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Beware of IRS Scam

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Now that tax season is upon us, the Gorham Police Department is beginning to receive many calls from concerned citizens about threatening calls from people claiming to be from the IRS.

The Police Department is urging citizens to stay alert to scam phone calls. The IRS continues to warn consumers to guard against these calls and against the thieves who want to steal money or identities.

There are several ways you could be scammed. Scammers will make unsolicited calls. They call taxpayers at random and claim to be from the IRS and try to con the victim into sending cash. Police recommend blocking the number. The callers try to intimidate or scare victims into paying. Phone messages are left that bully or threaten the victim with arrest if they do not pay. Scammers may try ID spoofing. This tactic allows the scammer to alter caller ID to make it look like the IRS or another agency is calling. They may use fake titles and fake badge numbers to appear legitimate. They may even use your name, address and

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2015 Gorham Crime Statistics Many cases drug-related

SHERI FABER
Staff Writer

Police in Gorham responded to 13,000 calls for service last year, making 250 arrests and issuing 265 summonses for criminal offenses as well as making 1,540 traffic stops. Summonses issued for criminal offenses are usually for misdemeanors that were not witnessed by a police officer. They also responded to 471 traffic accidents. Officers made 74 arrests for OUI's. In 2014 there were 13,748 calls for service, 265 arrests, 242 criminal summonses, 1,890 traffic stops and 556 traffic accidents.

There were 241 cases assigned to the detective unit for investigation, including seven death investigations such as suicides, fatal traffic accidents and unattended deaths. Detectives investigated

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GHS Girls' Basketball Wins Class AA South

JOHN CURLEY
Staff Writer

The Gorham High School (GHS) girls' basketball team gave their fans what they wanted most—one more week to enjoy the ride. An undefeated regular season followed by playoff victories over Bonny Eagle (60-28) and South Portland (37-30) have earned the Rams (20-0) a berth in the Class AA state championship. On February 27, South champion Gorham takes on North champion Edward Little (16-4) for all the marbles. Tip-off is scheduled for 6 p.m. at the Cross Insurance Arena in Portland. It will be the Rams' first appearance in a state title game since 2000, when they played in Class B.

Head coach Laughn Berthiaume and his coaching staff brought teams to the Class A semi-final in 2011 and 2015 so they know what it takes to advance.



Photo courtesy of Steve Morneau

Gorham High School Rams celebrate Class AA South Championship

Berthiaume said, "The key to our success starts on the defensive end of the floor. When we can force tough shots and rebound well it helps us get out in

transition. Playing at a fast pace in the open floor is an advantage for us." This was apparent on the court as the Lady

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Before and After

The property at 96 South Street, built in early 1900, was razed within weeks of being purchased, and readied for a new house to be built. Before tearing it down, much of the wood from the house and barn was removed piece by piece to save and repurpose it.

Gorham's Trash Collection Program

GORHAM TIMES STAFF

The town of Gorham recently announced a new option for the curbside collection of trash. That option was to purchase tags that could be applied to regular trash bags. The tags cost the same amount as the bags cost and some people have asked why the tags are the same price. Town Manager David Cole answered our questions about the town's trash collection program.

Gorham Times (GT): To start, would you provide a brief history of the trash collection program?

David Cole (DC): Prior to 2003 each homeowner hired their own contractor to collect their trash. The

town reviewed this situation and determined that it could hire a single contractor to serve the entire community and implement a user-fee system to pay for the program. This system would also save the average homeowner between \$400 and \$500 per year compared to their cost with their own contractor. At the same time the town needed to increase its recycling rate. Back then our recycling rate was about 7 percent. So our curbside collection of trash and recycling program was started in 2003.

GT: So the revenue from the trash bags and tags pay for the trash collection program?

DC: Yes, it is basically a user fee which pays about 93 percent of the cost of the contractor.

GT: How does the user-fee system work and are there other ways to pay for the program?

DC: You can pay for the program by increasing property taxes or by having the people who use the program pay for the service. Let's begin by remembering that each ton of trash thrown away costs the town more money. In effect that means it costs all of us more money. The question is how to pay for it. Under our user-fee system, people pay either \$1.25 or \$2.50 for each trash bag or trash tag. So someone who throws away 10 bags of trash pays more money than someone who throws away one or two bags of trash. People who use more of the

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The *Gorham Times* asked our three state legislators from Senate District Six, House District 26 and House District 27 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.

Protecting Property Taxpayers and Local Schools

REP. ANDREW MCLEAN

Recently in the news, you may have heard about tax conformity. Lawmakers on both sides of the aisle agree that Maine should conform to recent changes in the federal tax code for the next two years.

Conforming to the updated federal tax code will provide tax relief to homeowners, students and small businesses that form the backbone of the Maine economy. It includes the addition of mortgage insurance to the mortgage interest deduction, small business incentives and deductions for higher education costs as well as for teachers who spend their own money to provide classroom supplies.

We can all agree these elements of tax conformity strengthen our middle class and are good for our economy. That's why they have bipartisan support in the Legislature.

However, the governor's tax proposal included an additional state tax break for large, multistate companies that cost millions of dollars to Maine taxpayers but have questionable track records. In fact, the nonpartisan Congressional Research Service has found that similar credits at the feder-

al level do not necessarily create jobs the way they were meant to. Many lawmakers are questioning whether this tax break, known as the Maine Capital Investment Credit, is the best use of our limited resources.

The question of our state's spending priorities is especially urgent in the wake of recent news that many school districts will be getting less state funding for next year, leaving local property taxpayers to make up the difference. For some towns, the gap is large. Gorham is set to lose roughly \$170,000 in school funding. Communities like ours cannot afford that kind of shift onto property taxpayers. If lawmakers do not take action, we face a \$23 million property tax increase across the state.

Our schools can't absorb these budget cuts without negatively impacting the students who are the future of our state. And rising property taxes put pressure on working families, seniors who find it difficult to stay in their own homes and the local businesses that are creating jobs right here in our communities. We must act to protect both students and property taxpayers.

Earlier this month, the House passed a fiscally responsible measure

that fully conforms to the federal tax code while providing \$23 million to schools. It also discontinues the Maine Capital Investment Credit in the second year, giving us time to review whether it has created jobs here in Maine as intended. It does leave the tax credit in place for the 2015 tax year so businesses can file their taxes promptly.

As of writing this, the measure faces further votes in both the House and the Senate. I hope the final product will incorporate both federal tax code conformity as well as a funding boost to protect our schools from cuts and property taxpayers from a massive cost shift.

I will keep you updated as we continue to work on these issues and others. As always, please feel free to contact me at [andrew.mclean@legislature.maine.gov](mailto:mclean@legislature.maine.gov) with your questions or concerns about state government.



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Gorham Crime CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

13 cases involving sex offenses, two robberies and 26 drug cases on which information had been received about the person involved in the criminal activity. Gorham saw 26 burglaries of homes and motor vehicles along with 30 cases of felony thefts involving fraud, forgery and counterfeiting. They also evaluated 32 referrals from the Department of Health and Human Services alleging child sexual abuse.

Many, if not most, of these criminal cases were related to drugs. Detective Sergeant Dana Thompson estimates at least half of the cases they investigate have some connection to drugs. Drug addicts are frequently unemployed and are driven to find drugs. They "hit up" members of their extended families and too often become "a shell of who they were," said Thompson. Because the demand for drugs is high in Maine, they are much more expensive here. Thompson identified some possible signs of drug use as a change in the person's friends, signs of withdrawal from family and friends, a need for money, missing items from the home, loss of employment, and less energy.

People concerned about someone they know using drugs can contact Day One at (207) 874-1045 for a referral for services.

Letters to the Editor

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Dear *Gorham Times*,

I wanted to follow up on my column that was published in the Feb. 11, 2016 issue of the *Gorham Times* about the organization CA\$H Maine and the free tax help they offer. A few people pointed out to me that I did not mention other free tax services. Although the column was focused on the EITC and CA\$H Maine, I apologize for the omission and I want to let you know about some other great resources that you may find useful.

