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## Facebook Argument Leads to Arrest

By SHERI FABER  
Staff Writer

Mark Sinclair, 20, of Standish has been charged with felony terrorizing after a series of arguments and threats on Facebook. The argument started before school



Photo courtesy of the Gorham Police Department

on January 30th and escalated as more students became aware of the online conversation. School Resource Officer (SRO) Wayne "Pooch" Drown learned the potential threats to Gorham High School students had been made on Facebook. Sinclair knew some students and threatened to come to Gorham High School to "do violence" to individuals involved in the argument. Sinclair also left threatening voice-mails. When the school became aware of the problem, they contacted the police. Police secured the exterior of the building with the assistance of Lt. Chris Sanborn, Sgt. Michael Nault and SRO Drown. At the same time, police made contact with Sinclair, who is not a student and is not employed, and took him into custody. Sinclair is being held at the Cumberland County Jail on \$10,000 bail.

After discussion among Lt. Sanborn, School Superintendent Ted Sharp and GHS Principal Chris Record, a decision was made not to lockdown the school. At that point, there was only about an hour and a half left in the school day and they had located Sinclair.

## Three Gorham Restaurants Recover After Failing Health Inspections

By CORINNE ALTHAM  
Staff Writer

Three Gorham Village restaurants failed state inspections in 2013. Thatcher's Restaurant and Sports Pub, Jan Mee II, and Mr. Bagel all failed to comply with the requirements of the State of Maine Food Code.

Amended in 2011 to decrease the frequency of state inspections, the code now mandates bi-annual inspec-

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## White Rock Elementary to be Perennial Place at White Rock

By JACOB ADAMS  
Staff Writer

Having purchased White Rock School from the Town of Gorham, Jon and Cindy Smith of Great Falls Construction have submitted their proposal for Perennial Place at White Rock, which will house twelve one-bedroom apartments. Residents will be 55 years and older and will be the first to stay in the former school.

Construction is expected to begin in the late spring or early summer of 2014 and is anticipated to be finished before January 2015.

According to the proposal, the changes will be minimal. The biggest changes are already underway inside the school, where the only evidence there once were classrooms are the chalkboards scattered throughout the building.

The parking lot will house 24 spaces, two per apartment yet the overall lot size will be smaller than the previous lot. Pavement is being added, and some removed. New lawn will replace the areas that were once paved. Each apartment will have a 250-square-foot yard and a 10 by 10 foot shed.

The use of the recreational areas—baseball fields, and basketball/tennis courts—will be open to the public for five years. While construction is underway, recreational use will not be

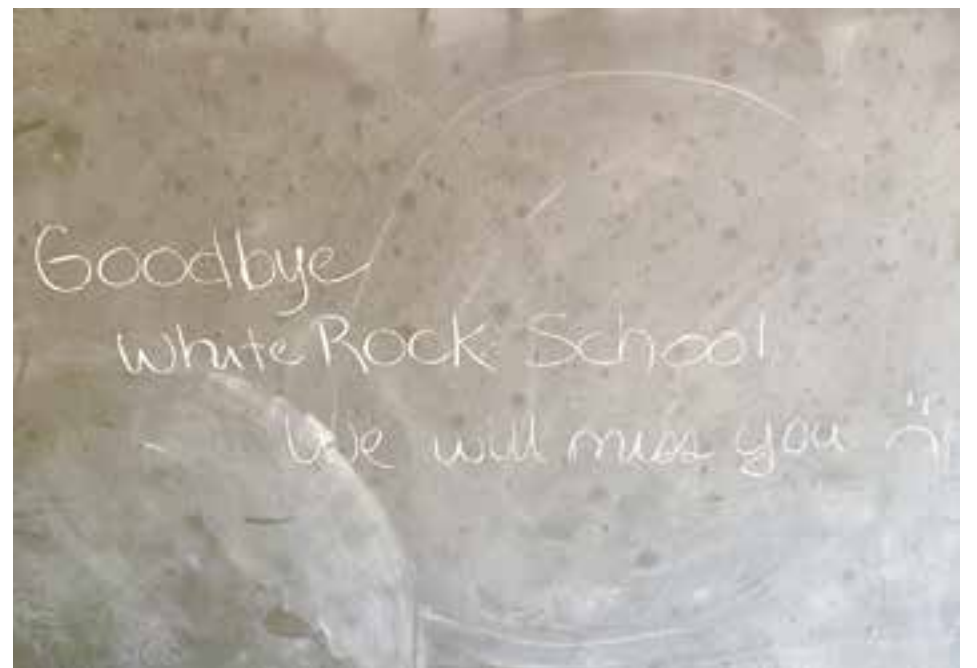


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This chalkboard, among many others, is the last of the evidence that here once stood White Rock Elementary School.

impeded. The well and septic system will remain in place, as both have been deemed adequate for future use.

Other features that will not change are the several memorial trees located throughout the 6.5-acre property. The trees and other important landmarks will be preserved and marked for reference.

Along with the memorial trees, the Smiths are asking for help identifying

any other details pertaining to special objects. One resident recalled a time capsule buried during his son's time at the school and great effort will be made to recover it.

If you have any information about things of interest to the community of White Rock or would like more information about Perennial Place at White Rock, please call Cindy or Jon Smith at 839-2744.

## Gorham Legislators Working to Increase Revenue Sharing

By SHERI FABER  
Staff Writer

In January, Gorham's Town Council sent a letter to our three legislators, State Senator Jim Boyle and State Representatives Linda Sanborn and Andrew McLean, asking them to address the issue of revenue sharing between the state and local government. The state's revenue sharing program used to return five percent of sales taxes collected throughout the state to each municipality. Last year the state took 53 percent (of the five percent) to address the state's budget problems. This meant a loss of \$841,000

to Gorham and led to an increase in local property taxes here and all over the state.

In 2014, revenue sharing will depend on the legislature finding and repealing \$40 million in tax breaks to special interests. If the legislature cannot find the \$40 million then revenue sharing will be unfunded. In Maine there are three primary sources for tax revenue: Income Tax (32%); Sales Tax (24%); and Property Tax, the most regressive of the three (45%).

Along with more than 100 municipal officials from across the state, Town Manager David Cole testified at a hearing on January 22nd asking the

Legislature to restore revenue sharing to our towns. Below is the response from our Legislators.

Dear Gorham Town Councilors:

Thank you for your letter regarding your concerns about the continued cuts to revenue sharing. We share your deep concern. We understand that the increasing burden on Gorham property taxpayers is not sustainable. Last year, when the Governor proposed to entirely eliminate revenue sharing, we fought to make sure

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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.

