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GHOPE Fundraiser Raises over \$5,000

STACY SALLINEN
Business Manager



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Pictured are Jeff Mason, Chris Moody, Shawn Moody, Angelo Sotiropoulos, and Jane Mason.

The Second Annual GHOPE Fundraiser to benefit the Reed Allen Community Fund took place on Saturday, April 18 at the Gorham Sports Center on Narragansett Street. Angelo Sotiropoulos started the organization after fire nearly destroyed his business, Gorham House of Pizza (GHOP). After so many community members rallied around Angelo during a difficult time, he felt so honored that he wanted to give back to the community. The mission of the Reed Allen Community Fund is to build a permanent pool of funds that provides financial support for individuals, families and business in the immediate aftermath of a catastrophic event. While the Fund cannot cover all expenses for a given tragedy, it provides a direct and quick boost of relief when finances seem an insurmountable burden. The fund honors the memory of John Reed, a lifelong Gorham resident and former police officer, and Dana Allen, a stand-out athlete who attended Gorham High School. This year's event raised approximately \$5,000 and featured food trucks, bounce houses, a magician, and a performance by Motor Booty Affair.



Photo credit Mark Curtis

Pictured are Thomas Curtis and Mr. Magic.

Arson Destroys Home in Fort Hill Farms

SHERI FABER
Staff Writer

Following an argument with his mother on April 7, a 15-year-old boy used an accelerant to set fire to his bedroom in the family home at 61 Valley View Drive causing extensive damage to the residence. At the time, his mother, grandmother, and two siblings were in the home.

The juvenile has been charged with two counts of arson, a Class A crime. The youth was well known to the police as a troubled young man but had not been formally charged with a crime prior to this incident.

According to Chief Lefebvre, there was extensive damage to the house but the garage and in-law apartment remained intact. The fire was so large that units from Westbrook, Windham and Buxton

also responded to the fire.

Gorham fire engines were on the scene within 10 minutes of the original 911 call and dispatch could hear the smoke alarms sounding while on the phone call. Charles Jarrett of the Gorham Fire Department noted that an unchecked fire could double in size every 60 seconds and go to flash-over in three to five minutes.

While the structure supports are still there, insurance companies frequently classify a house with similar damage as a total loss. Because of the amount of water sprayed onto a fire, often there are mold issues causing insurance companies to wind up paying a second claim based on the original event. The roof supports of the house are burned and any burnt material is required to be removed and replaced.

The family previously lived in New Orleans, but moved to Maine to be closer to relatives after the death of the boy's father in car accident in 2008. They bought the Fort Hill Farms home in 2009 and converted part of the three-car garage into an in-law apartment for the grandmother.

The youth is being held at Long Creek Youth Center. If convicted, he can be held there until his 18th birthday or he can be tried as an adult and potentially receive a longer sentence.

Some citizens have wondered if this youth might be responsible for the series of arsons in the White Rock and North Gorham sections of town two years ago. Public Safety personnel do not believe this 15-year-old boy had any role in those previous arsons.

Town Budget Announced

ROGER MARCHAND
Staff Writer

Town Manager David Cole presented his proposed town budget letter of transmittal to the Town Council at its April 7, 2015 regular meeting. It included the property tax for Cumberland County but not the School budget, which has not yet been approved by the School Committee.

The initial proposed budget for the town is \$13,119,241, an increase of 5.4% from the current budget of \$12,448,610. The letter states that the estimated non-property tax revenue is \$6,092,069, or a 3.9% increase. The amount needed from property taxes is \$7,027,172, or an increase of 6.7%. The estimated property tax rate needed to implement this budget, based on the local assessed value of the town of \$1,376,291,000 is \$5.11. This is an increase of 30 cents or 6.2%.

The Cumberland County property tax assessed to the town, which the town has no control over, is \$997,696, a 6.8% increase, or a five-percent increase on the property tax rate. Town Manager Cole said, "The largest increase in the town budget is related to the debt service on the new Public Safety Building approved by the voters this past November." Debt principal is up 22.4% and debt interest is up to 38.9% reflecting the added debt from the \$4.99 million bond for the project.

The letter also goes on to state the governor's proposed budget contains many points that could have an impact on local government and influence the budget and tax rate. Since the Legislature has not voted on the budget, there is a good deal of uncertainty about what funds will be available to the town from the state government. This uncertainty could last until well past the normal budget approval period.

Gorham Sightings



Photo credit Roger Marchand

Do you know where in Gorham this photo was taken? Join our visual trivia discussion by entering your best guess on our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/gorhamtimes or email us at gorhamtimes@gmail.com. The February 12, 2015 edition featured a close up of the sign at Dolby Dorr Funeral Homes at Corner of State Street.

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The *Gorham Times* asked our three state legislators from Senate District Six, House District 129 and House District 130 to provide us with "News from Augusta." We publish their articles on a rotating basis. The submissions are devoted to updates of legislative and administrative news, proposed and passed bills and laws, and developments and events that are of interest and have an impact to Gorham residents. The *Gorham Times* reserves the right to edit the submissions and it further reserves the right to reject any submission, in its sole discretion.

Childhood Lead Poisoning: Maine Children are at Risk

SEN. AMY VOLK

April is Autism Awareness month. As the mother of a young adult on the spectrum, it has been good to see rainbow puzzle ribbons on lapels around the State House over the last few weeks. Researchers have yet to determine the cause of autism, thus making prevention difficult. However, a condition with some similarities, which we can prevent, is childhood lead poisoning.

Over forty years ago, Maine took action to address lead risks with the 1973 passage of the Lead Poisoning Control Act. In 1991, the Act was revised to focus on childhood lead poisoning, with a goal of eradication by 2010.

That deadline has passed, yet too many Maine children remain at risk. This is especially true of those who live "along the rivers" where dense clusters of old housing remain in former mill towns. Lewiston, which has a particularly high level of lead exposure, is taking action to address it independently. My determination to mitigate this preventable condition statewide is why I am sponsoring LD 1115, "An Act to Make the State's Standard for Lead Exposure in Children Consistent with the Federal Standard."

Currently, Maine's threshold for action on lead poisoning is 15 micrograms per decaliter – higher than the federal standard of five micrograms/ decaliter. There is no safe blood lead

level, and no excuse why Maine's acceptable level continues to be as high as it is, particularly considering the elevated number of lead-impacted buildings around the state.

Children with lead levels as low as five to nine micrograms/deciliter are at risk for learning disabilities, lower intelligence, language or speech delays, behavior problems, or hearing damage. Sadly, the effects are permanent, irreversible and, in the long-term, expensive.

According to the Mayo Clinic, lead-based paint and lead-contaminated dust in older buildings are the most common sources of lead poisoning in children. Toddlers may chew on sills while looking out a window or breathe in lead-contaminated dust flaking off an opened window. Other sources include contaminated water and soil.

Picture an mill-era building with flaking paint scattered on the ground around it. A mom watches her toddler play in the dirt. Eventually the hands go into the mouth and the child is silently poisoned. Imagine another scenario where the dad and an older child are planting vegetables close to the home. The garden may be organic, but the lead in the soil becomes absorbed into the very fruits of that otherwise healthy garden.

Because statistics show that low-income children are at much higher risk for lead poisoning, all children on MaineCare are tested at age one

and two. If you have children, you may recall your children's doctor asking the age of your home. Pediatricians assess all children for potential exposure and test those with risk factors.

When an elevated blood lead level is discovered (currently 15 micrograms/deciliter), it triggers a home inspection. If lead is found, an abatement order is issued. In the event of a rental, the landlord must pay. Abatement must be done carefully and professionally in order to avoid further contamination, particularly airborne, as workers and children may breathe in paint dust. If you are concerned about possible lead contamination in your home, simple test kits can be purchased at hardware stores.

Recent research has made it very clear that even low-level lead exposure is a dangerous threat to children. There is no excuse for Maine's standards not to reflect federal standards and I hope the legislature will support and fund my bill.

If you have thoughts on this bill, or any other piece of legislation, I can be reached at amy.volk@legislature.maine.gov or 229-5091.



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around town

MK Kitchen, the new restaurant located at 2 School Street, opened on Sunday, April 19.

Jon Smith recently purchased the building that houses Tinsel Bright at 2 Main Street. Smith now owns the buildings on that side from Main Street to Church Street, as well as the Odd Fellows Building across the street.

Tinsel Bright Trading Company will relocate this summer to Wiscasset.

On April 16 Jon Smith was scheduled to close on the abandoned gas station property on Main Street. He is in the process of obtaining site approval for his proposed four unit commercial building at that location.

Porter Drywall vacated a 50,000 square foot building owned by Ken Grondin in the Industrial Park.

Cynthia Remick was recently announced as the new principal, pending approval by the School Committee, for Narragansett School beginning in the 2015-16 school year. Remick will replace Polly Brann, who is retiring.

Letters to the Editor

Did you know that over 11% of Gorham's population is over 65 years of age? That's an estimated 1,837 people according to the 2013 U.S. Census American Community Survey. And that number has been steadily increasing – in 2012 it was estimated at 1,725 – and in 2010 it was estimated at 808.

Seniors are an important part of our community. They provide wisdom and perspective, they volunteer time toward community services, places of worship, and schools, and they provide families with much needed child care support and in many cases, a shared home.

