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## Homes in Subdivision Evacuated for Gas Leak

BY SHERI FABER  
Staff Writer

Developer Susan Duchaine is now selling the remaining 10 lots in her 43-lot Hawkes Farm subdivision off Main St. This 13.86-acre property was farmland for many years with a farm stand on Main Street before the property sold in 2009. On April 24th, a Design Dwellings contractor, who was using an excavator to dig a hole for a foundation, struck a natural gas line causing a gas leak. The strong winds that day helped to dissipate the gas and the residents of the ten homes, who had been evacuated, were able to return to their homes an hour later. Chief Robert Lefebvre said the Fire Department would be doing an investigation to make sure the gas line was appropriately marked. He also noted that while Maine Natural Gas staff had capped the gas line, it was possible that additional work would need to be done.

## Town & Country Cabinets Rebounding

BY CINDY O'SHEA  
Staff Writer

Town & Country Cabinets has been a busy place since March 25th, when fire destroyed the finish area and entire second floor of the building at 420 Fort Hill Road. Left standing, and relatively unharmed, was the entire first floor of the main part of the building, where most of the milling equipment was located. Three weeks following the devastating fire, a fresh supply of lumber stock was received and milling operations resumed. While the demolition and reconstruction continues outside, owner David Smith and the crew work inside building cabinet doors for one customer and milling stock and panels that will soon become furniture for Sturbridge Yankee Workshop. Construction of the second story will begin once approval is received from the town of Gorham, according to Carol Little of the Planning Department when asked for an update on the status of business following the fire.

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## Greater Gorham Farmers Market

The first day of the Greater Gorham Farmers Market was met with sunny skies and many eager patrons. Look to the next edition of the Gorham Times for more information. The Farmers Market is held every Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on the lawn next to the Baxter Memorial Library on South Street.

Photo credits Linda Morris



## Village Parking Study Released

BY CORINNE ALTHAM  
Staff Writer

The Village Parking Study was released in March after a year-long process of appropriation, data collection, and draft-writing. Last May the town sought proposals to create a "master plan" for the village in response to growing concern over inadequacies in safe, convenient parking in the center of town. Terence J. DeWan & Associates, T.Y. Lin International and Ransom Consulting, Inc. worked with a committee of town leaders to assess parking supply and demand in the area surrounding the intersection of Routes 25 and 114. The goal was to identify solutions through either the creation of new parking spots or the connection of existing lots. In addition to an analysis of the parking data collected, the team shared the opinions gathered from a Spring Parking Survey completed

by 112 Gorham business owners, workers and residents.

The study focused on the area within 1,000 feet of the intersection in all directions and cut the area into four quadrants for closer examination. The firm collected data on the use of public parking within the four quadrants on October 24 and 26th during weekday and weekend hours in the morning and afternoon while neighboring USM was in session. The conclusion of the occupancy study was that in general, the blocks surrounding the intersection have limited parking with at least 80% of available on-street parking being used at the time of the survey. In contrast, some off-street parking lots saw much lower usage with only 50% of the spaces being used in the larger lots. The survey also took note of the length of the parking use, with most streetside parking lasting over an hour.

The study examined each of the major buildings downtown, assessed their park-

ing needs based on square footage and recommended additional parking on a case-by-case basis. The study used current needs of the existing businesses and made recommendations based on hypothetical needs as if every vacant business were occupied. Using this formula, the parking demand study recommended a plan for 106 to 133 additional parking spaces within the village.

The study then went on to question how to create so much added parking space within a relatively small area while keeping the charm of the village center, respecting land ownership and thinking about the environmental effects of increased paved areas in terms of storm runoff into the watershed.

### Northwest Quadrant

In the northwest quadrant of the study area, the most additional parking was

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## New Charges Filed for EBT Misuse

BY SHERI FABER  
Staff Writer

52-year-old Donna Fernandes and 31-year-old Jeremy Seeley were both arrested for three counts of misuse of public benefit instruments (EBT cards, which are used by persons receiving public assistance to purchase food) as well as theft by deception.

Donna Fernandes, already on probation for aggravated trafficking in scheduled drugs, was arrested on April 25th. Police found EBT cards in the names of Tamika Dias, Klein Fernandes and another subject. Donna Fernandes has her own EBT card and is not an authorized user on any of the cards belonging to Klein Fernandes or Dias.

Seeley was arrested April 26th and was also charged with misuse of public benefit instruments, theft by deception and violating the conditions of his release. He is not an authorized user of any of the cards.



Donna Fernandes



Jeremy Seeley

Klein Fernandes has been in Cumberland County Jail since March 14 when he was arrested for aggravated sex trafficking. He also had an outstanding warrant and a state probation violation. There is no authorized user of his EBT card while he is in jail. Transactions were made using his and Dias' cards while both were in jail.

Dias has a criminal history that includes assault, disorderly conduct, endangering the welfare of a child, cruelty to animals and criminal mischief. She has four children ages 4

to 15 and is pregnant. Her children are living with family members.

Klein Fernandes, Dias' brother, has a criminal history which includes robbery, assault on a police officer, burglary, larceny and trafficking in prison contraband. He was involved in a home invasion in which his partner in the crime was killed by the homeowner. He received a seven-year jail sentence for his role in that incident. He has the letters "BK" tattooed on his face, which stand for Blood Killer, the name of a Boston gang.

The victim in the original sex trafficking charges has been sent out west and is living with her mother.

Gorham Police Department is looking into other girls who may have been involved in prostitution. They anticipate bringing more charges for unauthorized EBT transactions.

Det. Dana Thompson commented that local people see Gorham as a "small innocent town, but criminals may feel they can move in here where they will get less attention from law enforcement."

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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.

# Investing in Our Transportation System

BY REP. ANDREW MCLEAN

Our roads have taken a real beating this winter; made worse by years of neglect. So too have our bridges, rail lines, airports and seaports lacked proper maintenance. Our statewide transportation infrastructure is in a real mess and the cost of delaying fixes is only making matters worse. But in order to make these fixes, state leaders in Augusta must have an honest conversation about our needs.

Every time we fuel up at the pump we pay state and federal gas taxes. The federal gas tax has remained unchanged at 18.4 cents per gallon since 1993, and our state gas tax has sat at 30 cents per gallon for many years. The needs of our transportation system, however, have not remained constant. In fact, our needs have grown dramatically—roads are crumbling, bridges are deficient and we're not making the strategic, long term investments that people need to move from place to place and businesses need to move goods to market.

Moreover, Mainers are driving fewer miles than they once did in cars that are becoming increasingly fuel-efficient. This is good for our environment and our health, but it means

that we are buying fewer gallons of gas per vehicle. When we buy less gas, we contribute fewer dollars over the course of the year to the Highway Fund, the pot of money used to finance the maintenance and construction of our roads and bridges.