# Keeping Our Commitment to Local Communities

BY REP. ANDREW MCLEAN

Earlier in January, people drove from all over Maine to testify in support of legislation that would restore \$40 million in revenue sharing and prevent property tax hikes on the middle class. They traveled to the State House because they recognized the threat to local communities if those funds are not protected.

Revenue sharing serves Maine people by funding public schools and paying for vital services such as public works programs. It is a forty-year arrangement where the state gives back a small portion of sales and income taxes to local communities in recognition of their role in the state's overall economy.

In late 2012, Gov. LePage proposed the complete elimination of revenue sharing in his biennial budget. The governor's budget would have shifted \$400 million in costs to local communities and property taxpayers through the elimination of revenue sharing, cuts to other revenue sources for municipalities and new educational costs for communities. Last summer, the Legislature successfully passed a bipartisan budget and overrode his veto, keeping the majority of aid in place.

Rep Peggy Rotundo, D-Lewiston, and Sen. Dawn Hill, D-York, have submitted legislation protect the \$40 million that was promised to local communities in the budget.

Gorham stands to lose half a million dollars in funding if the state fails to protect the \$40 million. The loss of this

money would make Gorham have to look at cutting funds to important areas like our schools and public safety programs or consider raising property taxes to cover the loss in revenue.

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*I am committed to finding ways to grow the middle class and strengthen our economy and make sure we keep our commitment to our cities and towns by maintaining our revenue sharing program.*

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The loss of \$40 million in funds to communities includes \$10.8 million in tax relief toward local commercial property owners and \$29.2 million toward tax relief for residential property owners. If the money is not restored, kindergarten through grade 12 school funding would lose \$26 million in funding, local town operations would lose \$12 million in funding and \$2 million would be lost for county tax needs.

The proposal moving forward now to address this urgent need would restore the \$40 million by using \$15 million in unbudgeted revenues the state has seen from increased economic activity, taking \$4 million from a fund that seeks to pro-

vide possible income tax cuts in future years and use it for immediate property tax relief now and by using \$21 million from the state's rainy day fund. The proposal also contains a provision that will repay the \$21 million to the rainy day fund when the state budget closes in June. Many of our communities are currently in the process of crafting their budgets for the next fiscal year. By guaranteeing funding now, towns will be able to better plan their budgets and avoid property tax increases.

Cutting revenue sharing will not benefit Maine's hardworking taxpayer or the state's economy. Instead, Mainers will be burdened by higher property taxes if their communities are to maintain services like snowplowing, trash collection and their police and fire departments.

I am committed to finding ways to grow the middle class and strengthen our economy and make sure we keep our commitment to our cities and towns by maintaining our revenue sharing program.

As always if you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me.



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## Letters to the Editor

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Dear *Gorham Times*:

I just read about Louis Fogg. I remember him for the last 30 plus years from the old flea market and old Meserves store, and saw him many times sitting on his bike. How old was he? I just wanted to thank you for that piece and, although it was kind of sad, everyone has a place somewhere in life. I wish everyone would realize that before judging anyone for what they look like or how they act. He was a nice guy.

Thank you.

Gary Plummer

*Editor's Note:* According to his obituary, Louis Fogg was 67 years old when he passed away at his home on December 13, 2013.

Dear *Gorham Times*:

I was dismayed when I read the article in the Portland Press Herald dated January 29, 2014 [titled "Gorham's School Renovation Vote Postponed Again"]. The issue I have in the article is not the delay in the referendum, but the fact that the committee has put the turf athletic field on the school referendum.

The people of Gorham would listen to needed updates to any of our schools. The turf field has already been voted down in a town wide vote. Why has the committee felt the need to try to force a thoughtless use of our money? Gorham School Committee, listen to the voters. We do not want the turf field. We tax payers are taxed enough already. To all of our elected officials: Please listen to you constituents.

Peter Woodcock

Dear *Gorham Times*:

On January 10th, Gorham voters were given an opportunity to meet with Senator Jim Boyle. The meeting was part of a series of meetings with legislators organized by the Alliance for a Clean & Healthy Maine, which works to get toxic chemicals out of everyday products, such as shampoos, lotions, or perfumes which contain phthalates, chemicals linked to serious reproductive health disorders, early puberty in girls, and asthma, and are especially dangerous for the developing fetus of pregnant women. Senator Boyle was asked to take action to protect pregnant women and

children from phthalates in 2014.

Senator Boyle talked about environmental issues, the economy, and many other issues, and we were given the opportunity to ask him questions to learn what can be done, what we are doing well (such as recycling), and what we still need to work on.

He reminded us that we lost \$5 million in revenue because Governor LePage refused it from the federal government, and talked about the job that DHHS is doing and not doing for us.

He reminded us to let our elected officials in Augusta know our feelings on the many issues we are facing, as they really do listen and want to do what their constituents want. Their votes are swayed by what we, the people who elected them, tell them. He also told us that Letters to the Editor are an important tool to get our ideas across.

It was a very informative evening. Any time that you want to talk to Mr. Boyle, or any of our elected officials in Augusta, you can email, write or call them. They want to hear how their constituents feel on the issues of the day.

Christine Kimball

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# PlowShares Farm Expands Hours and Products



Photo credit Daralyn McCall

Community PlowShares Farm owners Steven and Amy Bibula stand in their newly constructed store on Sebago Lake Road.

BY LEANNE COOPER  
Staff Writer

If you drive by Community Plowshares Farm on Sebago Lake Road on a Friday or Saturday, you will see the open flag flying on their sign and a newly constructed building to the left of the barn. Owner and farmer Steven Bibula is putting the final touches on their new store, which is now officially open and stocked with a handsome supply of winter squash, fresh eggs, frozen pasture-raised pork, dates from a family farm in California, Merrifield Farm maple products, and some pottery items from Christian Ridge Pottery. Bibula hopes to soon offer cheese, yogurt, and butter from a farm in Pittsfield as well, and as the store fills with more products over the next three months, he plans to extend store hours to six days a week.

Steven and Amy Bibula bought the forty-acre farm in 2011, and operated it for two years as a CSA (Community Supported Agriculture), whereby customers purchased a share, or membership, and in return received a weekly supply of fresh produce throughout the farming season. They soon found the cost and amount of vegetables did not fit the needs and demands of the consumers, so last year they simply sold their field crops and flowers directly out of their barn to the general public and were open for business about five days a week.