But seniors need a place to congregate. According to the National Council on Aging, "older adults who participate in senior center programs can learn to manage and delay the onset of chronic

disease and experience measurable improvements in their physical, social, spiritual, emotional, mental, and economic well-being." And here is a startling statistic, "approximately 70% of senior center participants are women; half of them live alone."

Currently seniors in Gorham can join the Lakes Region Senior Center to meet at the Little Falls Recreational Center, but they do not have a secured, dedicated space – without which they cannot grow, plan and develop robust programs. They have to set-up and break-down each day.

We had an opportunity to provide a dedicated space for the Lakes Region Senior Center at the Little Falls Rec. Center, but the town council voted it down (2 yeas, 5 nays). An amendment was proposed to have it be a Gorham Senior Center instead to alleviate concerns about it supporting out-of-towners, but it failed.



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We do a lot to support our youth, but in comparison, very little to support our seniors. It's time we invested a little more of our time and money into improving the lives of our elderly population. Gorham can do better.

Marla J. Stelk

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April 29	May 7
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Jamie Kennedy: TV Film Editing in Los Angeles

CHRIS CRAWFORD
Staff Writer

Jamie Kennedy (GHS '07) is earning her stripes in the field of editing in the television/film industry in Los Angeles where she is currently working as a post-production assistant on the award-winning comedy, "Modern Family." She is also the post-production coordinator on a new pilot for Fox called "Cooper Barrett's Guide to Surviving Life." She has been with "Modern Family" for two seasons. During the hiatus between seasons, she was an assistant editor on a Nickelodeon show called "React to That."

Kennedy's goal is to become an editor, but in the tough world of film and television, it will likely take many years of paying her dues before accruing the hours necessary to be accredited by the Editor's Guild. She is slowly and steadily earning hours, making connections and perfecting her skills via non-union shows such as "React to That." "It's worth the work and the stress when I realize how fortunate I am to be doing what I love," she added.

Initially Kennedy planned to pursue a career in veterinary medicine until she joined the Gorham High School Film Club in her freshman year. According to Kennedy, "Film/television wasn't even on my radar. I immediately fell in love with films and eventually became president of Film Club."

Kennedy credits Georgia Humphrey at Gorham Community Access Television (GOCAT) with launching her in a new direction. After seeing a slide show presentation Kennedy had put together, Humphrey offered her a summer job at GOCAT after her sophomore year. Although Kennedy was still thinking about veterinary medicine, she needed a summer job and thought it might be fun. Said Kennedy, "My life completely changed. Georgia taught me everything I know about video production." Kennedy spent the next three years working for GOCAT. She learned and mastered Apple's Final Cut Pro software and fell in love with editing. "I realized that video produc-

tion was what truly made me happy. I began to pursue more technology and digital media courses offered at GHS," she said.

Kennedy feels she had excellent educational opportunities in the Gorham Schools. "I had passionate teachers and a wealth of extra-curricular activities which fostered personal development," she said.

Kennedy recognizes two GHS teachers who particularly inspired her. "On the technical side, Rob Roy (digital media/television) helped me hone my media production skills. Before I had any editing systems of my own, I spent many hours after school in the TV labs working on my projects with Mr. Roy's enthusiastic help," she said. Jeanne Zarilli (writing and English) was also a great inspiration. Said Kennedy, "Ms. Zarilli has great taste in film. We had many conversations about film, theater, and books, which taught me to think critically." When Kennedy is home, she still likes to visit the high school to catch up with Roy and Zarilli.

Kennedy also acknowledges her co-workers at Cinemagic in Westbrook who knew and encouraged her aspirations. "I got to see many, many movies while working there, which expanded my knowledge of filmmaking. I even shot my college thesis film there," she said.

Kennedy attended Emerson College in Boston graduating Summa Cum Laude in 2011 with a Bachelor of Arts in Visual Media Production: Film. While at Emerson, Kennedy took advantage of the "LA Program," spending a semester at their Los Angeles Campus taking courses and doing an internship in her field.

"I think it would have been a lot more difficult to make the transition to a career in Los Angeles without that semester to get acquainted with the area and to make connections," she said.

Following graduation and prior to her "dream" job at "Modern Family," she worked at the Disney Channel in their synergy marketing department assisting editors with promos. She was also an editor for an entertainment news Youtube Channel, where she cut upwards of five web videos a



Photo credit Allie Dahl

Jamie Kennedy is a post-production assistant for the award-winning comedy, "Modern Family."

day. While she enjoyed the hands-on post-production work, it was not the medium in which she wanted to work. And then, a lucky break: Her resume wound up in the hands of one of the editors of "Modern Family."

As a post-production assistant, Kennedy helps the editors in a variety of ways by picking up footage, helping to find assets they need, and distributing cuts of episodes to those involved in production. She describes her co-workers as family. "They're a wonderful group of people who love what they do and love to see others pursuing it. They do all they can to help me along."

Kennedy feels fortunate to have grown up in Gorham. "I had a rare childhood experience in a tight-knit community where people care about each other," she said. When people in California ask her about Maine, she tells them, "I wouldn't have wanted to grow up anywhere else."

Kennedy is still obsessed with movies and, in her spare time, she sees a lot of them. She also enjoys theater, riding her bike, and playing dodge ball.

Kennedy is the daughter of Ann and Bruce Kennedy. Her two siblings, Sarah (GHS '11) and Jennifer (GHS '09) are both GHS graduates.



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April Showers Bring Potholes

DOUG CARTER

April showers are supposed to bring flowers, but in Maine they bring potholes that spring up like crab grass. You keep telling yourself you are quick enough to avoid them, but there is always another one just out of sight, ready to catch you unaware. All this pounding does a number on your car.

Your vehicle's tires are the first line of defense. Having the proper tire pressure helps the tire perform up to the manufacturer's specifications. If the pressure is too low, the sidewall can be damaged, causing the layers of rubber to separate and produce bubbles and blisters.

Shocks, ball joints, and tie rods make up the second line of defense: your vehicle's suspension and steering linkage. Suspension designs have changed over the years but the basic concept is the same: the front wheels have to absorb the bumps in the road and still be able to steer the vehicle. Engineers strive to get the lowest unsprung weight possible. Think of a pogo stick with all the weight on the spring. As you jump and land on the post, the spring absorbs the weight of your body and the upper part of the pogo stick. The only weight not supported by the spring is the spring itself and the post that hits the ground. Now think how fun the ride on a pogo stick would be if you moved that spring up to between the foot pegs and the hand grips. Now the only weight being supported by the springs are your hands and upper body. Not much fun anymore. As you jump, most of your body weight and the lower part of the pogo stick hits the ground hard. The spring will absorb the weight of your arms, some of your upper body weight and the top of the pogo stick. As you can imagine, this would not work very well.

Now back to your vehicle: the wheel, the tires and the brakes are all un-sprung weight, so manufacturers make them as light as possible. Aluminum alloy wheels are more common today for this reason. Massive brake rotors used to be common in older vehicles; now brake rotors are produced with the minimum amount of material as possible.

Today's brake rotors tend to warp more often because of this, causing brake pulsations and vibrations. When it comes time to replace the brake pads, the rotors are so worn and rusted that machining the rotors is no longer possible.

Some manufacturers use aluminum to make suspension control arms and spindles. This saves on the total weight of the vehicle and they work fine until you hit a large pothole while traveling a little too fast. Aluminum bends more easily than cast iron components, and they cannot be straightened—they must be replaced.

An independent multi-link suspension is the most common in use today. Even smaller SUV four-wheel-drive vehicles no longer have a solid rear axle. Having a solid heavy rear axle affects the stability and handling of the vehicle. All that weight bouncing up and down is hard to control. Now the differential is mounted to the body with axle shafts running to the rear wheels, just like the front wheels.

New England road conditions are relentless on your vehicle. The next time you need repairs, do not blame the car, blame the roads. Only time will tell, but maybe we will get lucky and Google's self-driving cars will have pothole detectors.

Doug Carter is the owner of Carter's Auto Service, Inc. He's been in the auto service business since graduating from Gorham High School in 1981.

Making Collaborations Visible, Part 2 Town of Gorham and USM

ROGER MARCHAND
Staff Writer

This is the second of a two-part article listing some of the ways the town of Gorham and the University of Southern Maine (USM) support each other. These collaborations provide cost effective services as well as real life opportunities for both USM students and the greater community, and includes a range of opportunities for activities and sharing facilities that assist many aspects of the community. These include athletic, artistic, and educational options, as well as sharing facilities and service opportunities for all ages. Some of these easily identified partnerships include:

- Staff members from USM Athletics and Gorham High School have collaborated to develop a youth field hockey program for children in Gorham. Space at USM and Gorham is provided for practices.
- USM students make several appearances at local nursing homes and care facilities during the Christmas season to sing carols for the residents.
- USM faculty members have used town canoes and kayaks at Shaw Park for a USM student outing program on the Presumpscot River.
- Members of the USM Athletics staff have helped lead classes for various teachers and programs at Gorham High School.
- Gorham senior citizens may volunteer four or more hours a week in exchange for the opportunity to walk in the Field House at no charge.
- The very successful Into the Mud Challenge, sponsored by USM, has been held on town property located on Weeks Road. USM Sports Management Students plan, market, and run the event. This opportunity provides valuable real world opportunities for these students.
- Since 2000, the USM hammer throw cage has been located on the

Chick Property for USM practice and events. This area is also available for use by Gorham Schools.