The stagnant gas tax and increasing efficiency has led to an annual unmet capital funding need of \$150 million. This means we are \$150 million short of funding our most basic of transportation needs. This is not a 'pie-in-the-sky' number. It is a basic 'take-care-of-what-you-have' figure that does not include money for any new roads, transformational projects or long-term investments. If nothing is done, the way our roads look today in Maine will look terrific compared to what they will look like in five years.

The long-term neglect of our transportation system has set Maine's economy back. A 21st century economy needs a 21st century transportation network. After my first-term on the Transportation Committee, nothing could be more clear: We need to invest in our transportation system—and soon.

The sticker price to fix our transportation infrastructure is shocking to a lot of people—and this sticker price

doesn't include the additional modernization we need. But the cost of failing to fix our transportation system is far greater than the cost of properly maintaining it. This is an area where pragmatic people—regardless of political party—should be able to find common ground.

Over the last six months, I have been leading a working group comprised of Democratic and Republican legislators and stakeholder organizations to evaluate the funding problem and identify solutions that can be implemented in the next Legislature. The work has only begun, but significant progress has been made.

Ensuring the vitality of our transportation system is not a partisan issue. It's a Maine issue. The next Legislature must take steps to close the transportation funding gap and make smart investments that will reduce our long-term costs and grow our economy.



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## Letter to the Editor

Letters must be less than 300 words, signed with a first and last name, typed or e-mailed and include a phone number. Letters are solely the opinion of the writer and not that of the Gorham Times. They are published at the discretion of the Gorham Times and are subject to editing.

Dear *Gorham Times* Editor:

The Gorham Times has printed two interviews with USM's spokesman and Gorham resident, Bob Caswell, about the financial crisis. Bob Caswell is a good guy, does his job well, but only one side of the story is being told by him to the Gorham Times. What we had there was essentially a press release for the USM administration—not exactly a balanced view. The Gorham Times is not known for investigative journalism. Everyone should check out the full story and add to the conversation. Does anyone know what the fiscal impact of USM is in Gorham? Town officials have been largely silent on potential program closures in Gorham.

Like Bob, I am a Gorham resident, and I understand the Geology Department on USM's Gorham Campus is targeted for elimination by USM's President. Closing the Geology Department will cost USM about \$1.4 million in severance pay and lost tuition revenue. This would be on top of the \$14 million deficit. Bob didn't mention that. The rock, mineral and fossil collection in Bailey Hall will likely no longer be available as a resource to the Gorham Schools if closed. We have had hundreds of visits from, and made hundreds of visits to, Gorham school children in their classrooms. It would be a shame to see that go away along with countless resident

inquiries about environmental issues affecting our town. Other resources and learning options for southern Maine citizens are in jeopardy.

Irwin Novak

Dear *Gorham Times* Editor:

The story by Sheri Faber in the April 24 issue of Gorham Times, Great Falls Construction to Renovate Little Falls School, has some of our seniors upset. This is understandable as much is left unanswered.

Town Manager David Cole was the source of the information presumably. It was stated that the "building will be used for public meeting purposes scheduled through the Recreation Department" and "at this point, there are no definitive plans for a senior citizen center at the site".

According to my dictionary, "definitive" means "final and settled", or "complete". OK, when will the plans become definite? ("free of all uncertainty").

At the 8/6/13 Council meeting, our Town Manager was ordered to solicit proposals for the rehabilitation "and that the building for the immediate future continue to be used for recreational and community center kind of programs as it has been used in the past."

So I choose to look on this article as positive, action has now finally been taken to move forward on the renovations, approved 18 months

ago and Lakes Region Senior Center most certainly was a program that used the facility in the recent past.

Now is the time for the Council to put their stamp on this and further confirm when it will become definite.

David R. Alexander

Dear *Gorham Times* Editor:

So often we hear about products that can be carcinogenic or damaging to our health, but we can't always find realistic means to eliminate these products from our daily lives. I recently learned that cash register, credit and debit card receipts contain up to 1000 times more BPA (Bisphenol A) than the amount of BPA recently banned from baby bottles in Maine. A num-

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## around town

Shaw Brothers was awarded the contract to repair approximately 1,350 feet of New Portland Road from the intersection of Bartlett and Lowell Roads to the Westbrook line at a cost not to exceed \$249,900. The state and town will share equally in the cost of the reconstruction of New Portland Road as it is a heavily travelled road that is considered an arterial road.

Photos from the Father Daughter Dance are now available at the Bookworm.

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# Frank Valliere, Local Landscape Painter



Old Yeller (2002) oil pastel, of a 1941 Chevy painted from a photograph Valliere took in New Mexico, showing his fondness for old cars.

By CHRIS CRAWFORD  
Staff Writer

To say that Gorham resident Frank Valliere is an amazing artist is an understatement. There is nothing understated about him in the least. Unconventional, quirky, brilliant, outspoken, passionate, mercurial, and supremely talented are words that come to mind.

Valliere is one of the original members of a group of eight local artists who formed an alliance and show regularly at the beautiful Saccarappa Art Collective (SAC) gallery on Main Street in Westbrook. The Portland Press Herald called Saccarappa one of the better fine arts galleries in the greater Portland area. Andy Curran, director of SAC, said of Valliere, "Frank is a passionate guy, and an extremely talented painter. His pains-

taking attention to detail and light allow him to make the most amazing paintings. He is a true eccentric, and a local treasure." Another Gorham artist, Jonathan Eiten, (Gorham Times August 29, 2013) has recently joined the SAC group.

***"Frank is a passionate guy, and an extremely talented painter. His painstaking attention to detail and light allow him to make the most amazing paintings. He is a true eccentric, and a local treasure."***

Valliere's paintings are all the more remarkable in light of the fact that his eyesight is severely compromised. While his sight may be poor, there is absolutely nothing wrong with his vision. Valliere's work is gorgeous and needs to be seen up close to appreciate the exquisite attention to detail, composition, and light that are perfectly balanced in his work. In fact, some of his pieces, done primarily in oil pastels, look so life-like that they almost appear to be photographs. He primarily paints land-

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# High School Student Raises Big Money for MS



Photo courtesy of Margaret Brown

Team Tom almost doubled their fundraising this year for Walk MS that took place in Portland.

By MEGAN BENNETT  
GHS Intern

Darcie Brown, a junior at Gorham High School, raised over \$16,560 this year for the annual six-mile Walk MS in honor of her father, Tom Brown, who lost his battle to multiple sclerosis (MS) when he was 39 years old. Her team, Team Tom, is composed mainly of high school students, as well as Darcie's family and close friends. She has been participating and raising

money for Walk MS for over eight years. She started Team Tom in 2010 with only 10 team members. Even with such a small group, they raised \$3,000. This year, the team set a high goal of \$10,000. Not only did they reach this goal, but they nearly doubled it.

