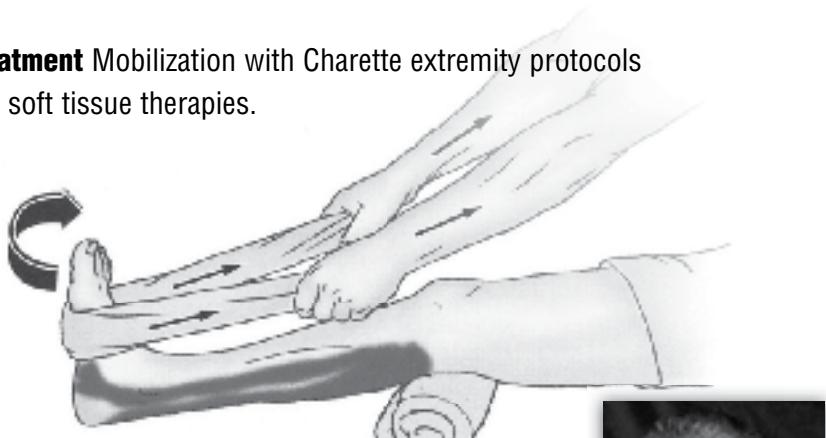
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OF INTEREST

Kate Fasulo (GHS '00) worked as a production supervisor on two films being released this fall - Anna Karenina and Les Miserables. Watch for her name in the credits at the end of the films.

Gorham student Megan Reidy placed 3rd in the junior division at the National Association of Teachers of Singers competition held at Bates College. Jeannine Cannizzo of Gorham placed 1st in the Avocational Division. Both are voice students of Paul Stickney in Gorham.

The following students from Gorham participated in the 70th anniversary of the Portland Youth Symphony and the USM Youth Ensembles Concert held recently at the Merrill Auditorium in Portland: Nathan Bachner, voice; Stanislav Butenko, violin; Esther Eaton, voice; Karina Fox, violin; Chloe Gray, Trombone; Melody Hasbrouck, flute; Grant Hawkes, cello; Mason Hawkes, voice; Autumn Heil, voice; Rebecca Kushner, violin; Arthur Lockman, trombone; Justin Reyes, euphonium; Victoria Saunders, voice; Roman St. Ours, violin; Dorothy Stickney, viola; Emily Stickney, cello; Katherine-Helene Sullivan, horn; and Michael Sullivan, Jr., baritone saxophone.

The Alzheimer's Association, Maine Chapter recognized Home Instead Senior Care in Gorham for receiving the Top Business Fundraising Team Award presented at the Governor's Hill Mansion in Augusta.

The Let's Go! Program, a Barbara Bush Children's Hospital initiative, recently honored 4 Seasons Preschool (Gold), Toddle Inn (Gold) and PROP Gorham Center (Silver) for their work creating a healthier environment for kids.

USM NOTES

The Southern Maine Children's Choir will perform on Thursday, Dec. 13, 7:30 p.m. at Corthell Concert Hall, USM Gorham campus. \$6/\$3 suggested donation.

ONGOING EVENTS

The Southern Maine Agency on Aging will hold office hours every Thursday from 9 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. at St. Anne's Catholic Church in Gorham to help seniors with questions regarding medicare benefits, prescription drug programs, property tax and rent rebates and more. FMI, call SMAA at 396-6500.

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

CALENDAR

SATURDAY, DEC. 8

- Santa Breakfast & Silent Auction, 8-10 a.m., Cressey Road United Methodist Church, Gorham, \$5. FMI, 222-0296.

MONDAY, DEC. 10

- Evening Story Time, 6 p.m., Baxter Library.

TUESDAY, DEC. 11

- Pre-School Story Time, ages 3-5, 9:30 a.m., Baxter Library.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 12

- Decoupage Banks, grades 1-3, 12:30-2 p.m., Baxter Library. Pre-register. FMI, 222-1190.
- Prayer Shawl Knitting Group, 1-2:30 p.m., St. Anne's Catholic Church. All are welcome. FMI, 839-4857.

