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GBE Marketplace: New Chairs for Family Friendly Event



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Joan Hopkins (left) and Jody Hamilton (right)

SARAH ADAMS
Gorham Business Exchange

The Gorham Business Exchange applauds Jody Hamilton and Joan Hopkins as the co-chairs responsible for the makeover behind this year's Marketplace event, being held at University of Southern Maine Gorham on Saturday, March 26.

"We think of Marketplace as a family reunion," shares Jody Hamilton, who has been with Gorham Savings Bank for nine years and is currently a senior regional retail manager.

"There is room to have a variety of businesses showcased and create a real 'cabin fever reliever' for the citizens of Gorham and the surrounding areas," stated Joan Hopkins, who has

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Deadly Car Accident

SHERI FABER
Staff Writer

Brent Muehle, 29, died on March 11 in an automobile accident. Muehle's vehicle went off River Road at about 10:15 p.m. on March 10, and crashed into trees. Muehle was ejected from the car and sustained life-threatening injuries. He was taken to Maine Medical Center where he died the following morning. Windham police are reconstructing the accident and believe speed may have been a factor.

Muehle, married with a four-year-old daughter, was a 2004 Gorham High School graduate. He went on to serve in the Marine Corps and was medically retired after being wounded by sniper fire in Iraq. He was a student at USM and had expected to graduate in May.

Thoroughly Modern Millie Proves to be a Tremendous Production



Photos courtesy of Randy Perkins and Jennine Cannizzo

Gorham High School recently held their production of "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. With 33 students in the cast and another 15 working behind the scenes it proved to be a tremendous event. The play tells the story of Millie Dillmount, who comes to New York in 1922, looking for adventure and hoping to marry her boss for money. She gets adventure when she rents a room from the evil Mrs. Meers, who turns out to be a criminal running a kidnapping scam in the hotel. Her plans to marry her boss change when she meets the handsome and charming Jimmy. GHS newcomer Joshua Hurd directed the play, the musical director was Matthew Murray, Deb Lombard was the choreographer, and Michael Lortie was the play's producer. The cast included seniors: Doris Bean, Nicole Caruso, Becca Cupps, Ellie Feinberg, Connor Goodall, Brandon Kuusala, Spencer Linscott, Julia Plante, and Taylor Perkins; juniors: Elsa Alexandrin, Georgia Baber, Esther Eaton, Abby Flint, Jamie Juskiewicz, Anne Kelly, Jack Lamont, Miles Obrey, Dorothy Stickney; sophomores: Nathan Bachner, Hannah Bellevue, Grant Hawkes, Shelby Leach, Joy Lemont, Elizabeth Olsen, Maddie Rossignol, Abbie vanLuling, Marie Walton, and Jillian Worster; and freshmen: Vy Duong, Griffin Lord, and Isaac Martel.

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Public Safety Building Nears Completion on Main Street



Photo credit Bailey O'Brien

Construction is nearly complete on the new Public Safety building on Main Street. This new building provides the police department with the necessary space and resources to continue to serve Gorham. Police begin moving in on March 22. The old Public Safety building is being converted into the fire station.

New Gorham Police Dog: Sitka



Photo credit Sgt. Michael Nault

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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.

Collaboration: Key to Good Work in Legislature

REP. LINDA SANBORN

It is a busy time in Augusta as committees finish up their work and send bills to the full Legislature before our scheduled adjournment in mid-April.

I want to update you on a couple big issues we've addressed over the past few weeks. While they are only a snapshot of the many measures we've been working on, I am highlighting strong examples of collaboration and bipartisanship. If they pass, they will make a real difference in the lives of many Mainers.

Last year, the Commission to Strengthen and Align the Services Provided to Maine Veterans was formed to identify ways to better serve Maine's veteran population. The panel was made up of veterans, legislators, state officials and members of veterans' organizations. The Veterans and Legal Affairs Committee then put forth a series of bills to address the issues they identified.

The commission found that less than half of Maine's 140,000 veterans are enrolled with the federal Department of Veterans Affairs, meaning they may lack access to federal health benefits and other services they earned. One bill would require the state Bureau of Veterans' Services to develop a marketing

and outreach program to make contact with more veterans, hire two mobile veterans service officers and adopt an electronic case management system.

Another bill would address the lack of transportation services available to veterans to make it easier for them to access health care, job interviews and community events. This is especially important in a rural state like Maine. There are also measures to provide more support for veterans pursuing higher education and develop a strategy to end veteran homelessness.

Each bill passed unanimously in committee and will come before the whole Legislature soon.

Another example of diverse stakeholders coming together for positive change is the comprehensive solar energy bill. It was crafted by stakeholders including solar installers, environmental groups, Maine's Public Advocate, utility companies and consumers.

The goal of the ambitious bill is to increase solar power capacity 12-fold in the next five years – from the 18 megawatts currently generated to 250. These new projects are expected to create roughly 800 new jobs in the solar industry.

As the cost of solar panels has dropped significantly, the technology

is increasingly available to more families and businesses.

The bill allows existing solar customers to continue "net-metering" – the practice where consumers are compensated for the excess energy they send to the grid – or gives them the option to switch into new 20-year contracts that pay for their excess solar. New solar customers will earn bill credits for the excess energy they generate to offset their electricity bills, with a 20-year price guarantee on the rate that they are compensated.

Although the bill has received wide support from both sides of the aisle, Governor LePage has expressed his intent to oppose it. If we can overcome this hurdle we can launch our state forward to a future of clean, renewable and affordable energy.

I hope my colleagues will support these important measures and let a spirit of collaboration guide us through the remainder of the session.



