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Plans for Little Falls School Moving Forward

By Sheri Faber Staff Writer

In November 2012, voters approved \$500,000 in funds to renovate the former Little Falls School for use as a community center and as a site for Recreation Department activities. The Town Council had Bennett Engineering review the current one-zone heating system. They estimated the cost to replace it at \$370,000. In addition, the building will need a sprinkler system at an additional cost of \$52,000. The engineering firm proposed engineering services for the next phase of the project and monitoring of the construction for a total of \$17,500. In addition to the heating system, it is anticipated that repairs will need to be made to the roof and windows.

Also under consideration for this project is the possible extension of natural gas from Canal Street to Little Falls. The final cost to the town for extending natural gas ranges from \$0 to approximately \$16,000 depending on how many other users along that route sign up.

At the March Council Meeting, the Council tabled the item until the April meeting to allow more time for the town to evaluate the estimated costs of the heating system.

Ridgewood Considering Expansion

By Sheri Faber Staff Writer

Avesta Housing, which provides

By NOAH MINER Staff Writer

Construction at the new Martin's Point Primary Care facility at 575 Main Street is moving along despite the unseasonably cold weather this winter. The 13,000 square foot facility, located next to Beal's Ice Cream, should be complete in August 2014. The facility will have 12 exam rooms, radiology services, laboratory service, treatment rooms, and office space. In addition to the functional spaces, the building will have a community room for group classes that, according to Martin's Point spokesperson Michelle Koutalakis, "will offer creative ways to manage healthcare and provide a holistic approach to wellness and health."

The building will be one level with 24-foot ceilings spanning the center office space. It will have a drive through drop off area with a sweeping canopy. There will be parking for 81 vehicles. Traffic will enter and exit the facility using the traffic signal at Mosher's Corner. Approximately 25



The front elevation of the proposed new Martin's Point Primary Care facility at Mosher's Corner.

people will staff the facility. Because Martin's Point is growing quickly, this new Gorham facility will serve as a template for the future expansions elsewhere in the region.

New Martin's Point Facility Continues

to Move Along Despite Cold Weather

According to Grit Richards from PC Construction Management, the framing is 25 percent complete and the underground electrical is currently being located to the site. PC Construction Management is using Maine-based contractors including Gorham Sand and Gravel, Rich Exteriors, and Roland's Drywall. Martin's Point will be vacating the space it currently occupies at The Old Richardson Place once the new building is ready. The Old Richardson Place owner and Gorham resident Tim O'Neill is excited about the transition and is looking to acquire new tenants. He said the 4,000 square foot space will be renovated and built to suit. Great Falls Construction will be updating the building while keeping the property's historical integrity intact.

Chair Masters: Students Share Art with Gorham House Residents

By PAM TORDOFF Staff Writer

A group of nineteen students from Gorham High School (GHS) gathered at Gorham House on February 27 for a very special presentation. Sarah Dolley's GHS Art II class had been given a unique assignment. They were given a list of famous artists and were asked to choose one of their paintings to be painted on a metal folding chair. After seeing something similar done by another school, Donna Davis, activity director at Gorham House, had the idea to have the art students paint the chairs and make them available at Gorham House for visitors to use. Dolley said, " I loved the idea and thought it was a great way to connect classroom learning with our community and for my students to have a



low income housing as well as assisted living apartments, is looking into the feasibility of adding 24 units to Ridgewood, a housing complex for low income seniors located at 101 School Street. Avesta is considering building the additional 24 units at the site on the land closest to Route 114, as well as possibly converting current office space into a community center. The original proposal for Ridgewood required a contract zone and this proposal will also trigger the need for a contract zone.

Existing apartments at Ridgewood are open to residents 62 years old or older or who are disabled. Avesta also owns The Inn at Village Square,

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Ginny Berry admires a chair painted by Caitlyn Duffy of The Scream by Edvard Munch.

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NEWS FROM AUGUSTA

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.

"Strengthening Digital Learning in Maine"

BY SEN. JIM BOYLE

Education is one of the greatest equalizers of opportunity. It is the first step on the road to success, and we must do more to ensure all Maine children are able to take that first step. There is a growing interest in the role digital learning can play in strengthening educational opportunities for our students, and this session the Legislature is considering a bill to expand access to digital learning opportunities in Maine by creating a state-run digital learning exchange.

The bill would create a stakeholder group to develop a state-run digital learning exchange, or virtual school. The exchange would act as an online portal where digital learning resources, such as individual lessons and even entire courses, would be available to Maine students, teachers, and parents.

In a rural state like Maine where distance and a lack of resources can create serious obstacles, online learning could be very beneficial. If a school doesn't offer a particular class, or if a student has a scheduling conflict, or is sick and has to miss school for long periods of time, the digital exchange would offer

the opportunity to supplement the student's education. For example, if a student wanted to take an Advanced Placement course in American History but his school didn't offer it, so long as he had access to the state exchange, he could take the class online.

Maine has the capacity to make the most of digital learning. In fact, there are already close to 50 Maine high schools participating in a digital learning collaborative started last year that blends regular classroom learning and online learning. The important building blocks-terrific teachers, innovative school administers, and available technology-are all in place. We just have to put them together the right way, and we need to ensure that public tax dollars are used wisely and in a way that benefits as many students as possible.

A state-run digital exchange provides greater opportunities and benefits to more people than a private, for-profit virtual charter school. A state-administered exchange would be accessible and available to all Maine students, whereas only a few students could attend a private virtual charter school.

Also, a state-run digital exchange would be a nonprofit organization and would keep the focus on our students, instead of the bottom line. Education shouldn't be about shareholder profits, yet many virtual schools are run by out-of-state for-profit corporations.

The question before us is not whether we should bring virtual education to Maine, but rather how we can do it in the best, most equitable way possible. We want to get this right, and learn from the states that have gone before us. That's why the bill establishes a temporary moratorium on all other virtual charter schools.

By creating a state-run virtual program, we will ensure that all Maine students, not just a select few, have the opportunity to benefit from virtual learning.

As I write this, both the Senate and the House have initially approved the bill. It faces further votes in both chambers.



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Dear Gorbam Times:

I was surprised to learn that Gorham elementary schools have banned parents from providing cupcakes and other foods for holiday and birthday celebrations in the interest of "wellness" and a "healthier school environment." I thought Mayor Bloomberg's ban against 20-ounce soft drinks in New York City was over the top, but the Gorham ban takes the cake.

When addressing the need for a 4.2% increase in the school budget, Superintendent Sharp said that schools were faced with the "challenges and responsibilities that contemporary society expects of them." I hope he didn't include banning cupcakes and similar foods in that category. If so, perhaps our schools are taking on roles not intended or suited for them.

all such foods in their offices, break and lunch rooms, including that evil drink, carbonated soda.

