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USM Dispatcher Charged with Felony Theft

SHERI FABER
Staff Writer

Alexander Pufhal, 40, of Sanford had worked as a dispatcher for the University of Southern Maine for the last ten years. Pufhal was also the secretary/treasurer for a local labor relations' board. During a 13-month period from January 2014 to February 2015, Pufhal is alleged to have diverted funds in excess of \$13,000 from the labor relations' board and to have used the money for personal expenses. No funds were stolen from the University. Once the USM Police Department discovered the money was missing, they requested the Gorham Police Department conduct the investigation to avoid any potential conflict of interest.

Town Owned Properties: Demolish or Rezone



Photo credit Roger Marchand

The town-owned property at 10 Preble Street.

ROGER MARCHAND
Staff Writer

The town recently agreed to sell 21 Main Street, the house next to Amato's, to Reali Realty LLC, for \$155,000.

In January the Town Council approved the agreement yet rejected efforts by Vice Chairman Bruce Roullard, chairman of Gorham's Historical Preservation Committee, to prevent the old house from being razed or moved.

The plan being sought is to demolish the building in order to expand parking at Amato's. Under their proposal, 28 parking spaces would be added and a right-turn only exit onto Main Street

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Land Trust Announces \$100,000 Endowment at Randall Orchards Conservation Celebration

GORHAM TIMES STAFF

The generosity of Richard (Dick) Randall of Randall Orchards knows no bounds. At a recently held reception, following the dedication of Randall's 482-acre farm in two conservation easements that protect the land from development and preserve its agricultural use forever, Mike Parker, president of Presumpscot Regional Land Trust (PRLT), announced that Randall has donated \$100,000 to the PRLT Opportunity Fund. This is PRLT's first-ever endowment.

Parker said, "This gift is the result of a strong bond of mutual admiration that has developed between Dick and PRLT over the last half decade. The proceeds of this fund, combined with Dick's prior donation of his land for stewardship, will strengthen PRLT substantially into the future and will set an example for others." The fund has been invested with the Maine Community Foundation, a strong supporter of PRLT over many years.

About fifty PRLT members and community supporters met at the boundary of Randall Orchards and applauded as Parker and Randall's

son, Robert (T-Bone) unveiled two signs. Health issues prevented Dick Randall from attending the special celebration marking the final milestone in a five-year long effort to protect his large farm from development and preserve it for future generations. One sign acknowledges the Land for Maine's Future Program (LMF) for its part in helping to preserve the land. The other, from PRLT, honors the owner and grantor of the conservation easements, Richard Randall, and thanks the many groups and individuals who helped in a variety of ways to make the easement possible. Unlike most of PRLT's other properties that allow full public access, because this is a working farm, public access to Randall Orchards is limited and is by permission of the owner only.

At the reception that followed, Parker served as host and announced that Randall had established a \$100,000 endowment gift this past December. He also shared some personal anecdotes about Dick Randall.

Randall was a flier and his airborne exploits helped to shape both his

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Photo credit Carolyn Parker

Robert "T-Bone" Randall, who will be taking over the reins at Randall Orchards, attended the dedication ceremony in place of his father, Dick, who was in poor health. Randall (left) and Presumpscot Regional Land Trust President Mike Parker (right) stand in front of the signs newly unveiled at the ceremony.

Gorham Woman Sentenced to Four Years for Two Deaths

SHERI FABER
Staff Writer

In October 2014, Candace Tucker of Gorham had been drinking and taking prescription medication while at a family party in Bridgton. Her 16-year-old son Branden Denis, a junior and outstanding football player at Gorham High School, and her boyfriend Eric Morey, 35, were in the car with her. Her vehicle crossed the center line on Route 302, swerved back and went off the road. Both Denis and Morey were killed in the crash. Many beer cans, both empty

and full, as well as numerous empty single serving "nip" bottles of whiskey were found at the scene. Two hours after the crash, Tucker's blood alcohol level was .07 and Valium and other anti-depressants were found in her system.

Tucker pled guilty to two charges of manslaughter and was sentenced to twelve years in prison with all but four years suspended. She will be on probation for four years after she serves her prison sentence. Tucker's attorney told the court Tucker was suffering from anxiety and other mental illnesses and struggled with

substance abuse. After the accident, Tucker checked herself into Spring Harbor, a residential mental health facility, and later sought outpatient treatment. Tucker has been in jail since her arrest on these charges in December of 2014.

Kevin Denis, Branden's grandfather, told the court about his desire to help his grandson, who lived with him in Steep Falls. Denis is now raising Tucker's two younger children. Mary Plummer, mother of Morey's children, asked that Tucker serve the full twelve years saying she did not think Tucker would ever change.

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AIR PISTOL JUNIOR OLYMPICS

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NEWS FROM AUGUSTA

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.

News from the State House: On the Road and at Home

REP. ANDREW MCLEAN

States across the country are facing many of the same challenges that Maine does when it comes to transportation and infrastructure issues.

As House chair of the Legislature's Transportation Committee, I was invited along with eight other legislative transportation committee chairs from across the country, to gather in Washington last week at the Transportation Policy Academy to discuss the short and long-term outlook for our national transportation system. We had conversations with federal officials, engineers and business leaders about the importance of investing in our country's infrastructure. I also had the chance to catch up with Maine's Congressional delegation on Capitol Hill where I sat down with Senator Susan Collins, Senator Angus King and Congresswoman Chellie Pingree.

