Talks Scheduled to Resolve Gorham Youth Baseball and Softball Issues

By Jeff Pike
Sports Editor

As reported in the last issue of the Gorham Times, the Gorham Recreation Department and the Gorham Youth Baseball and Softball Association (GYBSA) were involved in a dispute over which group would collect registration money for the upcoming season, hold the sanctioned charter from the Cal Ripken Baseball and Babe Ruth Softball national organizations.

We incorrectly reported that the previous charter, which expired on February 1, 2015, was held by the Gorham Recreation Department. In fact, the charter was held by GYBSA. Based on communication exchanges with GYBSA, Gorham Recreation, and the State of Maine Cal Ripken organization, the two groups met on February 11 to discuss possible solutions in how the registrations would interact in administering Cal Ripken baseball and Babe Ruth softball going forward.

Proposals were made, and both groups agreed to consider the proposals and then meet again on February 23 to discuss whether or not both groups would accept those proposals. The two groups were also scheduled to meet with officials from the Town of Gorham on February 24 to specifically review how the budget would be managed. Since both of these meetings occurred after the Gorham Times went to press, look for further updates on the situation in our next issue.

The impasse impacts baseball and softball players in the eight to 12 age groups. Securing a valid sanctioned charter is mandatory for Gorham’s Cal Ripken baseball and Babe Ruth softball teams to participate in state, regional, and national competitions. At press time, both the Gorham Recreation and the GYBSA websites were 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.

Gorham Schools Welcomes New Superintendent

On February 11, the Gorham School Committee unanimously approved the appointment of Heather Perry as the new Superintendent of Schools beginning on July 1, 2015. Perry, currently the superintendent of RSU 3, was the sole candidate recommended by a 13-person search committee, which reviewed 17 applications and interviewed five candidates. For more information, see the School Committee Report on page 7.

Top right photo: From left to right Sara Nelson, Kyle Bailey, Rhonda Warren, Superintendent Ted Sharp, School Committee Chair Dennis Libby, Darryl Wright, John Doyle, and Suzanne Phillips. School Committee member Tim Burns was not in attendance at the meeting.

Bottom right photo: Gorham Middle School principal Bob Riley greets newly appointed Superintendent of Schools Heather Perry after the School Committee vote.

A Mega Contract For Mega Industries

By Noah Miner
Gorham Times Staff

Mega Industries LLC, a microwave transmission equipment supplier located in the Gorham Industrial Park, has recently been awarded a 26 million dollar contract. The company will be supplying the radio frequency (RF) transmission equipment for the $50 million dollar facility for Rare Isotope Beams (FRIB) under construction on the campus of the University of Michigan in Lansing.

According to company vice president Bill Sanborn, "Mega was selected out of several companies—both foreign and domestic—for this contract." The FRIB is a research tool that will be used to learn more about the universe, possible disease treatment, and nuclear waste disposal solutions.

Mega Industries specializes in providing equipment to transmit microwaves. Some microwaves travel in waveguides or hollow channels similar to electrical conduit, while others are transmitted using coaxial lines ranging from three to 14 inches in diameter. Microwaves are commonly used for point to point communications, weather radar, power transmission, and medical treatments.

This contract builds on Mega Industries’ foothold in the microwave transmission market. According to Sanborn, "Mega serves larger companies in the scientific community along with a sizable military and governmental component." Mega has supplied equipment for the Hadron particle collider at CERN, the world’s largest particle collider, and weather radar components for military aircraft.

Mega has also been involved in developing the full-scale fusion energy facility the International Thermonuclear Experimental Reactor (ITER) in France. The company manufactures coaxial transmission lines capable of transmitting six megawatts of power in order to achieve nuclear fusion. Fusion is the opposite of nuclear fission; controlled fusion is difficult to maintain and support due to the intense heat produced. Fusion is a safe alternative to the runaway fusion reaction type disasters that have been an issue for modern day nuclear reactors. The waste produced from fusion reactors decays within 50 years while it takes thousands of years for modern day nuclear waste from fission reactors to decay.

