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Firefighter Charged with Making False Report

BY SHERI FABER
Gorham Times Staff

Twenty-two-year-old Gorham resident Rachael Welsh told police that while walking in the area of Route 202 and Libby Avenue on December 23 at about 6:15 p.m., she was assaulted by two men in a pick up truck who attempted to abduct her. She was transported to the hospital where she was treated for minor lacerations and contusions. Gorham Police Department searched for men who matched the description Welsh gave but they suspected Welsh's story appeared to be fabricated, as her story had a number of inconsistencies. On December 26, they issued a summons for a misdemeanor charge of filing a false report. Detective Sgt. Thompson said police investigated the case due to its potential seriousness, but they chose not to publicize the incident because they were skeptical of her story from the beginning.

Welsh identified herself on Facebook as a Westbrook firefighter/paramedic since 2011 and as a member of the Gorham Fire Rescue Department since 2008. She is on paid administrative leave from Westbrook. Welsh is a call member of the Gorham Fire Department and works per diem shifts. She is on administrative suspension from Gorham pending the outcome of the case.



Photo credit Pam Nicely

After the Blizzard of 2013, Pam Nicely shovels out the back deck of her home on Mighty Street.

Blizzard of 2013: Gorham with Most Accumulated Snow in Maine

BY KAREN DiDONATO
Gorham Times Editor

On Friday, February 8 into Saturday, February 9, a nor'easter dumped several feet of snow in a large storm that advanced from New Jersey northward into Canada. The combination of Friday morning's coastal front that dumped several unexpected inches of snow and the blizzard that began later that night resulted in parts of Gorham receiving a total of 35.5 inches of accumulated snow. Gorham had the highest snow total for the state, and, of all towns in New England, Gorham received the second highest accumulated snow, second only to towns in Connecticut.

A blizzard is defined as a storm with low temperatures (usually below 20 degrees), wind speeds at or greater than 35 mph, and enough falling or blowing snow to frequently reduce visibility to one-quarter mile or less for at least three hours. The nor'easter blew wind gusts into the area as high as 55 mph. Despite



Photo credit Martha T. Harris

several thousand homes and business in Maine without power, Gorham electric consumers were spared being part of the 18,400 storm-caused outages. Because of the high winds, four to five foot snowdrifts were not uncommon.

As snow steadily accumulated on Friday morning, Gorham schools were cancelled. Mid-day on Saturday, the snow slowly stopped and the winds calmed. By Sunday morning, the sun was shining without a cloud in the sky and temperatures had warmed to just about 40 degrees.

Town Manager Assesses Impact for Gorham on Governor LePage's Budget Proposals

BY SHERI FABER
Gorham Times Staff

Governor LePage sent a proposal to the Legislature that calls for a loss of all state revenue sharing to towns like Gorham. This will mean major cuts for local communities and would almost certainly mean higher property taxes as communities look to replace the lost revenue. In Gorham, this would mean the projected loss of \$2,276,740 in state revenue sharing, excise tax, homestead exemption and education funding. The

tax rate would increase by \$1.73 if the entire amount were passed onto the tax rate. A property assessed at \$250,000 would pay an additional \$431.85 annually to make up for the lost funds. The tax rate for Gorham has increased a total of 1.88% over the last six years compared to the rate of inflation, which has increased about 10%.

Currently towns are reimbursed for 50% of the money they spend on General Assistance funds that are provided on an emergency basis to residents who may have run out of heating oil or food. With

this new proposal, there would be no reimbursement for General Assistance. The Governor has also proposed eliminating the property tax circuit breaker program for people under 65. Some of these people may need to seek General Assistance from the town if they lose the funds from the circuit breaker program.

Town Manager David Cole sent a letter to our legislative delegation about the potential impact and anticipates the Town Council may want to take further action regarding the Governor's proposal.

Fuel Assistance for Town of Gorham

BY SHERI FABER
Gorham Times Staff

Like most communities, Gorham has a safety net for people in need, especially during the winter when some families are unable to purchase heating oil or other fuel to keep

their homes warm. This assistance is processed through the Town Clerk's office. Those who need help should call 222-1670 for an appointment and an application. The town will look at income and expenditures for the past thirty days. It should be noted that electronics such as Internet, cable

and cell phones are considered non-essential items. The town maintains a workfare program and any able bodied person receiving assistance would be required to do work for the town.

Town Clerk Connie Loughran sug-

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The *Gorham Times* asked our three state legislators from Senate District Six, House District 129 and House District 130 to provide us with "News from Augusta." We publish their articles on a rotating basis. The submissions are devoted to updates of legislative and administrative news, proposed and passed bills and laws, and developments and events that are of interest to and have an impact on Gorham residents. The *Gorham Times* reserves the right to edit the submissions and it further reserves the right to reject any submission, in its sole discretion.

A Busy Start to the Legislative Session

By REP. ANDREW MCLEAN
State Representative

In December, I was appointed to serve on the Transportation Committee. The issue of transportation is one that touches all of us in Gorham. As a member of this Committee, I am responsible for making policy decisions that directly impact our safety and quality of life. Strengthening our transportation infrastructure is also vital to fostering economic development and job creation. I am excited about the opportunity to work on transportation issues this legislative session.

In January, a bipartisan group of more than eighty legislators, myself included, embarked on a three day bus tour of Central Maine to learn more about industries that are creating jobs for Maine people and developing innovative technologies to fuel our economy.

Some of our site visits included the Madison Paper Mill in Madison, the New Balance Factory in Skowhegan, the Poland Spring Bottling facility in Kingfield, and the University of Maine's Advanced Structures and Composites Center in Orono, which is developing advanced technologies for the building of bridges that are lighter, durable and less expensive than traditional construction. It's a public-private partnership; however, 96% of its funding comes from the private sector.

The Maine Development Foundation,

a non-partisan, non-profit organization, sponsors this Legislative tour, which is a program unique to Maine.

This week, the Legislature will likely be taking up a supplemental budget

I invite you to join State Senator Jim Boyle and myself at a special forum to share your concerns and ideas about the budget on Wednesday, February 20 from 7:00-8:30 p.m. at the Town Council Chambers.

to address the shortfall in revenue for the current fiscal year, which ends in June. There will be painful cuts in this supplemental. However, the Appropriations Committee is working day and night to find cost-savings that are fair and balanced. Gorham is fortunate to have Rep. Linda Sanborn serving on this Committee.

The Governor's biennial budget, which is the state budget for the two years beginning July 2013 and ending June 2015, includes a harmful proposal to eliminate municipal revenue sharing. Democrats, Republicans and Independents in communities across our state are deeply concerned by the Governor's proposal that the state

abandon its partnership with local government. I share these concerns, as the proposed cuts would shift the tax burden to local government, forcing municipal governments to raise property taxes. The Appropriations Committee will be tackling this issue and many others over the next few months, and I know they are working diligently to shape the budget so that it balances our state's priorities with the realities we face.

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Thank you for the opportunity to serve you in the Legislature. I hope that you will continue to be in touch about issues, ideas and concerns that you may have. To receive bi-weekly Legislative updates about my work in Augusta, please send me an email. As always, please email or call anytime.



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Eric Saindon: Film Career

By JACKIE FRANCIS
Gorham Times Staff Writer

Eric Saindon, a 1988 graduate of Gorham High School, was recently nominated for both an Oscar and BAFTA Award for his work as a Visual Effects Supervisor on the movie "The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey." (BAFTA is the British equivalent to the Oscar in the United States.)