I submitted a number of bills this session to address the very same issues I have been discussing with my colleagues from other state governments. One of my priorities continues to be finding the best bipartisan solutions to our transportation system's chronic underfunding and its negative impact on the Maine economy.

The good news is that Republicans, Democrats and Independents agree this is an issue we must come together on and work to address. Now our job is to identify solutions in both the short- and long-terms.

One of my bills would bring lawmakers, transportation professionals and other stakeholders together to study and weigh transportation funding reform options. At its public hearing last month, local officials, private business, the Maine Tourism Association, the Maine section of the American Society of Civil Engineers and oth-



Rep. Andrew McLean recently met with Senator Susan Collins (photo on left), Congresswoman Chellie Pingree (right), and Senator Angus King.

ers testified in support of taking this approach to finding real solutions.

I am also working on a measure to crack down on out-of-state toll violators on the Maine Turnpike. According to the Maine Turnpike Authority, hundreds of Canadian drivers violate Maine law by not paying the tolls they owe. Many of these drivers are not one-time offenders but have multiple infractions.

My bill would allow the Maine Secretary of State to suspend the rights of these out-of-state toll violators to operate a vehicle on our roads. The Maine Turnpike Authority and the Department of Public Safety, which includes the Maine State Police, support the measure.

All Maine Turnpike drivers should play by the same rules. We should not continue to allow people from outside our state to continue to use our roads while avoiding the tolls Maine drivers pay every day.



As we enter the last couple of months of the legislative session, we will be working hard on these measures and a range of issues important to the people we serve. We will be debating the tax reform proposal and the state budget – two very big tasks currently in front of the Legislature. Hearing your thoughts on these issues is crucial to what we do at the State House. As always, please feel free to contact me with your questions and concerns. I also send out periodic e-mail updates throughout the session. If you would like to receive these updates, let me know at andrew.mclean@legislature.maine.gov.



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around town

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The Philbrick Family of Gorham: A Proud Sports Legacy

JEFF PIKE
Sports Editor

When it comes to high school sports accomplishments, the Philbricks must certainly rank near the top of all Gorham families. Bob and Mary Philbrick's nine children, who graduated from GHS between 1969 and 1993, participated on 17 state championship teams and one New England champion. Five Philbricks have been inducted into the GHS Hall of Fame.

Bob and Mary, who married in 1950, moved to Gorham in 1956. Through the course of raising nine children, they have lived in the same house on Narragansett Street.

They also built two additions to accommodate the size of their family as it continued to grow, and the family also owns a cottage in Windham.

The family can also take pride in the fact that all nine children went on to attend college:

- Jane (married name Goldsworth) graduated from GHS in 1969 and played basketball in high school. She attended Marquette University and now lives in North Carolina.

- Cathy (Waldstein) graduated in 1972 and played basketball and track. She attended the University of Maine at Orono and now lives in Scarborough. She has three children.

- Jim graduated in 1973 and played soccer, basketball and baseball. He

attended Amherst College and now lives in Auburn. He has one daughter.

- Bob graduated in 1977 and played soccer, basketball and baseball. As did Jim, Bob also attended Amherst College. He now lives in Scarborough and has four children.

- David graduated in 1981 and played soccer, basketball and baseball. He attended Union College and now lives in Vermont. He has two children.

- Carol (Petersen) graduated in 1982 and played field hockey, basketball and softball. She attended the University of Maine and now lives in Gorham. She has two children.

- Cindy (Campbell) graduated in 1983 and played field hockey, basketball and softball. She attended Plymouth State College. Like Carol, she lives in Gorham and has two children.

- Nancy graduated in 1986 and played field hockey, basketball, softball and tennis. She attended the University of Massachusetts and now lives in Windham.

- John graduated in 1993 and played soccer, baseball and basketball. He attended Plymouth State College and now lives in Caratunk, Maine.

Jim, Bob, Carol, Cindy and Nancy all earned induction into the GHS Hall of Fame. Jim was also a member of the GHS boys' soccer team that won the New England Championship in 1972.

The Philbrick family has also grown in recent years. Bob and Mary now



Courtesy photo

The Philbrick Family of Gorham: Front row from left to right: Parents Mary and Bob Philbrick. Second row: Cindy Campbell, Carol Petersen, Jane Goldsworth, Cathy Waldstein and Nancy Philbrick. Back row Bob, John, David and Jim.

have 14 grandchildren. The family continues to stay close with summer get-togethers where just about everyone is able to come together.

Beyond all the sports and academic accomplishments, it is quite a feat that Bob and Mary can bring their entire family together every year!

Editor's Note: Eric Pettengill also contributed to this article.

Correction: Where Are They Now Teacher Appreciation

There are several more Gorham High School graduates currently working in the Gorham School System than those published in the May 7, 2015 Where Are They Now? column. We apologize for inadvertently omitting them. They will be featured in a future edition.

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Enjoy Gardening the Whole Year

LINDA TREWORGY FAATZ

"Anyone who thinks gardening begins in the spring and ends in the fall is missing the best part of the whole year: for gardening begins in January with a dream." - Josephine Nuese

This certainly was a winter for dreaming and planning. One of my winter plans was to make my garden more manageable. For me that means encouraging hardy perennials to fill a large area. A large mass of one kind of plant will make a grand splash of color. I am always pleased I have a great variety of perennials that come back stronger than ever no matter what the winter. For these perennials, the snow cover protection is always a blessing.