AARP Tax-Aide is available to anyone, regardless of your age or income level. AARP Tax-Aide counselors are volunteers who are trained to help you file your state and federal tax returns. They set up at libraries, community centers, churches and other public locations and will even come to the homes of homebound individuals. Over 300 taxpayers were helped by AARP in Gorham last year. It is best to schedule an appointment ahead of time to secure your spot. You can reach AARP Tax-Aide by calling (888) 687-2277.

Another option for people who make \$54,000 or less is

the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program, which is an official program of the IRS. Call (800) 906-9887 to find the nearest location and schedule an appointment.

As I mentioned in my column, CA\$H Greater Portland also offers free tax preparation services for anyone who makes \$54,000 or less.

Calling 2-1-1, a statewide directory of health and human services, is the best first step to take to find out which of the above options is best for you.

As you can see, there are multiple tax preparation services available to help ease the stress of tax season. Please feel free to let me know if I missed one by emailing me at linda.sanborn@legislature.maine.gov.

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Kizingo Wants Kids to Be Healthy

CHRIS CRAWFORD
Staff Writer

Kiyah Duffey (GHS '97) graduated with a BA from Bowdoin College in 2001, where she majored in psychology and minored in biology. In 2009, she earned a PhD in Nutritional Epidemiology from the University of North Carolina (UNC) at Chapel Hill. She worked several years in the field of nutrition research at UNC and Virginia Tech and has served as director of Global Scientific Affairs at a small consulting firm in the Boston area.

Duffey is proud that her research in the field of nutrition has provided important evidence influencing local and state food policies. Her work has been featured on NPR's Morning Edition, the NBC Nightly News, and Good Morning America. Recently, her research, along with her colleagues at Virginia Tech, was discussed in an article published in the December 2015 issue of O Magazine. "We created a system to score overall beverage consumption called the Healthy Beverage Index (HBI) which is similar to the Healthy Eating Index. It shows how an individual's beverage choices stacks up against current recommendations," said Duffey.

After many years in the research and academia fields, Duffey recently turned her career in a more entrepreneurial direction. In 2015 she launched a new business, Kizingo Kids, and in 2016 she created her own consulting firm, Kiyah Duffey Consulting, Inc., which specializes in food and nutrition research and policy specifically focused on raising healthy families.

Kizingo Kids was founded by Duffey and her former UNC graduate school professor and friend, Lisa Sutherland. The company has developed a uniquely curved toddler spoon designed to "fit little hands aiming for little mouths," making self-feeding successful for young children. Kizingo, meaning "curved" in Swahili, was inspired by time Duffey and her husband spent living and working in Tanzania. The spoons come in fun colors that will appeal to young children and will be manufactured in the U.S. so that they can control the quality of their products.

Kizingo's mission is to promote healthy families. According to their website, nearly 23 percent of two- to five-year-olds are overweight or obese. Research shows that the period of time when young children are learning to self-feed is a crucial period in establishing food habits that can follow an individual all the way to adulthood. Children who successfully self-feed are less likely to become picky eaters, are more adventurous and have more variety in what they choose to eat and are less likely to overeat.

Duffey loves the creativity and the challenges that come with this new



Photo credit Kiyah Duffey

Colorful Kizingo spoons were created by GHS grad Kiyah Duffey to make independent feeding more successful for toddlers.

endeavor. "Every day I discover 10 new things I didn't know I needed to know...whether it's learning graphic design software or talking with blister pack manufacturers. Her new direction allows her to use her formal training in nutrition to help families establish healthy eating choices. "It's very exciting to bring a product to market that I believe so strongly in and that I feel will really have a positive influence in so many people's lives," she said.

Kizingo Kids has plans to launch other utensils and products that will encourage healthy eating habits. For now, the spoons can be ordered online at www.kizingokids.com and



Kiyah Duffey (GHS '97) and her children Oliver, Alice, and Eleanor

on Amazon and will also be available in smaller boutique stores, before moving into big box stores.

On a more personal note, Duffey has fond memories of growing up in Gorham, including the summer pet shows at Baxter Library, the Gorham Day parade, and field hockey practice behind Narragansett School. "I spent several happy years working at Beal's Ice Cream. Gorham was a wonderful community in which to grow up," she said. "I also had a number of amazing teachers who helped me learn to love learning, which has continued to serve me well throughout life."

Kiyah and husband, Tim Baird, and their three children currently live in Blacksburg, Virginia. She is the daughter of Donna and Tim Duffey and sister to Aaron Duffey (GHS '01) and Kean Duffey (GHS '03).

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We certainly thank you all for your support. Please note, however, that we are pursuing other areas for a business (as a real estate purchase). With the upcoming Main Street construction, we feel that it will impede business too much during the 2016 summer/fall season with a huge dip in sales revenue.

Our 'Store Closing Sale' is in effect the whole month of March with all products reduced 30-80%. We hope you'll stop by for something special...at a great price! March store hours: Wed-Fri 12-6 pm. Saturday 10-4 (call for appointment at 939-2757) closed week of February 23-29th

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Balancing Risk and Autonomy in Caring For Our Elders

BILL JENKS

Aging is in the news a lot these days. And it is no wonder; those on the leading edge of the Baby Boom will be turning 70 this year. Sadly, too much coverage of aging is negative. It is true that getting older brings changes that may require adjusting or adapting some activities. But aging in and of itself is not a problem that needs to be solved. There are many vibrant seniors with widely varying levels of physical capacity who are living their own lives on their own terms. Although they may complain about aches and pains and may be frustrated with some of the limits in their abilities, they do not view aging as a problem, and they certainly do not view themselves as a problem. It is our culture, and too often also their own adult children, who view them—or at least their advancing age—as a problem.

It is difficult to observe our parents slowing down, needing joint replacements, hearing aids, canes or walkers. These are people we once saw as invincible towers of strength, and we cringe as we become more aware of their vulnerability and their mortality.

Acknowledging our parents' vulnerability and mortality is painful, and it is natural to want to protect them, but living life well involves taking risks. The single thing that our elders most fear losing is their autonomy: their ability to have a measure of control over their own lives. They fear this more than death itself.

So when do we heed the repeated warnings and step in to evaluate our aging parents' living conditions, their physical capabilities, their decision-making abilities and their cognitive status? It is not always straightforward, and the pressure to be vigilant is huge. Anxiety over our elders' safety can turn adult children into dictators. The widely used term "helicopter parents" referring to parents who are so overly involved in

their children's lives that they rob them of the ability to learn how to cope for themselves comes to mind in this context. With our elders, we risk becoming helicopter caregivers, robbing them of their independence and dignity all in the name of keeping them safe.

Aging should not strip people of their autonomy or their dignity. When these are removed, people are rendered less than adult. What is the point of getting up in the morning if you are unable to make any significant choices of your own? Balancing safety and autonomy is essential in caring for our elders.

Most aging adults would much rather continue doing what they love for as long as possible than have a guarantee of staying alive until they are 100, even when that involves taking calculated risks. They do not want to be protected to the point that, instead of living their lives, they are simply existing. Caring with love can mean maintaining a respectful distance when it comes to how our elders choose to live their lives—what risks they are willing to take—even if we do not always approve.

There are the inevitable exceptions, as when an elder's continued driving endangers others, or when a brain injury or significant dementia renders someone incompetent to make their own decisions. But even then, our task is to do all we can to preserve dignity and whatever level of autonomy is possible. It is both the least and the most we can do.



Bill Jenks owns Home Instead Senior Care, which provides non-medical home care throughout Cumberland County. He also serves as vice president of the Board of Directors for the Alzheimer's Association, Maine Chapter.

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Town Council Report

JACOB ADAMS
Staff Writer

The following items were discussed and voted on in the February 2 meeting of the Town Council:

The 2016-17 budget workshop, to be held on April 12 at 6 p.m., will be attended by all Department Heads to discuss their respective department's budget.