- Each April, USM Athletics hosts a career panel and networking event for interested student-athletes who are juniors and seniors. The event features business leaders from approximately 25-30 organizations, many from the town of Gorham.

- USM students enrolled in the Athletic Coaching minor spend 90 or more hours of coaching time in surrounding schools in a variety of sports. Placement of these students has included Gorham High School, Gorham Middle School, and the Gorham Recreation Department.

- USM provides six days in the Field House for the Gorham Elementary Schools to hold their annual Field Day events.

- Skate with the Huskies is an annual event held annually during February vacation. Children from the community are invited for free skating time and an opportunity to skate and interact with members of the men's and women's ice hockey teams.

- The town and USM work together in emergency and evacuation planning and policies. The town also provides all confined space rescue services for the USM Gorham campus, access to the fuel depot at cost plus a small fee, and access to the town's sand and salt pile.

This article and the previous article printed in the April 9, 2015 edition of the Gorham Times have highlighted only 26 of the more than 40 ways in which the town of Gorham and USM collaborate. There are many others that could be highlighted such as USM Summer Sports Camps and Clinics, Operation GHOP, the Bruce Rouillard Barbecue, Jingle Bell Rock @ THE REC, Relay for Life, etc.

The town and USM will continue to explore new ways to collaborate as USM works toward their mission of becoming a Metropolitan University™.

Real Estate Transfers December 2014

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100 Buck Street	Antonya, Levente	Parker, Sherill	\$345,400
10 Sunset Lane	Coulombe, Darcy	Holmes, Brooke	\$211,900
15 Dewayn's Way	Dellinger, Lisa	Aube, Richard	\$346,200
21 Tannery Brook Road	Letourneau, Sara	Hansen, Bente	\$225,000
7 Maple Ridge Road	Surran, Angela	Baker, Melissa	\$165,000
11 Carnation Drive	Norton, Gregory	Susan Duchaine, LLC	\$343,074
34 Gateway Commons Drive	Whitten, Aaron & Lyndee	Van de Krol, Barbara	\$233,000
18 Copperhead Road	Alves, Travis	Duchaine, Christopher	\$300,000
68 Little River Drive	Fisher, Matthew	Mayo, Andrew & Cherry, Amanda	\$289,900
13 Matthew Drive	Scott, Ryan	Castles, Sean & Suzanne	\$265,500
59 Emma Lane	Vassar, Dianne	Miller, Matthew & Tiffany	\$368,000
22 Village Woods Circle	Castles, Sean	Waindon, Napoleon & Lila	\$332,000
19 Town Common	Clark, Kevin	Peters & Co. LLC	\$319,900
9 Dyer Road	Stammen, Karl	Nelson, Peter & Hamilton, Robin	\$130,000
3 Geranium Drive	Duncan, Kenneth	Susan DuChaibe LLC	\$304,968
9 Osborne Road	Steeves, Christopher	Costello, Melissa	\$192,500
101 Files Road	Cournoyer, Kenneth	Smyth, Michael & Nancy	\$239,900
52 Farrington Road	Bertinet, William	Keith, William & Beverly	\$290,000
316 Main Street	Keith Beverly	Howe, Archibald IV	\$230,000
39 Murray Drive	Baker, Mark	Strumph, Thomas	\$317,249
30 Adeline Drive	Campbell, Cynthia	Campbell, Richard & Cynthia	\$328,900
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Planning Board Results

SHERI FABER
Staff Writer

The Planning Board:

- Approved the site plan for the new public safety facility that will include 11,000 square feet for the police station and 18,000 square feet for the renovated fire station.
- Recommended amendments to the Land Use and Development Code pertaining to airstrips.
- Approved plans for a four unit commercial building at 109 Main Street (current site of the abandoned gas station).
- Approved a proposal by Peter

and Kathryn Mason for a development transfer overlay for a three-lot subdivision with four dwelling units at 258 Main Street.

- Discussed and tabled plans by DDI/Susan Duchaine for approval for expanded office space, and additional maintenance and storage for Design Dwellings, Inc. corporate office located at 166 Narragansett Street. A site walk is to be scheduled.
- Discussed and sent to the Planning Board ordinance subcommittee amendments to the land use and development code pertaining to accessory apartments to allow a maximum of 1,000 square feet instead of the current 600 square feet.

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James Phinney Baxter Journals, Papers Moved To Portland Public Library

PAMELA TURNER
Director, Baxter Memorial Library

Upon the recommendation of the Baxter Memorial Library Board of Trustees and the Gorham Historical Association, the Gorham Town Council recently voted to transfer ownership of the Baxter Memorial Library's James Phinney Baxter papers to the Portland Public Library (PPL). The transfer was completed a few weeks ago.

While the Baxter Memorial Library appreciates the significance and historical value of these journals and papers, we were not able to safely store and preserve them; nor were we able to make them accessible in a meaningful way. Making information more accessible is the cornerstone of what we do and sometimes that means moving items to a place where they may be better preserved and shared.

The Portland Public Library's Special Collections and Archives Area already has a substantial amount of James Phinney Baxter papers and welcomes the addition of our library's Baxter papers to their collection in order to preserve them and make them accessible to all. We are grateful we could come to an easy and positive agreement with the Portland Public Library.

According to Portland Public Library's Executive Director Stephen J. Podgajny, "The significance of continuing to build the Baxter papers can't be overstated by us. The family has been integral to PPL's founding and our ongoing sense of ourselves and our history."

Portland Public Library's Special Collections Librarian Abraham Schecter further states: "We are grateful and honored to begin preserving and subsequently providing access to these portions of James Phinney Baxter's written and literary legacy. The documents attest to the life of a major fig-

ure in Maine history, and will become a sought-after scholarly resource."

According to the agreement, the Portland Public Library will make the materials freely available for use by users of PPL; digitize the collection and make it available within a freely accessible digital commons within five years; and provide an archive of the collection on a CD or DVD to the Baxter Memorial Library.

While we have transferred the Baxter papers to Portland Public Library, the Baxter Memorial Library still has a strong local history collection for use at the library including genealogies.

If you have questions on the transfer of the Baxter papers to the Portland Public Library, please contact Library Director Pam Turner at pturner@msln.net or 222-1190. For more information on the library's local history collection, please visit the library or give the library a call at 222-1190.



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Town Council Report

SHERI FABER
Staff Writer

Discussion from the Town Council meeting on April 7 included:

- Councilor Hartwell expressed his concerns about people feeding grain to deer as he believes this is harmful to the deer. He also raised his concerns about the Ordinance Committee's plans for home-based businesses.
- Councilor Robinson reported the Ordinance Committee was working on a long-term project to develop a three-tiered system for landscaping in the rural district.
- Councilor Moulton, on behalf of the Finance Committee, congratulated the Public Works Department for staying in budget this past winter.
- Councilor Roullard reported that the Appointments Committee had received many applications and they were interviewing residents for various boards and committees. They are also updating the personnel manual.
- Councilor Phinney thanked Gorham Sand and Gravel for donating their time and material to the Little Falls athletic fields.
- Town Manager David Cole reported that the Planning Board gave final approval to the Public Safety project with ground breaking scheduled for mid May. He also submitted his proposed 2015-16 budget for review.

• Dennis Libby, School Committee Chair reported that Superintendents Ted Sharp and Heather Perry were working on a transition plan. There is also a search underway for a new principal at Narragansett.

• The council received a proposal for purchase of the historic McLellan-Sampson House at 77 South Street but did not move forward with the proposal.

• Councilor Hartwell suggested members of our legislative delegation sponsor a bill that would allow government officials who could not be present at a public meeting to attend a vote by video conferencing. Proposal failed 0-7.

• Council went into executive session to discuss the labor contract with employees of the police department to discuss the selection of a new chief and to review an abatement of taxes request. That request was denied.

• The council authorized advertising for a new police chief.

The Council voted:

- 7-0 for an amendment to the Land Use and Development Code where parking in the village would be designed to reinforce "village character." With Planning Board approval, parking in side and rear setbacks might be permitted but no portion of a lot in

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Autism Program Instituted by Police Department

SGT. MICHAEL NAULT
Gorham Police Department

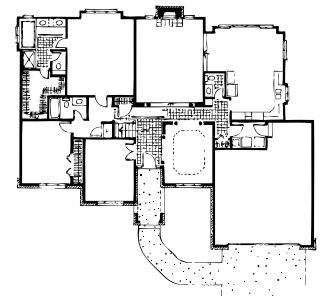
The Gorham Police Department is instituting a program designed to enable officers to better respond to incidents involving children with autism. The program will also be used for responding to incidents among people with dementia. When the dispatch center receives a call involving a missing child with autism and/or other disabilities, it is always essential that police respond quickly. Because an autistic child may have a tendency

to gravitate toward water and/or may not have an accurate sense of danger, it is even more critical that responding officers locate the individual as quickly as possible. The more focused the search can be, the greater our chances of being successful. Having specific information such as where

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A Journey through the Ancient World

MEGHAN ROUNDS

ELA teacher for the Sebago Team at GMS

On April 7, the sixth grade Sebago Team at Gorham Middle School (GMS) opened hallway doors to welcome fellow students, staff, parents, and the community to the Ancient World Museum.