It seems my peonies doubled in size and are outgrowing their supports. The blue Globe Thistle thrives through thick and thin and is a very prolific bloomer for the back of the July border and the bees just love it. Autumn Joy Sedum dresses up the front border throughout the season. I like to pinch the new growth in June to keep the plants from sprawling in the fall with their many blossoms.

Baptisia blooms blue in June and acts like a shrub in the garden for the rest of the season. Prune it a

little after blooms fade to keep it neat. Its leaf stems are great fillers for flower arrangements. No bugs bother this plant.

Shasta daisy plants develop into large clumps and bloom for a long period of time in July and August. For the fall, tall, white Boltonia Snowbank is full of white daisy-like blooms and hardy purple and pink asters will make a colorful show as well.

Daylilies in the garden are a must because of their wide color palette and interesting hybrid varieties. For all the tried and true perennials, a gardener will always have fun experimenting with new varieties and new placements.

Dividing and transplanting this time of year can mean a new beginning for an old plot. Be sure to amend the soil when you plant something new and check the light requirements and water thoroughly when planting.

Remember ferns are great fillers for an area that is shady. Hay Fern is a great spreader and truly looks great throughout the growing season. Ostrich Fern, known as Fiddlehead Fern, has taken over a large area in the shady garden. They make a tasty green if cut early.

Hopefully you have seeded or patched your lawn with the appro-

priate sun/shade seed mixture. Remember that shade seed will also grow in sun but grass seed mixture that is appropriate for sun will not grow well in shade.

As much as we think we know about gardening, there is always something more to learn. Talk to your friends about their growing experiences. There will always be a new technique to try. Spring is such a hopeful time. Now is the time to implement your winter dreams by altering old designs to create new beauty.



Linda Treworgy Faatz, a passionate gardener for many years, lives in her family home at Friend's Corner and cares for the extensive Treworgy gardens. She loves to share her home and gardens through craft sales, classes and garden events.

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would be sought. The additional parking spaces would be accessed from Amato's parking lot on South Street.

Another house the town still owns is 10 Preble Street, directly behind the 21 Main Street building. The town sought bids for the property, which could be used for residential or business purposes. The town received only one bid for the property. The Town Council, however, rejected the offer by Doug and Holly Carter of \$10,000, with plans to spend \$170,000 to upgrade the property and an additional \$50,000 to install a sprinkler system in the building. The council vote was 3-4 with Roullard, Ronald Shepard, Chairman Michael Phinney and Sherrie Benner opposed.

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vision for his farm and his determination to have it preserved for the future. While flying above southern Maine during many years of towing banners from his landing strip in Standish, he became aware of the steady conversion of woodlots and meadows into housing developments and parking lots. He vowed not to let his farm, purchased by his grandfather in 1906 and deeded to him by his father in 1980, succumb to the same development pressures. He also believed that preserving a source of locally grown food was as important as perpetuating open space and woodlots.

Parker also paid tribute to Randall's generosity, "Dick did not consider the proceeds from the conservation easement to be earned income," he said. "Unlike profits from the sale of apples and other farm products, or compensation from towing banners and dusting crops, Dick felt he had done nothing to enhance the development value of land that was passed down to him, and so felt he did not deserve to benefit personally from the sale of its development rights," he added.

PRLT would like to thank Norway Savings Bank for generously underwriting costs for the reception, including music by Cumberland Crossing band and refreshments from the Frog and Turtle Restaurant.

Doug Carter owns Carter's Auto Service on Railroad Avenue and his wife, Holly, owns Carter's Green Market on Main Street. The Carters' plans would have included relocating Carter's Green Market to the Preble Street location, which, he said, would have been more accessible for customers. Doug Carter later learned the property was not zoned for retail, and an application for a variance in zoning would have to be approved.

The town now must decide what to do with the Preble Street property. Two possible options include re-advertising it to allow retail use or razing the building.



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Planning Board Results

Stonefield IV, a 36-lot subdivision off Ichabod Lane, proposed a 2,900-foot roadway to connect Stonefield II and III to Stonefield IV. There will be a 400-foot dead end road to support four lots. Item was moved to June's consent agenda.

CMP requested a gravel pit amendment to the existing Pike Industrial gravel pit to split off 5.3 acres and to upgrade the CMP substation on Shaw's Mill Road. Item was discussed and a site walk was to be scheduled.

Douces Wild, LLC (for Thirsty Turf Irrigation facility) applied for approval of a pre-engineered 10,700 square foot building and a 2,700 square foot office building with associated parking and storage in the Industrial Park.

Reali Realty, LLC requested approval to demolish the building at 21 Main Street in order to reconfigure the paved parking area at Amato's. Item was discussed and a site walk was scheduled.

Grand Jury Indictments

Grand Jury returned the following indictments in May:

- Jameel Muhammad, 53, of Portland was indicted for theft (with priors) on charges brought by Gorham Police Department.

- Jacob Shoemaker, 31, of Sumner was indicted on charges of aggravated assault, domestic violence assault and domestic violence criminal threatening on charges brought by Gorham Police Department.


