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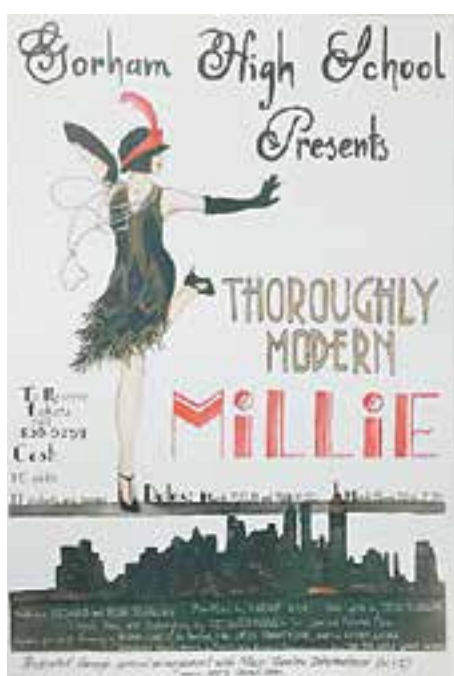
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“Thoroughly Modern Millie” at Gorham High School



Poster credit Sophomore Claire Valentine

MICHAEL LORTIE
Play Producer and
Great Falls Staff

Over the next two weekends Gorham High School will present “Thoroughly Modern Millie.” The production, with music by Jeanine Tesori, lyrics by Dick Scanlan, and a book by Richard Morris and Scanlan, was based on a 1967 movie starring Julie Andrews. The play will feature 33 students in the cast and another 15 working behind the scenes.

“Thoroughly Modern Millie” was produced on Broadway in 2002 and won six Tony Awards, including Best New Musical. The play tells the story of Millie Dillmount, who comes to New York in 1922, looking for adventure and hoping to marry her boss, Trevor. She rents a room from the evil Mrs. Meers, a criminal who is running a kidnapping scam in her hotel. Millie meets the handsome and charming Jimmy and might need to change her plans to marry for money.

“Millie” has many big song and dance numbers and a great deal of wit and humor. The Roaring ‘20s are in full swing and the lavish lifestyle of New York City is on full display. There will be projections on the stage and some of the script is performed in Mandarin and Cantonese. Cast members have been working with the Confucius Institute at USM to provide authentic pronunciation and translations.

Joshua Hurd will be directing at GHS for the first time. Hurd has worked on Broadway and cruise ships, as well as local theaters. Matthew Murray is the musical director and Deb Lombard is the choreographer, both of whom have

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GHS Girls’ Basketball Wins Class AA Title

JOHN CURLEY
Staff Writer

The GHS girls’ basketball team gave their fans a night to remember. Led by junior Emily Esposito (22 points, 8 rebounds) the Lady Rams (21-0) embraced the moment and made clutch plays to earn a 46-36 victory over a valiant Edward Little squad. Freshman Mackenzie Holmes (10 points, 6 rebounds), junior Kristen Curley (6 points, 5 rebounds), junior Kaylea Lundin (5 points, 4 rebounds), and junior Danasia Fennie (3 points, 9 rebounds) all contributed to a balanced attack that proved to be too much for the Red Eddies down the stretch.

Head coach Laughn Berthiaume and his coaching staff passed by the GHS trophy case every day on the way to practice. They knew there had not been a state championship since 1999 when the Rams, coached by Carol Merrifield, won the Class B title.

Berthiaume said, “The season has been an exciting experience. It involved a tremendous amount of commitment and perseverance along the way. I don’t think at this time the girls realize how truly difficult it was to accomplish what they did. There are so many things that have to go right in order to complete an undefeated championship season. Twenty years down the road they will still remember how they felt in that



Photo courtesy of Steve Morneau

The Gorham High School girls’ basketball team recently won the Class AA Championship.

moment. They were able to create a life-long memory that will tie them together forever. I am very happy for them, they earned it.”

After a night of celebration with the Gorham community, a large contingent of Lady Ram players spent their Sunday morning at Cape Elizabeth Middle School supporting coach Neile Nelson and her sixth grade girls’ team in a quest for a championship of their own. A heart-

stopping 37-36 victory over Mt. Ararat in the championship game indicates that Gorham girls’ basketball will be in good hands for many years to come.

Looking ahead to next year, Gorham will face the challenge of replacing senior captains Emily Bragg and Molly Merrifield who provided emotional leadership and quality minutes when called

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A Tribute to Pam Turner

MARY COLLINS
Baxter Memorial Library Trustee

Pam Turner, director of Baxter Memorial Library (BML) since 1993, died February 26 at the age of 49, too soon for one who was always looking forward to the next project, the next adventure, the next Red Sox game. She will be sorely missed.

Pam wrote a column regularly for the Gorham Times under the heading @Your Library. It aptly describes how Pam viewed the library; it was your library, the community’s library, and not hers. Said Megan Hills, trustee and avid library patron, “It felt like she wanted the library to be a gathering place for the community.” And from Susan Adolf, member of the Friends’ Board, “I think Pam’s greatest strength was her commitment to making the library a place where everyone would feel welcome and

find something that they were interested in.”

Several people mentioned how helpful Pam always was to library patrons. Diane Caswell, president of the Friends Board, remembered when a patron was having trouble accessing some resources on her home computer, Pam spent 20 minutes on the phone walking her through it step by step.

A frequently cited strength was Pam’s ability to plan with and support the library’s Board of Trustees and Friends group. Linda Frinsko, president of the Trustees, noted working together on strategic planning and setting library policies and how Pam encouraged trustees to take advantage of opportunities to learn about new library practices. Diane Caswell said, “If the Friends needed anything done, she was always right there. She respected others’ opinions and suggestions and was always thinking about the needs of the library.”



File photo

Pamela Turner

James Rathbun, assistant director, cited several achievements at the library under Pam’s directorship. She oversaw a major expansion of

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Protect Yourself

SEN. AMY VOLK

As a state legislator, each year I am asked to help promote the state's Unclaimed Property program. I very much enjoy doing this, as the program connects Maine citizens with property they might not even know they have lost. If you have not checked the list, do so at www.maine.gov/upsearch or call the Treasurer's office at 624-7470. This is absolutely a legitimate program, and can connect you with insurance money, bonds, safety deposit boxes, abandoned bank accounts, etc. that belong to you. If you find something, claiming it is as simple as filling out a quick form.

However, please be aware – there are unfortunately people trying to take advantage of Mainers using the Unclaimed Property Program as a cover. Letters being mailed from out of state are telling Mainers that they can reclaim thousands of dollars – if they pay a fee to do so. You should not ever have to pay a fee to search for or claim your property. Anytime someone asks you to do so, they are scamming you. You never have to pay a fee to claim your property through the Maine State Treasurer's office. If you receive a letter about unclaimed property, please feel free to call the Treasurer's Office or contact me with questions and we can help you determine its legitimacy and whether or not you do have property.

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the library in 2004, greatly increasing space for the library's collection and programming. In 2006 the library was named a recipient of the Maine Library Excellence Award. She was well known as a statewide leader, serving as president of the Maine Library Association in 2005-2006 and on other state boards and committees.

She led the library through its modernization. Pam added public access to the Internet as soon as it was available around 1997.