Town Manager David Cole reported on the town's new Trash Bag Tag Program. He also requested citizens to volunteer for various Town Boards and Committees. Applications are available at the Town Clerk's Office or can be downloaded at <http://www.gorham-me.org>.

A new liquor license was issued to School Street Pub & Grill, located at 29 School Street and is scheduled to open this spring. (7-0)

Town Council created a referendum (and combined an existing one) for June 14, 2016 to borrow up to \$1,365,000 to purchase a new Ladder Fire Engine and Tank 1 Fire Engine. The Town Council has also scheduled a Public Hearing on May 3, 2016. (7-0)

An endorsed letter will be sent to the Maine Turnpike Authority voicing support of their continuing efforts to develop a new controlled access highway to provide sustainable mobility that will enhance the safety and effectiveness of the transportation system in the Portland to Gorham corridor. (5-2, Roullard, Stelk)

Laurie Nordfors was appointed as the Registrar of Voters. (7-0)

Town Council amended the rules of the Gorham Town Council, to have regular meetings start at 6:30 p.m. instead of starting at 7 p.m. The new start time will begin with the regular Council meeting on March 1. (7-0)

Town Council will refer a proposal to amend the code on projecting signs to the Planning Board for a Public Hearing and recommendations. This would allow the Code Enforcement Officer to approve a

projecting sign instead of requiring approval by the Town Council. (7-0)

The Ordinance Committee will review the town's Sign Ordinance and make appropriate recommendations to the Town Council. (7-0)

The Town Council will endorse an application for a Gorham Village Pedestrian Study to Portland Area Comprehensive Transportation System (PACTS), and the Town Council will appropriate \$4,000 that was previously appropriated for an unsuccessful Community Development Block Grant application, and \$4,000 from the Gorham Village Parking Improvements accounts, for a total of \$8,000 as the town's share of a \$40,000 project. (7-0)

Town Council re-appropriated the remaining funds from the Little Falls Master Plan Reserve Fund and appropriated \$797 to the Little Falls Tennis/Basketball Courts account with the balance appropriated into the Chick Property Master Plan account. (7-0)

Old Dynamite Way, located in The Crossing at Tannery Brook off of Gray Road (Rte. 202) is now a public road, and will be locally classified as an Urban Sub-Collector Road. (6-1, Hartwell)

Hidden Brook Drive, located in The Crossing at Tannery Brook, off of Gray Road (Rte. 202) is now a Public road, and will be locally classified as an Urban Access Road. (6 years, 1 nay: Hartwell)

Town Manager David Cole has been authorized to enter into an agreement with Peter Mason to sell the town owned property at 10 Preble Street. It will be listed at \$115,000 with the conveyance to be by quitclaim deed. The town manager will obtain a survey and establish a boundary line for the back lot, a portion of which will remain town property. (5-2, Stelk, Benner)

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

Gorham's Trash Collection Program CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

service pay more and those who use less pay less. If you paid for the program by using property taxes, the person who throws away 10 bags will pay the same as someone who throws away one or two bags even though the person who throws away 10 bags is costing us more money. Back in 2003, the Town Council felt it was a much fairer system to have people who use more pay for more of the cost.

GT: Are there other benefits to a user-fee system instead of having it paid for by increasing property taxes?

DC: Yes. As I mentioned earlier, back in 2003 our recycling rate was about 7 percent. By implementing a system where users paid for each bag of trash but allowed them to recycle at no additional cost, our recycling rate immediately jumped to 38 percent. Over the years it has stayed in the range of 36 to 39 percent. There is a second benefit to our citizens because each ton recycled is a ton not disposed of as trash. The town pays for each ton of trash that is disposed of at eco-maine called a tip-fee. However, our cost to dispose of a ton of recycled material is less than the cost to dispose of a ton of trash. In some instances the town may even receive money back if the recycling market is strong. So we all save more money by recycling.

GT: So the \$1.25 or \$2.50 cost of the trash bag or tag is not related to how much it costs the town to purchase the bags or tags?

DC: That is correct. They are unrelated.

GT: Since it costs the same for a trash bag or a tag is this really about a person's own choice about what to use?

DC: That is correct. Based on comments we received, I think many people will find the tags more convenient but in the end people simply have more choices.

GT: Where do you obtain the tags?

DC: At the same place you buy the Gorham trash bags.

GT: Has the town considered converting to an automated collection program like the town of Scarborough?

DC: Yes, we have looked at it in the past. Those programs generally cost more money than the program Gorham uses and they usually have a lower recycling rate. In Scarborough each home receives one large trash container, so they also have a separate dumpster located at the Public Works Department for people who produce more trash than one container can handle. With the program we have in Gorham, you can throw away as much trash as you want; you simply need to pay for the additional bags or tags while the person who put out one or two bags will still only pay for one or two bags.

GT: On a related topic, the Gorham Times recently published a letter from someone who noticed the trash and recycled material are all thrown together in the trash truck. Is that really what is happening?

DC: We are often asked this question so thank you for asking. The answer is the truck has separate bins inside of it so the person picking up the curbside material is actually throwing the trash into one bin and throwing the recycling material into another bin even though to someone casually watching it may appear it is all going into the same pile.

IRS Scam CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

personal information to sound official. Con artists are looking for new ways to scam all the time. Never give out any personal information.

Please note the IRS will not call you to demand immediate payment. The IRS will not call you if you owe taxes without sending a bill in the mail first. They will not demand that you pay taxes and not allow you to question or appeal the amount owed. The IRS will not require that

you pay taxes a certain way such as with a pre-paid debit card, and they will not ask for your credit or debit card numbers over the phone. The IRS won't threaten to bring in police or other agencies to arrest you for not paying.

The IRS recommends that you not give out any information and hang up immediately. Report the call to the Federal Trade Commission at FTC.gov and the IRS at (800) 829-1040.

Correction

In the February 11 edition of the Gorham Times there was an error in the Planning Board Results. The Board did not approve the Shaw Brothers project for their Mosher Road property. The Board voted to bring the item up at another meeting and scheduled a site walk for Tuesday, February 23 at 8 a.m. We apologize for the error.



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Gorham Grad Returns with College Choir



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MEGAN BENNETT
GHS Student Intern

On March 8 the Gettysburg College Choir will perform a charity concert at the First Parish Congregational Church, with all proceeds going to the Gorham Food Pantry. Gorham High School graduate Allie Sturgis ('12) has been singing with the College Choir for four years, one of four choirs at Gettysburg's Sunderman Conservatory of Music. Sturgis owes her musical upbringing to director Matt Murray, under whom she sang while at Gorham High School, and Paul Stickney, with whom she took voice lessons.

The College Choir has been directed by Dr. Robert Natter since 1998 and is the most competitive

vocal ensemble at Gettysburg. The College Choir and The Camerata, a smaller chamber ensemble made up of 14 College Choir singers, have the privilege of touring over spring break each year. Every spring break, the two choirs perform at churches and schools across the country, and sometimes internationally. Community members with connections to the choir members or Gettysburg College house the students. Touring also includes a social justice aspect, as the proceeds from concerts are donated to local charities.

Over the past few years, they have traveled to New York City, Connecticut, Virginia, the Carolinas, New Jersey, and more. Last year, they even visited Nicaragua, performing several times over the course of the week, as well as exploring the country and

learning about the Nicaraguan culture. Sturgis commented on her experiences: "Touring is an opportunity for us to both share our music outside of the Gettysburg community and to continue building relationships with each other to create more meaningful music."

This March, the choir plans to go to Massachusetts, New York, and Vermont in addition to Maine. The College Choir will sing music ranging from traditional choir music to modern pieces, including a few Shakespeare-themed tunes. The Camerata will also perform several jazz and madrigal songs.

The free concert performance will take place at First Parish Church on March 8 at 7 p.m. Any donations collected at the event will go to the Gorham Food Pantry.

