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Bonds Accepted to Finance Police, Public Safety Building

BY ROGER MARCHAND
Staff Writer

In November of last year, Gorham voted on a referendum article to spend \$4,990,000 to construct a new building for the police department, as well as to renovate, upgrade, and improve the present public safety building. The following month, at their regular meeting, the Town Council unanimously authorized the bonds to be issued. This past February 19, bids for the bonds to finance the project were opened.

Seven financial institutions submitted bids; the lowest was accepted from Piper Jaffray. The town expects to close on the bonds during the first week in March.

The interest rate for the bonds ranged from 2.531650 to 2.873432 percent. At the time of the vote, the town estimated the interest rate in the area of 3.3 percent. The 2.531650 percent rate reflects Gorham's excel-

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Plans for Mobil Station Moving Forward

BY SHERI FABER
Staff Writer

Jon Smith of Great Falls Construction submitted plans for the site of the former Mobil Station on Main Street.

The site, vacant for at least 10 years, has been the subject of numerous complaints to town officials. It has become an eyesore with the building, which was built in 1940, falling into disrepair and weeds growing up through the concrete.

Loren Goodridge, owner of the Gorham Subway, currently owns the property. Goodridge submitted a proposal to the town to tear down the gas station and move his Subway franchise there, but they were unable to come to terms over his proposed plan. The property has remained vacant since that time.

Smith plans to demolish the building and replace it with a new 6,000 square

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Come Aboard and See that "Anything Goes" in GHS Musical

GORHAM TIMES STAFF

Gorham High School (GHS) proudly presents the classic Broadway musical "Anything Goes," which features the crew and passengers of a trans-Atlantic passenger ship in the 1930s.

"We learned a lot of new dance styles that were challenging, but I think they turned out really well and will make for an interesting show"

GEORGIA BABER, CAST MEMBER

The cast of characters includes: a lovesick young executive; a former chorus girl turned evangelist and her followers the "angels;" a gangster; a high brow Englishman and his fiancé; a church leader; two Chinese converts; and various passengers and sailors.

"Anything Goes" is directed by Bruce Avery and the musical director is Matt Murray. Deb Lombard was responsible for teaching the students to dance.

"We learned a lot of new dance styles that were challenging, but I think they turned out really well and will make for an interesting show," said Georgia Baber, who plays a passenger in the show.

"We've been working really hard," said Dorothy Stickney, who plays Reno Sweeney, a show girl turned evangelist. "Sunday rehearsals are the best; that's dancing day with our choreographer Deb Lombard. Leads and featured dancers are there for six or more hours, and ensemble is there for four or more."

The set was designed and built by Dave Johnston, who has been building sets since his daughters were at GHS over a decade ago.

"The set this year has been a really big adjustment, we have to dance on the second story," said Baber.

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A Bill to Prevent Organized Retail Crime

BY SEN. AMY VOLK

Throughout my district and throughout Maine, retailers get hit every day by organized gangs or groups that steal multiple items and then resell the items for cash. Money raised through organized retail crime has been traced to drugs, human trafficking and even to support terrorist activities. This is not shoplifting. This is not a young person who steals the newest video game to play at home. These groups come out of Boston, Lowell, Providence, and New York City. They start in Kittery and work their way through Maine. A bill I recently introduced- LD 310 "An Act to Prevent Organized Retail Crime," aims to discourage this kind of well-oiled theft by increasing penalties for those who get caught.

LD 310 aims to prevent this type of crime and would put us on a more equal footing with our neighboring states. New Hampshire created a new category of theft with increased penalties and has actually seen incidents of organized retail crime decrease as a result.

Under current law, retail theft is defined simply by the dollar value of what is stolen with no regard for what is stolen or the method used in the theft. Also under current law, a theft of

under \$1,000 is a simple misdemeanor, whether someone stole a few cans of baby formula or an entire shelf of Crest White Strips. My bill places the onus on the retail loss prevention professional to clearly identify these hallmarks of organized retail crime and package the case accordingly in order to justify a higher level charge. Both law enforcement and district attorneys would still have the authority to make the determination of whether to prosecute at a higher level or as a simple shoplifting misdemeanor. LD 310 would give us the tools to better prevent this organized gang activity, to prosecute these crimes aggressively when justified, and to use this statute as an additional deterrent.

The Retail Association of Maine estimates that this type of organized theft is a nearly \$150 million annual problem in Maine. Hannaford, Rite-Aid, Reny's, JC Penney, and Cabela's have all offered their support for increasing penalties on those who participate in this form of organized crime. It is certainly a big issue for retailers. However, this type of theft affects all of us. Retail crime increases the prices we pay as honest consumers, but it also costs us as taxpayers. When a group switches a bar code on items, pays a lower price, returns the items with counterfeit receipts and is "refunded" a higher

price, plus tax never paid, that money comes from our pockets. Additionally, when an item is stolen and resold online or through a fence operation, the sales tax is never collected. This is a direct loss to the state and a good reason to prevent organized retail crime.

This year is not the first time the Criminal Justice and Public Safety Committee has looked at legislation to address organized retail crime, but changing Maine's Criminal Code is not an endeavor the committee takes lightly. They have held one work session on the bill and a majority of committee members seemed to agree that now is the right time to deal with this issue. My hope and the hope of retailers around the state is that we can agree on language, which will result in a decrease of organized retail crime in Maine.

Every other week, I send out an e-newsletter with updates on state news and community events. If you'd like to sign up to receive it, or would like to share your thoughts on legislative matters, send me an email at: amy.volk@legislature.maine.gov.



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around town

The town is looking to sell the McLellan/Samson House at 77 South Street and have it renovated and used by a for-profit entity. The town estimates a cost of at least \$170,000 to renovate the building. Federal and state tax credits may be available for the renovations. The Presumpscot Regional Land Trust is currently using the property.

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Gorham Girls' Basketball 25th Anniversary



Photo courtesy of Gorham School Department

PATRICK O'SHEA

The 1989 season ended for the Gorham Girls' basketball team when the team lost to Hermon in the state final game. The experience gained from playing in the Western Maine title, even though they lost, was invaluable. This group of players learned to play hard and, most importantly, play together as a team. A year later, on March 4, 1990, the Gorham Girls' basketball team won the Class B state championship at the Bangor Auditorium defeating Houlton. Twenty-five years have gone by and, as their coach, I have often wondered what became of these champions. Here is what I found out:

Stacy Cross Norred attended the University of New England and received a degree in physical therapy. She worked in Mobile, AL and Denver, CO where she practiced physical therapy and transitioned to medical orthopedic implant sales. She has a daughter and now lives in Santa Monica, CA where she practices physical therapy part time and competes in swivel ski, a type of water ballet performed on water skis.

Krista Congdon Gallagher continued her education at Old Dominion University and USM before heading to San Francisco. She worked for a technology company and met her husband there. They moved back to Greenwich, CT where she worked in information technology for a real estate company. They have two boys.

Meghan O'Shea Beynon attended Bates College and after graduating moved to San Francisco where she met her husband. They live in Albany, CA with their three sons. Meghan directs a non-profit foundation.

Katti Towle played basketball at UMO and Regis University in Denver, CO. She lives in Dallas, TX with her husband and 17-month-old son, who she says is simply amazing. She works in the insurance business helping companies manage risk. She is passionate about running and is training for the Boston Marathon in 2016.

Erica Dyrberg graduated from Syracuse University. She lives in Portland, ME and teaches at King Middle School.

Andrea Dagile Robinson graduated from the University of Maine at Farmington with a degree in Community Health and Education. She lives in Raymond with her husband and two sons. Currently she is working as a personal trainer.

Leslie Mosher Thibault is married with two sons and works as a nurse at the operating room at Maine Medical Center.

Deb Bernard Lunt graduated with degrees in human service and nursing. She is married with a son and lives in South Portland.