Moreover, at Halloween, I would expect the schools to encourage parents not to let their children participate in trick or treat in the interest of wellness. I would expect faculty and staff not to participate on a personal level either, but would instead hand out "stickers or pencils" as suggested in the letter sent to parents announcing the ban.

Clinton C. (Charlie) Pearson, Colonel, USAF (Retired)

Dear Gorbam Times:

At Gorham Elementary Schools, children are having fun at classroom celebrations without any food involved. Last spring, Let's Go! Champion, Frank

Gorham's three K-5 schools. This movement began when the Great Falls wellness team was dedicated to increase opportunities for physical activity and promote healthy nutrition throughout their school day.

DeFrancesco connected with the former Let's Go! Champion at Pond Cove Elementary School in Cape Elizabeth, whose school started providing non-food celebrations over ten years ago, as well as the Windham Raymond School District, whom recently revised their wellness policy to also provide only non-food celebrations. With the help of these schools, DeFrancesco created a researchedbased presentation on the impact of unhealthy behaviors and the importance of providing healthier options like non-food celebrations. The presen-

tation provided a number of reasons

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why a change in practice is critical for children's health and academic

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For example, schools often seek to regulate historically accepted activity in the name of the greater good when no one asked them to. In the same vein, schools now attempt to regulate off campus behavior unrelated to school functions.

As for what other schools systems implement. I don't care whether Cape Elizabeth or Windham ban cupcakes and other food from home—I only care what Gorham does.

As a retired Air Force Colonel, I was taught that one leads by example. Consequently, I would expect all faculty and administrative staff at these schools. and of course the Superintendent's office, to lead by example by banning

DeFrancesco, the Physical Education teacher at Great Falls, led the charge with his wellness team to promote more physical activity and non-food items for classroom celebrations for

around town

Paul Kennedy, current manager at Sebago Brewing Company, is planning to open the Blue Pig Diner in the space adjacent to Thatcher's Restaurant on School Street.

Jon and Cindy Smith of Great Falls Construction are under contract to purchase the Odd Fellows Building and are expected to lease it to the Gorham Arts Alliance.

Correction: The last edition of the Gorham Times incorrectly printed that Gorham was featured in the March 2013 edition of Downeast Magazine. Gorham was featured in the March 2014 edition. We apologize for the error.

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Pixel Fund: Saving Shelter Dogs, Changing Lives

BY JACOB ADAMS Staff Writer

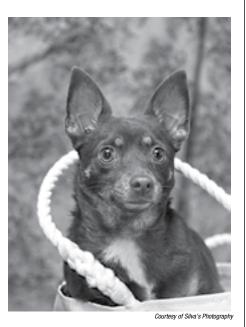
Janet Williams adopted a dog. Janet Williams adopted a little dog named Pixel. Janet Williams adopted a little dog, named Pixel, who completely changed her life.

The adoption of Pixel, a Chihuahua from a high-kill shelter in Tennessee, started a movement that now reaches from Maine to Florida. Understanding the heartbreaking conditions in most shelters, particularly those of the more often overcrowded southern variety, Williams decided something had to change. She asked her friends to help her create that change and save animals from Pixel's former shelter. What began as a social media plea blossomed into a non-profit organization, The Pixel Fund.

The Pixel Fund is headquartered in Southern Maine and has a satellite office in Florida, where Williams and Pixel now reside. Their mission is to save the lives of shelter pets through education, advocacy, and rescue effort. Being entirely run by volunteers has a huge upside--everybody is a potential foster for the many animals in need of rescue.

Some animals even find their forever home through one of the thousands of people who follow The Pixel Fund on Facebook. Take for example, Marni, an American Staffordshire/ Rat Terrier mix that found herself pregnant and impounded in Macon, Georgia.

After the puppies were sent away to their new families, Marni was en route to Maine where she continued to show aggression toward other animals. She was moved frequently



Pixel, the little dog who changed her owner's life and helped provide the idea to start a non-profit to change more lives.

from one foster home to the next. Never really leaving a good impression--although some were lasting--it seemed Marni was out of luck.

Cue Phaedra Bond and Dogs Are Smart: Training for Dogs & People of South Portland. Phaedra worked closely with Marni and, after many months (and several more dogmonths), Marni was ready to meet her future owners, Svetlana Miljkovi and Hasan Adil of Portland. Together they are in training, as Marni is now a service dog!

The next adoption event will be on Saturday, March 15, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Pet Life located at 770 Roosevelt Trail, Windham.

To find out more about The Pixel Fund or read more about Marni and other rescues visit www.thepixelfund.org or check out The Pixel Fund's Facebook page.

DOUGLAS MCDANIEL

CAMPO&SCHOOLS

Grad Helps Bring Medical Treatment to Kenya

BY GORHAM TIMES STAFF

Working on a project to bring an innovation in medical treatment to Kenya, Jordan Cunningham, GHS '11, spent over a month last year learning about Kenya's health system and meeting clinicians through a professor-led study program at Northeastern University.

Back in the States and looking for a way to bring change to Kenya, Cunningham has been working on ways to make a difference. Through her father, Cunningham has access to a recyclable, easy-to-use, costeffective and, most importantly, life-changing clubfoot bracing system currently used to treat clubfoot in southern Maine. Clubfoot is a term to describe a deformity where one or both feet can be smaller than usual, they may point downward or rotate toward the other foot. Using the bracing system, Cunningham said she believes the deformity can no longer steal regular lives from one in 1,000 children born each year with it.

Cunningham is currently raising funds to bring a group to Kenya in December to work with local hospitals and clinics to train them to use the brace. Cunningham feels that one of the major issues that limits public health systems in third world nations is that Western help and funding does not allow future growth when the funding stops or the outsiders leave. Her system, however, will allow for local staff



Pictured in the Mukuru slum near Nairobi, Kenya, is Jordan Cunningham who, after touring the area, enjoyed some time with the children at the Ruben Center, which provides education, religious services and a clinic to area children.

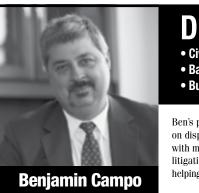
to treat children for years to come, even when Cunningham and her group leave.

Cunningham hopes her work on this upcoming trip will allow for future development of her project. She says the bracing system should not only be used in Kenyan hospitals, but potentially in struggling public health systems around the globe. After this exploratory trip in December, she hopes to hone her team's strategy and work to expand the scale of her impact.

For more information on the project and the clubfoot bracing system, visit www.indiegogo.com/projects/bringinnovation-in-clubfoot-treatment-to-kenya or contact Jordan Cunningham directly at jordanbrookscunningham@gmail.com.