Mega recently expanded its facility by 7,000 square feet in 2013 to support its 48 employees. Mega employs machinists, engineers, welders, and painters, and partners with local universities through internships.
NEWS FROM AUGUSTA

Let Lawmakers Hear From You on Current Proposals

BY REP. ANDREW McLEAN

The pace of the Legislature’s work is picking up in Augusta.

As I discussed in a recent column, one of my top priorities is reducing the burden of property taxes on working families and seniors. I am concerned about the impact eliminating revenue sharing would have on property taxes. I have introduced my own bill to help Maine’s property taxpayers and will continue to work to ease the property tax burden.

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If you would like to receive these updates, let me know by e-mailing me at andrew.mclean@legislature.maine.gov.

Let Lawmakers Hear From You on Current Proposals

around town

Anderson Equipment has been renovating the building in the Industrial Park on Main Street formerly occupied by Plan-It Recycling and has added two new trucks: backhoes and bulldozers, hopes to begin moving in during April 2015.

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letter to the Editor

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Dear Gorham Times Editor,

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There has been a lot of discussion lately about the governor’s proposed 2016-2017 biennial budget. Much of the discussion has been about the so-called revenue sharing that the budget intends to cut. The first instinct would be to suggest that it’s an automatic property tax hike if we don’t do anything to trim costs. That is sort of true, but we need to look at the big picture.

The plan would make Maine more competitive by reducing the income tax, creating an incentive for people to live here and have their businesses here. The plan would eliminate all income tax over the first $50,000, which would be Mainers largest pay raise ever. The amount of income over that would be taxed at an effective rate of 5.75%. Gorham residents currently pay a little over $20 million in income tax, this plan would put $6 million back into our pockets. The amount of revenue sharing we are supposed to receive is $77,000,000, which has only been receiving about half by way, it hasn’t been fully funded prior to the current administration. The problem with this revenue share is that it didn’t exist anymore be done through a constitutional amendment, therefore one legislature can’t bind another. I would rather have more money in my pocket and pay a little more directly to the Town of Gorham so we can stop worrying if we’re going to get fully funded or not. This plan provides those in poverty to file for a sales tax refund when filing their income tax return, there are also increases in the Homestead property tax exemptions for the elderly as well. Finally, this plan allows us to capture more tax revenue from those who are not Maine citizens with a sales tax increase.

Ben Hartwell

The Gorham School Department plans to destroy special education records of former students who were born between January 1, 1988 and December 31, 1988.

Parents, guardians and/or former students may obtain their records on or before June 1, 2015. Proper identification will be required in order to obtain records.

For more information, please feel free to contact the Gorham Special Services office at 222-1002.
Andrew Whitcomb: Rising Star Chef

By Chris Crawford
Gorham Times Staff

Congratulations to Chef Andrew Whitcomb. This GHS 2004 graduate is making a name for himself in the highly competitive New York City food scene. Star Chefs International has just named him one of New York City’s 2015 Rising Star Chefs. He is recognized for the sustainable and deliciously appealing food he creates at Colonie restaurant in Brooklyn, where he is head chef. Sustainability is a key tenant of Whitcomb’s culinary philosophy. He is dedicated to using locally grown produce, meat, poultry and fish to prepare excellent quality food. Whitcomb is proud of the fact that since he became head chef in 2013, almost 100 percent of the food he serves can be traced directly back to its source. “We can drive a couple hours and be on most of the farms. I like having control of the quality of food we purchase. I have developed relationships with 50 to 60 farmers over the past two years that reflect directly on our menu,” he said.

Gorham Survives Again
Third Contestant with Ties to Gorham on Long-Running CBS Show

By Corenne Altham
Gorham Times Staff

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WHERE ARE THEY NOW? UPDATE

Andrew Whitcomb
Head Chef at Colonie Restaurant, is one of New York City’s Rising Star Chefs.

Chef Whitcomb specializes in delicious, simply prepared food like this Acadian redfish with salsa verde, crispy garlic, and grilled lemon.