Michelle Stone Dunn graduated from the University of New Hampshire with a degree in English. She worked as a special education ed. tech at Saco Middle School. After receiving her Master's

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Remembering Mike Walton, Mario's Italian Restaurant



Mario's Italian Restaurant, as pictured in the early 1970's

BRENDA (WALTON) ORACH

If you were living in Gorham in the sixties and seventies, you would be familiar with many local businesses that were thriving then. Gorham was a small town with two grocery stores, several gas stations and banks, Huntley's Appliance, 14 Main restaurant, Redin's card store, and Barden's Drugstore. The Fire Department, a two-story building next to Robie gym, was known as the Fire Barn, and the recreation places were the Playhouse movie theatre and the Kiwanis ski slope at the end of Water Street.

In 1966 a new business came to town in the building that was once Barden's drugstore, now Gorham House of Pizza—Mario's Italian Restaurant. Mike Walton, owner of

this franchise, ran his business for 13 years and sold it in 1979.

Walton's famous saying was "I'm in business to make friends, not money." He opened the doors after hours for the police. He let people "charge" on an account and did not worry if they never completely paid.

Not only was Mike Walton my father, he was a dad to many in the community. He often reminisced about the kids who hung out after school in the booths listening to the jukebox and socializing. The high school and college kids often came in to talk with him; he always listened.

Mike Walton passed away on February 9 of this year from congestive heart failure. He was 76. In honor of my father, I share this with those who remember Mike and his generous and kind heart.

Bonds Accepted

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lent bond rating prior to the selling of the bonds. Two major bond rating agencies rated the Town of Gorham: Moody's Investors Service at Aa2 and Standard & Poor's at AA+. Both are excellent ratings and reflect the town's strong financial position.

Town Manager David Cole said, "I was very pleased by the level of competition for the bonds, and especially pleased by the interest rate presented by Piper Jaffray." He said the "architect and contractor are already hard at work and the project is scheduled to start sometime in May."

Mobil Station

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foot building. Smith is also purchasing the lot just behind the gas station, currently owned by Hannaford. Access to the property will be from the road behind that lot, not from Main Street.

Smith submitted a proposal to the Planning Board depicting a New England colonial design close to the street. Two committed tenants—Aroma Joe's and Subway—will rent half of the available space; Smith is looking for two additional tenants for the other half of the space.

Smith, aware of the substantial public interest in seeing the building torn down, expects to close on the property in early April after which time the building will be demolished. Look to a future edition of the Gorham Times for more information.

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Remembering Marc Badeau

The *Gorham Times* mourns the loss of a contributing writer since 1998. Along with writing a collector's column for the Living Section, Marc Badeau volunteered for various causes including the Gorham Food Pantry and was a board member of the Gorham Economic Development Council.

Chris Crawford, editor of the Living Section, said, "Marc's articles were always very well written and about interesting topics related to collecting antiques. It was a pleasure working with him. I know the readers of the *Gorham Times* will miss his articles."

David Galbriath, Zoning Administrator for the Town of Gorham, said in a statement: "Marc was a much valued member of the Board who contributed a great deal to further business relations in town. With Marc's passing, Gorham has lost a highly valued and respected member of our community."

Paul Willis, former Gorham Food Pantry president, said: "Marc possessed an innate sense for helping his neighbors, his community and his nation. While serving on the Gorham Economic Development Council he was instrumental in guiding the Gorham Food Pantry's

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PAUL WILLIS
Former Gorham Food Pantry President

application for and receipt of a critical \$44,000 Development Grant to help create a new Food Pantry space to better serve the community. Through his knowledge, effort, and caring, Marc made an incredibly positive impact on thousands of individuals."

Marc will be missed, but his legacy will live on through his volunteering and the memories of those touched by Operation Tribute, his non-profit that provided gifts to the children of military families living throughout New England, New Jersey, New York, and Ohio.

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Marcel "Marc" Raymond Badeau, 53

Gorham's Marcel "Marc" Raymond Badeau, 53, passed away on February 27, 2015. He was born in Lewiston, on June 14, 1961, the son of Edmond and Marie-Paule (Labadie) Badeau.

Marc grew up in Lewiston, and was a 1979 graduate of St. Dominic's Academy. He continued his education at Bentley College in Waltham, MA, and

received his bachelor's degree in Accounting in 1986. On June 20, 1987, he married Margherita "Margo" Amoroso in Waltham, MA. Marc was a CPA, and he started his own business, Phoenix Ventures in 2000. Marc was involved in his community as a parishioner at St. Anne's Catholic Church where he served on the Finance Committee. He was also a fourth degree in the Knights of Columbus, a member of the Portland Kiwanis as well as president of the former Gorham Kiwanis, a board member for the Gorham Food Pantry, was on the Gorham Economic Development Council and the founder and chairman of Operation Tribute. In his spare time, he was an avid collector of everything.

Marc is survived by his beloved wife of 27 years, Margo; son, Jason Badeau of Gorham; daughter, Crystal Badeau and husband Dan Moore of Brunswick; grandson, Sullivan Moore; brothers, Paul Badeau and wife Rebecca of Gorham and Roger Badeau of MA; brother-in-law, Gerardo Amoroso and wife Linda of Marlboro, NY; nieces and nephews, Noah and Gabriel Badeau, Marissa and Mikel Badeau, and Michael, Kaitlin, Joseph and wife Caroline, and Grace Amoroso; his uncle Ralph Comeau and his companion Connie Lessard; and his dog Sasha. In addition to his parents, Marc is predeceased by his aunt Dorothy Comeau.

Marc had a big heart and was a wonderful and adoring husband and loving father and grandfather. He was dedicated to helping those in his community and knew how to achieve great things. He will be deeply missed.

Visitation was held on March 2, 2015, at the Dolby and Dorr Funeral Chapel, 76 State St., Gorham. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on March 3 at St. Anne's Catholic Church, 299 Main St., Gorham. Condolences to the family may be expressed at www.dolbyfuneralchapels.com

FINANCIAL FITNESS

When Investing, Use the "Power of Three"

AL TARKINSON

Many factors will affect your results as an investor, and some of these factors are beyond your control, such as interest-rate movements or the euro-zone debt crisis or the sales results of the companies in which you invest. However, as you work toward your financial goals, you will find you actually have control over three of the most important drivers of investment success: time, money and return.

Let's look at these three elements:

Time can be a big asset if you use it wisely. However, many young people, just starting out in their working lives, think they can wait until "later" to begin investing, as their retirement is so far away. But this could be a mistake. The earlier you start to invest, the more money you will put away, and the greater the potential for your money to appreciate. If you do wait until mid-career before you start seriously saving and investing for retirement, you will still have options, but you may need to make some trade-offs, such as possibly retiring later than you had originally planned. So here's the key: Start investing as early as possible, and keep investing.

Money—Not surprisingly, the more money you invest on a regular basis while you are working, the more money you will likely end up with when you retire. Suppose, for example, you invested \$3,000 per year and earned a hypothetical 7 percent annual return. After 30 years, you would have accumulated about \$303,000 (assuming the investment was placed in a tax-deferred account, such as a traditional IRA). But if you put in \$5,000 per year, instead of \$3,000 and earned the same hypothetical 7 percent annual return, you would end up with about \$505,000 after 30 years, again

assuming the investment was placed in a traditional IRA. The difference between \$3,000 per year and \$5,000 per year is not all that much—just about \$40 a week—but after 30 years, these relatively small differences can add up to a big sum of money. Of course, this is just a simple illustration that shows how saving more can possibly put you in a better position in the future. Keep in mind there are no guarantees and the value of your investments will fluctuate.

