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Used Car Lot Planned for Lower Main St.

BY SHERI FABER
Staff Writer

Abdul Ali (doing business as 6 Oxford St. LLC) purchased the lot on Lower Main Street near Crockett Furniture and the main entrance to the Industrial Park. Ali plans to open Jhso Auto Sales at the site. The building on the site was torn down and a new building with the same footprint is planned. The town approved the project for a used car lot after review by the town's Site Plan Review Committee; however because the State of Maine requires a used car sales lot to have no less than 5,000 sq. ft for the "exclusive display of vehicles offered for sale," Ali ran into a problem. According to Zoning Administrator David Galbraith, the state has almost 50 pages of requirements for the sale of used cars. Galbraith and Bill Walsh of Walsh Engineering Associates, an engineer hired by Ali, are working on potential changes to the site in an attempt to meet the state's standards. The lot will need to be approved by the state in addition to the approvals already received from the town.

Gorham Still Discussing All-Day Kindergarten

BY STACY SALLINEN
School Coordinator

The committee exploring the possibility of implementing an all-day kindergarten (ADK) program in Gorham presented its final report to the School Committee at the end of March. After many hours of research and discussion, the committee recommended the district not expand its current half-day program to an all-day program at this time.

Dennis Libby, chairman of the ADK committee and also a member of the School Committee, recognized that ADK was a passionate topic. "People have different views one way or the other," he said.

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Gary Irving: Hiding in Plain Sight

BY SHERI FABER
Staff Writer

Much has been written about Gary (Gregg) Irving, now 52, who fled Massachusetts 35 years ago after being convicted of three rapes that took place in the towns of Cohasset, Weymouth and Holbrook in the summer of 1978. Irving parked his car, hid in the bushes and, as women walked by, pulled them into the bushes and assaulted them at knifepoint. One of the victims saw a blue and white graduation tassel on the rearview mirror and then picked Irving out from a photo in the Rockland High School yearbook. In 1979 he was convicted of the three rapes as well as charges of kidnapping and unnatural acts. Irving, whose father was an auxiliary police officer, was released on bail during the trial. The judge allowed Irving to go home to get his affairs in order before returning for sentencing. He never returned.

Irving changed his name from Gary to Gregg (his brother's name), and used a different date of birth and Social Security number but otherwise did not appear to do much to hide his identity. Irving and Bonnie Messenger were married in the First Parish Congregational Church 32 years ago and they lived in her mother's house on South Street. Bonnie Irving now owns the house. Neighbors described the Irvings as a pleasant family who helped with snow removal. The Irvings raised a son and a daughter, both of whom graduated from Gorham High School. Irving now has a young granddaughter as well. For the past 20 years, Irving has worked for a company that installs wiring for business and government offices. A local businessman who had business dealings with Irving over the years found him to



Photo courtesy of Cumberland County Sheriff's Office

be "very responsive and professional, and pleasant to deal with." He described himself as "absolutely shocked" to learn about Irving's past. Gorham Police only had contact with the Irvings when his wife was a victim of identity theft in 2006. His family had no idea about his past history.

Over the years Irving's case was featured on various television shows including America's Most Wanted, Unsolved Mysteries, and Real Stories of the Highway Patrol. He has been on the Massachusetts State Police Top 10 Most Wanted list for many years.

A disgruntled family member appears to have been the one who notified authorities of Irving's whereabouts. He also provided police with a reasonably current photo of Irving. The Massachusetts State Police Violent Fugitive Apprehension Section contacted the Maine State Police who notified the Gorham Police Department.

On March 27th, Officer Michael Brown knocked on Irving's door, saying



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Sgt. Michael Nault and Lt. Christopher Sanborn (far right) stand with Maine State Police officers at a press conference about the arrest of Gary (Gregg) Irving.

there had been a 911 hang up call at this address. Irving was at home watching TV and baking a cake. Brown recognized Irving from the photo he had been shown and asked Brown to step out onto the porch to talk. At first, Irving denied who he was but after officers found surgical scars from childhood open heart surgery, he admitted he was Gregg Irving and asked officers "How did you find me?" Fingerprinting at the Cumberland County Jail confirmed his identity. The Massachusetts State Police Violent Fugitive Apprehension Section has since identified Gregg Irving as Gary Irving.

Irving now faces additional charges as a convicted felon in possession of guns as officers found 10 guns—including two sawed off shotguns—in the house. He used one for hunting and a family friend had given the others to him.

With this arrest, police obtained Irving's DNA and the Maine State Police are reviewing a variety of unsolved cases to see if he may be linked to any of them.

District Attorney Declines to Prosecute Woman for Filing False Report

BY SHERI FABER
Staff Writer

In December 2012, Rachael Welsh, 22, of Gorham reported two unknown men in a pickup truck tried to abduct and assault in the vicinity of Rt. 202 and Libby Avenue. Welsh was treated for minor injuries. Police investigated her case but came to believe there had not been an assault and ultimately filed

misdemeanor charges against Welsh for having filed a false police report.

District Attorney Stephanie Anderson noted that there "just isn't any credible evidence that the assault, as she described it, occurred." Anderson added, "It's just very difficult to prove beyond a reasonable doubt that something did not happen." The case was dismissed without prejudice, which means it could be reinstated. Det. Sgt.

Dana Thompson noted the case was investigated extensively. He said the community was concerned about the assault and that filing charges against Welsh helped the community to know there was no cause for concern.

Welsh was put on paid administrative leave from her job as a firefighter in Westbrook, but has been reinstated to her job. Her attorney Bernard Broder

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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.

No Prom is Worth the Risk

BY REP. LINDA SANBORN
State Representative

I am pleased to report that my colleague in the Senate, Dr. Geoff Gratwick, D-Penobscot, submitted an important bill to protect the health of young Mainers.

The bill, An Act to Reduce Youth Cancer Risk, would prohibit minors under the age of 18 from using indoor tanning devices that use UV radiation. I am pleased to join him in supporting this common sense measure to protect Maine youth.

The bill has been approved by the Legislature, but was regrettably vetoed by the governor. The Legislature now has the opportunity to block the Governor's veto with a 2/3 vote. I wish the Governor had agreed with me that protecting our youth from cancer is important.

UV radiation from indoor tanning devices significantly raises the risk of melanoma, the most deadly form of skin cancer. A study by independent analysts recently found that indoor tanning directly caused three out of

four melanomas occurring in persons under age 30. Even minimal exposure from tanning beds before the age of 35 has been shown to increase the risk of developing melanoma by 75 percent.

Despite restrictions already in place in Maine, 14.2 percent of female ninth graders and 38 percent of twelfth graders used indoor tanning in the past 12 months. Maine's teen indoor tanning rate exceeds the national average.

Immediate action is needed to stem youth cancer rates. Tanning is making our youth sick and we need to take proactive steps to stop this disease.

During the bill's public hearing, the parents of a law student, Andy, with connections to Gorham, testified in favor of the bill. Andy succumbed to melanoma at age 27.

Andy's father shared, "Andy would ask you to pass this legislation in order to save lives. Andy would tell you that his melanoma did not have a warning sign. He went to the infirmary at his law school and, after several tests, tumors were found in his pancreas, liver, lungs and spleen. We were in the room when his doctor gave him his

diagnosis. We do not wish that experience on any family."

He explained that as well as enjoying the outdoors a lot, Andy, along with many kids his age, used a tanning booth, primarily prior to prom. "Little did he, or we, know the damage being done to him."

Data show that tanning is killing thousands of Americans. Regardless of the final outcome of the bill, I hope you will take measures to protect yourself from melanoma by avoiding indoor tanning and using sunscreen when outside. I also hope you will share the risks of UV radiation and indoor tanning with the youth in your life. No prom is worth the risk.



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New Gorham Times Board Member

The *Gorham Times* welcomes Shannon Phinney Dowdle as the newest member of the Board of Directors. Shannon is a lifelong resident of Gorham. After graduating from Gorham High School in 1986, she received a Bachelor's Degree in American Studies from Amherst College and a Master's Degree in Communication Disorders and Sciences from California State University at Northridge. Shannon returned to Gorham to work as an audiologist and hearing aid dispens-

er, and started Village Hearing Care in 2008 after working for various audiology clinics in Pennsylvania and Maine.