Perennial Place Turns One

MALLORY CAMPBELL
GHS Student Intern

Family is the foundation of experience and memories. On January 17, the Perennial Place family celebrated their first year anniversary.

Using the foundation of White Rock School at 10 North Gorham Road, two years ago Jon and Cindy Smith, of Great Falls Construction, set out to renovate the structure and give it a new name. The school was converted into 12 apartments for residents 55 and older.

With a year of discovering a new family in one another, residents are settled into their new homes, and feel integrated and a part of the Gorham community.

Each resident heard about Perennial Place in different ways; whether hearing news about the construction while shopping in the Bookworm, through family, Craigslist, advertising in the Gorham Times, or by simply living right next door to the former school.

"It was all just studs when I came and picked out my house," one resident remembers.

"Senior housing is hard to find," says one resident, "let alone nice."

The residents of Perennial Place often enjoy what Gorham and their residence has to offer. Many books and games, donated and bought, line the bookcases in the communal room. There is a table for cards and puzzles, and many dinners are held at the large pinewood table. In the summer, many residents enjoy biking trails in North Gorham.

There are nine one-bedroom apartments, two two-bedroom apartments, and one one-bedroom accessible apartment. Residents are allowed to have pets; in fact, there are currently several permanent cat and dog residents, and one part-time dog resident.

"I think this is what Cindy and Jon [Smith] expected it to be," said one Perennial Place resident about the family aura that radiated through the building.

"It's like winning the lottery," a resident says while talking about summertime cookouts and holiday/birthday gatherings and parties. "It's a small family here."

"We all get along so well because we all feel so lucky to live here," another resident chimes in.

Perennial Place residents are very grateful for their landlords. They agree that when there is a problem, it will always be fixed. "You're always talking to a real person," says one resident. "They understand, and they care."

"Perennial Place is unusual... kind of a fluke. It's so nice and affordable. It's unique," one of the residents summarizes.

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Kyren Bettencourt
Maiya Christiansen-Carlson
Isabel Courtney
Brittany Desjardin
Caroline Dowdle
Autumn Heil
Mackenzie Holmes
Spencer Keating
Matilda McColl
Lydia McCrillis
Libby Mitchell
Katherine O'Donnell
Olivia Paruk
Anna Rathbun
Alice Riiska
Simon Russel
Callie Russell
Leah Scontras
Riley Sills
Sarah Stevens
Haley Thompson
Sarah Walker
Erin Wentworth
Bruce Wyatt

Grade 9 – Honors

Isis Adams
Maggie Aube
Jacob Benson
Tyler Bergeron
Aaliyah Biamby
Lexa Bibeau
Courtney Brent
Zackory Brown-Davis
Alexa Corey
Brandon Cummings
Gavin Cupps
Joseph Curesky
Ryan DeSanctis
Grace DiPhilipppo
Julia Downey
Mercy Dunn
Jacob Dupuis

Riley Ferrigan
Emma Forgues
Gabriella Gagne
Jayden Gaudreau
Avery Germond
Zachary Green
Caroline Gross
Brinn Hall
Jeremy Harris
Joshua Hayward
Emaly Howard
Riley Jerome
Kasey Jiang
Isabella Jones
Evelin Kasjanov
Helen Keeney
Elisabeth King
Evelyn Kitchen
Libby Knudsen
Isabelle Kolb
Kate Larkin
Ella LeBlanc
Abigail Leonard
Thomas Light
Griffin Lord
Trevor Loubier
Hannah Lowell
Kathryn Lundin
Cooper Lyons
Haley McCullough
RJ McDaniel
Drew Meader
Harris Milliken
Hailey Morrill
Gretchen Muehle
Margaret Munkacsi
Benjamin Nault
Thomas Nelson
Nicco Pappalardo
Joseph Perkins
Samuel Pocock
Samantha Robichaud
Samantha Rockwell
Colette Romatis
Emma Shields

Hallie Shiers
Jacob Sladen
Sara Slager
Robert Small
Caelyn Smith
Dawson Smith
Mariah Stout
Ian Stultz
Ethan Stump
Logan Swift
Grace Terry
Payton Thorpe
Brenden Waterman
Brooke Woodbury
Melanie Wright
Mackenzie Young

Grade 10 – High Honors

Asal Bahmani
Claudia Daigle
Aaron Farr
Meadow Fortier
Kaitlyn Jodoin
Hannah Libby
Benjamin Nelson
Alexander Ousback
Nora Susi
Claire Valentine
Abigail vanLuling

Grade 10 – Honors

Conor Battaglia
Vanessa Berrill
Hayley Bickford
William Blanchard
Lindsey Boylen
Ian Butler
Emily Chapin
Emma Cousins
Shawn Crosby
Courtney Cushing
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Erica Mallory
Grace McGouldrick
Zachery McGouldrick
Chase Messer
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Carlos Monsen
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Jonathan Scribner
Tyler Seger
Sarah Shields
Anna Slager
Josephine Smith
Owen Smith III
Isabella Solari
Kayla Stickney
Stefan Street
Vanessa Therrien

Christopher Tucker
Natchapol Watthanawong
Simeon Willey
Rosemary Wood
Madison Young

Grade 11 – High Honors

Mary Adams
Jordan Allen
Avery Arena
Kelly Aube
Delaney Burns
Jordyn Falagarrio
Brandon George
Whitney King
Thomas Matthews
Lauren Poirier
Kenneth Richard
Brady Rioux
Samuel Roussel
Emma Smith
Raymond St. Cyr
Cameron Stevens
Hallie Thomas
Blake Wallace
Heather Woodbury
Marc Yankowsky
Alex York

Grade 11 – Honors

Katherine Andrews
Georgia Baber
Trystan Bates
Jake Bear
Rachel Beaulieu
Katherine Bennett
Hannah Benson
Emily Blake
David Blattstein
Tess Buzzell
Alyssa Carey
Lindsey Caron
Jamie Carter
Nariah Cavarretta
Nikoles Charron

Kathryn Christianson
Benjamin Clark
Cameron Coro
Kristen Curley
Haylee Dahlborg
Brandon Desjardin
Kara Doane
Logan Drouin
Kara Ellsmore
Travis Emerson
Erin Esty
Danasia Fennie
Ryan Firmin
Bligh Godin
Mia Guimond
Grant Hamblen
Ryan Hamblen
Emily Hayward
Sophia Hendrix
Diana Kolb
Carli Labrecque
Carter Landry
Eric Lane
Justin Laughlin
Hannah LeBlanc
Narissa Libby
Dylan Lockwood
Sarah Lorello
Samantha Low
Kaylea Lundin
Thomas Macomber
Angelina Meserve
Taylor Nygren
Emily O'Donnell
Miles Obrey
Ethan Orach
Padraic Owens
Kyle Peoples
Audrey Perreault
Maevie Pitman
Haley Poitras
Tyler Richman
Julia Roy
Molly Sposato
Samuella Spurr

Karen Stemm
Jacob Stevens
Kristen Stoddard
Alexandra Stresser
Connor Sweatt
Benjamin Swift
Lily Towle
JennaMarie Webster
Olivia Wilson
Cameron Wright
Emily Yager

Grade 12 – High Honors

Thomas Bernier
Tyler Bernier
Kayleigh Bettencourt
Kailyn Bowie
Emily Bragg
Coleman Dowdle
Eman Haj Alkhdaire
Collin Jones
Thomas Leach
Calvin Riiska
Anna Smith
Sydney Stultz
Molly vanLuling

Grade 12 – Honors

Nadia Barry
Matthew Beahm
Christopher Beland
Benjamin Bradshaw
Thomas Brent
Tristan Brunet
Hailey Bryant
Chelsea Caron
Amber Cavarretta
Nicole Couillard
Zachary Crockett
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Sierra Doyle