Return—You might think your investments' rate of return is the one variable over which you have the least control. However, "least control" does not mean "no control." You can control your potential return to the extent of selecting a mix of stocks, bonds, government securities and other investments that reflects the level of risk you are willing to tolerate in exchange for the potential growth you would like to achieve. By creating this mix, you can help yourself avoid the biggest investment risk of all—not reaching your long-term goals.

By investing for as many years as you can, putting in as much as possible each year and choosing an investment mix that provides you with the greatest potential reward given your risk tolerance, you can take command, to a significant extent, of your own investment success. That is a type of authority you do not want to relinquish.



Al Tarkinson is a financial advisor with Edward Jones Investments. He has a B.S. Degree in Finance with over 31 years in the financial field, and his family has resided in Gorham for 27 years.

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Gorham Economic Development Council Meetings

OCTOBER 2014

The following topics were discussed in the October 2014 Gorham Economic Development Council (GEDC) meeting.

The town is still working to obtain income verification data from a total of 54 households in the Little Falls area, which will qualify it for a grant available only to low- to middle-income neighborhoods. So far in this time consuming process, information has been gathered from 27 families. The GEDC board recommended having fire department personnel do the work, as citizens may be more responsive to them.

A presentation was made to the board about the Maine Downtown Network Program, administered by the Maine Development Foundation. The program would "provide the town with a framework and structure to help identify needs, and to promote and aid economic growth." The Board expressed interest in learning more about the program, and wanted Jon Smith of Great Falls Builders as well as someone from the Gorham Business Exchange at the presentation. The Town Council would need to endorse membership in this program.

Seaside Landscaping, a Portland-based company purchased one of the remaining lots in the original Industrial Park. The lot is next to Porter Drywall. The new owner hopes to build a multi-tenant building.

GEDC President Tom Ellsworth has been attending the Gorham/Westbrook Chamber of Commerce meetings. Future plans for the Gorham Founders' Festival are being discussed with the possibility of holding the event on a single day—probably a Friday—or it may be discontinued.

NOVEMBER 2014

In the November 2014 Gorham Economic Development Council (GEDC) meeting, Lorain Francis presented on the Maine Downtown Network Program. The Board expressed interest in joining the program. Town Manager David Cole recommended seeking endorsements/commitments from other town committees and community organizations. The next step in the process would be for the Board to meet with other active town groups and community organizations to discuss priorities, help identify needs and assist in setting goals.

Two Gorham Men Jailed

BY SHERI FABER
Staff Writer

The United States Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) investigated Richard Magee, 58, of Gorham, with assistance from numerous area police departments after a federal wiretap found he was bringing in cocaine from out of state and selling it in Maine. The DEA agents received information about Magee from a federal wiretap. Agents heard several phone calls in 2013 in which Magee talked with David Jones, now a convicted drug dealer, about arranging drug sales. Magee's home at 297 County Road was searched in October 2013 and agents discovered five guns in his bedroom and a cocaine processing station in his basement. Magee had a previous conviction for money laundering in federal court in California and was prohibited from possessing firearms as a result of that conviction. He pled

guilty in a plea agreement in which he was convicted of one count of being a felon in possession of a firearm, three counts of distribution of cocaine and one count of possession of cocaine with intent to distribute. Other charges, including witness tampering, were dismissed. Magee was sentenced to 70 months in prison with three years of supervised release once he is paroled.

Gorham resident, John Whittenburg, 62, formerly of Buxton, was sentenced to six years in prison after pleading guilty to a charge of receiving child pornography. When a Maine State Detective and a federal agent went to his former home in Buxton in 2012, Whittenburg admitted to downloading child pornography. The investigation found thousands of images on his electronic devices. He was sentenced to six years of supervised release after he completes his prison term.

MARCH 2015

Planning Board Results

The following items were discussed at the March Planning Board meeting.

- Requests by Barry King and Christopher Brassbridge for approval of contract zones for properties they own on County Road were sent to the Town Council with recommendations for adoption on 4-2 votes.

- An amendment to the Land Use and Development Code to allow parking on side and rear property setbacks was sent to the Town Council for approval.

- Great Falls Construction plans for a four-unit commercial building on the site of the former Mobil Station and the lot behind it were discussed.

MARCH 3, 2015

Town Council Report

BY JACOB ADAMS
Staff Writer

The following items were discussed, tabled, or voted upon at the last Town Council meeting:

- The Blue Pig, 91 South, and Gorham Country Club, were approved for liquor license renewals (7-0).

- Town Council will ask the Ordinance Committee to adopt NFPA 101 Life Safety Code used by the state, as the town's Life Safety Code. They will ask to include language that future Life Safety Codes adopted by the state would automatically become the town's Life Safety Code (5-2; Robinson, Shepard).

- An amendment will be prepared to the Policy for the Disposal of Tax Acquired Property that would require the Town Council to vote on any proposals to dispose of tax acquired property without further negotiations with the prior owners of the property (7-0).

- A proposal will be sent to the Planning Board to amend the Land Use and Development Code by allowing Accessory Apartments to contain up to a maximum of 1,000 square feet instead of

a maximum of 660 square feet as is currently allowed (7-0).

- A proposal will be referred to standardize the Public Record and notification process to define how Public notification is done and to include the records available on the town website including but not limited to, the Town Manger's agenda comments and weekly report (7-0).

- The Council voted to table a decision to go on record in support of the Governor's recently proposed budget, which includes a reduction in the state income tax, and the elimination of revenue sharing in the second year (5-2; Benner, Robinson).

- The resignation of David Cole as the Town's Representative to the PACTS Policy Committee was accepted and Town Council will appoint Bob Burns as his replacement. Cole will stay on as the town's alternate representative (7-0).

- Action will be postponed on an application for an abatement of taxes because the town is still waiting for more information from the applicant (7-0).

- A new two-year labor contract from July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2016 with the Fire Department was approved (6-1; Hartwell).

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Celebrating Youth Art at the Portland Museum of Art

ADAPTED BY VICKI BOVE
GMS art teacher

During the month of March, in celebration of National Youth Art Month, the Portland Museum of Art (PMA), in collaboration with the Maine Art Education Association, has organized an exhibition of artwork created by Maine art students.

The exhibition, on view now through March 29, will showcase more than 100 works of art by students throughout the state, from elementary school through high school.

All participating students received certificates of recognition at a celebration held at PMA on March 7.

National Youth Art Month is an annual observance each March to emphasize the value of art education and to encourage public support for quality school art programs. Art education provides students with important critical-thinking and problem-solving skills, in addition to fostering self-esteem, self-discipline, and an appreciation for the work of others.

The Youth Art Month exhibition celebrates and validates student

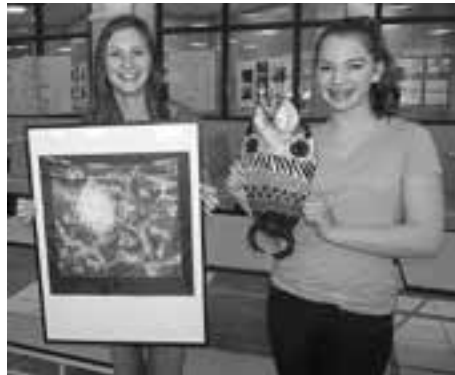


Photo credit Amy Cousins

Mercy Dunn (left) and Lyndsey Nygren (right) are two of six Gorham students showcasing their original artwork at the Portland Museum of Art this month.

achievement in the visual arts, and the Portland Museum of Art and Gorham District is proud to honor the talent and dedication of these young artists and their teachers.

Participating students from Gorham are: Madison Shaw (grade 2); Evan Verrill (grade 5); Lindsey Nygren (grade 7); Mercy Dunn (grade 8); Caitlyn Duffy (grade 11); and Sydney Stultz (grade 11).