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Maine Maple Sunday (and Saturday)

Maine Maple Sunday is always the fourth Sunday in March, but because it falls on Easter this year, many sugarhouses are open Saturday, March 26 and Easter Sunday, March 27. The following is a list of sugarhouses in Gorham participating in Maine Maple Sunday this year:

Jo's Sugarhouse, 443 Sebago Lake Rd., (207) 671-2189, March 27, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Merrifield Farm, 195 N. Gorham Rd., (207) 892-5061, March 26-27, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Parsons Maple Products, 322 Buck St., (207) 831-4844, March 27, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

The Lockman Place Sugar House, 274 N. Gorham Rd., (207) 892-9342, March 27, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

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Letter to the Editor

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Dear *Gorham Times*,

At a recent School Committee meeting I voiced my concerns about the continued growth of our town and how it is impacting our school system. Gorham is a great place to live and people want to live here, as evidenced by the new developments popping up, and the "top places to live" lists that feature Gorham. The downside of this growth is the impact on our schools. My daughter's first grade class has 22 students to one teacher; second grade classes have 24 students. Last year Village School hired an additional kindergarten teacher a few weeks into the school

year to accommodate the unexpected enrollment. We are running out of classrooms and the demands on teachers are high. I applaud their efforts and their dedication.

Clearly this growth is happening at all levels but as the parent of an elementary aged child this is where my voice starts. A kindergarten class requiring five teachers means a first grade class that requires an additional teacher or risks becoming classrooms with high numbers, and then becomes a second grade class with the same issue and so on.

As parents and community members, we need to let the School Department and School Committee know we are concerned about this growth. We want our children to have equal educational opportunities regardless of which elementary school they attend. We want our children to have a classroom that can be effectively managed. We want our children to be able to engage in class work and connect with their teachers. We want them to thrive.

Attend a School Committee meeting, email the School Committee members, get involved and let your voice be heard. The message needs to be sent that Gorham values smaller class sizes and better student to teacher ratios.

Kate Livingston

Around Town

Town Manager David Cole recently awarded a 20-year service pin to Police Sergeant Mike Nault.

James Rathbun was recently appointed as the new director of Baxter Memorial Library. Rathbun began working at Baxter on a part-time basis in 2006 then as the Public Services Librarian in 2008. Starting in 2012 Rathbun served for extended periods of time as the temporary Assistant Director of Baxter Memorial Library.

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Business Profile: Aroma Joe's and Subway

SARAH ADAMS
Gorham Business Exchange
AND MALLORY CAMPBELL
GHS Student Intern

The 109 Main Street address has never looked so good, and Maryna Shuliakouskaya is one piece of the driving force behind it, as a partner in Gorham's newest coffee shop, Aroma Joe's.

The Gorham Aroma Joe's is one of 41 in Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont, and this is Shuliakouskaya's third coffee shop.

"The charm of being right in town and having drive-thru capabilities are two qualities that really define this location," shared Shuliakouskaya.

She and her team of twelve employees opened their Gorham location on December 2. They had their official ribbon cutting on January 29 with several members from the Gorham Business Exchange, Westbrook Chamber of Commerce, and town employees in attendance. Shuliakouskaya is fond of saying "We sell positive energy here at Aroma Joe's" and at the ribbon cutting, that could not have been more true.

Shuliakouskaya also owns Subway. The two businesses are connected inside, and customers can easily walk between the two, and have a wider variety of food/drink options within a very short distance than if they were not connected. She decided to move it

from its old location on 81 Main Street to be with Aroma Joe's for the customer's convenience.

A native of Belarus, Shuliakouskaya moved to Maine in 2007 at the age of 20 and started working for Weathervane restaurant, a Kittery institution. It was there that she met her husband Adam Young, and dove headfirst into mastering the English language, getting her GED, graduating from USM with both her associate's and bachelor's degrees and

most recently her MBA from Southern New Hampshire College.

As a mother to her eight-year-old daughter, Nellie, Shuliakouskaya is known for

her "every story has two sides" approach to teaching--of both her daughter and her employees.

As an employer and leader, Shuliakouskaya is known for her passionate, straightforward approach to education and strives to set a good example for her Aroma Joe's team.

Though Shuliakouskaya is not currently looking to open more chains in Gorham, she's very gratified with the amount of community support she and businesses have received. Shuliakouskaya strives for her businesses to be very community-based, and would love to help give back to the community as well.

Business hours for Aroma Joe's are from 4:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. and hours for Subway are from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Owner of Aroma Joe's and Subway, Shuliakouskaya strives for her businesses to be very community-based, and would love to help give back to the community as well.

Little Falls Custom Framing and Gallery

CHRIS CRAWFORD
Staff Writer

A new framing shop and gallery at 809 Gray Road in Little Falls is now open and, during the month of April, Little Falls Custom Framing and Gallery will celebrate its grand opening by offering customers a 10 percent discount. Owner Leia Scotton is very excited to offer local customers an alternative to traveling to Portland or the mall area to have their framing done.

Scotton lived in Anchorage, Alaska until age 11, when she and her mother moved back to Maine to be close to her mother's family, the Spragues. Scotton quickly added, "We're not the oil Spragues, we're from the fisherman and bootlegger branch." Scotton went to college at U Maine Orono, where she graduated with a double major in history and political science. She was planning to be a diplomat, but art was never far away and toward the end of college she realized she could not ignore it and be happy. She found another potential calling at Bangor Frameworks where she worked while finishing her degree. Scotton is an experienced framer,



Photo credit Chris Crawford

Leia Scotton is the owner of the Little Falls Custom Framing and Gallery.

having also worked in the framing shop at Artists and Craftsmen in Portland and at The Frame Shop on Longfellow Square in Portland, from whose owner she bought all of her equipment and supplies upon his recent retirement.

Scotton believes that framing is a great fit with her formal background in history. She has a reverence for the history of the pieces her clients bring to her for preservation though framing. She loves working with her hands, working with colors and textures, and

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Are You Following a “Tax-Smart” Investment Strategy?

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April 15, Tax Filing Day, is almost here. And while there may not be much you can do to change your results for the 2015 tax year, you can certainly look closely at your tax returns to find areas you might be able to improve next year. One such area is your investment portfolio.

Of course, you may also find opportunities in other places, too. Could you have taken more deductions? Could you have moved some of your debts into a tax-deductible loan, such as a home equity loan or line of credit? Consult with your tax advisor to determine areas of potential savings.