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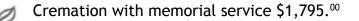
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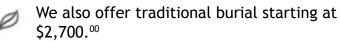
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adaptable to substitutions, depending

satisfy many different taste demands in

Questions about the recipes can be e-mailed to

Barbara Schneider at bts@maine.rr.com.

on what you have on hand, and will

vour household.

Enjoy!

and easy to make. They are readily

BY BARBARA T. SCHNEIDER

This is the time of year when Mother Nature truly calls all the shots. She ultimately decides whether we can get pumped for an early spring or if we must endure a longer than normal winter. There is not too much we can do about it but find ways to alleviate the hibernation. One sure fire way to do that is by putting some comfort food on the table. And the easier it is to put that together, the better.

To that end, I have tweaked a number of favorite recipes for you to adopt and enjoy.

Beef Bourguignon (1 of 2)

2 T. olive oil 1 lb. bacon, smoked applewood preferred 3 lbs. beef cut into cubes Salt & pepper 2 lb. carrots (or 1 large bag baby carrots)

3 onions, cut into chunks

3 cloves garlic, diced

1/2 c. cognac

1 bottle rich red wine (Pinot Noir a good choice)

3-4 cups beef broth

1 can tomato paste (with fire roasted tomatoes if possible)

3 T. fresh thyme

4-5 T. Wondra® flour

- 2 bags frozen small pearl onions
- 2 lbs. sliced button mushrooms



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Beef Bourguignon (2 of 2)

Brown bacon in oil in Dutch oven, remove to drain. Season beef with salt & pepper, add to pot to brown on all sides, remove to drain. Add carrots, onions until lightly browned. Add garlic, then cognac (light match to burn off alcohol-be careful). Add bacon and beef to pot; add wine, then slowly add beef broth, to cover meat. Add tomato paste and thyme, cover and simmer on low for at least 90 minutes until all is tender. Add Wondra®--sprinkle liberally--and frozen onions. Sauté mushrooms on the side in butter and add to pot. Bring to boil and season to taste. Toast a one-inch slice of French or Italian hard crust bread with warm butter and garlic. Place one slice in an individual serving bowl, add large helping of bourguignon over top. Delicious!

Chickpea, Edamame & Daikon Extravaganza

2 cups canned chickpeas 2 cups edamame 2 cups julienned Daikon radish 1 cup julienned carrots 2 T. champagne vinegar 3 T. canola oil Salt & pepper

Truffle oil, drizzle

Toss all veggie ingredients together in bowl. Combine all wet ingredients in a bowl or jar, whisk to blend. Add slowly to salad, making sure salad doesn't get too wet. Awesome flavors!

Roasted Mushroom Heaven

1-2 lbs. variety of sliced mushrooms: button, crimini, shitake, porcini, portabella, oyster Thyme sprigs

Ginger, sliced, about 1/2 inch of piece of ginger Olive oil

Toss mushrooms in large bowl with olive oil to coat. Season with salt & pepper. Place on large roasting pan. Add thyme sprigs. Bake at 450 degrees until golden brown and crispy. Serve warm. Try not to eat them all before they get to the table. Enjoy!



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JANUARY 6, 2014 Planning Board Update

By Sheri Faber

At the January meeting, the Board:

• Discussed the language for dog kennel performance standards as well as campground overlay language, both as potential amendments to the Land Use and Development Code.

• Noted that the Merritt Bennett application should no longer be listed as a "multi-use social institution."

• Noted that lots being developed in front of Allen Acres subdivision are outside of subdivision review but have required building permits from the Code Office. • Maine Automation of 61 County Road sought approval for their project to convert a residential property into a business through a contract zone. They plan to renovate the existing building, and to add parking and landscaping.

• Gregory McCormack of 24 Strawberry Lane received approval to increase the size of lot three in the Strawberry Fields development and to decrease the size of lots one and two. McCormack lives on lot three, owns lot two and is the process of purchasing lot one. Each lot is on public water and the lots are accessed by a private way.

Clerk's Corner

By Jennifer Elliott Town Clerk

Let the countdown to spring begin! March greets us with motorcycle re-registrations. If you have a trailer, double-check your registration date, as some of the heavier trailers have a February registration date.

As I think ahead to warmer weather, there will be a Primary Election on June 10th. In order to receive a Party Ballot, you must be enrolled in a party. If you wish to change from one party to another, do so well in advancethere is a 15-day waiting period in which time you are not permitted to vote. If you are un-enrolled, you may enroll in a party at any time including Election Day. Have you ever thought about working as an Election Clerk? It is a rewarding and important service to the Town of Gorham, which has, as of this date, 12,379 registered voters.

As spring nears, remember you can also purchase a trash ticket for burnable items that you wish to place out on your trash day.

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SPORTS

Boys' Hockey Wins First Western Maine Title

By JEFF PIKE Sports Editor

The final result did not turn out as the GHS boys' hockey team had hoped—a 6-1 loss to Messalonskee in the Class B State Final March 8th in Lewiston. But the Rams completed a historic season for the program. This was Gorham's first appearance in a state final in its 22-year history after winning its first Western Maine Championship.

To reach the final, the Rams closed out the regular season on an eightgame winning streak. With a final record of 15-3, Gorham captured the top ranking in Western Maine Class B and a bye that earned them a spot in the Western Maine semifinals.

In the semis, Gorham defeated Kennebunk in a 1-0 nail biter on February 28th, with the lone goal coming from Shawn Sullivan on an assist from Jared Wood with just 1:27 left in the game. Justin Broy stopped 18 shots in goal to earn the shut-out.

The Rams then defeated two-time defending state champion Greely in the Western Finals, 4-2, on March 5th, avenging two regular-season 2-1 losses. Wood scored the game winner this time (his second of the game) on a power play goal with 5:06 to play. The assist went to junior Andrew Schmidt. With the score 3-2 and 3:13 remaining, Broy made a clutch save on a break-away shot, and for the game, he stopped 26 shots in all.

Sullivan then added an empty-net goal on an assist from Tucker Buteau. Carl



For the first time in the school's 20-year hockey program history, GHS won a Western Maine Championship, taking the Class B crown with a 4-2 win over Greely on March 5th. The team then lost to Messalonskee in the Class B State Final, 6-1, on March 8th. The Rams are shown above just after the Greely game celebrating the Western Maine Class B Championship. Players on the team include Noah Bird, Jordan Ward, Matt Roy, Willy Baxter, Justin Broy, Tucker Buteau, Drew Eid, Austin Violette, Griffin Germond, Matt Hooker, Jake Bear, Shawn Sullivan, Dylan Turner, Carl Bear, Andrew Schmidt, Michael Chapin, Travis Mansir, Carter Landry and Jared Wood.

Bear scored the other goal earlier in the game on assists from Jordan Ward and Travis Mansir.