“Alice @ Wonderland” a Terrifyingly Comedic Good Time



Photo credit Rachel Bell

Gorham Middle School presented “Alice @ Wonderland” this year. Pictured above were many cast members including (from left to right): Molly Rathbun, Caitlin McClellan, Faith Dillon, Veronica Steiner, Jade Wu, Amelia Yahwak, Leah Scontras, Haley Burns, Julie Cooper, Sarah Juskiwicz, Abigail Miller, Julia Yager, Lydia Valentine, Madisun Tryon, AJ Booth, Sierra Cummings, and Emma Poitras.

MEGHAN ROUNDS
musical producer

Gorham Middle School (GMS) Drama Club recently shared its production of “Alice @ Wonderland” with the community, family, and friends.

After many months rehearsing with director Tana Krohn, the cast and crew were thrilled to take the stage in order to incite fear and laughter in their audience.

“Alice @ Wonderland” is a Pioneer Drama Service, Inc. production written by Jonathan Yukich, with music and lyrics by Bill Francoeur, and lyrics by Scott DeTurk. This show is a modern day telling of the classic.

Alice (Sarah Juskiwicz) is a tech-savvy teen who finds herself in Wonderland where Google, texting, and WiFi are unavailable!

Once through the hall of strange doors, Alice encounters the Caterpillar (Quintessa Bissonnette), Frog and Fish Newsies (Grace Shimansky and Maya Lee), Cheshire Cat (Olivia Paruk), Mad Hatter (Julia Yager) and his tea party, Tweedledum & Dee (Abby Miller and

Haley Burns), and Humpty Dumpty (Payton Thorpe), all of whom simply cannot comprehend her technological woes. It isn’t long before Alice learns that her cell phone isn’t going to save her once in the sights of the Queen of Hearts (Kendall Smith).

This is Krohn’s third year as GMS musical director and she was thrilled by the size of her team this year—a cast of 34 actors and actresses and a crew of 10 stagehands who assisted with staging, lights, and sound.

“I’ve appreciated being able to work with such a committed and hardworking group of young people. I think we made the magic happen,” said Krohn.

When asked to share what she will miss about the music being over, Paruk said, “Not being able to participate in the play next year. I’ve done the GMS musical all three years, and it’s bittersweet.”

“The best part of being in ‘Alice @ Wonderland’ was making new friends; riding tricycles through the halls; and selling teachers newspapers,” said Shimansky.

School Notes

Gorham Adult Education will offer: Bookkeeping for the Small Business Owner in March and T'ai Chi in April. FMI, visit gorham.maineadulted.org or call 222-1095.

Beginning this year, Maine will give the MEA for Mathematics and English Language Arts (ELA)/Literacy developed by the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC) instead of the NECAP tests and SAT. The MEA for Science will continue as is. The testing window for students in Gorham is March 23 through May 29. Contact Cathy Stankard, assistant superintendent for instruction, at cathy.stankard@gorhamschools.org or 222-1025, or your child’s principal if you have any questions.

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Ennis Named Presidential Scholars Candidate

COMPILED BY ANDREA MORRELL
School News Coordinator

Gorham High School senior, John Ennis, has been named one of more than 3,900 candidates in the 2015 U.S. Presidential Scholars Program. Candidates were selected from nearly 3.4 million students expected to graduate from U.S. high schools this year.

As one of the highest honors bestowed upon graduating high school seniors, scholars are selected on the basis of superior academic (SAT or ACT test registration) or artistic achievements (participation in YoungArts program), leadership qualities, strong character, and involvement in community and school activities.

Ennis said before he received the information of his candidacy in the mail, he was unaware of the program. "I was a little bit surprised honestly, but I took it in stride. I really appreciated it as not everyone gets this honor," said Ennis.

Application is by invitation only; students do not apply individually to the program, nor do their schools nominate them. To confirm their interest and assist in the selection process, all academic and arts candidates complete and submit candidacy materials for review, including essays, self-assessments, secondary school reports and transcripts.

Ennis decided that since he had been selected as a candidate he would do everything to make sure he put his full effort into the application.

"It wasn't a thing to be taken lightly. I'm proud to have been selected to apply," said Ennis.

He had to write a full-length essay regarding a photograph that was significant to him. He chose a photo of himself with his three senior co-captains on the golf team. He wrote of the relationship he had with them and the significance that the photo was taken on senior night.

A panel of educators will review the submissions and select



Photo courtesy of Lifetouch Photography

Senior John Ennis has been named a candidate in the 2015 U.S. Presidential Scholars Program.

560 semifinalists in early April. The Commission on Presidential Scholars, a group of up to 32 eminent citizens appointed by the President, will make final selection of the Scholars. They will select one young man and one young woman from each state, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and U.S. students living abroad; 15 students at-large; and up to 20 students from the creative and performing arts.

The U.S. Department of Education will announce the Scholars in May. All scholars will be invited to Washington, DC for several days in June to receive the Presidential Scholars Medallion at a recognition ceremony. Scholars are guests of the Commission and enjoy an expense-paid trip to Washington to meet with government officials, educators, authors, musicians, scientists, and other accomplished people and have the opportunity to attend events and activities.

Ennis has not yet chosen which college he will attend in the fall but he plans to study economics with either a double major or minor in history.

School Department Mini Bus Destroyed in Fire



Photo courtesy of Gorham School Department

Police Officer Dean Hannon went to the fuel depot at the Public Works Garage on Huston Road to gas up his cruiser shortly after midnight on February 7. Hannon found a whole bus on fire and, despite having a fire extinguisher in his cruiser, had to immediately call dispatch to have the Fire Department respond. The 2003 mini school bus was destroyed in the fire. Another mini bus and a full size bus had minor damage.

Norman Justice, transportation director for the Gorham School Department, believes some type of electrical problem started the fire. Justice is waiting for the insurance company adjusters to give an estimate as to the cost of the damage.

There are other buses available for use and the loss of this bus will not present a transportation problem for any students.

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PUBLIC NOTICE Town of Gorham, Maine REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Town of Gorham, Maine is seeking sealed proposals to purchase and renovate the Town-owned historic McLellan / Sampson House located at 77 South Street. The McLellan / Sampson House is in a designated historic district in Gorham. It is the Town's desire to sell the historic property to a for profit entity to occupy the space and renovate the house. It is anticipated that the property will require at least \$170,000 to completely renovate the house. For-profit entities may be eligible for up to 45% Federal and State Tax Credits towards the costs of renovation. The house and property are currently part of the Gorham Municipal Center lot. The Town Council's desire is to convert the 77 South Street into an income producing, taxable entity to allow the owner to use State and Federal tax incentives to historically renovate the property. The Council is open to negotiating a lot area, uses and terms that are mutually beneficial to the new owner and the Town.

For complete package, please go to News and Announcements on the Town of Gorham Website at www.gorham-me.org or call the Town Manager's office at 222-1650.

GHS Spanish Club Helps Project in Guatemala



Photo credit GHS Yearbook Staff

Gorham High School (GHS) students Kristin (junior) and James (sophomore) Benson will be going to Guatemala in April for a student service project. This is the second trip to Guatemala they have made during their time at GHS and the Spanish Club has been working with them to bring supplies to the villages. The club has put together coloring books, sticker packs, jump ropes, and other activities for the children. One of the main goals is to spend time with the children, do some construction, and develop feeding programs, as well as helping to teach the children how to speak Spanish. In the area, there is not one common language; people speak native languages. They will be using the coloring books made by the Spanish Club for this, which will enable them to communicate both in the languages native to their villages and with the communities outside. Pictured (left to right) are: Kristin Benson, James Benson, Ben Hincer, Taila Wintle, Kayleigh Bettencourt, Madison Hincer, Camryn Morton, and Meaghan Higgins.