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GHS Spring Sports Spotlights

COMPILED BY JEFF PIKE
Sports Editor

Boys' Lacrosse: The Rams were off to a hot 6-0 start and ranked fourth in Western Maine Class A at press time. Through the first six games, Gorham outscored its opponents 113-22. Cam Wright has been one of the team's offensive leaders, scoring six goals vs. York on May 9th and five vs. Cheverus on May 1st.

Girls' Track & Field: The team posted a 7-2 record through its first three regular-season meets, and 12 athletes qualified for the Class A State Meet scheduled for June 6th: Kristin Benson (100 meters, 200 meters); Kayleigh Smith (100 meters, 200 meters); Hayley Bickford (1600-meter racewalk); Sarah Flanders (1600-meter racewalk); Leeanna Gray (1600-meter racewalk); Anna Slager (3200 meters, 1600 meters, 400 meters); Meadow Fortier (800 meters); Abby Perkins (200 meters); Erin Esty (high jump); Emily O'Donnell (high jump); Blanca Monsen (shot put); Bridget Rossignol (pole vault).

Girls' Tennis: At 6-2 after starting the season 5-0, the Rams were ranked sixth in Western Maine Class A. #2 singles Jenna Cowan's record was 6-1 while #3 singles Avery Arena was 5-2.

Boys' Track & Field: Through the first three regular-season meets, during which the team posted a 6-2 record, eight athletes qualified for the Class A State Meet scheduled for June 6th: Ben Foster (3200 meters); Branden Kuusela

(110-meter hurdles, 300-meter hurdles); Spencer Linscott (1600-meter racewalk); Thomas Pequinot (pole vault); Sean Pratt (1600-meter racewalk); Billy Ruby (high jump, long jump); Jesse Southard (3200 meters); Drew York (1600-meter racewalk, 800 meters).

Boys' Tennis: The Rams were 4-3 and ranked fourth in Western Maine Class A at press time. Thomas Brent, the #1 singles player, was 6-1 while #2 singles player Thomas Susi was 4-1. Nate Roberts and Connor White were the top doubles team at 4-2.

Softball: Powered by a four-game winning streak that was stopped by Marshwood on May 13th, the Rams were 6-4 at press time and ranked 8th in Western Maine Class A. Julia Gaudette pitched a six-hit, three-strikeout shutout in a 2-0 win over McAuley on May 12th.

Girls' Lacrosse: 3-3 and ranked fourth in Western Maine Class A at press time, key stat leaders for the Rams included Mackenzie Collins (14 goals), Marina Pappalardo (7 assists, 11 ground balls), Maggie Shields (13 draw controls) and Athena Pappalardo (5 caused turnovers). In goal, Allison Sinnott had stopped 54 of 94 shots for a .574 save percentage.

Baseball: At press time the Rams were 3-5 and ranked 13th in Western Maine Class A where the top 12 teams will qualify for the tournament. Logan Drouin was leading the team in batting average (.417) while Sam Kilborn was the top pitcher with a record of 2-1 and an ERA of 1.20.

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GHS Lacrosse Player Takes to the National Stage

Jennifer Darasz, a junior on the GHS girls' lacrosse team, was recently selected to play for the Maine National Women's Lacrosse Team. The team consists of 20 of the most talented high school players in Maine who will compete in the school-girls' division at the U.S. Lacrosse National Tournament in Pennsylvania during the upcoming Memorial Day Weekend. Darasz is shown above in action for the Rams during an early, regular-season game.



Courtesy photo

In the Zone

All-Academic College Lacrosse: GHS grad **Aaron LaPorte**, a senior at Lasell College in Massachusetts, was named to the Intercollegiate Lacrosse Association Academic All-New England Team. Members of the team are recognized for their on-field performance and maintaining a grade-point-average of 3.0 or higher. A Great Northeast Athletic Conference first-team selection, LaPorte tallied 20 goals and 13 assists. In his career, he registered 52 goals and 32 assists in 48 games.

Among the Top Ten in HS Road Race: **Jesse Southard** (11:16) finished fifth and **Ben Foster** (11:44) finished tenth among the 68 runners from area high schools who competed in the Westbrook-Gorham Rotary Club Patriot Day Race, which travels over a course a little more than two miles long.

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GHS Freshman Erica Mallory Competes in Air Pistol Junior Olympics

KATE GILBERT
High School Intern

Throughout the week of April 27, Erica Mallory, a 15-year-old freshman at GHS, competed at the National Junior Olympics in the Women's Air Pistol event. Air Pistol is a bulls-eye target competition where participants shoot lead pellets.

"It's 90% mental and 10% physical," says Erica. "It's not like other sports. You can't hype yourself up before the big game, so it's easy to get psyched out. But the adrenaline after the last shot is worth everything."

Each shot is worth 10.9 points, and the highest score possible is 400. At the competition, Erica shot a 340 and a 359. She placed second in her relay, 11th in her group, and 17th out of 58 overall against nationwide competition.

Erica first started the sport only a couple of years ago. "I stumbled upon the sport and everything fell into place accidentally," she states.

During the competition, Erica had the privilege of staying in the Olympic center in Colorado Springs. "I would describe myself as an open-minded and competitive athlete," she says. "I feel great being only 15-years-old and accomplishing this much. How many people can say they have been to the National Junior Olympics at age 15? However, I am always ready for the next challenge."