However, you may be able to brighten your tax picture by making some “tax-smart” investment moves, such as the following:

Resist the urge to trade frequently. It can be costly to constantly buy and sell investments. In addition to the commissions you may incur, and the possibility that such excessive trading can impede a consistent investment strategy, you could rack up a sizable tax bill. If you sell an asset that you have held for a year or less, any profit earned is considered a short-

term capital gain, which is taxed at the same rate as your ordinary income. So, for example, if you bought Investment ABC for \$1,000 on January 5, 2014, and you sold it for \$1,250 on Dec. 31, 2014, you’d be taxed on your \$250 gain. If you are in the 28 percent tax bracket, you’d owe \$70 in taxes. But if you had waited until January 6, 2015, and you sold your investment for the same \$250 gain, you would pay the more favorable long-term capital gains tax rate of 15 percent, which translates into \$37.50 in taxes—just over half of what you would owe at the short-term rate. If you habitually sold investments after owning them less than a year, the taxes could really add up, so try to be a “buy-and-hold” investor.

Increase your 401(k) contributions. If you are not already participating in your 401(k) or similar plan, start now. And if you are contributing, boost your contributions whenever your salary goes up. You typically put “pretax” dollars in your 401(k), so the more you add, the lower your annual taxable income. Plus, your earnings can grow tax deferred.

Max out on your IRA. Depending on your income level, you may

be able to deduct some, or all, of your contributions to your traditional IRA—and these deductible contributions can lower your taxable income. Plus, your investment can grow tax deferred. Keep in mind that taxes will be due upon withdrawal, and any withdrawals made before you reach 59-and-a-half are subject to a 10 percent IRS penalty.

If you contribute to a Roth IRA, your contributions are never deductible and will not lower your taxable income, but your earnings are distributed tax free, provided you have had your account at least five years and you are older than 59-and-a-half. In 2016, you can contribute \$5,500 to your IRA, plus an additional \$1,000 catch-up contribution if you are 50 or older—and it’s almost always a good idea to “max out” your contributions each year.

By following a buy-and-hold investment strategy and using those tax-advantaged accounts available to you, you may be able to help yourself at tax time and beyond.



Ed Doyle operates the Gorham branch office of Edward Jones. He is experienced in all aspects of financial planning, retirement income planning, and

tax-advantaged education savings plans. Edward Jones financial advisors cannot provide tax or legal advice. You should consult your attorney or qualified tax advisor regarding your specific situation.

Little Falls Custom Framing

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problem solving to find the perfect solution for each individual piece. “I am a perfectionist,” she said, “I won’t let anything out the door unless it is exactly right.” All her work is done on site and is guaranteed to meet customer’s standards. “I carry top of the line framing stock and use only acid-free materials,” she said. She also carries five different types of glass, three of which are UV protected. She loves working with each customer to find just the right combination of mat, frame, and price point for each cherished piece of art.

Scotton, an artist in her own right, is an acrylic painter. She also enjoys making beautiful hand stitched fabric collage landscapes. Her plan is to have her shop also function as a gallery space to showcase the work of art students in the Gorham Schools as well as local artists.

Scotton and her husband, Andrew, have lived in Gorham for about seven years. They love the small town feeling and the historic nature of many of the older homes and downtown buildings. They enjoy quiet country living, but also appreciate the convenience of being close to Portland. For more information, Scotton can be reached at littlefalls-framing@gmail.com, or 892-7800.

Gorham Sightings



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New York Times Bestselling author Julia Spencer-Fleming is the winner of the Agatha, Anthony, Macavity, Dilys, Barry, Nero Wolfe, and Gumshoe Awards, and an Edgar and Romantic Times RC Award finalist.

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Town Council Report

JACOB ADAMS
Staff Writer

At their regular Town Council meeting on March 1, the Council discussed and voted on the following items:

- The town of Gorham recently approved an ordinance that allowed seasonal signs for Farm Stands within a five-mile radius of the farm and some instances of conflicts have arisen. Town Council seeks to fix the issue by requiring farm stand sign applicants to receive written consent from the owner of the property adjacent to the sign location. (6-0; Hartwell recused)
- Town Council approved a renewal liquor license for the following: The Blue Pig, Spire 29 on the Square, Gorham Country Club. (7-0 for all)
- Town Council approved a renewal special amusement permit for the following: Spire 29 on the Square and School Street Pub & Grill. (7-0 for both)
- The Town Manager was authorized to retain Human Resources Partners, LLC to conduct a compensation study, and \$10,000 was appropriated from the Compensation Study Reserve Fund for the study. (6-1, Hartwell)
- The Town Manager also will obtain a sales study for the town-owned property located off Canal Street. (7-0)
- Town Council authorized the Town Manager to enter into an agreement with Paul Willis to sell the town-owned property at 77 South Street for \$75,000 with the conveyance to be by quit-claim deed, and obtain a survey to establish a boundary line for this lot

consistent with the approved conditional zone. (7-0)

- The resignation of Damon Houk from the Conservation Commission was accepted. (7-0)
 - \$30,000 was appropriated from Recreation Impact Fees to renovate a multi-purpose field and construct a multi-purpose field at the Little Falls Recreation Area following the Little Falls Recreation Area Master Plan. (7-0)
 - Town Council went into executive session to discuss the disposition of property at 10 Preble Street and a personnel matter.
- At the Special Meeting on March 3, the Town Council discussed and voted on the following items:
- Town Council authorized staff to work with Jon Smith in developing a Contract Zone for the property located off Railroad Avenue that would incorporate up to five stories of residential and commercial uses and support increased residential density. The Proposed Contract Zone will be forwarded to the Planning Board which will hold a Public Hearing. Their recommendations will then be presented to the Town Council. (6-0, Benner absent)
 - The Board of Health Committee was done away with because there has not been any activity with the Board in over 20 years. State law does not require a Board of Health and currently the Board does not serve any real purpose. (5-1, Roullard; Benner absent)
- Complete minutes are available on the town's website at www.gorham-me.org.

Fire Safety

Courtesy of the
Gorham Fire Department

With the snow quickly retreating and several recent incidents, the Gorham Fire Rescue Department encourages residents to follow these maintenance and safety tips:

Permits are required for all open burning of wood, brush, leaves and similar materials. Outdoor burning includes outdoor fireplaces, fire pits, and barrels. Permits can be obtained online at www.burningpermit.com or

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New Police Dog: Sitka

BAILEY O'BRIEN
Staff Writer

On March 1, the Gorham Police Department acquired the newest member of their team: Sitka, a six-and-a-half month-old Belgian Malinois police dog.