The Ancient World Museum was an evening of celebration during which over 90 sixth grade students shared their expertise about the ancient civilizations of Mesopotamia, Egypt, Greece, and Rome.

Students spent their school year up to this point studying this content in social studies, and just as spring arrived, began to focus on research and writing skills in English language arts.

The Museum was a cumulative, cross-curricular assessment that provided more authentic, complete learning opportunities to students.

In preparation for the Museum, students wrote research papers using the complete writing pro-



Photo credit Meghan Rounds

Emily Duncan poses with her presentation on ancient Roman food; all items were handmade with clay by Duncan.

cess, built displays of artifacts from the ancient civilizations, and prepared and practiced oral reports later offered to guests during the day and evening of the Museum.

"Once again, I have been blown away by our talented sixth grade students. Their hard work and dedication to their ancient world research papers and projects were unbeliev-

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SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORT: APRIL 8, 2015 Committee Approves 2016 Budget, NEASC Report for GHS Available

KATHY CORBETT
Staff Writer

The School Committee passed its FY16 District Budget by a 5-2 vote (Doyle and Phillips). The \$35,174,530 budget would raise the mill rate (the amount of tax payable per dollar of the assessed value of a property) by .75%. The Committee plans to hold budget workshops with the Town Council next month, after which the Council will submit a final budget to voters in June.

Adjustments to the draft budget included decreases due to relief from the charter school assessment and a decrease in health insurance costs, but a 3.1% increase in obligations to teacher retirement. Five members supported the budget, saying it met student needs by improving curriculum and instruction and addressing problems such as substance abuse. John Doyle and Suzanne Phillips believed the process should be improved to achieve a better understanding of the entire budget and voted against it.

Gorham High School (GHS) principal Chris Record announced that he received the final report from the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) Accreditation Team. He expressed appreciation for the work of the faculty in preparing for the October visit, noting that the team commented on the "safe, positive, and supportive culture" of GHS. Record said the report gave him "a deeper understanding of what we are doing well and what we can do better." The 98-page report will be posted on the school website. He cited more commendations and fewer recommendations this time.

Muhammad Khan and Ben Hincer, School Committee student representatives, presented an overview of student

government at the high school, highlighting the joint teacher/student council that meets monthly to discuss issues ranging from food to weighted grading. They said their experience with the School Committee gave them ideas for improving student government. Dennis Libby thanked them for their service with the Committee.

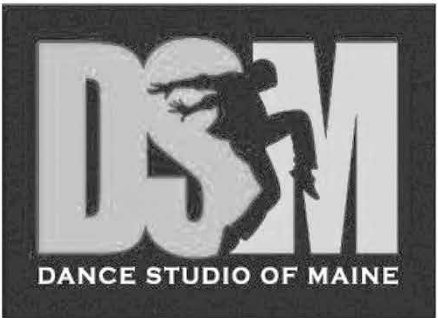
The Committee voted 5-2 (Doyle and Phillips) to accept the three-year agreement with administrators, which includes an annual 2% salary increase and adjustments for several positions to bring them more in line with other districts. Doyle expressed concern that this contributed to escalating wages. Darryl Wright stated that in order to retain good people, Gorham needs to stay competitive. Superintendent Ted Sharp called the contract "a wise investment in talent."

Doyle presented the Policy Committee's recommendations for action. By 7-0 vote, several redundant policies were deleted and the policy for community use of school facilities was strengthened.

In addition, the School Committee voted:


- 7-0 to hire Elizabeth Orlando for Gorham Middle School (GMS) as Library/Media Specialist and Abby Greslick to teach World Languages at GHS.
- 7-0 to hire Shannon O'Brien (JV Tennis), Ron Lowell (Girl's Lacrosse), and Lisa Shiers (Special Olympics).
- 7-0 to grant Amy Smith, GHS history teacher, a sabbatical leave.
- 7-0 to award a five-year custodial services contract to BSC Cleaning Service.

To view a live streaming of the School Committee Meeting, visit http://www.gorham-me.org/Public_Documents/GorhamME_GGETVMain/video.



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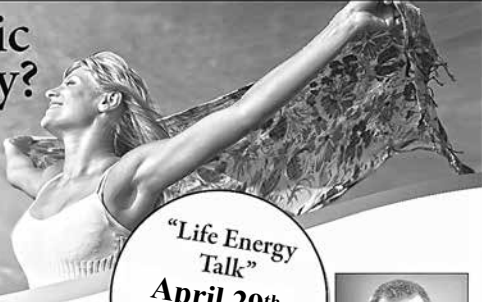
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Spread the Word to End the Word



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Gorham Middle School rallied to help to Spread the Word to End the Word last month. Student Council representatives worked with Mrs. Amell and Mrs. Pastore creating posters and learning more about the cause, which is a United States national campaign to encourage people to pledge to stop using the word "retard." Homeroom advisories throughout the week also shared lessons with students concerning the importance of compassion, acceptance, and respect for all mankind. During grade level lunches on March 4, students signed a banner to pledge their support.

Reading Aloud, Sharing Stories

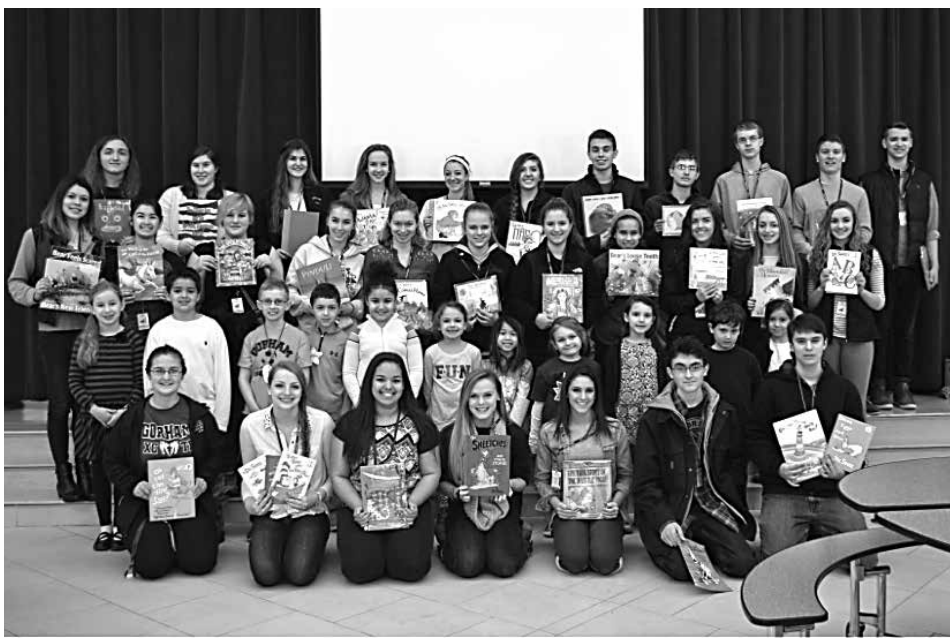


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Great Falls and Gorham High Schools celebrate World Read Aloud Day. Over 50 students from GHS visited students in kindergarten, first and second grades in 12 classrooms at Great Falls. Every year on the first Wednesday of March, World Read Aloud Day calls global attention to the importance of reading aloud and sharing stories. These Gorham students shared their favorite children's picture books, reading-aloud together in celebration.

Teacher Names Raising Readers' Fifteenth Anniversary Edition

CASSANDRA COTE GRANTHAM
MA, Program Director, Childhood Immunizations and Raising Readers, Community Health Improvement, MaineHealth

Last month, Great Falls Elementary School math lead teacher, Stacey Sawyer, was recognized by the community, her colleagues and Raising Readers staff for winning the contest to name Raising Readers' 15th anniversary edition of its five-year-old anthology.

Sawyer's winning title, "A Medley of Maine Children's Stories," was crowd-sourced via the Raising Readers Facebook page and chosen from among the many entries. Sawyer received an advanced copy of the anthology from Raising Readers and one from the school at the event that celebrated Read Across America week.

Upon receiving this honor, Sawyer said, "I was very excited that my title for this year's anthology was picked; it came from my love of our state and its children. As a mother and teacher, I have found incredible value in Raising Readers' mission and hope to see their work continue well into the future."

"A Medley of Maine Children's Stories" is special in many ways. It is truly an all-Maine collaboration—its five stories were all created by Maine authors and/or illustrators; it was published by Down East Books (Camden); and was printed by J.S. McCarthy (Augusta). It includes a letter and pre-library card from Raising Readers encouraging five-year-olds to continue their reading adventures at their local school and public libraries.

As the final anthology Raising Readers will produce, this 15th edition is to be celebrated as a symbol of the program's dedication to early literacy and the youngest citizens of Maine. Moving forward, a single title will be chosen as the last book five-year-olds receive as part of the Raising Readers program.

Established in 2000, Raising Readers gives all Maine children at least a dozen beautiful books to call their own. The first books are shipped directly to hospitals, so, along with their newborn, every parent takes home a set of books.