"The upkeep of practice and the cost of equipment is a huge responsibility on my family and my coaches, and without them I could never be where I am today"



Courtesy photo

GHS freshman Erica Mallory competes in the Junior Olympics Air Pistol event at Colorado Springs.

When asked what her future plans are, Erica says, "Work harder

and see where that takes me." She claims hard work and frequent practice are the keys to becoming better at the sport. Erica shoots three to four times a week with her team,

coaches, and parents by her side.

"The upkeep of practice and the cost of equipment is a huge responsibility on my family and my coaches, and without them I could never be where I am today," Erica says.

She hopes to continue with the air pistol sport to see where else it may take her in the future.

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GHS Grad's Tennis Coaching Career Skyrockets



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Aaron Bergeron (GHS '08), standing on the right, offers some tennis coaching advice to one of his players at Merrimack College. Bergeron's coaching career has advanced rapidly, and he was recently named the men's tennis Coach of the Year for the Northeast-10 Conference after leading the team to a 10-0 record in league play, a regular-season title, a conference tournament title, and a berth in the NCAA Division II tournament.

JEFF PIKE
Sports Editor

Since graduating from Stonehill College in the spring of 2012, Aaron Bergeron (GHS '08) has quickly moved up the tennis coaching ladder. As the head coach of the Merrimack College (Massachusetts) men's and women's tennis teams, Bergeron was recently named the Northeast-10 Conference men's Coach of the Year after leading the team to a 10-0 record in league play and a regular-season title.

The men's team also won the conference post-season tournament and qualified for the NCAA Division II national tournament, advancing to the round of 32. Last fall, Bergeron led the women's tennis squad to a runner-up conference finish. As a rookie head coach for both teams, he has 29 combined victories.

After starring in tennis at GHS and Stonehill College, Bergeron quickly jumped into the coaching ranks. In the fall of 2012, he began as an assistant for the University of Southern Maine women's tennis team while also taking on the head coaching position at Gorham Middle School. In the fall of 2013, Bergeron was named head coach of the GHS girls' team while also helping out as an assistant coach with the USM men's team.

But Bergeron's coaching ascent was just beginning. In August 2014, he was named head coach at USM for both the women's and men's teams. He then won the Little East Conference Coach of the Year Award in the spring of 2014 after leading the men's team to a 14-4 record and a berth in the NCAA Division III tournament.

Based on Bergeron's success, he was selected in the fall of 2014 by Merrimack College to take over the reins for both of their teams, which moved him up to a higher NCAA division.

"I owe a lot of my success to my mentor, Ron Chicoine, who was the head coach when I was an assistant at USM," Bergeron says. "He knows how to teach percentage-shot tennis. My psychology background has also helped me work with the many players I've coached over the years."

Looking ahead to next year, Bergeron is hopeful the Merrimack College teams can continue to succeed: "We have a good blend of returning and incoming international players, so we should be in good shape."

Based on how far Bergeron has progressed thus far, there's no telling just how high he might go in the tennis world!

Team Tom Raises Big Money for Research



Photo credit Shannon Moss

Thirty-three Gorham students, teachers, friends and family represented Team Tom in the Portland MS Walk on April 25. Dressed in traditional purple and yellow in honor of Tom Brown who passed away from MS in 2006, Team Tom turned in \$16,488 on walk day. Thank you to all the businesses and families in Gorham who supported Team Tom's efforts. So many students from Gorham have participated in Team Tom over the past six years and we would like to wish the very best to all of our seniors who are graduating. We will miss you all. Pictured are (back row) Stephen Duffy, Dan Allaire, Mr. and Mrs. Zarilli, Logan Drouin, Jordan Ward, Andrew Schmidt, Tucker Gasowski, Brandon Desjardin, Calvin Riiska, Stevie Duffy, Donovan Duffy, MaryJo Lynch, Gary Lynch, Joey Lynch; (middle row) Coach Manson and Sam, Alyssa Carey, Mary Adams, Darcie Brown, Max Johnson, Thomas Susi, Tyler Bernaiche, Erin Pratt, Kathleen Duffy, Tiffany Alling, Mags Brown, AnneMarie Duffy; (front row) Mary Duffy, Emily Lewis, Charlotte Smith, Kenny Tuttle, and Jackson Taylor.

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Ennis Named Presidential Scholars Semifinalist

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Gorham High School senior John Ennis was named one of 565 semifinalists in the 2015 U.S. Presidential Scholars Program (one of six from Maine). The semifinalists were selected from more than 4,300 candidates from the 3.4 million students expected to graduate from U.S. high schools this year.

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

A panel of distinguished educators chose semifinalists after a review of students' essays, self-assessments, descriptions of activities, school recommendations, and school transcripts.

The Commission on Presidential Scholars, a group of eminent citizens appointed by the president, made the final selection, and was announced earlier this month. The Commission selected one young man and one young woman from each state, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and U.S. students living abroad; up to 20 students representing the visual, literary, and performing arts; and 15 students at large.

While Ennis was not selected as a finalist, he said, "I'm still so happy to have been chosen to compete with the best young scholars in America for such a prestigious honor, and I'm pleased to have made it this far."



Photo courtesy of Lifetouch Photography

Senior John Ennis was named a semifinalist in the 2015 U.S. Presidential Scholars Program.

Initial applications were by invitation only; students did not apply individually to the program, nor did their schools nominate them.

