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Farmers Market Now Open



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Opening day of the 2015 Farmers Market.

The 2015 season of the Greater Gorham Farmers Market opened on May 3. Customers perused fresh and local items while listening to the music of Harvard Cavemen. Along with vendors from last year, this year's market will include Deri Farm, organic produce from North Yarmouth; Blue Mango Veggie Burgers of Portland; and Kids Gone Raw, a Portland-based company featuring raw food snacks. Returning vendors include Blue Star Soap Company; Brookside Farm, goat cheese; Dow Farm Enterprise, produce, cheese and eggs; Falling Star Farm; Findview Farm, beef and pork; Galley Goodies, gluten free bakery; Glad Tidings Farm, conventional produce; Gracie's Garden, lacto-fermented vegetables; MoMunch Granola; Old Wells Farm, organic produce; and Sweet and Savory Bakehouse.

Gorham Sightings



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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. Many people correctly guessed the April 23, 2015 photo, which featured the screen door at the Gorham Grind.

Participate in Demolition of Eyesore, Celebration to Follow Take a Creative Whack to Demo the Building

ROGER MARCHAND
Staff Writer

Mark your calendars, Gorham. Jon Smith, president of Great Falls Construction, announced the demolition of the old Mobil station on Main Street would begin June 13.

Smith sees this as a celebration and is inviting the community to participate in the dismantling of the building. He pictures the community meeting at the site in the mid afternoon of June 13 to begin the process of demolishing the building. He is looking for supporters to sponsor the event and find creative ways to "take a whack" at the building. "The more creative the better," said Smith.

The activity will serve two purposes: to begin the process of improving downtown Gorham by demolishing the building, and to financially support Gorham non-profits. He feels participation in the event is the most important part but, he said, "It would be great for the non-profits to gain as well."

At press time, a list of fifteen Gorham non-profits had been developed.

As part of the celebration, an after party will take place at Spire 29. The party will feature offerings from two tenants of the new building to be built at the Main Street location, Subway



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The old Mobil station in front of Hannaford on Main Street.

and Aroma Joe's. Donations will gladly be accepted, but will not be mandatory, and will be part of the contribution to the non-profit organizations.

Two other fundraisers will also be part of the festivities. The New England Specialty Apparel (NESA) of Gorham is developing t-shirts memorializing the event and Sebago Brewing Company will feature a newly developed product, Eyesore Ale, which will

be available that day. A portion of the proceeds from both will also go to the selected non-profits.

Smith is looking for sponsors, so get a team together, or find a way for you individually do some creative wrecking, and let him know how much you are willing to pay to help beautify Gorham.

Look to future issues of the Gorham Times for more information.

The Marc Badeau/Operation Tribute Story

SHERI FABER
Staff Writer

Marc Badeau was an enigma to the people of Gorham who knew him and especially to those who worked with him on Operation Tribute. Badeau raised his family here and started a charitable organization that raised money for Christmas gifts for the children of active military personnel.

Badeau committed suicide on February 27, 2015. Those who heard of his death were stunned and assumed he had been ill, but, in fact, the FBI was about to charge Badeau and his wife Margherita with fraud for stealing hundreds of thousands of dol-

lars from Operation Tribute. Since his death, evidence has surfaced about his past criminal history that has changed people's views of Badeau.

In 1998, Badeau was the Chief Financial Officer of Cambridge Trust Co. in Massachusetts. He was charged with stealing \$670,000 from the bank through a scheme where he ordered merchandise from vendors, and had his company pay for the merchandise before it was delivered. Once the vendors had been paid, he cancelled the orders and had them send the refund checks directly to him. He also misappropriated an additional \$125,000 purchasing items for his wife and family and having the merchandise, which

included clothing, jewelry and other personal items, sent directly to his home. He submitted false documents to the bank's accounting department. The embezzlement was discovered during an audit of the bank.

In 1999 he was sentenced to serve 18 months in federal prison and ordered to make restitution in the amount of \$12,121. The amount of restitution is often part of a plea bargain. He was on supervised release (parole) for three years. The insurance company reimbursed the bank for this loss.

Hartford Underwriters filed a lawsuit against Badeau in Massachusetts

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Tax Reform Plans Before the Legislature

REP. LINDA SANBORN

Since the recession, Maine has lagged behind the nation in economic recovery. We're now at a crossroads with two proposals that reflect different philosophies about how to build a strong economy for Maine.

Gov. Paul LePage began the conversation about the need for tax reform when he unveiled his proposed state budget. Democrats examined his plan very carefully, always keeping in mind the need to grow the economy from the middle out. Democratic leaders in the Legislature recently unveiled the counterproposal: A Better Deal for Maine.

It recognizes that our success as a state relies on a strong middle class, robust local communities and smart investments in our future. It prioritizes tax cuts for the middle class and seniors, lower property taxes for all Maine homeowners and investments in students and workers.

The contrast is perhaps the clearest when you take a look at how the two plans approach income taxes and property taxes.

The governor's budget gives 50 percent of the tax cuts to the top 10 percent of earners. The Better Deal directs 98 percent of income tax relief to the

bottom 95 percent of earners, with the average middle-class family seeing a state income tax cut about \$200, more than what most Mainers would get under the LePage budget.

Revenue sharing has a big impact on property taxes. Under this longstanding practice, the state returns a small portion of sales and income taxes to local communities to use for services like schools, emergency responders and road maintenance while keeping property taxes in check.

The governor's budget flat-funds revenue sharing in the first year of the biennial budget and eliminates it in the second. The result would be higher property taxes for residents and small businesses and decreases in services communities rely on.