Multiple sclerosis is an autoimmune disease that affects the body's immune system and alters the brain and spinal cord, resulting in loss of muscle control,

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# The Mouse That Still Roars — Collecting Disneyana

BY MARC BADEAU

Shivering through what seemed like one of the longest and coldest winters in recent memory, I cannot help but daydream about what has been called the Happiest Place on Earth—Disneyland. Home to fond family vacation memories, it also is a place where any collector can find a treasure trove of collectibles representing their favorite Disney character.

Disney collectibles, often called “Disneyana,” encompasses literally millions of products associated with Walt Disney’s film studio characters. But, as Walt Disney himself once said, “It all began with a Mouse!”

Walt Disney was a budding 22-year-old cartoonist and entrepreneur in 1921 when he acquired his first studio, Laugh-O-Gram Films. When the debt-ridden studio went bankrupt in 1923, Disney moved to Los Angeles, joined his brother Roy, and launched the Disney Brothers Cartoon Studio, which became Walt Disney Studios in 1926. Mickey Mouse, originally called Mortimer and renamed by Walt’s wife, joined the team in 1928 with the big-screen release of “Steamboat Willie,” one of the first cartoon productions to include sound and talking characters. The inspiration for Mickey was a pet that Walt had when he worked at Laugh-O-Gram.

To help promote his films, Disney formed Mickey Mouse Clubs throughout the country to teach kids good manners while encouraging a love of Disney films and products. The informal kid’s clubs held meetings in

local movie theaters, where leaders emphasized the importance of attending Sunday school, respecting parents, developing good hygiene, and helping others. By 1932, Mickey Mouse Clubs boasted more than a million members worldwide.

Walt was not only an extremely talented cartoonist but was also a marketing and branding visionary, capitalizing on every aspect of his beloved characters. From the early ‘30s onward, familiar characters like Clarabelle Cow, Donald Duck, Pluto, Goofy and, of course, Mickey Mouse were made into dolls, puppets, and figurines; painted onto lunchboxes, handkerchiefs, and backpacks; and turned into every kind of children’s toy imaginable.

Disney’s massive product branding gave rise to a wave of knockoff merchandise across the globe. In response, Disney established an arm of their business devoted to licensing and merchandising. The appeal of Disney products was so broad that licensing deals could make or break businesses. For example, in the mid-1930s, the Lionel Toy Company was saved from bankruptcy by its Mickey and Minnie themed handcar sets. Disney’s branding reached new heights after the 1937 release of “Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs” with the princess and her little friends adorning every conceivable toy and household product.

As World War II got underway, the sailor-suited Donald Duck became Disney’s most visible character since his fiery temper made him a perfect fit

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ber of universities and other research organizations have linked BPA to problems with endocrine and reproductive systems as well as to cancer and childhood neurological issues, and numerous other serious medical problems. The Centers for Disease Control found that retail workers have BPA levels 30% higher than average due to their extensive handling of register receipts. Bisphenol S (BPS) has been substituted for BPA in some products but it has many of the same side effects.

An article in Science News found that a receipt from a McDonald’s Happy Meal had 13 milligrams of PBA. This is equal to the amount found in 126 cans of Chef Boyardee, previously thought to be the product containing the most BPA’s.

Scientists at the University of Missouri made the following recom-

mendations to reduce the amount of our exposure to BPA and BPS: Use cloth dishtowels, napkins and handkerchiefs. Don’t take receipts. If it can’t be sent digitally, keep them in an envelope or plastic bag so the BPA’s don’t spread through your purse or wallet. Don’t use recycled toilet paper—it contains BPA’s. Wash your hands after handling newspapers, magazines and other paper products including currency. Use metal or glass water bottles as PBA leaches out of plastic. Avoid canned foods unless the can says BPA free. Use glass or ceramic covers in the microwave. All number 7 plastic containers contain BPA. Wash hands after handling receipts. Do not put receipts in grocery bag with food. Never give a child a receipt.

Carol Curran

## Village Parking Study CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

recommended. The cost to benefit ratio was conducive to development of new parking areas. The study noted the lack of signage to direct drivers to public parking, a problem in all the quadrants.

“College Avenue is currently 34’ to 36’ wide paved, which allows for 2-way traffic and 8’ parallel parking spaces,” says the report. Simple paint striping and directional signage could yield 18 additional parking spaces on College Avenue. The study also looks at the possibility of redesigning the intersection of College Ave. and School Street to shorten the length of the crosswalk for the safety of pedestrians.

### Northeast Quadrant

Here is where the study looked at the possibility of connecting neighboring lots to increase parking availability to village residents and shoppers. The area between the Gorham Savings Bank and Cross Street had several possible

solutions potentially creating 28 new parking spaces.

Cross Street has the potential for eight new parallel parking spaces.

### Southwest Quadrant

The mostly residential southwest quadrant of South, Green and Pine Streets didn’t present potential for reconstruction. Their one-hour parking spaces were underused even though they were clearly marked as one-hour public spaces. The team analyzed, but did not recommend a crosswalk connecting Pine and State Streets.

### Southeast Quadrant

This quadrant contains the two town-purchased areas of land; both are occupied by older homes. The team presented several possible strategies to add parking to the block that is home to Amato’s, The Gorham Grind, Raney’s Laundromat and the Old Robie Gym. Switching the straight spots in front of Robie Gym to angled parking, razing the barn structure of 10 Preble Street (town-owned) and negotiating with the owners of the businesses to create a new layout and flow of the parking areas are all being studied further to choose the best solution in this heavily-trafficked block.

### Next Steps

Residents can view the parking study via the town’s website: <http://www.gorham-me.org/>. On June 3rd, the town council will meet in the council chambers at 7 p.m. to hear a presentation from the consultant on the project and discuss the results. The meeting is open and public comment is welcome.

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Smith says members of the community have been generous in offering help and support. “We have had numerous offers from people to use their garages and barns for storage. We have taken most of our salvageable inventory to Phinney Lumber and Findview Farm to store until we can get our storage space back. There have been many volunteers who have stopped by to help with cleanup.”

Smith reports the only frustration is with the lengthy process required to get back to full operating status. They are waiting for the design work to be finished so they can get bids and get busy with reconstruction.

# Businesses in Gorham: Four Months at a Glance

By NOAH MINER  
Staff Writer

The Gorham Economic Development Corporation (GEDC) is non-profit quasi-governmental agency that promotes community and economic development to expand the tax base and create new jobs in the town of Gorham. Over the course of the past four months they addressed the following issues at their monthly meetings:

Dr. Rob Lavoie, owner of the Chiropractic Clinic of Gorham, is in the process of relocating to 88 Main Street at the intersection of Pine Street just west of the Village center. The building has additional space that will be leased. Renovations are currently underway to improve the space and provide egress for the upper floors.