Over the last two years, Bibula has planted over two hundred apple trees, and last year offered a “pick your own” (PYO) option, in addition to his bountiful late season raspberries. He now has plans to scale back his vegetable field crops and dramatically expand his acreage to include primarily tree and bush fruit. This spring he will plant a diverse assortment of apple trees, including hardy, more naturally disease-resistant heirloom varieties, not often found in traditional Maine orchards. In addition, he has prepared space to plant pear and peach trees, and will broaden his raspberry and blueberry crops.

His goal is to have fifteen acres of fresh PYO fruit to offer to the Gorham community and beyond. Bibula stresses he will continue to grow high-demand vegetables throughout the season, such as tomatoes, carrots, beans, cucumbers, basil, zucchini, and winter squash, but his primary focus will be dedicated to maturing his fruit crops.

Store hours through spring are Tuesday-Wednesday: 12-6 p.m.; Thursday-Friday: 12-7 p.m.; and Saturday: 10 a.m.-6 p.m., as well as by appointment, and in April will expand to six days a week. Visa and MasterCard are graciously accepted.

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# Gorham Sno-Goers to Hold Appreciation Day and Open House

BY NOAH MINER  
Staff Writer

Gorham’s snowmobile club, The Gorham Sno-Goers, is holding a Landowner Appreciation Day and Open House at 209 Mighty Street on February 15th from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The event is to celebrate the new clubhouse and to express gratitude to the landowners who allow snowmobile trails across their properties. The old clubhouse, which was a former Grange Hall, was destroyed in a string of arson fires in April 2012. Still under investigation, the town is offering a reward of \$10,000 for information that leads to a conviction in the case. The Sno-Goers have since repurposed a portable classroom to serve as the new clubhouse.

According to Grant Caron, club treasurer, the Gorham Sno-Goers are a nonprofit snowmobile club that is part of the Maine Snowmobile Association. The club’s 50 volunteer members work to maintain 42 miles of snowmobile trails throughout Gorham. They clear and mark trails, build bridges, groom trails, and maintain landowner relationships. Caron stated, “If we didn’t have landowner permission, we wouldn’t have trails.” The club uses sleds with hydraulic drags to groom the narrow trails and track trucks, essentially an SUV with tracks instead of wheels, to smooth the wider sections of trail. A 3-mile section of Maine’s Interconnected Trail System, ITS 89, runs through Gorham, which the club is responsible for maintaining. Staking trails with signs, walking, and clearing takes an enormous effort; the club spent over 300 man-hours this year getting the trails ready.

The club is open to new members. Visit gorhamsnowgoers.org or search “Gorham Sno Goers” on Facebook to learn how to become a member. Dues are \$35 per family and \$50 for businesses. The club is funded with dues



Photo credit Suzie Phillips

The new clubhouse for the Gorham Sno-Goers has been rebuilt after being destroyed in an arson fire in 2012.

and an annual grant of \$3,700 from the State of Maine. The town of Gorham has also provided revenue to the club in the past by giving some of the revenue generated from the registration of the 767 snowmobiles registered in Gorham. According to Caron, the annual grant and membership dues do not cover the \$10,000 operating budget of the club. The \$4,000 shortfall is covered with donations and member gifts to the club. The club hopes to recruit new members and community support in order to increase revenue.

Trail maps are available upon request. Contact the club via the website to obtain a copy of the snowmobile trail map. The website is under construction, so please be patient.

If you are interested in riding in Gorham, pray for snow, mark the calendar, and get to the event on February 15th and get to know the Gorham Sno-Goers.

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# Technology Relationships

BY PAUL FLEURY

Most of us think carefully before entering into personal or professional relationships, but how much thought do we give our technology relationships before jumping in with both feet? Consider choosing a technology ecosystem that best fits your lifestyle and meets your technical needs.

With so many technology devices to choose from—desktop computers, laptops, ultra books, convertibles, tablets, e-readers, and smartphones—the first choice you need to make is which technology ecosystem you want to use. Currently, there are three major ecosystems in the technology device arena: Apple, Google and Microsoft. These ecosystems are the platforms upon which the devices operate.

For the purpose of this article, let's focus on tablets and smartphones. When purchasing a tablet or smartphone, the initial cost of the device is only the first expenditure you will make. Out of the box, your shiny new gadget allows you to access the Internet but you may want to download apps or games for the device—this is where the ecosystem comes into play. All of the ecosystems have stores where you can purchase apps, games, music, videos and more. The first time you

purchase something in one of these stores, you have entered into a technology relationship that you will be in for some time.

This relationship is often referred to as the “Golden Handcuffs.” The apps, games and sometimes the music or videos are only useable within the chosen device's ecosystem. For instance, you cannot use an app you purchased for your iPhone on an Android or Windows Phone, and vice versa. So, in the future, if you choose to switch to a different device that uses a different ecosystem, you will lose your investment in that app. The good news is that many apps are inexpensive, but it is not unusual for people to invest hundreds of dollars in apps. In order to protect your investment, you have to continue to upgrade devices within the same ecosystem. Hence, the Golden Handcuffs.

Currently, the Android (Google) platform is the most popular ecosystem, followed by Apple, and then Microsoft. This does not mean you should automatically choose the most popular ecosystem. There are other considerations, such as app availability, ease of use, type of use, the ecosystem the people you want to interface with are using, operating system functionality, and the overall experience. These factors

should influence your technology relationship choice.

App availability is probably the biggest determining factor for most people when choosing an ecosystem. Security on those apps is also very important. Both Apple and Microsoft only allow apps, even free ones, to be distributed through their stores, making it much more difficult for people who write malicious software (malware) to distribute their malware. Google allows apps to be distributed outside their store, and does not seem to control distribution as tightly. For this reason, and the fact that it is the most popular platform, it is also the platform with the most malware.

Each technology ecosystem has its merits. Choose the one that best fits your lifestyle and meets your technical needs. Just think carefully before entering into your technology relationship.



Paul Fleury is owner of CADDVANTAGE, Inc. DBA Maine Total Technology, which he founded in 1990. He has a B.S. in Civil Engineering, is a professional engineer (retired) and has over 23 years of professional IT experience.

## Fire Department Rises High to Promote Lung Health



Photo credit Rob Gaudette

Three Gorham Fire Department student live-ins competed in the 9th Annual American Lung Association “Fight for Air Climb” to the top of One Boston Place February 1st in Boston. Shown above from left to right—Jayme Lappin, Ashley Gaudette and Brandon Brichetto—climbed 82 flights of stairs and 41 stories wearing full protective clothing and wearing an air pack. Along with 1,200 other competitors, they each raised funds in the effort to improve lung health and prevent lung disease while competing with teams from all over New England and other states.