Photo credit Joan Anderson

Stacey Sawyer, math lead teacher at Great Falls, won the contest to name Raising Readers' 15th anniversary edition of its five-year-old anthology.

Then, at each well-child doctor's visit through age five, parents get another specially selected book to add to their home library. No signup is required, and there is no cost to either families or healthcare providers to participate.

The program reaches the state's 16 counties thanks to a successful collaboration between MaineHealth and Eastern Maine Healthcare Systems, 368 hospitals and medical practices that give books to their young patients, and the Libra Foundation which has generously funded Raising Readers since its inception. Now celebrating its 15th anniversary, Raising Readers has reached over 228,000 individual children and distributed more than 2.2 million books. It is the largest health

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GHS Student Wins History Competition

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More than 300 students and teachers from 36 middle and high schools in nine counties participated in the Maine National History Day competition at the University of Maine Orono Campus on March 28.

Isaac Carroll and Katie Corbett, Gorham Middle School students, competed in the junior group division for their website entitled "The Legacy of Einstein."

Avery Arena, a sophomore at Gorham High School, competed and won first place in the individual senior exhibit category, with her project about Emperor Ashoka and his legacy on animal welfare and vegetarianism.

National History Day (NHD) is an academic program that began in 1980 to promote critical thinking,



Photo credit Kim Arena

Avery Arena, sophomore at GHS, won first place individual exhibit in senior division for "Ashoka and Animal Welfare."

research, and presentation skills through project-based learning for students of all abilities. More than a half million students, working with thousands of teachers, participate in the national contest annually.

Arena will be attending the national competition at the University of Maryland in June.

Odyssey of the Mind Team Shares Different Spotlight on 207

GORHAM TIMES STAFF

On March 24, the Gorham High School (GHS) Odyssey of the Mind (OM) Classics Team was featured on a segment of 207, the news/magazine television show that airs weeknights on WCSH.

Odyssey of the Mind is a creative problem solving competition that requires teams to create unique performances to net points. The classics problem was called "Pandora's Box," and teams had to create a performance that portrayed the Greek myth as a video game.

The seven-girl team from GHS includes Avery Arena, Sophie Hendrix, Maddie Joyal-Myers, Lizzy Lemieux, Kayley Mason, Emelia Nejezchleba, and Ellie Spurr. The girls, who have participated in OM from anywhere between one and seven years, created a 50's rendition of the myth that included seven costume changes, a five-foot-tall Greek vase, and classic doo-wop songs. They won state finals and will be going to worlds at the end of May.

The whole team went to Portland for the filming, and Lemieux and Arena, along with Gorham resident Jason Wheeler (State board of directors), discussed with Rob Caldwell the merits and process involved with creating an OM performance.

"It went really fast," said Arena, "The interview lasted about five minutes, and he asked us questions as quickly as we could answer them."

The interview, which aired on 207 the same day it was filmed,



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Pictured (left to right) on the set of 207 are the GHS Odyssey of the Mind Classics Team: Sophie Hendrix, Kayley Mason, Maddie Joyal-Myers, Diane Knott (OM coordinator for Gorham), Ellie Spurr, Lizzy Lemieux, Avery Arena, 207 host Rob Caldwell, and Jason Wheeler (State Board of Directors for OM). Missing from the photo was OM Classics Team member Emelia Nejezchleba.

came four days before the state OM competition, and helped to spread the word about the program. "The interview was a way to share the lessons we have been learning through Odyssey, and it was validated they are valued on a larger scale," said Lemieux.

The OM program has had a huge impact on its participants, and the teams get very close. "My favorite part about the whole thing is being part of my team. I've become friends with people that I never would otherwise have been and they are all amazing people," said Mason.

The interview can be viewed on wssh6.com.

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able," said Kim Fotter, social studies teacher for the Sebago Team.

When asked about the entire process leading up to the Museum, sixth grade student Daniel Popov expressed that he felt some stress and needed to prioritize his time. However, he stated, "When I finished building my project, I felt relieved and more confident in my work and in my research paper."

Popov built life-size models of ancient Roman weaponry. In refer-

ence to the night of the Museum, he said, "It was a bit tiring, standing a lot, but a lot of fun showing people my project. It was fun to look around before people arrived, and I was excited to see everyone else's projects."

The pride felt for these students' tireless efforts is indescribable. Thank you to the staff, parents, and community for their support on this special night.



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The *Gorham Times* established the **Martha T. Harris Memorial Scholarship** in memory of our founding member and long-time photographer, after her untimely death in February 2013. We are accepting further donations to keep the fund solvent and to ensure we continue to honor Martha for many years to come by presenting a scholarship to a deserving Gorham High School graduate.

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Creating Poetry for Possible Publication

Nine students in grades three through five recently joined Mrs. Sawyer and Mrs. Sedenka in a poetry workshop. In the first week of the workshop, students explored various types of poetry and began drafting poems of their own. Students then worked independently on their poetry at home. In the second week, they shared their poems, helped each other edit and revise, and submitted their work in the Creative Communication poetry contest. Fingers crossed, each student will be published in an anthology this spring. All students can try to have their own poetry or essays published by visiting www.poeticpower.com. Pictured (from left to right) are: Julia Wareham, Claudia Peterson, Sam D'Amico, Annika Edgar, Asa Wareham, Erin Lawrence, Anne Cunningham, Olivia Gobel, Lucien Beardsley, and Andrew Farr.

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Two GHS Students Win Citizenship Awards

COURTESY OF GORHAM HIGH SCHOOL

The Southwestern Maine Activities Association, the athletic conference in which GHS sports teams participate, hosted a banquet on April 16 and presented two students from each of its 16 member schools to receive the Citizenship Award for best representing citizenship in their schools. The two students selected from GHS were Andrew York and Darcie Brown.

York represents citizenship at the highest level in the Gorham School community. Graduating Cum Laude, he is in the top of his class academically while balancing many other school activities. York is a member of the National Honor Society and was awarded the Latin I book Award, the Creativity and Innovation Award, and the Excellence in Health Award.

He is also an accomplished student-athlete, earning varsity letters in Cross Country, Indoor Track and Outdoor Track while also being named an All-American in the race-walk. In addition, York is involved in drama performances at GHS as the lead in the 2014 one-act play, earning All-Festival cast selection. He was the lead in this spring's production as well.

York is a true leader among his peers and the staff members at GHS. He was undecided of his college choice at press time, but will pursue pre-medical studies and will be an outstanding citizen wherever he lands.

Brown has represented herself, her family, and the Gorham School community with great character and integrity over her high school career. Graduating toward the top of her class, she is also a member of the National Honor Society and the Maine State Youth Activation Committee. She also co-founded a



Photo courtesy of Gorham High School

GHS seniors Drew York and Darcie Brown proudly display their SMAA Citizenship Awards.

Special Olympics Club that creates unity among students with and without intellectual disabilities in school events like pep rallies, sporting events and sports teams.

Since 2010, Brown has organized a team in the MS Walk in memory of her Dad, called Team Tom. Her team has raised thousands of dollars, and last year alone raised over \$17,000 while recruiting more than 50 students, parents, and teachers to participate.

Brown has also participated in field hockey and track while earning numerous team awards. She is looked upon as a leader at GHS and represents true citizenship in the school community. She plans to attend American University in Washington D.C. in the fall and will study business management.

In the Zone

Volleyball Player Chosen for National Watch List: Gorham's **Diana Kolb**, a member of the Maine Juniors Volleyball club, is one of 10 players in the state chosen for the nationally recognized Junior Volleyball Association (JVA) Watch List. The list features players who compete nationally in the 15-18 year-old age group and have been nominated for their outstanding achievement on the volleyball court. Watch List players are eligible for the JVA All-National Team that will be selected in June.



Courtesy photo

Diana Kolb

Water Skiing World Records: **Stacy Cross Norred**, a GHS graduate who competes in water skiing competitions throughout the U.S., participated in a water skiing event in Florida during early April at which her team broke 20 Guinness World Records. The records include a single ballet line of 38 women pulled by a single boat, the most water skiers going barefoot simultaneously, and the most water skiers hydrofoiling simultaneously. Norred currently lives in California.

All-State Basketball Honors: The Bangor Daily News named GHS sophomore **Emily Esposito** to its girls' basketball All-State First Team while senior Abby Hamilton was selected to newspaper's the All-State Honorable Mention Team.

Sports Etc

Babe Ruth Baseball Sign-Ups: Registration forms for ages 13-15 can be picked up at Gorham Rec. Department, the Gorham Middle School, or Gorham High School. Tryouts are scheduled for April 26th at the GMS baseball field: 13-year-olds at 10 a.m.; 14/15-year-olds at 11:10 a.m. FMI, email Heidi McGouldrick at mcgouldrick@aol.com.

White Rock Baseball Field Makeover: The Portland Sea Dogs and U.S. Cellular will team up to give the White Rock baseball field a makeover on April 30. The field was randomly selected from submissions by towns and organizations across the State of Maine. The makeover consists of field cleanup, turf cutting, infield mix and leveling. The Sea Dogs' groundskeeping crew, the Sea Dogs front office staff, and U.S. Cellular staff members will do the work.