Classic Poker Chips has moved into a 5,000+ square foot space previously occupied by Atlantic Hardwoods in the multi-tenant building located at 11 Industrial Park Drive. Classic Poker Chips manufactures high quality poker chips for casinos around the world. Atlantic Hardwoods is consolidating the flooring business to its main location in Portland.

The town submitted a grant application through the Community Development Block Program (CDBG) for \$237,280 for sidewalk improvements in Little Falls south of the roundabout. The CDBG is a grant program administered by the State of Maine using funding provided by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The intent of the program is to provide grant money to communities that meet low- to moderate-income levels. In efforts to move forward with the grant process, the town is looking into how income level guidelines could affect the grant application.

The Gorham Arts Alliance approached the GEDC for a letter of support to use as part of grant application from the Maine Arts Commission. The Gorham Arts Alliance is a non-profit organization leasing space in the Odd Fellows building on School Street recently purchased by Jon and Cindy Smith. The space will be used for afterschool art-related enrichment programming.

The storefronts of the multi-tenant brick Masonic building on State and School Streets will be changing. Neu 2 U clothing store has closed. Neu-Du hair salon will be moving to the space previously occupied by Debbie Harmon photography.

# Clerk's Corner

By JENNIFER ELLIOTT  
Town Clerk

Tax payments for the second installment of the tax year are due May 15th.

If you have any questions, call the Town Clerk's Office at 222-1670.

It is the season to start thinking about summertime; I hear it is right around the corner. You can come get your fishing license or register your ATV and trailers. We also have the law books from the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to have on hand in case you have questions.

The town of Windham has been handling our General Assistance since October. If you are in need and would like to call for an appointment, the number is 892-1906.



Town Clerk Jennifer Elliott can be reached by e-mail at [jelliott@gorham.me.us](mailto:jelliott@gorham.me.us) or by phone at 222-1674.

## Real Estate Transfers December 2013

Location	Buyer	Seller	Price
7 Dana Street	Rendell, Lenny K	Farr, James	250,000
11 Village Woods Circle	Gaudreau, Shawn L	Sturgis, David W III	338,000
19 Shirley Lane	Johnson, Robert A	Sanfino, Nicholas A	260,000
37 Robie Street	Sturgis, David W III	Dentico, Amy D	179,000
11 Bramblewood Lane	Cross, Donald & Virginia	Bramblewood LLC	274,900
218 Burnham Road	Beal, Gregory H	Peters & Company LLC	299,963
9 Goodall Road	Plummer, William	Cross, Justin M	165,000
1 Winterberry Drive	Swift, Kimberly J	Leblanc, Deborah K	220,000
10 McQuillians Hill Drive	Hepler, Bruce	Osann, Richard S	335,250
224 Huston Road	Gilbert Properties LLC	Kimball, Leo E	160,000
305 County Road	Meuse, Janet L	D&D LLC	319,000
291 Narragansett Street	Lemelin, Joseph P	Johnson, Melville	195,000
19 Bramblewood Lane	Wang, Qi	Bramblewood LLC	274,900
57 Little River Drive	Lakatos-Porter, Danielle E	Thum, Megan Elizabeth	242,000
137 Mosher Road	Myrick, Robert S	Casey, Richard F	168,025
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## Village School Welcomes Students from Abroad

By CECELY CONRAD  
K-5 ESOL Specialist, Gorham Schools

Cindy He (left) is a second grade student in Mrs. Hauke's classroom. She is visiting from Dalian, China, speaks fluent Mandarin, and she and her father plan to be in Gorham through the entire next school year while her father is a visiting scholar in Portland.

Liza Klishch (right) is a fifth grade student in Mrs. Kellogg's classroom and has moved to Gorham with her family from Brovary, a suburb of the capital city Kiev in northern Ukraine. Liza is fluent in both Ukrainian and Russian and, like Cindy, has had years of English language lessons through her schooling.

Technology is an invaluable tool in helping these newcomers adjust and connect with peers and educators alike. Google Translate allows for basic (albeit sometimes flawed!) translation between a student's first and second (or third) languages. The school's iPads can be changed to display all computer func-



Photo credit Andrea Morrell

Cindy He (left) and Liza Klishch (right) are both acclimating to their foreign environment through tools such as Google Translate.

tions in a student's first language, in this case either Mandarin or Russian. The use of this technology enables the students to use language-learning apps and grants access to images that aid the comprehension and language acquisition processes.

Both students come with strong academic backgrounds and have proven to be exceptionally great resources for Village School students and staff, who have learned several phrases in new languages and a bit more about the wider world.

## Gorham Students Inducted into National Technical Honor Society



Photo credit Stacie Leavitt Photography

The Westbrook Regional Vocational Center recently inducted GHS students into the National Technical Honor Society. Pictured (left to right) are: **Emily Peterson**, first year inductee; **Jesse Leavitt**, second year inductee; **April Cummings**, second year inductee; **Aaron Erickson**, first year inductee; **Hannah LeClair**, first year inductee; and **Alexis Miller**, first year inductee.

**Maine National History Day** was held at the University of Maine in Orono on April 12. Over 350 students in grades six through 12 from across the state came to compete in this annual event. This year's theme was "Rights and Responsibilities in History." Students picked their own topics and choose to present their research in the following categories: Group and Individual Exhibits; Documentaries; Website; Performance and Individual Papers. **Avery Arena**, a freshman at GHS, won second place in the Senior Individual Exhibit category for her entry entitled, "Riding the Lightning," The Electrocution of Topsy the Elephant. She will compete at the national level at the University of Maryland, College Park, June 15-19. Pictured are Avery Arena with Jason Lambert, advisor for National History Day.



Photo credit Phil Arena

## school notes

Are you going into Grades 5-8? The Sebago Education Alliance is hosting Student E-Magination Camp at Windham High School June 26-27. Workshops include using Animation, Coding, iMovie, Google Earth Flight Simulator, Geocaching just to list a few. There's even a CPR course that parents can sign up

with their son/daughter for free. Participation is limited so sign up early. The camp fee is \$85 and includes your choice of sessions, registration fees and lunch. Mac devices will be provided for students. See website <https://sites.google.com/a/satime.org/e-camp/> for more details.