The Better Deal prevents property tax hikes by increasing revenue sharing to \$80 million each year. It also rejects new taxes on non-profits as the governor's budget proposes as a way for some local communities to partially offset the loss of revenue sharing.

The Better Deal cuts property taxes by \$120 million annually for Maine residents by doubling the Homestead Exemption for all Maine homeowners and by increasing the Property Tax Fairness Credit by more than \$57 mil-

lion per year. The governor's budget doubles the Homestead Exemption for Mainers 65 and older and eliminates it for others.

Other highlights of the Better Deal include:

- An additional \$20 million in funding for K-12 education;
- The closing of loopholes that allow large multinational corporations to use offshore tax havens to evade Maine taxes;
- Maintaining the current sales tax of 5.5 percent rather than increasing it to 6.5 percent (Both plans would put in place refundable sales tax fairness credits of \$250 to \$500 to offset the effect on low-income Mainers); and
- Being fully paid for rather than creating a \$300 million budget hole in the future.

You'll find more information about the plan at <http://www.speakereves.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/04/BetterDealFinal1.pdf>



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around town

A tentative street sweeping schedule for the town of Gorham is now available in the News and Announcements section of the Town of Gorham website, www.gorham-me.org.

Thirsty Turf has moved into a 6,000-square-foot site in the off Eastern Drive in the Industrial Park. The company installs irrigation systems.

CMP will be upgrading their substation on Shaw's Mill Road.

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May 13	May 21
May 27	June 4
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Teacher Appreciation Week

CHRIS CRAWFORD
Staff Writer

The Gorham District is fortunate to have so many dedicated individuals who share their time and talents to enrich the lives of our children. Teachers love working with students and inspiring in them a love of learning that will hopefully last a lifetime. Teachers work hard. According to an annual survey by Scholastic and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, on average teachers spend 10 hours and 40 minutes each day preparing, instructing, checking assignments, or being involved in extracurricular activities like coaching or clubs.

The Gorham Times salutes all of the wonderful teachers in our district, but would also like to recognize a few who are unique: not only do they teach here, but they, themselves, are products of the Gorham School District. They are an impressive group who are committed to making a difference in their community. They have kindly shared some wonderful anecdotes about teaching and memories of growing up in Gorham Schools. In order of graduating seniority, they are:

Nan Acker-Wolfhagen (GHS 1974) is in her sixth year teaching science at Gorham High School. She earned a degree in geology at Bates College in 1978. After taking further education courses at UMaine Orono, she taught high school science for 10 years at Dexter Regional High School. She earned an M.A. in Counseling Psychology at Lesley College and worked at adoption agencies for the next 20 years and also ran an in-home daycare for nine years. Ten years ago she went back to classroom teaching, spending four years at Massabesic High School before coming to Gorham. "I love being in the classroom again," she said. Acker-Wolfhagen lives in Gorham with her husband and daughter, who is a sophomore at GHS. They live right next door to where she grew up. She also has two older children—one graduated from GHS, the other was home-schooled—as well as a three-year-old grandson. Acker-Wolfhagen remembers, "When I was a freshman, the high school was over-crowded and we had double sessions. The freshmen had classes from noon to 5 p.m. I

remember getting off the bus in the dark every afternoon in the winter. The upperclassmen went from about 7 a.m. to noon. My junior year, I had an economics class at Shaw School first period and would walk over as the winter sun was rising."

Debbie (Wright) Noble (GHS 1976) has been working at Gorham Middle School (GMS) as a Special Education Reading teacher for 16 years. She attended Wheelock College earning a degree in special education with minors in psychology and music. After one year as an Ed Tech at Millett School, Noble spent the next 17 years in Special Education teaching Functional Life Skills and Resource Room at Wells Junior High before coming back to Gorham. She and husband, Al Noble, GHS '73, currently live in Buxton. Their 31-year-old son is also a GHS grad. Noble said, "It has been interesting working in the same town where I grew up. Both of my parents were teachers in Gorham, my mom taught Home Economics at Shaw Jr. High and my dad was a long-term sub in English at GHS," she added, "I believe that the richness of the many programs opportunities available for kids in Gorham is a true testament to the high standards set forth by my colleagues."

There are three members of the class of 1981. Heather (Alden) Flanders, Kim Meggison and Kim (McCollor) Mathieu met in kindergarten, graduated from GHS (Meggison graduated a half way through her senior year, but considers herself a member of the class of 1981) and they also taught together at Village School for a number of years.

Heather (Alden) Flanders (GHS 1981) teaches English Language Learners at GHS and GMS. From 1994-2010, she taught grades one through three at Narragansett and Village School. She has taught ELL at Great Falls, Narragansett and Village, and also taught at White Rock for three years. "I believe I am one of the only people who can say they have taught at six schools in the district," she said. Flanders earned her Bachelor's Degree in English from University of Southern Maine and a Master's Degree in Literacy with a concentration in ESL in 2012. She has also worked as an adjunct instructor at USM. Flanders

has lived in Gorham her whole life. Her descendant, Austin Alden, came to Gorham in 1775 and her family still lives on the land where Austin settled. Flanders enjoys spending time with her family including her two-year-old granddaughter. Her two children are GHS grads. She is also the aunt of another teacher in the district, Kim Loveitt Fadrigon.