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All smells aside, Dan’s Facebook feed will show you that he is a man surrounded by loads of friends and family. He has been happily married to his wife Erin Foley since 2006 and is

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Survival Tips For Food Shopping With Children

BY ANGELA VERRILL

Grocery shopping with kids can be a nightmare. The constant begging, pleading, and crying are enough to cause an extended trip down the wine aisle. The grocery store is full of temptations for kids at every turn and the placement of the items kids want is no accident. Items geared toward children are usually placed at kids’ eye level. Think about your grocery store’s cereal aisle. Wouldn’t life be so much simpler if the frosted marshmallow bombs were on the top shelf? No kid ever had a temper tantrum because mom or dad said no to bran flakes.

The food and beverage industry spends billions of dollars each year marketing food to children with popular characters, colorful packaging and catchy commercials. Children are exposed to an average of 10 food-related ads each day, and almost all of them are for foods excessively high in sugar, salt, fat and calories. It makes a parent’s job hard and those trips to the grocery store a struggle to get through without tears from the child or the parent.

When you must shop with the kids in tow, there are a few steps you can take to limit those unplanned purchases and to mitigate the tears:

Don’t go to the store on an empty stomach. The best intentions can be put to the test when you shop hungry. You end up buying more than you planned when you are ravenous, which can bust your budget and fill your cart with junk food.

Make a list. It’s easier to say no to impulse purchases when you know what you need and stick with your list. Have a meal plan for the week to avoid having to turn to quick, processed foods in a pinch.

Shop the perimeter of the store first. Dairy first and spend less time cruising up and down the aisles. Most of the processed foods and sugary treats are in the aisles. Fill your cart with fruits, veggies, fish, poultry, meat, and dairy first and spend less time cruising up and down the aisles.

Involve your kids in picking out fruit and vegetables for the week. Let them pick a favorite or an item they have never tried. Have them guess the weight of items on the scale. This will help distract them from begging for less healthy treats.

While it can be difficult to say no to your child over and over again, they will eventually get the message that pitching a fit to get junk food will not work.

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Town Council Meeting
By Jacob Adams
Gorham Times

Town Council approved AliceCook Construction as the Construction Manager to work with the Town and Port City Architecture to develop the Public Safety Project. (6-1; Phinney, abstention) A 0.6 acre parcel of tax acquired property off Libby Avenue and near the Little River, will be retained for current and future Public use. (6-1; Benner, abstention)

Two liquor licenses were approved—a renewal for Thatcher’s Restaurant (7-0) and a new license for MK Kitchen, LLC. (7-0)

A request from Shaw Brothers to rezone six parcels of their land from Suburban Residential to Industrial zone was approved. This will create a more continuous industrial zone. (7-0)

Chapter II, Section III of the Land Use & Development Code was amended to allow keeping farm animals as a permit-based use and the Urban Residential zone. The town is authorized to solicit proposals to sell or dispose of the McLellan/Sampson House located at 77 South Street pursuant to a few guidelines, one of which would be a plan to restore it consistent to the building’s historical integrity. The plan must also include an anticipated date to start restoration work. (7-0)

Complete minutes are available on the town’s website at www.gorham-me.org.

Town Council Meeting

FEBRUARY 3, 2015

Town Council Meeting
By Jennifer Elliott
Gorham Times

Has everyone had enough of the snow? I know I have had enough of tunneling through it. I would like to take a moment to thank everyone for the support I received during recent health issues. I am very lucky to work in such a wonderful community. I am back to work, and have been so proud of my office staff for taking on more roles within the office. This office is a busy place.

Here are some reminders:

If you have a dog you have not yet registered, please be aware that state law requires you to do so. There is a $25 per dog late fee now in effect.

We sell hunting and fishing licenses as well as Gorham recycling bins and trash bags.

When coming in to register your vehicles, have your current insurance card for the vehicle you are registering, as well as the current mileage and, if possible, the prior yellow registration.

I look forward to seeing you when you come in for your municipal transactions.