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# Meet the Newly Appointed Town Clerk

By LEANNE COOPER  
Staff Writer

The Gorham Town Office has a newly appointed Town Clerk. Jennifer Elliott was sworn in on January 7th at the close of the Town Council meeting in a special ceremony conducted by Brenda Caldwell, previous Town Councilor and Clerk from 1977 to 1986. Elliott had been Acting Town Clerk since the retirement of Connie Loughran in September 2013 and has now been appointed to the position on a permanent basis with the approval of the Town Council.

For the past fifteen years, Elliott has worked for the town as the Registrar of Voters and as Deputy and Assistant Clerk, so she is quite familiar with all aspects of the myriad responsibilities of the Clerkship's office. Elliott filled the



Photo credit Rich Obrey

vacant Deputy position she had held by appointing Laurie Nordfors to the post.

Elliott lives in Windham with her husband, Craig, and her sixteen-year-old daughter, Madison, and their two cats and a horse. She also has an older daughter, Carol, and a granddaughter, Leila. When she is not busy working for the town, Elliott enjoys reading, traveling and caring for stray animals.

# Town Wide Listing Project: Assessing Real Estate Property Tax

MIKE D'ARCANGELO, ASSESSOR  
Town of Gorham Tax Assessing Office

Beginning in July 2011, the Gorham Assessing Department started a multi-year real estate property inspection project with the goal of updating our records to include the most accurate information possible. This project involves staff going to each respective property in Gorham to verify current records including building dimensions and number of floors, building wear and tear or depreciation, design features and building materials for each building. We measure the building exteriors and typically do not need to measure anything inside. We need about ten minutes to inspect and gather information regarding the building interiors.

Because of the large number of properties we need to look at (approximately 5,500), as well as Maine's unpredictable weather, it is difficult to schedule appointments with homeowners. We send letters to homeowners letting them know approximately when we will be in their neighborhood. If no one is home when we visit, we leave a small yellow tag asking the owner to call us. The information we need can often be gathered through a phone

call. If an owner is not home during our visit, it is important that he/she contact us. Without accurate information regarding home interiors, we are forced make estimates, which could be unfair to the homeowner or to all other Gorham taxpayers.

The goal of this project is to assign tax values that are reflective of market value to the best of our ability. Per State of Maine law, real estate taxes should be based on relative market value, so a property worth one half as much as another should pay one half as much real estate tax.

We hope to finish this project within the next eighteen months. We will be completing sales studies along the way that may result in tax value changes based on sale prices. Only at the completion of the project will we make any tax value changes resulting from the Listing Project. We will send letters to property owners explaining any tax value changes.

We appreciate how helpful Gorham property owners have been and would encourage anyone to contact us with any questions or concerns about this project or any other tax related issues. We can be reached by phone at 222-1600.

# Maine Brings Charges Against Gary Irving

By SHERI FABER  
Staff Writer

Gary Irving, now 53, was convicted of three counts of rape in Massachusetts in 1979. He fled to Maine, married and raised his family on South Street in Gorham, living under his brother's name, Gregg Irving. In March of 2013, police located and arrested Irving in Gorham, and returned him to Massachusetts where he was sentenced to up to 40 years for his crimes in that state. He has now been brought back to Maine to face additional charges that include being a fugitive in possession of

firearms, Social Security fraud and aggravated identity theft. Police found four shotguns, four rifles and a revolver in his house when he was arrested last year. Due to his conviction on rape charges, he was a convicted felon and therefore not allowed to possess guns. He faces an additional 10 years in prison on the weapons charges as well as five years for the Social Security fraud and two years on the aggravated identity theft charge.

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# GHS Winter Sports Update

COMPILED BY JEFF PIKE  
Sports Editor

## Cheerleaders Win Sportsmanship Award

At the February 9th Class A State Championship at the Augusta Civic Center, Gorham finished sixth with 133.5 points while Biddeford won event with 158.8 points. Gorham also received the Class A West Good Sportsmanship Award for the spirit and class the team demonstrated during the season.

**Girls' Hockey Playoffs:** The Rams won two of their final three games to finish 7-11 and earn a spot in the Western Maine playoffs. Going head-to-head with Cheverus on January 30th for the final playoff spot, Gorham won 4-3 with **Allison Rullo** scoring the game-winning goal with just six minutes left in the game. **Charlotte Smith** also

played a leading role with two goals and an assist. With the sixth-place ranking, the Rams faced off against third-ranked Biddeford in the quarterfinals on February 4th. The team played its best hockey of the year but suffered a heartbreaking 1-0 loss in overtime. Goalkeeper **Maddy Hamblen** was superb in net, saving 46 of 47 shots, and the Rams tallied 30 shots in the back-and-forth game. "While a victory would have been terrific, the girls had a very successful season in achieving a playoff berth," said head coach Nat Germond.

**Girls' Basketball:** Gorham won its last three games to finish the season 13-5 and ranked fifth in Western Maine Class A. The Rams host Falmouth in the first round of the playoffs February 12th at 7 p.m. **Emily Esposito** scored a team season-high 29 points to go along with

14 rebounds in a 59-33 win over Bonny Eagle on January 4th. She also finished the season ranked third in the SMAA Conference in scoring (17.6) and second in rebounding (9.1).

**Boys' Basketball:** The Rams finished the regular season with an 8-10 record and earned a spot in the playoffs as the ninth seed among twelve qualifying teams. Gorham was scheduled to travel to Noble for a playoff preliminary round on February 11th. In wins over South Portland and Windham on January 28th and 31st respectively, **Sam Kilborn** and **Nick Thibeault** combined for 58 points while **Cory Nadeau** dished out eight assists.

**Boys' Hockey:** The team was 10-3 and ranked second in Western Maine Class B at press time with five games remain-

ing in the regular season. Goalkeeper **Justin Broy** was first in the league in wins (8), goals-against-average (1.50 per game), and save percentage (92.4%). **Jared Wood** was leading the team with 12 goals 12 assists, which was tied for fourth in the league with 24 points overall. **Shawn Sullivan** and **Tucker Buteau** are tied for seventh with 23 points overall each while **Dylan Turner** is tied for fourth in points among defensemen and **Andrew Schmidt** is tied for sixth.

**Girls' Skiing:** In the team's January 31st giant slalom, multi-team meet, **Emma Christakis** finished 14th, the highest finish of the season thus far for the team.

**Boys' Skiing:** **Nate Roberts** finished fourth and **Joe Moutinho** finished seventh during the team's January 31st giant slalom, multi-team meet.

## in the Zone

Gorham's **Susan Greenwood** is one of 12 skaters that participate for the Nor'Easters Open Adult Synchronized Skating Team. The team earned a silver medal at the Colonial Classic January 19 in Massachusetts followed by a 10th-place finish February 1st at the U.S. Eastern Synchronized Skating Sectional Championships at Hershey Park Arena in Pennsylvania. Greenwood has skated for

17 years, and this is her third year on the team, which represents the North Atlantic Figure Skating Club of Falmouth.

