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Control Over Youth Baseball and Softball Deadlocked

BY GORHAM TIMES STAFF

At press time, the Gorham Recreation Department and the Gorham Youth Baseball and Softball organization were involved in a dispute over which group will hold the sanctioned charter from the Babe Ruth League state organization. The Babe Ruth League oversees the Cal Ripken Baseball and Babe Ruth Softball divisions, both of which Gorham participates in.

The previous charter, which included both Cal Ripken Baseball and Babe Ruth Softball, was held by the Gorham Recreation Department and expired on February 1st, 2015. State officials representing the Cal Ripken Baseball and Babe Ruth Softball organizations have indicated a new charter will not be issued until the two groups resolve which one will be in control.

Possession of the sanctioned charter determines which group should be the one to collect and distribute the registration fees that are collected from the parents of the players. A valid sanctioned charter is also mandatory in order for Gorham teams to participate in state, regional and national competitions.

At press time, the two groups were deadlocked as to how they would proceed. In the meantime, both the Gorham Recreation and the Gorham Youth Baseball and Softball websites are posting that they are accepting registrations for the upcoming season.

Resolving the issue is important as both groups play a key role in giving Gorham youth the opportunity to play baseball and softball within the town of Gorham and against other towns. Look for further updates on the situation in the next issue of the Gorham Times.

Buried in Snow



Staff Photo

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Town Council, Land Trust Seek New Life for McLellan House

BY PRESUMPCOT REGIONAL LAND TRUST AND NOAH MINER
Gorham Times Staff

The Presumpscot Regional Land Trust (PRLT) has called the McLellan House home since 1988 when the Town of Gorham offered it on a no-cost lease. This allowed the PRLT to occupy a portion of the building and sub-let the rest, with all proceeds applied to upkeep and utilities. Until moving out last year, the Gorham Times also shared space with the PRLT in the building located at 77 South Street, adjacent to Baxter Memorial Library. Last spring, in accordance with the lease, the PRLT approached the town citing an estimated \$170,000 in necessary repairs that were beyond its financial reach. In response, the Town Council allocated \$29,900 toward repairs.

Hoping to find a way to renovate, not simply repair the building, the PRLT engaged Christopher Closs of Maine Preservation, an organization devoted to the restoration and renovation of historic buildings in Maine. According to Closs, when needed maintenance of historic buildings is deferred, there comes a point when the cost of renovation rises sharply and renovation becomes prohibitively expensive. McLellan House has not yet reached that point, he says, but necessary



File photo

McLellan House, 77 South Street, has housed the Presumpscot Regional Land Trust since 1988.

maintenance continues to be deferred.

McLellan House is in a designated historic district of Gorham. Closs advocates a plan under which such structures in Maine can be granted federal and state tax credits totaling up to 45% of the costs of renovation. Such tax credits are negotiable in financial markets. The terms of these programs require the owner of the building to be a for-profit entity. Neither the town nor PRLT are eligible.

The Town Council adopted a proposal at its last meeting to dispose of the building. The intent of the proposal was to seek a commercial entity to acquire McLellan House, renovate it and return it to a remunerative use that would make McLellan House a taxable property for the first time in many years. PRLT has conferred with Gorham resident and

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Six People Hospitalized with Carbon Monoxide Poisoning

BY GORHAM TIMES STAFF

On February 9, six residents, including three children, living in an apartment house on Plummer Road were taken to the hospital for carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning. The property, a converted farmhouse, is owned by a couple from Cape Elizabeth. There were 15 people living in the six apartments.

The CO levels were extremely high according to Fire Chief Robert Lefebvre at 107 parts per million; anything above 35 parts per million are toxic.

The leak appeared to have originated in the building's boiler and may have been leaking since February 6. There

were only two carbon monoxide detectors in the apartments and neither was working. Every apartment is required to have a working CO detector.

Investigators found non-working smoke alarms and piles of snow blocking exits as well as snow blocking the air intake for the boiler. Chief Lefebvre ordered the building closed until the violations are corrected. He believes the leak occurred in a cracked basement boiler.

One of the tenants who was not feeling well checked with other tenants and found similar symptoms and called 911. Symptoms include headache, nausea, vomiting and fatigue as well as general malaise and sleepiness. Rescue

crews from surrounding communities also responded to the scene.

Gorham Sightings



Photo credit Roger Marchand

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GHS CHEERLEADERS WIN FIRST WESTERN MAINE CLASS A CROWN

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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.

Tobacco Surcharges Do Not Work

BY REP. LINDA SANBORN

Now that the new Legislature is fully up and running, bills are being slated for public hearings and work sessions. One of the bills I am sponsoring this session would prohibit carriers that provide individual or small group health plans from adding a surcharge for tobacco use.

In an attempt to discourage use of tobacco products and cover additional health care costs associated with tobacco use, many employers and insurance companies consider tobacco surcharges.

Logically, this would seem to make sense: discourage tobacco use by fining smokers. But in the end, punitive measures like tobacco surcharges have not been proven effective in encouraging smokers to quit or to reduce tobacco use.

More worrisome, large additional costs may make health insurance unaffordable to tobacco users causing them to remain uninsured. This would leave tobacco users without coverage for treatments that will help them quit, in addition to other needed health-care. Their families and children may

also remain uninsured and have their health negatively affected by the uninsured tobacco user.

While the Affordable Care Act (ACA) allows tobacco surcharges, states are able to limit these surcharges or prohibit them altogether. Making health insurance affordable for tobacco users is something state legislatures and insurance commissioners should consider. Seven other states (including the District of Columbia) decided to disallow the tobacco surcharge altogether and three others have set the maximum difference in premiums below the 50 percent maximum allowed in the ACA.

As a member of the Maine Health Exchange Advisory Committee, I discovered that some smokers may pay several hundred dollars more each month for a health plan on the exchange than a non-smoker. One must believe this difference may well make an insurance policy unaffordable. Unfortunately, large additional costs make it more likely the individual will opt out of buying insurance. Those of us with health insurance end up paying for this poor choice through higher insurance premiums.

Prohibiting tobacco surcharges and covering comprehensive tobacco cessation benefits work together to keep health care costs under control.

Last session, I sponsored a bill to require MaineCare to pay for comprehensive tobacco cessation benefits. This bill not only passed in the House and Senate, it survived a governor's veto. This is because both sides of the aisle recognized that tobacco addiction and its effect on the health of Maine people come at a high cost to the state. Tobacco related health care costs the State of Maine over \$216 million each year. The money Maine taxpayers save by covering the tobacco cessation benefit is many times the cost of the covering the benefit program.

It is important that potential quitters have access to all treatments through affordable health care.



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Letter to the Editor

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Dear *Gorham Times* Editor:

I've just read Sen. Amy Volk's "News from Augusta" column in the *Gorham Times* (January 29) and it reads more like cheerleading for the governor's budget than news. I always thought the "News from Augusta" column was kind of neutral; just telling us the news from Augusta with little or no partisanship.

One of the most concerning pieces of the Governor's proposed budget is the elimination of revenue sharing and the cutting of the top income tax bracket and increasing the sales tax - a regressive tax that hurts the poorest the most, on a percentage basis. Essentially this gives more money back to the very wealthy and eliminates the only substantial source of funding cities and towns receive. The impact of the loss of revenue sharing is described on the front page of the very same issue.