Kim Meggison (GHS 1981) began teaching in 1986 and, over the course of 29 years in the Gorham Schools, has taught second through sixth grade. She has taught fourth grade at Village School since 2005. Meggison said, "When I first began teaching I worked with two of my former—and favorite—elementary school teachers, Aggie Lane and Ellen Romanoff Beale. I currently teach with two of my former students, Jen Arlint and Betsy Moon Fox and a third former student, Sally Gherardi Hatch, now teaches at GHS." Meggison earned B.S. and M.S.E.D. degrees at University of Southern Maine. She is currently vice-president of the Gorham Teachers' Association and for 20 years has served on the Support System, helping teachers obtain or renew their professional licenses. She has held other roles that include Team Leader, Staff Development Chair, and Math Committee member. "My family has lived in Gorham for 13 generations. I am a direct descendant of the founding family of Gorham (Phinney). I live here now with my fifth-grade daughter," said Meggison, whose two adult children are GHS grads, too.

Kim (McCollor) Mathieu (GHS 1981) teaches Music and Band at the Middle School. She earned her bachelor's degree and has almost completed her master's. Other than two years teaching in Sanford, she has taught entirely in Gorham. Mathieu recalls, "One of my longtime friends is another Kim M. (Kim Meggison). She and I were in most of the same classes all the way through school." Mathieu has guest conducted numerous festival bands, and, for more than 10 years, has been one of a team of two All State judges for saxophones and double reeds for the Maine All State Band. In 2013, she accompanied 13 students to eight European countries, playing with the International John Philip Sousa Band. Mathieu is an avid dressage enthusiast. She is selective

If a doctor, lawyer, or dentist had 20 to 30 people in their office at one time, all of whom had different needs, and some of whom didn't want to be there and were causing trouble, and the doctor, lawyer, or dentist, without assistance, had to treat them all with professional excellence for nine months, then he might have some conception of the classroom teacher's job.

~Donald D. Quinn

about the students and horses she trains on her small farm in Gorham with its three-season arena. Her son and daughter are both GHS grads.

MaryJo (Johnson) Lyons (GHS 1983) teaches kindergarten at Great Falls School. She began her long teaching career at Narragansett in 1987 as an educational technician in the Functional Life Skills Program (FLS) for kindergarten through third grade. Then she was hired to teach FLS for fourth grade at Little Falls School and then for grades four through six at Village School for 10 years. She briefly taught fourth grade before returning to the FLS program and the autism program at Village

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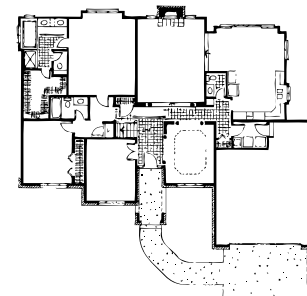
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and then Great Falls. Lyons received her bachelor's degree in elementary education from University of Southern Maine in 1987 and her K-12 Special Education certification in 1988. Lyons lives in Gorham with her husband Todd. She has four children, Erin, Hilary and Rachael Webster and Cooper Lyons. She is also the proud grandmother of a seven-year-old grandson, Liam, who attends Village School. Her three oldest are GHS grads. Son Cooper is in eighth grade at GMS. Said Lyons, "It is a privilege to teach in the town where I grew up. Raising my four children in Gorham has been a wonderful experience. I feel each child has received a top rate education and that the schools in Gorham continue to strive to provide opportunities for ALL learners to reach their full potential."

Luci (Carter) Bower (GHS 1984) is the Literacy Coordinator for grades six through 12. She earned her Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education at the University of Maine at Orono in 1988. In 1993, she earned a M.S.E.D. at University of Southern Maine and an Information Science degree at University of South Carolina, completed in 2001. Bower taught grades four through eight in SAD #6, taught English Language Arts at Shaw Middle School, was a Library/Media Specialist at Bonny Eagle Middle School, and a Literacy Specialist at Bonny Eagle Middle School. Bower lives in Gorham with her husband Jeff; son Carter, a GHS 2012 graduate; and daughter MacKenzie, who is graduating this year. "I am so happy to be working at my alma mater, and I am especially grateful that my children had such great teachers in the Gorham School," said Bower.

Janis (Denehy) Weed (GHS 1984) has been an Educational Technician in the Gorham Schools since 1999, working at Narragansett, GMS, and currently in Special Ed at GHS. She earned a Bachelor's Degree in Art from the University of Southern Maine. She began working at Gorham Savings Bank while still in college and remained there until 1999. Janis remembers, "One winter when I was in high school the weather was declining, so school was dismissed by late morning. The weather quickly worsened and roads were closed due to ice before many of the school buses could complete or even start their routes. Many students were stranded at school. Since we were dismissed early, lunch was not served. We all stayed in the gym and were entertained by Larry, a regular substitute teacher at the time, who played his guitar. My siblings and I finally got home around dinner time only because we were lucky enough to catch a ride with another family."

Robert Weed (GHS 1985) has worked at GHS since 1998 where he teaches Graphic Communications, Technical Drawing and Work Experience Co-op. Prior to that, he taught Industrial Arts/Technology Education at Gray New Gloucester High School for nine years. He earned a bachelor's degree from University of Southern Maine and a Masters in Education degree from University of New England. Weed

comes from a family of teachers. He said, "I have always lived in Gorham. My wife, Janis (see above), and I both graduated from Gorham High School and are now teachers there. Both of our children graduated from GHS and they have been substitute teachers in Gorham. My mother taught in the Gorham Schools and my father was the principal of Millett, White Rock and Narragansett Schools. When my father retired, he served on the Gorham School Committee as well."

Randy Perkins (GHS 1985) teaches Technology/Engineering Education at GHS. He taught in Cape Elizabeth and Windham Middle Schools prior to coming to Gorham in 2006. Perkins replaced Roger Lord who was his Tech teacher at GHS. Perkins earned a Bachelor's Degree in Technology Education from University of Southern Maine in 1989 and a Master's Degree in Computers in Education from Lesley College in 1997. "I grew up here and still live in Gorham. I teach with my long time friend, Robert Weed, who I met at Shaw Junior High. I married Rhonda Sampson, who is a GHS grad, and all three of our boys attend or attended Gorham schools," said Perkins.