Shannon lives in Gorham with her husband, Bob, and their three children who attend Great Falls, Gorham Middle School and Gorham High School.

She is active in the community, as evidenced by her time coaching an Odyssey of the Mind team and a Lego Robotics team, as well as singing in the Cressey Road United Methodist Church Choir.



And the Winners Are...

Last month the *Gorham Times* ran two contests for people who attended Gorham Marketplace. The winner of two Portland Pirates tickets was Angela DiPhilippo. The winner of a free yearlong subscription to the *Times* was Tim Plummer. Congratulations!

around town

The town recently completed a project to remove asbestos from the former White Rock School.

Carter's Green Market will open at 8 Main Street mid-June. This food market will specialize in items such as fresh produce, cheese, wine and craft beers with a focus on regionally-made products. FMI, hollydcarter@gmail.com.

The Little Falls Master Planning Committee met April 1 to review plans developed by Sebago Tech. At the next meeting on April 30, Sebago Tech will have updated plans incorporating suggestions from this meeting.

The School Committee will wait until November of 2014 for a referendum to fund an expansion of Gorham High School.

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NESA Makes Imprint on Preble Neighborhood

By CHRIS CRAWFORD
Staff Writer

When the Town of Gorham foreclosed on the Preble Street Phi Kappa Sigma fraternity building for back taxes and held an auction in 2010, Dawn Wentworth told her husband, Peter, she thought they should bid on it. He thought she was crazy—until she told him it would be a perfect location for their family business. The Wentworths run NESA, an embroidery and screen-printing business that specializes in wearables such as shirts, aprons, uniforms, and sporting wear. The Wentworths also happen to live right across the street from the fraternity. They made the winning bid of \$81,000 and two years later, with a lot of hard work and money, the ugly ducking on Preble Street has become a swan. The renovations, both inside and out, have also helped to transform the entire neighborhood. Now the Wentworths might just have the shortest commute in town.

“I knew the building had good bones,” Dawn said, “but it was quite a mess when we began.” Many of the renovations were accomplished with the help of various family members who pitched in and replaced floors, moved walls, and painted. The building required a lot of electrical work, plumbing and new windows. Even with all the help from the family, the Wentworths have invested quite a bit in building upgrades. “If you consider the purchase price plus all the renovation costs, this wasn’t necessarily the best deal in town, but we don’t regret doing it one bit,” said Peter.

The renovations over the span of two years have been a labor of love and it shows inside and out, yet there is still more work to be done. The

building will get new exterior doors at some point and there is a small shed in the corner of the parking lot that needs attention. While some of the outdoor hardscaping has been done, the Wentworths plan to finish the landscaping this season. The first floor and basement house the family business. On the second floor is a beautifully renovated three-bedroom apartment that has just been occupied.

The sale and renovations have improved the neighborhood in more ways than just aesthetically. Long plagued by rowdy fraternity parties into the wee hours, Preble Street residents are seeing a noticeable difference on party nights. Delta Chi fraternity still occupies the building adjacent to the Wentworths, and a girls’ rooming house is just down from that, but they are now required to notify neighbors, police and fire if they are going to have a party attended by more than 21 people. Parties are ending at a more civilized time of 10 or 11 p.m. as well. Calls to Gorham Police have diminished dramatically. The Wentworths think the fraternity boys at Delta Chi actually make pretty good neighbors now. “For the most part, the neighbors seem to be happier,” said Peter.

NESA has been in business since the early 80’s, and for most of that time, was much larger than its current four employees. Formerly located in South Portland, and then in the Gorham Industrial Park, NESA did quite a lot of work for L.L. Bean and other large businesses. Eventually they wanted to downsize their operation and offer more personalized, community-oriented services to smaller businesses, local sports teams and individual customers as well. Dawn said, “We do work for the Gorham Football boosters and businesses like small medical practices in



Photo credit Chris Crawford

The renovations Peter and Dawn Wentworth have to the old fraternity house have made an impact on Preble Street.

the area.” In addition to silk screening, they can provide advertising specialty items such as pens or mugs. “We also do one of a kind, special item embroidery for weddings, family reunions and other events,” she said. “You name it; if it can fit on the embroidery hoop, we can do it.”

Community is very important to the Wentworths, who have lived in Gorham since 1979 and have raised their four children here. Around the age of 12 or 13, their children began working in the business a little. Dawn’s daughter, Amber Earl Landry, is the company’s bookkeeper. “We have six grandchildren now, and the school-aged ones stop by on their way home from school,” said Dawn.

NESA wants to become a contributing member of Gorham’s businesses and to that end, is going to sponsor a Cal Ripkin baseball team. Peter said, “Two of our grandsons will be playing in the league, though I don’t know if they’ll be on our team.”

Dawn designs the logos and works directly with customers on the orders to ensure complete satisfaction while Peter focuses on sales, advertising and does some production work when it gets really busy. Their valued employee, Tim Olmsted, who uses his technical skills to keep the embroidery machine and screening presses running smoothly, does most of the actual production work.

Caring Touch Dog Grooming Moves to Gorham

By MEGAN BENNETT
GHS Intern

Michele Purdy, a certified, professional dog groomer, recently relocated her established South Portland business, Caring Touch Dog Grooming, to Gorham. Taking advice from a former certified groomer, she pursued a career in dog grooming in Boston. After graduating in 1991, she worked for a grooming company for a few years until 1998 when she opened a business of her own. With such a passionate love for dogs, Purdy’s business continued to thrive as the years passed.

Grooming dogs for over 20 years, Purdy is not only experienced but has established her own unique business style. Most dog grooming companies hold a dog after they have been washed and trimmed for the entire day, which, Purdy says, can sometimes lead to chaos. Caring Touch Dog Grooming is by appointment only, and she usually only works one or two dogs at the same time. Purdy feels this is beneficial to both the dog and her

business model because not only does she perform more quality work, the dog gets to know her as well as trust her. When asked to describe her business in two words, Purdy said smiling, “Compassion and trust.” On a daily basis, Purdy grooms five to six dogs lasting no more than an hour for each appointment depending on the size and breed.

Purdy explained that when a dog first comes to her, they might be timid or nervous so her top priority is to assure the dog they are in a safe environment. Her motto, “grooming should feel good,” is one to which she adheres with true conviction. She believes grooming is supposed to be relaxing and fun for a dog. She emphasizes that grooming should be just like a spa day, and not dangerous or scary. She caters to the dogs and always gives them one-on-one attention.

Purdy loves to educate people on grooming or about dogs in general. A few of her tips to new dog owners is to start the dog grooming process early so the animal can get used to

the sounds of the blow dryer and the general feel of the grooming environment. Another tip for dog owners is to bring dogs in regularly. Do not wait until they are in horrible condition, which is hard on the dog and Purdy as well.

Her fees range from \$35 to \$55 depending on the size and breed of the dog. The basic grooming package includes ears, nails, clipping, shampooing/washing, a fluff dry, and an overall finish. She only takes dogs up to 80 pounds (the size of a male golden retriever). Caring Touch Dog Grooming is located in Purdy’s home at 30 Harding Road, Gorham.

Purdy hopes her emphasis on compassionate care and trust leads to all dogs and their owners feeling confident with her business, happy when they leave, and excited to come back for more.

Caring Touch Dog Grooming
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call for appointments



Photo credit Megan Bennett

Michele Purdy recently relocated Caring Touch Dog Grooming from South Portland to Gorham.



Chief Shepard Reports

The Grand Jury returned the following indictments in April:

- Theresa Abramo, 25, of Gorham was indicted for possession of scheduled drugs on charges brought by Gorham Police Department.
- Corrie Brown, 22, of Gorham was indicted for possession of scheduled drugs on charges brought by Westbrook Police Department.
- Paul Hooper, 32, of South Portland was indicted for criminal speed, eluding an officer, aggravated operating after habitual offender license revocation, aggravated criminal mischief, reckless conduct, criminal OUI and refusing to

submit to arrest or detention on charges brought by Gorham Police Department.