I am not sure how anyone who represents our community can justify supporting this budget, as presented. If we are to preserve town services, I feel certain our property taxes are bound to go up under this plan. This would make it even more difficult to own and maintain a home in our town.

Irwin Novak, Gorham

Dear *Gorham Times* Editor:

In the course of his latest State of the Union Address, all President Obama had to say regarding climate change was that it was the greatest

threat to future generations, that the last 14 years were the warmest years on record. These are two facts, but they say nothing regarding how he and the rest of America contribute to this problem, and how we can go about improving the conditions of climate change.

We're writing to you as the Gorham High School Green Team, a group of young people who care deeply for the fate of the environment left in our hands. We were hoping our president could give us a better idea of his next two years with respect to climate change: laws he was hoping to enact or strengthen, ideas he wanted to put forth, maybe something against the Keystone XL oil pipeline. Unfortunately that was not the case, so we've taken it upon ourselves to offer some advice on how anyone can help improve the environment any day!

Recycle: Our single-sort recycling in Gorham goes to ecoMaine, which does a super great job reusing it!

Buy products made locally, and products made with recycled materials.

Use compact fluorescent light bulbs—the curly ones; they reduce the amount of fossil fuels that utilities burn.

Get better gas mileage by fully inflating your tires and removing unnecessary weight from your trunk, this way your car will burn less gas and emit less carbon.

Turn appliances off when you

aren't using them. This includes computers, lights, and televisions. Also unplug chargers when the things they're charging are full.

Thanks to everyone who uses these tips to aid the environment!

Elizabeth Kane and the GHS Green Team

around town

Mega Industries has received a \$2.6 million contract to provide components for a nuclear research project (particle accelerator). The research is being done at Michigan State University with the goal to gain more information about rare types of atoms.

Mitchell Kaldrovich, executive chef at Sea Glass at Inn by the Sea in Cape Elizabeth for the past seven years, and his wife Lisa, are moving forward with plans to open a restaurant in the Masonic Building. MK Kitchen will be located at 2 School Street and is expected to open in April serving dinner seven nights a week. Look to the next edition of the *Gorham Times* for more information.

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IT Company Relocates to Gorham

Omni Technical Consulting

By JACKIE FRANCIS
Staff Writer

Omni Technical Consulting, a local information technology (IT) firm, has recently relocated to the Gorham Village Plaza after outgrowing their former Buxton location, where they were for six years. With nearly 20 years of experience in the technology field, president Ryan Breault is committed to understanding the technology needs of Omni's clients and providing IT solutions to businesses throughout Maine.

A 1994 graduate of Bonny Eagle High School, Breault received a Bachelor of Art in Communications from the University of Southern Maine in 1998. He lives in Buxton with his wife and two children.

Gorham Times (GT): Who are your clients, and by that I mean, do you provide services for individuals as well as small businesses?

Ryan Breault (RB): Our clients tend to be small to medium businesses, both those with and without full-time IT staff, that need an extra hand in creating some efficiencies or cost savings with their computing environments.

GT: Tell me about the services Omni Technical Consulting provides.

RB: We can get your backups and disaster recovery secured and in proper order, conduct network and server assessments, get an organization access to our 24/7 U.S.-based help desk, and aid companies in figuring out if cloud services are a right fit to name a few. We can migrate servers and PCs to newer, faster hardware, work with a client on a new antivirus rollout, and implement a way to securely add smart phones and tablets to your business. We strive to help businesses achieve their goals while focusing on their IT needs so they can focus on their core competencies.

GT: The number one issue in the technology world is security, is it not? How do you protect your client's data?

RB: While I would certainly, without a doubt, agree that security is of great concern, I do not believe it is the number one issue in IT today. We know how to secure servers, desktops, laptops, smart phones and computing devices of all sorts. It tends to be somewhat expensive and that is the major detractor for most businesses. If InfoSec [information security] was less expensive or free, I believe all organizations would do a better job of protecting their assets and the information of their customers/clients. So, other than the price point or cost factor, we can secure the systems with relative ease and we have helped many clients in improving their information security posture.

GT: What do you believe is the biggest challenge in the information technology world today?

RB: Something I call "screen shifting." We have so many devices these days—desktops and laptops to smart phones and tablets and Internet-connected televisions and more to come. We need to be able to access all of our spread-out data, all of our disparate systems from any screen we happen to be on at that particular moment and do this in a secure and manageable manner. This is the challenge Omni Technical is solving right now.

GT: Your website states you are a Certified Microsoft Partner. What does that mean for your clients?

RB: Well, really it means we have a long-standing relationship with Microsoft and have access to training, software and individuals who are not accessible to the general public. This



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by no means makes Omni Technical a Windows only consultancy. We are "vendor agnostic" meaning we find the best solution or marriage of solutions for our clients' requirements, regardless of industry hype.

GT: Tell me about your back up service, RecoverEase.

RB: RecoverEase is really fantastic. We were unable to find anything in the backup software/service arena that satisfied all of our clients' needs, so we took the time and effort to build a world class, secure solution to backing up our clients' business

critical data. We have been rolling out this solution over the last two years to many clients and have had outstanding results: fast and flawless data restorations and peace of mind for our clients as they know their data is safe and available if ever needed.

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Lettuce Be Healthy

BY BARBARA T. SCHNEIDER

It's cold and wintry, with more winter to come; another long weekend in the house, especially with kids going in and out to play, and yet another dinner to plan. Here's a solution that makes good use of your time. The yummy results bring the family together to celebrate Valentine's Day. Best of all, it's healthy (well, maybe dessert stretches that statement, but it is Valentine's, after all.) The nutritional Chicken Chili will be a big hit. It gets better as you

let it simmer in the pot. The salad is bright, light and provides a crunch factor sure to please even the pickiest salad eater. And who can say no to Red Velvet Mini Cakes, with creamy pink frosting to celebrate Valentine's Day—especially when you get the kids or your mate to help complete the topping decorations? Give all three recipes a whirl. They are delicious, nutritious and are easy to make. Enjoy!

Questions about the recipes can be e-mailed to Barbara Schneider at bts@maine.rr.com.

White Bean Chicken Chili (serves 6)

- 1 tbsp. olive oil
- 1 cup chopped onion
- 1 cup chopped celery
- 2 tsp. chopped garlic
- 1 ¾ lb. chicken tenders, cut into quarters (or sliced, however you prefer)
- 1 packet taco seasoning mix
- 2 cups water (or chicken broth)
- 1 (13.75 oz) can artichoke hearts, drained and chopped
- 1 (28.5 oz) can diced tomatoes with jalapeños, drained
- 1 can white beans, drained and rinsed
- 1 can chick peas, drained and pureed
- 3 tbsp. parsley, chopped
- 1 cup black olives, sliced
- 1 small can spicy tomato paste
- 1 small bag chopped arugula (kale & spinach make great choices too)

White Bean Chicken Chili (cont.)

1. Heat oil in skillet over medium-high heat. Add onion and celery, sauté until softened.
2. Add garlic, chicken and ½ tsp. taco seasoning mix to onion; cook until chicken is no longer pink.
3. Stir remaining taco seasoning and water into chicken mixture. Bring to a boil.
4. Add artichoke hearts, olives, tomatoes and beans; simmer on very low heat for 5 minutes.
5. Add pureed chickpeas; simmer for 25 minutes.
6. Place in a slow cooker to keep warm for serving later or in Dutch oven on the stove. Add chopped greens a few minutes before serving. Garnish with parsley.