Saindon currently lives in New Zealand with his wife Beth and three children and continues to work on the Hobbit, which is currently being filmed as a trilogy. "When filming," says Saindon, "I work onset with director Peter Jackson advising him on the best way to shoot shots from a visual effects point of view. When in post-production, I spend most of my day directing the 1,200 artists currently working on Hobbit and in daily review with Peter."

Saindon attended Central Maine Technical School to study Civil Engineering and went on to earn both a Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of Architecture Degree at Washington State University. He credits a computer animation class that first piqued his interest in visual effects while doing a year abroad in Denmark. "In my last year of school back in Washington," says Saindon, "I studied a brand new animation class started up by an architecture professor." He liked it so much he took the class twice.

Upon finishing school, he moved to Seattle and "snowboarded and did a lot



of mountaineering." He accepted his first film job to work on a Star Trek movie in Santa Barbara, CA and subsequently, a job offer to work on the Lord of the Rings film trilogy. "We moved to New Zealand in 1999 and now have three Kiwi kids with very thick accents," says Saindon.

With two more Hobbit movies to finish before making any future career decisions, Saindon is unsure of what the future will bring, even with an Oscar nomination or win. "We would like to get back state side at some point," says Saindon. "New Zealand is great, but it's a long way from family."

MARTHA LUCILLE (WILLIAMS) GREENWOOD

December 27, 1942 - January 30, 2013

Martha Lucille (Williams) Greenwood passed away on January 30, 2013 at Sunset Lake Village in Venice, Florida after a brief battle with Alzheimer's disease. She was born December 27, 1942 in Gorham to Erwin E. and Virginia B. (Leahy) Williams, the second of five children. Martha graduated from Gorham High School and, a gifted artist, went on to earn a B.A. Degree in Art Education at Gorham State Teacher's College. She taught Art in New Hampshire schools. Martha reconnected later in life with her high school sweetheart and married James Greenwood in Poughkeepsie, N. Y.. Jim worked for IBM and they moved frequently, enjoying living in Boca Raton, Florida, Irvine, California, Chicago, Illinois, Westchester County, Connecticut and Atlanta, Georgia. They retired to Venice, Florida. Jim predeceased Martha by three years.

Martha was also predeceased by brothers Roger Winfield Williams and Thomas Caleb Williams, and is survived by two brothers, Erwin "Ed" Williams of Maryland and Sterling Williams of Florida, two sisters-in-law, three nephews, three nieces, and three cousins and their families. A Celebration of Martha's life will be held Tuesday, February 12, 2013 at 2:00 pm at the Christ United Methodist Church in Venice with burial to follow in the church memorial garden. A memorial service will be held in Gorham, Maine later in the spring. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her memory to your favorite organization.

Arrangements made by Ewing Funeral Home, Venice, Florida

ROBERT JOSEPH MASTERSON

Robert Joseph Masterson, 64, passed away at the Gosnell House with his family at his side on Tuesday, February 5, just a month after a diagnosis of pancreatic cancer. Bob reacted to his diagnosis with characteristic courage and resolve, stating that his only concerns were his family and a dignified death.

Bob was born in Cleveland, Ohio, and began a career in health care at 17 as an orderly at Fairview Hospital. He told his family of a 14-year-old patient named Julie who died of brain cancer and whose life inspired his future career. From that early age, Bob had the ability to connect with patients and family, a gift that for more than four decades would help many through difficult times.

Bob attended Kent State University and served as an Army medic in Vietnam. Upon returning, he traveled extensively, hitchhiking across the country numerous times. Bob met his soon-to-be wife, Althea, in 1976 while both worked at St. Mary's Hospital in San Francisco. They married in a church high on a hill in Sausalito, six months after their first date. After Bob's graduation from the University of San Francisco with a BS in Nursing, they moved to Maine, settling in Gorham, where they raised their two children, Daniel and Kathleen.

Bob was a critical care nurse at Mercy Hospital for 30 years. He was a dedicated advocate for his patients and their families and served them with his knowledge, technical skill, compassion and empathy. He was an invaluable educational resource to his coworkers and students, serving as preceptor to many, teaching continuing education courses at the hospital, and calmly and confidently guiding others through difficult clinical situations.

Bob's greatest happiness came from time with his children and seeing them flourish. He spoke frequently of how grateful he was for the privilege of being their father. He was delighted beyond words to watch Daniel travel the world and attend outstanding academic institutions in pursuit of learning, teaching, and public service. Bob's joy in the compassionate and caring woman Kathleen became and her decision to become an RN were immeasurable. Seeing the choices they made for their lives, both so aligned with Bob's love of learning and nursing, allowed him to see his life as entirely fulfilled. Daughter-in-law Amelia was a treasure to Bob, and he frequently stated how thrilled he was that Daniel and Amelia had found each other.

Bob was also passionate about his much-loved home and its continual improvement. He mastered stone work and carpentry as he transformed the family home over the years, taking on one challenging project after another. Today his 110-ft.-long stone wall, complete with an arch, stands as a landmark for many.

Bob leaves a family grateful for his love and life lessons: Althea, his wife of 36 years; son Daniel and his wife Amelia of New Haven; daughter Kathleen of Portland; brother Tom and his wife Marilyn of San Francisco, CA; sister Kathy of Fort Myers, FL; sister Joan and her husband John of Rocky River, OH; sister-in-law Sharon Mulligan of Manchester, CT; brother-in-law Kirk Foley and his wife Rosemarie of Haverhill, MA; and nieces and nephews Brian, Beth, Tom, Sarah, Megan, Franz, Mark, Tim, Jill, and Amy.

The family would like to thank the many friends who helped Bob over the past month and who continue to help his family now. Special thanks to his colleagues at Mercy Hospital, who sent hundreds of cards of encouragement after learning of his diagnosis, and whose involvement and compassion over the course of the tests that led to his diagnosis made him reflect numerous times how fortunate he was to be surrounded by friends.

A memorial service celebrating Bob's life will be held on Saturday, February 16, at 2 pm at First Parish Church, 1 Church Street in Gorham, followed by refreshments in Fellowship Hall.

In lieu of flowers, a scholarship for nursing students completing their student nursing requirements at Mercy Hospital has been established in his memory. Tax-deductible donations may be mailed to the Robert J. Masterson Nursing Scholarship Fund, Mercy Hospital, c/o of the Mercy Development Office, 144 State Street, Portland, ME 04101.



Your Policy of Insurance Ice Dam Prevention

BY JASON BEEVER
Owner of C.E. Carll Agency

As I write this column we are receiving yet another good batch of snow, adding to several early snowfalls already this winter. It happens every few years - a good old-fashioned Maine winter with lots of snow and cold temperatures. While most folks enjoy a white Christmas, and winter outdoor enthusiasts are excited to hit the slopes and trails, a peril lurks for homeowners who do not take precautions to prevent ice dams caused by snow on the roof.

Ice dams form on house roofs, usually close to the eaves. Ice dams are caused by heat escaping through the roof and melting the snow. During cold nights, the melted snow refreezes in the form of ice. This continued thawing and freezing can create a thick layer of ice commonly called an ice dam. Ice dams prevent the water from snowmelt from running off the roof of the house. Instead, the water backs up

behind the ice dam, underneath the shingles, and into the house. Water damage from ice dams can be significant. Backed up water will soak through ceilings and run down interior walls causing much damage to sheet rock or plaster. In the attic or crawl spaces it can soak insulation and wood. It can even lead to mold issues. Most homeowners' insurance policies cover building damage from ice dams, but you will still have to pay your deductible and suffer the inconvenience of construction and repair.