Clerk’s Corner

Real Estate Transfers August 2014

FEBRUARY 17, 2015

Planning Board Minutes

The Planning Board held a joint meeting with the Westbrook Planning Board as a small portion of the proposed 1040ft Longfellow Woods subdivision is 21.43 acres in Westbrook, which means this project requires the approval of both towns. Although there are no plans to build on the portion of the site that is in Westbrook, approval from Westbrook’s Planning Board is still required. In order for the item to pass, four of the nine-members Westbrook Planning Board were needed for a quorum but only three people from Westbrook attended the meeting.

Clerk’s Corner

By Jennifer Elliott
Town Clerk

Buried in Snow!

The Department of Public Works keeps detailed records of winter storm precipitation. At press time, Public Works tallied 91.7 inches of snow, ice, and freezing rain since the first snowstorm on November 26, which dropped 10 inches of snow on Gorham. The blizzard on January 27 and 28 dropped 40 inches.

In May, Mainely Plumbing & Heating celebrated 28 years in business. We want to thank all our customers and friends who support us and local businesses in Gorham through the years.

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“Anything Goes” is directed by Bruce Avery and musical director is Matt Murray. Deb Lombard was responsible for teaching the students to dance. The set was designed and built by Dave Johnston, who has been building sets since his daughters were at GHS over a decade ago.

Gorham High School has consistently produced high quality musicals over the years. Come see the performance at the McCormack Performing Arts Center on March 20-22 and March 27-29. Friday and Saturday night shows are at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday matinees are at 2:30 p.m.

Tickets may be reserved in advance by calling 859-5754. They are $10 for adults and $6 for students and seniors. 65 years and over. Tickets will also be available at the door.

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All absences matter, not just a few days in a row. When a child is late, he or she has to scurry to catch up. The teacher has to slow down or interrupt instruction to bring this child up to speed, affecting others. The quality of instruction in a quick makeup session will not be equal to the instruction that other students had.

When a child is absent, learning is missed that cannot easily be reproduced. Students miss the richness of the classroom instruction, guided practice and/or learning with peers.

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School Committee Confirms Heather Perry as New Superintendent; Receives Proposed $35 Million

By Kathy Garrard
Gorham Times Staff

Gorham School Superintendent Ted Sharp presented the school committee with his proposed FY16 budget at the February 11 meeting. The $35,312,690 budget is $1,160,550 (3.4%) higher than the FY15 budget and, if approved, would increase the property tax mill rate by 87 cents.

Sharp stated that the budget was based on several assumptions, including that the level of General Purpose Aid (GPA) funding from the state remains flat, and Gorham’s property valuation increases by $6 million. The proposed budget contains a four percent increase in health and dental insurance costs and a one percent increase in teachers’ salaries as negotiated in the last Gorham Teachers’ Association contract.

Proposed new initiatives totaling $193,038 include storage for student technology ($48,000), an assistant coach for girls’ ice hockey ($2,230), an assistant coach for JV golf ($2,058), increasing ed techs in the functional life skills behavior programs for Level II to Level III ($2,750), a halftime K-5 social worker ($35,000), a social worker/substance abuse counselor to serve grades four through eight ($70,000), a stipend for the steel band coach ($3,000), and a literacy interventionist ed tech III at Gorham High School ($30,000).

The school committee will receive the full budget book at their February 25 workshop and hold an all-day budget discussion on Saturday, March 7. By a vote of 6-0 (Tim Burns absent), the committee approved hiring Heather Perry as Gorham’s new superintendent.

Off with her Head!

GMS Presents “Alice @ Wonderland” Musical

By Meghan Rounds
Drama Advisor

The Gorham Middle School Drama Club is proud to present “Alice @ Wonderland,” a Pioneer Drama Production by Jonathan Yuchik, Bill Francoeur, and Scott DeTurk. “Alice @ Wonderland” is a modern day telling of the classic. Alice, a tech-savvy girl, finds herself in Wonderland where Google, texting, and WiFi are unavailable. It isn’t long before Alice learns that her cell phone is not going to save her once in the sights of the Queen of Hearts.

Please join the cast for a terrifyingly comical good time on Friday, March 6 and Saturday, March 7 at 7 p.m. in the Gorham Middle School Auditorium. Doors open at 6:50 p.m. Tickets are $5 at the door or pre-order by calling 222-1220.