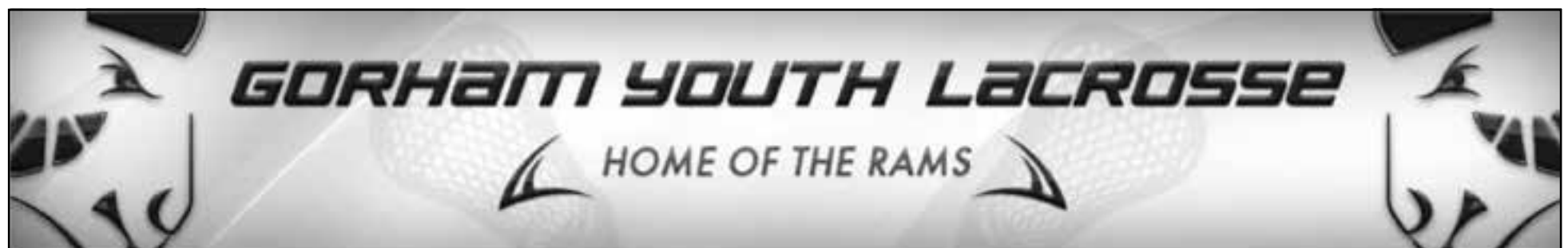
**College Track Captain: Jake Willis** (GHS '10), a senior at Ithaca College in New York, is the captain of the men's indoor track team. Willis competes in the long jump and sprints with an indoor season-best in the long jump of 19-06.75. During

the 2013 spring outdoor season, Willis posted times of 11.17 in the 100 meters, 22.63 in the 200 meters, and 21-07.50 in the long jump—all among the top-four team performances of the season.

Jake Willis, pictured right, shown in sprint-relay action during the 2013 outdoor track season at Ithaca College.



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K/1 <sup>st</sup> /2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup> /4 <sup>th</sup>
3 <sup>rd</sup> /4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup> /6 <sup>th</sup>
5 <sup>th</sup> /6 <sup>th</sup>	

Please note that **online registration is a three-step process**. First, create an account for your player on the Gorham Youth Lacrosse Website at <http://www.gorhamlacrosse.org/>. Next, register for US Lacrosse—you will be connected to this site via the GYL website. Third, click the "Registration" tab on the GYL website homepage and, then click "Register" in the upper right hand corner of the page.

**Please contact Eric Begonia, President of Gorham Youth Lacrosse, if you have any questions at cell phone: (207) 749-9930 or email: [ericbegonia@yahoo.com](mailto:ericbegonia@yahoo.com).**

# Gray and Swiatek Win Indoor Track Conference Championships

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*Sports Editor*

Two Gorham track athletes captured individual SMAA Conference Championships February 8th at USM. **Jon Gray** won the boys' Senior 800 meters while **Sophia Swiatek** won the girls' pole

vault. Among the 13 schools that competed, the boys' team finished seventh with 55 points (first-place Scarborough tallied 192) while the girls finished ninth with 37 points, with overall winner Thornton Academy totaling 135 points. Following are all the Gorham athletes who earned points in the meet:

## Boys

**Senior 800 Meters:** Jon Gray (1st place) 2:04.63.  
**Open 1600 Sprint Medley Relay:** Mitch Rossignol, Travis Grant, Spencer Linscott, Gray (2) 3:51.67.  
**Open 55 Meter Hurdles:** Branden Kuusela (3) 9.28.  
**Open Two-Mile:** Thomas Bradshaw (4) 10:30.95.  
**Open 4x800 Meter Relay:** Gray, Ethan Orach, Linscott, Doug Beahm (4) 9:08.98.  
**Senior: 200 Meters:** Rossignol (5) 24.05.  
**Junior Long Jump:** Emerson Fox (2) 17-11.00.  
**Junior Triple Jump:** Kuusela (2) 37-00.50.  
**Junior 55 Meter Hurdles:** Kuusela (3) 8.88.  
**Junior 200 Meters:** Fox (5) 25.20.  
**Junior 400 Meters:** Kuusela (6) 58.97.  
**Junior 800 Meters:** Orach (6) 2:18.18.  
**Junior 4x200 Meter Relay:** Fox, Orach, Tony Cooper, Kuusela (6) 1:47.07.

## Girls

**Open Pole Vault:** Sophia Swiatek (1st place) 9-06.00; Abby Perkins (4) 7-06.00.  
**Open 1600 Sprint Medley Relay:** Kristin Benson, Abby Perkins, Hannah Southard, Jackie Turner (2) 4:34.89.  
**Open 600 Yards:** Turner (3) 1:34.65.  
**Senior 200 Meters:** Benson (4) 27.38.  
**Senior 800 Meters:** Turner (5) 2:33.47.  
**Senior 55 Meters:** Benson (6) 7.84.  
**Senior Triple Jump:** Southard (6) 31-04.75.  
**Senior Shot Put:** Swiatek (6) 32-01.50.

# GHS Girls' Basketball Battles Cancer



Photo credit: Tim Spear

The GHS girls' basketball team has won many games this year but came through with its biggest win of the season at a home game January 31st by donating more than \$1,300 to the Maine Cancer Foundation in the team's "Coaches vs. Cancer" fundraising effort. Pictured above, from left to right, are Tyler Berthiaume, the GHS game-clock operator; senior co-captain Jessica Rexrode; Tyler's brother and head coach Laughn Berthiaume; and senior co-captain Emily Deluca. The team presented flowers to the brothers and donated the funds in honor of their father, Francis Berthiaume, who passed away in June.

# sports Etc.

**USM Baseball Clinic:** The USM baseball team hosts its annual Baseball Clinic February 23rd, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Costello Fieldhouse on the Gorham

campus. Cost is \$50 with all proceeds funding the team's annual spring trip. Players ages 8-18 are welcome. FMI, contact Coach Flaherty at 780-5474.

# Sposato Wins Twice at Swimming Conference Championship

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points. Massabesic finished first with 243 points.

**Timmer Sposato** won two events at the boys' South Southwesterns Championship Swim Meet at Westbrook on February 7th—the 200-yard freestyle with a time of 1:50.89 and the 100-yard backstroke with a time of 57.82. Overall the Gorham boys' team placed seventh out of twelve teams with 87

In the girls' competition on February 8th, Gorham placed fourth with a total of 152 points as Waynflete won with 190 points. The top finish for the Rams came in the 200 freestyle relay as **Delaney Burns, Alicia Robinson, Hannah LeBlanc, and Sophia Swiatek** placed second. Listed below are the Gorham swimmers that placed among the top ten finishers.