When Pam began working at BML, the library still used a paper card catalogue. It now has a website, online card catalogue, and is a member of the statewide Minerva Consortium, which allows patrons to borrow items from 60 other libraries.

Libraries have changed greatly during Pam's tenure, but what has not changed is the library's commitment to excellent helpful service to its community and that is the legacy for which Pam would wish to be remembered.

Around Town

At a special town council meeting held on March 3, the Council voted 6-0 (Rouillard absent) to accept an offer from Christina Howe, Clint Steele, and David Steckino for the town-owned property at 10 Preble Street. The buyers have two weeks in which to conduct an inspection before the sale becomes final. Clint Steele is a chiropractor with offices at 20 Mechanic Street.

Gorham Hair and Co., owned by Brianna and Brendan Wormell, is expected to open soon in the vacant space in the Mister Bagel building.

The Police Department is expected to begin moving into the new Public Safety Building on Main Street as early as March 15. The project to renovate the existing Public Safety Building into the fire station is expected to be completed in mid-summer.

Unclaimed property isn't the only way people are currently trying to take advantage of Mainers. Recently in the news was a story that someone claiming to be a federal agent scammed a man out of a thousand dollars in central Maine. Then, there was news about someone calling businesses in this area threatening to shut utilities off if they didn't make an immediate credit card payment over the phone. Every year around this time as well, fraudsters use the impending tax deadline to swindle Mainers. The real IRS does not initiate contact over the phone.

Never give out your credit or debit card information over the phone to someone demanding the information. Never give your social security or other personal information over the phone or via email to someone who has initiated contact with you, especially if they are making threats about what will happen if you don't pay or provide information. It's worth it to also take the time to contact the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division if you think a scammer has contacted you. They can be reached at 626-8849.

Every two seconds in America someone's identity is stolen, and millions of dollars are sent to scammers every year. It pays to be vigilant.

If you want to learn more about how to protect yourself and your family from fraud and scams, I encourage you to attend a workshop the AARP is hosting on the topic at Bellavita (18 Black Point Road) in Scarborough. The workshop will be held on March 14 from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.. That one hour can help protect you and your family from identity theft and financial theft. I am hoping to arrange for similar programs in Gorham and Buxton. Contact me to help.

As always, if you have any questions about this event, the topics covered in the column, or any issue being discussed in Augusta please don't hesitate to contact me. I can be reached at 229-5091 or avolk@volkboxes.com.



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Letters to the Editor

Letters must be less than 300 words, signed with a first and last name, typed or e-mailed and include a phone number. Letters are solely the opinion of the writer and not that of the Gorham Times. They are published at the discretion of the Gorham Times and are subject to editing.

Dear Gorham Times,

I wanted to respond to one of the letters to the editor in the last issue of the Gorham Times about the recycling program in Gorham. The letter prompted me to call the Public Works department to see if in fact all the trash and recycling was going into the same truck. The answer was yes sometimes they do. The town has what are called split body trucks. While it looks like they are being all thrown into the same place, they are not. There are separate sides to the truck that they throw the trash and the recycling. I was happy to know that my efforts to keep the recycling separate wasn't in vain, and I wanted to make sure everyone knew theirs wasn't either.

Deb Houle

Dear Gorham Times,

I am not sure exactly when Pam first started becoming a crucial supporter of the Food Pantry. She came up with the idea of collecting goods at the library as a way of making it easier for patrons to drop off things and it gave the Pantry a broader visibility in the community. At first we were surprised, yet grateful for the boost to our struggling efforts at the time to just feed our neighbors in need of a little help.

In later conversations, Pam admitted seeing a true need for the Pantry every day when she saw kids who were not getting the food they needed to function in school much less socially.

About 10 years back, we started a program of giving away children's books to our clients as a way to encourage literacy and also encouraging parents to spend a time reading to their children. An unexpected result was that older children and adults started taking the books also. And we ran out of books constantly. At the book sale that year, I spoke to Pam explaining what we were trying to accomplish, which she wholeheartedly supported. The sparkle in her eyes that day was some-

thing to behold. From the next book sale until the most recent, we collected as many unsold children's books we wanted and any other books we felt would be used and appreciated.

Last year I got a phone call from Pam wanting to do more. She wanted to post the Pantry's needs on the library website. And that was just what she did every day: thinking of others and how to help them make their lives better.

Her mountains were high and her valleys were low but to the public she was always the same. Her battle was hers to fight and I truly believe she faced it with a dignity and courage any person can admire and, hopefully, emulate.

I will miss her and her smile...
Fran Thurston Doucette, Director,
Gorham Ecumenical Food Pantry

Dear Gorham Times,

Jordan Shiers and the entire Shiers family would like to extend a huge thank you for all the love and support given to our family during the last four months. This great out pouring of support has been so deeply appreciated. A special thanks to the people from First Parish Congregational Church, to those who helped organize the Hearts For Jordan Benefit Dance, donated auction items and attended a wonderful community filled event, which was a huge success.

Jordan's recovery is moving in a positive direction and she remains very determined and strong. The love and support that she and the family feel from this extraordinary Gorham community is a huge part of why she is able to maintain her resolve. The entire Shiers family feels extremely fortunate and blessed and we truly appreciate all the prayers, positive thoughts and support that all of you in this amazing community have given to us.

Love, Jordan, Darren, Lisa, Cole,
Delaney and Hallie Shiers

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Gorham Growl: Pet Supply Store Opens in Village

MALLORY CAMPBELL
GHS Student Intern

Ed and Ellen Gowen are proud owners of one of Gorham's newest businesses, Gorham Growl. The pet supply shop carries and sells a wide variety of quality cat and dog food, toys, warranty guaranteed leashes and collars, locally made pet baked goods, as well as other locally made pet products.

Gorham Growl is community-based with their child- and dog-friendly shop. Movies and programs that feature animals often play on the television above the check-out counter, and if a bag of dog or cat food cannot be carried out by the customer, Ed is always happy to carry it out to the car.

Along with selling well-balanced dog and cat products, Gorham Growl sells pet portrait paintings by a local artist. The shop also has special offers for frequent dog or cat food buyers, as well as for pet owners who provide the birthdays of their dogs or cats.

"It's been a dream to open a place like this," agree both of the Gowens.

Gorham Growl works alongside local animal refuge leagues. Since opening in early January, Gorham Growl has found homes for the cats seen in the shop window.

The Gowens would eventually like to renovate and make use of the old theater on the second floor of the building as a possible grooming and train-



Photo credit Mallory Campbell

ing area. Gorham Growl is hoping to have a display at the Gorham Business Exchange Marketplace in the spring.

The grand opening for Gorham Growl will be in April, but the store is currently open Tuesday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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been involved in the spring musical at GHS for many years.

"This is a very dedicated and hard working cast. They have risen to every challenge and this show will be sensational," said Hurd.

The cast includes seniors: Becca Cupps, Ellie Feinberg, Taylor Perkins, Connor Goodall, Brandon Kuusala, Spencer Linscott, Nicole Caruso, Julia Plante, and Doris Bean; juniors: Esther Eaton, Miles Obrey, Dorothy Stickney, Abby Flint, Georgia Baber, Elsa Alexandrin, Jamie Juskiewicz, Jack Lamont, and Anne Kelly; sophomores: Nathan Bachner, Abbie vanLuling, Shelby

Leach, Maddie Rossignol, Elizabeth Olsen, Hannah Beliveau, Marie Walton, Jillian Worster, Grant Hawkes, and Joy Lemont; and freshmen: Griffin Lord, Isaac Martel, and Vy Duong.