Kim (Loveitt) Fadrigon (1991 North Yarmouth Academy) technically is not a GHS grad, but she did go to school in the district through seventh grade. She has taught in the Gorham schools since 1998 and is currently the K-5 certified literacy coordinator, working with teachers on curriculum, professional development, and assessment. Said Fadrigon, "I've always loved teaching and learning. I've had the pleasure of working with children ages two through 11. I've taught preschool, kindergarten, reading recovery and title one reading." She began her college career at Regis College, transferring to University of Maine in Orono where she earned a bachelor's degree in child development and family relations, and a K-8 teaching certificate. She also earned a Master's Degree in Education from the University of Southern Maine. Fadrigon said, "For me, Gorham has always been 'home.' Many generations of my family are from Gorham. Raising my family here, and working here just feels right." Teachers run in her family: Her aunt is Heather Flanders, her mom taught in Gorham for a number of years and her Grammie Loveitt was an English teacher at GHS. Fadrigon and her husband and two daughters enjoy many outdoor activities such as skiing, boating, and swimming in Sebago Lake.

Betsy (Moon) Fox (GHS 1993) has worked for the district for 16 years and currently teaches kindergarten at Village School. She studied elementary education at UMaine Orono, graduating in the winter of 1997. She was hired as an educational technician at Narragansett School. "I was lucky to work with Susan Sedenka and Cheryl Gagnon who both taught me more about teaching than I think they realized. I also met my future husband,

Ray, at Narragansett," said Fox. In the fall of 1999 she was hired as a first/second grade teacher at White Rock School where she taught for eight years. Fox lives in Windham with her family, son Matthew, age 11, and daughter Emma, age seven. "I am preparing to take part in the Tri for a Cure triathlon this summer with my supportive Village School staff. My goal is to make it through the finish line," said Fox.

Sally (Gherardi) Hatch (GHS 1995) teaches twelfth grade Physics/Advanced Physics at GHS and is also the advisor for the GHS National Honor Society. She earned an Associate's Degree in Marine Biology in 1997 from Southern Maine Community College. Two years later she graduated with a

bachelors in biology with a concentration in chemistry and secondary education from St. Joseph's College, where she returned

a few years later and completed her Master's Degree in Education. Hatch currently lives in Standish with her husband, Tim, and daughter, Chloe. Said Hatch, "Saturday nights during the summer you can find me at Beech Ridge Motor Speedway participating in the NASCAR night races. I have been doing this for 18 years now. I also enjoy boating and playing soccer."

Gregg Morton (GHS 1996) has taught sixth grade Science and Social Studies at GMS for eight years and coaches eighth grade basketball and cross country. He worked for three years as an Ed Tech 3 in Biddeford and Portland prior to coming to Gorham. Morton said, "I built a house in Gorham and live with my wife and two-year-old daughter. I am very passionate about technology and anything to do with sports. I played on the 1996 State Championship basketball team for Gorham and still love coaching and playing hoops to this day."

Ryan Chicoine (GHS 2000) has been an Educational Technician at Gorham for five years, although he is currently on medical leave following surgery for a leg injury. He coached varsity basketball for three years at the GHS and is now coaching at Southern Maine Community College. He attended Plymouth University, earning a Bachelor of Science Degree in Athletic Training and Business, in 2004. He worked with special needs kids and adults in Boston. Then sold orthopedic implants to hospitals and doctors. As part of that job, he was in the operating room watching and helping with total knee and hip implants. After working in Ohio learning how to run a business, he realized he loved Maine, so he came home and went back to school to become a teacher. Chicoine lives in Gorham. He was a member of the 2000 State Champion Basketball team. He said, "My biggest memories of Gorham are about sports. My teammates and coaches instilled character, work ethic, and values that I use everyday of my life."

Allie (Tole) Stanley (McAuley 2002) is another teacher who went kindergarten through eighth grade in Gorham schools and is back teaching fourth grade at Great Falls. She earned a Bachelor of Art Degree at Stonehill College, then a Master's Degree in Social Work from Boston College. She worked as a school social worker as well as a Child and Family Clinical Therapist before realizing that she wanted to be in the classroom. She enrolled in the ETEP program at USM and is planning to finish work for her Master of Science in Education degree there next school year. She lives in Brunswick with her husband and dogs. Their first child is due in mid-May. They listen to a lot of live music and they love being outdoors and being active.

Stanley said, "It is very nice to work in the school district where I grew up. I love seeing how things have changed. It's fun to run into some of my old teachers. My students think it's so cool when Aggie Lane (my fourth grade teacher, and now retired) subs for me in my own fourth grade classroom."

Katy Leeper (GHS 2004) has taught third grade for three years and first grade for one year at Great Falls. She attended University of Southern Maine, where she double majored in sociology and education. She completed the TEAMS program (Teaching for Elementary and Middle Schools) in 2009, and completed a Master's Degree in Teaching and Learning in 2011. She began as a substitute teacher in Gorham. She lives in Buxton. Leeper said, "I was able to teach at the same school as my mom, Jackie Leeper, for three years before she retired this past year. My niece, my brother Shaun's daughter, will be starting kindergarten at Great Falls this fall."