Mr. GHS Crowned as Fundraiser for Project Grad

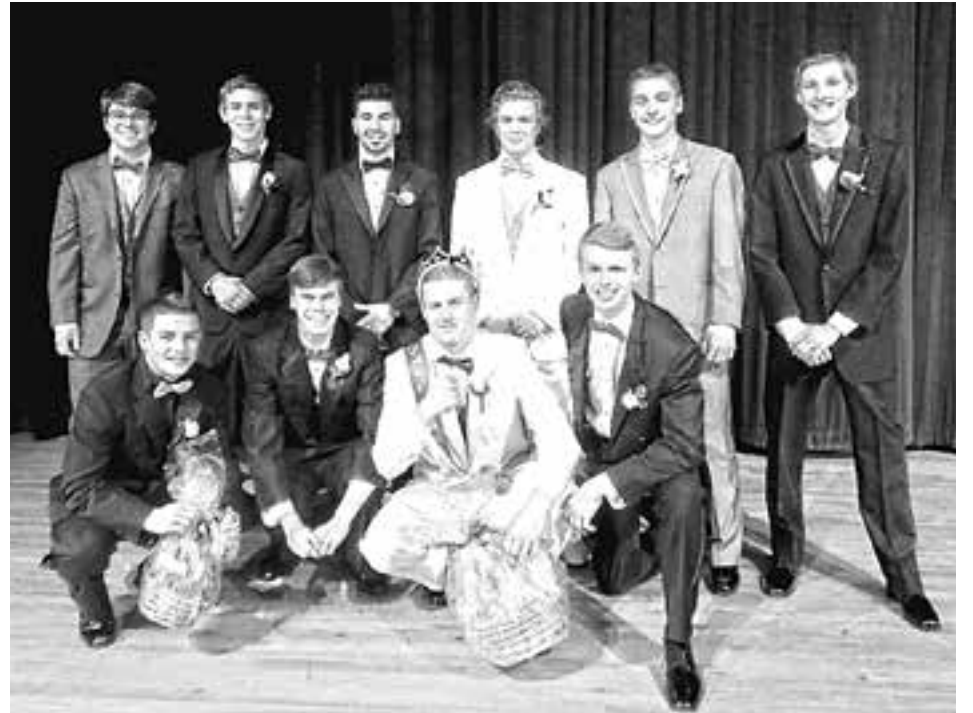


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Ten GHS seniors recently competed for the crown and title of Mr. GHS. Pictured top row (left to right) are: Bailey Daigle, Abraham Wiblin, Matt Hooker, Nate Harvey, Cole Houghton, and Andrew Johnson. Bottom row (left to right) are: Michael Susi, Drew York, Andrew Schmidt (Mr. GHS), and Tommy Pequinot.

BY MEGAN BENNETT
GHS student intern

With only three months left until graduation, the Gorham High School (GHS) senior class of 2015 hosted their last major fundraising event on February 26 in the form of a male beauty pageant, also known as Mr. GHS.

The class of 2015 is known for their passionate and supportive attitude, which showed in the audience, as well as on the stage in the presence of the 10 senior contestants: Matt Hooker, Cole Houghton, Abraham Wiblin, Michael Susi, Andrew Johnson, Nate Harvey, Andrew Schmidt, Tommy Pequinot, Bailey Daigle, and Drew York.

The pageant began with remarks from senior class advisor, James Welsch, who then gave the night over to senior emcees, Jeff McNally and Megan Baker, starting off the show with many laughs and applause.

Similar to last year, the pageant consisted of three portions on which four faculty judges—Rob Roy, Rocky Myers, William Sedlack, and Amy Smith—judged contestants. The contests included casual wear, a talent competition, and formal wear.

The talent competition was undoubtedly the highlight of the night, filled with singing, an original GHS rap, poetry reading, ukulele playing, and even a surprise “proposal.” All of the contestants on stage had the same goal of charming the audience and judges, which they accomplished successfully.

After the talent portion, the contestants strolled out to Michael Buble’s “Feeling Good” in elegant and stylish tuxedos for the formal wear segment of the show, all generously donated for the night by Men’s Wearhouse. The contestants led a female escort out onto the stage, hugged them, or in some cases,

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Hot Playoff Run Falls Just Short for GHS Boys' Hockey



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GHS senior Travis Mansir (#17) scores for Gorham in the Class B State Championship vs. Messalonske. Mansir scored six goals in four playoff games including game winners vs. Yarmouth and Kennebunk in the Western Maine semifinal and final.

By JEFF PIKE
Sports Editor

For the second year in a row, the GHS boys' hockey team stormed through the Western Maine Class B tournament with three exciting wins. But in a repeat of 2014, the Rams once again ran into a strong Messalonske team, losing the state final, 7-2, March 6th at the Colisée in Lewiston.

The game started off well for Gorham as goals by Carl Bear and Travis Mansir gave the Rams a 2-1 lead after two periods. But in the third period, Messalonske turned on the after-burners to score six goals and take the title.

"We ran out of gas, and Messalonske kept its top offensive line in the game for extra shifts," said GHS head coach Jon Portwine. "But I could not be any

more proud of the team. We played hard throughout."

The Gorham run through the Western Maine playoffs was particularly impressive given how the regular season ended. The Rams started the season 7-1-0 and then finished 4-4-2, including two losses at the end of the regular season to York and Kennebunk. The Rams then proceeded to beat York in the first round (6-2) followed by a 3-2 overtime win over Yarmouth, another team GHS lost to in the regular season. Mansir, who was on fire for the entire playoffs with six goals in four games, scored the game winner.

But the crowning moment of retribution came in the Western Maine final. The Rams knocked off Kennebunk, 5-4, with Mansir once again the star. He scored the game winner with under two

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In the Zone

State All-Star Selections: GHS senior girls' hockey player **Charlotte Smith** was selected to the Maine Principal Association's All-Conference West Team while fellow senior **Abby Hamilton** was chosen to represent the Class A/B West girls' basketball team in the McDonald's Senior All-Star Game scheduled for March 14 at Husson University in Bangor. GHS girls' basketball head coach Laughn Berthiaume was selected as one of two coaches for the girls' game while GHS boys' head coach Mark Karter received the same honor for the boys' game.

New England Track Qualifiers: GHS track athletes **Kristin Benson** (300 meters), **Ethan Orach** (1000 meters) and **Anna Slager** (2 mile) all qualified for the New England Indoor Track & Field Championships that took place in Massachusetts on February 20. All three elected to not compete.

Top Conference Skiers: At the SMAA Conference Skiing Championships at Shawnee Peak on February 24 (one of the coldest nights of the coldest February ever—BRRRRRR), the girls' team tied for third while boys' team finished fourth. In the girls' giant slalom, **Emma Christakis** led the way with a sixth-place finish while **Frederikke Mumm** led the way in the slalom with a 13th-place finish. In the boys' competition, **Joe Moutinho** was tops for Gorham in both the giant slalom and the slalom with two seventh-place finishes.