"Millie" will be performed six times during the weekends of March 11 and 18. Friday and Saturday (March 11, 12, 18, 19) night performances are at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday matinees (March 13, 20) are at 2:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$8 for students and seniors (65+). Tickets for all performances may be reserved by calling 839-5754; tickets will also be available at the door.

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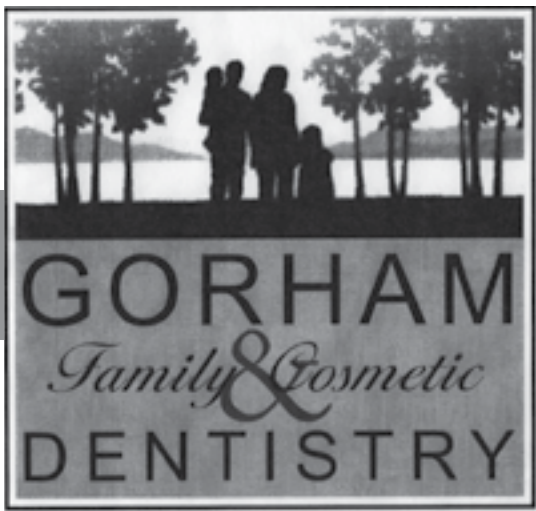
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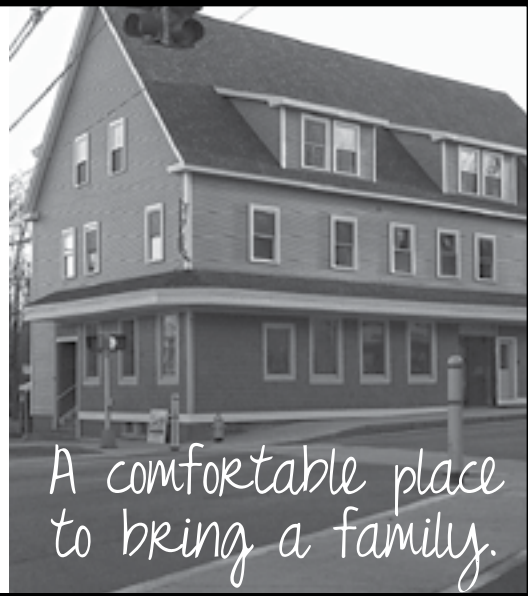
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BARBARA T. SCHNEIDER

While it feels like spring is right around the corner, at this changeable time of year our bodies speak to us with a simple primal message: get cozy, be comfortable, stay warm. So, in honor of that, let's feed the need with the following recipes that are simple, economical, and do not require a lot of fuss.

Here is a delicious one-pot meal of sausage, veggies, beans, and greens in a thick broth. Pair it with a salad with toasted chopped walnuts and cheese. The dessert will call to you via aroma alone--a warm pan of yummy baked apples, cinnamon and raisins. This is an easy to do menu, without fuss and fanfare. Let's get cooking... Enjoy!

Questions about the recipes can be e-mailed to Barbara Schneider at bts@maine.rr.com.

Sausage Veggie, Bean Soup

6 link sausages, hot or sweet Italian	1 32-oz can diced tomatoes
1 tube Jimmy Dean sausage, regular or hot	2 cups chicken, vegetable, or beef stock (use 3 cups for a thinner soup)
½ chopped onion	2 cups finely chopped kale (or bok choy)
3 cloves garlic, roughly chopped	Italian seasonings to taste
1 can cannellini beans, rinsed and drained	Salt & pepper to taste
1 can garbanzo beans, rinsed and roasted	Extra virgin olive oil for browning
1 cup shelled edamame	

To roast garbanzo beans: spray rinsed and patted towel-dry beans with canola or olive oil spray, toss to coat and lay out on a rimmed cookie pan. Place in a preheated 400 degree oven for 10 minutes (test if they are to your liking).

In large Dutch oven on stove, drizzle oil and brown sausage links, set aside. Add Jimmy Dean sausage and brown, add onion and garlic, cook for a few minutes. Add sausage links, and all other ingredients. Season to taste; cook on low heat for at least 50 minutes, the longer the better to thicken the broth.

Simple Salad

3 cups baby spinach	1 cup chopped toasted walnuts
1 large thinly sliced cucumber	Salt and pepper
2 tomatoes, chopped	Drizzling of olive oil & seasoned rice vinegar
Crumbled feta, blue or goat cheese to taste	

Combine ingredients, toss, and enjoy. (For added pow, drizzle some white truffle oil.)

Cinnamon Apple Bake

3-4 golden delicious apples, roughly chopped (skins on, core removed)	3 Tbsp. cinnamon
½ cup raisins	1 Tsp. nutmeg
	4-5 Tbsp. butter

Mix all ingredients to coat. Place in a glass 9-inch pan and bake in a pre-heated oven at 350 degrees for 20 minutes. Serve warm with butter pecan or vanilla ice cream.

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Laurie Nordfors
Acting Town Clerk

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New Gorham trash tags are now available for purchase at the Town Clerk's Office. Tags are sold in sheets of five and cost \$6.25 for the 33-gallon size and \$12.50 for the 15-gallon size. They can be attached to your choice of trash bags. Gorham trash bags and recycling bins may also be purchased in the Town Clerk's office.

Did you know you may renew your driver's license at AAA offices? You do not need to be an AAA member to use this service. AAA has partnered with the Maine Bureau of Motor

Vehicles to offer driver's license renewals and state ID renewals and replacements. License renewals can be processed up to six months in advance. AAA branches cannot perform changes to your license. You must visit a Bureau of Motor Vehicles branch office to make address, name, and photo changes. For additional information, contact a local AAA office or the Bureau of Motor Vehicles.

Last, but certainly not least, the State Primary and Town Referendum/School Budget Validation Elections will be held on June 14. Absentee Ballot applications will be available on March 14 in the Town Clerk's office or by visiting our website www.gorham-me.org.



Laurie Nordfors may be reached at lnordfors@gorham.me.us or 222-1675.

Town Accepts Bid for School, Road Projects

Bailey O'Brien
Staff Writer

On February 18, the town of Gorham accepted a bid for the \$1,750,000 bond issue approved by voters on November 3, 2015. \$1,175,000 will pay for major roof, locks, and hardware projects for Gorham Schools, and an additional \$600,000 will pay the town's share of the \$2.2 million Main Street construction project scheduled for this summer.

The bid was from Morgan Stanley at a 2.36 percent interest rate. Because the town originally estimated the interest rate to be 3.25 percent, the lower rate from Morgan Stanley will provide a savings. "We are very pleased with the interest our bond issue received and results of the bidding," says Town Manager David Cole.

The closing was scheduled for March 3. The bonds are for a 20-year term.

The Dolby and Dorr Funeral Chapel
76 State St.
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Robert Raymond Frazier, 69

Gorham – Robert Raymond Frazier, 69, died on February 25, 2016 during his sleep. He was born on May 15, 1946, the son of Raymond H. and Mary (Power) Frazier. Robert grew up in Bangor and attended John Bapst High School. After receiving his degree from UMO, he joined the navy and served for three years. He then moved to Gorham where he spent the rest of his life. Robert was known for his love of the outdoors, history, passion for community volunteerism, and family.