Brian King (GHS 2004) is an eighth grade math teacher and special education case manager at GMS. He attended USM earning a Bachelor of Art in English in 2009, a Master of Science in Teaching and Learning in 2013, and is currently working toward a Master of Art in Leadership Studies. He has volunteered with Gorham Young Life for almost 10 years and received a Certificate of Youth Ministry, YWAM Sydney Australia 2005. He has been a bartender, a substitute teacher in South Africa, and worked as an ed tech at a clinical day treatment center in New Gloucester. He currently lives in Gorham, leads Young Life in Gorham and is an assistant coach with the varsity soccer program. King said, "Maine is the best place in the world. Senior year I only wanted to get away. I was accepted to Colorado University, Boulder for engineering but decided to take a year off. While working with a missions organization in Sydney Australia, I realized I wanted to return to Maine and work with high school students. I have yet to visit a place as cool as where we live."

If a teacher in Gorham Schools has been missed, please contact us at the email addresses below and we will be glad to include you in a later issue. Or if you or your son or daughter is a GHS grad, let us hear from you. Contact coshea2@maine.rr.com or ckck5@maine.rr.com

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Town Accepting Applications for Police Chief

SHERI FABER
Staff Writer

The town is advertising for a new chief of police on its website and on the Maine Municipal Association and Maine Chiefs of Police Association websites. The Maine Chiefs of Police Association will review the applications, accepted until May 14, and will recommend to the Town Council

which candidates should be interviewed. In turn, the Town Council will interview the recommended candidates with the assistance of two current or retired chiefs of police who will sit in on the interviews. A needs assessment for the Police Department was previously done by Dacri Associates and the results were presented to the Town Council. As of April 29, eight applications had been filed.

Little Falls Rec Area Expansion, Renovation

ROGER MARCHAND
Staff Writer

Construction at the Little Falls Recreation Area has begun in a multi-year project to improve and expand the area. The town funded the plan by setting aside renovation impact fees as well as collecting private donations. When complete, the area will include three multi-purpose fields, along with the present soft-ball field, as well as a new expanded parking area near the entrance.

Town Manager David Cole said he was very appreciative that Gorham Sand and Gravel generously donated a good deal of equipment, personnel, and time in the early stages of



Photo credit Roger Marchand

Heavy construction work is in process to totally redo and expand the Little Falls Recreation Area.

development. Their efforts, he said, have dramatically helped in getting this project off to a good start. Town crews are currently working on the project, which is still in its infancy.

SCHOOL

Students Honored as Scholastic Award Winners

MEGAN BENNETT
Gorham Times student intern

On February 27, two Gorham students, Lizzy Lemieux and Ella Grady, as well as 141 other high school students from throughout Maine, were honored at the University of Southern Maine (USM) as Maine Regional Scholastic Award Winners.

Since the program's founding in 1923, the Scholastic Art and Writing Awards have recognized the vision and talent of our nation's youth, and have provided multiple opportunities for creative teens to be honored. Students who were awarded Gold Key-winning pieces continued to be judged by a panel of leading creative professionals, moving them on to the national level.

Lemieux, a 16-year-old student at Gorham High School, won Gold Keys for her poetry work, which included three pieces: "On Edward Hoppers Hotel By a Railroad," "Edelweiss: A Portrait of a Grandfather," and "The New Year." She also won Gold Keys for her short story "Marianne."

"I was excited to know I would be moving on to the national competition," said Lemieux.

On March 16, Lemieux learned she was a national gold medal winner for her short story "Marianne."

"I was incredibly honored that my work was recognized in such a prominent and distinguished competition.

Out of all of Maine, there were only 10 medalists on the national level," said Lemieux.

The winners were invited to attend Carnegie Hall on June 11 for an award ceremony and activities in honor of the awards, which Lemieux will be attending.

"I am proud to join the ranks of the many talented artists who have also been honored through this competition," said Lemieux.

Grady, a 12-year-old student at Gorham Middle School, won Honorable Mention for her poem entitled "Where I'm From."

"I felt so proud of my writing," said Grady. "I thought that I just wouldn't get anything for it, but I won a Honorable Mention, which was great."

The awards ceremony was held at Talbot Lecture Hall, located in Luther Bonney Hall on USM's Portland campus.

Award-winning students will have their work published in an anthology, "Maine Teen Writing 2015."



Lizzy Lemieux



Ella Grady

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Gorham High School Third Quarter Honor Roll 2014-15

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Gorham Middle School Third Quarter Honor Roll 2014-15

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GMS Teacher Attends National Education Leadership Summit

GORHAM TIMES STAFF

At the end of February, Amanda Cooper, an eighth grade English and social studies teacher at Gorham Middle School, traveled with four other Maine educators to attend the 2015 National Education Association Leadership Summit in Anaheim, California.

The three day weekend summit included keynote speakers: Sir Kenneth Robinson, a well-known English author, speaker, and international advisor on education; National Education Association president Lily Eskelsen Garcia; and Rory Vaden the New York Times bestselling author of "Take the Stairs."

In addition to these well-known education advocates, Cooper attended a session held by Chris Cannon, the bestselling author and encouragement coach for youth educators, whose training is centered on how to transform today's at risk youth into tomorrow's leaders.

Cooper also attended sessions on engaging and empowering early career educators, educator-powered schools, and using restorative practices to foster healthy relationships and promote positive discipline.

"The opportunity to network with approximately 1,400 educators from all across the country and to share and learn about the unique successes and challenges that we all face on a day-to-day basis was an eye open-



Photo credit Lois Kilby-Chesley

Maine educators who recently attended the 2015 National Education Association Leadership Summit in Anaheim, Calif. Pictured (left to right) are: Samantha Garnett from Lewiston High School; Lois Kilby-Chesley, president of the Maine Education Association; Rachel McGlenn from Caribou; Mary Ann White from Lawrence Middle School; and Amanda Cooper from Gorham Middle School.

ing and positive professional experience," said Cooper.