- Danielle Jenness, 28, of Gorham was indicted for arson on charges brought by Gorham Police Department.
- Bradford Lacy, 42, of Gorham was indicted for criminal OUI, operating after license revocation and violating conditions of release on charges brought by South Portland Police Department.
- Karen Leighton, 46, of Gorham was indicted for theft (priors) on charges brought by Scarborough Police Department.

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Motor Vehicle Registration Processes

CONNIE LOUGHRAN
Town Clerk

Spring is here and this week I'd like to review the motor vehicle registration process.

The purchaser must complete all first time registrations in the Town Clerk's office. All renewal registrations may be completed in the Clerk's office or online. To register a new or used vehicle purchased from a Maine dealer, the purchaser must bring the blue title application, bill of sale and current insurance card for the vehicle. If the vehicle is brand new, the Monroney label (window sticker) is also required. To transfer plates from a vehicle with time left on the registration, bring the yellow registration for that vehicle to the Town Clerk's office.

To register a used vehicle from a private sale, the purchaser must bring the vehicle's title, a good bill of sale and current insurance card for the vehicle purchased. The title must be filled out on the back and signed by the seller with the name and address of the buyer. The bill of sale should match the title with date of sale, name/names of purchaser, year, make, model and vehicle's VIN number, selling price, and it should include the buyer and seller's signatures and addresses.

To register a new or used vehicle purchased out-of-state, the purchaser must bring a good bill of sale that includes vehicle information, buyer and seller information including names and addresses, and a current insurance card, as well as the vehicle's current title, which must be completed on the back and signed by the seller with the buyer's name and address, seller's name and address. A Monroney label or dealer invoice is required on all brand new vehicles.

If there are special circumstances with the sale—a purchase from an estate, purchased from someone who never registered/titled the vehicle after purchase, an inheritance, a surviving spouse, or any other circumstance—contact the Town Clerk's office at 222-1670.



Town Clerk Connie Loughran can be reached by e-mail at cloughran@gorham.me.us or by phone at 222-1670.

State to Require Notification of Group Homes to Towns

SHERI FABER
Staff Writer

Maine has group homes throughout the state to serve the needs of people with a variety of disabilities who are unable to live on their own. The State of Maine requires group homes with three or more residents be licensed by the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS); however, when a group home opens, the state does not require that local communities be notified. The Legislature recently passed a new law that requires municipalities to be notified of the opening of a group home. The municipality can suggest an alternative location but cannot prevent a group home from opening. It would remain up to the DHHS to make the final determination of the group home's location.

DHHS is not required to license homes with one or two residents nor are they required to notify authorities of their locations. The town usually learns of their existence when there is a call for services from police and/or fire. In the past year there have been two fires set in two of these unlicensed homes both of which are run by Granite Bay Care, Inc. One fire on Green Street in the village severely damaged the building.

Police Chief Ronald Shepard estimates there are at least eight unlicensed homes but he believes there may be more. Because of the potential problems that may occur at these homes—licensed and unlicensed—both Shepard and Fire Chief Robert Lefebvre would like this new legislation to include notification to the town of any group home opened to care for people who have mental health issues and who cannot live independently.

Real Estate Transfers January 2013

Location	Buyer	Seller	Price
144 South Street	Marianacci, Joseph, Shirley & Gina	Boothby, Austin	\$255,000
158 Mosher Road	Meister, Christopher & Robbins, Brianna	Albrecht, Timothy & Frank Christine	\$203,000
19 Gateway Commons Drive	Lavertu, Greg & Bailey, Rebecca	Hawkes, Roland & Moyo, Otrude	\$248,000
19 Meadowbrook Drive Unit 2	Gross, Juliann & Welch, Matthew	Cloutier, Richard	\$124,000
20 Willowdale Drive	Liberty Block LLC	OWB Reo, LLC	\$138,100
21 George Street	Littlefield, Tristan & Michelle	Flaherty, Thomas & Mary-Kate	\$220,000
22 Green Trees Drive	Moller, John & Roxanne	Hebert, John & Debbie	\$340,000
241 Narragansett Street	Chase, Joshua & Christine	Pelletier, Maurice & Gail	\$245,000
309 New Portland Road	Buck, Randy & Anita	Wright, Wayne	\$210,000
52 Brookwood Drive	Barbour, Tracie	Shapiro, Scott & Stroud, Jayne	\$148,500
6 McAdam Way (land)	Varney, Kati & Nicholas	Weber, Terry & Jacqueline	\$ 83,500
84 Gordon Farms Road	Kelting, Tyler & Thornton, Kelly	Peters & Co. LLC	\$325,000
9 Rainbow Lane	Cotta, Robert	Mellone, Joseph & Lynn	\$180,000

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said, "It is regrettable that the Gorham Police department saw fit to issue a press release in this matter prior to its conclusion. Irreparable harm has been done to Ms. Welsh's reputation as a result." Thompson said the police investigation has been suspended and they believe they made the correct charge.

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Great Falls Assistant Principal

Gorham's three elementary schools—Great Falls, Narragansett and Village—raised an astounding total of \$10,196.28 during its recent Jump Rope for Heart Program. The program gave students an opportunity to learn about the importance of heart health and the act of compassion by contributing to a great cause.

Half of the money raised will be used to support "Learning Beyond the Classroom," the campaign that gives students access to guest speakers, field experiences, and other outside-of-school resources. This year, the money is targeted toward activities that emphasize wellness and heart health. Many of these activities will take place during Field Day. Students from all three elementary schools will come together by grade level at the Field House on the USM Gorham campus during the first week of June for many activities, including Yoga and Jukado.

The other half of the money raised was given to the American Heart Association, which uses funds to help heal kids with "special" hearts. They also fund educational programs designed to teach students and families the importance of heart health. The students learned how the Heart Association uses donations to help save



Photo credit Meghan Lonagan

The Gorham Elementary Schools' physical education teachers, from left to right, Mr. Speed, Mr. DeFrancesco, and Mr. Fortier, present a check to the American Heart Association for \$5,098. Accepting the check for the Heart Association are local representative Gary Urey and regional vice president Mary Blake.

lives through their education efforts and research.

This event was a huge success due to the generosity of our Gorham Elementary Schools' families and friends, and we are greatly appreciative.

Members of GHS Music Department Heading to D.C.

BY EMILY DELUCA
GHS Intern

This April vacation, members of the Gorham High School band, concert

choir, and chamber singers are taking a trip to Washington, D.C. Students who chose to go on the trip had many opportunities to fundraise. Among these opportunities, the mattress sale that took place in February, put together by music teacher Mr. Murray, proved to be the most successful. In a combined effort, the GHS Music Department raised a total of \$4,500. The fundraiser has significantly contributed to the overall cost of trip.

Students and chaperones will leave at 11 p.m. on April 11, and ride overnight on a coach bus. When they arrive,

they will have a number of sites to see, and the entire group will perform concerts. They will observe many famous attractions, a few of them being the Holocaust Museum, the Smithsonian

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Institute, the Washington Monument, and the Lincoln Memorial. The group will also have the privilege of participating in a wreath laying ceremony at the Tomb of the

Unknown Soldier.

On the trip home, the bus will stop at Gettysburg and the Gettysburg Museum, where they will get a tour and deliver a concert in honor of the 150th anniversary of Gettysburg. Members of the Music Department anxiously await the trip and are excited to be part of such a great experience.



Photo credit Michael Logue

The GHS Music Department received a \$4,500 check as a result of their successful mattress-sale fundraiser. Members of the GHS band, concert choir, and chamber singers will be traveling to Washington, D.C. over April vacation.

Correction

The School Committee's daylong workshop was held on March 27, and will not take place on April 27, as stated in the March School Committee report that appeared in the March 25 issue of the Gorham Times.

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"Peter Panic" Runs at GMS



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The cast of "Peter Panic" sings and dances through the opening number of the performance. Over thirty students participated in the production.

PROVIDED BY GMS STAFF

The Gorham Middle School auditorium was full of singing, dancing, and laughter on March 29 and 30 as the cast and crew of "Peter Panic" took the stage after months of rehearsals with director Tana Krohn.

"Peter Panic" is a Pioneer Drama Service, Inc. production written by Flip Kobler and Cindy Marcus, published in 2012. The show is set in a modern-day high school and details the trials and triumphs of the drama club's efforts to produce and perform "Peter Pan."