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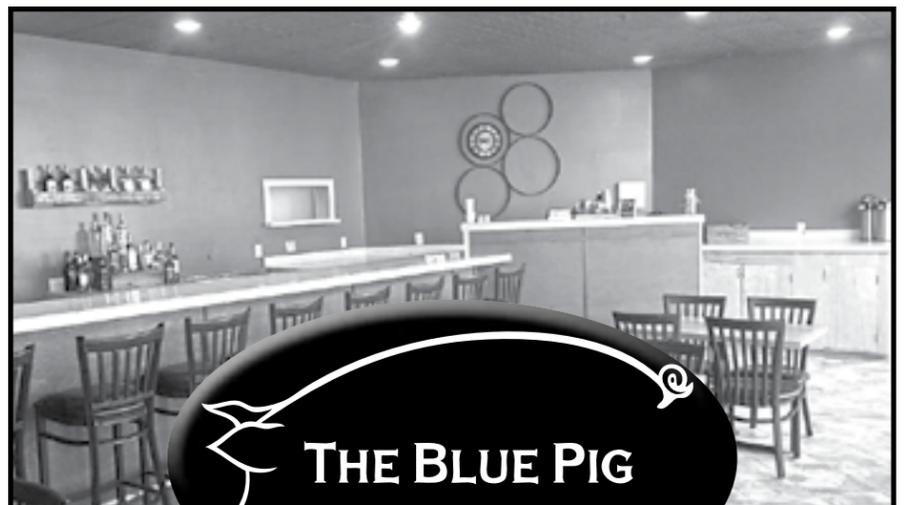
To: David Cole, Town Manager & Members of the Town Council  
Fr: Dennis Libby, Chair, Gorham School Committee  
Re: FY15 School Department Budget

Submitted for your review and consideration is the FY15 School Department Budget as approved by the School Committee on April 9, 2014.

The proposed FY15 Budget totals \$34,152,140 and represents a 3.75% increase over the final approved FY14 Budget of \$32,918,128. This budget requires a 2.82 % increase in the local appropriation. **Assuming General Purpose Aid is finalized at the proposed level, and the actual FY14 property tax increases \$12 million in FY15, the impact of this budget on the mil rate is an increase of 1.99%, or \$0.22.** In your review of the FY15 Budget Summary page in the booklet, the actual amount of the increase in the local appropriation is \$422,340.

During the past year, the School Department has continued to review all programs, personnel, facilities, and attendant infrastructure to assess their utility and their value in the advancement of a high quality, comprehensive educational program for all of our students.

We look forward to the joint TC/SC FY15 Budget Workshop scheduled for May 13<sup>th</sup>. In the interim, if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Finance Officer, Hollis Cobb and/or Superintendent, Ted Sharp.



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# Recent Gorham Road Race Results

COMPILED BY JEFF PIKE  
Sports Editor

The last two Saturdays in April turned out to be big ones for Gorham's Brendhan McDevitt as he finished first in the Gorham Lions Club 10K on April 19 and third the Cumberland County Sheriffs 5-K Fugitive Run. Both races took place in Gorham.

McDevitt also finished first in his gender-age group (male 30-39) at the Cumberland County Sheriffs 5-K Fugitive Run while other group winners from Gorham included Maddie DeWitt (female 19 and younger), and Pete DeWitt (male 40-49), who also finished fifth overall.

In the Gorham Lions Club 10K, Kristal Jean finished sixth overall and first among Gorham women. The Gorham Lions Club also hosted a 5K race on April 19. At that event, Gorham gender-age group winners included Claire Boudreau (female 14 and under), Lena Smith (female 20-29), Jamie Palanza (female 40-40), Pamela Baldwin (female 50-59), Frank Arsenault (male 60-69), Cindy Jean (female 60-69), and Mary Hoskin (female 70-79).

Below are the results of all Gorham runners in the three races according to [www.coolrunning.com](http://www.coolrunning.com).

## Cumberland County Sheriffs 5-K Fugitive Run - April 26

Place	Name	Time
3	Brendhan McDevitt	19
5	Pete DeWitt	20:07
21	Anton Gulovsen	22:12
24	Maddie DeWitt	22:24
34	Kristal Jean	23:33
50	Caleb Eaton	25:59
53	Karen Tinkham	26:23
64	Mark Hodsdon	28:32
72	Matthew Dahms	30:31
80	Howard Brown	32:44
83	Sue Britting	35:39
102	Angela Ellis	51:25
106	Dawn Verrill	52:18
110	Cindy Jean	56:18

## Gorham Lions Club 5K - April 19

Place	Name	Time
7	Greg Lavertu	22:17
10	Lena Smith	24:55
15	Pamela Baldwin	26:39
17	Shannon Williford	27:41
19	Kristin Foster	28:55
20	Frank Arsenault	30:25
23	Emily Allen	33:30
26	Jamie Palanza	34:51
30	Lisa Brown	39:30
31	Claire Boudreau	40:11
32	Hadley Foster	43:10
33	Dean Boudreau	43:11
34	Mary Hoskin	43:22
36	Wendy Hammond	45:52
38	Cindy Jean	56:33

## Gorham Lions Club 10K - April 19

Place	Name	Time
1	Brendhan McDevitt	39:31
6	Kristal Jean	48:59

# GHS Spring Sports Captains

**Girls' Lacrosse:** Meghan Cushing, Morgan Cushing, Haley Perkins, Katie Tucker.

**Baseball:** Dylan Turner, Nick Greatorex, Jesse Leavitt.

**Boys' Track:** Travis Grant, Christian Auspland, Thomas Bradshaw, Dylan Truong, Ben Foster, Jon Gray.

**Girls' Tennis:** Tori Small, Renae Staples, Hannah Garcia.

**Boys' Tennis:** Tom Susi, Thomas Brent.

**Girls' Track:** Hannah Southard, Jackie Turner, Laura Turner, Kristin Benson, Abby Perkins.

**Boys' Lacrosse:** Frank Pappalardo, Pat Crocker, Mike Susi.

**Softball:** Emily DeLuca, Sam Robinson, Courtney Roberts, Julia Gaudette.

## sports Etc.

**GHS Grad Directs Co-Ed Nike Summer Basketball Camp:** Justin Brown (GHS '04) will direct two separate co-ed basketball camps for players ages 8-16 this summer at the University of New England in Biddeford. The camps take place July 14-18 and July 28-August 1, running from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day. The cost is \$315 per each camp and includes lunch. For more information, contact Justin Brown at 318-2901 or [brown.justin11@gmail.com](mailto:brown.justin11@gmail.com). Participants can also register at [www.ussportscamps.com](http://www.ussportscamps.com).

**GHS Sports Physicals:** On May 14th from 3-6 p.m. at the GHS main office lobby, GHS will offer sports physicals for a fee of \$25 to students in grades 6-12 who do not currently have a primary care provider. The Martin's Point Gorham medical office and the Gorham school nurses provide this community service.