## Girls' Swimming Top-Ten Finishers

**200 Yard Freestyle Relay:** Delaney Burns, Alicia Robinson, Hannah LeBlanc, Sophia Swiatek (2nd place) 1:56.07.  
**500 Freestyle:** Ashley Clark (4) 5:56.00.  
**400 Freestyle Relay:** Burns, Robinson, Clark, Molly Sposato, (4) 4:13.85.  
**200 Medley Relay:** Logan Letourneau, Clark, Blanca Monsen, Swiatek (5) 2:12.29.  
**200 Individual Medley:** Monsen (6) 2:39.36.  
**50 Freestyle:** LeBlanc (6) 28.65; Swiatek (7) 28.78.  
**100 Freestyle:** Robinson (6) 1:03.92; LeBlanc (9) 1:05.92.  
**200 Freestyle:** Sposato (7) 2:22.34; Burns (9) 2:25.71.  
**100 Butterfly:** Monsen (7) 1:13.46.  
**100 Breaststroke:** Sposato (7) 1:19.89.

## Boys' Swimming Top-Ten Finishers

**200 Yard Freestyle:** Timmer Sposato (1st place) 1:50.89.  
**100 Backstroke:** Sposato (1) 57.82.  
**200 Freestyle Relay:** Parker Lane, Riley Jenson, Caleb Goodall, Sposato (3) 1:40.37 24.  
**50 Freestyle:** Goodall (7) 24.64.  
**200 Medley Relay:** Ben Clark, Andrew Eaton, Jenson, Goodall (8) 2:08.80  
**400 Freestyle Relay:** Tyler Goodwin, Harrison Reeder, Eaton, Joseph Fiset (9) 4:40.12.






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# Gorham High School Proudly Presents "Mother Hicks"

"MOTHER HICKS IS A WITCH, PEOPLE SAY..."

BY EILEEN AVERY  
Director

The Gorham High School Drama Program presents scenes from Suzan Zeder's "Mother Hicks."

The town of Ware, Illinois has its share of problems like many small towns during the Great Depression. "Mother Hicks" weaves together the story of three outsiders—a founding girl known only as Girl; a deaf boy, eloquent in the language of his silence; and an eccentric recluse, Mother Hicks, who is suspected of being a witch. The tale, told with poetry and

sign language, chronicles the journeys of these three to find themselves, and each other, in a troubled time.

This show is Gorham High School's entry into the Maine Principals' Association One Act Drama Competition. This year, Gorham will compete at Marshwood High School on March 7 & 8.

Performances of "Mother Hicks" are in the McCormack Performing Arts Center at Gorham High School on February 14 and 15 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$6 for the General Public, \$4 for students/senior citizens and will be sold at the door.



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Abandoned by her family, Girl (Chloe Gray) searches for her "people" and along her journey meets Mother Hicks (GraceAnn Burns). "Mother Hicks is a witch, people say..." Girl's past and future are entwined with superstition and folklore that envelope a small midwest town as they try to survive the Dust Bowl during the Great Depression.

# Grad Shares Experiences in China

Compiled from  
gmsprincipalspage.com

Riley Perkins (GHS'13) returned to Gorham Middle School in November to speak to eighth grade students about his trip to China as part of the National Security Language Initiative for Youth (NSLI-Y). Perkins shared the adventures he experienced while living in China for a summer, including what it was like to live with a host family, learning about Chinese culture, and amusing students about the many different sights, sounds, and smells he experienced. Students were treated to many glorious pictures and

some of the real stories about life as a Chinese teenager.

Students were engaged as Perkins spun the tales of his journey, encouraging them to look beyond the boundaries of Gorham, and to follow their dreams. Perkins surprised students with many surprises during his ninety-minute talk, but about ten of the eighth grade students surprised him when they told him they were taking Mandarin Language and Chinese Culture this year as students at GMS.

Principal Bob Riley thanked Perkins for sharing his knowledge and experiences with the students at Gorham Middle School.

# Geography Bee Won by Eighth Grade Student

The annual Gorham School District's National Geographic Geography Bee was held on January 22 in auditorium at Gorham Middle School. Alex Ousback, an eighth grade student at GMS, won this year's bee. He will compete at the state bee in April in Farmington. The winner of the state bee goes to the finals in Washington, DC in May.

Runner-up was Camden Sawyer, a sixth grade student at GMS. Over fifty competitors were part of this year's bee. Thanks to this year's judges: Rep. Andrew McLean, Jason Lambert, and Donna Pastore. Special thanks to Sagittarius Studio for sponsoring the \$100 prize and to Jeffrey Carpenter who serves as the district coordinator and host every year.

# Masquerade Party

Gorham High School's Civil Rights Team would like to invite Gorham students and their families to a Mystery Masquerade Party on Friday, February 14, from 6 to 9 p.m., at GHS. Admission will be \$5 each. The Civil Rights Team has tried to focus attention recently on the "masks we live in" - how we try to present ourselves, what we hide, and how we make connections with others from guarded positions. For this party, attendees are encouraged to dress up and don a mask for a celebration--Valentine's Day and the start of February vacation! Come socialize and sleuth to solve a murder mystery, frolic and pose in our ball pit, munch on tiny hors d'oeuvres and enjoy great music.

- WHAT:** Mystery Masquerade Party by GHS Civil Rights Team
- WHO:** Gorham Students & Families
- WHEN:** Friday, February 14th  
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- COST:** \$5 each

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# Narragansett Thanks Gorham Education Foundation



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Narragansett School recently received a grant from the Gorham Educational Foundation. The funds helped purchase materials for after-school Kids Clubs. Students in Mrs. McKeen's classroom wanted to say thank you with their big smiles and their card.

## school notes

Check out the new and exciting courses available at Gorham Adult Education this semester, including "Halter Top Apron: Make Your Own Reversible Apron" and "DIY Green Cleaning & Chemical Free Eco-Living." For a complete list of courses, visit [www.gorham.maineadulted.org](http://www.gorham.maineadulted.org) or call 222-1095.

# Winter Picnic and Bingo Night



Photo credit Polly Brann

Over 150 children, parents, grandparents and staff turned out for the annual Winter Picnic and Bingo Night held at Narragansett School on Thursday, January 31. Families brought a picnic supper and enjoyed hot chocolate and a cookie prior to the game. Bingo callers, Mr. Penley, Mr. Fortier, and Mrs. Chasse, dressed up for the event. Winners went home with games and gift certificates. It was great fun and a wonderful community event.