Note: I like to add another packet of taco seasoning when I add chicken. I always triple (at least) this recipe, and freeze some...it does great in the freezer.

Boston Green & Mushroom Salad with Pumpkin Seeds

- 1 tbsp. orange juice
- 1 tbsp. seasoned rice vinegar
- 2 tsp. grainy mustard
- 1 tbsp. olive oil
- Salt & pepper
- 1 large head Boston lettuce, torn into small pieces (if small, use 2)
- 6 radishes, finely sliced
- 1 pack sliced button mushrooms
- 1/3 cup shaved Parmigiano-Reggiano cheese
- ½ cup loosely chopped sundried tomatoes
- ½ cup spicy pumpkin seeds (recipe below)
- 1 small bag chopped arugula (kale & spinach make great choices too)

1. In large bowl, whisk together first four ingredients, season with salt and pepper.
2. Add lettuce, radishes, sundried tomatoes and mushrooms. Toss to coat.
3. Add cheese and pumpkin seeds and serve. Yummy!

Spicy Pumpkin Seeds

- 1 cup raw pumpkin seeds
 - 1 tsp. chili powder
 - ¼ tsp. cayenne pepper
 - ½ tsp. coarse salt
 - 2 tsp. lime juice
- Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

1. Toss all ingredients together in a bowl.
2. Spread evenly on a rimmed baking sheet. Bake until puffed and browned, about 10 minutes.
3. Make ahead of time, store in an airtight container for a nutritious snack anytime.

Red Velvet Mini Delight

- Red Velvet cake mix (and the required ingredients to make)
- 4 oz. unsalted butter
- 4 oz. cream cheese
- 2 cups powdered sugar
- 1 tsp. vanilla extract

Mix cake box ingredients according to directions on box. Using a large muffin tin, line cups with large cupcake liners. Fill cups to three quarters full. Bake according to box. Allow to cool.

Cream cheese frosting: in large bowl, beat together butter and cream cheese with mixer. With mixer on low speed, add powdered sugar (small amount at a time) until smooth and creamy. Add vanilla extract, mix until smooth. Add a few drops of red food coloring for Valentine's Day.

Slice cupcakes horizontally in half. Frost top of middle layer, then place other half on top and frost like a cake (or just the top, not sides) Add seasonal decorations of your choosing... Have fun.

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MDOT Projects for 2015

BY SHERI FABER
Gorham Times Staff

The Legislature recently announced their transportation project plans for 2015-2017.

Projects planned for 2015 are currently funded whereas projects for 2016-2017 may or may not be funded by the Legislature. Money for roads and other infrastructure originates from the gas tax, which increases the likelihood the proposed projects for 2016-2017 will be funded. The amount set aside for transportation infrastructure, however, covers only basic maintenance and repair.

There are also many bridges in the state that need maintenance and replacement. If the work is not done, bridges may be posted and/or closed.

Bigger issues, such as congestion in Gorham, have not been addressed.

Work in Gorham scheduled for 2015 includes the following:

- Improvements to the Deguio Mill Bridge over the Little River: \$130,000
- Shared use path for bicyclists and pedestrians adjacent to the discontinued railroad bed near New Portland Road and connecting sidewalk to Libby Avenue and New Portland Road: \$40,000
- Proposals for 2016-17 (not yet funded)
- 2016 Improvement to the elevation of drainage pipe on the bypass: \$110,000
- 2016-2017 Large culvert replacement located 0.33 of a mile east of Wood Road: \$750,000
- 2016-2017 Paving 1.25 miles of Rt. 25 in the Village: \$292,266
- 2016-2017 Rehabilitation and reconstruction of Rt. 202 north of Osborne Road extending for 0.56 of a mile: \$7,040,000
- 2016-2017 Highway paving, mill and fill of Rt. 25 from 0.66 south of Wood Road going north for 5.18 miles: \$2,019,000

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Winter Break

BY PAMELA TURNER
Director, Baxter Memorial Library

The Baxter Memorial Library (BML) is THE place to be during the February school break.

Although the library is closed on Monday, February 16 for the Presidents' Day holiday, the rest of the week is chock full of fun activities. No registration is required for these free events.

On Tuesday, February 17, pack a lunch and join us for an indoor picnic and stories. We will provide the lemonade. This is open to all ages.

DUCT TAPE MANIA! Join the Youth Services crew in making a variety of crafts involving duct tape on Wednesday, February 18 from 1 to 2 p.m. This event is for ages eight and up.

The Youth Services Department will be transformed into Frog Creek, PA as we explore the wonderful world of the Magic Tree House on Thursday, February 19 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. There will be crafts and activities based on this popular series for everyone to enjoy.

On Friday, February 20 we invite you to "Learn with Lobsters" from 11 a.m. to noon. Learn all about these fascinating crustaceans using a science trunk provided by "Cornerstones of Science." This program is open to all age groups.

If you are traveling over the school break, we have tools to make your road trip or plane ride more enjoyable. Please stop in to the library before you go to stock up on books, audio books and movies to use during your travels.

Our programming simply would not be possible without the tremendous support of the Friends of Baxter Memorial Library. As a library booster group, the Friends welcome new members and are actively looking for volunteers. If you are interested in supporting library programs, please consider joining the Friends of BML. For more information about this great group, please ask at the library or give us a call at 222-1190.

For more information about library programs, visit www.baxter-library.org or follow the library on Facebook.

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architect Sylvanus Doughty, who is certified in the restoration and renovation of historic buildings. Doughty is prepared to assess what is needed to meet the outcome desired by the renovator, and to ensure the renovation conforms with federal standards under which the tax incentives apply.

Should the town find a buyer, the plan will bring new life to McLellan House and enhance the historic district on South Street. It will relieve the town of a maintenance responsibility, which is currently lagging, and it will bring the property onto the tax rolls.

For the Land Trust, there is one potential problem with the plan: the new owners may price the lease out

of reach. "At a time when PRLT is booming, this may cost us our home in the center of Gorham," says Michael Parker, PRLT board president, "but the community benefits far outweigh our potential loss. We'll find a new home if we need to."

Parties interested in bringing new life to the McLellan House using tax credits as an incentive should notify Town Manager David Cole at (207) 222-1650. Anyone knowing of affordable office space in the PRLT service area may contact the Presumpscot Regional Land Trust at info@prlt.org, P.O. Box 33, Gorham, ME 04038 or by calling the board president at (207) 893-1627.

Piled, Drifting Snow Cause Safety Concerns

A Notice from Fire Chief Lefebvre

COMPILED BY JULIE PIKE
GHS Intern

Due to the harsh winter weather, Fire Chief Robert Lefebvre would like all Gorham residents to pay close attention to safety issues that arise during this season. Below are the notices posted on the Gorham Fire Department's Facebook page.

Do you live on a private way, or is your driveway very long to your house? With the extraordinary amount of snow we have seen this month, we are noticing many private ways and driveways that have narrowed from plowing to a point where the fire apparatus and rescues will not be able to gain access to your homes if you have an emergency. The time to act is now, please for your family's safety and your own, get these roadways opened up. It can greatly delay our response getting to you should you need emergency services.