**Next Gorham Boosters Meeting May 13th:** The Gorham Boosters meet the second Monday of every month at 6:30 p.m. at the GHS Library. The next meeting takes place May 13th. Anyone wishing to help can contact Lenny Holmes at [gorhamboosters@gmail.com](mailto:gorhamboosters@gmail.com).

## in the Zone

**Four from Gorham Complete in Boston Marathon:** Four Gorham residents were among the 36,000 competitors that participated in this year's Boston Marathon, which turned out to be a most memorable event for all those involved in light of last year's tragic events. **Dick Graves**, who placed 65th among all Maine runners, was the top Gorham runner with a time of 3:24:39 followed by **Jeffrey Rosenblatt** with a time of 4:46:07, good for 198th among runners from Maine. **Rachel Baillargeon** was the top female runner from Gorham with a time of 5:03:48 followed by **Melinda Shain** with a time of 6:52:11. Baillargeon finished 210th among Maine runners while Shain placed 249th.



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## Into and Hopefully Out of the Mud!



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Young competitors near the end of the tough, 2.5-mile course at this year's Into The Mud endurance race held behind the Gorham Middle School. The USM School of Business and Sport Management program hosted the event this year for the fourth time. The event featured a unique mud-filled course with over 20 fun obstacles for all ages, and drew more than 800 participants from all over New England and parts of Canada. All proceeds benefit the USM Sport Management Scholarship fund.

## Disneyana CONTINUED FROM PAGE 4

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The Disneyana craze continued in the 1940's with the release of several successful films, including "Pinocchio," "Dumbo," "Bambi," and "Fantasia." Disney characters now adorned radios, banks, tea sets, cookie jars, ice skates, clocks, musical instruments and even ashtrays. When Disneyland in Anaheim, California opened in July of 1955, it provided miles of souvenir shops selling every imaginable knickknack, including the still wildly popular character pins. In the 1960's, a new generation, members of the Hippie Revolution against American conservatism, adopted

Mickey as a symbol of their working-class ethos, since the likeable trickster was disdained by the affluent.

Many collectors consider the period from the 1930's to 1960's to be the golden (and most collectable) years of Disneyana. However the real value of any collectable is its worth to you and the joy that it brings to your personal life. Given the quantity of Disney collectables on the market, I recommend a beginning collector take the time to research pricing, authenticity and condition of the desired item.

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## MS Fundraiser CONTINUED FROM PAGE 3

vision, and other bodily functions. According to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, the condition affects approximately 400,000 Americans.

Currently, there is no cure for MS, which is why the walk has become such an important part in finding a cure. Not only does this money go toward finding a cure, it also goes toward families affected by this disease, in the form of support groups, donations, and utilities to make life with the disease easier.

Darcie said of the event, "I absolutely loved seeing the community rally around. We got almost \$3,000 in donations from local businesses and I couldn't be more grateful. In addition, a huge majority of the money we raised came straight from going door-to-door in Gorham. Seeing the community rally around us students was absolutely incredible."

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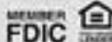
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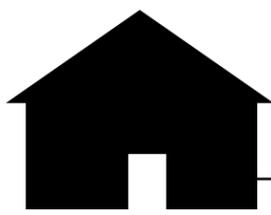


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# A Wall of History at the Inn



Photo credit Pam Torloff

BY PAM TORLOFF

A walk down memory lane officially became part of the décor at the Inn at Village Square on April 24. Photos from the early 1900's graced one wall of the facility. Facilities Manager Dennis Burnham presented the photo project of several months to residents and visitors. The photos were displayed with permission from both the Westbrook and Gorham Historical Societies free of charge and also included many photos from Mike Sanphy's personal collection. Burnham stated, "Many of our residents worked or resided in Gorham and Westbrook, and have taken great ownership of this photo display." Julie Perkins, activities director, also helped with the project in its early stages.

The wall offers ten to fifteen framed photos from both Westbrook and Gorham, and is separated by a hand painted street sign done by the acting Activities Director Rachel Church. Some of the photos include a picture from Westbrook's

1914 Centennial Celebration as well as a visit from Rudy Vallee, a local Westbrook boy who made it big in entertainment. Shirley Lally, a resident of the Inn who grew up in Westbrook, clarified that Vallee Square in Westbrook was not named after Rudy Vallee, but after his father, a well-known pharmacist. She also reminisced about ten cent movie tickets and swimming behind the old Saccarappa Mill. Lally worked for the Westbrook Historical Society for over twenty years and was pleased to see the photos displayed.

Gorham's side of the wall boasts a photo of the White Rock Grange and Central Square as well as a 1952 picture of the Gorham Constable Service. There will be new pictures rotated into the frames every six months and the wall is open to anyone in Gorham or Westbrook who would like to view it. Just call the Inn at 839-5101 to let them know you are coming.

Whether you grew up in the early 1900's or later, if you are a resident of Gorham or Westbrook, this photo wall is sure to interest and delight you.

# GHOP Creates Operation GHOPE Operation GHOPE to Hold First Annual Spring Fling Fundraiser to Benefit the Reed-Allen Community Fund

BY FOTINE SOTIROPOULOS

The first major fundraiser to benefit the Reed-Allen Community Fund will take place at Spire 29 on the Square on May 17. The concept for this sold-out event came from the tragic events experienced by Gorham resident and owner of Gorham House of Pizza (GHOP), Angelo Sotiropoulos. In April 2012, Sotiropoulos' business sustained a devastating fire and a few weeks later, a second blow struck, when he was diagnosed with cancer. Sotiropoulos had demonstrated this boundless spirit of philanthropy and support for the community of Gorham for decades. Now that he was in a time of need, Gorham rallied to support Sotiropoulos by organizing a fundraiser to assist him.

This sequence of events spurred a thought for Sotiropoulos: What happens to people, who are not so well known in the community and do not have the resources he has, when these types of tragic events occur? What is available to help them? Thus, Operation GHOPE was formed.

The goal is to help Gorham community members who do not have the same public reputation and resources available in their times of crisis by providing support that will help them cope and recover. Their mission is to have a permanent

pool of funds that will provide financial support to people or businesses immediately following a catastrophic event.

The newly formed Board of Community Members includes: Angelo Sotiropoulos, president; Lisa Allen, vice president; Becky Winslow, treasurer; and Fotine Sotiropoulos, secretary. Additional Board Members include: Mark Allen, Al Bean, Christy Cousins, Mark Curtis, Bruce Hepler, Paul Kennedy, Shawn Moody, and Jon Smith.

The formation of the Board demonstrates the true spirit of commitment from the Gorham Community. The first meeting was held in January and the coming together of the group generated great emotion from Sotiropoulos. He opened the first meeting with these words; "I can't tell you how honored and touched I am to see all of your faces around this table. As I look at all of you I can see the future impact you will make in strengthening the bond of our community and to continuing the support that I believe makes our community truly special."