He is survived by his wife, Laurie Bem Frazier; children, Kelly Frazier Adams, Kristin Frazier, Greg Bem, Katie Bem, and Kevin Frazier; grandchildren, Hunter, Caleb, and Megan Adams, and Kendra and Fiona Wilbur; sister Suzanne Frazier; retired wife Susan Clifford; and countless other family, friends, and colleagues, all of whom will miss him dearly.

A celebration in Robert's honor will be held at a later date. Arrangements by the Dolby and Dorr Funeral Chapel, Gorham. To read Robert's complete obituary, express condolences and to participate in his online tribute, please visit www.dolbyfuneralchapels.com.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Maine Organic Farmers and Gardeners Association www.mofga.org/supportMOFGA. The family asks that anyone interested take a walk on a trail of their choice, in Robert's honor.



Lack of Education Funding Fuels Public Meeting

Bailey O'Brien
Staff Writer

On March 8, the town of Gorham hosted a special Town Council meeting featuring Gorham's state legislation, Senator Amy Volk and Representatives Linda Sanborn and Andrew McLean. The meeting was scheduled to address the issue of inadequate state aid education, particularly in the way it affects Gorham Schools.

Superintendent Heather Perry suggested that this meeting be held to discuss the issues surrounding school funding and "to heavily advocate for \$20 million to be added to GPA (General Purpose Aid) by the legislature for fiscal year 2017," said Perry.

The state legislation has not adjusted the budget for the fiscal year 2017. On the odd-numbered fiscal years, the Appropriations Committee typically creates a supplemental state budget that provides additional financial aid to

schools. However, Governor LePage is not submitting a supplemental state budget this year, leaving Maine's school districts, including Gorham, short crucial funds for the fiscal year 2017. "The state is \$20 million 'short' in covering the cost of state education, even by their own calculations," said Perry. Gorham has been dealt a projected loss of \$168,000, and many other school districts are facing more extreme losses.

With the state putting less priority on funding schools, "each year our local communities pay more to simply maintain our educational programs," said Perry. If the governor does not call for a supplemental state budget, Gorham taxpayers will see an increase in local taxes.

According to Town Manager David Cole, the agenda also included several other issues. Among other topics, Jon Smith presented his plan to develop a contract zone on his property on Railroad Avenue.

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Recycled Items Mixing With Trash Upon Pickup?

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MEGAN BENNETT
GHS Intern

On trash day, many residents watch in confusion as their trash goes into the garbage truck and, to their surprise, mixes with their recyclables. Are the recyclables really being recycled or are they getting mixed with the trash? The trash collection truck used by R W Herrick to collect trash and recyclables has a split interior. This means that although on the outside it looks like one big door, the inside of the truck has two separate bins: one for recycling and one for trash.

Recycling is the process of extending the life of materials that have already served its primary purpose by creating something. Recycling processes and remanufactures waste into new products. Almost everything can be recycled in one way or another. Recycling is easy, helps the environment, saves energy, and can be profitable. In Maine you can get cash back from your recycled bottles, which reduces litter and promotes recycling.

According to ecomaine, a non-profit waste management company, when you recycle you are reducing your amount of waste. And, every pound of material you recycle is one less pound for which your town must pay a disposal fee. Over the past year, Gorham has recycled 38



Photo credit Christina Bruns

Note the metal divider in this split body trash and recycling truck that picks up waste in Gorham. One side holds trash, the other recycling.

percent of the overall waste. The town with the highest recycling percentage for the 2011-2012 fiscal year was Pownal at 45 percent.

To learn more information on recycling, waste management, and Gorham's stats on recycling, go to www.ecomaine.org.



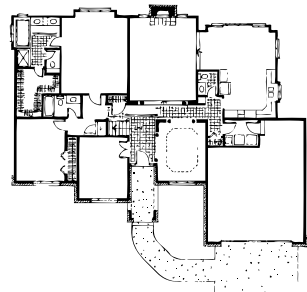
The Martha T. Harris Scholarship

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

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School Notes

Reminder: Register your kindergartener at your neighborhood school.

Children are encouraged to come dressed as their favorite prince or princess and eat pancakes on March 19 from 8 to 11 a.m. at the Gorham Middle School Cafeteria. The Gorham Dream Factory is raising funds to donate to the Dream Factory of Maine. The Dream Factory grants dreams to chronically and critically ill children throughout Maine. They are trying to raise \$500 to donate. Cost is \$5 per person or \$20 for a family of 5 or more. There are many activities for the kids to take part in such as dancing, face painting, a photo booth, and more.

On March 31 there will be a Post-Secondary Night from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at MPAC at Gorham High School.

Check out Superintendent Heather Perry's latest blog at: <http://gorhamsuperintendent.blogspot.com> which talks about the FY 17 budget development work and includes a link to a YouTube video of Great Falls School students singing a song they learned about celebrating diversity.

Tellie Stamaris, Gorham resident and a seventh grader at North Yarmouth Academy, was one of nine students at NYA who received 2016 Scholastic Writing Awards. She received a Silver Key for her flash fiction, "Darling, Never Grow Up." The Maine Region of the Scholastic Writing Awards received 354 submissions this year. Thirty-one Gold Keys, 59 Silver Keys, and 70 Honorable Mentions were given. Submissions are juried by luminaries in the literary arts, some of whom are past award recipients. Panelists look for works that best exemplify originality, technical skill, and the emergence of a personal voice or vision. Award-winning students and their teachers, Holly Dana and Heidi Grant, will be recognized at a ceremony on March 11 at 6 p.m. in Talbot Lecture Hall on the University of Southern Maine's Portland campus.

Elementary Schools Win Gold in Obesity Program

LYDIA VALENTINE
GMS Student Intern

Gorham schools have been involved for many years with Let's Go!, Maine's childhood obesity program. All three of Gorham's elementary schools were recently recognized for the 2014-2015 school year as Gold Level sites, the highest award possible.

The program annually recognizes schools that help students make healthy lifestyle choices in terms of personal fitness and nutrition. Physical education teacher Frank DeFrancesco and his team, which includes Fran Alves, Jaime Tardif, and Collin Henry, lead the Great Falls program. Narragansett's work is headed by physical education teacher Mike Fortier and Village Elementary is led by physical education teacher Gary Speed and nurse Beth Perkins.

To achieve the gold level, the schools completed all five bronze priority strategies including: limiting unhealthy snack and celebration choices; limiting or eliminating sugary drinks; prohibiting the use of food as a reward; providing opportunities for physical activities every day; and limiting recreational screen time.

Once the schools achieved the bronze level they communicated with families about the 5-2-1-0 program by putting up posters and sending home a letter to inform parents about the five priority strategies in the bronze level.

Once the silver level was achieved, the last step was for the school to have a staff member on the district wellness committee and/or to adopt and enforce the Let's Go! strategies into school policy.

The three Gorham elementary schools incorporated movement breaks into their days, ranging from dancing to yoga, added weekly wellness tips that focus on nutrition exercise and hygiene, and many of the elementary "Kids Clubs" have fitness components.