GHS Winter Sports Awards

Senior All-Academic (Seniors Only - 93.0 or Better)

Girls' Skiing: Emma Christakis, Kiana Plumer, Emily Lewis
Girls' Indoor Track: Kristin Benson, Blanca Monsen, Maggie Shields
Boys' Indoor Track: Andrew Johnson, Drew York
Girls' Basketball: Ashley Woodbury, Caitlyn Hawxwell
Girls' Hockey: Megan Demers, Andrea Stemm
Wrestling: Abraham Eaton
Boys' Hockey: Jordan Ward
Boys' Swimming: Timmer Sposato
Girls' Swimming: Blanca Monsen
Boys' Skiing: Nathan Roberts
Cheerleading: Michaela Williams

All-Conference (SMAA)

Cheerleading: Erika Dvilinski-1st Team; Kaylee Boyd-1st Team; Megan Yaskula-1st Team; Michaela Derosier-1st Team; Caroline Smith-Honorable Mention; Kate Curley-Honorable Mention
Boys' Hockey: Andrew Schmidt-1st Team; Travis Mansir-2nd Team; Matt Hooker-2nd Team; Carl Bear-3rd Team
Girls' Indoor Track & Field: Kristin Benson-55 Meters, 200 Meters; Anna Slager-Junior 800 Meters, 1 Mile, 2 Mile, 2 Mile SMAA Champion; Abby Perkins-Pole Vault; Kayleigh Smith along with Benson, Slager and Perkins-Sprint Medley Relay
Girls' Basketball: Emily Esposito-1st Team, All-Defensive Team, SMAA Player of the Year; Abby Hamilton-2nd Team, Lisa Blais Manning Award; Laughn Berthiaume-SMAA Coach of the Year
Girls' Hockey: Charlotte Smith-1st Team; MacKenzie Collins-2nd Team; Allison Rullo-Honorable Mention
Boys' Basketball: Nick Thibeault-2nd Team; Sam Kilborn-3rd Team
Girls' Swimming: Allison LaFerriere-500 Freestyle, 200 Freestyle; Meagan Thomsen-400 Freestyle Relay
Boys' Swimming: Timmer Sposato-200 Medley Relay, 200 Freestyle
Boys' Skiing: Nathan Robert; Joe Moutinho
Boys' Indoor Track & Field: Ethan Orach-Junior 800 meters
Wrestling: Abraham Eaton-2nd Team

Team Ram Awards

Boys' Skiing: Most Valuable Skier-Nathan Roberts
Girls' Basketball: Ram Award-Molly Merrifield; Coach's Award-Ashley Woodbury; Career Award for Perseverance-Abby Hamilton
Girls' Hockey: Most Valuable Player-Charlotte Smith; Most Improved Player-Ally Johnson; Coach's Award-Megan Demers
Boys' Hockey: Coach's Award-Jordan Ward; Coach's Award-Matt Hooker; Coach's Award-Travis Mansir
Boys' Swimming: Most Valuable Swimmer-Timmer Sposato; Most Improved Swimmer-Andrew Eaton; Coach's Award-Max Harvey
Girls' Swimming: Most Valuable Swimmer-Allie LaFerriere; Most Improved Swimmer-Emma Smith; Coach's Award-Molly Sposato
Girls' Skiing: Most Valuable Skier-Emma Christakis
Cheerleading: Most Valuable Performer-Erika Dvilinsky; Outstanding Rookie-Lauren Nagy; Coach's Award-Sally Aube
Boys' Indoor Track & Field: Most Valuable Athlete-Branden Kuusela; Most Improved Athlete-Ethan Orach; Outstanding Newcomer-Luke Gowen
Girls' Indoor Track & Field: Most Valuable Athlete-Kristin Benson; Most Improved Athlete-Kayleigh Smith; Coach's Award-Abby Perkins
Boys' Basketball: Most Valuable Player-Nick Thibeault; Most Improved Player-Spencer Ruda; Coach's Award-Sam Kilborn; Coach's Award-Billy Ruby; Best Defensive Player-Cody Elliott; Rookie Award-Jackson Fother; Ram Pride Award-Tyler Benaiche

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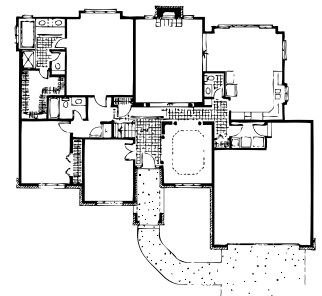
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Sports Etc

New Travel Baseball Teams for Gorham: The Gorham Youth Baseball and Softball Association (GYBSA) will offer travel baseball for the first time in 2015 for ages 9-12 at the Cal Ripken level and ages 13-15 at the Babe Ruth level. Game and practice schedules will be posted by April 1 with assessments and team placements conducted at the end of March. Games against teams from Maine and New Hampshire will take place on Sundays starting in late April (depending on the weather) and ending at the end of June. Players who have played as all-stars or have been recommended to play as all-stars are encouraged to try out—GYBSA hopes to have at least one team compete from each of the U10, U12, and U15 divisions. For more information or to register for the upcoming assessments, contact travel baseball coordinator Roger Smith at 329-6484 or gorhamtravelbaseball@gmail.com.

Gorham Rec/GYBSA Update: At press time, both the Gorham Rec and GYBSA websites were posting the message "Please be advised that the Town of Gorham and GYBSA are currently having discussions regarding the upcoming 2015 season. You have not missed an opportunity to register for the coming season. You do not have to register, just yet. Baseball and Softball will be played in Gorham in 2015. Please be patient while we work through these discussions. Instructions for registration and full program details will be coming soon." For additional information and the current status, visit www.gybsa.com or www.gorhamrec.com. Also look for follow-up coverage in the next issue of the *Gorham Times*.

Mr. GHS CONTINUED FROM PAGE 8

danced with them, and proceeded to answer one "interview" question asked by Baker and another senior, Katie Stoddard.

During a brief intermission, the judges left the stage to make the decision. When they returned the contestants filed out onto the stage to hear the results. The judges were conflicted with third place, so they split that prize between Susi and Pequinot. York took second place, and, with much sus-

pense hanging in the air, Schmidt was crowned Mr. GHS 2015.

Altogether, the senior class raised over \$1,200 dollars. The senior class officers Humza Khan, Megan Bennett, Emily Lewis, and Kiana Plumer thank everyone who made this event achievable, including: the tech crew; GHS staff, administration, and students; the Gorham community and businesses; and most importantly, the Mr. GHS contestants, without whom this night would have been impossible.

GHS Boys' Hockey CONTINUED FROM PAGE 9

minutes to go as Gorham overcame deficits of 2-0, 3-2 and 4-3. The win served as sweet revenge for the 6-0 loss to Kennebunk that Gorham suffered in the regular season finale.

"We didn't make any major changes after the regular season, which ended with our worst loss in three years," Portwine said. "We just kept emphasizing that one game could turn everything around, and that's what happened once we hit the playoffs. You could see it early in the York game as we truly dominated. The boys believed, and that got us back on track."

Playing key roles for Gorham during the playoff run were the first offensive line of Jordan Ward, Mansir and Bear

along with the second line of Carter Landry, Michael Chapin and Lucas Roop. The defense was anchored by the top four defenseman—Andrew Schmidt, Matt Hooker, Willie Baxter and Jake Bear—and Noah Bird, a first-year starter in net who played strong throughout the playoffs, including 29 saves against Messalonske. In all four years of their high school careers, the senior class of Ward, Mansir, Chapin, Hooker, Schmidt and Nate Harvey lost their final playoff game to the eventual state champions, including the Class A champions during their freshman and sophomore years. "

"They leave a strong legacy," Portwine said. "It's been a special four years and a privilege to coach all of them."

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Robert Gale and Theresa Gipson of Gorham are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter **Samantha Gale (GHS '09)** to **Bradford Shaw (GHS '06)**. Shaw is the son of Daniel Shaw of Windham and Diane Bryant of Gorham. Gale is a 2011 graduate from SMCC with a degree in business administration. She is the office manager at Shaw Earthworks, Inc., where Shaw is co-owner with his brother. The wedding is planned for June.



DEAN'S LIST

Steven Albanese (GHS '12), University of Delaware

James Biegel, Merrimack College

Stefanie Farrington, Clark University

Rachel Hall, School of Pharmacy at MCPHS University

Allison Matthews, Lafayette College

Evan Peoples (GHS '13), McDaniel College, Maryland

Lydia Story, Emmanuel College

Kenneth Estes, Peter Frager, Lyle Haslam: Maine Maritime Academy

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OF INTEREST

The **Baxter Memorial Library** will host a **"Crime Scene Investigation" program on Wednesday, Mar. 18 at 6:30 p.m.** Gorham Police Detective Steven Rappold will speak about the process of police investigation, the types of equipment used to investigate cases, and the methods used in evidence processing. A question and answer session will follow the main presentation. This program is geared toward children and families. FMI, 222-1190.