# Welcome to Kindergarten!

Gorham's three elementary schools, Great Falls, Narragansett and Village, will be holding the following events for incoming kindergarten students. To find out which neighborhood school your child will attend, please visit [www.gorhamschools.org/transportation](http://www.gorhamschools.org/transportation) or call the Transportation Office at 893-2547.

Parent Information Night: Thursday, March 6, 6-6:30 p.m. at your neighbor-

hood school. Registration and screening appointments can be scheduled from 6:30-7 p.m. Storm date: Tues., March 18.

Kindergarten screening is by appointment at your neighborhood school. Screening will take place on the following dates:

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# Home Playoff Game February 12<sup>th</sup>

The GHS girls' basketball team hosts Falmouth February 12th at 7 p.m. in the preliminary round of the Western Maine Class A playoffs.



## Revenue Sharing CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

Gorham and every other community in Maine, received the funds they needed to maintain services and keep property taxes low. The Governor's proposed budget would have had devastating consequences on our cities and towns. The revised budget that the legislature developed, though not perfect, was far better than the Governor's proposal. We were able to restore a significant amount of the revenue sharing that was slated for elimination. This year we are faced with a similar challenge and are committed to making sure that Gorham's revenue sharing is restored.

You have asked us to work to restore full funding of the Municipal Revenue Sharing program by making this program a priority for additional funding. This goal is not only a key Democratic priority for this legislative session, but the first and foremost priority to be addressed by the Appropriations and Financial Affairs Committee this session.

We are also disappointed that the Tax Expenditure Review Task Force was unable to recommend repeal of tax expenditures totaling the \$40 million it was charged to find to balance the 2014-2015 biennial budget. We recognize that shifting the tax burden to municipalities and thereby, to property taxes (unquestionably the most regressive form of tax) is completely unacceptable.

Democratic leaders on the state's budget-writing committee are spearheading a measure to restore the state's revenue sharing funds to local communities. We want you to know we will do all we can to stave off more of the Governor's cuts to cities and schools and prevent property tax hikes.

The measure, LR 2721, An Act Related to the Report of the Tax Expenditure Review Task Force Pursuant to PL 2013, c. 368, Part S, is to have a public hearing on Jan. 22, 2014 at 10 a.m. Details

of the hearing and a copy of the bill are enclosed. We strongly recommend that the Town Council send representation to testify at the public hearing in favor of the bill.

As you know, in December, Governor LePage doubled down on his threat to eliminate revenue sharing to towns and even went so far as to call revenue sharing "welfare". We do not agree but we cannot defend revenue sharing alone. We need your help in making sure the Governor knows that Gorham needs the revenue sharing it is owed from the state. We need you to let other legislators know how harmful it will be to municipal services, schools and our constituents.

We also would like to offer to come before the Town Council to share with you how strongly we feel about restoring Municipal Revenue Sharing, to hear your concerns and to answer any of your questions. Please let us know how we can best arrange for that meeting if desired. We look forward to partnering with you to make sure that we restore revenue sharing and ensure that we do not shift the tax burden to Gorham residents.

Respectfully, Gorham State Legislators  
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Linda Sanborn, and Representative  
Andrew McLean

Since the letter was written, the Maine House of Representatives has voted 114-21 to spend \$40 million from the State's "rainy day fund" in order to avoid cutting that amount from revenue sharing. LePage will undoubtedly veto this legislation and it will be up to the Legislature to either override or sustain his veto. Governor LePage has said he will not authorize releasing millions of dollars in bond issues that have been approved by voters if the revenue sharing plan goes through and that the state should do away with revenue sharing entirely.

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 Alexis Merrifield (GHS '13), Thomas College, Criminal Justice major  
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 Evan Peoples (GHS '13), McDaniel College  
 Riley Perkins (GHS '13), American University  
 Michelle Pham (GHS '13), University of New England  
 Mia Rapolla (GHS '11), Merrimack College  
 Sabrina Rowell (GHS '12), Salve Regina University, Nursing major  
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### ENGAGEMENTS

Paul and Fran Doucette recently announced the engagement of their daughter **Amy Doucette** to **Tim Gagnon** of Tyngsboro, Mass. After dating for three years, the couple became engaged this past summer. A summer wedding in Kennebunk is planned.

### OF INTEREST

Anne Stuart, Lin Lisberger, Nancy Craig, Althea Masterson, Jan Miliano, Mary Patterson, and Ann Withington celebrate the 20th year of their book club where they have enjoyed lively discussions of more than 200 books.



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A Dance & Silent Auction with entertainment by **Motor Booty Affair** will be held on Saturday, Mar. 1, 7:30 p.m. at the Gold Room on Warren Avenue in Portland to benefit Gorham High School Project Graduation. Advance tickets are \$15 and may be purchased from the Bookworm. FMI, contact Amy at [arstory@gmail.com](mailto:arstory@gmail.com) or 839-4383.

Auditions will be open to everyone in the Gorham community for the **4th Annual Gorham's Got Talent fundraiser** on Thursday, Feb. 27 from 2:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Gorham Middle School. This family friendly show will be held on Friday, Mar. 7 at 7 p.m. To schedule an audition time, call Jeffrey Carpenter at 749-2837 or [jeffreyc@gorhamschools.org](mailto:jeffreyc@gorhamschools.org).

The **Gorham High School Drama Program** will present scenes from Suzan Zeder's One Act Play "Mother Hicks" on Friday, Feb. 14 & Saturday, Feb. 15 at 7:30 p.m. \$6/\$4.

**Paul Morse** (GHS '12), a Theology major at St. Joseph's College, recently completed a weeklong service trip to Guatemala, and **Kayla Harris** (GHS '13), an Elementary Ed major at St. Joseph's College, completed a weeklong service trip to Haiti. Both students participated in Maine's International Service Trips in conjunction with Partners in Development.

The **St. Anne's Council of the Knights of Columbus** will begin holding Lenten Baked Haddock Dinners at the St. Anne's Parish Hall, 299 Main Street in Gorham on Fridays from 5 to 6:30 p.m. beginning Feb. 28. \$9/\$5.

**USM Baseball Clinic:** The USM baseball team hosts its annual Baseball Clinic February 23rd, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Costello Fieldhouse on the Gorham campus. Cost is \$50 with all proceeds funding the team's annual spring trip. Players ages 8-18 are welcome. FMI, contact Coach Flaherty at 780-5474.