An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure, and there are some simple steps homeowners can take to reduce the chance of water damage from ice dams. The most effective and long-term solution to the problem is to make sure your house, especially the attic, is well insulated. This prevents heat from escaping through your roof, melting the snow, and creating ice dams. Another more reactive but effective way of preventing ice dams is to periodically remove snow from

your roof, especially the lower third of the roof to the eaves. This can be done from the ground with the help of a roof rake, a long-handled tool available at your local hardware store. With a roof rake you can pull the snow off your roof and prevent the formation of ice dams. This activity is somewhat labor-intensive, and caution should be exercised around power lines. A third method of ice dam prevention is to install several feet of sheet metal on the eaves of the roof to facilitate snow sliding off the roof. Some homeowners even install coils of heated tubing to help melt the snow away, but these methods are more costly and involve time and effort to install.



Jason Beever grew up in Gorham and is a fourth generation owner of C.E. Carll Agency, part of the Chalmers Insurance Group.

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gests not waiting until your fuel runs out before asking for assistance. This year, there has been a major increase in the number of requests for help with heating costs in view of the very cold winter.

Those people not eligible for General Assistance may qualify for one time help for fuel assistance. There is now a fuel fund to help with the costs of providing fuel. Donations to this fund can be made through the Town Clerk's office.

Gorham's Food Pantry has seen an increase in the number of families using the pantry. They have recently changed their hours to the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month from 6 to 7 p.m. and every Thursday from 9 to 11 a.m. The pantry is located at St. Ann's Church parking lot on Main Street.

Currently the state reimburses communities for 50% of their general assistance costs but Governor LePage is proposing to eliminate that reimbursement so that communities would be responsible for 100% of their general assistance costs.

Winter Weather Driving Tips

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GRIP IT GOOD!
It's best to avoid locking or oversteering when negotiating a turn.
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③ Accelerate after the turn

YOU CRUISE, YOU LOSE
Avoid cruise control in wet, icy or snowy conditions to maintain control of acceleration and deceleration at all times.

CURL UP BY THE FIRE
Large driving if the weather looks too treacherous. Safety comes first. Pace your fuel reserves and stay hydrated.

IF YOU CAN SEE YOUR BREATH, IT'S TIME TO SWITCH!
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How Are You Wintering?

BY DON KOPP

The other day I bumped into a neighbor at the hardware store. Robert is a farmer, as were his parents and grandparents before him. Robert, not having seen me for some time, he inquired about "the Mrs." I followed suit. We next readily agreed that the last few weeks had been "some cold." He then asked, "So, how have you been wintering, Donald?" Now, a truthful response would have been, "Not so gosh darn well, Robert." What with long nights and days too cold even to walk out with the dogs, like an over-stimulated nomad, I had been restlessly roaming the house unable to concentrate and eating everything in sight. To make matters worse, the prior evening I had reacted to a glance from my wife by snapping, "This is not a good time to be questioning my alcoholic intake!" Backpedaling frantically, I had tried reminding her how important brandy was in the life-saving missions of St. Bernards. She wasn't buying. But I didn't want Robert thinking that I, having come "from away" 41 years ago, lacked what it took to be a real Mainer, had succumbed to cabin fever, and in fact had gone completely shack nasty. So I summoned up some excessively cheerful sentiments about wood fires, bright night skies,

and frosted windowpanes. Robert fixed me with a look and cocked his head while clearly mentally dumping my words onto that steaming pile outside his barn. He then said, "Well, to tell you the truth, Donald, I'm getting down-right tired of this here cold. In fact, only this morning, the Mrs. and I were saying that this weather just brings down our morals something fierce." I knew exactly what he meant.



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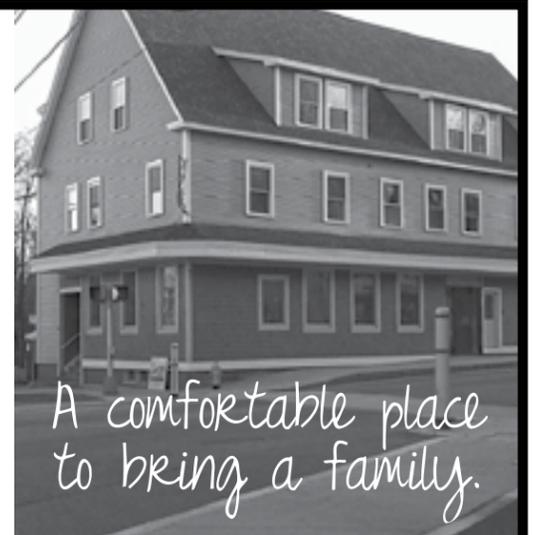


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Chief Shepard Reports

Derek Hanscom, 32, of Gorham was arrested by Westbrook Police Department and charged with gross sexual assault and unlawful sexual contact. The incidents happened over a two-week period and the victim is a juvenile. Hanscom has been an instructor at the Regional Vocational Center's automotive program since January 2011. He is currently on administrative leave.

Gorham Police Department has again received a grant from the Maine Bureau of Highway Safety for Operating Under the Influence (OUI) enforcement details. The grant runs from December 1, 2012 to September 6, 2013. The Gorham Police Department has already held 10 four-hour OUI details and issued 65 warnings, 22 tickets and summons and made seven arrests for OUI.

Snowstorm Help: Winter Sand Available from Town

- WHAT:** Free Winter Sand Available
- WHO:** All Gorham Residents
- WHEN:** Two 5 Gallon Buckets Per Storm
- WHERE:** Public Works Drive, Gorham in front of the light blue metal-sided building

According to Bob Burns, director of the Department of Public Works, Gorham residents are permitted to fill two five-gallon buckets of winter sand per snowstorm for use on their

property. The winter sand consists of sand mixed with some salt. The public winter sand pile is located in front of the light blue metal-sided building on Public Works Drive next to the "Silver Bullet" recycling containers. The sand is available at anytime, but is specifically for residents to use on their own properties. For more information, please contact the Gorham Department of Public Works at 892-9062. The town's website is available at www.gorham-me.org.

More Than Books at Baxter Memorial Library

By LYDIA VALENTINE
Fifth Grade Student, Village Elementary

Libraries are a lot more than just books. Baxter Memorial Library offers many other activities, such as the sewing club. All you need to bring are fresh ideas. If you are a boy and you like to sew, no worries: boys sometimes attend too! Participants can use patterns or make up their own designs. For example, Emma Small is making a skirt using a pattern, while Delaney Cede is making a blanket/quilt using

her own pattern. Jordan Blakeslee likes the program because "We get to make a lot of stuff." And Sadie LaPierie says, "All my friends are here." The sewing club is run by Martha Frager, who brings five sewing machines and all of the fabric and other materials. Whether you are an experienced sewer or an absolute beginner, feel free to come by Baxter Library between 2:30 and 4:30 p.m. on Thursdays. The sewing club meets in the Children's Room. A caregiver must accompany children under eight.



Photo by Lydia Valentine

Sewing Club members display some of their projects (from left to right): Delaney Cede, Sadie LaPierie, Cassidy Rioux, Emma Small, Anna Small, and Jordan Blakeslee.



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Recycled Items Mixing With Trash Upon Pickup?

By MEGAN BENNETT
GHS Intern

On trash day, many residents watch in confusion as their trash goes into the garbage truck and, to their surprise, mixes with their recyclables. Are the recyclables really being recycled or are they getting mixed with the trash? The trash collection truck used by R W Herrick to collect trash and recyclables has a split interior. This means that although on the outside it looks like

According to ecomaine, a non-profit waste management company, when you recycle you are reducing your amount of waste.