We cannot stress enough how important it is to clean out around all your vents for appliances. We have already responded to many calls for carbon monoxide (CO) problems caused by appliances not

functioning properly due to ventilation problems.

Also remember to clear all your exits, the exit you don't clear may be the one you need to escape your home in an emergency. It also may be needed during a medical emergency.

It's also important to devise a plan to remove all snow and ice from your exterior vents and utilities. Additionally the expected high winds will create drifts, which will also need to be monitored and cleared. Why? Because if your furnace cannot breathe, it's not functioning properly.

Chief Lefebvre would also like to remind the residents of Gorham to have at least one carbon monoxide detector near the bedrooms, and to check smoke detectors monthly. For anyone who has an elderly or disabled neighbor, please check on them during these winter storms and cold weather.

Gorham residents can feel free to contact Chief Lefebvre and the Gorham Fire Department concerning any of these safety issues at (207) 222-1642.

Real Estate Transfers July 2014

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4 Canterbury Pines Drive	Hancock, Kevin L &	D'Anto, Sarah	\$289,900
35 Old Dynamite Way	Farmer, Gary P &	Crossing at Tannery Brook, LLC	\$99,900
10 Solomon Drive	Landry, Kris A &	Selleck, Karen	\$340,000
27 Shamrock Drive	Lehmann, Robert E &	Raymond, Neil & Wava	\$330,000
133 Deering Drive	Ryan, Alan D &	Faherty, David	\$450,000
38 Whipple Road	Storer, Eryn J	Mariner's Restaurant, Inc.	\$120,000
12 Lacey's Way	Gain, David J &	Risbara Bros. Construction Co, LLC	\$257,000
37 Gateway Commons Drive	Stacy, Matthew A &	McLain, Dorothy et. al	\$293,000
3 Lois Lane	Brackett, Matthew C	MacDonald, Scott	\$220,000
14 Maple Ridge Road	Chase, Belinda M	DiLorenzo, Timothy & Evans, Bridget	\$170,170
14 Valley View Drive	Swenton, Raymond C &	Ames, Nancy & Svendsen, James	\$375,000
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Geography Whiz!

Aaron Goshke, eighth grader at Gorham Middle School, won this year's National Geographic Geography Bee for the Gorham School District on Jan. 8. Goshke will advance to the state competition in the spring in Farmington, Maine. The winner at the state level will compete at the national level in Washington, DC in June. The runner up was seventh grader Hayden Gunn.



Photo credit Robert Riley

Ready! Set! Stack!

Narragansett School students in third through fifth grades have been participating in cup pyramid relays in gym class with Mr. Fortier. The objectives are: teamwork, communication, fine motor skills, and cardiovascular exercise. Students pictured are in Mrs. Burns' third grade class. Facing the camera is Abigail Noyes.



Photo credit Michael Fortier

GHS Presents its One-Act "Baby"

BY DILLON BATES
Gorham High School One Act Director

Gorham High School, the 2014 State One-Act Champions, is excited to present "Baby" this year.

"Baby" is a fast-paced, humorous look at a child's first year of life, and the ways in which we all interact with infants. With the help of the conscience-like coach, baby survives (and often adds to) the chaos of her first year.

The One-Act is unique in that it is the only show entirely done by students, from lighting design to stage management, from producing to set construction. It is a truly collaborative process, and students have worked very hard on a very short timetable to get the show ready to open.

The following actors can be seen in "Baby:" Marlo Pappalardo, Baby; Esther Eaton, Coach; Lily Whitten, Mommy; Bailey Daigle, Daddy; Georgia Baber, Babysitter; Miles Obrey, Babysitter's Boyfriend; Nicole Caruso, Grandma; Jeff McNally, Grandpa; Jordanne Mercier, Auntie; Kortney French, Unc; Bridget Daigle, Timekeeper; and Julia Plante, Doctor.

"Baby" is directed by Dillon Bates, with technical direction by Tyler Patten, and produced by Allison Sinnett. Students lending their offstage talents to the production include: Elsa Alexandrin, Megan Baker, Kathryn Bertin, GraceAnn Burns, Becca Cupps, Ellie Feinberg, Mia Kaufman, Michael Patten, Olivia



Photo credit Dillon Bates

GHS's drama program presents its One-Act "Baby" this year. Pictured (left to right) are: Dorothy Stickney, Nicole Caruso, Esther Eaton, Jordanne Mercier, Bailey Daigle, Bridget Daigle, Elsa Alexandrin, Ellie Feinberg, Drew York, and Julia Plante. Seated are Allison Sinnett, Megan Baker, and Georgia Baber.

Puopolo, Dorothy Stickney, Katie Stickney, Claire Valentine, and Drew York.

"Baby" is a half-hour production and can be seen at 7 p.m. on Friday, February 13 and Saturday, February 14 in the Gorham High Performing Arts Center. There will also be a combined performance with Windham High School's One-Act show on Friday, February 27 at 7 p.m. in the Windham High School Performing Arts Center. Tickets for the Gorham shows are \$5 for adults and \$3 for students and seniors.

It is also Gorham High School's entry into the regional One-Act Competition, which will be held at Falmouth High School on March 6 and 7.

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School Committee Meeting

By FORREST GENTNER
Gorham Times Staff

After approving the minutes of the previous meeting, School Committee chairman Dennis Libby opened the forum for comments, which included issues over the dates posted for the School Committee meetings, knowledge of what was being spoken of at the meetings, as well as the selection for the new superintendent.

Superintendent Ted Sharp's report included some information about the FY16 preliminary budget. One question Sharp had was whether charter schools would be funded through the state and not through the town level, which would dramatically affect the school system's budget. According to Sharp, "This is one of the most challenging budgets I've seen in my eleven years here."

Sharp also talked about several ongoing projects. The teacher effectiveness program, he said, is about 90% finished. Sharp went on to say the principal effectiveness program was easier to finish, due to having fewer principals than teachers. Sharp closed with a report on proficiency-based learning that is being compiled by the assistant superintendent.

Dennis Crowe, director of Technology and Information Systems, spoke on technology in 2014-2015. Crowe said technology has been rapidly entering our classrooms. Not only does every student in grades six through 12 have a personal laptop lent to them for the year by the school system, but five iPads are given to every kindergarten. For first through fifth grades, five laptops are given to each classroom. The technology department hopes that by next year, there will be enough laptops for each student to share one. The Smarter Balance Testing (SBAC) is driving this effort.

Crowe went on to report that Gorham Middle School has installed a print management software program called PaperCut. The software reduces

printing costs by saving paper, tracking printing, and setting print quotas on individuals or departments. Use of the program is expected to save the school approximately \$1,500-\$2,000 this year.

In unfinished business, the policy subcommittee reviewed the policies regarding fire drills and bomb threats. These policies were found to be sufficient and no changes were recommended. Policies on buildings and grounds maintenance were discussed at two prior meetings and were found to be redundant to operations manuals. The School Committee recommended eliminating the buildings and grounds maintenance policy (6-0).

In new business, the School Committee:

- Granted (6-0) an unpaid leave of absence due to illness for a teacher at Narragansett during the school year 2015-2016. Sharp said, depending on the budget, they will appoint a replacement either by hiring or transferring someone to cover the position.

- Approved (6-0) the stipend position of Sean Munkacsi as the varsity alpine ski coach for Gorham High School. Sharp said Munkacsi has an amazing resume as a downhill skier and in working with young people, making him well positioned for the job.