As the second-most common breed of police dog, Sitka is a multi-faceted patrol dog. Sitka's training will focus on three main skills. He will be trained to track using a scent, to apprehend with bite-work, and to detect drugs. Sitka will work patrol doing tracking and apprehension for one year before he will begin any drug training.

Officer Nate Therriault, Sitka's handler, will begin training with him soon. "We're required to have 430 hours of supervised training together before Sitka can be certified," he said. Because the drug training begins later, "he'll probably be fully certified in one-and-a-half to two years." Sitka's training will be conducted using ball-drive. "It keeps

dogs motivated to do their job. Whether he's in training or in the field, he will be rewarded with a big, nearly indestructible chew toy," explained Therriault.

The Police Department restarted the K9 program to regain the extra tool that a police dog provides. "Dogs can do things that we can't do as human beings. Their sense of smell compared to ours is incredible," said Therriault. This heightened sense of smell is crucial when tracking and detecting drugs, two of Sitka's main jobs. Additionally, the Belgian Malinois is consistently ranked among the dog breeds with the strongest sense of smell.

Officer Therriault also hopes that having Sitka on the force will help the police tie in with the community. "Some people might be intimidated by the police or hesitant to approach us, but hopefully Sitka will encourage people to come talk to us."

Gorham's last police dog, Scout, retired in 2006.

Grand Jury

The Grand Jury returned the following indictments on March 10, 2016:

- Kevin Bradeen, 37, of Gorham, was indicted for domestic violence assault on charges brought by Westbrook Police Department.
- Alexzan James, 33, of Arundel, was indicted for criminal OUI (two priors) and operating beyond license restriction on charges brought by Gorham Police Department.

- Evan Lambert, 24, of Gorham, was indicted for OUI (two priors), operating beyond license restriction, and criminal speed on charges brought by Windham Police Department.

- Alfred McIntosh, 44, of Standish, was indicted for theft by unauthorized taking on charges brought by Gorham Police Department.

- Tasha Moody, 36, of Gorham, was indicted for criminal OUI (two priors) Class C, criminal OUI (one prior) Class D, and operating beyond license restriction on charges brought by Portland Police Department.

BRENT RICHARD MUEHLE, WINDHAM



Brent Muehle, 29, passed away unexpectedly Friday, March 11, 2016 at Maine Medical Center. Brent was born June 10, 1986 in Portland Maine, the son of Brian (Kirk) Muehle of Gorham, Maine and Cindy (Smart) Muehle of Lake Placid, NY.

Brent graduated from Gorham High School in 2004. After graduation he served honorably in the United States Marine Corp. Brent was a recipient of two purple heart medals, the navy com with V for valor and the Maine silver star. He was medically retired from the Marine Corp in 2008 after 16 months in the Wounded Warriors barracks Camp LeJeune for wounds received by sniper fire in Shaqlawa Iraq, 2006. Brent was three months away from receiving his Bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from University of Southern Maine with honors.

Brent is survived by his wife, Ashley Kirby, daughter Ella Hope, parents Kirk and Cindy Muehle, sister Breanna (Breezy) Muehle, grandparents Janice & Bernie Muehle of Gorham, sister-in-law Amanda Kirby, father-in-law Bobby Kirby, mother and father-in-law Tammy and Rick Poulin, Ashley's grandparents, Robert and Hope Kirby, and Robert and Dianne Majewski and Ella's God parents, Der & Fitzzy; as well as many aunts, uncles and cousins. He was pre-deceased by his maternal grandparents Richard and Shirley Smart of Lake Placid, NY.

Brent and his wife were married January 11th, 2014 (surprise!). Brent was an amazing father and his daughter, Ella (Bugsy), was the light of his life. He loved the Bruins and batman, but he loved nothing more than his family and friends; especially his girls, Ashley & Ella. Everyone who met Brent, loved him. His smile and goofy sense of humor were contagious.

Visiting hours were held 4-7pm. Tuesday, March 15th, at the Dolby Funeral Chapel, 434 River Road, Windham, ME 04062. Memorial Service and Celebration of Brent's life were held at the Dolby Funeral Chapel, Wednesday, March 16th beginning at 11am. A burial took place at the North Gorham Cemetery. The reception followed at Bruno's Restaurant and Tavern, 33 Allen Ave, Portland, ME 04103.

To express condolences or participate in Brent's online tribute, please visit www.dolbyfuneralchapels.com In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Center for Grieving Children, 555 Forest Ave, Portland, ME 04101.

Dolby Funeral Chapel
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207-892-6342