Head coach Jon Portwine, who played as a freshman in the second year of the program (1993-1994) said, "We took the program to new heights this year and have raised our expectations. We knew we had a strong team going with a topnotch goal tender in Broy along with three key defenseman—Dylan Turner, Schmidt and Austin Violette—as well as three top forwards—Buteau, Wood and Sullivan—who led the team in scoring all season."

Last year, the Rams finished 12-5-1 and reached the semifinals of the Western Maine Class A playoffs. "We simply tried to build that success and the strong leadership example last year's seniors passed along to this year year's seniors," Portwine said. "Our key turning point in the season may have been the two regular-season losses vs. Greely. Those losses gave us a sense of urgency, and we played well from there on out."

Portwine began as assistant coach for Gorham in 2002 and took over as a head coach in 2008. He has thus been involved as a player or coach in 17 of the program's 22 years. Looking ahead to next season, the team loses six seniors from the varsity, which typically dressed 16 players each game. Portwine notes that in addition to the 10 returning varsity players, the Rams have a strong incoming freshman class.

"I'm extremely happy for the program," added. "There's nothing sweeter than playing in a state championship representing the town."

Top GHS Skiers in Post-Season Events

Girls

SMAA Slalom Emma Christakis (15) Alyda Twilley (17) Maeve Pitman (22)

SMAA Giant Slalom

Christakis (13) Emily O'Donnell (24) Twilley (25)

Class A State Giant Slalom Christakis (32) Twilley (60)

Class A State Slalom Christakis (39) Twilley (42)

Boys

SMAA Slalom Nate Roberts (5) Joe Moutinho (10) Robert Campbell (37)

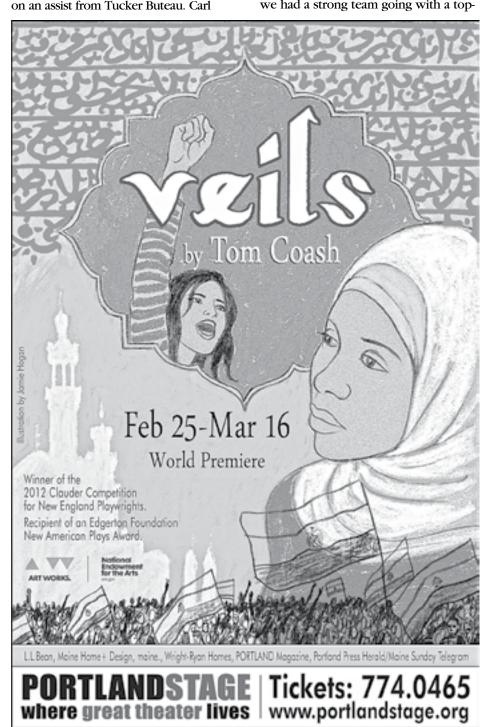
SMAA Giant Slalom Roberts (6) Moutinho (30) Tristan Brunet (32)

Class A State Giant Slalom Roberts (15) Moutinho (29) Grant Hamblen (49)

Class A State Slalom Brunet (43) Hamblen (63)

GHS at the New England Indoor Track & Field Championships March 1st IN Boston

Boys' 55 meter hurdles: Travis Grant, 17th place, 8.29. Girls' 1000 meters: Jackie Turner, 19th, 3:12.63. Girls 300 meters: Kristin Benson, 22nd, 44.75 Girls' shot put: Sophia Swiatek, 23rd, 31-07.25.



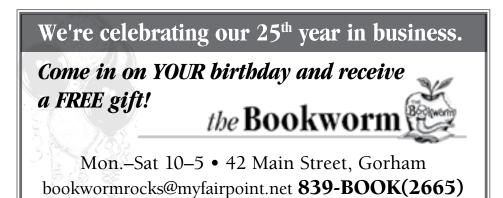


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Gorham Recreation Basketball Championships









In Pool 2 of the Gorham Rec Basketball Championship for third- and fourth-graders, the Miami team won a hard fought 17-16 game over New York, which advanced to the final with a onepoint win over Indiana. Playing for Miami and pictured above, from left to right, front row: Dan Mckeage, Shawn Mckeage, Patrick Cyr, Wyatt Thomas, Eli Wyatt, Seth Raymond and Lucien Beardsley. Back row: Coach Andy Morrell, Will Borucki, Dylan Morrell and Sam Farr. Missing from the photo is Caleb Eaton.

In the girls' third- and fourth-grade Gorham Rec Basketball Championship on February 8th, Chicago defeated Phoenix, 8-4, to capture the title. Pictured upper left, from left to right first row: Devan Sherry, Madison Woodcock, Megan Young, Drew Baber, Ava Bryant, Emma Stevens and Elora Larrivee. Back row: Assistant Coach George Sherry, Katie Gooch, Taylor Jordan and Head Coach Rodney Bryant. Missing from the photo are Madison Philbrick and Hayley St. Cyr.

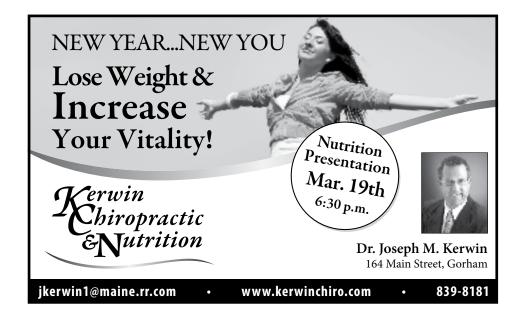
On February 8th, Boston won the Gorham Rec Basketball Championship for Pool 1 of the thirdand fourth-grade league. To win the title, Boston defeated Detroit, 21-18, after Detroit won a three-overtime game vs. Toronto in the semifinals. Playing for Boston and pictured lower left, from left to right, front row: Will Boylen, Sean Boylen, Sam Larkin, Keagan Lindsay, Ashton Leclerc, Ty Gammon and Gabe Michaud. Back row: Coach Mike Smith, Cody Sellick, Jackson Smith and Coach Neal Gammon. Missing from the photo are Aiden Dever and Erfon Aryan.



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success. DeFrancesco provided suggestions on how to replace the standard cupcake and pizza party traditions with fun active games.

Gorham School District's new K-5 procedure to provide non-food celebrations was supported by the elementary school administrators and has taken effect during this school year. An informational letter was sent home to parents and, during the August open houses, the wellness team set up a table with Let's Go! 5-2-1-0 nutrition and physical activity resources. Great Falls wellness team also surveyed Gorham School District elementary staff through an online survey and found that the majority of staff supported the implementation of more fun and active non-food celebrations. As the district website states: "Nonfood tokens such as stickers or pencils can be used to celebrate birthdays while promoting a healthier school environment."