- Senior Community Meal, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., St. Anne's Catholic Church, \$3.50. Everyone welcome. FMI, 839-4857.

- Toddlers in the Library, for children under 3 yrs., 10-10:30 a.m., No. Gorham Public Library, 2 Standish Neck Rd. FMI, 892-2575.

- Gorham Food Pantry open, 6-7:30 p.m., located in St. Anne's Catholic Church parking lot.

THURSDAY, DEC. 13

- Baby and Me, baby story time for ages birth to 18 mos., Baxter Library, 9:30 a.m. FMI, 839-5031.

- Toddler Time, story time for ages 18-36 mos., Baxter Library, 10 a.m. FMI, 839-5031.

- Gorham Food Pantry, 9-11 a.m., located in St. Anne's Catholic Church parking lot.

FRIDAY, DEC. 14

- Gorham/Westbrook TRIAD meeting, 9 a.m., Gorham Municipal Building.

SATURDAY, DEC. 15

- Lego Club, 10 a.m.-12 p.m., bring your own Legos or use ours, Baxter Library.

TUESDAY, DEC. 18

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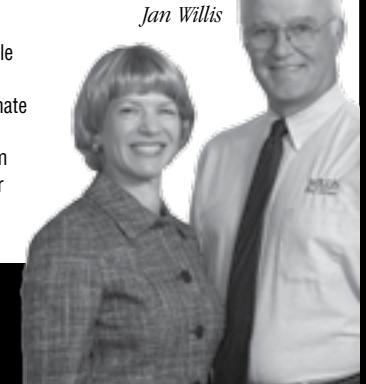


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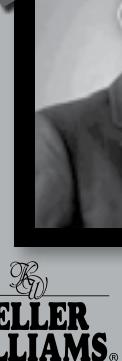
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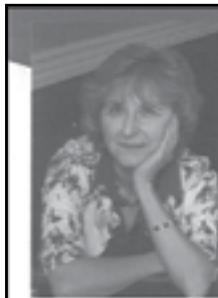


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Heather Way caller asked to speak with an officer regarding someone tampering with her oil tank.

North Gorham Road caller reported a guy with Oreos was trying to sell him something. He wanted a phone call from the officer about this.

Ossipee Trail caller stated that two people were on the property "poking around."

Caller reported that there was a dead skunk in front of the business, and the smell was coming into the building. Public Works was advised.

Saco Street caller reported a male subject left with an unsigned credit card and couldn't produce a license to verify his identification.

Fort Hill Road caller reported that their home had been vandalized and items were stolen.

Burnham Road caller reported a male in a vehicle going door-to-door asking for money.

Caller reported a male sitting beside Gray Road, who was not dressed very well, with a large backpack and who looked as if he was on drugs.

Hannah Drive caller received a phone call from a

Pig Forages in Home. Maybe.

Burnham Road caller had a pig break down the door and go upstairs. Caller seemed to be very disoriented.

male subject asking her if she reported a crime at her house but caller never identified himself.

Caller reported that a known individual assaulted her friend by choking her and then she chased them down the street.

Caller, who owns a taxi company, reported one of his drivers stripped his vehicle and left it at Hannaford.

Hodgdon Road caller reported that their house was broken into and the keys to caller's vehicle were used to steal items from the vehicle.

Fort Hill Road caller requested an officer come to his house and listen to the music next door with him. He felt it was too loud but wanted a second opinion before he jumped to conclusions.

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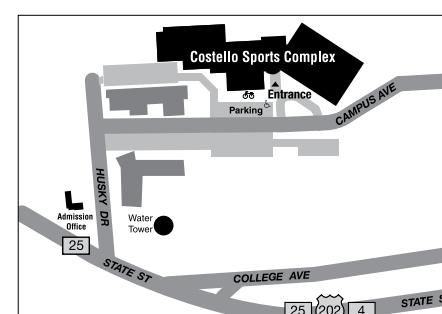


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