Pam, played by Jamie Juskiewicz, is the ever-enthusiastic club leader who insists that the Drama Club put on a show despite having their entire budget cut. Barry, played by Grace Berks, offers to write her own version of "Peter Pan" to save money, but the crew soon encounters trouble when Coach Rook, played by Alyssa Dolley, and sidekick Smiley, played by Anne Kelly, plot to sabotage the show. "Peter Pan" becomes Peter Panic when Rook sends her football players to audition for the play and then changes the school rules so that hooks, nails, and screws become banned weapons. Football players are cast as pirates, cheerleaders become mermaids, and students from detention get recruited to play Lost Boys, well, Girls. Pam's dream seems lost until star quarterback Tinkerman, played by Alex York—who plays, of course, Tinkerbell—sacrifices everything so the show can go on.

"It was an adventure to work with a cast of 25 students and crew of 8 to put this show together," says Krohn. "I am so proud of what they accomplished!"

This is Krohn's first year directing the GMS musical. "My goal was to give students a place where they could meet new people, be themselves, have fun, and succeed in creating a product



Photo credit Terri Dawson

Lance Tinkerman (played by Alex York), captain of the football team, expresses his frustration to Pam (played by Jamie Juskiewicz), leader of the drama club, about being cast as the non-speaking, female role of Tinkerbell. Barry the playwright (played by Grace Berks) ignores them.

together that they would be proud of. I think we did that."

Students now lament that the show is over. "I actually miss it now that it's done," said York. "When you're on the stage, you feel like you can be yourself more."

Juskiewicz and Dolley already miss the cast. "I had a lot of fun and met a lot of new people," said Dolley. "I already miss working with them," said Juskiewicz.

Krohn would like to thank everyone who made the show a success, including parents, and especially the cast and crew of the show: Quintessa Bisonette, Alexis Shaw, Abby Flint, and Olivia Paruk, Madeline Joyal-Meyers, Austin Pomelow, Brooke Hall, Brianna Crockett, Heather Woodbury, Annie Acker-Wolfhagen, Jordan Currier, Ella LeBlanc, Narissa Libby, Emily Yager, Ben Clark, California Cullinan, Kayley Mason, Kortney French, Shelby Leach, Molly Sposato, Emily O'Donnell, Simeon Willey, Conor Battaglia, Meghan Polchies, Emaly Howard, Haylee Dahlborg, Brittney Reed, and Katelyn Smith.

Robotics Fundraiser

COMPILED BY STACY SALLINEN
School News Editor

Robotics Team 172 is selling raffle tickets to help fund their upcoming trip to the FIRST Robotics Competition Championship in Missouri. Tickets are \$5 each or three for \$12. Three winning tickets will be drawn on April 22. The winners can select one of three prizes:

- L.L. Bean Manatee Kayak package (\$469 retail value)
- Four tickets to Bob Marley's New Year's Eve show and a gift basket (\$300 retail value)
- Two tickets to the NASCAR Nationwide Series on July 13 and two tickets to the NASCAR Sprint

Cup Series on July 14 at N.H. Motor Speedway, as well as two free AAA memberships or renewals (retail value \$450)

Team 172 is also selling LED light bulbs. The 800-lumen bulb replaces a 60-watt incandescent, and is dimmable, omni-directional, and high quality light with warm color temperature. Unlike CFL bulbs, these contain no mercury or lead, and are environmentally safe. Bulbs can last 23 years at three hours per day. Cost is \$20 per bulb.

FMI or to purchase tickets or light bulbs, call Janet at 329-6591 or e-mail Michelle at mmoutinho5@gmail.com. Tickets can also be purchased from members of the Robotics Team.

All-Day Kindergarten CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

"We knew there was no way that we could please everyone."

During the presentation, Libby explained that a majority of ADK committee members support the concept of an all-day program, citing higher academic expectations for kindergarten students; more opportunity for academic, social and emotional growth with additional instruction time; and the benefits of all-day programming for those students identified as at-risk.

However, a majority could not support ADK when considering the financial impact it would have on programs for all K-12 students across the district, the school budget, and ultimately to taxpayers. The ADK committee wrote in its report that while "short-term data shows significant value in relation to the cost in the first year, there is no longitudinal evidence to show that the long-term benefits outweigh the cost of implementing an ADK program."

The committee determined that five new classrooms and necessary supplies, including desks, chairs, tables, literacy and math programs to name a few, would be needed, costing an estimated \$90,585. A total of 5.5 additional classroom teachers would also be needed, adding an estimated \$385,000 to the cost. An additional 2.5 education technicians and .6 art teacher would be needed, costing an estimated \$117,000. A \$37,426

saving would be realized by eliminating the mid-day bus run. Total costs for implementing an ADK program in the first year total \$555,159. For each subsequent year, an estimated \$502,000 would be needed to compensate the teachers and ed techs.

In a surprising move, Libby, speaking as a member of the School Committee member and not as an ADK committee member, shocked the audience when he recommended to fellow School Committee members to include an ADK program into next year's school budget. "Let the voters decide if they want all-day K," he said.

School Committee members asked to see how the inclusion of an all-day kindergarten program would impact the school budget before making any decisions at its April meeting.

In addition to Libby, other members of the ADK exploratory committee include Narragansett Principal Polly Brann, GMS Social Worker Thom Courtney, Assistant Director of Instructional Services Kathy Hamblen, School Committee member Darryl Wright, and community members Margery Clark, Kelli Deveaux, Janet Kuech and Ronda Sawyer.

The full report issued from the ADK committee can be read in its entirety at www.Gorhamschools.org.



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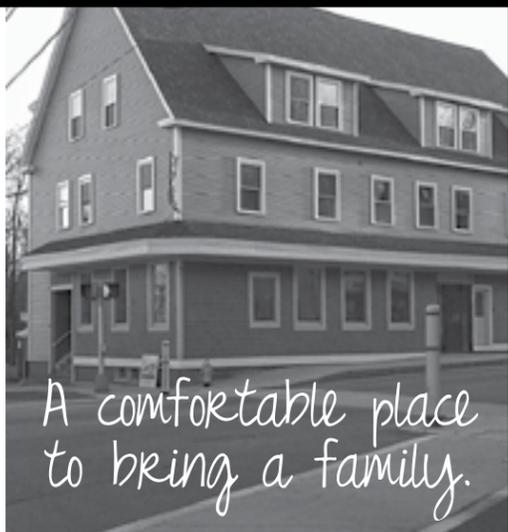
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12:30 - Whoopie Pie Contest!!!! (stay tuned for details to enter)
1:00 - Senator Boyle, Rep. McLean and Rep. Sanborn will hold an informal forum
1:00 - Walking tour of the Isaac Dyer Farm, last of two gentlemen farms in Maine
1:30 - "So You Think You Know Gorham" contest winner
1:45 - Walking tour of Odd Fellow building
2:30 - Tour of the Gun Powder Mills in North Gorham with Don Wescott

Eaton Recognized as Presidential Scholar

COMPILED BY STACY SALLINEN

Rachel Eaton has been selected for recognition by the U.S. Presidential Scholars Program. The program is by invitation only; approximately 3,000 graduating high school seniors are invited nationwide. Eaton is one of 47 Maine students who received an invitation

The U.S. Presidential Scholars Program recognizes and honors some of the nation's most distinguished graduating high school seniors. In 1979, the program was extended to recognize students who demonstrate exceptional talent in the visual, creative and performing arts. Each year, up to 121 students are named as Presidential Scholars.

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In late March, an independent, national committee of educators convened by the Commission on Presidential Scholars chooses approximately 500 semifinalists. Six to twenty semifinalists are identified for each state/jurisdiction by the review committee.

In April, the Commission on Presidential Scholars makes the final selection of the 121 students.

Late last week, Congresswoman Chellie Pingree announced that Eaton accepted an offer to attend the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs. Pingree nominated Eaton to the academy in November.

"Acceptance to a U.S. service academy is extremely competitive and reflects highly on a student's scholarship, community service, and character," said Pingree. "I'm very pleased that Rachel was accepted to the Air Force Academy and appreciate her commitment to serving the country. I wish her all the best in what promises to be a bright career."