Ashley Edmondson, Let's Go! Cumberland County Coordinator

Chair Masters CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

truly authentic art making experience where their work becomes a permanent installation in an environment where it will be utilized and appreciated for many years to come."

After being introduced, each student came forward and presented their chair to the crowd of residents and staff who had gathered in the main lobby. The students stated which artist and painting they chose, and why they liked it. They held up their chair for all to see. Some students worked in teams of two. On the back of each chair they added a brief paragraph about the painting as well as facts about the artist.

Rebecca Amell, a senior, chose Gustav Klimt's Tree of Life for her painting and she said she enjoyed doing the project very much. Griffin Courtney, a senior planning on attending art school after graduation, shared his Claude Monet piece, Woman with a Parasol. The paintings ranged from abstract to surrealism.

Dolley said the project was a big undertaking and she was thrilled with how the students embraced the idea and worked very hard to finish the chairs before the deadline. "People want to buy them and tell me they cannot believe the chairs are students' work."

In closing the chair presentation, Davis invited the students to mingle with the residents and present their chairs to those people who would like a closer look. Davis concluded by addressing the students saying, "There will always be a piece of you here at Gorham House."

Healthy Eating Encouraged in Elementary Schools



Students celebrate Valentine's Day by creating Valentine mailboxes.

By STACY SALLINEN School Coordinator

School officials say the decision to eliminate any type of food or drinkhealthy or sugary-from school celebrations, including a birthday or holiday party, is a small step in promoting health and wellness within Gorham's three elementary schools.

A letter to notify parents of the change in school procedure, which doesn't require approval by the School Committee, went home with students in September, in which school administrators explain the reasons behind the change. "We want our school to be a safe and comfortable environment for all students; and we have done this for a numbers of reasons, which reflect our value of respect for all." By eliminating food from celebrations, there will be less disruption to the school day; more support for healthier nutrition choices; less non-nutritious foods being brought into school and more control for parents to monitor their children's food intake; and more sensitivity to those students with

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Youth Art Month: Portland Museum of Art

By VICKI BOVE Gorbam Middle School

In celebration of this month's National Youth Art Month, the Portland Museum of Art, in collaboration with the Maine Art Education Association, has organized an exhibition of artwork created by Maine art students. The PMA's exhibition, on view from March 8 through April 6, will showcase more than 100 works of art by students throughout the state, from elementary school through high school. All participating students will receive certificates of recognition. An exhibition celebration will be held at the PMA on Saturday, March 8 from 4 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

National Youth Art Month is an annual observance each March to emphasize the value of art education and to encourage public support for quality school art programs. Art education provides students with important critical-thinking and problem-solving skills, in addition to fostering self-esteem, self-discipline, and an appreciation for the work of others. The Youth Art Month exhibition celebrates and validates student achievement in the visual arts, and the Portland Museum of Art and Gorham School District is proud



Ben Rohner's artwork, "Sitting on the Silver Ocean," is on display at the Portland Museum of Art.

to honor the talent and dedication of these young artists and their teachers.

Participating students include Lexi Caron, grade three at Great Falls, taught by Allie Rimkunas; Paige Marchand, grade four at Narragansett and McKenna Roberts, grade four at Village, both taught by Paula Balcom; Ben Rohner, grade six at GMS, taught by Vicki Bove; Camryn Morton, grade eight at GMS, taught by Amy Cousins; Griffin Courtney, senior at GHS, taught by Sarah Dolley; and Tyler Eldridge, senior at GHS, taught by Chris Crosby.

Gorham High School To Present "The Wizard of Oz"

WHAT: "The Wizard of Oz"
WHO: Gorham High School Drama Dept.
WHEN: March 28-30 and April 4-6
WHERE: Gorham High School 41 Morrill Avenue
COST: \$10 Adults, \$6 Students & Seniors (65 and older)

By MICHAEL LORTIE Great Falls

The Gorham High School Drama Department will present "The Wizard of Oz" on March 28-30 and April 4-6. Rehearsals and set designs are well under way.

"This is the 75th anniversary of the iconic Judy Garland movie, so it seems

appropriate that we undertake this exciting challenge," said Bruce Avery, director of the production. "Everyone knows the story and loves the characters, so the expectations will run high for this production. Fortunately, we have an excellent cast, building and design crew and production team which will do justice to this very challenging musical."

"The Wizard of Oz" will be produced through special arrangement with Tams-Witmark Music Library.

Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$6 for students and seniors (65 and older). Tickets may be reserved for any performance by calling 839-5754, and will also be sold at the door.

This is going to be an amazing show and you do not want to miss it!

school notes

Drugs 101: What Parents Need to Know -PARENTS ONLY-Wednesday, March 19, Gorham Middle School 6-6:30 p.m. Mock bedroom preview

6:30-8 p.m. Presentation by Claudine Emerson, LCSW, LADC, CCS

Drugs 101: What Parents Need to Know educates parents about signs, symptoms and current trends of alcohol, tobacco, inhalants, marijuana and other drugs adolescents may use. A highlight of this program is a mock teenager's bedroom set up for parents to observe and attempt to identify the obvious and not-so-obvious drug related paraphernalia. Throughout the presentation, more than 50 drug and alcohol indicators will be unveiled to show how some adolescents hide drug and alcohol use from their parents.

For more information or questions, please contact Claudine Emerson at 222-1193 or claudinee@ gorhamschools.org. Approved and supported by the Gorham School Administration.

Register now for these exciting outdoor courses available this spring at Gorham Adult Education: Get Hooked on Fly Fishing and Introduction to Recreational Kayaking.

FMI, visit www.gorham.maineadulted.org or call 222-1095.

Gorham Middle School presents "The Emperor's New Clothes: The Musical" on March 14-15 at 7 p.m. in the auditorium at GMS. Tickets, \$5, can be reserved by calling 222-1220 and will be sold at the door.

Common Core State Standards: The State of Maine and the Gorham Public Schools

GORHAM SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

There are many discussions in the educational community concerning Common Core State Standards (CCSS) and you may have been privy during the past few years to print and electronic media sound bites with respect to these conversations. As are many things in contemporary American society, the Common Core initiative has, at times, been politicized.

The Common Core State Standards is an initiative that began with the National Governor's Association and the Council of Chief State of Schools Officers. After listening to the concerns from many constituencies across the nation, this group, individuals and groups expressing their concern that U.S. students were not acquiring appropriate college and career readiness skills, decided to act on those concerns by developing a set of general standards in Math and English Language Arts. These standards would provide public schools across the country a common focus for each grade level, starting in kindergarten. The expectation is that students will meet the standards as a requirement to earn a standards-based diploma from high school. Forty-five states adopted these standards, including Maine.