The Spring Fling will be held at Spire 29 and has already sold out to local businesses supporting the fund. For more information about becoming part of the next event or how to contribute to the fund, contact Fotine Sotiropoulos at fsotiropoulos@hotmail.com.

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### OF INTEREST

On April 27, Margery Hodgkin of Gorham placed second for her quilt, "The Cat's Meow", at the Calico Quilters Quilt Show in Yarmouth. More than 375 show attendees voted for their three favorites from among 140 bed quilts, wall hangings, and other quilted items that were displayed during this two-day show.



Photo courtesy of Marge Hodgkin

West Gorham Union Church will hold its annual Plant and Bake Sale on Saturday, May 17 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The church is located at 190 Ossipee Trail, Rt. 25 about 4 miles west of Gorham Center near the intersection of Rt. 112.

Baxter Memorial Library will hold "Train Days" on Friday, May 23, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday, May 24, from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Join the Maine 3 Railers as they present trains of all sorts. There will be train crafts and activities galore. Open to all ages.

The Gorham Community Chorus will perform a Spring Concert on Sunday, May 11 at 3 p.m. at the Gorham High School Auditorium. There will be a silent auction during intermission. Refreshments served. Admission is by donation.



Photo credit: Jill Welch

National Touring Magician, Norman Ng, will perform at the First Parish Congregational Church in Gorham on Friday, May 23 at 7 p.m. An interactive and hilarious show, suitable for all ages. \$10pp. FMI and tickets call 642-5904.

There will be a Green Gorham Project Meeting on Monday, June 2 at 6:30 p.m., Gorham Savings Bank Operation Center, Wentworth Drive. All are welcome. FMI, 892-6000 or YouLeg@Yahoo.com

### ON-GOING EVENTS

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. 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.

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.

The Gorham Veterans of Foreign Wars Memorial Post 10879 is actively seeking new members to fill a limited number of volunteer officer positions. Requirements to fill these roles are: service in any military branch in an overseas combat zone and willingness to attend a one hour monthly meeting of members at the West Gorham (Rte 25/Ossipee Trail) fire station. Participation in a variety of activities is voluntary, which include marching in the annual Gorham Memorial Day parade, meeting local and national dignitaries, and travel to national VFW sponsored events. FMI, call Dan Howard at 222-2438 or Alan Reed at 839-8534.

### CLOSE TO HOME

There will be a public Bean Supper on Saturday, May 17 from 5 to 6 p.m. at the North Congregational Church, 22 Church Hill Road, in Buxton (Groveville). Baked Beans, Red Hot Dogs, American Chop Suey, Cole Slaw, Rolls, Desserts, Coffee & Punch, \$8, Take-out available.

Schoolhouse Arts Center, located on Rt. 114 in Standish, will present the musical "Godspell" through May 11. \$18/\$16/\$14. FMI, 642-3743 or visit schoolhousearts.org.

# Curbside Composting May Come to Gorham

BY ESTHER PELLETIER  
Staff Writer

How did South Portland High School go from producing 140-160 pounds of cafeteria trash per day to 20 pounds? How is the city of Portland preventing 160 tons of solid waste each month from going into the landfill trash incinerator and saving \$60,000 a year in tipping fees? How can you save money and trash day hassles while benefiting your community and the environment? Garbage to Garden is the answer.

In August of 2012, Tyler Addison Frank, a vibrant young entrepreneur and the founder of Garbage to Garden, started to realize his vision by handing out buckets at one of Portland's First Friday Art Walks and asking people to sign up for a curbside composting program. Those first 17 participants on the Eastern Prom were soon joined by 2,400 participating households in Portland. Now Garbage to Garden services 25,000 houses and about 100 businesses/restaurants/schools in six towns—Portland,

South Portland, Westbrook, Falmouth, Cumberland, Yarmouth...and soon, Cape Elizabeth.

"We're all about the environmental impact. We're a triple bottom line business," says Frank. The "triple bottom line" refers to an accounting framework that incorporates three dimensions of performance also commonly called the three Ps: people, planet and profits.

**People:** Garbage to Garden has partnered with non-profits like Wayside Food Programs, Portland Trails and others allowing participants to pay for their monthly bucket pickups by volunteering and making the community stronger.

**Planet:** The fleet of trucks runs on biodiesel made from baking oil that people throw out and are washed with soap made from recycled cooking grease. An anaerobic digester being built in Brunswick at the old naval base will soon be able to take food waste and turn the methane into electricity and bottled renewable natural gas. "There's a lot of future in what we can do with this as a resource," says Tyler Frank.

**Profits:** In addition to profits for towns and businesses, there are profits for the individual too. In Gorham, we pay \$2.50 for a 33-gallon trash bag. For many, that averages about \$10 a month. The Garbage to Garden monthly fee is \$11 and in return includes extra buckets at no charge, curbside pickup, and free, top quality (checked regularly by the MDEP) composted material delivered back to you for your own garden. How much will you spend on bags of compost and potting soil this spring?

Compostable garbage is anything biodegradable that you can't recycle: cooked or raw food, meat, dairy, bones, soiled paper, egg shells, coffee grounds, citrus, pet hair, dryer lint, compostable scooped cat litter, even a dirty cardboard pizza box if it is cut up.

Almost all of this precious, usable waste is being composted right here in Gorham at Benson Farm on Plummer Road. So why isn't Gorham a participating town? Gorham residents need to ask for it. Frank says he would like to come to Gorham next year. If requests pour in,



Photo credit: Esther Pelletier

Tyler Addison Frank, president and founder of Garbage to Garden, stands with a stack of sanitized composting buckets at the company headquarters on Riverside Street, Portland.

it will justify the need for a route. So head over to [www.garbagetogarden.org](http://www.garbagetogarden.org), scroll down to "Bring It To Your City" and fill out the form. And then tell your Gorham friends and ask them to do the same.

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Rep. Helen Rankin complained of pain in her chest to fellow colleague Sanborn, who, after asking many questions, told her to see her doctor. As

it turned out, Rankin required a quadruple bypass.

Rankin said of Sanborn: "She's somebody who came into my life for a reason." After getting emotional, she continued, "Thank God. She saved my life."

To read the full article, visit <http://blog.heart.org/maine-legislator-saves-her-colleagues-life/>

## Valliere Paintings CONTINUED FROM PAGE 3

scapes, which often include a man-made object such as a barn or old car or truck. "Landscapes have all the visual elements that exist in life: shadow, form, and design," said Valliere.