Survivor

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Survivor’s 30th season will, for the first time, initially group the contestants based on their employ- ment status: white collar, blue collar, or no collar. Foley is prominently featured in the commercial for the new season as part of the blue col- lar Escameca tribe. He looks forward to the show’s premiere, but worries about how the show will be edited. His biggest concern is how the atten- tion will affect his family. “At the end of the day,” he says, “I just hope I don’t embarrass my wife.”

For now it is excitement leading up to the premiere. “It’s surreal,” he says. “They don’t often cast people like me. Dull, boring and vapid people will get people watching, but it’s people like me who will keep you watching.”

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Boys’ Skiing: GHS placed fifth in the Class A Alpine State Championships. In the giant slalom, Nathan Roberts was the top Gorham finisher (20th) with a time of 1:36.28 while Owen Smith was tops for Gorham in the slalom (24th) with a time of 1:32.16.

Cheerleading: The Rams won the Western Maine Class A Championship and went on to finish fifth in the State Class A Championship.

Girls’ Basketball: Gorham finished the regular season ranked third in Western Maine Class A. The Rams then went on their playoff quarterfinal match against Windham (62-36) led by 24 points from senior Abby Hamilton and sophomore Emily Esposito. Gorham lost to Thornton Academy in the semifinals (42-32), with Esposito leading the way with 14 points.

Boys’ Swimming: The Rams finished 5th in the State Class A Championship. Individual event point earners included Timmer Sposato: 4th in the 100 backstroke (57.45) and 5th in the 200 freestyle (1:49.83); and Riley Jenson: 5th in the 50 freestyle (24.41). The 200 freestyle relay team of Jenson, Andrew Eaton, Guilder Sandeno and Sposato finished 8th (1:38.40) while the same group finished 11th in the 400 freestyle (3:47.05).

Girls’ Skiing: In the Class A State Championship, Gorham placed ninth, led by senior Nathan Roberts (33rd at 1:51.66). Both the giant slalom (31st at 1:58.61) and slalom (24th) with a time of 1:32.16.

Girls’ Swimming: At the Class A State Championship, the Rams finished 11th. Individual point earners included Alii LaFerriere: 3rd in the 500 freestyle (5:30.61) and 4th in the 200 freestyle (2:01.52); Meagan Thomas: 5th in the 50 freestyle (26.07) and 7th in the 100 freestyle (56.84); Molly Sposato: 6th in the 100 breaststroke (1:15.52) and 13th in the 200 individual medley (2:31.60); and Alicia Robinson: 14th in the 100 freestyle (1:01.23) and 16th in the 50 freestyle (28.39). The 200 medley relay team of Sierra Lumbert, Sposato, Blanca Monsen and Hannah Benson finished 14th (2:10.62) while the 200 freestyle relay team of Hannah Lefebvre, Robinson, LaFerriere and Thomsen finished 19th (1:48.67) and the 400 freestyle relay team of Robinson, Sposato, LaFerriere and Thomsen finished 8th (4:01.90).

Girls’ Hockey: The team finished sixth in the State West rankings with a 9-8-1 record. The Rams lost to York in the quarterfinals of the playoffs (3-1), with senior Andrea Stemm scoring the lone goal. Senior Charlotte Smith led the team in scoring for the season with 25 goals and 8 assists.

Girls’ Indoor Track: The Rams earned 17 team points to finish 13th in the Class A State Meet. Point earners included senior Kristin Benson, second in the 200 meters (27.08) and seventh in the 55 meters (7.73); and Anna Slager, a freshman, placing second in the two mile (11:44.66).

Boys’ Basketball: The Rams finished the regular season ranked fourth in Western Maine Class A and then lost a heart-breaker to Deering in the quarterfinals of the playoffs, 61-59. Nick Thibeault, Billy Ruby and Sam Kilborn combined for 46 of the Rams’ points.