- Approved (6-0) the Westbrook Regional Vocational Center (WRVC) FY16 budget of roughly \$267,000. Each town that uses the WRVC has to approve the \$267,000 annual budget; it does not mean the Gorham School System will pay that figure. WRVC has seen a decline in enrollment and has requested additional funds as Gorham's share has gone down. Chairman Libby said of WRVC, "This is the most underutilized resource we have in the district. The education these kids get going there is unbelievable and it's troubling that our numbers are dropping."

- Granted (6-0) a three-month leave of absence due to a work conflict to School Committee member Timothy Burns.

Bingo!



Photo credit Rebecca West



Photo courtesy of Narragansett staff

Village School's first family event of the school year took place on December 2 with more than 150 Village family members in attendance. The evening began with a light pizza dinner and then tables were quickly cleared to begin playing Bingo. Students were on the edges of their seats as Village Vice Principal Jodi Mezzanotte and School Secretary Mia DeSanctis called out letters to an attentive audience. Over the course of an hour, students and family members alike enjoyed playing several varieties of this traditional game. The evening finale included a nail biting round of "blackout" bingo in which all the player's squares must be covered. Third grade student Sam Parenteau (pictured) was the lucky grand prize winner.

The Farquhar, Deschaine, and Delaney families (pictured above on bottom), along with other Narragansett School families, enjoyed a Winter Picnic and Bingo Night recently, sponsored by its P.I.E. group. Bingo callers (pictured above, left to right) were: school nurse Carrie Chasse; grades 4/5 teacher Brian Penley, and phys. ed. teacher Mike Fortier.

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A Day at Pineland Farms

By HALEY THOMPSON
eighth-grader at GMS

Since the beginning of the school year, Mrs. Whitaker's Alternative Education classroom has made multiple visits to Pineland Farms in Gray.

Pineland Farms mission is to demonstrate sustainable farming practices and they do so by offering educational field trips to schools.

Last month, a Pineland Farms instructor, Cat, took Whitaker's class into their chicken coop where the free-range chickens were. The students had the chance to learn about chicken growth and development. They also collected eggs and held a chicken.

Once the students returned back to the classroom, they performed an egg dissection with the eggs they collected; learning the parts of the egg and their purpose in a hands-on way.

Whitaker's class will continue to visit Pineland Farms each month, continuing with a new and exciting lesson each time.



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Hannah Kirk (left) and Danielle Foss learn about chickens in a hands-on environment at Pineland Farms with Mrs. Whitaker's alternative education classroom.

GHS Cheerleaders Win First Western Maine Class A Crown



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The GHS cheerleading team performs a team stunt during the Western Maine Class State Championship on February 7th at the Augusta Civic Center. The team scored a season-high 147.3 points to finish fifth.

By JEFF PIKE
Sports Editor

The Gorham HS cheerleading team won its first-ever Western Maine Class A title on January 26th and then went on to place fifth at the Class A State Championship on February 7th at the Augusta Civic Center. At the state championship, the team scored a season-high 147.3 points.

The program has been on an upswing in recent years since Julie Dvilinsky took over as the head coach during the 2009-2010 school year. In 2012, the Rams finished fifth in Western Maine Class A and then ninth in the Class A State Championship. That was followed by a second and a seventh in 2013 and a third and a sixth in 2014.

Overall, the squad enjoyed a very successful season. The team also won the Cheers from Heart fundraiser competition at Biddeford January 31 while placing first in the Maine Cheerleading Competition and the SMAA Conference Championship as well as a second-place finish in the Shriner's Invitation—all of which took place in January.

Dvilinsky said this year's success began to build about two years ago

as the team placed high in various competitions. "We succeeded by first setting high expectations," Dvilinsky added. "That has been complimented by the girls working hard in the off-season, especially with their tumbles. Another key was that we made sure all the team members clearly understood the score sheet."

This last aspect is particularly important because cheerleading scoring is complex compared to most high school sports. Judges evaluate each team across five equally-weighted

categories—tumbling, jumps, dance and motion as well as stunts, which consist of group and team formations, such as pyramids.


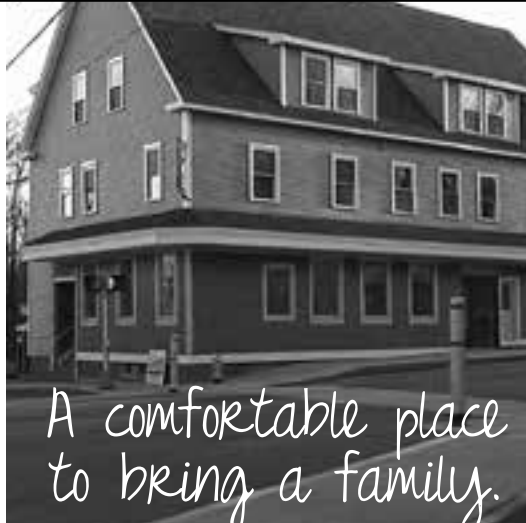
Leading the way for the Rams has been a strong senior contingent. This includes four-year seniors Ashley Aceto, Erika Dvlinsky, Allyson Webber and Kaylee Boyd. Fellow seniors Julia Smith and Kate Curley, who have competed for three and two years respectively, have also played strong leadership roles. "They all perform consistently and are strong across the board," Dvilinsky said. "They set a great example for the other members of the squad."

"We succeeded by first setting high expectations"

JULIE DVILINSKY

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GHS Teams Primed for Strong Tournament Runs

By JEFF PIKE
Sports Editor

The boys' and girls' basketball teams both finished their regular season on February 5 among the league leaders while the boys' hockey team, also a contender, will wrap up their season on February 18. All three are in position to make strong tournament runs.

At 16-2, the girls' basketball team finished the regular season ranked third in Western Maine Class A, including an eight-game win streak following a tough one-point loss to Deering on January 13. "That game may have been a turning point as we learned some lessons," says head coach Laughn Berthiaume. "Soon after, we won close games against Thornton Academy and South Portland where we came through in the clutch late."

Against Thornton Academy, Gorham overcame a 13-point deficit in the third quarter. Against South Portland, Abby Hamilton scored 26 points and hit the game winning shot—a three-pointer at the buzzer. The Rams start three sophomores including the team's top scorer, Emily Esposito, who scored 33 in a 62-41 win over Windham on January 30.

"We've raised our game as the season has gone on, and our young starters have gained more experience," Berthiaume says. "We need to maintain our focus defensively, especially on the boards."

Boys' hockey, playing in Western Maine Class B, was ranked second at press time with a 10-3-2 record.

"Work ethic and discipline are the two biggest keys to our success, says

head coach Jon Portwine. "When we work hard and play the game the way it should be played, we win."

Defensively, the team has exceeded Portwine's expectations with a solid core of four defensemen and two young goalies. "On offense, we need to take better shots," Portwine adds. "We also need to create rebounds and then bury the puck."

After winning seven straight games, the Rams hit a stretch where they went 3-2-2. "We have given a consistent effort and have been a contender from the start, but I don't think we have played at the level we are capable of," Portwine said. "We're not quite yet where we hope to be heading into the tournament."