Over the past year, Gorham has recycled 38 percent of the overall waste.

one big door, the inside of the truck has two separate bins: one for recycling and one for trash.

Recycling is the process of extending the life of materials that have already served its primary purpose by creating something. Recycling processes and remanufactures waste into new products. Almost everything can be recycled in one way or another. Recycling is easy, helps the environment, saves energy, and can be profitable. In Maine you can get cash back from your recycled bottles, which reduces litter and promotes recycling.

According to ecomaine, a non-profit waste management company, when you recycle you are reducing your amount of waste. And, every pound of material you recycle is one less pound for which your town must pay a disposal fee. Over the past year, Gorham has recycled 38 percent of the overall waste. The town with the highest recycling percentage for the 2011-2012 fiscal year was Pownal, at 45 percent.

To learn more information on recycling, waste management, and Gorham's stats on recycling go to www.ecomaine.org.



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Note the metal divider in this split body trash and recycling truck that picks up waste in Gorham. One side holds trash, the other recycling.



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Gorham Considers Expansion at GHS

BY STACY SALLINEN
Gorham Times Staff Writer

Since the fall of 2009, an exploratory committee has looked at several options to expand and renovate Gorham High School (GHS) to address the need for additional classroom space, upgraded athletic facilities and the shortage of parking. This fall, the School Committee voted to move forward in establishing a building committee to turn this plan into reality.

Last week, the Town Council postponed approving a \$75,000 loan to the Gorham School Department to begin design work until town councilors and building committee members could meet to clarify conditions of the loan and scope of the project. At press time, no date had been set for the workshop, but School Committee Chair Kyle Carrier is hopeful that the Town Council will take action at its March meeting.

GHS, located on Morrill Avenue, first opened its doors in 1959 and has gone through a series of renovations, with the last major project taking place in 1992. The school was built to accommodate 700 students. This year, there are approximately 850 students enrolled at the high school. Projected enrollment is expected to decrease for a year or two, but continue to increase to a level higher than what the school can comfortably accommodate.

Superintendent Ted Sharp said that while GHS is in great shape and well

taken care off, the project would most likely not qualify to receive funding from the state. Local taxpayers would foot the bill for an approximate cost of \$11 to \$15 million.

The expansion and renovation project would provide four to seven classrooms, eliminating the need for two portables; a larger cafeteria with additional seating, eliminating students eating in hallways or stairwells; well over 200 additional parking spaces; upgrades to athletic facilities, including new locker and training rooms and replacing the current competition field with a new synthetic turf field; and an additional tennis court.

In addition, the main entrance, currently on the south side of the building closest to Morrill Avenue, would be moved to the north side of the building and improve security at the school. Administrative offices would also relocate to the north side, resulting in more space for support services, such as guidance and sub-

stance abuse counselors.

Public hearings will be scheduled before the project goes to public referendum in November.

Members of the building committee include Superintendent Ted Sharp; School Committee Chair Kyle Carrier; GHS Principal Chris Record; Athletic Director Tim Spear; Facilities Director Norm Justice; Finance Officer Hollis Cobb; School Committee members Tim Burns and Roger Marchard; Town Councilor Phil Gagnon; GHS staff member Robert Weed; Jon Smith of Great Falls Construction; and Jim Hager, a former school committee member and chair, who now serves as chairman of the building committee.

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GHS Presents “Face Forward: Growing Up in Nazi Germany”

BY JEWEL HOLIDAY
GHS Student

The journey from adolescence to adulthood fluctuates between disappointing downfalls, soaring triumphs, and everything in-between. Could you imagine the implications of this expedition in life on the youth of Germany during Hitler's reign? Marian's father is contemplating hiding a Jewish family, while she just wants to fit in. Ernst enlists in the Hitler Youth but struggles to fully embrace the lifestyle. Rebecca faces vehement discrimination for her Jewish heritage from her peers and even teachers. Answers don't come easy as these three experience ordinary growing pains in the midst of extraordinary historical tragedy.

“Face Forward” presents the lives of three young individuals growing up in Nazi Germany who fight to uncover their identities and transition into adulthood, while simultaneously touching on ethics, family, and self-perception.

This production of “Face Forward: Growing Up in Nazi Germany” serves as Gorham High School's entry into the Maine Principals' Association State Drama Competition. Gorham will perform this one act play at the State Regional Festival at Catherine McAuley High School on March 8 and 9. Two years ago, Gorham High School won the State Class A Competition held at Camden Hills Regional High School with their production of George Brant's, “Elephant's Graveyard.”

The cast of “Face Forward: Growing Up in Nazi Germany” features a talented group which include Seniors Stefanie Farrington, Ryan



Photo credit Eileen Avery

High school students Ernst, Marian and Rebecca face the uncertainty and the fear of growing up in Nazi Germany. Kevin Lombard as Ernst, Stefanie Farrington as Marian and Molly Stewart as Rebecca (left to right).

Hohman, Maxwell McNally, Kristin Nelson, Merrill Porterfield, Hannah Pratt, Molly Stewart. Juniors include: William Emerson, Chloe Gray, Kevin Lombard & Collin Young. Sophomores GraceAnn Burns, Jeffrey McNally, Katie Stickney, and Freshman Ellie Feinberg round out the cast. The show's equally talented crew includes Lucia Alexandrin, Christian Auspland, Theresa Bombaro, Adam Bucknell, Jacob Clowes, Eric DeLuca, Jewel Holiday, Joseph Lambert, Michael Patten, William Perrin and Madeleine Scholz-Lague. Original music written for this production is by senior Justin Reyes.

Performances at Gorham High School are February 15 and 16 at 7:30 p.m. in the McCormack Performing Arts Center. Tickets are \$6 for the General Public, \$4 for Students/Senior Citizens, and will be sold at the door.

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While some of us might be dreaming about spring, the blizzard reminded us that snowstorms are still very possible. If you find yourself in over your head in snow, the Gorham Times has the answer. We have a list of Gorham High School kids available to hire to shovel your driveways and walks.



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The Chewonki Zero Waste Challenge

BY SARAH RUBIN
GMS Teacher

In September the seventh grade Little River team at Gorham Middle School began participating in the Chewonki Zero Waste Challenge for Maine Middle Schools. The contest, sponsored by Chewonki and Poland Springs, aims to help middle school students get engaged in actively learning about waste in their schools and community.

GMS students conducted a waste audit in October to learn how much trash their school community produced. They also found out how much of that waste was compostable, recyclable, or reusable. As a result, students redesigned the recycling

program at GMS to be more efficient. They also started working to begin a composting program with Garbage 2 Garden, a local business working to bring curbside recycling to the Greater Portland area. Students have been sorting trash at lunches, and teaching the student body which lunch items are compostable and recyclable and which ones need to be thrown in the trash.

"We have learned there is about as much lunch trash that can be recycled as can be thrown away," said Connor Bell, one of the sorters. The students hope to continue to build the school's recycling and compost program this year and ensure the program continues next year. The Chewonki Zero Waste Challenge will be judged and results will be announced in mid-March.

Food Pantry Honors Volunteer of the Year



Photo credit: Jennifer Banks

The Gorham Food Pantry recently honored Jim Garland as the volunteer of the year. Garland has driven his truck to Good Shepherd Food Bank both in Auburn and Portland for over 10 years. He also has helped with other aspects of work at the Pantry. Garland (left) stands with Food Pantry Director Fran Doucette (middle) and Fred Hemling (right). Hemling was honored for working at the Pantry every week for over five years.