Research was conducted and analyzed to determine the essential standards students would need to demonstrate proficiency and core standards that would better position them to be successful in earning a college degree and to enhance their competiveness in the international job market. The Governor's Association and the Chief State School Officers focused on countries that have a high-quality educational system, as demonstrated by data and reliable evidence. Using that information helped determine the essential skills for college success and for the ever-changing job market.

Since 1997, Maine has had standards in place, embedded in the Maine Learning Results (MLR). One of our District's foundational documents is the Guiding Principles that are at the heart of the learning objectives of the Common Core. The Common Core has been integrated into the MLR for both Math and English Language Arts. The Common

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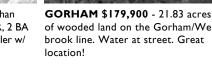
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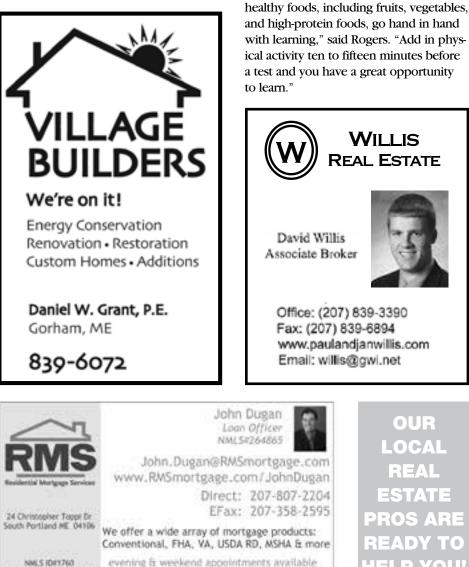
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health concerns or allergies that must monitor their food intake.

While many have applauded the change, others, including Melissa Spicer and Jamie Douglass, are challenging the change in procedure. "Food has been part of celebratory traditions for a long time. Birthdays have been celebrated with cupcakes, Valentine's Day with candy," said Spicer. "I don't see any big reason to make a change." Spicer also feels that it's up the parents, not the schools, to decide what kids eat.

School officials agree. They believe the no-food policy allows parents to have control of what their children eat or not eat during the school day.

Additionally, staff and faculty are taking a serious look at the school envi-



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ronment and how to maximize access

particular scrutiny, the new practices

to learning. "While it seems to be under

regarding non-food celebrations are only

a part of the efforts of our school commu-

nity to build and sustain a healthy school

environment," noted Principal Jane Esty.

"Healthier snack choices, 'brain breaks,'

fitness breaks, the incorporation of physi-

Dr. Tory Rogers, director for the Let's

Go! program and the Kids CO-OP at the

Medical Center, said it is important for

schools to provide the best opportunity

active life. "As a scientist, I can't ignore

for children to learn and to live a healthy,

the incredible amounts of data that show

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Core was developed to provide all students across the country a more equal preparation for college and career. Gorham began the transition to standards-based learning in 2006 and that work continues each year. The standards are rigorous and the focus of instruction is assisting students to comprehend and to apply higher order thinking skills. The standards build strong foundational skills enabling students to develop a depth of understanding in Language Arts and Math. Instructional practices include opportunities for students to problem solve, think, and reason with real world issues and challenges.

While we are certainly cognizant of some differences between the MLR and Common Core standards, substantial alignment of our instruction and curriculum is evident with the Common Core expectations. Our teachers have been working diligently over the past two years to develop common understandings of the standards and better align their work as grade level teams. Full implementation of the Common Core standards in English Language Arts and Math are required no later than fall of the 2014-2015 school year. With many of our teachers already integrating this work, we are well positioned to meet that requirement.



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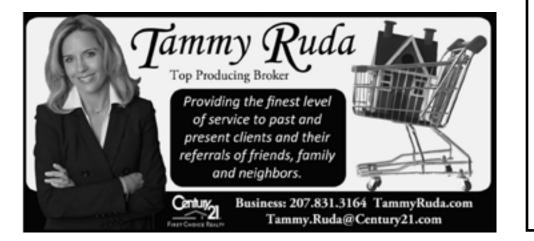
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The following students were named to the Dean's List at the University of Southern Maine: Melissa Albert, Dorette Marie Amell, Aileen Andrews, Brian Arlet, Thomas Bahun, Daniel Bahun, Gwendolyn Beaulieu, Anton Bondarev, Nathan Broaddus, Katherine Cioe, Connor Clement, Jane Clukey, Brett Coggan, Kyle Curley, Jennifer Fuller, Christine Gerry, Derek Goodrich, Megan Gosse, Brittany Grant, Samantha Grant, Melody Hasbrouck, Elizabeth Henderson, Sarah Henderson, Lacey Jones, Sarah Kennedy, Tony Kourinos, Trevor Laliberte, Nathan Lienhardt, Amy Linscott, Raisa Luck, Nathaniel Marcet, April McFarland, Alex Miller, Anne Mitchell, Thaddeus Moriarty, Jeffrey Mosher, Steven Nelson, Lindsay Paschal, Shannon Secord, Clara Stickney, Chelsea Tippin, Ryan Weed and Cameron Wright.

GRADUATIONS

Maryanne Bear of Gorham graduated from St. Joseph's College with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration/Management. Bear is a real estate associate broker at PoGo Realty.

Catherine Palleschi of Gorham graduated from St. Joseph's College with a Master of Business Administration.

OF INTEREST

Matt Nelson, principal at Westbrook Middle School, was named 2014 Middle Level Principal of the Year in a ceremony on March 3. Nelson has been Principal since 2010, and previously served as Assistant Principal at Westbrook High School. Nelson resides in Gorham with his wife, Neile, and children Thomas and Anna.

Andrew Whitcomb, GHS '04, was chosen to cook for the James Beard Foundation in New York City on Feb. 28. According to the website, "The James Beard Foundation's mission is to celebrate, nurture, and honor America's diverse culinary heritage through programs that educate and inspire." Whitcomb graduated from the Culinary Institute of America in 2009 and is an executive chef for Colonie Restaurant in Brooklyn, NY. Whitcomb is the son of Jane and Randy Whitcomb.

Happily Ever After Breakfast featuring fairy tale princesses and other children's movie characters. Hosted by the **GHS Dream Factory** to raise money to grant dreams for chronically and critically ill children in Maine. Gorham Middle School, March 29, 8-11 am. FMI, call 318-3639.

Eleanor Sato of Gorham and a junior at North Yarmouth Academy received High Honors for the fall semester.

Gorham Savings Bank staff volunteers participated in the 5th Annual Gorham Savings Bank "Make the Most of Your Money Week." Employees dedicated over 2,000 volunteer hours to help improve household financial stability at CA\$H free tax preparation events.

Learn more about Gorham having an ACE team (Active Community Engagement) on Monday, Mar. 24 from 4:30 to 6 p.m. at Gorham Savings Bank, Wentworth Drive, Gorham. Guest speakers Abby King from Bicycle Coalition of Maine and Paul Niehoff from PACTS. Hosted by BikeWalk Gorham committee and Citizens for a Green Gorham. All are welcome!