Ranked fourth in Western Maine Class A with a final record of 13-5, the boys' basketball team finished the season winning 10 of their last 12 games. "Our biggest improvement down the stretch was our consistency for the full 32 minutes of each game," said head coach Mark Karter. "We started making fewer mistakes and playing more complete games."

After losses early in the season to Scarborough and Deering, the Rams regrouped to turn things in the right direction. Big wins over South Portland and at Bonny Eagle (ending the Scots' two-year home winning streak) signaled that the Rams had arrived.

"We're playing good basketball at the right time," Karter said. "But there's also room for improvement. To go deep in the tournament, we need to stay away from the bad stretches that put us in holes earlier in the season."

Fighting the Battle Against Type 1 Diabetes



Courtesy photo

The Maine P-Pods, a non-profit organization consisting of parents and healthcare providers helping Maine families manage type 1 diabetes, hosted a summit meeting in South Portland on January 24. One of the guest speakers was NASCAR driver, Ryan Reed (above middle), who was diagnosed with type 1 diabetes in 2011. Determined not to give up his lifelong dream of being a NASCAR driver, Reed found a supportive endocrinologist who was able to help him manage his diabetes and stay on the racetrack. Reed is pictured above along with Jesse and Stacey Coleman of Gorham and their children Zoe and Bode. Stacey is the president of the Maine P-Pods, which she and Jesse launched in 2012 when Bode was first diagnosed with type 1 diabetes. Maine P-Pods seeks to build a supportive community that improves the quality of life of all those affected by type 1 diabetes in Maine by fostering connections among people with type 1 diabetes, their loved ones, and medical professionals.

GHS First-Place Finishers at Regional Competitions

Swimming: At the South Southwesterns Championship on February 6th, **Timmer Sposato** won two individual events in the boys' competition—the 200 freestyle in 1:51.45 and the 100 backstroke in 57.75. The Gorham boys' finished fifth as a team. In the girls' meet, Gorham finished third as a team led by **Alli LaFerriere**, who won the 500 freestyle with a time of 5:26.54. She was also a member of the winning 200 freestyle relay, which also included **Hannah LeBlanc**, **Alicia Robinson** and **Meagan Thomsen**. The group turned in a time of 1:50.77;

Indoor Track: Two GHS track athletes their individual events at the SMAA Championships on February 7th while one relay team also won. **Ethan Orach** won the boys' junior 800 meters in a time of 2:06.56, setting at GHS school record. **Anna Slager** won the two-mile with time of 11:53.43 while the sprint medley relay team of **Abby Perkins**, **Sophie Hendrix**, **Kristen Benson** and **Bridget Rossignol** won with a time of 4:43.93. In the team competitions, the Gorham girls' team tied for seventh while boys' team finished eighth.

Wrestling: **Abraham Eaton**, a home-school student from Gorham who wrestles with the Westbrook HS team, finished first in 170-pound division of the Eastern Maine Class A Regional on February 7th.

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GHS Graduate Guess Who?

1. This GHS 1981 graduate has served as president of Hannaford since 2012. After receiving a degree in Business Administration from USM, this person began working for Hannaford in 1985 as a management trainee and has served in variety of different roles at the grocery chain throughout their career. This graduate resides in Gorham.

2. This GHS 1996 graduate received a Bachelor of Art in Communications from USM in 2000. After college, they were head Basketball Coach & Senior Women's Administrator at Regis College in Weston, MA from 2005 to 2013. In 2013 they became head basketball coach for the women's team at Saint Anselm College in Manchester, NH.

3. This GHS 2000 grad and human resources professional was recently promoted to Senior Director at Gartner, a world renown IT research and consulting organization, where they have worked since 2013. They graduated with honors in 2004 from Eastern Connecticut State University, majoring in com-

munications with a minor in business. While a student, they had an article published in the New York Times. A majority of their early career was spent in HR working in the power industry, where they were mentored by many, including James Wood, a former US Deputy Assistant Secretary for the Department of Energy.

4. This 2006 GHS graduate received a Bachelor of Art in Engineering Degree at Dartmouth in 2010 and a Bachelor of Engineering in Mechanical Engineering and Design at Thayer School of Engineering in 2011. After a move to Boulder, CO, this mechanically inclined grad is now Program Manager for Bitsbox, a free educational website where kids can learn how to code apps for real devices.

Answers can be found on page 15. If you, or your son or daughter, is a GHS graduate, we would like to showcase your career achievements in GHS Guess Who which will appear in periodically in the Gorham Times. Contact Cindy O'Shea at coshea2@yahoo.com

Off the Page

By JAN WILLIS



Everyone loves a good mystery or detective book. Like a lot of the Baby Boom generation, I started with The Bobbsey Twins and progressed to Nancy Drew and The Hardy Boys. It was important to me to read every single one in order. My next mystery series was Agatha Christie's books featuring either Miss Marple or Hercule Poirot who was famous for using his little grey brain cells. Recently Christie's estate authorized Sophie Hannah to "bring back" Hercule who died approximately 38 years ago in the novel Curtain. Hannah's book is titled The Monogram Murders. It is on my list to read.

Edgar Allan Poe is considered to be one of the "Big 3" in early American literature. The father of the American detective story is read by high school and college students. Well-known titles include The Murders in the Rue Morgue and The Purloined Letter. His detective was named C. Auguste Dupin. Today the Mystery Writers of America annually present the Edgar Award for distinguished work in the mystery genre.

England had Sir Arthur Conan Doyle who created Sherlock Holmes and his assistant, Dr. Watson. Doyle was quoted as saying, "It always annoyed me that in the old fashioned detective story, the detective always seemed to get at his results either by some lucky chance or a fluke or else it was quite unexplained. I began to think of turning scientific methods, as it were, onto the work of the detective." Sherlock was known for using reason and close observation and was the first serialized detective.

Now in 2015 the reader asks for a recommendation of a current mystery or

detective story. Suggestions include any books by Robert Parker in the Spenser or Jesse Stone series as well as books by John Sandford featuring Lucas Davenport or Virgil Flowers. Most everyone has read the series beginning with "The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo". A logical next step is the series by Jo Nesbo featuring Harry Hole. My favorite is the sixth novel, The Redeemer. Yes, I have read them all, but not in order because they were not translated into English in order. If these books are too dark or too violent for the reader, try a local author, Julia Spencer-Fleming. She is one of my all time favorites. Please read the books in order! Her protagonists, Clare Fergusson, a young Army helicopter pilot and Episcopalian priest, and Russ Van Alstyne, the police chief of the small town of Millers Kill, have an interesting relationship that develops as the books progress. The first book is titled In the Bleak Midwinter. Recently I discovered a new author whose writing reminds me of Spencer-Flemings. In 2013 Julia Keller published her first novel, A Killing in the Hills, after a Pulitzer Prize award-winning career as a journalist in Chicago. So, unfortunately for me, I discovered her second book not knowing there was a first. The second one is titled Bitter River. Both novels are set in Acker's Gap, West Virginia and feature Bell Elkins, the prosecuting attorney for Raythune County. Bitter River is very well written. The setting becomes a character. The people and places are somehow very real. While the recent mystery and detective stories are a long way from The Bobbsey twins, they continue to challenge us to use our "little grey cells" to solve the mystery.