Copy Cat Outfits at Great Falls



Photo credit: Becky Fortier

Great Falls students were encouraged to show their school pride by dressing as twins at a recent school spirit day. Some students from Mr. Henry's and Ms. Bartash's third grade classrooms accepted a challenge to dress like Mr. Henry, complete with a shirt and tie.

Special Education Records

The Gorham School Department plans to destroy special education records of former students who were born between January 1, 1986 and December 31, 1986.

Parents, guardians and/or former students may obtain their records on or before June 1, 2013. Proper identification will be required in order to obtain records.

For more information, please feel free to contact the Gorham Special Services office at 222-1002.

SCHOOL NOTES

Incoming Kindergarten Registration and Screening Night will take place at your child's local neighborhood school (Great Falls, Narragansett, Village). To view the attendance zone map, visit www.gorhamschools.org/transportation or call the Transportation office at 893-2547. Parents of children who will be five years old on or before October 15 should plan to attend. Timeline of important dates are listed below.

March 7: Parent Information Session, 5:30-6 p.m., registration and scheduling of April screening appointments, 6-7 p.m.
April 2-4: Screening at Village School (222-1300)
April 2-4: Screening at Great Falls (222-1050)
April 8-9: Screening at Narragansett (222-1250)

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GHS Winter Sports Team Highlights

COMPILED BY JEFF PIKE
Gorham Times Sports Writer

Boys' Basketball: For the first time in several years, the Rams qualified for the Western Maine Class A tournament with a record of 6-12 that placed the team in the 11th and final playoff spot. Key wins over two teams that finished higher than Gorham in the rankings—Thornton Academy (60-56 on January 2) and Marshwood (47-31 on January 29)—proved to be the difference as the Rams edged Cheverus for the final playoff position. At press time, the Rams were preparing to visit sixth-ranked Scarborough in the preliminary-round on February 12.

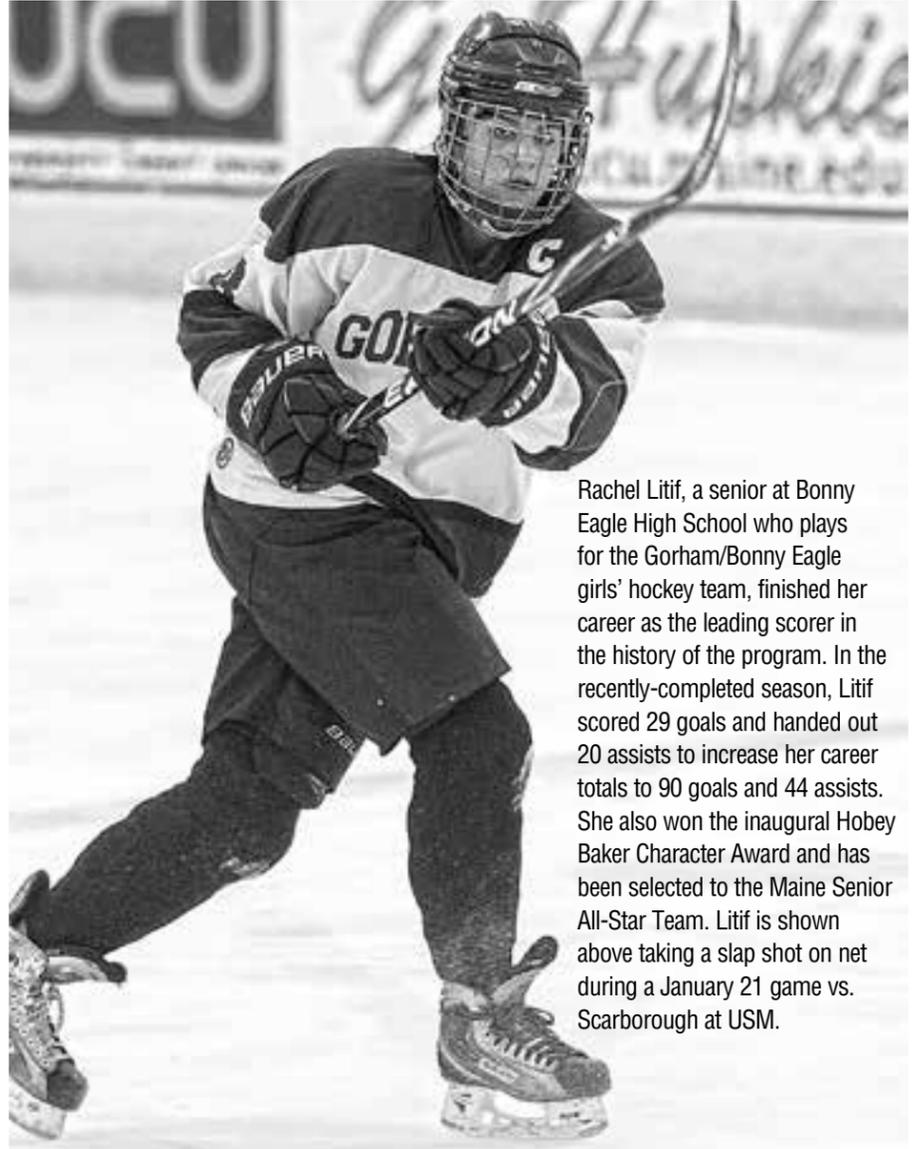
Girls' Basketball: Gorham won three of its last four games to finish the season 11-7 and ranked eighth in Western Maine Class A to qualify for the post-season tournament. At press time, the Rams were getting ready to host ninth-ranked Windham in a preliminary-round game on February 13. Season leaders for the Rams included **Kristin Ross** in scoring (15.5 per game) and rebounding (9 per game). **Lexi Merrifield** was second in both scoring (9.5 per game) and rebounding (7.5 per game). Ross and Merrifield

along with **Erin Smith** played key roles when the Rams defeated Windham 47-33 February 5, a game that was key to earning home court in the first round of the playoffs. In that game, Merrifield had 13 points while Ross had 12 and Smith had 10.

Boys' Hockey: At press time the Rams were 7-6-1 and ranked fourth in Western Maine Class A with four games left in the regular season that ends on February 20. **Spence Cowand** was leading the team in scoring with 13 goals and 10 assists, which puts him sixth in scoring in Western Maine Class A Tier I. Cowand scored two of his goals in a 4-3 win over Brunswick on February 2.

Girls' Hockey: The Rams finished with the program's best record in recent years at 7-11 and barely missed qualifying for the post-season tournament. **Rachel Litif** finished the season with 29 goals and 20 assists—both school records. **Charlotte Smith** was second in scoring with 15 goals and seven assists while **Shayla Wing** finished with nine goals and three assists. Goalkeeper **Maddy Hamblen** made 391 saves to post .844 save percentage.

Rachel Litif Closes Out Historical Hockey Career



Rachel Litif, a senior at Bonny Eagle High School who plays for the Gorham/Bonny Eagle girls' hockey team, finished her career as the leading scorer in the history of the program. In the recently-completed season, Litif scored 29 goals and handed out 20 assists to increase her career totals to 90 goals and 44 assists. She also won the inaugural Hobey Baker Character Award and has been selected to the Maine Senior All-Star Team. Litif is shown above taking a slap shot on net during a January 21 game vs. Scarborough at USM.

Photo credit Rich Obrey

BY EMILY DELUCA
GHS Intern

The combined Gorham-Bonny Eagle girls' hockey team finished with a 7-11 record, the fifth-best in the conference. A huge part of the team's best record was senior defenseman Rachel Litif. She attends Bonny Eagle High School and lives in Standish.

Over Litif's four years on the hockey team, she had a total of 134 career points (90 goals and 44 assists), a school record. With her 29 goals and 20 assists this past season, Litif is the top defensive scorer in the state. As for playing on a combined team, Litif says, "I love it! It is a great team...without this team, I might not have had a team to play on."