Eaton decided to pursue the Air Force because she wants to defend her



Photo credit Abraham Eaton

Rachel Eaton has been recognized as a Presidential Scholar and has accepted her appointment to attend the U.S. Air Force Academy.

country. "The United States offers freedom that is both priceless and unique in today's world," she said. "Of course, there are many ways to preserve that freedom, and the Academy is one of many options to serve in the military, or even the Air Force. I've chosen that particular route because I believe it lines up well with my talents and interests."

Eaton plans to study engineering and Russian as a minor. Her short-term goals include running and playing tennis for the Rams. Her long-term goals are to obtain her degree at the Air Force Academy; be commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant; serve and defend her country; and see where life takes her.

Eaton has received a number of other awards and commendations: 2013 National Merit Finalist; Academic All-State, Cross Country; Coach's Award and co-captain, GHS Tennis; Cadet Commander, Mitchell Award and 2012 Cadet Commander, Civil Air Patrol; Dean's List Nominee and co-captain, First Robotics Team 172; several awards for the Math team; and national qualifier and semifinalist (top 100 and 15 in the nation, respectively), National Bible Bee.

Eaton is a homeschooled student. She is the daughter of Gary and Jennifer Eaton.

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Rachele Burns and Her Team Survive Scary Bus Accident

JEFF PIKE

Gorham Times Sports Editor

After suffering through two major knee injuries in high school and two more in college, Rachele Burns (GHS '09) may have felt her athletic career had already provided enough challenges. But on February 26th, she faced what might have been the scariest challenge of all.

That's when the bus carrying the University of Maine at Orono women's basketball crashed on Route 95 in northern (Georgetown) Massachusetts on its way to a game in Boston. After the driver collapsed, the bus veered left from the right-hand lane heading southbound. The bus crossed two lanes, went through the median and across all four northbound lanes before crashing in the woods. Miraculously, the bus did not tip over. No one was seriously hurt, and the driver has since recovered.

Burns is a student-assistant coach for the team after deciding not to play following the 2011-2012 season in which she appeared in eight games following her fourth knee surgery. During the bus ride, she was sitting seven rows back from the driver on the left hand side.

"I was listening to music and using my phone," Burns said. "All of a sudden, the coaches in the front of the bus started yelling, and we slowly drifted off the side of the road. Coach (Richard) Barron tried to take the wheel but got thrown back into the aisle when we went into the median. When we came out of the median, we went airborne and hit the ground in the two middle lanes of the northbound side."

"From there, we could see cars coming at us, but luckily no one hit us," Burns continued. "The coaches yelled for everyone to hold on as we plowed through the snow. We then fish-tailed and ended up between two trees. As we hit the snow bank, I closed my eyes—if I was going to die, I didn't want to know what happened. After we hit the trees, I was in shock that we were all still alive."

The bus then started smoking. With the exit at the front of the bus blocked, Burns and assistant Coach Amy Vachon tried to figure out how to open the windows on the left side so everyone could get off the bus but saw the ground was too far down to jump. They then checked the right side,

where the players could reach trees they could shimmy down to safety.

"The coaches handled everything so well, and Coach Barron tended to the bus driver the whole time," Burns said. "The medics arrived and took the driver by helicopter to a hospital. The rest of us were on the side of the highway getting checked by paramedics. I ended up giving a piggy back to one of our players on crutches through the snow to the side of the road by running on pure adrenaline. We all waited up for everyone to be safely checked in at the hotel."

The next day, the media swarmed the hotel to talk to the team. "The bus accident was the scariest thing that has ever happened to me," Burns revealed. "I am very lucky to be alive, someone was watching over us! There is no way we should all okay—it was a true miracle."

Burns was a stand-out basketball, soccer and softball player at GHS before having her career derailed in January 2008 of her junior season when she tore ligaments in her right knee during the basketball season. She tore ligaments in the same knee again during her senior soccer season in the fall of 2008, forcing her to miss her senior basketball and softball seasons.

At the beginning of her freshman year (2009) of basketball at Orono, Burns suffered yet another ligament tear to her right knee. Sadly, that was not the end. At the beginning of the 2010-2011 season, she tore ligaments yet again, only this time to her left knee, leading to her fourth surgery.

After coming back and playing eight games during the 2011-2012 season, Burns and the coaching staff at Orono came to the decision that it made sense take her senior year off. "We decided it made more sense for me to be able to walk when I am older," Burns said. "And since I want to coach at the Division I college level someday, Coach Barron offered me a position as a student-assistant with the team. It was a hard decision, and it took me a long time to get through it. I still miss playing so much, but I am on a different side of it now and am learning so much through this coaching staff."

For those of us fortunate to watch Burns' career at GHS, it's sad to see such a great athlete have her career cut short by so many injuries, but we are also grateful she and her team all managed to survive an accident that could have ended tragically.

Recreation Department's Boys' Basketball Champs

The Gorham Recreation Department crowned its fifth/sixth grade boys' champions March 7th as the Boston team defeated New York, 40-37. Key baskets down the stretch came from Michael Evans and Thomas Nelson, who also led the team in scoring with 22 points while Tyler Haines chipped in with 11 points. New York was led by Nick Strout with 17 points and numerous assists while Jacob Sladen scored nine points. Playing for Boston and pictured above, front row from left to right: Mike Evans, Alex Burghardt, Josh Ball, Thomas Nelson and Ayden Lindsay. Middle Row: Brian Edwards, Jack Collins, Tyler Haines, Connor Coro, Noah Cote and Michael Maxfield. Back Row: Coaches John Edwards, Alicia Paige and Kelley Burghardt



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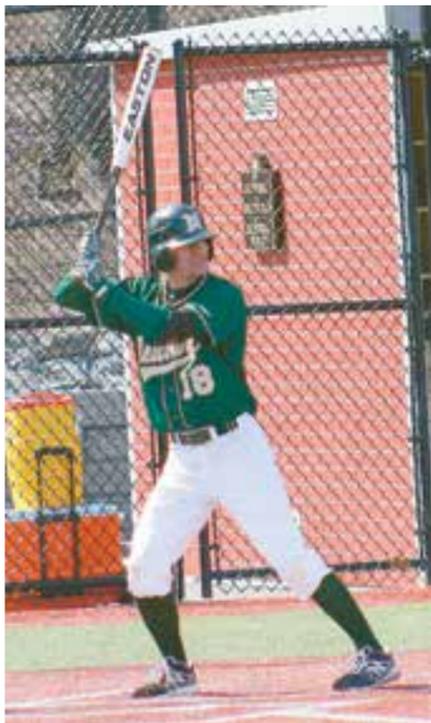


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Now Starting at Shortstop: Steven Broy (GHS '11), the starting shortstop for the Newbury College (Brookline, MA) baseball team, ranked among the team leaders at press time in runs-batted-in (11), triples (3) and home runs (1) through the team's first 18 games. Last season, Broy broke two rookie records while starting at third base as a freshman—with 47 hits and 11 doubles.



Photo credit Meredith T. Bradley-Bickford

National Snowboarding Star: Jasper Crane Jr., a second-grader at Great Falls Elementary School, placed high in three events at the USASA National Snowboarding competition March 30-April in Colorado. Competing in the boys' seven-and-under division, Crane finished seventh in the slalom, eighth in the giant slalom and twelfth in the boardercross.



Photo credit Pam Kratzer

Girls' March Madness: The 2nd-Annual Girls' March Madness for basketball players in grades three through six recognized its team/individual skills and shooting event champions March 23 at Shaw Gym in the Gorham Rec Center. Playing for the victorious Shakers team were Emily Paruk, Anneka Bryant, Mia Kratzer, Lauren DiDonato, Emma Stevens, Julia Kratzer, Brylee Bishop and Olivia Michaud. In the individual events, winners included Anna Nelson among the third graders and Grace Forgues among the fourth/fifth graders. Second-place finishers included Lexi Waterman (third grade) and Jillian Nichols (fourth/fifth grade) while third-place finishers included Brylee Bishop (third grade) and Allison Walker (fourth/fifth grade). All participants in the event are shown above.