Real Estate Transfers August 2015

Address	Buyer	Seller	Price
47 Nason Road	Beaulieu, Kermit P Jr & Jessica	Tukey, David	\$366,000
1 Ledge Hill Road	Braniff, Elizabeth F & Michael	Eldridge, James G & Janet	\$387,000
28 Hidden Brook Drive	Ekowicki, Robert Louis & Jean Lousie	The Crossing at Tannery Brook LLC	\$400,000
42 North Street	Sprogis, Casey J & Emily A	Rand, Michael R & Elizabeth	\$260,000
390 Libby Avenue	Tukey, David R & Deborah	Crockett, David R & Raymonde M	\$422,500
111 Quincy Drive	Files, Lori A	Farmer, Gary & Jane	\$365,000
12 Willowdale Drive	Hepner, George D III & Katherine L	Files, Lori A	\$234,900
14 Carolyn Drive	Klimko, Joff D & Jenna	Gervais, Andrew J	\$205,000
67 Old Dynamite Way	Miller, Jason P & Christina Z	Robie Contracting Inc.	\$387,135
91 Narragansett Street	Stover, Joseph F & Elizabeth M	Burnell, Eileen D	\$167,500
34 Carnation Drive	Murray, Cory S & Tricia	Susan Duchaine, LLC	\$355,000
32 Daniel Street	Cajuste, Lovellie & Carl	FIN LLC	\$190,000
45 Mclellan Road	Huppe, Michel C & Jennifer L	Beckwith, Peter & Debra	\$209,789
4 Grant Road	Lalumiere, Scott	Campobasso, Tyrone & Lisa	\$180,000
65 Queen Street	Guzelian, Shara M & Rhiannon M	Picard, Heather L & Brian R	\$208,000
124 Ossipee Trail	Lilley, Elwin J	Lessard, Michael M & Linda J	\$245,000
140 New Portland Road	Moody, Shawn H & Christina L	Chapman, Elizabeth M	\$250,000
9 Pine Street	Parady, Jacqueline	Remington, David E & Maria A	\$179,000
12 Mountview Drive	Martin, Jonathan PatRick	Martin, Jonathan P & Michelle	\$373,000
6 Little River Drive	Dahms, Lawrence P & Maureen	Gwozdz, Joseph R	\$269,900
12 Elliott Road	Rancourt, Megan A	Spiers, Rex & Grover, Leanne	\$168,000
20 Cider Mill Lane	Rice, Jessica E & Taylor, Daniel D	Beety, Cathy	\$245,000
379 Libby Avenue	Blunden, Mark	Chapin, Samantha L & Paul M	\$197,000
84 Alexander Drive	Lemont, Colin E & Joellen	Meehan, John F	\$310,000
57 Narragansett Street	Campbell, Scott & Cynthia	Morrill, Wayne H & Ethel	\$179,900
11 Willis Farm Road	Ohanlon, James P Jr	Sanderson, Kenneth & Traci	\$280,000
76 Brackett Road	Howe, Daniel Kevin	Ledoux, Arthur F & Wilma B	\$221,500

MARCH 7, 2016

Planning Board Results

The Board made the following decisions at their March meeting:

- Recommended (5-0) to the Town Council to allow the Code Officer to approve projecting signs over public sidewalks or spaces.
- Approved (5-0) a request by Philip and Julie Marshall to rescind Marshall Way (private way) and reduce the number of lots within the Parson Subdivision.
- Approved (5-0) a request by Brian and Stacie Levitt to amend the Files Road Subdivision by reconfiguring lots C1 and C2 at 105 and 109 Files Road.

- Discussed Glenwater Village Subdivision, proposed by Bramblewood LLC, with 20 single-family lots and 10 apartment units located off Glenwood Avenue and Water Street.
- Discussed a subdivision/site plan by PTG Investment Trust for three single-family condominiums and two commercial units with second floor apartments off Main Street and Garden Avenue.
- Withdrawn by applicant Aaron Shields, a request for approval of a six-lot subdivision (Blacksmith Estates) with a two- to six-lot private way off Dunlap Road.

Sebago Man Leads Police on Chase

SHERI FABER
Staff Writer



Photo courtesy of the Cumberland County Sheriff's Office

On March 9 at 8:32 a.m., Officer Brent Frank attempted to stop a motor vehicle on South Street near McLellan Road for a traffic violation. The driver, 46-year-old Charles Pettigrow, refused to stop. The officer initiated pursuit, following Pettigrow for 7.9 miles

through Gorham and into Buxton. Officer Mike Coffin joined the pursuit and his vehicle sustained minor damage after being struck by Pettigrow's vehicle. Coffin continued to assist in the pursuit.

Pettigrow stopped his vehicle in the breakdown lane on Narragansett Trail in Buxton, just over the Gorham line. He was taken into custody without further incident. Pettigrow was charged with failure to stop for a police officer, driving to endanger, violating conditions of release and other traffic violations.

Fire Safety CONTINUED FROM PAGE 5

at the Central Fire Station between 8:30 a.m. and noon.

Fires must be attended at all times by at least one capable adult with hand tools and a water source such as a charged garden hose. Children should not be allowed to play around burning areas.

The brush pile should be kept small and added to instead of trying to control one large pile or multiple small piles.

Never use flammable or combustible liquids to ignite or accelerate a fire;

paper and cardboard are acceptable and safer.

Generally speaking, open burning should not be conducted with wind speeds that exceed 10 MPH; controlled burns of grass and fields should be done with wind speeds less than 5 MPH.

All outdoor fires must be thoroughly extinguished to prevent re-ignition and, as with all unwanted fires, call 911 even if you think the fire is out.

MARCH 9, 2016

School Committee Meeting

KATHY CORBETT
Staff Writer

At the regular School Committee meeting on March 9, Superintendent Heather Perry reported that 174 children have registered for kindergarten for the next school year, indicating that enrollment is still trending upward.

A planned partnership with the USM Confucius Institute would enrich the kindergarten program with lessons in Mandarin several hours a week next year.

Perry also gave an update on the proposed bill (LD 1627) currently in the Legislature's Education Committee to amend the current proficiency statute. If adopted, students would be required to show proficiency in only four content areas. Perry opposes this revision and other provisions of the bill that she believes would give the Department of Education control over decisions best made at the local level.

Additionally, she also announced that the Legislature passed a bill providing Maine schools with an additional \$15 million, which will significantly reduce a funding gap that probably would have been filled from property taxes.

The GHS girls basketball team, state AA champions, will be at the April meeting to receive congratulations from the Committee. They will be joined by some cast members of "Thoroughly Modern Millie," who will reprise a number from the GHS musical performed earlier in March.

Perry and the Committee met March 8 with the Town Council and local legislators. Both Perry and Committee chairman Darryl Wright commented on the value of the meetings and hoped they would continue.

Michael Sanborn, director of the Gorham School nutrition pro-

gram, gave an overview of the program which showed it was on target financially. He explained the challenge of meeting government regulations while also serving meals students actually will eat. Fortunately, some requirements have been modified so that, for example, pasta does not have to be whole grain and two percent milk is acceptable.

Participation in the breakfast program has increased 20 percent. Not surprising, high school students still resist fruits and vegetables, but Sanborn reported this is beginning to change. Wright commended him for finding ways to follow regulations while increasing student participation in the program.

The Committee approved the 2016-17 school calendar (6-0, Tim Burns absent) as presented, after some discussion about the wisdom of including half-day release time in the same week as parent/teacher conferences.

Given the critical shortage of bus drivers, the Committee voted (6-0) to approve an incentive program for training drivers and a \$500 bonus after six months on the job. Members stressed the need to publicize this benefit.