Cooper is also treasurer of the Gorham Teachers Association and a member of the Maine Education Association Board of Directors and a Maine Education Association "Take the Lead," Teacher Leader.

A Visit from State Rep. McLean



Photo credit Gigi McAllister

Gorham Representative Andrew McLean visited the Great Falls' fourth grades for the second year in a row on March 30. He discussed Maine government, the legislative process and what the students might see during their spring field trips to Augusta. Students asked thoughtful questions and enjoyed his visit.

New Club Empowers Girls to Become Leaders

AVERY ARENA
student intern

After attending the leadership summit last June, Gorham sophomore Kara Elmore began a new chapter of GirlUp, a U.N. foundation club that aims to "unite girls to change the world."

The club recently presented at the civil rights conference at the University of Southern Maine, a symposium to teach others how to create safer spaces in schools. Elmore, along with Olivia Puopolo, taught about media literacy and diversity (or lack thereof)

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Family Fun and Wellness Night at Great Falls



Photo credit Meg Oliver

On April 3, students and families at Great Falls School participated in activities including: yoga, Dance Dance Revolution, an obstacle course, a giant slide, and a pond-themed photo booth at the Great Falls Family Fun & Wellness Night. There were opportunities to learn about the 5-2-1-0 program, the safety of our tap water, Gorham Parks & Rec, Girls on the Run, Chiropractic Clinic of Gorham, and Gorham Dance Studio. Pictured are: Seamus Bailey, Emily Fluet, Aiden Fortier, Sophia Lembarra, Rose Wandell, Ella LaBrie, and second grade teacher Fran Alves.

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SCHOOL

Respect: Student Leaders at Narragansett



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Fifth grade student leaders at Narragansett School recently researched "respect" in preparation for an upcoming school assembly they will lead. Narragansett has a total of 40 student leaders. Janet Kuech and Tracy Burns are the co-leaders. Pictured in the front is Joleen Gima. In back (left to right) are: Morgan Chapman, Paige Marchand, and Sarah Duff.

New Club GirlUp CONTINUED FROM PAGE 7

in today's society. Elizabeth Lemieux and Elsa Alexandran conducted a Dove Workshop, which dealt with self-esteem and the power of other's influence.

The club's goal is to try to create leadership positions for girls, as well as spread the word about gender and women's issues internationally and locally.

Club members are working to raise money for the national GirlUp organization. Funds raised will be used to buy bicycles for girls in developing countries so they are able to travel to school.

The GHS club is focusing on organizing a cycle studio fundraiser to help pay for the bikes. They are also raising money to send members to the leadership summit this summer.



Photo credit Joyce Ellsmore

Pictured (left to right) are GirlUp members: Georgia Baber, Olivia Puopolo, Elsa Alexandran, Kara Ellsmore, Gabby Fisher, Marie Walton, and Elizabeth Lemieux.

For more information, email: kara.ellsmore@gorhamschools.org.

SPORTS

Into the Mud Race

This was the fifth year of the "Into the Mud Challenge" at Gorham Middle School hosted by students of the USM Sport Management Program. The 2.5-mile obstacle course and mud run for adults is accompanied by a one mile adventure course children with participants encouraged to dress in costume for the duration of the race. All proceeds of the event go directly to the USM Sport Management Scholarship Fund. Pictured are members of the Gorham Fire Department: Julia Gaudette, Matt Hoyt, Terry Deering, Ryan Dennette, Katie Capponi, Ashley Gaudette, Sharen Deering, and Adam Capponi.



Photo credit Stacie Leavitt

White Rock Baseball Field Makeover



Photo courtesy of the Portland Sea Dogs

The Portland Sea Dogs and U.S. Cellular teamed up on April 30 to give the White Rock baseball field a major makeover. The field was randomly selected from submissions by towns and organizations across the State of Maine. The makeover consisted of field cleanup, turf cutting, infield mix and leveling and was provided by the Sea Dogs' groundskeeping crew, the Sea Dogs front office staff, and U.S. Cellular staff members. The first Gorham Youth Baseball and Softball Association game scheduled for the "new" field is May 10.

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April 14, 2015

Submitted for your review and consideration is the FY16 School Department budget as approved by the School Committee on April 8, 2015.

	FY15	FY16	\$Change
Operating budget	\$30,523,620	\$31,626,852	\$1,103,232
Adult education	\$ 259,771	\$ 242,530	\$ (17,241)
Capital improvements	\$ 440,000	\$ 440,000	\$ -
Debt service	\$ 2,928,749	\$ 2,865,149	\$ (63,600)
Total expenditures	\$34,152,140	\$35,174,531	\$1,022,390

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For more information on the FY16 Gorham School Department budget, please visit www.gorhamschools.org, or contact Finance Officer Hollis Cobb and/or Superintendent Ted Sharp at 207-222-1000.



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College Field Hockey Signing



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GHS senior Charlotte Smith signed a National Letter of Intent on April 28, committing to play field hockey for Division II Adelphi University in New York. Smith is pictured above at the signing that took place at GHS along with her parents Steven and Marcia. Smith scored 16 career goals and handed out 25 career assists and was the GHS field hockey team captain for both her junior and senior seasons—during which she was also an SMAA All-Conference first-team selection as well as an All-State selection. Following the fall 2014 field hockey season, Smith also received the Deans' Family Field Hockey Scholarship Award and was named to the NFHCA All-Academic Squad.

Canoeing Down the Rapids!