Ennis plans to attend Bowdoin College in the fall with the intent to study economics with either a double major or minor in history.

School Notes

On June 11, Narragansett School will host a retirement farewell to principal Polly Bran. All are welcome to drop in to say goodbye and wish her well from 4 to 6 p.m. Light refreshments will be provided.

U.S. News & World Report has released its annual rankings of the top high schools across the country. Seventeen Maine schools made the list of more than 2,500 schools across the country. Gorham High School is ranked 12th amongst Maine's Best High Schools. Using data from the 2012-2013 school year, the list is based on a number of factors, including the performance of all students on state assessments in reading and math, and how well students are prepared for college.

Chihuly Inspiration at Great Falls School

ALLIE RIMKUNAS
art education specialist
at Great Falls School

Early this year, every student at Great Falls School learned about the glass artist Dale Chihuly. Born in 1941 in Tacoma, Washington, he is famous for his blown-glass sculptures and installations all over the world.

His chandeliers are the inspiration for two sculptures students created at Great Falls. They started by experimenting with what materials would work the best. They found special overhead transparencies (courtesy of Ruth's Recyclables) that could be drawn on with permanent markers on one side, and painted with watercolors on the other. These were used to make the larger sculpture and small plastic cups were used for the smaller hanging.

With a grant from the Gorham Educational Foundation, the school purchased nearly everything needed to complete students' sculptures. The rest of the materials are mostly recycled.

Many students helped with the assembly of the larger sculpture in the main lobby and the smaller sculpture hanging under the stairwell in the middle lobby. There are over 500 pieces that were created for each of these sculptures and the hope is that they will be enjoyed for many years to come as an example of artistic collaboration.

Great Falls would like to thank the Gorham Educational Foundation for making these installations possible;



Photo credit Allie Rimkunas

Chihuly inspired sculpture created by students at Great Falls School.

Ruth's 3Rs for so much more than just the transparencies; principal Jane Esty for her encouragement; Parnell Terry for hanging the big sculpture high up in the main lobby; and Norm Justice for permission and trusting that they would make a beautiful and permanent addition to the halls of Great Falls School.

Most of all, every student deserves credit for adding his or her creativity to the collaborative effort. Many years from now when some of these students come back to Great Falls to bring their own children to school, perhaps they will look at these sculptures and say, "I helped make that!"

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New USM President Welcomes Potential Students

On April 10 the University of Southern Maine's (USM) incoming 13th president, Dr. Harvey Kesselman, spoke in front of a crowd of over 400 newly accepted students, welcoming them to the university. The event was mainly for students and parents to ask questions and get answers about his intentions as the new president and possible changes and experiences the USM students can expect. This yearly event is the largest recruitment event of the year for the University, bringing potential students from across the state to across the country. Students and parents got the opportunity to speak with athletic directors, wander around campus, and speak one-on-one with Dr. Kesselman. He offered answers to many questions asked by potential students, aiding them in making the decision to enroll in classes at USM. Dr. Kesselman earned his Ed.D. in Higher Education Administration from Widener University and was previously the provost and executive vice president at Stockton University in New Jersey. His official start date is July 1, 2015.



Photo courtesy of the University of Southern Maine

GHS Students Inducted in National Technical Honor Society

Five Gorham High School students were recently inducted into the National Technical Honor Society at Westbrook Regional Vocational Center. Left to right: Abby Perkins (Medical Occupations II), Emily Peterson (Medical Occupations II), Amber Cavarretta (Medical Occupations I), Lindsey Wilcox (Culinary Arts I), and Renee Deering (Public Safety I).



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GHS Freshman Wins Maine Literature Contest

GORHAM TIMES STAFF

Each year tens of thousands of students from across the country enter the Letters About Literature contest, a reading and writing contest for students in grades four through 12.

Students are asked to read a book, poem, or speech and write to the author (living or dead) about how the book personally affected them.

This fall, all ninth grade students in Mrs. Wyatt's English class wrote letters to authors whose work had an impact on them and had the option of sending their letters in to the contest. Letters were judged on state and national levels.

Winning first prize in the high school division of the contest in the state of Maine was Rosie Wood's letter to Stephen Chbosky about the impact she felt after reading his novel "The Perks of Being a Wallflower." Wood's letter was one of 39 finalists in the state of Maine, out of over 1,100 submitted.

"I am extremely honored to have won this contest. I wrote my letter in



Photo credit Rosie Wood

Rosie Wood won first prize in the high school division for this year's Letters About Literature contest.

the fall when it was assigned to me as homework. To have been chosen out of such a large number of entries is a huge achievement and I am so grateful of everyone who has taught and helped me over the years," said Wood.

Correction

Incorrectly listed from Gorham High School Third Quarter Honor Roll that appeared in the May 7, 2015 edition of the Gorham Times was Josephine Smith. Smith should have been listed as receiving High Honors in Grade 9. We apologize for the error.



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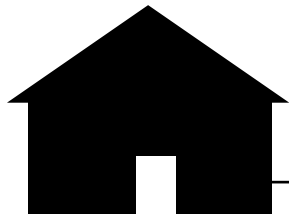
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NEASC Report Recognizes the Hard Work of the GHS Community

KATHY CORBETT
staff writer

Last October, 16 educators from Maine and New Hampshire high schools spent four days at Gorham High School. This visiting team from the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) was charged with assessing "the quality of the educational program at Gorham High School in terms of the Committee's Standards for Accreditation."