Boys’ Indoor Track: With six team points, the Rams finished 16th in the Class A State Meet. Ethan Orach was the lone point earner, finishing third in the 800 meters with a time of 2:04.86.

**GHS Winter Sports Post-Season Wrap Ups**

**GS Girls’ Hockey Team Wins Sportsmanship Award**

The GHS girls’ hockey team won the Western Maine Team Sportsmanship Award for demonstrating respect toward competitors, referees, fans and teammates throughout the season. Team members pictured above, from front row: Allie Johnson. Second row (left to right): Mackenzie Collins, Allison Ratto, Kailyn Apt, Emily Chapin, Andrea Stemm, Mary Adams and Charlotte Smith. Back row: Emma Niles, Evelyn Turnbaugh, Logan Letourneau, Jordan Courrier, Karen Stemm, Nikki Sawyer, Megan Polches, Megan Demers and Luther Liang. Missing from the photo are head coach Nat Germond and assistant coaches Mary Guimond, Gabe Guimond, Griffin Germond and Samantha Grant.

**Two Wrestlers from Gorham Qualify for New Englands**

During the February 21st Maine New England qualifier in Sanford, Aidan Whitis (left) and Abraham Eaton both qualified to represent Maine at the New England Wrestling Championships in Massachusetts March 6-7. Whitis, who wrestles for Cheverus HS, finished first in the 133-pound division while Eaton, a home school student, finished second in the 170-pound division. Eaton was also this year’s Class A Eastern Regional Champion and earned his 100th career win with a pin in his first match of the Sanford tournament.

**In the Zone**

Hockey Player of the Month: GHS senior hockey player Travis Mansir was named the Western Maine Class B Offensive Player of the Month for January. Mansir scored 11 goals and added seven assists while helping the Rams go 5-2-1 for the month.

**Generosity and Leadership From Within USM**

**By Roger Marchand**

**Gorham Times Staff**

Melissa and Richard “Doc” Costello had a major impact on the University of Southern Maine (USM) community. Doc, former USM Athletic Director and longtime coach, and Melissa, former chair of the School of Education, had 37-year careers at the university.

Now they have made a $750,000 bequest to the University of Southern Maine Foundation that will help to fund improvements to the Costello Sports Complex, the Gorham campus facility that bears their name. The Costello gift will benefit future generations of USM students and student athletes.

USM Foundation President Cecile Atchinson said: “We are thrilled with this wonderful gift from Melissa and Doc Costello. Between the two of them, they had a huge impact on USM during their careers.”

When USM President David Flanagan and his wife, Kaye, called of 1975, learned of the Costello bequest, they were both grateful and proud of the deep level of support coming from within the USM community. President Flanagan stated, “We are fortunate to be able to give back so I am pledging half my salary to the USM Foundation. Kaye and I both came from modest economic backgrounds, and we know firsthand how important scholarships financial assistance was to us personally. We’re committed to helping bring
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Paul Millard Neal 9/15/29 – 2/13/15

Paul Millard Neal, 85, of Gorham, died peacefully surrounded by family and loved ones on February 13, 2015. He was born in Augusta, Maine on September 15, 1929, the son of the late Elwood and Doris Neal. The family moved to Gorham, Maine in 1930, and Paul remained there his entire life. He graduated from Gorham High School in 1947, and attended the New England Institute of Anatomy before enlisting in the Navy as a Medical Corpsman during the Korean War. Later in life he returned to college at Southern Maine Vocational Technical Institute and earned a degree in Respiratory Therapy, followed by obtaining a BS Degree from the University of Southern Maine where he graduated Cum Laude.

He met and married Barbara Stanley of Bar Harbor on August 6, 1949, while she was a student at Gorham State Teachers College. They were married 62 years, until Barbara’s passing in 2011. Paul was a leader within the Gorham Community. He served many years as a volunteer firefighter and later as Assistant Fire Chief, as a Boy Scout Leader, and he helped initiate the first Ambulance Attendant First Aid Training Programs in the State and establish Gorham’s first Rescue Squad. Years later, after becoming an Advanced EMT, he served many more years as an active volunteer with the Gorham Rescue Service.