Courtesy Photo

The annual Kenduskeag Stream Canoe Race is the largest paddling event in New England and one of the largest in the country. The 16.5-mile race begins in the town of Kenduskeag and ends near the confluence of the Penobscot River in downtown Bangor. Gorham resident **Jacob Adams**, shown above, was the top finisher from Gorham with a time of 3:21:49. Other Gorham competitors and their times included **Matthew Hoffman** (3:38:14) and **Tara Rich** (3:38:14).

AAU Basketball Champs!



Photo credit Amanda Landry

The Maine Renegades, an 11-and-under AAU basketball team consisting primarily of Gorham players, won the Zero Gravity Battle of the Border Tournament that took place in New Hampshire and Massachusetts April 18-19. The Renegades finished the tournament 4-0 and defeated a team from Derry, New Hampshire (48-31) in the title game. The win qualifies the team for the national tournament in June in Boston. Playing for the team and pictured above, front row from left to right: Elijah Wyatt, Ian Luciano, Kyle Landry, Quentin Wise, Jackson Smith, John Sutton, Asa Farley, Brandon Verrill, and Dylan Morrell. Back Row: Will Ledbetter and Coach Andy Morrell.

In the Zone

Five from Gorham Conquer the Boston Marathon: Five Gorham residents were among the more than 26,500 runners that competed in the Boston Marathon on April 20. Among the 184 that competed from Maine, **Kevin Downing** finished 18th with a time of 2:56:35 while **Dick Graves** finished 41st at 3:18:02, and **Brendhan McDevitt** finished 74th at 3:28:58. **Jennifer Rush**, the lone female runner from Gorham, finished 82nd among all Maine runners with a time of 3:31:25 while **Peter Ryan** finished 178th with a time of 5:17:30.

Lions Club 5K Results: Nine Gorham residents finished among the top 25 at the annual Gorham Lions 5K that took place April 18. Overall first place went to **Scott Mannette** with a time of 19:22 while **Jennifer Thuotte** finished third in the female division and fourth overall with a time of 23:13. Other top 25 finishers from Gorham included **Diane Bell** (10), **Martin Gagnon** (11), **Frank Arsenault** (14), **Jessica Mason** (18), **Kelly Peaco** (22), **Cindy Stevenson** (24) and **Gail Platts** (25).

Upcoming GHS Varsity Sports Events

Saturday May 9	
11:00 a.m.	Baseball vs. Portland @ GHS
4:00 p.m.	Boys' Lacrosse vs. York @ GHS
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in 2003 and, in 2005, they obtained a judgment against him in the amount of \$545,886.69. Hartford Underwriters then filed an action in Maine to have the earlier Massachusetts judgment recognized in Maine so they could try to execute the judgement. While they got the judgment recognized in Maine, it does not appear they reclaimed the money. The lawyer for Hartford Underwriter's declined to comment on this case.

In Gorham, Badeau applied to be on the Gorham Economic Development Council (GEDC), a board of local businesspeople who promote bringing businesses to Gorham. On his application for the GEDC, Badeau wrote that he was "a CPA and business consultant dealing in structured finance for a number of international real estate corporations." The Gorham Times has not been able to confirm this information, but at the time of the application Badeau was no longer a licensed CPA.

He was well regarded in Gorham—especially on the GEDC. He was also an active board member of the Gorham Food Pantry where he was instrumental in obtaining a \$40,000 grant enabling them to acquire a portable through the town, which is used for their operations. He was also very active at St. Anne's Catholic Church in Gorham as well as with the Knights of Columbus and the Kiwanis. He always seemed to get on

financial committees but apparently no one knew about his past.

In 2003, the Badeaus purchased a house on DeWayn's Way in Gorham, putting the house in just his wife's name.

Badeau opened a business called Top Shelf Collectibles on Mosher Road, later vacating that location and moving to a site in the Industrial Park. In 2007 he started Operation Holiday Cheer, the precursor to Operation Tribute. By 2008, Badeau claimed to have raised \$650,000 but had not yet been certified as a charitable organization in the State of Maine nor had he registered Top Shelf Collectibles. Operation Holiday Cheer was originally associated with Kiwanis but in January 2009, Badeau broke off that affiliation and filed papers to become a Maine non-profit corporation. The State of Maine does not do background checks on people who start companies here.

Badeau told the Operation Tribute Board he received bids from three companies interested in supplying and processing the gifts for Operation Tribute and that Top Shelf Collectibles won the bid. (He later told a board member that Top Shelf Collectible was losing money on the project). Top Shelf Collectibles was initially paid approximately \$58 per child to purchase, wrap and ship the gifts. Virtually all the money collected by Operation Tribute was paid to Top Shelf Collectibles and it appears that Top Shelf was sending out fewer

toys than what they had been paid for. Neither Badeau nor the Board of Directors received a salary for their work on Operation Tribute.

Operation Tribute raised approximately \$1.14 million between 2009 and July of 2014. The US Attorneys office reports the Badeaus used \$740,000 of that money to pay their personal expenses, including college tuition, their mortgage, and \$7,000 at the New Hampshire liquor stores.

Richard Berne, an attorney for Operation Tribute said the tax form filed for 2012 showed an income of \$476,771 and expenses for gifts of \$463,740. No one associated with the program received a sal-

ary. If the organization raised almost half a million dollars in one year, and Badeau claimed they raised \$650,000 by 2008, they may well have raised quite a bit more than the \$1.14 million they reported as income in an almost five year period.

It is likely that the misconduct was hidden from Operation Tribute's board and money was misappropriated through Top Shelf. It is also possible that Badeau may have deposited contributions directly into his personal account.

The board saw financial reports from Operation Tribute, which showed how much money had been raised and how much had been spent with Top Shelf Collectibles, but they did not audit the books of Top Shelf to see where that money was spent or to check how many gifts were actually being sent out.