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Second Undefeated Season



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For the second year in a row the sixth-grade Gorham girls' travel basketball team finished the Cape Elizabeth Travel League season undefeated after winning the championship game against Portland. Playing for the team and pictured above, front row: MacKenzie Holmes. Middle row from left to right: Sarah Walker, Hallie Shiers, Molly Duff, Hailey Morrill, Brittany Desjardin, Courtney Brent, Emma Forgues, Sarah Stevens and Lucia Reidy. Back row: Coaches Lenny Holmes and Todd Walker.

Tournament Champions



Photo credit Ron Lowell

The Gorham Travel Basketball Program girls' fifth/sixth grade team won the Bonny Eagle Invitational basketball tournament during the weekend of March 2-3 competing against teams from area towns. Nine players scored in the 36-26 championship win over Buxton led by Emma Shields and McKenzie Young with eight points each. Playing for the team and pictured above, front row from left to right: Erin Hume, Gaby Gagne, Paige Hume, Kathryn Lundin and Hannah Lowell. Back row: Trinity Dean, Brooke Woodbury, Kienna Tracey, McKenzie Young and Emma Shields.

sports Etc.

New Spring Coaches at GHS: The GHS spring sports teams feature two new coaches for the upcoming season: Steve Martin takes over as the varsity softball coach after serving as the junior varsity coach for several years. He is also a long-time GHS junior varsity coach for girls' soccer. Aaron Bergeron (GHS '08) is the new girls' tennis coach. Bergeron, who also assists with the USM tennis program, was a star player for GHS and went on to a stand-out career at Stonehill College.

Into the Mud Challenge: On April 28, the USM Sport Management Program

hosts the third-annual Into the Mud Challenge at Gorham Middle School. The event begins at 8:30 a.m. followed by an awards ceremony at noon and a post-race celebration at Sebago Brewing Company. The race features 2.5 miles of mud pits and a series of challenging obstacles with an emphasis on getting muddy! The event includes an individual division, a team division, and a one-mile race for children ages 5-12. Proceeds directly support the USM Sport Management Scholarship fund. For more information and to register, visit www.intothemudchallenge.com or contact info@intothemudchallenge.com.

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Writing Contest Winner

BY PAMELA TURNER, DIRECTOR
Baxter Memorial Library

The Friends of Baxter Memorial Library Writing Contests have been part of the library's landscape for quite a number of years. The Middle School Personal Narrative Winner was Esther Eaton who wrote this piece when she was a homeschooler in the seventh grade. Her winning entry is below.

Additional winning entries will be published in future issues of the *Gorham Times*. For more information on library programs and services please visit the website at www.baxterlibrary.org or call the library at 222-1190.

The Day

ESTHER EATON, *Seventh Grade*

Some parts of those moments I see clear as a photograph, and others blurry, like a smeared watercolor painting. Some I can't shake away, and others I grasp at in dreams sometimes. I think of it as The Day, but truthfully, it only lasted for a few fleeting, endless minutes. They are my moments of fear.

The snow, though mostly gone, lingered in pockets and hollows in the ground on one of those damp January days on the edge of cold. The thick curtain of clouds coating the sky let down a few heavy mists that clung to the ground. I curled up on a brown chair in the living room window, scratching away in my journal. Abraham and Andrew sparred back and forth, growing increasingly frustrated. Upstairs, Mom and Rachel

worked away at their desks. Vaguely I heard the steady whine and thud of the treadmill from the backhouse, where Paul and Grace exercise. The racket ceased when Grace moved to the exercise bike. I sighed. In the next moment the backhouse door slammed opened, its spring shrieking.

"Mom, there's something wrong with Grace!" Since Paul suffered frequent bouts of extreme excitement and sadness, it took me several seconds to process what he bellowed up the stairs. By the time I hurled down my notebook and dashed towards him, Mom had already thundered down the steps and into backhouse. It's funny - I clearly remember the sound of the pages fluttering around their spiral binding, and the peculiar crunch when the notebook landed, permanently creasing the cover. Mom screamed from the backhouse, her voice panicked, "Somebody call 9-1-1!"

Mom doesn't scream. She just doesn't. Instantly adrenaline pumped into all our systems. I turned slowly to the phone. That is, I whipped around, but my mind encased the next few moments in slow motion. I punched in the numbers and my finger hovered over the call button. Every safety lecture I ever watched flashed through my head. I knew this qualified as an emergency, but I just couldn't quite push that plastic square. I turned to Rachel and shoved the phone into her outstretched hands. My fingers visibly trembled and my whole body quivered. I slid into a sitting position against the cabinet. "Oh Lord - Jesus please help us, what is happening?" The prayer in my mind came jumbled and disjointed and my breathing was

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Presumpscot Regional Land Trust Hires First Executive Director

BY TANIA NEUSCHAFER

Presumpscot Regional Land Trust (PRLT) has recently hired Stefan Jackson, a longtime Maine conservation leader from Bridgton, as its first executive director.

This marks a pivotal moment in the Presumpscot Regional Land Trust's 25 year history and will help the organization meet the growing need for conservation in Gorham, Gray, Sebago, Standish, Westbrook and Windham. "Stefan is the perfect person to help us to do that," said Richard Curtis, PRLT Board President. "We are thrilled to have someone with his experience and knowledge to lead the organization in reaching more people, taking on new conservation projects, and becoming even more vital to the communities we serve."

Jackson said, "Over a quarter century of outstanding stewardship of Maine's natural heritage is fertile soil from which to grow PRLT into the future. I am honored by the Board's faith in my ability to lead the organization into that future. My sleeves are rolled up; I am excited to dive into the work to build—with our Board, members, partners and the communities we serve—the legacy of our next quarter century ... and beyond."

Jackson has nearly 20 years of experience in the field of conservation and holds a bachelor's degree from Amherst College and a law degree from the University of Pennsylvania. He worked from 1995-2001 as Public Policy Manager for the National Outdoor Leadership School (NOLS), maintaining federal and state permits for access to wilderness, advising permitting for international educational programs, and spearheading diversity strategies for the organization.

Since 2001, Jackson has worked for The Nature Conservancy of Maine. As Diversity Program Director, he pio-



Photo courtesy of Presumpscot Regional Land Trust

Stefan Jackson, PRLT's first executive director

neered a new position to expand programs to increase diversity in the conservation movement. From 2001-2009, he held the position of Saco River Project Director, where he recruited and trained teams of docents who educated thousands of Saco River paddlers on Leave No Trace ethics, and negotiated the protection of over 5,500 acres.

Though PRLT has employed a part-time manager for the last six years, one of the goals of its recently finished five-year strategic plan was to establish an executive director position. Jackson takes leadership as the organization manages two of the largest projects in its history—conserving 487 acres of Randall Orchards in Standish and Gorham, and stewarding the 28-mile Sebago to the Sea Trail project. In all, PRLT has 717 acres currently under conservation, and has a coverage area of Gorham, Gray, Sebago, Standish, Windham, and Westbrook.

PRLT's strategic plan was developed to sustain its growth and build on that success. The other goals of the plan include conserving more land in the area; reaching more people on the importance of conservation; improving user experiences on public properties; and strengthening stewardship practices.

For more information about PRLT visit <http://www.prlt.org/>.

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jerky. I took deep breaths, trying to calm myself. "Grace..." The oldest kid in our family, Grace always chased Andrew around the house. What had happened? "Lord is it with her head? All her migraines? What is going on with my sister?"

Our neighbor, Mr. Sampson, appeared moments later in police uniform and ran into the backhouse. We kids milled around, alternating between snapping at each other and long hard hugs. I crept through the length of the house into the backhouse and caught one quick glimpse. I see Grace crystal clear, but can barely see the adults kneeling beside her. "Hello Grace," Mr. Sampson said, as though he didn't expect a response.

Randomly, her head swung up, mouth wide open, jaw slack. I saw black stuff smeared all around her eyes before her head flopped back. I'd always pictured drunken people that way and laughed, but the memory still frightens me. I rushed back out, unable to cry. The ambulance people came, and I can see snatches of the stretcher bearers and their focused expressions in my mind. They pulled away, and we dashed to the windows to watch them leave. My view suddenly blurred, but the misting rain had stopped. I wiped away the steam on the window with sharp, angry strokes, but my vision clouded even further. "Oh Jesus, help her, help us all."