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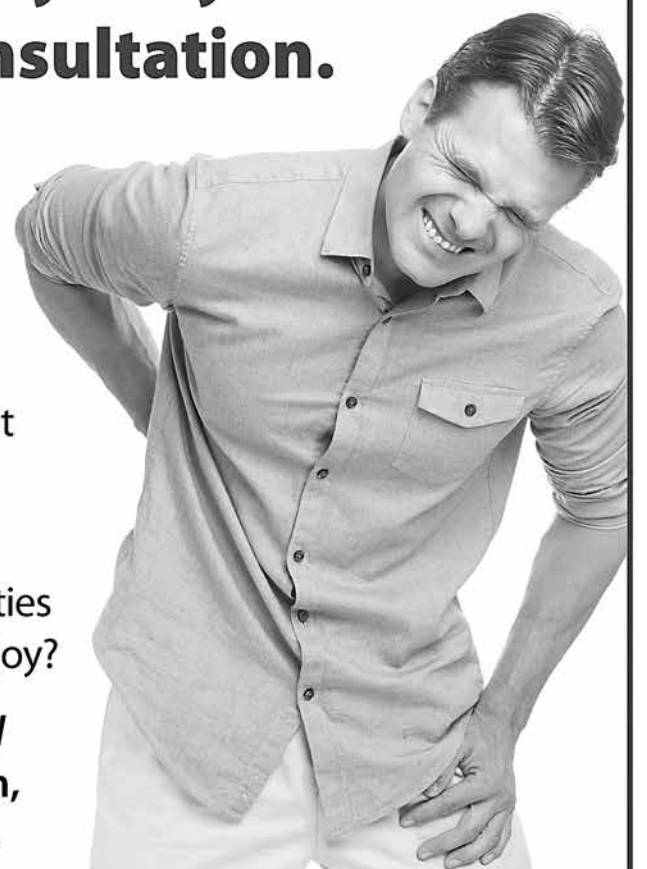
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the individual may have gone previously or where there are pools or other bodies of water, etc. would be of tremendous value.

Once the child is located, information that can assist us in communicating with the child is very important. Is there a word "trigger" that would help police communicate with the individual? If the individual is not verbal, what method of communication can be used? Is the individual scared of uniforms, hats, emergency lights, etc.?

In conjunction with the Gorham School Department, a form has been drafted to collect specific information that could be helpful in the event that we had to locate, assist, or communicate with an individual with special needs.

The intent of the program is to offer a voluntary registration process whereby an individual or an individual's parent, or legal guardian, can provide as much specific information and description

as they choose, including a photo. The information is kept confidential and will only be available to Gorham's police officers and public safety dispatchers. In the event a call is received regarding a registered individual, the information provided will immediately be brought to the attention of the responding officers.

Using laptop computers in the patrol vehicles, the information—including a picture, if supplied—will be readily available to the officer. The computer system will also provide an aerial photograph of the individual's neighborhood. By using the map, officers will have the ability to coordinate a more in-depth search, if necessary.

Obviously, it would be nice if police never had to use any of this information. However, in the event that they do, our preparation should provide us with the greatest opportunity to be successful in keeping our citizens safe.

Raising Readers Anniversary CONTINUED FROM PAGE 7

and literacy program ever undertaken in a single state.

"The Great Falls Elementary school community couldn't be prouder of Ms. Sawyer for having received this honor, but more importantly, for dedicating so much of her professional life to the families and children of

Gorham," said assistant principal Becky Fortier.

"We are lucky to have her teaching at our elementary school just as the children of Maine are lucky to have Raising Readers setting a foundation from which they can grow up loving books and reading and enter school with important literacy skills."

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SPORTS

GHS Spring Sports: Captains and Coach's Comments

COMPILED BY JEFF PIKE
Sports Editor

GIRLS' TENNIS

Captains: Hannah Garcia, Renae Staples

"Our team strengths are our athleticism and drive, and we have a cohesive group of girls eager to learn and improve as quickly as they can," says head coach Nicole Bergeron. "We are also dealing with two athletes with injuries that occurred playing other sports. We're looking to build on last year's success—I am confident and excited about our ability to do so."

BASEBALL

Captains: Andrew Schmidt, Jordan Ward, Brendan Mercier

"We are relatively young, but many players gained experience at the varsity level last season," says head coach Chuck Nadeau. "The ability of our pitching to control games will be the most significant factor for our success. We have 8-10 pitchers who are varsity-quality, so we will look for three or four to emerge as top tier pitchers. Offensively, we will stress on-base percentage and pressuring the opposing defense. We also need to develop discipline that allows us to take advantage of our improved athleticism."

BOYS' TRACK

Captains: Ben Foster, Thomas Pequinot, Drew York, Branden Kuusela, Tyler Bernier, Emerson Fox

"We have about 50 boys out for the team—I'm excited to see many new faces," says head coach Jason Tanguay. "Although we return nearly all our state meet competitors from last season, I am also hopeful to see what the athletes can do who are on our team for the first time. We have a good mix of veterans and novices, so I am optimistic we will be competitive."

GIRLS' LACROSSE

Captains: Delaney Shiers, Aliza Jordan, Reagan Emerson

"Our strengths are team chemistry and the girls' willingness to adjust on the fly while making indi-

vidual sacrifices for the team," says head coach Mary Guimond. "We have a young and small but hard-working varsity squad, so we need each individual to step up. We will work to solidify our defensive unit, and our midfielders will be tireless workhorses. We will also look to our creative and balanced attack to continue to improve."

GIRLS' TRACK AND FIELD

Captains: Kristin Benson, Leeanna Gray, Ashley Woodbury, Blanca Monsen, Abby Perkins

"This is possibly our largest team ever, with 52 girls on the roster," says head coach John Caterina. "A talented group of seniors and a very strong freshmen class should help make us one of the top teams in the SMAA and a possible contender for the Class A State title."

SOFTBALL

Captains: Julia Gaudette, Kayli Leavitt, Amber Cavarretta

"We're looking to get off to a better start than we have in recent years," says head coach Steve Martin. "We also hope to improve on last year's record and go deeper in the playoffs. We only have two seniors, but with a strong underclass and talented freshman, we have an exciting team that will be fun to watch."

BOYS' TENNIS

Captains: Tom Susi, Thomas Brent

"We should show improvement over last year's 6-6 team now that the players have gained experience," says head coach Aaron Landry. "Last year, we struggled in three-set matches, so hopefully we will improve in that particular area."

BOYS' LACROSSE

Captains: Mike Susi, Abraham Eaton, Tristan Brunet

"We will look to take the next step and build upon last season's success to achieve our goals," says head coach Dan Soule. "This year's team brings a lot of maturity, character and enthusiasm to practice and is excited to compete. We are always trying to develop every phase of our game."

Going Beyond Her Comfort Zone

JEFF PIKE
Gorham Times Sports Editor

In 2014, Stacey Coleman decided the time had arrived to go beyond her comfort zone. She had previously run in a marathon, through a mud obstacle course and even in a wife carrying race. But at this stage in her life, she wanted to try something that scared her and then tell others about the experience to inspire them to try something new too.

Coleman decided to jump off the proverbial cliff—not once, not twice, but three times!

In August of last year, the 34-year-old co-owner of My-Fit-24 in Gorham first agreed to enter herself in a bikini contest in exchange for a friend to join the My-Fit-24 team for the Tough Mudder challenge in Westbrook, which was also outside of their comfort zone. And then in October, two unusual requests came in on the same day—one to participate in the Mrs. Maine-America Pageant and another to join the Northeast Rebels women's semi-professional football team.

"The organizers of the pageant and the football team had started asking me to participate about four years ago, but I just did not feel comfortable then taking on things that scared me," Coleman reveals. "But I realized this time around that just as I tried to inspire others to try new things that scared them, it was time for me to do the same."

To train for all three events, Coleman had to adapt her usual functional workout routines. "When you train to make

your body look a certain way or to bulk up for football, it requires certain types of workouts and weight lifting," Coleman says. "I had always worked out just to be in shape, but these events required new routines."

Coincidentally, all three events took place within a month of each other, which made the workouts even more challenging. The Mrs. Maine America Pageant took place March 21-22, and the Pine Tree State Bikini, Figure and Body Building Competition took place April 4—an event in which Coleman's husband Jesse also participated. Coleman did not place high in either event but learned a lot about herself and how good it feels to conquer something that scared her.

The Northeast Rebels then kicked off their season April 11 with a game in Montreal. "I was really scared when I first went in," Coleman says. "But once I took a couple good hits, I started to feel better and enjoy the experience." For those who would like to see Coleman in action on the football field, the next home game for the Northeast Rebels takes place May 9 at Deering High School, starting at 4 p.m.

Coleman says there's nothing specific that she plans to take on as another new exercise to go beyond her comfort zone, but she will definitely do something that's scary again: "I'm opening myself up to suggestions from all the people I interact with. I hope to show them it's invigorating and a great lesson when you take on something new and conquer your fears."

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OF INTEREST

The Greater Gorham Farmer's Market will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. every Saturday from May 2 through October 31. Located on Route 114 next to Baxter Memorial Library.