Caitlyn Duffy
Ethan Duggan
Cody Elliott
Eleanor Feinberg
Nataasha Fogg
Emerson Fox
Joseph Gallant
Isabella Griffin
Maeghan Higgins
Cady Houghton
Amanda James
Sarah Jordan
Mia Kaufman
Carson Kuschke
Branden Kuusela
Cassidy Landry
Mitchel Letourneau
Nikolas Lieberum
Matthew McCarty
Jordanne Mercier
Chatham Mills
Joseph Moutinho
Nathaniel Nadeau
Jason Nagy
Emma Niles
Taylor Perkins
Sara Perry
Madison Poulin
William Ruby
Hugo Santos
Dayna Shaw
Cameron Smith
Ciara Stillson
Logan Stout
Colby Sturgis
Maeve Terry
Amber Thompson
Jason Tracey
Alyda Twilley
Michael Walls
Robert Weisman
Lindsey Wilcox

Gorham Middle School Second Quarter Honor Rolls 2015-16

Grade 6 – High Honors

Colin Albert
Drew Baber
Noah Badeau
Curan Bassingthwaite
Gavin Begonia
Landon Bickford
Brylee Bishop
Caroline Bishop
Allison Bishop
Erin Castonguay
Morgan Chapman
Ainsley Christianson
Sydney Connolly
Nathan Corey
Calvin Cummings
Kaitlyn Cushing
Samuel D'Amico
Mary Dewitt
Katherine Dupuis
Morgan Edenbach
Abigail Emerson
Zachary Emmons
Asa Farley
Andrew Farr
Samuel Farr
Breshia Flett
Annie Frey
Charles Gay
Ainsley Gray
Kylie Green
Rachel Gross
Bryce Gunn
Sydney Haskell
Madisson Hatch
Julia Kratzer
Alexandra Light
Elisabeth Loranger
Paige Marchand
Mikayla Martorano
Any Mazaris-Atkinson
Aidan Meredith
Andrea Mitchell
Annikka Mocchiola
Isabella Morrell
Jillian Morrill
Emma Mullin
Alexandra Myles
Anna Nelson
Cassara Novak
Julia Ordway
Abigail Ouellette
Hunter Pellerin
William Perry
Courtney Rent
Quentin Riiska
Bradley Scellin

Thaddeus Shain
Devan Sherry
Benjamin Shields
Clara Shvets
Kyle Skolfield
John Sutton
Nicole Walker
Alexandra Waterman
Megan Wentworth
Elijah Wyatt
Megan Young

Grade 6 – Honors

Natalya Asali
Lauren Bachner
Patrick Baker
Ryan Bechtel
Trevor Bennett
Mary Dewitt
Robert Boylen
Sean Boylen
Connor Callahan
Alyvia Caruso
Lucas Castles
Nathan Chase
Kayleigh Cloutier
Bode Coleman
Calvin Cologna
Hunter Connors
Parker Curry
Sadie Cyr
Aiden Dever
Bryce Gunn
Nathan Doane
Quinn Doyle
Emma Stevens
Blake Duff
William Thompson
Nola True
Colby Tucker
Sarah Valeriani
Izzabella Verrill
Brandon Verrill
Evan Verrill
Asa Wareham
Caleb Waterman
Emily Wilcox
Quentin Wise

Ian Luciano
Bryce Lambert
Shantearra Ly
Annika Mankin
Antonia Mariani
Zackary Mays
Owen McCaffrey
Julia Edwards
Nathan Eichner
Danielle Eid
Grace Flynn
Gracie Forgues
Campbell Fowler
Sydney Fox
Sophie Gagne
Lydia Gaudreau
Stephen Graham
Brayden Harjula
Devyn Harrington
Reed Henderson
MacKenna Homa
Amalia Ionta
Richard Jiang
Riley A Johnson
Riley E Johnson
Sophia Kaufman
Isabelle Kovacs
Amelia Kratzer
Ryan Kratzer
Katherine Kutzer
Gabrielle LaBarge
Joshua Labrie
Shannon Lawrence
Maya Lee
Joshua Lehmann
Zakaria Lembarra
Natetra Ly
Kylie Mathieson
Bode Meader
Sage Merriam
Olivia Michaud
Molly Murray
Ryan Murray
Adele Nadeau
Grant Nadeau
Emily Paruk
Alice Peterson
Skylar Prince
Caitlin Randall
Griffin Rathbun
Cassidy Rioux
Morgan Roast
Devin Robichaud
Hailie Rupp
Erin Sands
Delaney Seed
Kilee Sherry

Grade 7 – High Honors

Luke Adams
Dawson Allen
Blake Berry
Tatyanna Biamby
Grace Bradshaw
Anneka Bryant
Beck Carrier
Lily Courtney

Samantha Cummings
Noah Cupps
Kelly Curran
Hayden Desmond
Ava Dolley
Katherine Downey
Emily Duncan
Julia Edwards
Nathan Eichner
Danielle Eid
Grace Flynn
Gracie Forgues
Campbell Fowler
Sydney Fox
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Stephen Graham
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Reed Henderson
MacKenna Homa
Amalia Ionta
Richard Jiang
Riley A Johnson
Riley E Johnson
Sophia Kaufman
Isabelle Kovacs
Amelia Kratzer
Ryan Kratzer
Katherine Kutzer
Gabrielle LaBarge
Joshua Labrie
Shannon Lawrence
Maya Lee
Joshua Lehmann
Zakaria Lembarra
Natetra Ly
Kylie Mathieson
Bode Meader
Sage Merriam
Olivia Michaud
Molly Murray
Ryan Murray
Adele Nadeau
Grant Nadeau
Emily Paruk
Alice Peterson
Skylar Prince
Caitlin Randall
Griffin Rathbun
Cassidy Rioux
Morgan Roast
Devin Robichaud
Hailie Rupp
Erin Sands
Delaney Seed
Kilee Sherry

Nathaniel Smith
Benjamin Tukey
Alison Walker
Bailey Wentworth
Marissa Wilson
Wesley Young

Grade 7 – Honors

Reighley Adams
Griffin Banks
Aidan Bell
Madeline Berry
Jordan Blakeslee
Logan Butler
Shane Collins
Ryan Coyne
Sierra Cummings
Tabetha Cummings
Michael Darasz
Abigail Decrow
Kirsten Drew
Jillian Dugas
Andrew Duncan
Vinh Duong
Aidan Enck
Samuel Estey
Alexandra Ferrigan
Paige Fogg
Lauren Fotter
Brandon Gordon
Ryan Harjula
Catherine Higgins
Scott Hutchinson
Leah James
Jakub Jastrzebski
Benjamin Johnson
Yelyzaveta Klishch
Evan Koenig
Sophie Lachance
Donovan Landry
Micah LaSalle
Mason Laskey
Shawna Laskey
Mikayla Leskowsky
John Lesser
Christopher Lewis
Nevin Libby
Tess Libby
Ayden Lindsay
Griffin Loranger
Joshua Martin
Cadence Mercado
Kaylyn Migliorini
Claire Munkacsi
Jaden Munroe
Emmeline Nelson
Liam Nickerson

Ian Obrey
Brooke Phillips
Daniel Popov
Samuel Pritchard
Braedyn Richardson
Zachariah Rivera
Megan Roberts
Sophiah Rodrigue
Treyton Rosario
Elijah Russell
Sophia Sawyer
Garrett Smith
Cody Smith
Siobhan Terry
Madigan Thibodeau
Madison Tryon
Julia Yager

Grade 8 – High Honors

Grace Andrews
Carson Battaglia
Elizabeth Blanchard
Laura Bolduc
Anthony Booth
Emma Callahan
Haley Caron
Vicky Chen
Kasey Cummings
Faith Dillon
Mia Donnelly
Ryan Doughty
Madison Firmin
Eleanor Grady
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Julia Sturgis
Madisen Sweatt
Andrew Tinkham
Lydia Valentine
Samuel Waggoner
Isabelle Wareham
Quinn Young

Grade 8 – Honors

Ethan Allen
Daniel Bachner
Joshua Ball
Zachary Beaumont
Celia Begonia
Patrick Bishop
Rebecca Brunner
Ethan Bump
Jessica Burgess
Haley Burns
Neila Cairnduff
Margaret Caruso
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Congratulations GHS and GMS Students on Your Achievements!