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ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCEMENT

Ron and Debra Shepard of Gorham are pleased to announce the engagement of their son, **Ben Shepard (GHS '04) to Ashley Beaudoin**, both of Freeport. Beaudoin is the daughter of Roger and Jane Beaudoin of Visalia, CA and is a Senior Finance and Accounting Manager at Wishrock Group in Portland. Shepard is a project manager with Central Maine Power.



DEAN'S LIST

Connor Bell (GHS '11), UNH
Jessica Day (GHS '14), Hofstra University
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Maxwell McNally (GHS '13), UNH (Highest Honors)
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OF INTEREST

Beth Clark (GHS '95) was recently awarded a **Vanier Canada Graduate Scholarship** of \$50,000 per year for three years to pursue a PhD in Interdisciplinary Studies conducting research with the Stigma and Resilience Among Vulnerable Youth Centre at the University of British Columbia in Vancouver. Clark, a music education and music therapy major, is the daughter of Richard and Diana Clark of Gorham.

Pictured is a group of Gorham residents cruising from Port Canaveral, Florida to Nassau, Bahamas for a Super Bowl weekend getaway. (L-R): **Jake Dyer, Kim Meggison, Barbara Slager, Sara Slager & Anna Slager, Jordan & Sharon Blakeslee, and Sadie Dyer**. This was the fifth annual Super Bowl weekend getaway with a 15 person "daycare crew," but the maiden voyage for the Times!

First Parish Congregational Church will hold a **Chicken Pie Supper on Saturday, Feb. 14 from 5 to 6:30 p.m.** \$10 adults / \$5 children under 12. FMI, 839-6353.

The **Knights of Columbus** will serve a baked haddock dinner every Friday at St. Anne's Church for six weeks starting February 20 from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Haddock, potatoes, veggie, coleslaw and dessert. \$9 adults / \$5 children 12 and under. Take out and gluten free available.

ON-GOING EVENTS

Free income tax preparation for all ages by IRS certified tax consultants on Tuesdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at St. Anne's Church, 299 Main St., Gorham. Sponsored by the AARP foundation. Call for an appointment (207) 699-4280.

A Support Group for Living and Eating Healthy will take place **every Wednesday evening from 6 to 7 p.m.** at **Martin's Point Healthcare**, 510 Main St., Gorham. FREE and open to the public every week. This not-for-profit group is not affiliated with Martin's Point. FMI, call Pauline 839-2092.

The **Gorham Food Pantry**, located at 299-B Main St. (parking lot of St. Anne's Catholic Church), is open every Thursday morning from 9 to 11 a.m. and the second and fourth Wednesday of every month from 6 to 7 p.m. Free for Gorham residents in need. FMI, 222-4351 or visit www.gorhamfoodpantry.org.

The **Lakes Region Senior Center**, White Rock Grange at 33 Wilson Road (off Rt. 237), is a great place for daily socializing, independent activities and good conversation with Mahjong lessons on Monday; poker, crafting and card games on Tuesday; Chair Yoga with a Nutrition and Weight Support Group on Wednesday; and Bingo on Thursday. FMI, call Cheryl 892-9879 or Blanche 892-5604.

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.

CLOSE TO HOME

The **Portland Water District** invites preschoolers to join them for environmentally-themed stories, games, and crafts at the **Sebago Lake Ecology Center** in Standish on **Friday, Feb. 27 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.** The theme will be "Tracks in the Snow." Snacks will be provided. Free, but donations accepted to support local loon preservation. FMI, 774-5961 ext. 3319 or sebagolake@pwd.org

Windham Public Library presents a program about the history of maple syrup making on Saturday, Feb. 21 at 9 a.m. in the Public Meeting Room at the Windham Library. Refreshments available. \$5 donation suggested.



GORHAM BUSINESS EXCHANGE SPOTLIGHT

Gorham Has Gone Green!



Photo credit Sarah Adams

Holly Carter, owner of Carter's Green Market, shows off her varied assortment of craft ales, porters, and stouts.

BY SARAH ADAMS
Gorham Business Exchange

With Valentine's Day just a few days away, Carter's Green Market has unique items that are sure to win over the sweethearts in your family.

Mercer's chocolate cabernet wine ice cream was a special customer request and is now a house favorite. An interesting assortment of small batch select craft ales, porters and stouts line the walls of the market, and a few selections would make fun and memorable gifts. Carter's has a growing selection of wines, primarily around \$10 to \$18, with Hahn Winery pinot noir being a favorite red that could be a wonderful accompaniment to your Saturday night meal.

Carter's Green Market was the brainchild of Holly Carter who was growing weary of making the trek into the big box stores of Portland to meet the healthy eating requests from her daughters, Lauren, age 19, and Jamie, age 15. Eighteen months ago, Carter made her mark on Main Street aiming to focus on "mainly organic and mainly made in Maine."

Along with Carter, you may find Maureen Terry and Doreen Hannan

behind the counter, both readily available to help with your beverage selection, to answer your vitamin supplement questions or to fulfill a special order request. Carter said USM college students frequent her shop primarily for gluten free products and homeopathic supplements.

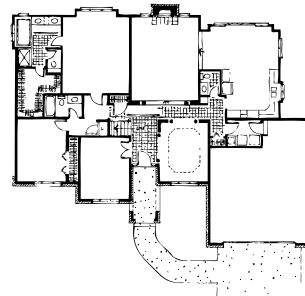
With her husband Doug, who owns Carter's Auto Service, the Carters are committed to local small businesses. Carter's Green Market is a CSA (community supported agriculture) drop-off site for Old Wells Farm out of Limington. This organic program, running every Wednesday for 16 weeks from June to October, provides a weekly pick up location for farm fresh vegetables to feed a family of four for a week.

Carter's Green Market hosts monthly wine and beer tastings, which are an ideal way to learn more about what foods pair best with others. They have an active Facebook page, and are open Tuesday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. for your convenience.

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Even before the official start of winter this season, Gorham had a plowable snow event. November 28 dropped many inches of snow blanketing the area, but for weeks not much else happened weather-wise. Fast-forward to the end of January

with a blizzard and various other storms continuing right into February, and Gorham is buried in over 30 inches of the white stuff. Facebook exploded with photographs of rulers poking from many inches of snow, animals playing outside, and even some comedic images.



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Snowmobiling in the North Gorham area.

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Hazard Pay

Officer obtained payment for a cab driver on School Street after passenger threw up in the taxi.

Man entered driveway between Burnham Road farm stand and asked if he could take returnables piled behind their dumpster. He was told he could not and was asked to leave.

Suspicious person on Johnson Road was FairPoint worker setting up for service at that location.

Officer responded to call about suspicious person in Main Street parking lot. Driver gave officer an unbelievable story about taking a wrong turn. Officer checked lot before letting them leave.

Officer with fire extinguisher put out small fire on Sanford Drive before Fire Department arrived.

A good Samaritan found a horse and donkey loose on Sebago Lake Road. Person escorted them back to their corral.

Suspicious person on Spiller Road was installing new carpets.

Officer responded to disturbance on Willow Circle. Woman had had a disagreement with another party about smoking in the living room.

Gray Road caller reported his vehicle stolen. Accused person was joint owner of the vehicle and insurance was in his name. Vehicle was returned while officer was still there.

Woman reported she struck a coyote on Ossipee Trail.

Officer spoke with a Samantha Drive resident that a troubling call was from a scammer and that no one was going to show up at her door to arrest her.