It was clear that Rachel had nothing but good things to say about her teammates. "Rachel is also unselfish with the puck and enjoys her teammates' goals as much, if not more, than her own," said girls' hockey head coach Nathaniel Germond.

Litif comes from a passionate hockey family and started skating at 17 months old. Her brother strongly influenced her to play, and at four years old she joined the Bonny Eagle Bruisers. Rachel played on a boys' hockey team until her freshman year of high school. One of her most memorable moments was defeating Portland this year, a team she had never previously beaten, and she recalls Maddy Hamblen having a shutout as goalkeeper.

A captain of the Gorham/Bonny Eagle team for the past three years, Litif has

received the MVP award each of her four years playing for the varsity and has also been the top scorer. Last year, she broke every Gorham girls' ice hockey record as a junior. During both her sophomore and junior years, she was named to the All-Conference team.

Not only is she great on the ice, but Coach Germond had nothing but good things to say about her as a person: "Her attitude and positive demeanor are unmatched both on and off the ice, and she will remain an inspiration for years to come for upcoming players." Germond also stated that Litif's contribution to the team has significantly enriched the program.

Although Litif's presence will be greatly missed next year, there are many other players with potential that can step up. The team loses only two seniors this year and returns a handful of experienced players next season.

Litif sees herself playing in the next level of hockey, possibly at Sacred Heart, USM, or UNE. Even as she looks toward the future, she says, "Next year I am really going to miss this team. It was so much fun watching the new skaters learn the game, and it's crazy how far they have come since their first practice. We have improved so much as a team."

Although the future of the Gorham-Bonny Eagle team looks promising with the ability of many players, Coach Germond said, "It will be many years before we see the likes of Rachel 'the great number 8' again."

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Baseball Clinic: The USM baseball team hosts its Annual Baseball Clinics for players in grades 3-12, February 17 and February 23 from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. at the Costello Fieldhouse on the Gorham campus. Participants learn pitching, defensive and hitting techniques from

USM baseball staff and team members. Participants will also be grouped by age and ability and should bring their own bat and glove. Cost for the clinic is \$50 per day or \$90 for both clinics. For more information contact Coach Flaherty at (207) 780-5474.

Upcoming GHS Varsity Sports Events

Saturday, February 16

5:00 p.m. Boys' Hockey vs. Bonny Eagle @ USM-Gorham Ice Rink

Monday, February 18

10:00 a.m. Girls' Track Class A State Championships @ USM Field House
10:00 a.m. Boys' Track Class A State Championships @ USM Field House
Time TBA Boys' Swimming Class A State Championships @ Bowdoin College

Tuesday, February 19

Time TBA Girls' Swimming Class A State Championships @ Bowdoin College

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

GHS Indoor Track SMAA Conference Championship Results

COMPILED BY JEFF PIKE
Gorham Times Sports Writer

At the SMAA Conference Championships February 2 at USM, the girls' team finished eighth with 43 points led by a first-place in the pole vault by Sophia Swiatek. Other top-three finishers include Hannah Southard with a second in the triple jump and a third in the long jump as well as Kristin Benson with a second in the Jr. 200 meters.

The boys' team posted 41 points and also finished eighth. Leading the way was Travis Grant with two second-place finishes in the 55-meter hurdles and the triple jump. Other top three finishes included Austin Bell in the 400 meters and Jon Gray in the 800 meters as well the 4x400 relay team of Mitch Rossignol, Grant, Bell and Gray.

A complete list of all GHS athletes earning points at the meet appears below:

Boys

55-Meter Hurdles: Travis Grant (2) 8.19.
Triple Jump: Travis Grant (2) 39-04.50; Connor Dunn (6) 37-00.
4x400 Meter Relay: Mitch Rossignol, Travis Grant, Austin Bell, Jon Gray (2) 3:51.33.
400 Meters: Austin Bell (3) 52.64.
800 Meters: Jon Gray (3) 2:05.82.
Jr. 200 Meters: Mitch Rossignol (5) 24.81.
600 Meters: Doug Beahm (6) 1:22.97.
Pole Vault: Alex Johnson (6) 11-00.

Girls

Pole Vault: Sophia Swiatek (1) 8-6.
Triple Jump: Hannah Southard (2) 31-6.5.
Jr. 200 Meters: Kristin Benson (2) 28.32
Long Jump: Hannah Southard (3) 14-7.25.
Junior 800-Meter Relay: Kristin Benson, Darcie Brown, Delaney Shiers, Abby Perkins (4) 1:57.46.
Shot Put: Patty Smith (4) 33-3.
600 Meters: Jackie Turner (5) 1:36.46.
Senior 4x200 Meter Relay: Hannah Southard, Bridget Stillson, Laura Turner, Jackie Turner (6) 2:02.05.

GHS Swim Team South Southwestern Meet Results

COMPILED BY JEFF PIKE
Gorham Times Sports Writer

GHS boys' swimmer Tim Smith set a meet record at the South Southwestern Championship in Cape Elizabeth on February 1 in the 50-yard freestyle finishing first with a time of 22.25. He also earned a second place in the 100-yard freestyle. As a team, Gorham finished sixth with 117 points. Other Rams finishing among the top three included Timmer Sposato in the 100-yard and 200-yard freestyle events, and the 400-yard freestyle relay team of Lukas Willoughby,

Parker Lane, Sposato and Smith. In the girls' competition on February 2, the Rams finished fifth with 144 points paced by Lindsey Thomsen, who won twice: the 100-yard freestyle and the 100-yard backstroke. The 200-yard freestyle relay also took home a first with swimmers Logan Letourneau, Alicia Robinson, Ashley Clark and Meagan Thomsen. Other top three finishers included Ashley Clark, third in the 500-yard freestyle and Meagan Thomsen, in the 50-yard freestyle.

Following are the Ram swimmers who finished among the top eight:

Boys

50-yard freestyle: Tim Smith (1) 22.25. Caleb Goodall (5) 24.55.
200-yard freestyle: Timmer Sposato (2) 1:56.34.
100-yard freestyle: Tim Smith (2) 49.50; Caleb Goodall (7) 55.65.
400-yard freestyle Relay: Lukas Willoughby, Parker Lane, Timmer Sposato, Tim Smith (3) 3:46.78.
500-yard freestyle: Timmer Sposato (5) 5:24.77.
200-yard freestyle relay: Lukas Willoughby, Parker Lane, Riley Jenson, Caleb Goodall (6) 1:46.49.

Girls

100-yard freestyle: Lindsey Thomsen (1) 54.71; Meagan Thomsen (4) 59.83.
200-yard freestyle relay: Logan Letourneau, Alicia Robinson, Ashley Clark, Meagan Thomsen (1) 1:53.98.
100-yard backstroke: Lindsey Thomsen (1) 1:00.29.
50-yard freestyle: Meagan Thomsen (3) 26.99.
500-yard freestyle: Ashley Clark (3) 5:50.76;
200-yard freestyle: Ashley Clark (5) 2:16.14.
400-yard freestyle relay: Logan Letourneau, Charlene Landry, Blanca Monsen, Lindsey Thomsen (5), 4:18.27.
200-yard freestyle relay: Logan Letourneau, Alicia Robinson, Ashley Clark, Meagan Thomsen (8) 2:20.94.
400-yard: Girls Logan Letoureau, Charlene Landry, Blanca Monsen, Lindsey Thomsen
200-yard Freestyle Relay: Logan Letoureau, Alicia Robinson, Ashley Clark, Meagan Thomsen
400 Free Relay: Lukas Willoughby, Parker Lane, Timmer Sposato, Tim Smith
200 Free Relay: Lukas Willoughby, Parker Lane, Riley Jenson, Caleb Goodall

Cold Weather Won't Stop the Sun's Rays

BY CHRIS CRAWFORD
Gorham Times Writer

During the winter months, many people are more concerned with protecting their skin from the effects of the wind and cold weather than from the sun. But UV rays cause skin cancer—the most common type of cancer in the United States—and they do not stop causing damage when the weather turns cold.