And so my moments of fear—The Day—ended.



The Martha T. Harris Scholarship

In conjunction with the family of the late Martha T. Harris, the *Gorham Times* is creating a scholarship in Martha's name to be given to a Gorham High School senior. The *Gorham Times* has given many scholarships over the past 15 years, but this will be the first sustaining, community-supported scholarship.

Martha was a key member of the *Gorham Times* staff since its inception in 1995. Not only did she take thousands of wonderful photographs, she was always in tune with what was happening in the community and offered many story suggestions. The staff misses her wholeheartedly and is looking forward to this scholarship as a means of keeping her memory alive.

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A Race for Her Daughter

By CAITLIN L. GONG
Turner Syndrome Foundation

Kathy Caron of Gorham is a mother on a mission. She is participating with the Turner Syndrome Foundation by running the New Jersey Marathon May 5th in honor of her daughter, Brooke, a sophomore at Gorham High School. Caron is traveling all the way from Maine for this event because she has found a lack of support in Maine and throughout New England for Turner Syndrome. "For six years, I have tried reaching out and found nothing," Caron said.

Caron also decided to take Brooke and her family to New Jersey to participate in the marathon because Caron had seen the work that the Turner Syndrome Foundation was doing in the community and around the country to advocate and create awareness of Turner Syndrome. The event will also give Brooke a chance to meet other girls with Turner Syndrome and their families.

Brooke was diagnosed with Turner Syndrome at 10 years old after going for her annual checkup. Caron conducted an online search about short stature and discovered Turner Syndrome. Realizing that Brooke had all of the symptoms of Turner Syndrome, Caron asked to have a karyotype test done, which led to her diagnosis.

Affecting one in 2,000 females, the condition occurs when one of the two X chromosomes normally found in females is missing or incomplete. Although the exact cause of Turner Syndrome is unknown, it appears to occur as a result of a random error during the division of sex cells.

Since Caron's husband is 6'4" and because of her daughter's age upon diagnosis, it was decided Brooke would not have growth hormone shots. Brooke even said, "God made me this way. I will grow the way He wants me to grow."

Brooke's biggest health issue was her ears, which were left damaged from too many tubes and scar tissue. She had a major ear surgery at Boston Children's Hospital by an ear, nose, and throat doctor. Brooke has not had any heart or kidney issues but has regular checkups to assess her heart and kidney functions. Her doctors are very well informed on Turner Syndrome, which Caron calls a blessing.

Brooke is vibrant and very active. "She is in her high school band and plays the flute," Caron said. "She was also part of the cheerleading team this winter, plays lacrosse, is in honors classes, and was recently invited to participate in the Youth Leadership Forum on Medicine in Boston this sum-



Photo courtesy of the Caron family

Brooke (left) and her mother Kathy Caron.

mer. Brooke will also be studying and shadowing at Harvard and Tufts."

Caron added that running the New Jersey marathon has great personal significance to her and her family:

"For six years we have searched for support and for someone we could talk to regarding all the changes and what to expect. It wasn't until recently that we met a family who had just found out their daughter had Turner Syndrome. After speaking to Brooke's doctors, we continue to learn there are patients out there as well as girls and women who have also gone undiagnosed. It is important because we not only want Brooke to see she is not alone, but also to raise awareness here in Maine and New England. Being part of this team has already caught the attention of many and is about to reach so many more!"

The marathon will also help Caron fulfill a promise she made to her father who was left paralyzed after a stroke: He asked if she believed she could run an Ironman Triathlon. Brooke's father died after Brooke was diagnosed with Turner Syndrome, and since his death, Caron has participated in a few sprint triathlons, two half Ironmans, a number of 5Ks, and still has the full Ironman promise to keep.

Caron has gone through a health ordeal of her own as she is a cancer survivor and has been a part of the cancer survivor triathlon training groups in Maine. She is training for the marathon while also interning to become a personal trainer and health coach in Maine. The treadmill and snowshoeing have also been major parts of her exercise routine.

"Brooke's story is an inspiration to others with Turner Syndrome," Caron said. "She is a girl with many strengths and accomplishments and has a great support system behind her."

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Fanciful Fowl Causes Emergency Call

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Hemlock Drive caller reported his wife had been missing for 30 days.

Crestwood Drive caller reported a suspicious vehicle. A male operator got out of the vehicle and apparently went under caller's deck.

Mitchell Hill Road caller reported a suspicious male subject wearing a gas mask and standing in the middle of the road.

Lover's Lane caller stated that over \$800 had been taken out of their account without authorization.

Mallison Street caller reported a suspicious vehicle had been parked in front of their residence all night and they did not know to whom it belonged.

Mahlon Avenue caller reported a squirrel had been hit and was still alive. Caller requested someone take care of it.

Main Street caller wanted an officer to respond to their residence regarding accusations that they had stolen a TV.

Old Orchard Road caller reported that gas had been siphoned out of their car.

Winterberry Lane caller requested to speak with an officer as their vehicle, which had been involved in an accident, was towed to the wrong place.

Green Street man was arrested for OUI.

Little Wing Lane caller advised that there was a male subject from the oil company causing a disturbance.

Gray Road caller reported they recorded on camera a male subject shoplifting.

South Gorham Crossing caller reported a female subject causing a commotion in the parking lot.

Caller requested to speak with an officer regarding a male subject who states caller stole his dog.

New Portland Road caller reported a pos-

sible deceased animal on the side of the road. Object was a trash bag.

Caller reported that the fire truck being towed was causing a traffic hazard.

Straw Road caller reported a vehicle had been driving up and down the road for the past 5-10 minutes.

Mosher Road caller would like to speak with an officer regarding a male subject who took their keys and left them stranded in another town.

Shaws Mill Road caller reported that a male from a frozen food company came to their residence, and caller loaned the male a grow light. Male subject is refusing to return the light.

Caller reported that they apprehended three male juveniles who were smashing milk jugs in the store.

Washburn Drive caller dialed 911 to report that someone had littered on their property.

Line Road caller reported a brawl.

State Police received a 911 call of a fight where a male subject from Narragansett Street screamed "Get PD here now."

Clearview Drive resident received a call from a male subject who stated if caller went to WalMart and got a Green Dot card, he would deliver \$800,000 to them.

Flaggy Meadow Road caller advised there was a vehicle with the hazards on and someone in face down in a snow bank.

Caller on the Windham side of Dundee Park heard several gunshots and a woman screaming "No! No! No!"

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Local Graphic Artist and Designer **Erin Flett**, of Studio E Flett Design, is featured in the May 2013 issue of Country Living Magazine. Flett's hand-screened textiles are featured on pillows, bags, wall art and recently bedding.

The Gorham High School Civil Rights Team will hold a Talent Show on Friday, April 26 at 6 p.m. in the McCormack Performing Arts Center.

The Gorham/Westbrook TRIAD, composed of community people working with seniors and law enforcement officers, will meet on Friday, Apr. 12 at the Gorham Town Hall at 8:45 a.m. To learn how you can help senior citizens in your community, call David Garthe, 839-5407, or Doris Ames, 839-2948.

The **North Gorham Poetry and Prose Writing Group** will hold their Annual Reading of work by members on Friday, Apr. 19 at 7 p.m. in the Carnes Community Room at North Gorham UCC Church. The public is welcome to attend at no charge. Writings are of several types of poetry or prose as short stories or even the beginnings of novels. FMI, 892-6217.

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COMMUNITY

The **Gorham Business Exchange** will hold its annual meeting on Thursday, Apr. 18 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at Spire 29 on the Square, 29 School Street. The featured speaker, Charles Colgan, will present "Looking Ahead: Maine's Economic Forecast." Advance registration requested. FMI, dede@gorhambusiness.org or 892-5515.

The **Gorham Art Alliance** is hosting its "3rd Annual Gorham's Got Talent" show on Saturday, May 11 at the Gorham Middle School. This is a family/community themed fundraising show for the Gorham Arts Alliance and Odyssey of the Mind teams. FMI and to schedule appt. call Jeffrey Carpenter at 749-2837 or jeffreyc@gorhamschools.org.