Last month, GHS principal Chris Record received their report. The Committee gave 51 commendations and made 27 recommendations—a striking contrast from the 2004 report which had listed 32 commendations and 54 recommendations.

Asked if he was surprised by this positive finding, Record admitted he was not, in part because the school had spent two years on a self-study in preparation for the visit.

"We knew ourselves pretty well," Record said. He felt that the report "recognized the hard work of the GHS community" in paying "focused attention to teaching, learning, and enhancing the school climate."

The report gave high praise to the GHS community for meeting teaching and learning standards in the assess-

ment areas: core values, beliefs and learning expectations; curriculum; instruction; assessment of and for student learning; school culture and leadership; and school and community resources for learning. They commended the extended school community for commitment to its core values and its supportive culture.

Access to non-traditional classroom experiences, an emphasis on personalized instruction, and the use of a wide variety of assessment strategies were among specific achievements receiving commendation. The committee recognized the

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Appreciating Staff at Narragansett



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Joseph Martin (GHS '14) has been named a Charles O. Thompson Scholar at Worcester Polytechnic Institute. Martin, a computer science major, was recognized for outstanding performance as a first-year student.

Kimberlee Laney (GHS '11), a senior at the University of Richmond majoring in education and development, has received a Fulbright English Teaching grant to teach English in Kazakhstan for 10 months beginning in September. Laney will assist in a classroom and serve as a cultural ambassador in the community.

Gorham native Colin Walker (Cheverus High School '11) recently received the Community Engagement Award at Stonehill College. Walker, who is studying Environmental Studies, was presented the award for demonstrating a strong commitment to community service.

OF INTEREST

Senator Amy Volk welcomed Gorham Middle School student **Samuel Orlando** to the State House as an honorary page helping to deliver messages to Senators and assisting the chamber staff with their daily duties.



Gorham Taste/Walk event will take place on Sunday, May 31 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. \$5 maps of the participating 10+ downtown Gorham restaurants may be purchased at Hannaford's or outside Baxter Library day of the event!

The Cressey Road United Methodist Church will host a fundraising Bean Supper on Saturday, May 30 from 5 to 7 p.m. for Camp Sunshine, a Maine retreat for children with life-threatening illnesses. \$8pp. FMI, 298-9029.

The Children's Room at The Portland Public Library in Monument Square will host an exhibit of paper and fabric collage illustrations through June 28 from Maine author/illustrator Cathryn Falwell's new picture book "The Nesting Quilt." Families can meet the author on Saturday, May 30 from 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. for a read aloud, book signing, and craft activities featuring birds, nests, and quilts.

Maine businessman and philanthropist Derek Volk has written his first non-fiction book. In "Chasing the Rabbit: A Dad's Life Raising a Son on the Spectrum," Volk shares his experiences raising a son with Asperger's Syndrome. FMI, www.chasingtherabbit.com

Everest Vacation Bible Camp will take place June 22-26 from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. at Cressey Road United Methodist Church. Children will discover they can conquer challenges with God's mighty power. Open to children age 4 through finishing fifth grade. Register at www.cresseyrdumc.org or call Lori at 839-8093. Free; donations accepted. Space is limited.

ON-GOING EVENTS

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

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

The Lakes Region Senior Center, 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.

USM NOTES

Melody Hasbrouck of Gorham, a soprano with the USM Chamber Singers, will embark on a nine-day concert tour of Croatia and Slovenia with the USM Chamber Singers, May 12-21. The tour will mark the group's sixth European tour conducted by USM music professor, Dr. Robert Russell.

CLOSE TO HOME

The Windham Hill Church located at 140 Windham Center Road, Windham, will hold a MayFair on Saturday, May 30 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. featuring a craft show, plants for sale, baked goods, furniture, games, and luncheon. The historic meetinghouse will be open for tours. FMI, 892-4217 or windhamhillucc@roadrunner.com.

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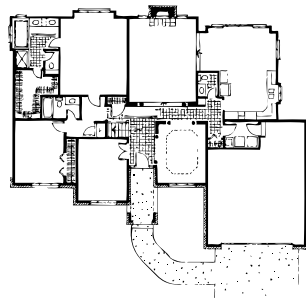


Lyme disease is a bacterial infection carried by the deer tick. In Maine, Lyme is the most common vector-borne disease, a term

commonly used to describe an illness caused by an infectious microbe that is transmitted to people by blood-sucking arthropods. It is present in all 16 counties.

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Most infections occur during the summer months most commonly seen in school age children and mature adults over the age of 65. Areas south of Bangor have the highest rate of infected ticks in the state.

The most common symptom of Lyme disease is an expanding red rash that occurs three to 30 days after being bitten. This rash is not always present; fever, joint and muscle pains may also occur.

Untreated, Lyme disease can affect the skeletal, cardiac and nervous systems. This can result in arthritis, lymphocytic meningitis, cranial neuritis (Bell's palsy), encephalitis and atrioventricular block. Lyme disease is treatable and the majority of the patients recover after receiving appropriate therapy.

After a tick bite, remove the tick using tweezers or a tick spoon. Clean the area around the bite and watch for symptoms for 30 days. Identify the tick and engorgement level. A tick needs to be attached for 24 hours to infect a person with Lyme.