Paul was a long-time member of the Gorham Lions Club and was named "Lion of the Year" in 1977-1978. He was a devoted member of the First Parish Church his entire life, serving as a trustee, a member of the choir, and regularly cooking for the Annual Men's Supper.

In 2013, while a resident at the Gorham House, Paul was honored as a recipient of the "Remember Me"...
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OF INTEREST

Author and former Gorham resident Beverly Lessard has self-published her third book, "Knee Deep in Sawdust and Fudge Brownie Mix." All three books are listed on Amazon but can also be purchased by writing to BeverlyLessard@gmail.com. Books are $15.

Gorham Savings Bank is pleased to announce the promotion of Linda Cooper to vice president, senior operations manager. Cooper joined the Bank in 2013 as an operations application analyst.

The Greater Portland Sustainability Council will hold a Home Energy Fair in Gorham on Saturday, Feb. 28 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Great Falls Elementary School, 73 Justice Way. Over 20 exhibitors will showcase home energy resources with workshops, talks and presentations. Children’s entertainment provided by Maine Audubon. Admission is free and open to the public. FMI, visit www.portlandgsc.org/energy-fairs.

GHS Boosters Meeting: The Gorham Boosters meet the second Monday of every month at 6:30 p.m. at the GHS Library. The next meeting takes place March 9. Anyone wishing to help can contact gorhamboosters@gmail.com.

USM Baseball Clinic for Advanced Players: March 7, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Costello Sports Complex on the Gorham campus for players in grades 9-12 with aspirations to play college baseball. Limited to 40 participants, the morning session includes pitching, hitting and defense along with testing of running speed and arm strength. The afternoon session consist of games. Players will be evaluated. $100 fee. Players should wear appropriate attire, including sneakers, and should pack a lunch. FMI, call 780-5474 or register at http://southernmainehuskies.com/fanZone/clinics.

ON-GOING EVENTS

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, 639-2062.

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 open to the public. FMI, call 892-9879 or Blanche 892-5604.

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Gorham Night at USM

By Roger Marchand
Gorham Times Staff

Gorham Night at University of Southern Maine (USM) was held on February 10. The purpose was to celebrate the successful collaboration and partnerships between the University of Southern Maine and the town of Gorham. The night included a basketball double header featuring both USM’s men and women’s basketball teams as well as an exhibition during halftime featuring Gorham third and fourth grade basketball teams.

A reception for community members was held during which leaders from both the University and the town spoke. USM president David Flanagan stated, “The University now has a new balanced budget.” He talked about a new agenda with partnerships between the University and the town of Gorham. USM president David Flanagan said, “USM is not just a place to go to college; it is a vital part of the Gorham community.” He also stated, “USM touches us on a daily basis even though we don’t always realize it.”

Various ways in which the university and the town work together were brought up. They included the shared use of athletic facilities, community Halloween Party, cross country course development, USM senior volunteer program, Gorham Marketplace, Gorham recreation department and USM collaboration, Gorham Arts Alliance, USM, Baxter Memorial Library, and many others.

USM’s job to serve the community.”

Flanagan went on to say “The goal is for Gorham and Portland to lead the way in developing this Metropolitan University.” He told the audience that one million dollars has been set aside for scholarships for Maine students.

Town Council chair Mike Phinney talked about the role of USM in the life of the community. “USM is not just a place to go to college; it is a vital part of the Gorham Community.” He also stated, “USM touches us on a daily basis even though we don’t always realize it.”

Town Council Chair Mike Phinney addresses community members at USM/Gorham night

neighboring communities.

The award was presented in the Hall of Flags at the State Capitol.

Paul spent his early years in the family business, Neal Funeral Home, before he and a partner started the Sebago Marine Marina on Sebago Lake. He later began a contracting business specializing in custom built homes. Before going back to college to earn his degree that enabled him to finish his career providing services within the medical community, an occupation that was dear to his heart based on his own disabilities. Paul was a true example of a man devoted to family, church, community, and country, with an emphasis on volunteerism. He will always be loved by those he leaves behind, and remembered as an important part of the Gorham Community.