A two-day Rummage and Perennial Sale will be held at the Cressey Road United Methodist Church on Friday, May 1 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Saturday, May 2 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. One of the best recycling events around with bargains in clothes, dishes, books, furniture, toys, puzzles, jewelry, knickknacks, small appliances, perennial plants and houseplants. Coffee, donut holes and muffins available at the "coffee shop."

The First Parish Congregational Church will hold a Chicken Pie Supper on Saturday, Apr. 25 from 5 to 6:30 p.m. \$10/\$5 under 12. FMI, 839-6353.

Dance the night away with Portland's premier party band "Under the Covers," on Friday, May 1 at Spire 29 from 7 p.m. to 12 a.m. in support of Lynda Hagan Elliott, a lifelong resident of Gorham who has been diagnosed with Primary Biliary Cirrhosis and is awaiting a costly liver transplant. \$10/\$15 at the door. FMI holdmyticket.com/event/201510 or Kim Meggison 838-0533.

The Friends of Baxter Memorial Library will hold a Book Sale on Friday, May 1 from 9 a.m. – 7 p.m. and Saturday, May 2 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Gorham Recreation Department Activities Room. Cash, checks and most credit cards accepted. Book donations are now being accepted in the library (donation bin next to elevator). Please, NO textbooks, moldy books, condensed books or encyclopedias. FMI, 222-1190.

The Gorham Ecumenical Council will sponsor a Ham Dinner with mac & cheese, vegetables, salads & dessert on Monday, Apr. 27 at 5:30 p.m. at the First Parish Congregational Church in Gorham. Free Food and Fellowship for all. Donations are accepted but not required and all are welcome! FMI, jag1965jfg@aol.com

The Casco Bay Wind Symphony presents Music of America: Gershwin and Bernstein on Sunday, Apr. 26, 7 p.m. at the McCormack Performing Arts Center at Gorham High School. \$10/\$8/under 12 free. Group rates call 239-2062.



The Dance Studio of Maine was awarded the Dance Competition Industries' top award twice this season at both of the largest dance competitions in Maine. The Overall Studio of Excellence Award is given to only one studio that the judges feel is the "total package" of talent, sportsmanship, diversity and professionalism and who exemplifies the mission of the Association of Dance Conventions and Competitions.

A multi-family yard sale to benefit Gorham's Odyssey of the Mind (OM) will be held on Saturday, May 9 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. All proceeds to benefit fundraising for four OM teams for their trip to the World Finals in Michigan. Starting point: 38 Oak Wood Drive, Gorham. FMI, 756-2543.

Hollis Equestrian Park will hold a Fun Day Sample Horse Event on May 3 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Jumping and driving courses, dressage with instructor, cones/barrels, and versatility. Event sponsored by Standardbred Pleasure Horse Organization to support the newer Futures for Standardbreds. \$35 for one or all events. FMI, 604-0258.

ON-GOING EVENTS

A Support Group for Living and Eating Healthy will take place every Wednesday evening from 6-7 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 -11 a.m. and the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of every month from 6-7 p.m. Free for Gorham residents in need. FMI, 222-4351 or visit www.gorhamfoodpantry.org.

The Lakes Region Senior Center, at the former Little Falls School on Acorn Street 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.

USM NOTES

"As You Like It," a comedy by William Shakespeare will be performed on Thursday, Apr. 23 at 7:30 p.m., Friday, Apr. 24 at 10 a.m. (group rates available) and 7:30 p.m., Saturday, Apr. 25 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, Apr. 26 at 5 p.m. Russell Hall, USM Gorham campus. \$15/\$11/\$8. FMI, usm.maine.edu/theatre or 780-5151.

BFA and BA Student Exhibition through May 1 at the USM Art Gallery, 37 College Ave., Gorham. Sunday-Tuesday from 12-4 p.m. Free and open to the public. FMI, www.usm.maine.edu/gallery.

The USM Jazz Ensemble will perform on Thursday, Apr. 23, 7:30 p.m. at Corthell Concert Hall, Gorham campus. The ensemble features "big band" and traditional swing music. \$8/\$5. FMI, usm.maine.edu/music or 780-5555.

USM Visiting Artist Talk with figurative painter Anne Harris on Friday, Apr. 24 at 12 p.m. at Burnham Lounge, Robie Andrews Hall, Gorham campus. Free and open to the public. FMI, usm.maine.edu/gallery/

USM School of Music presents a Faculty Concert Series with composer Daniel Sonenberg and Friends on Friday, Apr. 24 at 8 p.m. at Corthell Concert Hall, USM Gorham campus. \$15/\$10/\$5. FMI, 780-5555 or usm.maine.edu/music

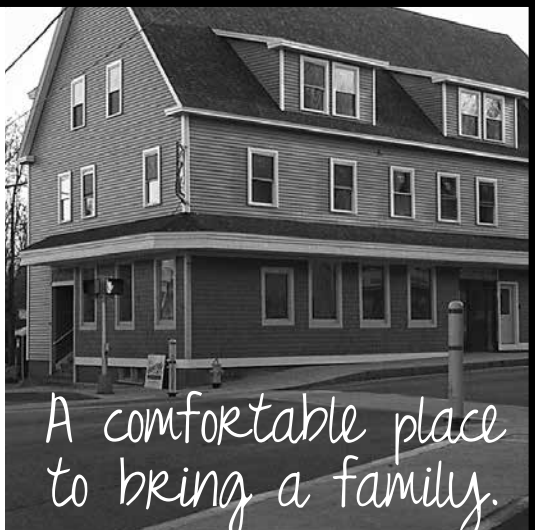

The Southern Maine Symphony Orchestra, a full-sized symphony orchestra comprised of USM students and talented members of the community, will perform on Saturday, Apr. 25 at 2 p.m. at the Gorham Middle School Auditorium. \$8/\$5. FMI, 780-5555 or usm.maine.edu/music

USM School of Music presents an Opera Workshop Showcase "Iolanthe," on Saturday, Apr. 25 at 8 p.m. at Corthell Concert Hall, USM Gorham campus. Directed by Ellen Chickering. \$8/\$5. FMI, 780-5555 or usm.maine.edu/music

USM School of Music presents a Chamber Music Awards Night on Sunday, Apr. 26 at 2 p.m. at Corthell Concert Hall, USM Gorham campus. Free and open to public. FMI, 780-5555 or usm.maine.edu/music

The University Chorale conducted by Robert Russell will perform at the Woodfords Congregational Church, 202 Woodford St., Portland, on Sunday, Apr. 26 at 5 p.m. \$8/\$5. FMI, 780-5555 or usm.maine.edu/music.

A USM Vocal Jazz Ensembles concert directed Taylor O'Donnell will take place on Friday, Apr. 30 at 7:30 p.m. at Corthell Concert Hall, USM Gorham campus. \$8/\$5. FMI, 780-5555 or usm.maine.edu/music.



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Five Gorham boys participated in this year's St. Baldrick's head shaving event held on March 11 at Thatcher's Restaurant. The fifth and seventh-grade boys raised over \$8,073 for childhood cancer research. Melissa Johnson Feeney of Buster's Barber Shop on Main Street shaved their heads. Pictured baldheaded are Kyle Landry; Noah Jalbert; Jordan Bretton, who has participated for six years; Nicholas Batchelder; and Ryan Reno. To donate, visit <https://www.stbaldricks.org/donate> and type in any of the boys' names.

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front of a building is to be used for off street parking.

- 7-0 to rezone two properties on County Road owned by Barry King and one owned by Christopher Brassbridge and Terra Plaisted with similar conditions to other contract zones in the area. On a 5-2 vote (Hartwell, Benner) auto repair businesses were deleted from the list of permitted uses.
- 7-0 for a special amusement permit and liquor license for Spire 29.
- 7-0 to accept the police needs

assessment report.

- 5-2 (Benner, Rouillard) to extend the closing date for the purchase of 21 Main Street from March 31 to July 31 in order for the purchaser to obtain site plan approval from the Planning Board.
- 7-0 to approve a five-year extension of the contract with R.W. Herrick to collect waste and recycling in Gorham.

Spring/Summer Volunteer Needs at Food Pantry

DIANE O'NEILL
President, Gorham Food Pantry

It was an extremely busy winter at the Gorham Food Pantry working around storms to provide products to clients. "It is challenging to work around bad weather as many families rely on us being open on specific days/times for their food needs, said Gorham Food Pantry Director Fran Doucette. "Working with our area food partners to ensure fresh foods arrive as scheduled, gets much more difficult in inclement weather. Like everyone this year, we look forward to warmer weather, and especially to the growing season when local gardeners are extremely generous with their extra crops." GFP's clients appreciate the addition of fresh, local produce from area gardens during the growing season.

There are many volunteer needs at the Pantry in the spring/summer months as vacations can often leave gaps in existing volunteer schedules. We are seeking volunteers for Sunday & Wednesday mornings from approximately 8:30 to 9:30, to help pick-up & deliver goods, sort, organize, re-stock and prepare the Pantry for

open hours. Groups of three or four volunteers can work together for up to an hour on those days to complete tasks. We are looking for individuals with flexible schedules to share the responsibilities, possibly working a few hours a month. Willing volunteers should contact GFP's Volunteer Coordinator at jenbanks@maine.rr.com.