Great Falls has "Fresh Friday" where the classrooms keep track of the percentage of students that have a fresh fruit or vegetable snack and the winning class gets a small prize. Since implementing this program last year, the amount of fresh fruits and vegetables brought in for snack has increased.

To learn how to get involved with the Let's Go! program, visit their website at www.lets-go.org/get-involved.

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CRT Hosts Bingo Night

The Gorham Middle School Civil Rights Team (CRT) hosted a highly successful Bingo night on the evening of February 26. Over 100 students, parents, and community members attended the event, helping to raise \$260. All funds raised will be donated to community efforts in creating welcoming, safe, and respectful environments for all people. Civil Rights Team advisor, Meghan Rounds, could not be happier with the community support for the first CRT-sponsored Bingo night, which she says, is the first of many. A special thank you to the parents who made the event a success, including: Martie Lachance, Melissa Mullin, Lori Crocker, Jane Farr, and the many others who donated their time to the event and bake sale. Thanks is also extended to Susie Hanley and Jeffrey Carpenter for their generous donations to the event. Lastly, and most importantly, Rounds recognizes the hard work, enthusiasm, and dedication of her Civil Rights Team students, who are all rock stars.



Photo credit Meghan Rounds

Raising a Child on the Spectrum

LYDIA VALENTINE
GMS Student Intern

Derek Volk spoke last month at Gorham Middle School about his new book "Chasing the Rabbit," an analogy to a racing greyhound, and raising a child on the spectrum. His son, Dylan, born in 1991, was diagnosed with Asperger's syndrome when he was eight years old.

From the very beginning, Volk's wife, Amy, knew something was not quite right with Dylan. When placed in a car seat he screamed non-stop, he had no interest in interacting with children his own age, and he obsessed over one particular subject for months.

When they tried to learn what was wrong, every doctor gave them a different diagnosis--so many that Derek called them the "diagnosis of the month."

Every specialist they saw said Dylan had whatever they specialized in. It would take six months to get to a specialist and then another four to get results. Dylan once saw an expert for 18 months and all he

did was draw and talk about birds. She said he had "spirited child syndrome."

This went on for years until they learned of a book about an eight-year-old boy from Harlem with Asperger's who memorized the entire subway system. This sounded exactly like Dylan's obsession with vacuum cleaners. They bought the book and felt like it was written about Dylan.

In order to help Dylan, the schools needed a diagnosis so the Volks chose Asperger's.

Derek spoke about how everyone has different battle strategies when dealing with a child on the spectrum. His was to protect the family no matter what--even if that meant sacrificing Dylan. Amy's, however, was to leave no man behind, including Dylan, but even that



Photo credit Lydia Valentine

Derek Volk spoke about his new book, "Chasing the Rabbit," the story of raising a child on the spectrum, at Gorham Middle School last month. He is pictured with his wife, Senator Amy Volk.

Learning how to deal with a child on the spectrum is not easy and it does not happen overnight. Derek said it took him years to accept Dylan's diagnosis. He recommended to parents with children on the spectrum to accept the diagnosis as the first step.

was getting harder as he entered high school and he was getting bigger and stronger and wanted to unload his frustrations onto Amy.

Dylan went through some bad patches and was kicked out of two

boarding schools and really did not care about life; he slept all day and put on a considerable amount of weight. His parents gave him a choice: fly to a place in Utah that could help him or go to a homeless shelter. He chose Utah where he turned his life around. He quit smoking, started working out, and started looking for jobs.

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Dylan and Derek will present at the Southern Maine Autism Conference at the Portland DoubleTree Hotel on March 12.

PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

- (1) Shaw Earthworks Inc., P.O. Box 314, Gorham, ME 04038 (207) 839-7955
- (2) Application for Tier 2 Wetland Compensation
- (3) Shaw Earthworks Inc. headquarters has purchased an adjacent lot and is seeking to add impervious area for maneuvering and storage.
- (4) Public informational meeting will be held at 11 Cyr Drive in Gorham at 5:30am on March 17th, 2016.
- (5) The purpose of this meeting is for Shaw Earthworks Inc. to inform the public of the project and its anticipated environmental impacts and to educate the public about the opportunities for public comment on the project.

PUBLIC NOTICE: NOTICE OF INTENT TO FILE

Please take notice that Shaw Earthworks Inc., P.O. Box 314, Gorham, ME 04038 (207) 839-7955 is intending to file a Natural Resources Protection Act permit application with the Maine Department of Environmental Protection pursuant to the provisions of 38 M.R.S.A. §§ 480-A thru 480-BB on or about 03/02/2016.

The application is for Wetland Compensation and additional impervious area at the following location: 11 Cyr Drive.

A request for a public hearing or a request that the Board of Environmental Protection assume jurisdiction over this application must be received by the Department in writing, no later than 20 days after the application is found by the Department to be complete and is accepted for processing. A public hearing may or may not be held at the discretion of the Commissioner or Board of Environmental Protection. Public comment on the application will be accepted throughout the processing of the application.

For Federally licensed, permitted or funded activities in the Coastal Zone, review of this application shall also constitute the State's consistency review in accordance with the Maine Coastal Program pursuant to Section 307 of the federal Coastal Zone Management Act, 16 U.S.C. § 1456.

The application will be filed for public inspection at the Department of Environmental Protection's office in Portland during normal working hours. A copy of the application may also be seen at the municipal offices in Portland, Maine.

Written public comments may be sent to the regional office in Portland, Augusta, or Bangor where the application is filed for public inspection:

MDEP, Central Maine Regional Office, 17 State House Station, Augusta, Maine 04333
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Student Artist Recognized at Museum

VICKI BOVE
GMS Visual Arts Teacher

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

The PMA's exhibition, on view now through April 3 will showcase more than 100 works of art by students throughout the state, from elementary through high school. All participating students will receive certificates of recognition. A celebration and presentation of awards was held at the PMA on March 5.

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

The Youth Art Month exhibition celebrates and validates student



Photo credit Caitlyn Duffy

The artwork of Gorham senior Caitlyn Duffy is on display at the Portland Museum of Art for the month of March to celebrate Youth Art Month.

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

Participating students this year are: sixth grader Shanteara Ly; seventh grader Daneille Eid; and seniors Caitlyn Duffy and Kayla St. Amand.

Twenty-three GMS Students Participate in Festival



Photo credit Tracy Williamson

This year's Southern Maine Middle School Honors Band and Chorus Festival took place on, February 26 and 27 at the Westbrook Performing Arts Center. Twenty-three Gorham Middle School students were accepted at the auditions in October and participated in this event with choral guest conductor Sophia Papoulis from the Boston Children's Chorus and band guest conductor Heidi Anderson from Brunswick High School. Gorham Honors Chorus students pictured (left to right): back row: Zachary Pierce, Sage Merriam, Molly Rathbun, Orion Bissonnette, Hannah Smith, Jade Wu, and Corey Blake. Front row: Sierra Cummings, Sadie LaPierre, Lauren Preis, Isabella VanZandt, Ashley McBreairty, and Mason Hawkes. Gorham Honors Band students pictured (left to right): back row: Tabitha Chase (tuba), Nate Goff (tenor sax), Patrick Bishop (trumpet), and Wesley Brinegar (trumpet). Front row: Emily Paruk (trombone), Mackenna Homa (trombone), Elizabeth Blanchard (clarinet), Maeve Higgins (clarinet), and Bailey Wentworth (clarinet). Missing is Nathan Eichner (clarinet).