Gorham Teens Earn Medals in Scholastic Art and Writing

GORHAM TIMES STAFF

Four students from Gorham have been awarded Scholastic Art and Writing Awards as presented by the Alliance for Young Artists and Writers. Through the Scholastic Awards, teens from seventh to twelfth grades from public, private, or home schools can apply in 29 categories of art and writing for their chance to earn scholarships and have their works exhibited and published.

Beyond the Awards, the Alliance for Young Artists and Writers produces a number of programs to support creative students and their educators. Students' submissions are blindly adjudicated by some of the foremost leaders in the visual and literary arts.

The following four students from Gorham have been awarded medal honors for their work: Caitlyn Duffy (senior), Mallory Campbell (senior), Matilda McColl (freshman) and Autumn Heil (freshman).

Duffy received both Gold and Silver Key awards for photography. Campbell received both Gold and Silver Key awards for poetry. McColl and Heil received Silver Key awards for their writing. These students will be honored at a ceremony in March at the University of Southern Maine.

In early spring, the Gold Key pieces created by Duffy and Campbell will be judged nationally along with other Gold Key regional winners from around the country.

Re-Visioning Gorham Schools

AVERY ARENA
GHS Student Intern

Gorham Schools are re-visioning. The last re-visioning process took place 7 years ago, and it is time to evaluate the school district's mission and vision statement.

A subcommittee headed by Superintendent Perry was formed to develop and distribute a survey for the general public to fill out and provide input for the future of the school system. The survey will be open until mid-March and all are encouraged to complete


it regardless of their connection to the school system.

After the survey has closed, the feedback will be evaluated, themes developed and used to draft a new mission, vision, and core beliefs document that will help guide education in Gorham through the coming years. Everyone's input is needed.

To take the survey, visit <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RXCYSXS>. Paper copies of the survey can be found at any Gorham Schools office.

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School Committee Meeting

TOM CORBETT

The school committee meeting on February 10 focused on two initiatives targeting students who in the past may have not thrived in a traditional school setting.

The meeting began, however, with two parents expressing concern over a very traditional measurement of school quality: average class size. Kate Livingston implored the committee to keep a close eye on increasing class sizes, especially in the face of ongoing community growth and the likelihood of a sudden surge in enrollment this fall.

Angela Leclerc echoed Livingston's concerns and felt that too many Gorham students were being mainstreamed as average class sizes grow higher than other Maine communities (not confirmed).

Superintendent Heather Perry reviewed state and local budget issues; highlighted community survey progress (900 responses over the first three weeks); and noted ongoing, though early, discussions with USM over a Futures Institute and foreign language instruction.

Committee vice chairman Dennis Libby acknowledged the concerns about class size and relayed an uplifting story about good sportsmanship he witnessed at a recent swim meet.

Chairperson Darryl Wright expressed his thanks to the Westbrook Gorham Chamber of Commerce's sponsorship of a new high school scholarship program.

The bulk of the meeting focused on two recent initiatives: The K-5 Alternative Education Program and the Bridge Program partnership with the Westbrook Regional Vocational Center (WRVC).

The first program targets struggling K-5 students who are still a few years away from receiving support through the alternative education programs in place at the secondary level. Village principal Brian Porter and teacher Cindy Mueller gave an overview of

the fledgling program, citing successes while also noting that the staff of one is stretched thin and challenged to provide equal services to the other two elementary schools outside their home base at Narragansett.


Libby posed a challenging question, asking the presenters whether the program's goal is to provide skill building with the goal of moving these students back into the mainstream classroom, or, was it to support alternative learning styles that would continue at the secondary level. The response was a little of both since each child is evaluated individually with only some receiving a personalized learning plan.

While the K-5 initiative strives to find a pathway for struggling elementary students, the second initiative targets high school students unsure about wanting to follow traditional pathways to college. Gorham High School principal Chris Record and Todd Fields Libby gave an overview of the program which, if it comes to fruition, will include a group of GHS students working together as a "cohort" to explore different career paths while also completing a challenging curriculum that could result in college credits.

Teachers at GHS would partner with their WRVC peers to teach these classes. Committee member Libby expressed concern that this Bridge program hadn't been brought to the board as a proposal but rather a "fait accompli." The presenters, with Superintendent Perry in agreement, responded that they didn't believe the initiative needed committee approval since it is intended to be revenue neutral.

While not completely comfortable with that position, both Libby and Wright agreed it was a worthwhile initiative and asked that the board be kept closely informed with the successes and failures, especially unanticipated costs, during its implementation.

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Valentine's Day Hearts



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Since middle schoolers are not exchanging valentines in the classroom anymore, Ms. Gospodarek's seventh grade science class decided to put a new twist on Valentine's Day. After discussing why the heart was a symbol of love and the history of Valentine's Day, the students got the chance to see some real hearts. They were able to look at how the heart works and see the different chambers and valves thanks to the Windham Butcher Shop who provided the pig and cow hearts. Pictured from left to right: Natalie Berry, Riley Johnson, Catherine Higgins, Gabby LaBarge, Julia Yager, Zen Duplisea, Bell Risbara, Grace Flynn. Kneeling in the front is Donovan Landry and pictured in the back is Tabettha Cummings.

Sumdog Math Competition Winner

Gorham Middle School sixth grader Andrew Farr came in first place in a national "Sumdog" math competition by correctly answering 995 out of 1,000 questions. Farr is pictured with Sebago team math teacher Brett Brown.



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Anna Slager and Caelyn Smith Shine at State Championships

MARTIN GAGNON
Sports Editor

High School Championship action continued in February with the Class A Indoor Track and Field State Championships and the Class A Maine State Swimming Championships.

At the Indoor Track and Field Championships, Anna Slager was crowned the girls' Class A state champion in both the one mile and two mile run. Other top 10 individual performances in the girls' indoor track and field events included a fourth place finish by Bridget Rossignol in the pole vault and a tenth place finish by Erin Esty in the high jump.

Individual top 10 performances in the boys' indoor track and field

events included a seventh place finish in the two mile run by Jesse Southard and a ninth place finish by Luke Gowen in the 200 meter dash. In the 400 meter dash, Nathaniel Nadeau finished tenth.

Moving to the pool, Caelyn Smith shined with three top 10 finishes at the girls' Class A State Swimming and Diving Championships. Smith finished fifth in the 100 yard backstroke event, tenth in the 100 yard freestyle event, and was a member of the 200 yard medley relay team which finished ninth. Other members of the relay team included Hannah Benson, Molly Sposato, and Sierra Lumbert. In other top ten individual performances, Sposato had an impressive fifth place finish in the 100 yard breaststroke event.

USM Athletics Hosts Town of Gorham Night



Photo courtesy of USM Athletic Department

Memorable action in celebration of Gorham Night at the University of Southern Maine.

MARTIN GAGNON
Sports Editor

In celebration of the longstanding partnership between the University of Southern Maine, the Gorham Recreation Department and the Town of Gorham, the Huskies' Athletic Department hosted "Gorham Night" on Wednesday, February 10. The highlight

of the festive evening was some basketball hoop action by some Gorham third and fourth grade stars.

As part of the Gorham Night celebration, the Gorham Recreation Department third and fourth grade basketball teams displayed their talent. The women's game featured a halftime performance by the third and fourth grade

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GHS Girls' Basketball CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

Rams' contested every shot (opponents shot 19-94 from the floor) in their two playoff wins. A similar defensive effort will be required to bring home the gold ball.