Paul is survived by three sons, Stuart Mason (wife Kim) of Mechanicsville, Virginia, Stephen Charles (wife Diane) of Scarborough, Maine, and Clifford James (wife Kathleen) of Stormstown, Pennsylvania; four Granddaughters, Nenna Rosauer (husband Garrett) of Virginia, Sarah Bordi (husband Peter III) of Pennsylvania, Miesha Vargas (husband Cesar) of Virginia, and Catelyn Neal, of Washington D.C.; two Step-Grandchildren, Brandy Flournoy and Jimmy Butler, both of Virginia; four Great Grandchildren and two Step-Great Grandchildren, his brother Philip (wife Lottie) of Florida, and several nieces and nephews. He was pre-deceased by his wife of 62 years, Barbara Stanley Neal in 2011.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to Gorham First Parish Church, 1 Church Street, Gorham, Maine. We will celebrate Paul’s life at First Parish Church, on Saturday, April 11 at 10:30 a.m. All are welcome. Condolences can be expressed online at dolbyfuneralchapel.com or through other local publications.

Gorham Youth Lacrosse

Registration for the 2015 season is now open and runs through Saturday, March 7th.

Register on line at http://www.gorhamlacrosse.org/

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USM Costello

The Flanagan’s $100,000 pledge will be used both to provide immediate need-based scholarships to current USM students and to establish an endowed fund to be named the David and Kaye ‘73 Flanagan Scholarship Fund.

These gifts are part of a larger story of engagement and commitment on the part of the Costellos, the Flanagans, and others within the USM faculty, staff and administration whose financial contributions will have an impact on the future of the university and the region.

Condolences can be expressed online at dolbyfuneralchapel.com or through other local publications.
Mailbox Versus Plow

Flaggy Meadow Road caller reported the town plow had damaged her mailbox. She has had to buy six mailboxes to replace damaged ones, but this time she wanted the town to pay for it. She was advised to call the Town Office.

Report of a disabled vehicle turned out to be friends who stopped to talk on the side of Cressey Road.

Police responded to numerous calls about accidents and vehicles that had gone off the road.

Officer responded to a family fight on Queen Street.

Reported damage on Main Street was believed to have been caused by snow and ice falling off the roof.

Suspicious people on Allison Lane were from the bank that had taken over the property.

Middle Jam Road caller reported receiving two phone calls on his cell phone with the caller demanding money and threatening legal action. Caller researched the number and learned it was a scam.

Suspicious persons on Sebago Lake Road said they were just out walking.

Person stopped on Wescott Road was charged with possession of drugs (two counts) refusing to submit to arrest (for refusing to stop) and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Suspicious person on Sanford Drive had stopped to pick up cans by the side of the road. He showed the cans to the officer and did not have anything else in his vehicle.

Newspaper delivery driver went off Nason Road while making deliveries on his route.

Officer issued a summons to a Fieldcrest Drive resident for domestic violence terrorizing and for criminal trespassing.

A tree fell on a house on Spiller Road.

Officer helped man shovel out his driveway so he could move his vehicle off of Buck Street where he had been parked.

Officer checked on a pedestrian walking on Narrangansett Street at 2 a.m. He was going to the store for milk.

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Friday, Feb. 27
• Knights of Columbus Baked Haddock Dinner, St. Anne’s Catholic Church, 5-6:30 p.m. $9/$5 under 12. Take out and gluten free available. All are invited.

Saturday, Feb. 28
• Super Saturday: Optical Illusions, 11-11:30 a.m., Baxter Memorial Library. All ages. No registration required.

Tuesday, Mar. 3
• Gorham Cancer Prayer and Support Group, 6 p.m., Cressey Road United Methodist Church. All are welcome. FMI, 321-1390 or 839-3111.
• Free income tax preparation for all ages by IRS certified tax consultants, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., St. Anne’s Church. Sponsored by the AARP. Call for an appointment (207) 699-4280.

Wednesday, Mar. 4
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• Peg’s Itsy Bitsy Store, Gorham House, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. FMI, 839-5757.

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