While Valliere is visually impaired and cannot drive a car, he has played hockey every week for years. When asked how he can participate in such a high-speed game, he matter-of-factly explains that he plays by ear. And when asked how he can execute such finely detailed paintings, he takes his glasses off, blithely saying he can see just fine up close, and shows how he works with his nose just inches from the canvas.

Valliere's works are priced in the thousands and have been in various shows and museums around the country. Locally, his paintings will now be seen regularly at Saccarappa Art Collective, with new shows going up about every six weeks. He has worked as an all-purpose illustrator, designer, fabricator, and restorer of everything from jewelry and handbags, to furniture to gardens and landscapes, to vehicle toys and bicycles. Like many artists struggling to earn a living, Valliere must supplement his income with odd jobs, working as a carpenter's assistant and also with a landscape gardener.

Valliere moved to Gorham 15 years ago, seeking privacy and a rural environment. He has lovingly restored his 1940's cottage and studio, using many recycled materials. The house is as unique as its owner and serves as a virtual museum for Valliere's wide-ranging interests. His

collection of old metal toy cars and trucks numbers in the hundreds. He has accumulated many beautiful musical instruments, has an amazing record archive, especially of the Beatles, many beautiful pottery pieces and artwork (his own and some pieces from friends) and also a growing collection of old and unusual license plates. He would eventually like to have one from each of the 50 states.

One of seven children, Valliere grew up in Methuen, Massachusetts, which was mostly rural at the time. Valliere described himself as "A small kid, with big ears and coke bottle glasses who was always looking at bugs. I was different and it made me a target," he said.

When asked about his early experiences with art, he said that he was born an artist, but that his family did not encourage creativity. School was difficult for Valliere and it was not until seventh grade, when he was placed in a class for visually impaired students, that he encountered the first teacher who inspired him. "She had high expectations in all subjects and made us work hard. She would also occasionally let us paint all day. It was great!" said Valliere.

After public school, Valliere began taking classes at Butera School of Art, a small school in Boston that specialized in commercial art. He also attended the Museum School and did his undergraduate academics at Tufts University. "Art school was the first place where I truly felt like I fit," he said. What a great fit it is to have an artist of Valliere's abilities living and working in Gorham.



## Nice Job, Clay Road Caller!

**Clay Road caller reported a phone call from a man purporting to be his grandson saying he was in jail and needed \$4,500 to get out. Clay Road man told caller he was not falling for it and caller hung up.**

Meadow Crossing Drive caller reported his ex-wife's boyfriend had possibly sent an inappropriate picture to the man's 12-year-old child.

Officer stopped a vehicle on Dow Road for poor operation. Driver was arrested on an active warrant for unpaid fines totaling \$360.

Man was stopped on Spiller Road for OUI and also given a summons for speeding and a warning for poor operation.

Preble Street caller reported their house had been spray-painted.

Waterboro woman told officer she believed her employers were forwarding sexual videos of her from one employer to another to sabotage her jobs.

Vehicle pulled up next to Gorham Middle School student walking on South Street and asked if she wanted to get in the car and go with driver.

Suspicious person on Robie Street turned out to be employee's boyfriend.

Vice principal at GHS told School Resource Officer a student was refusing to hand over his laptop.

Topsham officer advised he had a subject who had purchased a stolen iPhone 5 from a Gray Road resident.

Car and three trucks were parked up at Dundee Dam. Officer told them to clean up their mess and go home.

Officer checked on a subject on South Street on foot. Man was not intoxicated and was not walking in the road. He was looking for cans in the ditch.

Sebago Lake Road man being served a summons apologized to officer for "some" of his comments during a prior encounter at Maine Medical Center.

Juvenile told officer she got a new phone number but the number was on a prostitution website. Officer suggested she get a new number.

Officer stopped a pedestrian walking east on Main Street with a sleeping bag draped over him. Man refused a ride.

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## CALENDAR

### THURSDAY, MAY 8

- Gorham Food Pantry Open, 9-11 a.m., 299-B Main St. (Parking lot of St. Anne's Catholic Church)
- Baby and Me, story time for ages birth to 18 mos., Baxter Memorial Library, 9:30 a.m.
- Toddler Time, story time for age 18-36 mos., Baxter Memorial Library, 10:30 a.m.
- Sewing Group, open to age 7 and up, Baxter Memorial Library, 2:30 p.m.

### FRIDAY, MAY 9

- Toddler Time, story time for age 18-36 mos., Baxter Memorial Library, 10:30 a.m.

### SATURDAY, MAY 10

- Lego Club, open to all ages, Baxter Memorial Library, 10 a.m.-noon.
- Greater Gorham Farmers Market, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., South St. next to Baxter Memorial Library.

### SUNDAY, MAY 11

- Gorham Community Chorus Spring Concert, 3 p.m., Gorham High School Auditorium. Admission by donation.

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 14

- Story time at North Gorham Public Library for babies, toddlers, and their caregivers, 10-10:30 a.m. FMI, 892-2575.
- Early Release for grades K-12.
- 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., 299-B Main St. (Parking lot of St. Anne's Catholic Church)
- USM Youth Ensembles Spring Choral Concert, 7:30 p.m., Corthell Concert Hall, Gorham campus. \$8/\$5

### THURSDAY, MAY 15

- Gorham Food Pantry Open, 9-11 a.m., 299-B Main St. (Parking lot of St. Anne's Catholic Church)
- Baby and Me, story time for ages birth to 18 mos., Baxter Memorial Library, 9:30 a.m.
- Toddler Time, story time for age 18-36 mos., Baxter Memorial Library, 10:30 a.m.
- Sewing Group, open to age 7 and up, Baxter Memorial Library, 2:30 p.m.

### SATURDAY, MAY 17

- Plant and Bake Sale, West Gorham Union Church, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
- Public Bean Supper, North Congregational Church, Buxton, 5-6 p.m.
- Greater Gorham Farmers Market, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., South St. next to Baxter Memorial Library.

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 21

- Story time at North Gorham Public Library for babies, toddlers, and their caregivers, 10-10:30 a.m. FMI, 892-2575.
- Senior Lunch at St. Anne's Church, 12 p.m. \$3.50. Sponsored by the Town of Gorham.

### THURSDAY, MAY 22

- Gorham Food Pantry Open, 9-11 a.m., 299-B Main St. (Parking lot of St. Anne's Catholic Church)
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- Sewing Group, open to age 7 and up, Baxter Memorial Library, 2:30 p.m.

Gorham Food Pantry, 299-B Main St.  
 Baxter Memorial Library, 71 South St.  
 Gorham High School, 41 Morrill Ave.  
 North Gorham Public Library, 2 Standish Neck Rd.  
 St. Anne's Church, 299 Main St.  
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 West Gorham Union Church, 190 Ossipee Trail E.  
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