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Any gift cards/certificates will be honored during the month of March so any holders of such are recommended to come in and take advantage of the closing sales.

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

Thank you, again, to all of our supporters....we will keep you posted on any new developments!

Second Annual Home Energy Fair



Photos credit Megan Bennett

Kaitlyn Cunningham Morse, Sales & Brand Ambassador of We Compost It, participated in this year's Energy Fair.

MEGAN BENNETT
USM Student Intern

Over 20 businesses from all over Maine set up tables on February 27 to educate Gorham residents and surrounding community members about clean energy options for the home and business. Little Falls Elementary School hosted their second annual free Home Energy Fair promoted by the Greater Portland Sustainability Council, in partnership with the Gorham Conservation Commission.

Businesses offered the opportunity to explore their products and services in energy efficiency, solar power, heat pumps, pellet boilers, green power options from utilities, and more. They also presented discounts on energy products and services to encourage home and businesses owners to reduce their carbon footprints.

The fair also included children's activities and workshops, and specifically held a jump-rope contest to support Jump Rope for Heart, a national education and fundraising event sponsored by the American

Heart Association and the Society of Health and Physical Educators.

Along with supporting businesses, the fair also advertised the success of past Greenfests, a larger energy fair to educate people about matters concerning the environment as well as how to live more sustainably, giving attendees the chance to have fun and celebrate our amazing planet in a greener way.

The inaugural Portland Greenfest was held on September 13, 2014 and was a great hit, with over 60 exhibitors, musical performers, and thousands of attendees. Although it is a couple months away, the third Annual Greenfest on September 10 in Monument Square from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. will be a perfect way to learn about efficient energy and heating options just in time for next year's winter.

To learn more about the vendors from the Gorham Home Energy Fair, as well as new vendors who will be at Greenfest, visit www.portlandgreenfest.org. The next energy fair will be held March 12 in Saco at Thornton Academy from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.



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Girls' Indoor Track: Diana Albanese, Anna Smith

Boys' Indoor Track: Thomas Bernier, Tyler Bernier, Benjamin Bradshaw, Emerson Fox, Collin Jones, Branden Kuusela, Nathaniel Nadeau, Calvin Riiska, Jesse Southard, Cameron Tracy, Sean Pratt

Girls' Basketball: Emily Bragg, Molly Merrifield

Boys' Basketball: Cody Elliott, Sam Kilborn

Girls' Ice Hockey: Emma Niles, Madison Russell

Girls' Swimming: Maeve Terry

Boys' Alpine Skiing: Joseph Moutinho, Robert Campbell, Benjamin Bradshaw

Girls' Alpine Skiing: Mia Kaufman

All-Conference (SMAA)

Girls' Basketball: Emily Esposito, 1st Team; MacKenzie Holmes, 1st Team; Kaylee Lundin, 3rd Team, All-Defensive Team; Laughn Berthiame, McDonald's State Coach of the Year Class "AA"

Boys' Basketball: Billy Ruby, 1st Team; Sam Kilborn, 2nd Team

Boys' Indoor Track: Ethan Orach, Open 600; Lucas Gowen, Junior 200; Alex Ousback, Junior 800; Branden Kuusela, Senior 55 Hurdles

Girls' Indoor Track: Anna Slager, Jr. 800, Open 600, 1 mile, 2, mile, SMR 2 Mile SMAA Champ; Grace McGouldrick, Jr. 200, Jr. 55 Hurdles, SMR; Bridget Rossignol, Pole Vault, SMR; Maddie Rossignol, Sprint Medley Relay

Cheerleading: Olivia Garand, 1st Team; Lauren Nagy, 1st Team; Michaela Derosier, 1st Team; Caroline Smith, 1st Team; Meredith Dvilinski, 1st Team; Megan Yaskula, Honorable Mention; Brooke Hall, Honorable Mention

Boys' Skiing: Joe Moutinho, All-Conference; Owen Smith, All-Conference

Girls' Skiing: Maeve Pittman, All-Conference

Boys' Ice Hockey: Carl Bear, 1st Team; William Baxter, 3rd Team; Noah Bird, Honorable Mention

Team Ram Awards

Girls' Ice Hockey: Most Valuable Player, Mary Adams; Most Improved Player, Megan Polchies; Coach's Award, Ally Johnson

Alpine Ski Team: Leadership Award, Joseph Moutinho; Leadership Award, Alyda Twilley; Coach's Award, Robert Campbell

Girls' Basketball: Coach's Award, Emily Bragg; Coach's Award, Molly Merrifield; Defensive Player of the Year, Kaylea Lundin; Defensive Player of the Year, Danasia Fennie

Boys' Basketball: Most Valuable Player, Billy Ruby; Most Improved Player, Jackson Fotter; Coach's Award, Cody Elliott; Best Defensive Player, Stephen Burns; Rookie Award, Kyle King; Ram Pride Award, Sam Kilborn; Senior Plaques: Billy Ruby, Sam Kilborn, Stephen Burns, Cody Elliott, Cameron Smith

Boys' Indoor Track: Most Valuable Athlete, Lucas Gowen; Most Valuable Athlete, Branden Kuusela; Most Improved Athlete, Collin Jones

Girls' Indoor Track: Outstanding Performer, Anna Slager; Outstanding Newcomer, Grace McGouldrick; Most Improved, Bridget Rossignol

Boys' Swimming: Most Valuable Swimmer, Andrew Eaton; Most Improved Swimmer, Sam Martel; Golden Goggles, Max Harvey

Girls' Swimming: Most Valuable Swimmer, Caelyn Smith; Most Improved Swimmer, Kasey Jiang; Golden Goggles, Molly Sposato

Cheerleading: Most Improved Performer, Rachel Jean; Outstanding Rookie, Gretchen Muehle; Outstanding Rookie, Samantha Robichaud

Boys' Ice Hockey: Coach's Award, Carl Bear; Dedication Award, William Baxter; Hustle Award, Dylan Weeks

GHS Girls' Basketball

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upon. Esposito, Lundin, Curley, and Fennie all return for one more season. These players along with a strong group of playoff-tested sophomores and freshmen including Holmes and sophomore sixth man Michelle Rowe should have the Rams in the mix once again as a contender.

Gorham is a special place to live. Regardless of the event, it really comes alive when its young people are competing for a state title. The huge crowd of

supporters in the stands and student section at the Cross Insurance Arena in Portland only tells part of the story. Fire engines, police sirens and crowds of people young and old holding signs and balloons at the edge of town buoy the spirits of our young competitors. A community celebration at GHS scheduled win or lose provides the icing on the cake. It is hard to imagine somebody doing it better than Gorham. Let's do it again next year!

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Boys' Ice Hockey Beaten by Gardiner in Playoffs

MARTIN GAGNON
Sports Editor

The Gorham Boys' Ice Hockey team may not have advanced in the Class B South Region playoffs, but Head Coach Jon Portwine said his young and spirited players grew and gained the experience which should help them rise again to the top of the Class B ranks. Opening as the seventh seeded team, the Rams were shut out by Gardiner High School in the opening round of the state playoffs.

In the first period it looked like neither team would find the back of the net until Gardiner finally put one past the very busy Gorham goalie Noah Bird.