Revisions in policies on compulsory attendance, truancy, and naming school facilities passed (6-0). The policy on tobacco use on school property passed (5-1, Dennis Libby). Libby felt that detailed communication methods should not be part of the policy. Approval to accept the bid of \$395,000 from Atlantic Comfort for mechanical upgrades at Village School passed (6-0) after assurance from Norm Justice that there would be funds available for other approved projects.

In final business, the Committee voted (6-0) to hire Brett Brown, Gregg Morton and Jennifer Veino to coach lacrosse, track and softball.

School Notes

There will be a Post-Secondary Night on March 31 from 6 to 7 p.m. at the GHS McCormack Performing Arts Center.

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22 George Street	Gagnon, Sarah J & Burbank, Dana	Thompson, Donald & Seymour, Elizabeth	\$221,500
15 Distant Pines Drive	Joslin, Rick D & Briggs-Joslin, Laura	King, James & Lorello, Marilyn	\$444,000
11 Gerrys Way	Aproux, Todd Joseph & Brooke Leigh	Whitten, John H	\$297,000
140 Narragansett Street	Rowan, Thomas E & Darlene D	Remington, Lurene A	\$155,000
342 South Street	342 South Street LLC	Cartonio, Gloria M & Raffaele	\$200,000
15 Acorn Street	Roberge, Brenda	Bauer-Corley, Sarah	\$141,000
21 Snowberry Drive	Hamilton, Gerard & Jody	Sloat, Andrew & Rita	\$305,000
47 Edgefield Road	Cyr, Rickie & Mandy L	Tugman, Quentin & Saucier-Tugman, Angela	\$445,000
18 Laceys Way	Buda, Marlene E & Perreault, Chris A	D A Brackett & Company Inc	\$280,000
45 Woodspell Road	Laclair, David T & Shelley A	Normand Berube Builders Inc	\$356,740
121 Dow Road	Littlefield, Emily Rose & Dyer, Samuel	Mincher, William S & Kim M	\$181,450
61 Mighty Street	Keay, Sean O & Erica	Donatelli Mark A & Arlene E	\$227,000
6 Saddle Lane	Sprague, Bradford C & Jamie L	Barcebal, Romeo A & Dolores A	\$395,000
19 Willow Circle	Baines, Benjamin	Baines, Benjamin	\$25,000
7 Betty Lou Drive	Beattie, Peter J	Sam Strumph Builders	\$350,000
206 Gray Road	Bove, Mario A	Miner, Newbern H & Rose Marie	\$155,000
75 North gorham Road	Carpentier, Richard M & Kathleen M	Wyman, John T & Brenda C	\$223,000
762 Gray Road	Jackson, Luke R & Amanda L	Swiger, Karen J	\$155,000
88 Queen Street	Stinson, Robert E & Melanie D	Kletti, Nicholas & Retelle, Audrey	\$235,500
20 Rust Road	Antonio, Nora E & Grenier, Bret R	Hollister, James & Molloy, Mary	\$300,000
24 Gerrys Way	Brochu, Matthew J	Leskowsky, Kelly & Robert	\$200,000
20 Berry Farm Way	Brower, David C	Gilman, Susan E	\$306,000
149 Narragansett Street	Frasier, Mark	Pomelow, Fawn M	\$168,000
5 Hannah Drive	Marshall, Michael T	Pond, Joyce P & Faye F	\$123,750
249 Main Street	Fickett, Kenneth A	Shaw, Dorothy B	\$236,000
65 Files Road	Kelley, Gavin JC	Baker, Douglas, & Deborah	\$406,000

Printmaking Party at Great Falls for the Gorilla Fund



Photo credit Allie Rimkunas

Students David Boucher, Addie Hemingway, Kate Sands, Nash Gagnon, Dakota Webb, Sammie Kovacs, and Sara Rathbun pose with Great Falls art teacher Allie Rimkunas and their gorilla t-shirts created for the printmaking fundraiser for the Gorilla Fund.

GORHAM TIMES STAFF

Students David Boucher and Addie Hemingway had a brainstorm one day during art class. They saw a gorilla design printed on Mrs. Rimkunas' shirt that she had designed and, after finding out how it was done, they had an idea.

Great Falls was in the middle of reading "The One and Only Ivan," the subject of the school's One School, One Book project. The book is about a gorilla that was caged in a shopping mall for 27 years, before being moved to the Atlanta Zoo.

Boucher and Hemingway, both fifth grade students in Mr. Sands class, thought a printmaking fund-

raiser for the Gorilla Fund would be a good cause. The Fund is dedicated to the conservation and protection of gorillas and their habitats in Africa. They promote continued research on gorillas and their threatened ecosystems and provide education about their relevance to the world in which we live.

After getting the go-ahead, Mrs. Rimkunas created two designs and the shirts started rolling in from third through fifth graders.

On a busy Saturday morning during February vacation, six fifth grade volunteers, parent volunteer Jenny Gagnon, and Mrs. Rimkunas printed 80 shirts. They raised over \$400 for the Gorilla Fund thanks to the idea of two compassionate students.

Attention Parents of Incoming Kindergarten Students

HEATHER PERRY
Superintendent of Schools

The three elementary schools are working hard to make necessary staffing decisions to support our youngest learners for the upcoming 2016-17 school year but they need accurate data to work with.

For the past few years the schools have seen an increasingly alarming trend of kindergarten registrations growing from 15 to 22 percent between kindergarten registration nights each spring and the first day of school each fall. Granted, some may be new move-ins over the spring and summer months but not all of these changes can be accounted for by these numbers.

As one can imagine, not having "solid" numbers to work with makes planning for appropriate class sizes and staffing levels very difficult. We

need parents' help to get the most accurate numbers for planning purposes as possible.

If you are a parent of a student who is eligible to enter kindergarten in the fall of 2016 (or know of a parent whose child[ren] are eligible) and you have not yet registered your child for kindergarten in the Gorham Schools, do not delay.

Students must be five years old by October 15, 2016 in order to attend kindergarten in the fall of 2016.