Joe Salisbury of the Maine Department of Corrections brought his beautiful Belgian Malinois, Tyson, to meet with the Originals Group at First Parish Church in Gorham. Tyson is originally from the Netherlands, but was brought to Maine to train for both patrol and drug-search purposes. Great Falls Elementary School and McKenna Roberts and Paige Marchand of Village Elementary School. FMI, 775-6148.

Internationally acclaimed Maine author Tess Gerritsen will speak about her novels and writing process on Wednesday, Mar. 26 at 7 p.m. at the **Baxter Memorial Library**. A book signing will follow. The Bookworm will have copies of her book available for purchase. Sponsored by Friends of Baxter Memorial Library.

Redeemer Lutheran Church, 410 Main St. in Gorham will offer additional Wednesday Services (Matins Prayers at 9 a.m., Musical Devotion at noon, 7 p.m. Evening Prayers) from March 2 to April 16. FMI, 839-7100.

Gorham Middle School presents "The Emperor's New Clothes The Musical," on Friday, Mar. 14 at 7 p.m. and Saturday, Mar. 15 at 7 p.m. Gorham Middle School Auditorium. \$5. FMI, 222-1220.

Jazz musician Alicia Phelps will perform at the West Gorham Union Church, 190 Ossipee Trail, Gorham on Sunday, Mar. 16 at 1 p.m. Tickets by donation. FMI, 213-3095.

Girls On The Run, a 10-week after-school program starting March 24th for **girls in grades 3**, **4 and 5**, promotes self-esteem in preteen girls through an experienced-based curriculum and running. Teams of 15 girls meet two times per week for 90 minutes with trained coaches. No previous running experience required! The program takes place at Village School and Great Falls School with a cost of \$129 per girl (financial assistance is available). FMI and to register, visit www.girlsontherunmaine.org, or contact Shelly Dolley at sd@shelleydolley.com or Staci Olson at staci.olson@girlsontherun.org.

USM is hosting two high school hockey all-star games March 15 in the Yankee Ford Winter Classic, which benefits the Barbra Bush Children's Hospital. Class A and Class B Senior All Stars will compete, including five players from Gorham: Shawn Sullivan, Tucker Buteau, Jared Wood, Dylan Turner and Justin Broy. The Class B game involving the Gorham players starts at 6:10 p.m. while the Class A game starts at 8:10 p.m.

ON-GOING EVENTS

FREE tax preparation (for all ages) provided by the IRS and the AARP. Certified tax aides will be at the Gorham Recreation Center, 75 South St. every Tuesday through April 10 from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. For appointment call 776-6316.

The Lakes Region Senior Drop-In Center temporarily located at Sunset Ridge Golf Links, 771 Cumberland St., Westbrook, offers a variety of daily activities and drop-in classes for seniors on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 9 a.m. Stop in for morning coffee or play pickleball, poker, bingo, miniature golf, shuffleboard or cribbage. Join in on exercise, watch a movie or learn to knit. FMI, 892-5604 or email bwa31@maine.rr.com.

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

The 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.

Local & Legendary: Maine in the Civil War Book Discussion of the book The Mostly True Adventures of Homer P. Figg. March 18 at 4 and 7 p.m. at Windham Public Library. FMI, Laurel T. Parker, 892-1908.

USM NOTES

USM Department of Theatre and School of Music presents "The Mystery of Edwin Drood," a Tony Award-winning murder mystery musical that lets audiences vote for the ending. March 14 – 23 at Russell Hall, USM Gorham campus. \$21/\$15/\$11, FMI, 780-5151.

USM Art Department will present a Student Juried Exhibition of more than 40 works from Mar. 13 – Apr. 6 from 12 – 4 p.m. at the Art Gallery, 37 College Ave., Gorham. Free and open to the public. FMI, 780-5008.

USM School of Music presents "Something Old, Something New," a CD Pre-Release Concert on Saturday, Mar. 15 at 8 p.m. at Corthell Concert Hall, USM Gorham campus. (Mar. 16 snow date)

SPIRE 29

ON THE SQUARE

Gorham Marketplace 2014, a showcase of products and services available in the Town of Gorham, will take place on **Saturday, Mar. 29 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.** in the Costello Field House on USM's Gorham campus. Food court, live demonstrations, entertainment, cash giveaways and more! Free Admission.

Please join **Casco Federal Credit Union (FCU)** at 375 Main St. in Gorham in supporting the **133rd Engineer Battalion**, a local division of the Maine National Guard currently serving in Afghanistan. Bring in a donation to any Casco FCU location through Mar. 21 and it will be included in a care package to the 133rd. FMI, www.cascofcu.com

Students in kindergarten through fourth grade are asked to join the **Baxter Memorial Library** for a series of book discussions focused on the ten finalists from the **Chickadee Book Award**. The children attending will vote for their favorite Picture Book to win the award on Tuesday, Mar. 18 & 25 at 1 p.m. FMI, 222-1190.

The following Gorham art students will be featured in the National Youth Art Month exhibition at the Portland Museum of Art, Mar. 8 to Apr. 6: Tyler Eldridge and Griffin Courtney of GHS, Camryn Morton and Benjermyn Rohner of GMS, Lexi Caron of

\$15/\$10/\$5. FMI, 780-5555.

USM School of Music presents a Graduate Showcase Concert under the direction of Ellen Chickering on Friday, Mar.

21 at 8 p.m. Corthell Concert Hall, USM Gorham campus. Free and open to the public. FMI, 780-5555.

USM School of Music Musical Theatre Film Series continues with "My Fair Lady," shown on Sunday, Mar. 16 at 2 p.m. and "West Side Story" on Sunday, Mar. 23 at 2 p.m. Both movies will be shown at 10 Bailey Hall, USM Gorham campus. Free and open to the public. Weddings - Concerts - Events 29 School Street, Gorham Spire29.com - 207-222-2068

Come out to Spire 29 for a Night on the Square Upcoming Event Schedule March 20 Comedy on the Square March 29 Scarab...The Journey Experience April 12 April Fools Comedy Show with Tom Clark

Ridgewood CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

an assisted living facility, located at 123 School Street, as well as Village Square at 121 School Street, which has 48 apartments. Ridgewood currently has twenty one-bedroom apartments for seniors who pay 30% of their adjusted gross income for



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Gray Road caller reported a fight in progress.

Gray Road caller reported being sexually assaulted.

Caller reported someone sleeping in a tent behind Narragansett School.

Fort Hill Road caller reported a female in the middle of the road claiming that someone was trying to kill her.

Suspicious person on Town Common was a worker working on a new house adjacent to the caller, who was waiting for the rest of his crew to arrive.