Heroes during the playoff run included juniors Emily Esposito (21 points) and Kristen Curley (12 points, including four three-pointers) in the semi-final win over Bonny Eagle. Senior captain Molly Merrifield chipped in 12 rebounds. In the win over South Portland, freshman Mackenzie Holmes (12 points, nine rebounds) and Esposito (10 points, eight rebounds) lead the way. Junior sparkplug Kaylea Lundin came up with eight huge fourth quarter points and junior defensive stopper Danasia Fennie locked down South Portland star Maddie Hasson when it mattered. Sophomore sixth man Michelle Rowe and senior captain Emily Bragg made key contributions

off the bench any time they were called upon. Esposito was named the winner of the "Red" McMann award given to tournament's outstanding player. No team is successful without positive energy and key contributions from everybody on the roster. Bragg, Rowe, sophomore Shayla Harris, sophomore Lexi Fotter, freshman Courtney Brent and freshman Brittany Desjardin were proven winners from the GHS soccer team that played Bangor for a gold ball this past fall.

After the Southern Maine final victory, we were all reminded that small town Americana is alive and well in Gorham, Maine. The girls received a fire engine escort back into town and were treated to a feast at GHOP by owner Angelo Sotiropoulos. Does it get any better than that? This question will be answered on February 27 when GHS girls' basketball tries to bring home their first title since 1999.

In the Zone

Class B South Ice Hockey Player of the Month: The Class B South Hockey Coaches Association named Gorham High School Senior Carl Bear a player of the month for January. The rangy, sharpshooting senior center had a strong January and his eight goals and five assists in seven games helped bring the Rams into the middle of the South B playoff picture with important wins over Greely, York, Kennebunk and Leavitt. Bear had two goals in the last half of the third period, including the game-tying goal with nine seconds left, to tie Greely on Jan. 13, a game the Rams went on to win in overtime. He

also had three goals and three assists in a key 6-2 home win over York.

Gorham High School Boys lose heartbreaker in state tournament: The GHS boys' basketball team finished the regular season ranked second in Southern Maine Class AA. Their 14-4 record earned a bye into the semi-finals where they lost a 49-48 heartbreaker to Massabesic. Seniors Sam Kilborn, Stephen Burns, and Billy Ruby combined for 30 points while junior Jackson Fotter chipped in 12. It was the Rams' first semi-final appearance since 2005, when they played in Class B.

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 Sarah Price, Simmons College, Business Management & Psychology
 Jacob Sturgis (GHS '15), Clarkson University, Mechanical Engineering
 Jordyn Tanguay (GHS '13), Merrimack College

OF INTEREST

Nora Schucker (left), a student at Great Falls Elementary School, and her sister Grace (right), deliver over 30 homemade Valentine's Day cards to Bethany Kay of The Barbara Bush Children's Hospital signed by kindergarten students for patients and their families. The sisters also donated their Christmas money to support children staying at the hospital.



Senator Amy Volk welcomed Girl Scout Emily Feagans to the Maine Senate on February 16. Emily led the Morning Prayer for the Senate before the start of the session.



Maine Poet Laureate, Wesley McNair, will offer poems on one of poetry's oldest themes, gratitude, on Wednesday, Mar. 2 at 7 p.m. Sponsored by Friends of Baxter Memorial Library. FMI, 222-1190 or baxterlibrary.org.

First Parish Congregational Church will hold a Chicken Pie Supper on Saturday, Feb. 27 from 5 to 6:30 p.m. \$10/\$5 under 12. FMI, 838-6353.

A Winter Festival was recently held at the Gorham House Comprehensive Living Facility in Gorham. Staff and residents worked behind the scenes creating "snowmen" made out of anything but snow including balloons, tires, coffee filters, plastic cups, papier-mâché, cans, trash cans, plant pots, fabric and hand-made items. Fourteen various snow people ranging two to eight feet tall created a Winter Wonderland in the Great Room. Pictured on the right are two photos from the event. Festival week included a chowder luncheon, horse drawn wagon rides, ice cream social, homemade pizzelle, music and ice carving.



The Gorham Cancer Prayer and Support Group will meet the first Tuesday of every month at 6 p.m. at the Cressey Road United Methodist Church. All are welcome. FMI, 321-1390 or 839-3111.

Enjoy a rescheduled Fields and Farms Art Exhibit at The Old Richardson Place in Gorham on Friday, Mar. 4, from 4 to 7 p.m. Local artists will share their recent work, including Kristine Biegel, Sue Orfant, Mike Welch and Susan Mitchell. An Open House will be held during the Art Exhibit to celebrate the recent renovation of The Offices at 510 Main. FMI, 510MainStreet.com or call 839-4200.

Republican residents of Gorham, Scarborough and Westbrook are encouraged to participate in the Maine Republican 2016 Caucus on Saturday, Mar. 5 at Westbrook High School, 125 Stroudwater, Westbrook. You must bring a photo ID in order to vote in the Presidential Nominating Caucus. Doors open at 8 a.m. and voting ends at 12:30 p.m.

Tom Sallinen was recently promoted to Director of Claims in New England for Progressive Insurance. He had

recently been overseeing the Maine/New Hampshire MRR organization as well as the New England Field Special Lines organization. Sallinen lives in Gorham with his wife Stacy and their three sons.

ON-GOING EVENTS

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.

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girls' Gorham Recreation Department's basketball program while the men's game included a halftime showcase featuring the third and fourth grade boys' Recreation teams.

"The collaboration between the Town of Gorham, including Gorham Recreation, USM Athletics and the University of Southern Maine continues to be vital to the success of our program," said USM Athletic Director Al Bean. "We have numerous agreements, programs and outreach activities that benefit the town, the University and our student-athletes and we are com-

mitted to continuing to build and strengthen this relationship. Our student-athletes and staff appreciate the support they receive from the many Gorham residents who regularly attend our athletic contests."

University of Southern Maine student-athletes, as a part of the Huskies' Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC), annually invites members of the Gorham community to its Community Halloween Party and is currently involved in a mentoring program with students at the Great Falls Elementary school as well as a Pen Pal program.

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Moonlight Ski at Randall Orchard

CHRIS CRAWFORD
Staff Writer

Most people are accustomed to seeing Randall Orchard, located on the Gorham/Standish line on Route 25, during spring blossom time and in the fall when pick-your-own and the cider press are in full swing. Recently, more than 60 people braved cold temperatures and strapped on their snowshoes for a full moon guided tour through the Presumpscot Regional Land Trust's Randall Orchards. Although the evening was overcast, there was enough light to appreciate the beauty of the orchard in winter and then to warm up afterward with some hot cider made right on the premises.

People came from as far away as Portland, Brunswick, and Saco. Some came for the adventure of a moonlight trek. For others, it was a chance to see a very special place at a different time of the year. There was plenty of evidence that deer and other animals were also enjoying the orchard and the ice-rimmed apples that still remained on some of the trees.

PRLT Executive Director Rachel Curran Apse said, "This was our first event at Randall Orchard since protecting the farm and we had no idea how many people would be interested in attending. To our surprise and delight, we had over 100 people RSVP for the event, but had to hold the number to 60 due to limited winter parking. Seeing the enthusiasm for Randall Orchard we are now in the planning phase for future events there."

Vivian Adams of Sebago came with



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Vivian Adams enjoys a full-moon snowshoe trek through Randall Orchard with her husband and son.

her husband and their two-year-old son. Adams said her mother used to come to pick apples at Randall's when she was a little girl. Adams said, "Then my mother brought me as a little girl and we've been coming every year since." In fact, every fall for over 30 years, her extended family has come together to pick apples here.

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Gorham Village of the Past Meets the Present

BAILEY O'BRIEN
Staff Writer

The town of Gorham as residents in the 1940s and 50s knew it now exists only in memories and photographs. However, one former Gorham resident, Ted Bachelder (GHS '55), has recreated the iconic Gorham Village as it was in 1950 in his impressive scale model of the town.