Contact the elementary school closest to you to register your child for school. If you are unsure which school your child would attend, call any of the schools for assistance. Great Fall Elementary, 222-1050; Narragansett Elementary, 222-1250; or Village Elementary, 222-1300.

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Moody's Air Bag Deployment #1

12:15 PM

9/11 Memorial Sprint for Kids

12:20 PM

Dance Studio of Maine

1:15 PM

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2:00 PM

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New Program Allows Students to Earn College Credits

MALLORY CAMPBELL
GHS Student Intern

Gorham High School (GHS) will be one of 10 Maine schools in the 2016-2017 school year that will participate in the program Bridge Year, granted by Westbrook Regional Vocational Center (WRVC). Students accepted into the Bridge Year program will graduate high school their senior year with 24 plus college credits.

Bridge Year was designed for academically strong students. Through an application process, 15 to 20 juniors will be chosen to be a part of the Bridge Year program. The accepted students will take their core classes together junior through senior year, learning at a college level.

The classes the students take will give high school and college credits. While the students take their core classes through GHS, students will also take classes at WRVC in their choice of focus.

The cost for the program is \$40 per credit per student. Students will be closely advised and supported by teachers, guidance, and faculty throughout their junior and senior years. They can take additional college courses outside of traditional high school courses at the same reduced price.

Bridge Year will allow students the opportunity to complete a

bachelor's degree in a University of Maine System institution in less than four years.

The program includes attendance at two Summer Career Academies intended to help build their team, introduce them to living on campus, explore up and coming industries in Maine, and develop an understanding of financing a college education with the lowest amount of debt possible. Most Bridge Year students will most likely not require remedial noncredit college courses.

Sophomores were introduced to the Bridge Year program on March 17 during a class meeting.

If a student is interested in the program, they are encouraged to notify a student counselor to begin to discuss the application process and their next two years in the program.

"We are excited to give students this opportunity," said GHS guidance counselor Kate Stevens.

The Bridge Year program was founded in 2011 as a collaborative of four area educational institutions: Hermon High School, Eastern Maine Community College, The University of Maine, and United Technologies Center, along with many other individual supporters and associations.

Gorham High School is the southernmost Maine school chosen to have the program.

Student Delegate for Congress: Future Science, Technology Leaders

MALLORY CAMPBELL
GHS Student Intern

Audrey Perreault, a junior at Gorham High School, has been selected as a delegate for the Congress of Future Science and Technology Leaders in Lowell, Mass., which takes place June 29 through July 1, 2016.

Perreault was nominated by the winner of the first Google Science Fair, Shree Bose, academic director of the National Academy of Future Scientists and Technologists. Perreault is a chosen representative of GHS based on her academic achievement, leadership potential, and interest in science and technology.

"I'm happy I get the opportunity to go and represent myself and Gorham," said Perreault.

The Congress is an honors-only program for high school students who are passionate about science, technology, engineering or mathematics (STEM). The purpose of this event is to honor, inspire, motivate and direct the top students in the country who aspire to be scientists and technologists.

Perreault will spend the three-day Congress with other students from across the country and hear



Photo credit Mallory Campbell

GHS junior Audrey Perreault will be a delegate for the Congress of Future Science and Technology Leaders in June.

Nobel Laureates and National Medal of Science Winners talk about leading scientific research; be given advice from deans of the world's top tech universities; be inspired by fellow students, and learn about cutting-edge advances and future of the science technology.

GBE Marketplace CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

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Both Hamilton and Hopkins are local Gorham residents excited to share that the entertainment component of Gorham Marketplace has been expanded to include Sparks Ark, for children of all ages, along with a magician and the Easter Bunny. In addition to children's face painting, a bounce house, and games, there will be several local food vendors to provide a wide variety of

quality choices, along with a new kid-friendly "bag lunch" offering from Amato's.

Marketplace provides an opportunity for both small and large businesses to showcase themselves to other businesses and the public, at this family-friendly free event.

Marketplace will be held at the Costello Field House at USM Gorham from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information, visit www.gorhambusiness.org.

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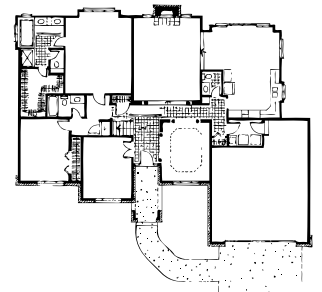
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Celebrating Dr. Seuss



Photo credit Stacey Sawyer

Great Falls School celebrated Dr. Seuss in March with Spirit Days and the Art of Literacy Family Fun Night. Pictured (left to right) are students in Mrs. vanLuling's Kindergarten class. Front row: Bryn Cunningham, Lucy Mason, Gosha Kushnar, and Oliver Emerson. Second row: Riane Stewart, Nora Schucker, Chloe Smith, and George Johnson. Third row: Ashlyn Pyle, Lillias Mooers, Lilah Hebert, Bailey Grimard, Mrs. vanLuling, Nolan Plummer, Nicholas Harrington, Jack Feldhaus, and Abe Palme. Missing is Gia Kaldrovich.

District 1 Sixth Grade Honors Chorus and Band Festival



Photo credit Tracy Williamson



Photo credit Kim Mathieu

The District 1 Sixth Grade Honors Chorus and Band Festival took place on March 5 at Bonny Eagle Middle School. Eleven Gorham Middle School sixth graders were selected to participate in this year's honors festival, along with over 200 top music students from schools all over southern Maine. The students spent the day rehearsing pieces with guest choral conductor Ashley Albert from Brunswick and guest band conductor Brad Ciechomski from Yarmouth, and then both ensembles performed a concert that afternoon for the public. Pictured to the left are honors chorus students (left to right): McKenna Roberts, Annikka Mocchiola, Kaylin Brown, Ethan Ho and Madisson Hatch. Pictured to the right are honors band students: (front) Sam D'Amico; (middle) Caroline Bishop, Alexandra Light, and Megan Wentworth; (back) Liliith Price and Lauren Bachner.

GMS Students Donate to Make-A-Wish



Photo credit Beth Orlando

Gorham Middle School students (pictured left to right) Anika Malia, Jade Wu, Abigail Miller, Meredith Donisi, Grace Shimansky, and Haley Lowell present their donation check at the Make A Wish office in Portland to representative Meredith Plaud.