Snow can reflect as much as 80 percent of UV radiation and UV levels increase significantly as altitude increases. Winter sports such as skiing can present UV exposure as intense as a day at the beach.

People taking winter cruises or tropical vacations should also use caution. Sand may reflect as much as 15 percent of UV rays and sea foam as much as 25 percent. While the sun may not climb as high during the winter months, UV levels are still strong during midday and the sun's intensity is highest near the equator.

Winter trips to tanning booths cause exposure to UV rays just as the sun does. In fact, a study by the National Cancer Institute found that using tanning booths more than once a month can increase the risk of getting skin cancer by 150 percent.

Certain medications can also cause the skin to burn more easily.

Having a tan, natural or artificial, is a sign that the skin has already been damaged. Using a sunless tanning lotion is the best way to add color without damaging your

skin. Skin cancer, especially melanoma, can be deadly. Fortunately, skin cancers are preventable and highly curable if found and treated early.

Several risk factors increase the chance of skin cancer, but everyone is at risk of developing the disease. Some of these risk factors include: having fair skin that freckles easily; living in warm climates with increased sun exposure and/or high altitudes; occupational exposure, such as working outdoors; overall lifetime exposure to the sun; and having many moles.

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GHS Launches Curling Club

BY EMILY LEWIS
GHS Intern

Curling is a unique sport known for its intense broom sweeping and old roots in Canada. Led by Greg Hoerr, a social studies teacher at GHS, curling has been added to the diverse list of clubs at Gorham High School. Twenty to thirty students meet every Thursday to play on a handmade rink and just have fun.

The club is low key. As Hoerr puts it, "It's all pretty informal...we just organize pick-up games out of the kids who show up." In the future, Hoerr hopes the club gains popularity and would ultimately like to compete with other local schools as an added competitive benefit.

Hoerr got the idea for a curling club from reading an article during the last winter Olympics. Fascinated, he learned of a Curling Club in Belfast, ME. He tried to organize a faculty team to try out the sport in Belfast, but those plans fell through. Hoerr then decided to focus on building a rink at GHS for any student who wanted to participate.

The rink was built by the club simply from wood, concrete, a



Photo credit Megan Bennett

GHS student Bailey Daigle launches a "stone" on the curling "sheet" constructed this winter at the high school. The construction of the sheet and the playing of the sport have been organized by teacher Greg Hoerr who is seen watching Daigle's form.

plastic liner—and water for ice of course. Hoerr and the students are working out the kinks of building and playing curling this winter. Without any prior experience, he has done lots of research and has a good grasp on the sport.

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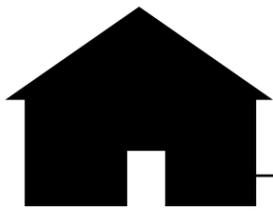
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ENGAGEMENTS

Jane and Maynard Charron are excited to announce the engagement of their son, **Peter Charron** (GHS '00) to **Mariagina Canlas**, daughter of Remy and Richard Granholm of North Vancouver, BC. Gina grew up in San Fernando Pampanga, Phillipines, graduated from Chevalier School in Angeles City, and received her BScN degree from Angeles University Foundation. She is presently working as Head Vision Therapist for an optometrist in Vancouver, BC. Peter graduated from the University of Delaware, and Southern College of Optometry, Memphis, TN. He has an optometry practice in Bellingham, WA that specializes in Vision Therapy. An August 17th wedding is planned in Vancouver.



GRADUATIONS

Mary Aube graduated from St. Joseph's College in December with a Master of Science in Education. Aube is also a clinical dental hygiene faculty member at the University of New England.

Emily Hamblen graduated from St. Joseph's College with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration/Accounting.

Elizabeth Orlando received a Master of Science in Library Science during commencement ceremonies in December at Clarion University, PA.

DEAN'S LIST

Megan Creeden (GHS '11), Tuft's University
Sarah Doughty (GHS '12), St. Michael's College in Vermont
Nicole Gile (GHS '12), University of Wisconsin at Madison, Communicative Science and Disorders/Psychology
Lincoln Gray (GHS '12), Tuft's University
Addie Halligan (GHS '10), University of Vermont, Environmental Studies
Kelsie Kerwin (GHS '11), James Madison University, International Affairs
Thomas Moutinho (GHS '11), Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Shannon O'Brien (GHS '09), Salve Regina University, Psychology
Jacob Viel (GHS '09), Salve Regina University, Financial Management
Alissandra Saxton (GHS '12), Stonehill College

UMaine Orono named the following Gorham students to the 2012 fall semester Dean's List: **Ian Barber, Terri Bastarache, Justin Bolinger, Siobhan Bolinger, Rachele Burns, Mason Crocker, Joseph DeRoy, William Eldridge, Vanessa Evrard, Molly Folan, Eliot Gagne, Leaha Keene, Annie Ledoux, Benjamin Lord, Bailey O'Brien, Jesse Orach, Samantha Owens, Elizabeth Pierce, Eric Plourde, Ishah Price, Samantha Schulte, Michael SeeHusen, Kathryn Smith, and Matthew Southard.**

PRESIDENT'S LIST

Cortlandt Dunn (GHS '12) was named to the President's List at Rollins College in Winter Park, Florida. Dunn maintained a 3.75 – 4.0 grade point average for the 2012 fall semester.

OF INTEREST

Cheverus High School Juniors **James Biegel** and **Sarah MacLeod** were recently inducted in Cheverus High School's National Honor Society.

Dan MacKenzie, (GHS '07), a contributing animator for the 3D stop-motion comedy thriller, *ParaNorman*, has learned that the movie has been nominated for an Academy Award under the category of Best Animated Feature Film. MacKenzie, who has also contributed to the hit TV series *Robot Chicken*, graduated from Savannah College of Art and Design with a BFA in Animation in 2011.



Ray Ronan has been named to the newly formed Friends of the Appalachian Trail Committee in Maine whose goal is to promote the A.T. Club's mission of maintaining and rebuilding 267 miles of the Appalachian Trail in Maine. The first event is Thursday, Feb. 21, 6:30 p.m. at the Frontier Café in Brunswick. Free and open to the public. Seats are available on a first-come, first-served, general admission basis. FMI, friends@matc.org

The Gorham Knights of Columbus Council #10221 will cook a Friday Lenten Fish Supper at St. Anne's Catholic Church on Friday, Feb. 15 & 22 from 5 to 6:30 p.m. \$9 adults/\$5 children. FMI, Mike Foster 653-0057.

There will be a special forum about the town budget on Wednesday, February 20 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Town Council Chambers.

The GHS Drama Program presents Brendon Votipka's *Face Forward: Growing Up in Nazi Germany*. The play explores the lives of three young individuals growing up in Nazi Germany who fight to uncover their identities and transition into adulthood, while simultaneously touching on ethics, family, and self-perception. Performances are in the McCormack Performing Arts Center at GHS on February 15 & 16 at 7:30 p.m. \$6 general public/\$4 students/seniors, will be sold at the door.