One winter about four years ago, Bachelder fell ill and decided to start a project to pass his newfound free time. Having grown up on Green Street and spending much of his childhood in the village, he decided to take up a new hobby and build a model of his hometown. Referring to photographs and his deep familiarity with Gorham, Bachelder collected and created models of buildings to construct a historically accurate portrayal of downtown Gorham as he remembers it.

The model depicts a town that, though still recognizable today, reflects the values and lifestyles of a different time. The Playhouse Theater may be the best example of this. Formerly located on State Street between South Street and Pine Street, the theater featured weekly films. Bachelder recalls many afternoons and evenings spent here watching every Western, mystery, and romance presented by the cinema. On his homemade marquee, Bachelder highlights the film *Treasure of the Sierra Madre*, a 1948 Western.

Additionally, many of the build-



Photo credit Shawn Moody

Ted Bachelder's scale model of Gorham Village, as seen from the view of South Street heading toward the center of town.

ings featured in this model have been repurposed over time. The firehouse, which was previously the high school, stands where Robie Gym does now. What we all know as Gorham House of Pizza was once Rexall Drugs. Russell Theater and Gymnasium, once part of the Gorham State Teachers College, is now the home of the theater department on the USM campus.

This model is roughly 4-foot-by-8-foot in size and was made with a 1-inch to 7-foot scale. It is displayed in Bachelder's home in his finished basement.

After graduating from Gorham High School, Bachelder attended Dartmouth College ('59) and Amos Tuck School ('60). He went on to work in investments in Chicago and Boston. He and his wife, Rae (GHS '55), have been married 57 years and met in kindergarten. They live in West Lebanon, New Hampshire near Dartmouth.

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Suspicious person on Water Street was from Time Warner and was wearing Time Warner clothing and had a photo badge.

Suspicious person on Libby Avenue was picking up pink flamingos as part of a fundraiser.

Suspicious person on Hurricane Road was sleeping at covered bridge as she had no place to go.

Elm Street woman was arrested for domestic violence assault and criminal mischief.

Person seen putting trash in a dumpster at the Credit Union had actually been cleaning the building and was putting trash from the Credit Union into the dumpster.

Mighty Street man requested extra patrols as he had heard someone rattling his front door at 5 a.m.

Officer drove young man to Westbrook line as man had just quit his job and had no ride.

Suspicious person on Fort Hill Road had parked to use his phone.

Suspicious person on Hutcherson Drive was just chatting.

Driver flagged down officer on Fort Hill Road. Driver was looking for Refreshing Paws on Brackett Road. Officer escorted her there.

Female was alone in her vehicle facing a closed business on Main Street. She advised officer she was all set. Officer remained at the parking lot until she drove off.

Tapley Drive caller reported she had seen someone going through mailboxes in the middle of the night. She was advised to call 911 when the event was happening.

White Birch Lane caller claimed neighbor had tried to hit her with a car but she did not want officer to talk to the suspect.

Suspicious person at Fort Hill Park claimed to be waiting for his brother to get out of a dance. He was moved along.

Vehicle was reported abandoned on Huston Road. Owner had left with a friend to check out a college. Car was legally parked.

Officer found intoxicated person face down in road on Main Street and Tink Drive. Officer called rescue.

Burnham Road caller wanted to report a violation of a protective order by his soon to be ex-wife.

Woman stopped on New Portland Road was charged with OUI, operating after suspension and speeding.

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CALENDAR

THURSDAY, FEB. 25

- Baby and Me, ages birth-18 mos., 9:30 a.m., Baxter Memorial Library.
- Toddler Time, ages 18-36 mos., 10 a.m., Baxter Memorial Library.
- Sewing Group at Baxter Memorial Library, 2:30-4:30 p.m., Ages 7 & older. 7 & 8 year olds must be accompanied by adult.

FRIDAY, FEB. 26

- Baked Haddock Dinner, 5-6:30 p.m., St. Anne's Parish Hall. \$9/adults, \$5/ages 6-12, under 5 free. FMI, 839-4857.

SATURDAY, FEB. 27

- Chicken Pie Supper, First Parish Congregational Church, 5-6:30 p.m. \$10/\$5 under 12. FMI, 838-6353.

TUESDAY, MAR. 1

- Gorham House Itsy Bitsy store, 1:30-3:30 p.m., GH lobby. FMI, 839-5757.
- Gorham Cancer Prayer and Support Group, 6 p.m., Cressey Road United Methodist Church. All are welcome. FMI, 321-1390 or 839-3111.
- Pre-School Story Time, 3-5 years, Baxter Memorial Library, 9:30 a.m.

WEDNESDAY, MAR. 2

- Story Time, birth-3 yrs., 10-10:30 a.m., North Gorham Public Library.
- Town of Gorham Senior Lunch Program, St. Anne's Church. Opens at 11 a.m. Lunch served promptly at 12 p.m. \$4. FMI, 839-4857.
- Maine Poet Laureate, Wesley McNair, will offer poems on one of poetry's oldest themes: gratitude. Sponsored by Friends of Baxter Memorial Library. FMI, 222-1190 or baxterlibrary.org.

THURSDAY, MAR. 3

- Baby and Me, ages birth-18 mos., 9:30 a.m., Baxter Memorial Library.
- Toddler Time, ages 18-36 mos., 10 a.m., Baxter Memorial Library.

FRIDAY, MAR. 4

- Baked Haddock Dinner, 5-6:30 p.m., St. Anne's Parish Hall. \$9/adults, \$5/ages 6-12, under 5 Free. FMI, 839-4857.
- Fields and Farms Art Exhibit and Open House at The Old Richardson Place, 4-7 p.m. FMI, 510MainStreet.com or call 839-4200.

SATURDAY, MAR. 5

- Maine Republican 2016 Caucus, Gorham Republicans, Westbrook High School, 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Bring photo ID to vote.

SUNDAY, MAR. 6

- Gorham Democratic Caucus, 2 p.m., Gorham Middle School. FMI, forrestgenthner@gmail.com; see ad on page 13.

TUESDAY, MAR. 8

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

WEDNESDAY, MAR. 9

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THURSDAY, MAR. 10

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 Gorham House, 50 New Portland Rd.
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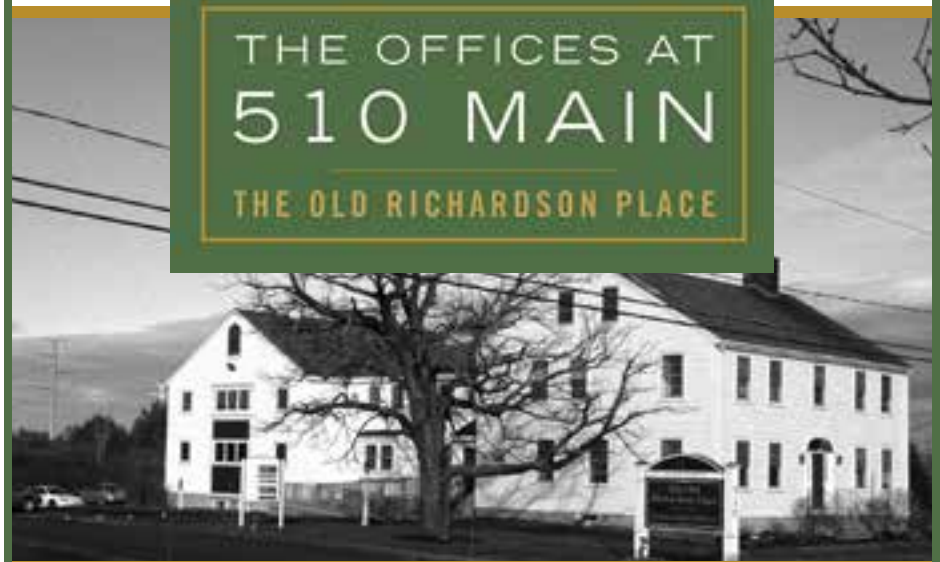
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