Gardiner came out strong in the second period and tallied three more goals. The game would end with a 4-0 victory for Gardiner. Gardiner outshot the Rams 30-15 for the game.

Reflecting on the season, Coach Portwine said, "A lot of players got their first taste of high school hockey and adjusted nicely to the speed and physical play." He added, "The talent is very promising and very deep for the next few years but the team will need to improve on giving a consistent effort and cutting down on mental mistakes." With the talent, youth, and growing maturity it is just a matter of time before Gorham is back among the elite in boys' ice hockey.

Undefeated Cheerleading Team



Photo courtesy of Michelle Adams

The Gorham Middle School Cheerleading Team swept the Elite Competition held at Gorham High School. They were recognized for "crazy tumbling." The team placed first in their division and was crowned Grand Champions of the whole competition. They also won the Scarborough Invitational earlier this year, making them undefeated for three years in a row. Pictured in the back row: Coach Julie Dvilinsky, Rebecca Brunner, Sami Cummings, Madi Gould, Gisele Cologna, Caralin Mills, Tatum Philbrook, Lauren Green, Coach Jess Taylor; front row: Emma Green, Jordan Blakeslee, Cassidy Rioux, Denisha Beeler, Jessica Burgess; not pictured: Myka Snyder, Reighley Adams

In the Zone



Photo courtesy of Neile Nelson

Cape League Travel Champs: The Gorham sixth grade girls' travel basketball team recently won the Cape League Travel Title bringing back yet more championship hardware to Gorham. Pictured in the back row, left to right, Coach Neile Nelson, Nicole Walker, Sophia Michaud, Anna Nelson, Kayleigh Cloutier, Kiah Curtis, Coach Dean Walker. From left to right bottom row, team members are: Emma Stevens, Courtney Rent, Julia Kratzer, Allie Myles, Jillian Morrill.

Boys' Class A State Skiing Championships: Gorham High School's Joseph Moutinho finished 12th in the Giant Slalom event in at the Maine State Alpine Skiing Championships. The Class A Alpine Championships were held at Mt. Abram in February.

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OF INTEREST

Nathaniel Marcet (GHS '10) will intern at Baker Newman Noyes (BNN) for a busy tax season while also attending the University of Southern Maine. Wren Saunders of Gorham will also intern at BNN while attending the USM School of Law.

Cadette Girl Scout Troop 2300 from Gorham opened the legislative day in the State Senate as color guards with Emily Feagans reading the opening prayer and leading the Senate into the Pledge of Allegiance. L-R: State Senator Amy Volk, Emily Feagans (caller), Troop Leader Deborah Feagans, Isabella Densmore (American Flag), Danielle Irish (State of Maine flag), Troop Leader Pamela Irish, and Grace Pierce (Girl Scout flag).



A Silent Auction and Benefit Concert to benefit "Homes for Honduras" will be held at the First Parish Congregational Church on Saturday, Mar. 19. Auction begins at 5 p.m. and concert begins at 7 p.m. FMI, 839-6751.

The Gorham High School Dream Factory Club will present a Princess Breakfast on Saturday, Mar. 19 from 8 to 11 a.m. at the Gorham Middle School cafeteria. Come dressed as your favorite prince or princess! There will be games, dancing, face painting and a silent auction. \$5pp/\$20 family of 5 or more.

Local Author, Morgan Callan Rogers, will speak at the North Gorham Public Library on Thursday, Mar. 24 at 7 p.m. Rogers has written "Red Ruby Heart in a Cold Blue Sea" and the recently released "Written On My Heart". Both books take place in coastal Maine. The event is free and open to all.

Join the Presumpscot Regional Land Trust on Saturday, Mar. 19 at 10 a.m. for a guided walk on the Gambo Preserve to learn the rich history of the Presumpscot River. The program will focus on stories about the Cumberland and Oxford Canal and the Oriental Powder Mills of the 1800s. There are visible remains of the canal and the powder mills that can be explored. Don Wescott, steward and docent of the Gambo Preserve, will lead the tour. The event is free, but space is limited, RSVP required to info@prt.org.

Rev. Dr. Cathy Genthner, on right, of Gorham is the new pastor at the North Congregational Church, Groveville, in Buxton. Rev. Dr. Genthner, who holds a BA in Communication from USM and a Master of Divinity and Doctorate of Ministry from Bangor Theological Seminary, is also employed as a hospice chaplain for Compassus Hospice in Scarborough and works as a freelance writer for the Maine Sportsman, Maine Seniors, and the Maine Sunday Telegram. She is also a registered Maine Guide worked as a news anchor/reporter producer before serving in the ministry. FMI, CathyGenthner@twc.com



The Gorham Woman's Club will hold their March meeting on Thursday, Mar. 10, 1 p.m. at First Parish Congregational Church. Audiologist Shannon Phinney Dowdle will present a program about Hearing Aids. Members and guests are welcome. Refreshments at 12:30 p.m. FMI, meow04038@yahoo.com.

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Mister Bagel, located at 13 New Portland Road, will host a Coffee with the Chief event on March 17 from 9 to 10 a.m. This is an opportunity to meet the Police Chief and discuss any concerns.

The Lakes Region Senior Center in Gorham will offer an eight-week program - A Matter of Balance - Friday, Apr. 15 through June 3 from 9-11 a.m. Open to everyone, but a reservation is needed.\$20 for all eight sessions. Sponsored by Southern Maine Agency on Aging. FMI, Blanche Alexander at 892-5604.

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.

The Lakes Region Senior Center, located at the Little Falls Activity Center, 40 Acorn Street in Gorham is open Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Join them daily for coffee, tea and socializing. Ongoing daily activities include Mahjong on Mondays--beginners welcome. FMI, Diane 892-9529. Tuesday crafts and card games. FMI, Avis 892-0298. The Memoir Writing Group meets the second and fourth Wednesday of the month. FMI, David 892-5604; Thursday Table Games at 10 a.m. and Friday Art Workshop at 9 a.m. FMI, 892-0299.

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, 839-2484 or 839-3859.

CLOSE TO HOME

"HONK Jr.", a musical based on Hans Christian Anderson's "The Ugly Duckling" will be presented at the Windham Center Stage Theater from Mar. 11 to 20. FMI, www.windhamtheater.org or 893-2098.

Truly Talented Kids Cabaret show and fundraiser will be performed on Mar. 18 & 19, 7 p.m. at the Schoolhouse Arts Center. Sponsored by The Black Box Teens—a theater education and service group made up of middle and high school-aged students. FMI, schoolhousearts.org

The Windham Historical Society will present storyteller and oral historian Jo Radner who will discuss "Burnt into Memory: Stories of the Brownfield Fire," based on her interviews of those affected by this tragedy in October 1947. Over 80 percent of the town of Brownfield was destroyed. The event will be held on Saturday, Mar. 19 at 9 a.m. in the downstairs meeting room of the Windham Public Library. The public is welcome. \$5 donation. Refreshments will be available. FMI, 892-1433 or 892-1306, or visit windhamhistorical.org.

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Lover's Lane caller let police know he had put personal information in the recycling bins without shredding it. Officer took the papers and had them shredded.

Woman stopped on Main Street was charged with OUI (with two priors) and operating beyond license restriction.

Man parked on State Street was advised not to park blocking the dumpster; the trash truck needed to empty it.