There will be a "4-H Eco-Bot Challenge" at Baxter Memorial Library on Tuesday, Feb 19 from 10-11:30 a.m. and 1-2:30 p.m. Eco-Bot will explore how robots can be used to preserve and protect the environment while offering a glimpse into the future of science, technology, engineering and math. Open to youth ages 5-18 years and children ages 5-10 must be accompanied by an adult. No prior robot experience needed. Registration is free. Registration required. (Snowdate Feb. 21) FMI, 222-1190.

The Gorham Business Exchange will present "The Psychology of Selling," a two-hour seminar on Thursday, Feb. 28 from 8:30-11 a.m. at Gorham Savings Bank, 10 Wentworth Drive, Gorham. Breakfast will be served. FMI or to register, go to www.gorhambusiness.org.

LifeChurch of Gorham recently raised over \$32,000 in one weekend to help build a Child Development Center in Rwanda, Africa that will help to provide children access to clean water, nutritious meals, housing, and access to social services.

Dyana Rossignol of Gorham was awarded the James Durand Civilian Award by the Maine Association of Police this past January. Sgt. Kevin Riordan, of the Old Orchard Beach Police Department, presented the award to Rossignol for her work with the Yellow Dot Program, which alerts first responders at highway accidents that medical information is located in a yellow packet in the glove compartment. Rossignol, an Intake Coordinator at In-Home Senior Services of Gorham, works closely with Gorham/Westbrook Triad.



The Gorham Arts Alliance recently named **Rachel Contreni Flynn** as its new Artist-in-Residence. Flynn, a poet who has published three award-winning books, plans to bring creative writing opportunities to Gorham's schools, senior centers, and community through a variety of activities.

ON-GOING EVENTS

FREE Tax preparation by IRS Certified Tax Aides at the Gorham Rec. Dept., on Tuesdays, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., through April 9. Sponsored by the AARP. Tax help is available to all ages. For appt. call (207) 776-6313.

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, 274-3537.

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.

USM NOTES

10 USM students majoring in the fine and performing arts will each receive a one-time \$2,500 scholarship thanks to the Warren Memorial Foundation, a Westbrook-based organization that supports the arts in surrounding communities.

CLOSE TO HOME

Attention Job Seekers! The Sebago Lakes Region Chamber of Commerce is hosting a Job Fair at Saint Joseph's College on Wednesday, Feb. 27 from 2-5 p.m. Open to all ages. Last year, more than 40 representatives attended from local and regional employers. FMI, 892-8265.

Saint Joseph's College will offer two four-day lifeguard training classes starting Feb. 18-21 and April 15-18 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Registration \$300, plus a \$35 Red Cross fee. FMI, 893-6615 or rdaigle@sjcme.edu.

The Joseph A. DiPietro Scholarship is eligible for high school seniors in the Portland Water District's member communities who will be attending college and are striving towards the same mission as PWD – protecting public health and the environment. Deadline is May 15. FMI, www.pwd.org.

The Schoolhouse Arts Center will be holding auditions for *MOMologues 2: Off to School*, on Tuesday, Feb. 19, and Wednesday, Feb. 20, at 6:30 p.m. at 98 Hi Vu Drive in Standish. Casting is for four adult women. Performances are May 10-19. Contact Director, Jerry Walker, at 642-5188 or e-mail schoolhousearts@fairpoint.net.

The Windham Historical Society will hold a PowerPoint presentation on the "3rd Maine – Civil War Reenactors, Summer 2012 Windham Encampment," on Saturday, Feb 16 at 9 a.m. at the Windham Public Library. Free and open to the public.

Auditions for the musical *Hold On, Molly!* will be held at Schoolhouse Arts Center on Saturday, Feb. 16, from 2-6 p.m. and Sunday, Feb. 17, from 2-6 p.m. Bring sheet music and come prepared to sing a Broadway-type song. FMI, 653-8992 or 712-0228 or e-mail schoolhousearts@fairpoint.net.

CALENDAR

FRIDAY, FEB. 15

- One-Act Play at GHS, Face Forward: Growing Up in Nazi Germany, 7:30 p.m., MPAC. \$6/\$4. Tickets sold at door.

SATURDAY, FEB. 16

- Lego Club, 10 a.m.-12 p.m., bring your own or use ours. Builders will have their own space to use. Baxter Library.
- One-Act Play at GHS, Face Forward: Growing Up in Nazi Germany, 7:30 p.m., MPAC. \$6/\$4. Tickets sold at door.

MONDAY, FEB. 18

- Winter Vacation Begins. No school for grades K-12.
- Baxter Memorial Library Closed.

TUESDAY, FEB. 19

- 4-H Eco-Bot Challenge, 10-11:30 a.m. and 1:20-2:30 p.m., Baxter Library. For ages 5-18 years old. Children ages 5-10 must be accompanied by an adult. Registration is free. FMI, 222-1190.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 20

- 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.
- Bring your Child to the Library, 2-6 p.m., Baxter Library. Enjoy hot cocoa and cookies, go on a scavenger hunt, check out your own books, watch a reel-reel movie, and help create a mural.
- Special forum about the town budget, 7-8:30 p.m., Town Council Chambers.

THURSDAY, FEB. 21

- Baby and Me Story Time, birth to 18 mos., Baxter Library, 9:30 a.m.
- Toddler Time, story time for ages 18-36 mos., Baxter Library, 10 a.m.
- Story Hour for 3-5 yr olds, No. Gorham Public Library, 10-11 a.m. FMI, 892-2575.
- Gorham Food Pantry, 9-11 a.m., located in St. Anne's Catholic Church parking lot.
- Baxter Library Sewing Club, ages 7 and older, 2:30-4:30 p.m., Baxter Library.
- Westbrook-Warren Congregational Church Community Dinner, 810 Main St, Westbrook, 12 p.m. \$5. Chicken & Gravy. FMI, 854-9157.

MONDAY, FEB. 25

- Evening Story Time, 6 p.m., Teddy Bear Theme, Baxter Library.

TUESDAY, FEB. 26

- Preschool Storytime, ages 3-5, 9:30 a.m., Baxter Library.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 27

- 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.

THURSDAY, FEB. 28

- Baby and Me Story Time, birth to 18 mos., Baxter Library, 9:30 a.m.
- Toddler Time, story time for ages 18-36 mos., Baxter Library, 10 a.m.
- Story Hour for 3-5 yr olds, No. Gorham Public Library, 10-11 a.m. FMI, 892-2575.
- Gorham Food Pantry, 9-11 a.m., located in St. Anne's Catholic Church parking lot.
- Baxter Library Sewing Club, ages 7 and older, 2:30-4:30 p.m., Baxter Library.
- Westbrook-Warren Congregational Church Community Dinner, 810 Main St, Westbrook, 12 p.m. \$5. Smothered Beef. FMI, 854-9157.

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Police received three calls from Maple Drive about a cat that had been stuck in a tree for several days.

Elm Street caller received a package from an unknown person in the mail and would like an officer to dispose of it.

Van Vliet Drive caller received phone calls from someone who refused to identify himself but stated he would be taking the caller to court.

Narragansett Street caller had questions about a salvaged police car that was for sale. Caller wanted to make sure they can legally sell it.

Willow Circle caller claimed her mother kept getting scammed by two males who were at her house again.

Evergreen Drive caller reported that a male had threatened to kill him and that there had been other threats to kill him in the past.

Fort Hill Road caller reported that a male subject came to her door and asked if she wanted to buy steak. Caller thought it was odd as there was no refrigerator in the back of his truck.

Caller reported a male subject called her inquiring about a job, then made offensive remarks.

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