The Gorham Food Pantry is looking for a Community Donations Coordinator. This is a part-time, stipend position, with approximately eight to 10 hours weekly. The ideal candidate will be outgoing with a willingness to reach out to the community to coordinate volunteers and accommodate the bi-weekly donation schedule of our area food partners. He/she will be energetic and physically able to move, lift and stock food items and donated goods. Candidate should be caring and compassionate with an eagerness to help others. Please e-mail letter of interest, including personal qualifications to: Diane O'Neill, GFP President, at tdth@aol.com. For more information about the Gorham Food Pantry, please call 222-4351 or log on to our website at www.gorhamfoodpantry.org.

Reader Showcase



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Sammy likes to be well informed about local news. Cristy Emmons Meacham shared this photograph via www.facebook.com/GorhamTimes.

Appalachian Trail Club Donates to GHS

CORI SHAW
USM Student Intern

The Maine Appalachian Trail Club donated Guidebooks and maps to Teens to Trails for distribution to affiliated high school outing clubs, including Gorham High School (GHS). This GHS club is in the startup phase due to the strong efforts from multiple teachers including Jason Simpson, Rachael Grady and others. The Club is working to attract motivated students to participate and become invested in outdoor activities, with a major emphasis in the areas of hiking, backpacking, and generally being outdoors. Pictured are Brunswick High School (BHS) Outing Club President Phoebe Keyes, BHS



Photo courtesy of the Maine Appalachian Trail Club

Outing Club Vice President Marina MacKinnon, BHS Outing Club Advisor, Rick Wilson, Teens To Trails Director Carol Leone, Maine Appalachian Trail Club Guidebook Editor and Gorham resident Ray Ronan, and Teens To Trails Outreach Coordinator Meghan Henshall.

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SAFETY FIRST

Officer spoke to a child who was refusing to put on his seatbelt. After discussion, child agreed to put on his seatbelt and listen to his parent.

Officer checking on the well being of a Flagg Meadow Road resident learned from a neighbor that the person was out of state with family members.

Following an accident on County Road where the vehicle went off the road, the driver was arrested for OUI.

Officer responded to a call about a vehicle driving slowly on Ossipee Trail. Driver was elderly and driving cautiously because it was nighttime.

Mercier Way man was arrested for OUI.

Officer called rescue for someone bitten by a tick.

Person on County Road was arrested for possession of hypodermic apparatus, violating conditions of release and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Scarborough man was charged with possession of drug paraphernalia. He was arrested again the following day and charged with violating conditions of release and possession of hypodermic apparatus.

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THURSDAY, APR. 23

- Little House on the Prairie Day, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Baxter Memorial Library. All ages. No registration required.

FRIDAY, APR. 24

- Butterfly and Bug Bonanza, 11 a.m.-12 p.m., Baxter Memorial Library. All ages. No registration required.

SATURDAY, APR. 25

- Math with Miss Margaret, 11-11:30 a.m. Fun, engaging math activities. Baxter Memorial Library. All ages. No registration required.
- First Parish Congregational Church, Chicken Pie Supper, 5-6:30 p.m. \$10/\$5 under 12. FMI, 839-6353.

MONDAY, APR. 27

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

TUESDAY, APR. 28

- Pre-School Story Time – Caterpillars and Butterflies, ages 3-5, 9:30 a.m., Baxter Memorial Library.

WEDNESDAY, APR. 29

- Town of Gorham Senior Lunch Program, St. Anne's Church, Gorham. 12-1:30 p.m. \$4. FMI, 839-4857.
- Gorham Republican Party Lecture Series with Susan Dench: The Informed Woman's Network Founder, 7 p.m., Gorham Municipal Building Council Chambers. Open to public. FMI, 831-1720.

THURSDAY, APR. 30

- Poem in Your Pocket Day, 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Stop by and pick up a poem to share throughout the day. No registration required. Baxter Memorial Library.
- Baby and Me with books, music and movement, 9:30 a.m., ages birth – 18 mos., Baxter Memorial Library.
- Toddler Time, 10 a.m., ages 18-36 mos., Baxter Memorial Library.
- Sewing Group, 2:30-4:30 p.m., ages 7 and older. Baxter Memorial Library.

FRIDAY, MAY 1

- Two-day Rummage and Perennial Sale, Cressey Road United Methodist Church, Gorham, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
- Peg's Itsy Bitsy Store, Gorham House, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. FMI, 839-5757.

SATURDAY, MAY 2

- Two-day Rummage and Perennial Sale, Cressey Road United Methodist Church, Gorham, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Fill a bag for \$1 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
- Public Supper, West Gorham Union Church, Serving begins at 4. Beans, hot dogs, chicken pie, American chop suey, casseroles, salads, pies, coffee. \$8/\$3 children under 12. FMI, 839-4208.

SUNDAY, MAY 3

- Wine Tasting at 91 South, 2-4 p.m., Project Graduation Fundraiser. \$25 pp. Send checks to Pam Thompsen, 16 Caitlin Drive, Gorham. FMI, 839-5843.

TUESDAY, MAY 5

- Pre-School Story Time – Mother's Day Theme, 9:30 a.m., ages 3-5 years, Baxter Memorial Library.
- Gorham Cancer Prayer and Support Group, 6 p.m., Cressey Road United Methodist Church. All are welcome. FMI, 321-1390 or 839-3111.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6

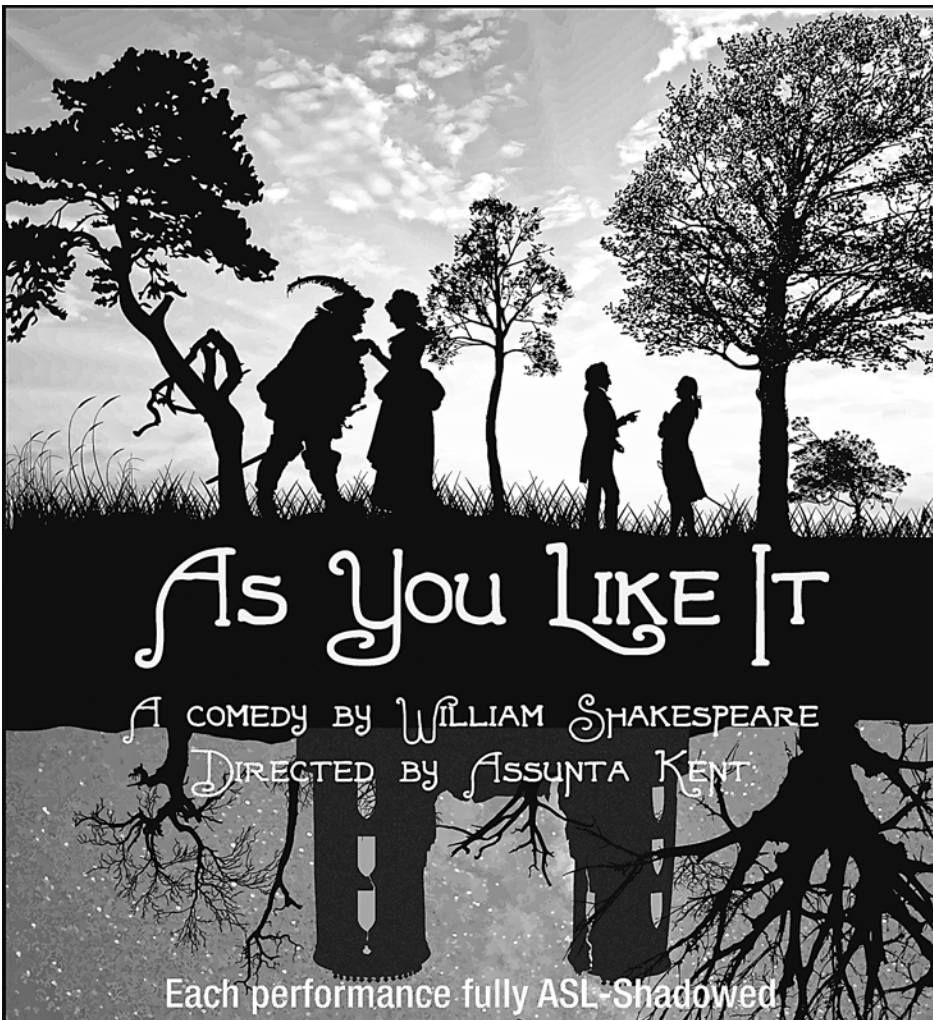
- Town of Gorham Senior Lunch Program, St. Anne's Church, Gorham. 12-1:30 p.m. \$4. FMI, 839-4857.
- Gorham Republican Party Lecture Series with DHHS Commissioner Mary Mayhew, 7 p.m., Gorham Municipal Building Council Chambers. Open to public. FMI, 831-1720.

THURSDAY MAY 7

- Baby and Me with books, music and movement, 9:30 a.m., ages birth-18 mos., Baxter Memorial Library.
- Toddler Time, 10 a.m., ages 18-36 mos., Baxter Memorial Library.
- Sewing Group, 2:30-4:30 p.m., ages 7 and older. Baxter Memorial Library.

First Parish Congregational Church, 1 Church St.
Baxter Memorial Library, 71 South St.
St. Anne's Church, 299 Main St.
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