Numerous callers reported IRS phone call scams where callers told victims there were warrants out for their arrests for non-payment of taxes.

Queen Street resident reported a suspicious person had startled their dog but later caller determined it was actually another animal.

Suspicious person on Allison Lane was not a burglar but caretaker changing locks.

Meadow Crossing Drive caller reported a man was going around leaving business cards for his lawn mowing service. Man was advised to notify Police Department before doing this.

Suspicious person in woods near Hutcherson Drive was trying to catch shiners.

Person sitting in car at end of Longfellow Road was using his cell as he no service at his house.

Officer heated a car key with a lighter and used it to melt a frozen lock so caller could get into vehicle.



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First Parish Church as seen during the blizzard in January."

GHS Guess Who Answers

1. Brad Wise (GHS 1981) is president of Hannaford with over 180 stores throughout north-eastern U.S.
2. Julie Plant (GHS 1996) is head coach of the Saint Anselm Hawks basketball team, Division II, Northeast-10 Conference.
3. Whitney Libby (GHS 2000) is senior director at Gartner. She resides in Stamford, CT, while owning and maintaining properties in Boylston, MA and Cape Coral, FL.
4. Anastasia Miliano (GHS 2006) is an engineer and Project manager at Bitsbox. She was also the coxswain for the men's heavyweight crew while at Dartmouth and admits to bungee jumping while studying in New Zealand.

Winter Driving Tips

Courtesy of Maine Department of Transportation

Take it slow in ice and snow! Stopping on snow or ice without skidding requires extra time and distance. Drive slowly—below posted speed limits—so you can adjust to the conditions. This is especially true at intersections, off ramps, bridges and shady areas where black ice can form without being noticed.

Don't turn your four-wheel drive into an "off-road" vehicle! Four-wheel drive may help you get going faster but it doesn't help you stop sooner or maintain control better once you lose traction. Take it slow!

Allow extra room between vehicles. Longer stopping distances and extra time are required during winter conditions to avoid chain reaction crashes.

Don't take chances when pulling out in front of approaching vehicles. Remember, when the pavement is wet, you may not be able to slow down and they may not be able to

accelerate as quickly as you would on dry pavement.

Avoid using cruise control. You need to be in full control when road conditions are wet or icy. Don't let your cruise control make a bad decision for you.

Avoid any sudden or excessive actions while steering, braking or accelerating so you don't lose control. Brake early, brake slowly, brake correctly and never slam on the brakes.

If you have anti-lock brakes, press the pedal down firmly and hold it. If you don't have anti-lock brakes, gently pump the pedal.

Stay alert! Beware of what's going on well ahead of you. Other vehicles can alert you to problem spots on the road which may give you the split second you need to avoid a crash. Needless to say, you can't be alert if you're on the phone so don't let yourself get distracted.

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- Baby & Me, birth-18 mos., 9:30 a.m., Baxter Memorial Library.
- Toddler Time, 18-36 mos., 10 a.m., Baxter Memorial Library.
- Friends of Baxter Memorial Library Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Baxter Memorial Library.

FRIDAY, FEB. 13

- Gorham/Westbrook TRIAD meeting, 9 a.m., Gorham Municipal Center.

SATURDAY, FEB. 14

- Chicken Pie Supper, First Parish Congregational Church, 5-6:30 p.m. \$10/\$5 under 12. FMI, 839-6353.
- Lego Club, free for all ages, 10 a.m.-12 p.m., Baxter Memorial Library.

MONDAY, FEB. 16

- Baxter Memorial Library closed for President's Day

TUESDAY, FEB. 17

- Lunch Bunch Story Time, all ages, 11 a.m., Baxter Memorial Library indoor picnic and stories. No registration required.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 18

- Duct Tape Craft Workshop, ages 8 & older, 1-2 p.m., Baxter Memorial Library. No registration required.
- Town of Gorham Senior Lunch Program, St. Anne's Church. 12-1:30 p.m. \$4pp. FMI, 839-4857.

THURSDAY, FEB. 19

- Magic Tree House Day, all ages, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Baxter Memorial Library. No registration required.

FRIDAY, FEB. 20

- Learning with Lobsters, all ages, 11 a.m.-12 p.m., Baxter Memorial Library. No registration required.
- Peg's Itsy Bitsy Store, Gorham House, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. FMI, 839-5757.

MONDAY, FEB. 23

- Gorham Republican Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m. All registered Republicans are welcome. FMI, call 415-2673.

TUESDAY, FEB. 24

- Pre-School Story Time, ages 3-5, 9:30 a.m., Baxter Memorial Library.
- MemoryWorks Memory Café, 1 p.m., Gorham House Sunroom. Share your memory concerns with others. FMI, 797-7891.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 25

- Town of Gorham Senior Lunch Program, St. Anne's Church. 12-1:30 p.m. \$4pp. FMI, 839-4857.

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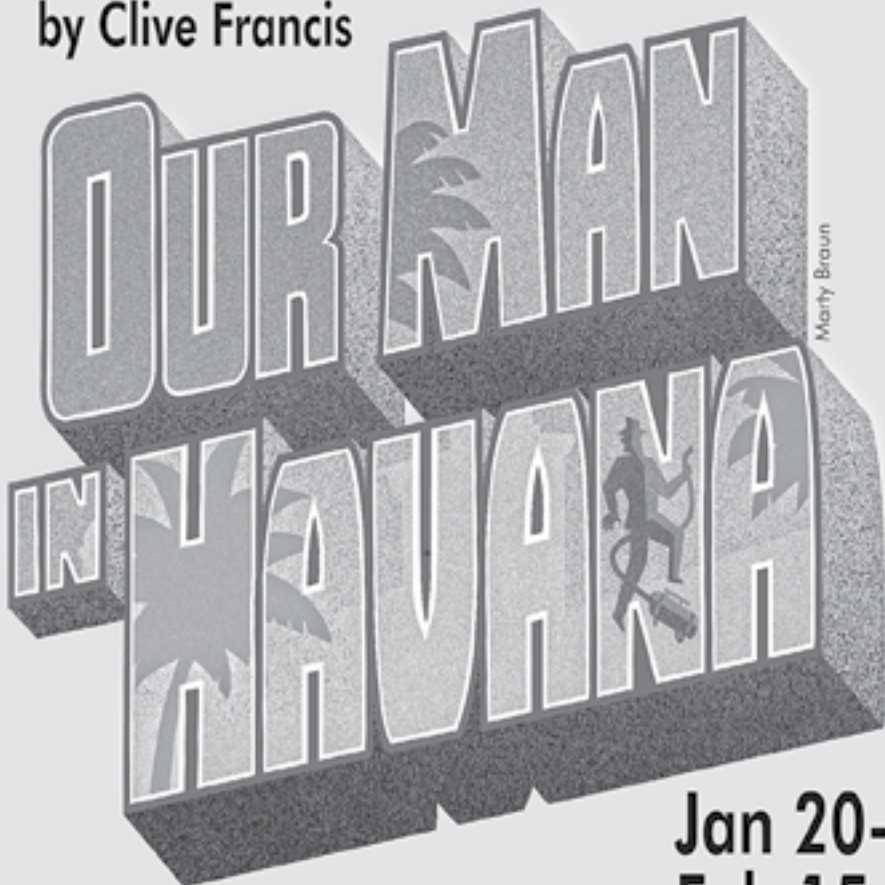
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