The **Third Annual Into the Mud Challenge** at Gorham Middle School will be held on Sunday, Apr. 28 and once again hosted by the USM Sports Management Program. The event features 2.5 miles of mud pits to traverse and a series of challenging obstacles with an emphasis on getting muddy and having a great time! FMI, www.intothemudchallenge.com.

The **Lions Club** is in search of a few volunteers to help with the hanging of flags in the Main Street Flag Program in Gorham. Also, if anyone wishes to donate or purchase a flag (\$50) with engraved nameplate in memory of a loved one, please contact Norm Wedge at 839-6569.

Pictured are dancers from the **Dance Studio of Maine in Gorham** who were awarded with the Class Act Award for Sportsmanship at a recent Turn it Up dance competition, which featured ME, NH, and MA studios. This is the second year that Dance Studio has won this award.



South Gorham Baptist Church located at 53 County Road will host a nine-week financial course offered by Dave Ramsey beginning Sunday, Apr. 28 at 4 p.m. FMI, call Dave Berrill at 839-3457.

Great Falls Construction of Gorham is celebrating its 25 years in business with a "new t-shirt design contest." The Great Falls team of employees will wear the winning design. Submit construction-themed artwork on 8 1/2" x 11" white paper in color or black and white. Include name, address, phone number and a brief description of what inspired your design. Submissions due by May 15. Mail to Great Falls Construction, Attention: Cindy & Val, 20 Mechanic St., Gorham, ME 04013. FMI, 839-2744.

The **Gorham Lions Club** will hold its fifth 5K/10K road race in Gorham on Apr. 20. Proceeds will benefit local Lions projects and scholarships. To donate to make this race a success or FMI, contact Norman Wedge at wedge@maine.rr.com or 839-6569.

Sebago Brewing Company will hold their Fourth Annual Brewing for a Cause on April 20. Tickets are \$100 and will include a full day of brewing

including sampling and recipes. Lunch is provided. Proceeds are to help raise funds for Trek Across Maine, which supports the American Lung Association. FMI, jon@sebago brewing.com or 856-2537.

ON-GOING EVENTS

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** is open on Thursday, 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

Sarah McCullough of Gorham is one of 15 USM art students showcasing their work in the USM Art Department's BFA Senior Thesis Exhibition, which will be open to the public Apr. 12-May 3 in the USM Art Gallery, Gorham campus. Gallery hours are 12 p.m.-4 p.m., Tuesday-Sunday. Admission is free. FMI, 780-5008 or usm.maine.edu/gallery.

University of Maine Cooperative Extension offers a 10-class Master Food Preserver Training Course beginning June 13 on Thursdays from 5:30-8:30 p.m. at Gorham Middle School. The fee for this course is based on income. FMI, 781-6099 or email lois.elwell@maine.edu.

The **USM Theater Department** presents "Orlando," Virginia Woolf's gender-bending satire, Apr. 19-28 at Russell Hall, Gorham campus. Mature content/adult themes. \$8/\$11/\$15. FMI, 780-5151.

U.S. Senator Susan M. Collins and President of the Bernard Osher Foundation **Mary G.F. Bitterman** will be the speakers at the **USM commencement ceremonies** at 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 11, in the Costello Sports Complex, Gorham campus.

CLOSE TO HOME

The **Westbrook-Warren Congregational Church**, 810 Main St., Westbrook, serves a Community Meal open to the public every Thursday at Noon. \$5pp. Chicken with stuffing will be served on Apr. 11 and baked chicken on Apr. 18.

The **Westbrook-Warren Congregational Church**, 810 Main St., Westbrook, will serve a Public Baked Bean Supper on Saturday, Apr. 13 from 5-6 p.m. \$8/\$3.

Schoolhouse Arts Center in Standish celebrates their 25th Anniversary by presenting "Hold On, Molly!" for the first time since their opening season in 1988. Show runs from Apr. 12-21. \$16/\$14. FMI, 207-642-3743.

Auditions for the musical 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee will be held at Schoolhouse Arts Center at 6:30 p.m. on Apr. 15 and Apr. 16. FMI, Terri Plummer, 329-0746.

GHS Alumni and Percussionist Kate Beever will perform in a benefit dinner concert for Bonney Memorial Library in Cornish on Sunday, Apr. 14. The concert will be held at Krista's Restaurant, Cornish. FMI, 838-2756.

The **Windham Historical Society** will present a PowerPoint talk about Moses Greenleaf, Maine's first mapmaker on Monday, Apr. 22, 7 p.m. at 234 Windham Center Road, Windham. FMI, call Linda 650-7484.

Try carriage driving or long lining—A benefit for Standardbred Pleasure Horse Org. of Maine— with clinician Robyn Cuffey on Apr. 21 starting at 9 a.m. at Photo Finish Farm, 244 Rankin Road, Buxton. 45-minute sessions are \$55 or \$65 for non-members, auditing \$10. FMI, robyn@sacoriver.net or 929-6562.

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THURSDAY, APR. 11

- USM Youth Ensembles Spring Instrumental Concert, 7 p.m., Merrill Auditorium, Portland. \$6/\$3. FMI, 780-5555.
- Early Release for grades K-12.

FRIDAY, APR. 12

- USM Graduate School of Music Showcase Recital, 8 p.m., Corthell Concert Hall, Gorham campus. Free. FMI, 780-5555.
- No school for grades K-12. Teacher In-service.

SATURDAY, APR. 13

- USM Annual Honors Recital, 8 p.m., Corthell Concert Hall. Free. FMI, 780-5555.

SUNDAY, APR. 14

- USM Concert Band, 2 p.m., McCormack Performing Arts Center, GHS. \$6/\$3. FMI 780-5555.

TUESDAY, APR. 16

- Rug Braiding Course, Baxter Library, 9-11 a.m. Materials provided by Gorham Art Alliance.
- Grandparent's Day Story Time, Baxter Library, 9:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. All ages. Crafts and snacks.

WEDNESDAY, APR. 17

- Game Day at Baxter Library, come by yourself or with friends to enjoy board games, 1:30-6 p.m.
- 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, APR. 18

- Baby and Me Story Time, 0-18 mos., Baxter Library, 9:30 a.m.
- Pet Rock Day, Baxter Library, make your own pet rock, 1-4 p.m.
- Gorham Food Pantry, 9-11 a.m., located in St. Anne's Catholic Church parking lot.

FRIDAY, APR. 19

- USM Composers Showcase Concert, 8 p.m., Corthell Concert Hall, Gorham campus. \$6/\$3 FMI 780-5555.

SATURDAY, APR. 20

- Lego Club, Baxter Library, all ages. Bring your own bricks or play with ours. 10 a.m.-12 p.m.
- USM Chorale Spring Concert, 5 p.m., Corthell Concert Hall, Gorham campus. \$6/\$3 FMI 780-5555.

TUESDAY, Apr. 23

- Rug Braiding Course, Baxter Library, 9-11 a.m. Materials provided by Gorham Art Alliance.
- Pre-School Story Time, ages 3-5 yrs., Baxter Library, 9:30 a.m.

WEDNESDAY, APR. 24

- 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, APR. 25

- Baby and Me Story Time, 0-18 mos., Baxter Library, 9:30 a.m.
- Toddler Time, 18-36 mos., Baxter Library, 10 a.m.
- Baxter Memorial Library Sewing Club, ages 7 and older, Baxter Library, 2:30-4:30 p.m.
- Gorham Food Pantry, located in St. Anne's Catholic Church parking lot, 9-11 a.m.
- USM Big Band Jazz Ensemble, 7:30 p.m., Corthell Concert Hall, Gorham campus. \$6/\$3 FMI 780-5555.

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Calendar events listed can be found at:

Baxter Memorial Library, 71 South St.
Corthell Concert Hall, USM, 37 College Ave.
Gorham Food Pantry,
St. Anne's Catholic Church parking lot, 299 Main St.
McCormack Performing Arts Center, GHS, 41 Morrill Ave.
Merrill Auditorium, 20 Myrtle St., Portland
No. Gorham Public Library, 2 Standish Neck Rd.
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