Paul Doiron, author of the Edgar Award-nominated **"The Poacher's Son,"** will read and lead a discussion about his mystery novel featuring Maine game warden Mike Bowditch on **Wednesday, Mar. 25 at 7 p.m.** A book signing will follow the presentation. This program is geared toward adults. FMI, 222-1190.

Baker Newman Noyes has welcomed **Nathaniel Marcet**, of Gorham, as a tax season intern. Marcet completed his undergraduate work at the University of Southern Maine in May 2014.

Gorham/Westbrook TRIAD will hold a meeting at **9 a.m. on March 13** at 22 Foster Street, Westbrook.

First Parish Congregational Church will hold a **Chicken Pie Supper on Saturday, March 14 from 5 to 6:30 p.m.**, \$10 adults/\$5 children under 12. FMI, 839-6751.

Annmarie Dellasala and Arie Eiten, of Gorham, will participate in **Maine State Ballet's performance of Le Corsaire, March 28-April 12, Falmouth.** Tickets are on sale online at www.mainestateballet.org or by calling the theater at 781-3587.

Gorham Woman's Club will hold a meeting on **Thursday, Mar. 12, from 12:30 to 3 p.m.**, at First Parish Congregational Church. Guest speaker Linda Faatz will discuss House Plants. Refreshments will be served. Members and guests are welcome.

USM NOTES

The **USM Art Department and Gallery** will host the **USM Juried Student Exhibition Mar. 12-26** at the Art Gallery, Gorham campus. Free and open to the public. Opening reception is Thursday, Mar. 12 from 6 to 8 p.m. FMI, usm.maine.edu/gallery

The **USM Department of Theatre and School of Music** presents **"Catch Me If You Can,"** a fast-paced new musical with infectious, hard-driving jazz and glorious big-band sound **March 13-22 at Russell Hall, USM Gorham campus.** \$21/\$15/\$10. FMI, usm.maine.edu/theatre or call 780-5151.

USM will hold an Engineering EXPO on Saturday, Mar. 14, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Costello Field House, USM Gorham campus. Maine's top engineering experts will provide hands-on activities and exhibits throughout the field house. The fun, dynamic, and positive environment will help encourage our youth to pursue careers in engineering. No prior sign-up/registration is required. FMI, <http://engineeringme.com/>

The **USM School of Music** presents **Jobey Wilson and Friends on Saturday, Mar. 14 at 8 p.m. at Corthell Concert Hall, USM Gorham campus.** Experience the beauty, agility and power of the largest member of the brass family. \$15/\$10/\$5. FMI, usm.maine.edu/music or call 780-5555.

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 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

A **Public Baked Bean Supper** will be held on **Saturday, Mar. 14 from 5 to 6 p.m. at the Westbrook-Warren Congregational Church**, 810 Main St., Westbrook. \$8/\$3. FMI, 854-9157.

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, Mar. 20 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.** The theme will be "Who's On the Move?" Snacks will be provided. Free, but donations accepted to support local loon preservation. FMI, 774-5961 x 3319 or sebagolake@pwd.org

John Ford, a retired Maine game warden, and **Mark Nickerson**, a retired state trooper will present **"Blue Lights and Funny Cider" on Saturday, Mar. 21, 9 a.m.** at the public meeting room of the Windham Public Library. Sponsored by the Windham Historical Society. \$5 suggested donation. FMI, Dave at 892-1306.

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Degree in Education from the University of New England she became a seventh and eighth grade Language Arts teacher. She is currently teaching at Lake Region Middle School in Naples. She lives in North Yarmouth with her husband Ian.

Allyson Aube graduated from Wheaton College where she played basketball. She lives in Medway MA with her husband.

Katie Ward Hazleton graduated from the University of Southern Maine with a master's in occupational therapy. She works with people with chronic mental illness at Spring Harbor Hospital. She is married and lives with her husband and children in Gorham. She directs the fund-raising road race for the Stephen G. Ward Memorial Scholarship Fund. GHS seniors receive these scholarships.

Betsy Perry Uhuad is the director of Alumni Outreach & Corporate Programs at the University of Southern Maine. She lives in Saco.

Daleen Leighton lives in Gorham with her three daughters. She attended Southern Maine Community College. She

was one of the first two full time fire fighters hired by the town of Gorham. She teaches fire prevention and works with juvenile fire fighters.

John Cross, the team ball boy, lives in Gorham and has been a longtime police officer.

Coach Denise Payette Holmes lives in Gorham and manages a Sports Authority store. She also runs X-L Hoops, a basketball program for girls in grades four through 12 at Sports World in Saco. She is the assistant coach for the girls' varsity team at her alma mater, South Portland. Her son and daughter attend Gorham schools where she watches them play basketball.

I live in Gorham with my wife Cindy and have retired into the life of a Registered Maine Guide, spending time outdoors and teaching people to fly fish. I also find time to attend Gorham girls' basketball games with my friend, Eric Pettengill, who was the team's official scorer for many years.

Home Energy Fair at Great Falls

By NOAH MINER
Staff Writer

Great Falls School hosted the Gorham Home Energy Fair February 28. The event, sponsored by the Greater Portland Sustainability Council (GPSC) in partnership with the Town of Gorham, was well attended by members of the community.

Jeff Edelstein, founder of the GPSC, commented that the purpose of the two-year-old non-profit council was that it "serves as a connector among groups and businesses that work on sustainability in the region."

Doing just that were over 23 vendors with ideas and products designed to improve energy efficiency in the home and promote sustainability. Vendors with products and services related to solar energy, home weatherization, biofuels, composting and heat pumps displayed a multitude of options to reduce energy costs while encouraging homeowners to create less of a carbon footprint. The event, which was free to the public, kept children busy while the adults visited with vendors. Maine Audubon and Garbage to Garden (a curbside composting service) sponsored the children's activities.

Efficiency Maine was on hand promoting rebate programs on qualified home energy installations. To take advantage of

the various rebate programs available ranging from heat pump installations to air sealing and insulation upgrades, visit www.energymaine.com.

Heat pumps are a method of heating that uses electricity in a more efficient manner than the traditional resistance type heaters typically associated with electric heat. Heat pumps use the same principle that refrigeration units use to cool but in reverse. An added benefit to heat pumps is that they can be set to cooling mode in summer. They do have the drawback of having reduced output as the outside temperature drops below zero. Therefore it is recommended that heat pumps be used as a supplemental heat source not to replace traditional central heating systems.

If you missed the event and would like to learn more about improving your home's energy use, the Council will hold another Home Energy show on March 14 at the South Portland Community Center. The GPSC is also gearing up for the second annual Portland Green fest on September 12 on Monument Square in Portland.

If this long Maine winter has you wrapped in a blanket, get out to one of these events and learn how you can save money next year and stay warmer in the process.