In December of 2014, the Badeaus met with an undercover agent pretending to represent a donor who wanted to make a large contribution to the program. They told the agent that 98 percent of the money donated to the program went to buy gifts for the children saying they had shipped 34,000 gift packages in 2013 and expected to ship 36,000 in 2014.

The U.S. Attorneys office has filed an action to seize more than \$315,000 in several of the Badeau's bank accounts.

Margo Badeau remains under investigation.

The FBI declined to answer any questions about this case.

Checks and Balances: Avoiding Theft from Non-Profits

*Detective Sergeant Dana Thompson,
Gorham Police Department*

Theft from non-profits is an all too common problem. People involved in small organizations such as sports booster clubs are there because they are involved in the cause, but with the lack of fiscal oversight, the temptation to misappropriate funds can be a problem.

The Gorham Police Detectives routinely investigate felony level theft and embezzlement cases that include personal accounts, professional organizations and non profits. Having investigated many of these cases we find that time and time again we identify two common themes: (1) the financial process lacks oversight, i.e. there are either none or very few "checks and balances" built into the financial process; and (2) there is either no organized record keeping or very sloppy record keeping involved. The majority of these cases involve one person who has gained the organization or non profits trust then illegally diverted small amounts of money over an extended period of time; resulting in one large sum of money. In the end often several thousand dollars if not tens of thousands of dollars are stolen.

An organized process that included regular financial meetings (committee) and routine screening of financial documents such as bank statements would

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Lindsey Thomsen, GHS '13, University of New England

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OF INTEREST

Thomas Moutinho, a senior majoring in biomedical engineering at Worcester Polytechnic Institute, has been awarded the university's Salisbury Prize for academic excellence.

Cortlandt Dunn (GHS '12) was elected Student Government President of Rollins College and selected to join Beta Gamma Sigma, a nationally accredited fraternity recognizing the top 10% of business students nationwide.

Cricket Comforts will hold their **next workshop on Saturday, May 16, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.** at the Gorham Municipal Center.

The Gorham Community Chorus Spring Concert will be held on **Sunday, May 17, at 3 p.m.** at the Gorham High School McCormack Performing Arts Center.

The Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive conducted by the mail carriers of Gorham will take place on **Saturday, May 9.** Please hang your non-perishables where your mail carrier can easily pick them up.

The Friends of Baxter Memorial Library will be hosting events in the fall for adults who love books and/or to talk about books. They are conducting a survey to learn about different book clubs in town and to help plan these events. If you belong to a local book club or just like to discuss books, please complete the survey online at this link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/bookclubs>. The link will also be available on the library's website at www.baxterlibrary.org

Gorham Savings Bank's third annual LaunchPad business plan competition is underway. The community is being asked to vote for the entrepreneur they believe will best utilize the \$30,000 award to help grow their business. Please visit launchpad.gorhamsavingsbank.com from now through May 15 to view a business summary of each finalist and vote. The top five finalists will pitch their idea at the live LaunchPad event on June 18 at 5:30 pm at the University of Southern Maine's Hannaford Hall.

Baxter Memorial Library will be holding Train Days on Friday, May 15, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday, May 16, from 9 to 11:30 a.m. Stop by Youth Services to view model trains displayed by the Maine 3-Railers, take a turn at the controls, and make train crafts.

The Gorham Taste Walk will take place Sunday, May 31 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Maps are available outside Baxter Memorial Library on the day of the event for \$5. Sponsored by YoungLife Sebago.

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 -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 located in the former Little Falls School on Acorn St., 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.

Gorham House Itsy Bitsy store is open on the first and third Tuesday of every month from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. in the front lobby at Gorham House.

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provide others with insight and knowledge of the organization or non profits financial status; and if person(s) misappropriated funds the misappropriation would be identified earlier--hopefully before it reached thousands of dollars. Ideally, organizations and non profits would benefit from adopting some type of accounting software systems in order to accurately track expenses and financial operations. This type of oversight is gen-

erally a deterrent and creates an environment where the risk of getting caught outweighs their intent to steal.

Lastly, create some guidelines for person(s) involved in financial operations that clearly identify their responsibility with respect to record keeping, expenses etc. Clearly defined expectations and consequences can only benefit the organization or non profit if misappropriations occur and criminal prosecution occurs.



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Vehicle was stopped on School Street for having a taillight out. Driver was issued a summons for illegal possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia.

Mosher Road man violated an order of protection.

North Gorham Road woman rented a computer but could not make the payments. She wanted to know if she could be charged. She was advised to return the computer before it got to that point.

Tow Path Road caller reported his trailer had been covered with mud and the

license plate had been broken off.

Woman called police saying a blue Jeep Liberty was all over the road. Jeep driver was charged with operating after suspension.

Officer stopped to check on a vehicle with the flashers on. Vehicle had not broken down; they were looking at their GPS.

Driver, stopped at Main Street and Lawn Avenue, refused to take a Breathalyzer test. He was issued a summons for OUI refusal and operating after suspension.

California man was summonsed for criminal speed and improper passing on Running Springs Road and South Street.

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- 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.

SATURDAY, MAY 9

- Greater Gorham Farmer's Market, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Route 114 (next to Baxter Memorial Library).
- Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive, all day
- Lego Club, 10 a.m.-12 p.m., Baxter Memorial Library. All ages. No registration required.
- Public Baked Bean Supper, 5-6:00 p.m., Westbrook-Warren Congregational Church, Westbrook, \$8 adults/\$3 children

TUESDAY, MAY 12

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

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13

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