### ONGOING EVENTS

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The **Southern Maine Agency on Aging** will hold office hours every Thursday from 9 a.m. to 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.j

The **Gorham Medical Closet** located at the Municipal Center, 75 South St., is free and available to Gorham residents in need of portable wheelchairs, hospital beds, shower seats, commodes, walkers, canes and more. FMI, call 839-4579, 839-3630 or 839-3936.

### USM NOTES

A **Valentine concert** featuring violinist **Ronald Lantz** and pianist **Laura Kargul** will be held on Friday, Feb. 14, 8 p.m. at Corthell Concert Hall, Gorham campus. "Valentine's Day with Lantz and Kargul: To Clara, with Love." (Snow date Feb. 15) \$15/\$10/\$5. FMI, 780-5555 or [usm.maine.edu/music/boxoffice](http://usm.maine.edu/music/boxoffice)

The **USM Department of Theatre** will perform the drama "Doubt" by John Patrick Shanley, off-campus at Portland Stage, 25A Forest Ave. in Portland through Feb. 16. \$15/\$11/\$8. Directed by William Steele. FMI, 780-5151 or [usm.maine.edu/theatre](http://usm.maine.edu/theatre).

### CLOSE TO HOME

**Schoolhouse Arts Center** will hold auditions for "Godspell" on Sunday, Feb. 23 from 6 to 8 p.m. and Monday, Feb. 24 from 6 to 7 p.m. Callbacks will be Monday, Feb. 24 from 7 to 9 p.m. Show dates will be April 25, 26, 27; May 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, 11. FMI, 632-3658.

There will be a **Bean Supper** on Saturday, Feb. 15 from 5 to 6 p.m. at the North Congregational Church, 22 Church Hill Rd. in Buxton. \$8. Snowdate, Feb. 22.

**Vivid Motion** is holding open dance auditions for "The Seven Voyages of Sinbad" on Saturday, Feb. 22 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Acorn Productions Studio, 90 Bridge Street in Westbrook. Show dates are May 15 -18. FMI, [www.vividmotion.org](http://www.vividmotion.org)

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tions with priority given to locations that either received a public complaint or require follow-up inspections after a failure. Maine employs ten full-time health inspectors to inspect thousands of restaurants, hotels, tattoo parlors and summer camps across the state.

Last July, Thatcher's Restaurant and Sports Pub on School Street was non-compliant in fifteen areas, six of them critical. The inspector observed unclean food preparation areas, hand washing sinks being used for food preparation, improper storage of cold food and cheese with mold.

Jan Mee II's inspection came as the result of a public complaint. During the two-hour inspection in September, health inspector Laurie Davis found only two critical risk factors for foodborne illness. However, with 10 instances of failure to take "measures to control the addition of pathogens, chemicals, and physical objects into foods," the School Street location failed. The inspector noted that the restaurant needed cleaning "from top to bottom."

Mr. Bagel, a chain restaurant in Gorham's village failed its regular inspection in September. The restaurant had four critical violations including improper cold food storage and insufficient handwashing facilities in the food preparation area. According to the 2013 database of state inspections compiled by The Portland Press Herald, the failure at Mr. Bagel was the second in the state for that franchise; the South Portland location also failed during a summer

inspection which was prompted by a customer complaint.

Heather Moody-Swain, owner of Mr. Bagel, was happy to share the story of her inspection. "Our issues were a lot of cosmetics," she said by phone this week. "They gave me two weeks to fix things, which I did. We passed our follow-up inspection with flying colors." Moody-Swain is also enrolled in a state-mandated food-safety training program in order to become accredited as a Certified Food Protection Manager.

All three restaurants passed follow-up inspections. In fact, Jan Mee II did not have a single problem in their January 10, 2014 inspection.

The Maine Restaurant Association notes serious incongruence among the passage rates of restaurants in certain counties leading consumers to believe that some state inspectors are stricter than others. Five communities in the state have been given license to employ their own inspectors. Portland, for example, has hired inspectors in an effort to increase the rate of inspection. The city is looking to protect its reputation as a dining destination in New England.

Currently, Maine does not have a statewide online system for sharing restaurant inspection reports. Restaurants are required by law to allow consumers access to their most recent state inspections. Citizens can also request inspection reports from the Maine Department of Health and Human Services.

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County Road caller who was on their way to work noticed horses at a farm were outside and covered in snow. Caller did not believe this was safe for them.

Daniel Street caller reported a male subject who came to caller's door saying he was sent by the management company to put smoke detectors in the house. When he was asked the name of the management company, male subject didn't know it.

Morrill Avenue caller reported that a snow-plov was stolen from a vehicle parked in the lot.

Complainant requested a phone call from an officer regarding a female subject posting harassing statements on Facebook and tagging caller's 16-year-old in the posts.

Spiller Road caller stated there was a large group of kids in the road with bats throwing things at caller's car as they went by.

Mosher Road caller advising a female was trying to steal his car and his tools.

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- Toddler Time for ages 18-36 mos., 10 a.m., Baxter Memorial Library.
- Sewing Group, 2:30 p.m., Baxter Library.
- Gorham Food Pantry Open, 9-11 a.m.

### FRIDAY, FEB. 14

- Toddler Time for ages 18-36 mos., 10 a.m., Baxter Memorial Library.

### MONDAY, FEB. 17

- Winter Vacation week begins. No school for grades K-12.
- Baxter Library Closed for President's Day.

### TUESDAY, FEB. 18

- Pirate Day, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Baxter Memorial Library.

### WEDNESDAY, FEB. 19

- Senior Lunch at St. Anne's Church, 12 p.m. \$3.50. Sponsored by the Town of Gorham.
- Chickadee Day, 1 p.m., Baxter Memorial Library.

### THURSDAY, FEB. 20

- Gorham Food Pantry Open, 9-11 a.m.
- Baby and Me Storytime for ages 0-18 mos., 9:30 a.m., Baxter Memorial Library.
- Toddler Time for ages 18-36 mos., 10 a.m., Baxter Memorial Library.

### FRIDAY, FEB. 21

- She Sells Sea Shells by The Sea Shore, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Baxter Memorial Library.

### TUESDAY, FEB. 25

- Pre-school Storytime for ages 3-5, 9:30 a.m., Baxter Memorial Library.

### WEDNESDAY, FEB. 26

- Senior Lunch at St. Anne's Church, 12 p.m. \$3.50. Sponsored by the Town of Gorham.
- Gorham Food Pantry Open, 6-7 p.m.

### THURSDAY, FEB. 27

- Gorham Food Pantry Open, 9-11 a.m.
- Baby and Me Storytime for ages 0-18 mos., 9:30 a.m., Baxter Memorial Library.
- Toddler Time for ages 18-36 mos., 10 a.m., Baxter Memorial Library.

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