Suspicious persons on North Gorham Road were moving into the house.

Suspicious person pulled over on Wescott Road was using her cell phone.

Vehicle lost its transmission on Main Street. Vehicle was pushed into the parking lot of Ocean Gardens.

Officer drove a female home to Hidden Brook Drive while male waited for AAA.

Following an accident on School Street, driver was charged with OUI.

Officer advised caller that it was not a crime for daughter to come home smelling like smoke.

Suspicious person was man sleeping in his car in a parking lot. Man cleaned at night and had a doctor's appointment in the morning and did not want to drive home to Hiram.

Female was asleep behind the wheel in a car parked behind store on Ossipee Trail. She was waiting to pick up her boyfriend from work.

White Tail Drive caller reported his daughter was refusing to come home. She eventually returned home with father.

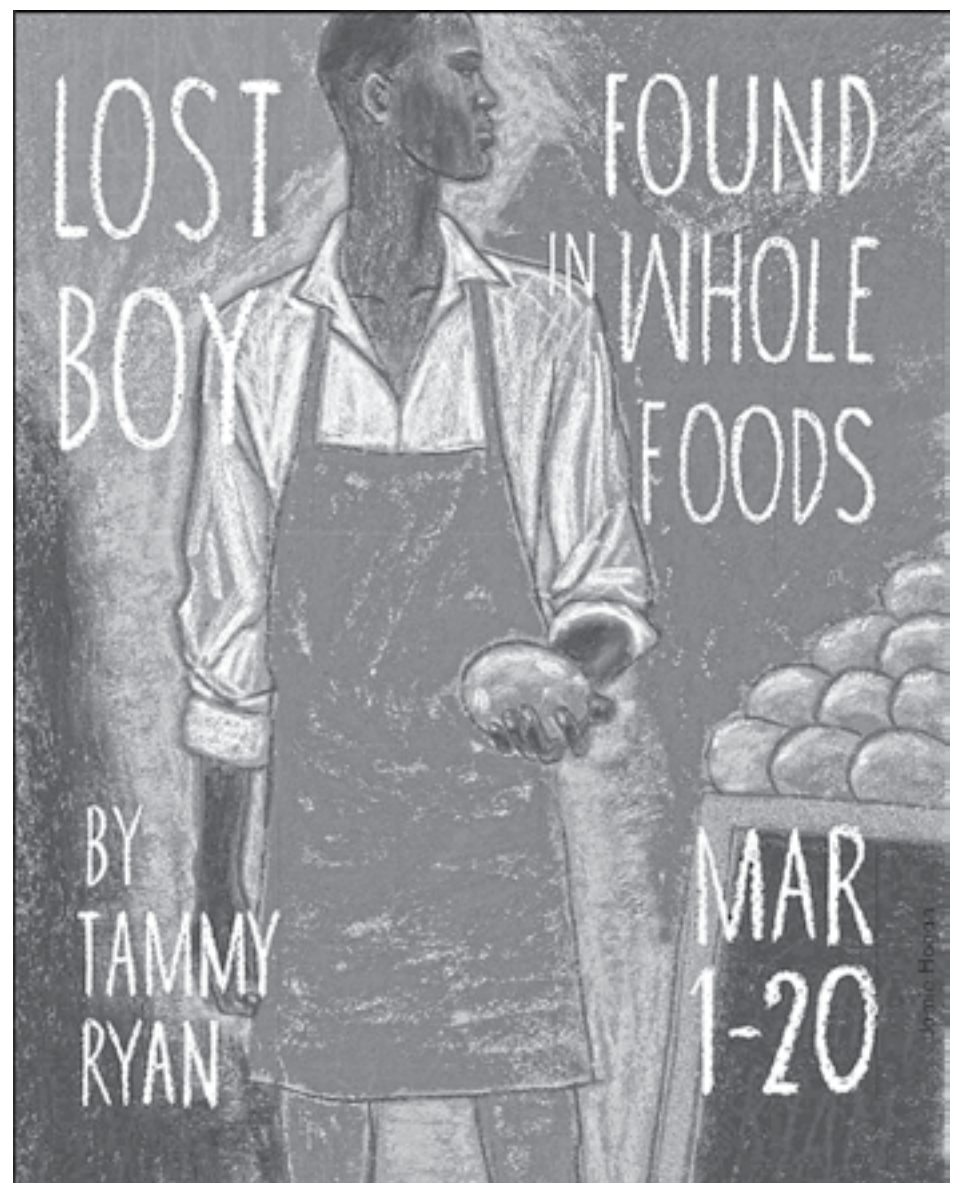
Disabled vehicle on North Gorham Road belonged to man vomiting due to alcohol consumption.

Eight windows were smashed at a house on Plummer Road.

Two women and a man were fighting in front of the gas pumps on New Portland Road. One woman was charged with OUI and operating without a license.

Lily Lane caller was concerned his sister-in-law was going to come to his residence after getting off a plane. Officers were able to prevent her from coming to Gorham.

Glenwood Avenue caller reported neighbor had a weapon. Noise was made by a nail gun.



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THURSDAY, MAR. 10

- 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.
- Gorham Woman's Club meeting, 1 p.m., First Parish Congregational Church. Members and guests are welcome. Refreshments at 12:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, MAR. 11

- Baked Haddock Dinner, 5-6:30 p.m., St. Anne's Parish Hall, Gorham. \$9/adults, \$5/ages 6-12, under 5 Free. FMI, 839-4857.
- No School for grades K-12. Teacher Inservice.

SATURDAY, MAR. 12

- Lego Club, 10 a.m.-12 p.m., Baxter Memorial Library.

TUESDAY, MAR. 15

- Pre-School Story Time, 3-5 years, Baxter Memorial Library, 9:30 a.m.
- Gorham House Itsy Bitsy store, 1:30-3:30 p.m., GH lobby. FMI, 839-5757.

WEDNESDAY, MAR. 16

- Story Time, birth-3 yrs., 10-10:30 a.m., North Gorham Public Library.
- Town of Gorham Senior Lunch Program, St. Anne's Church, Gorham. Opens at 11 a.m. Lunch served promptly at 12 p.m. \$4. FMI, 839-4857.
- Early Release for grades K-12.

THURSDAY, MAR. 17

- Coffee with the Chief, Mister Bagel, 13 New Portland Road, 9-10 a.m.
- 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. 18

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

SATURDAY, MAR. 19

- GHS Dream Factory Club "Princess Breakfast", 8-11 a.m., Gorham Middle School cafeteria. Dress as your favorite prince or princess! Games, dancing, face painting and a silent auction. \$5pp/\$20 family of 5 or more.
- Silent Auction and "Homes for Honduras" Benefit Concert, First Parish Congregational Church. Auction begins at 5 p.m. and concert begins at 7 p.m. FMI, 839-6751.

TUESDAY, MAR. 22

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

WEDNESDAY, MAR. 23

- Story Time, birth-3 yrs., 10-10:30 a.m., North Gorham Public Library.
- Town of Gorham Senior Lunch Program, St. Anne's Church, Gorham. Opens at 11 a.m. Lunch served promptly at 12 p.m. \$4. FMI, 839-4857.

THURSDAY, MAR. 24

- 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.
- Author Morgan Callan Rogers, North Gorham Public Library, 7 p.m. The event is free and open to all.

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