The deer tick (*Ixodes scapularis*) is the only tick that can transmit Lyme disease, but there are other species of ticks throughout the state. Tick identification is available for free through the University of Maine Cooperative Extension, <http://extension.umaine.edu/ipm/tickid>. Additional information can be found on the Maine CDC website, www.maine.gov/idepi, and then navigate to Maine Tracking Network: Lyme disease on the left navigation pane.

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active support of Gorham residents in providing dependable funding and community partnerships.

Recommendations focused largely on the need to give professional staff more time to work together on curriculum, instruction, and assessment. Although the school was commended for its emphasis on professional development, Record said they still need to "examine what's working and what needs improvement."

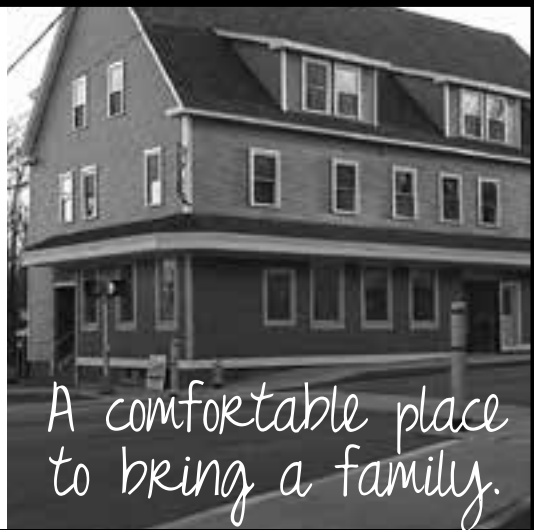
Record said he would like to offer more summer workshops and give teachers more planning time. He also noted the report recommended the school address the need for additional library personnel. Currently the school shares an ed tech with the middle school. "A full-time ed tech would give the librarian more time to work with students," Record said.

The Committee also recognized the school's well-maintained facilities. Record had hoped they would say more about the proposed plans for renovation and expansion, although the report did recommend its implementation. GHS has a reputation for being a "highly efficient and effective school," he said, but there is a pressing need for renovations to improve security, upgrade systems, and expand to meet projected enrollment needs.

The full 98-page report, which includes a summary of the self-study, is available to be viewed or downloaded from the school's website, www.gorhamschools.org.



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Police received numerous calls about false refund claims submitted to the IRS, which advised people affected to notify their local police departments.

Hurricane Road caller reported a message on his answering machine from the IRS but the voice had an Indian accent.

Suspicious person parked off the roadway on Brackett Road was visiting the place where her mother had passed away.

Gambo Road caller found a cat under the hood of the car after driving home from South Portland. Cat had no visible injuries and was taken to Animal Refuge League.

Man called police after coming home. He had been out drinking and did not want to get blamed for doing anything. Police found no crime and no disturbance and so they left.

Longfellow Road caller was upset that a relative had borrowed money and now wanted to borrow more.

Lawn Avenue called reported trash being illegally dumped in their trash unit. Person had permission to use the dumpster but used the wrong one.

Man sleeping in his car overnight on Olde Canal Way told officer he had an argument with his other half.

Rust Road man was arrested for domestic violence assault.

Suspicious person on Burnham Road had pulled over to plug in his phone.

Underhill Drive caller reported the credit union told caller her debit card had been used fraudulently. Credit union denied a second attempt to use the card.

Deer ran into the side of a cruiser on Brackett Road. Officer swerved but deer ran into the vehicle and damaged the driver's side mirror.

Caller wanted to know if Rent-a-Center can charge her with theft if she did not bring back a computer. Officer told her they could and that she needed to return it if she is not paying for it.

A tractor-trailer truck went off the roadway while turning. Truck was pulled out by a wrecker and did not sustain any damage.

Fort Hill Road resident was arrested for domestic violence assault.

Driver stopped on Ossipee Trail and charged with OUI.

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CALENDAR

THURSDAY, MAY 21

- 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.

SATURDAY, MAY 23

- Greater Gorham Farmer's Market, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Route 114 (next to Baxter Memorial Library).

MONDAY, MAY 25

- Gorham Republican Committee meeting, 6:30 p.m. All registered Republicans are welcome. FMI, 415-2673.
- No school for grades K-12. Memorial Day.

TUESDAY, MAY 26

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

WEDNESDAY, MAY 27

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

THURSDAY, MAY 28

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SATURDAY, MAY 30

- Children's author Cathryn Falwell's read aloud and craft activities for A Nesting Quilt, 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m. Portland Public Library, Monument Square.
- Super Saturday: Gardening for Kids, 11-11:30 a.m., all ages, no registration required, Baxter Memorial Library.
- Greater Gorham Farmer's Market, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Route 114 (next to Baxter Memorial Library).

SUNDAY, MAY 31

- Gorham Taste/Walk, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. \$5 maps of participating restaurants purchased at Hannaford or outside Baxter Memorial Library day of the event!

TUESDAY, JUN 2

- Gorham House Itsy Bitsy Store, 1:30-3:30 p.m., Gorham House lobby. FMI, 839-5757.
- The Gorham Cancer Prayer and Support Group, 6 p.m., Cressey Road United Methodist Church. All are welcome. FMI, 321-1390 or 839-3111.

WEDNESDAY, JUN 3

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