Patient at Gorham House, who suffers from dementia, placed his electric wheelchair against the door so no one could get in.

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Officer responded to a vehicle off the road report and found that the operator was intoxicated. He was charged with OUI.

Naples man was arrested for OUI and criminal speed.

Fort Hill Road man was arrested for OUI (1 prior).

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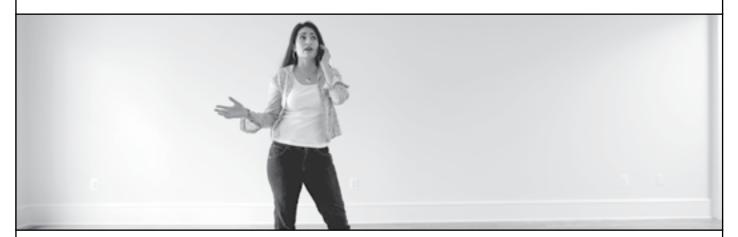
Dates: Mondays, March 24, 31, April 7, 14 • Time 3:15 – 4:45 p.m Grades 3-5 • Instructor: Ann Thompson • Location: Village Elementary

Art through the Lens Dates: Mondays • March 24, 31, April 7, 14 • Time 3:15 – 4:45 p.m. Grades: 3-5 • Instructor: Angela DiPhilippo • Location: Narragansett Elementary

Create & Play Puppet Theater Arts Dates: Tuesdays • March 25, April 1, 8 & 15 • Time 3:15 - 4:45 p.m. Grades: 3-5 • Instructor: Keith Anctil • Location: Village Elementary

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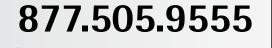
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CALENDAR

THURSDAY, MAR. 13

- Gorham Woman's Club meeting, 12:30 p.m. First Parish Congregational Church. All are invited.
- Gorham Food Pantry, 9-11 a.m., St. Anne's Catholic Church parking lot. **FRIDAY, MAR. 14**
- Gorham/Westbrook TRIAD meeting, 9 a.m., 22 Foster Street, Westbrook. FMI, 229-9050.
- Toddler Time, ages 18-36 mos., 10 a.m., Baxter Memorial Library.
- Peg's Itsy Bitsy Store, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Gorham House.
- Emperor's New Clothes Musical, 7 p.m., Gorham Middle School Auditorium.
- No school. Conferences for grades K-12.
- Lenten Baked Haddock Dinner, St. Anne's Catholic Church, Parish Hall, 5-6:30 p.m. \$9/\$5.

SATURDAY, MAR. 15

• Tap Dance Performance, "Dance Out Loud," Saco River Grange, 29 Salmon Falls Rd, Buxton. 7:27 p.m. Tickets \$10. FMI, 839-3267.

• Emperor's New Clothes Musical, 7 p.m., Gorham Middle School Auditorium. **SUNDAY, MAR. 16**

• Jazz musician Alicia Phelps, West Gorham Union Church, 1 p.m. Tickets by donation. FMI, 213-3095.

MONDAY, MAR. 17

• Vendor registration opens for "Artoberfest," (formerly The Gorham Art Fair). FMI, www.gorhamartsalliance.org

TUESDAY, MAR. 18

- Discussion of the book the "Mostly True Adventures of Homer P. Figg," 4 and 7 p.m. Windham Public Library, FMI 892-1908.
- The Chickadee Award, Baxter Memorial Library, 1 p.m. Children in kindergarten through grade four vote for their favorite picture book to win the award.
- Pre-school Story Time, ages 3-5, 9:30 a.m., Baxter Memorial Library.

WEDNESDAY, MAR. 19

 Senior Lunch at St. Anne's Church, 12 p.m. \$3.50. Sponsored by the Town of Gorham.

THURSDAY, MAR. 20

- Gorham Food Pantry, 9-11 a.m., located in St. Anne's Catholic Church parking lot.
- Baby and Me, story time for ages birth to 18 mos., Baxter Memorial Library, 9:30 a.m.
- Toddler Time, story time for ages 18-36 mos., Baxter Memorial Library, 10 a.m.
- Sewing Group, Baxter Memorial Library, 2:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, MAR. 21

- Toddler Time, ages 18-36 mos., 10 a.m., Baxter Memorial Library.
- Peg's Itsy Bitsy Store, 10 a.m.-12 p.m., The Gorham House.
- Lenten Baked Haddock Dinner, St. Anne's Catholic Church, Parish Hall. 5-6:30 p.m. \$9/\$5.

MONDAY, MAR. 24

- Evening Story Time, 6-6:40 p.m., Baxter Memorial Library. All ages. **TUESDAY, MAR. 25**
- Gorham Green Community Project with Jeff Edelstein, 6:30-8 p.m., 205 Bailey Hall, USM Gorham campus. Everyone welcome!
- The Chickadee Award, Baxter Library, 1 p.m. Children in kindergarten through grade four vote for their favorite picture book to win the award.
- Pre-school Story Time, ages 3-5, 9:30 a.m., Baxter Memorial Library.

WEDNESDAY, MAR. 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., St. Anne's Catholic Church parking lot **THURSDAY, MAR. 27**

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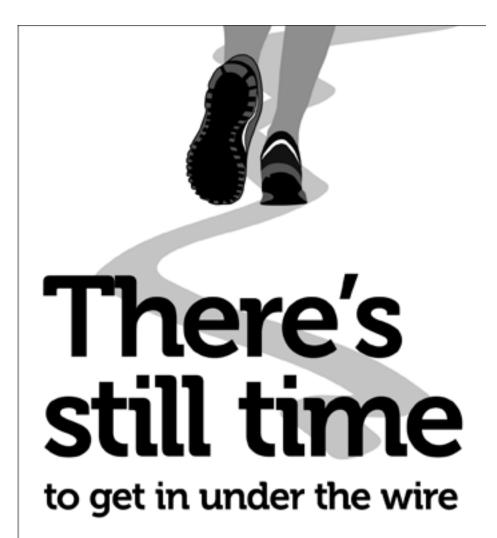
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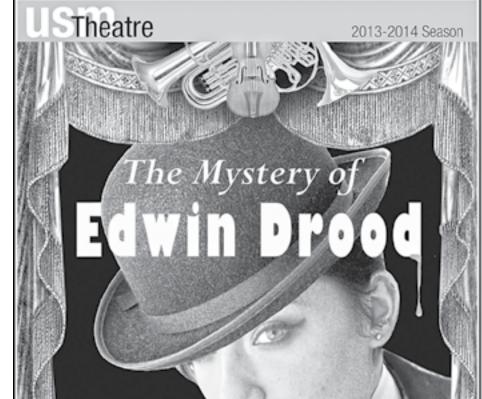
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