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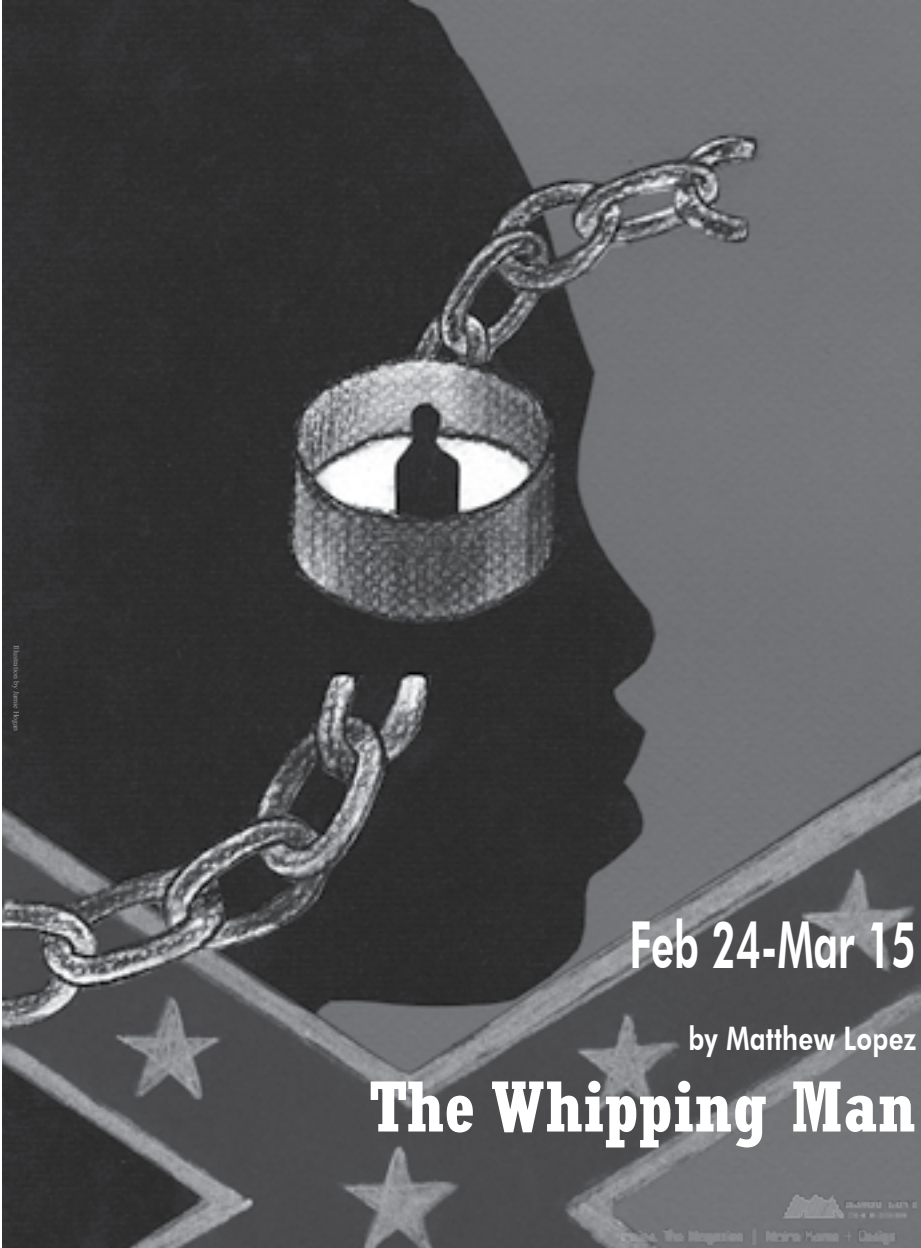


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Ash Drive caller complained to police about being tired of the Godfather ringtone on a cell phone. There was no crime and owner of phone was asked to put it on silent.

Police were kept busy with numerous reports of vehicles going off the road.

Suspicious person reported on Great Falls Road was a homeowner shoveling his driveway.

Numerous calls were received about a variety of phone scams, including ones purporting to be from the IRS.

Officer spoke to Limington man about a reported road rage incident. Man was not intoxicated but did admit to following the other vehicle for a little while. He was told not to do that in the future.

Chestnut Circle man was charged with OUI for the second time.

Officer responded to a report of an accident with property damage to a trailer on Settler's Way. Trailer appeared to have been buried in a snow bank and had not moved for quite some time.

Town Clerk's Office passed along a call about five domesticated ducks, which had been abandoned when a tenant moved out. Officer left some food for the ducks and planned to contact the landlord.

Main Street resident complained about someone throwing empty beer cans in her yard.

Officers responded to a report of a Shelby Drive man causing a disturbance at the Post Office.

Animal Control Officer checked on a bull on North Gorham Road. Bull had food, water and shelter and did not appear to be in distress.

Caller expressed concern about horses on Dow Road. Officer found horses had blankets, hay, water and shelter. Caller, being an animal lover, was still concerned for the welfare of the horses.

New Portland Road caller said she might have lost 40 quarters but was not sure.

Suspicious person on Dingley Spring Road was hunting coyotes and had two buckets of bait in the back of his truck.

Caller reported at 1 p.m. that neighbor's dog had been barking since 6:30 a.m. Landlord advised dog belonged to tenant but landlord said he would get in touch with tenant or bring dog inside himself.

Suspicious person on the bypass had pulled over because friend was vomiting.

A private company towed a vehicle on Fort Hill Road as AAA was not available. Tow truck driver took the driver's ski rack as collateral for payment.

Officer stopped two plow trucks for running with plow lights and strobes on. He advised drivers they could not use their plow lights and strobes when they were not plowing; only state trucks and municipal units were permitted to operate with their auxiliary lights on.

Buck Street man was throwing a tantrum on his back deck about his lazy neighbor. Suspect had been drinking and was tired and was shoveling snow against the neighbor's door. Officers made him clear the snow from the door and gave him a warning for disorderly conduct.

Officer issued a warning for animal trespass on County Road, as there had been previous complaints of dogs being on neighbor's property.

Suspicious person on Aspen Lane had parked there to go snowshoeing and his truck got stuck.

Daniel Street man was arrested for domestic violence assault and obstructing report of a crime.

Dow Road man was arrested for OUI (one prior) and violating conditions of release.

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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
- Gorham Woman's Club, 12:30-3 p.m., First Parish Congregational Church
- Sewing Group, 7 and up, 2:30-4:30 p.m., Baxter Memorial Library

FRIDAY, MAR. 13

- Knights of Columbus Baked Haddock Dinner, St. Anne's Catholic Church, 5-6:30 p.m. \$9/\$4 under 12. Take out and gluten free available. All are invited.

SATURDAY, MAR. 14

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

TUESDAY, MAR. 17

- Pre-School Story Time, 3-5 years, 9:30 a.m., Baxter Memorial Library
- 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. 18

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

THURSDAY, MAR. 19

- Baby & Me, birth-18 mos., 9:30 a.m., Baxter Memorial Library
- Toddler Time, 18-36 mos., 10 a.m., Baxter Memorial Library
- Sewing Group, 7 and up, 2:30-4:30 p.m., Baxter Memorial Library

FRIDAY, MAR. 20

- Knights of Columbus Baked Haddock Dinner, St. Anne's Catholic Church, 5-6:30 p.m. \$9/\$4 under 12. Take out and gluten free available. All are invited.
- Peg's Itsy Bitsy Store, The Gorham House, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. FMI, 839-5757.

SUNDAY, MAR. 22

- Maine Maple Sunday!

MONDAY, MAR. 23

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

TUESDAY, MAR. 24

- Pre-School Story Time, 3-5 years, 9:30 a.m., Baxter Memorial Library
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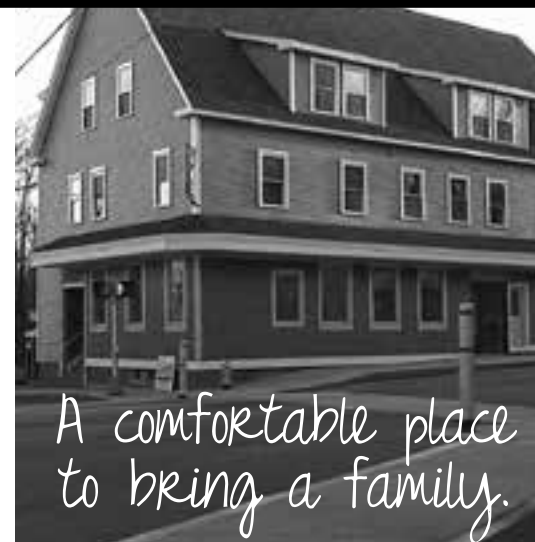
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