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GMS Students Learn Lessons Beyond the Classroom

BETH ORLANDO
GMS Library and Media Specialist

During the fall, a group of eighth grade students were introduced to a unit during an enrichment class in the library. The unit, titled Genius Hour, is an open-ended exploratory style of learning, designed by Google. It encourages students to explore an area of interest to learn as much as possible about it in order to creatively share their newly discovered information as an expert to their peers and other audiences in a format of their choosing.

During the weeks of exploration and learning, an unforeseen plan was hatched and an alliance was born. To be told that you can learn about anything you want is surprisingly daunting to students, and it took more than a little brainstorming to help students get the ball rolling, but once it was, the momentum was unstoppable—particularly in one case.

Grace Shimansky, Jade Wu, Anika Malia and Meredith Donisi knew they wanted to learn more about organizing a group of people to fundraise for a particular charity, but they did not know which one to focus on or what they could do to fundraise effectively.

Haley Lowell knew she wanted to learn more and teach others about the Make-A-Wish Foundation, which grants wishes of children with life-threatening medical conditions.

While listening to the two ideas, it seemed there was an opportunity presenting itself right in plain sight. Lowell learned about her peers who were eager to learn more about fundraising for a good cause, but seemed to be lacking a cause.

In a matter of minutes, the “GMS Piece of Cake” bakery was created and the girls were on their way. At the conclusion of the Genius Hour unit, the girls gave presentations that included what it takes to bring an idea to life and a great education about the good work of Make-A-Wish, but that was just the beginning of the real learning.

Lowell made contact with a representative for the Maine chapter of Make-A-Wish to share the group’s desire to make a donation. An application was completed and the girls’ plan was accepted. Administration approval was a go, parent and teacher support was solicited, and Abigail Miller (an eighth grade peer) joined the group.

Over the next few months, the girls sold their baked treats at home basketball games; sold Make-A-Wish stars, and had a hot cocoa sale before school on one well-timed cold morning. Their combined efforts, bolstered by their unwavering enthusiasm earned \$300 for the Maine chapter of the Make-A-Wish Foundation, surpassing their goal of \$200.

Stillson School of Irish Dance Producing World Class Athletes



Photo courtesy of Jenny Gagnon

Gorham dancers from the Stillson School of Irish Dance take a moment for a picture prior to a local performance. In the back row from left to right: Nash Gagnon, Hannah Gawlick, Ciara Stillson, Mairead Stillson, Carlene Stillson (teacher) Kate Downey, Clara Shvets. In the middle (left to right): Rylan Keenan, Maddie Downey. In the front: Maddie Gawlick. Missing from the photo is Patrick Downey.

JOHN CURLEY
Staff Writer

Saint Patrick’s Day is a day of sights and sounds that include green frosty beverages, stomping feet, Kiss Me I’m Irish signs, and the Portland Parade. It is also a day of Irish traditions. It is a day filled with traditional Irish music, shamrocks, leprechauns, folklore, and of course Irish dance. In Gorham, Carlene Stillson, director and founder of the Stillson School of Irish Dance, has been bringing an authentic piece of Irish tradition to Maine athletes for twenty years. A Gorham resident, she has passed down her family’s heritage while reminding those fortunate enough to see her students perform that dancers are tremendous athletes.

Stillson said that Irish dancers lift their body weight hundreds of times per minute and are unbelievably fit. Most dancers practice several hours a week while doing other stretching and cross-training exercise to stay aerobically in shape.

In *The Dads’ Guide to Irish Step Dancing*, accessible at martinryan-gagnon.weebly.com, Martin Gagnon describes Irish dance as glitz, glamour, and skill mixed with ancient roots. While his son plays other sports, Gagnon said none are any more demanding than Irish dance.

Former Gorham High School soccer star Emily Lewis was deeply involved in the Stillson School and credits Irish dance to strengthening her soccer footwork.

The combination of arts, athletics, and the opportunity to perform attract many to the sport. The Stillson School of Irish Dance has two show teams with 15 shows scheduled over St. Patrick’s season in March. In addition to performing in local schools, community centers, and nursing homes, the teams perform throughout the Portland and Southern Maine areas. A few years ago the Stillson School even performed at the Disney Performing Arts Center in Downtown Disney in Florida.

The school’s dancers successfully compete all over New England and annually in the New England Regional Irish Dancing Championships. This year the school produced four world qualifiers who will travel to Glasgow, Scotland to compete in the World Irish Dance Championships. The Stillson School is the only certified school of Irish dancing in the state of Maine.

For Carlene Stillson, Irish dance is a family affair. Carlene started dancing at the age of four under the direction of her aunt at the Lenihan School of Irish Dance in New Haven, CT. As a competitive dancer, Carlene competed in the New England Regional, North American and World Championships. Her daughter Mairead Stillson was a lead in Michael Flatley’s *Lord of the Dance* on Broadway. Mairead, who often teaches at the Stillson School, is also dance captain at Busch Gardens Celtic Fyre show in Williamsburg, VA where she performed with her sister Ciara this past summer. Both of Carlene’s daughters, Ciara and Deireann, have been world qualifiers on multiple occasions.

On July 23, Gorham will become the center of Irish Dance in the New England Region. The Stillson School will host the Maine State Feis. Stillson expects over 500 competitors from across New England plus some from across the United States and Canada to enter. The boys and girls compete in a variety of dances, including reels and jigs, in various age groups and levels.

A most distinctive feature of traditional Irish dance is there is no movement of the arms. While the feet may be moving in a frenzy of clicks, the arms are supposed to be held pinned to the sides of the dancer. Galway dance master Peggy Carty described Irish dancers as having an “ice of body, feet of fire.” If you have a chance to see the athletes from the Stillson School of Irish Dance, do not blink because you will miss some incredible moves.



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Top Gorham Figure Skaters Awarded Medals

MARTIN GAGNON
Sports Editor

When most of us step on ice, we rarely display much agility. In contrast, two young Gorham athletes regularly grace the ice with their artistry and skill. At the 2016 Snowflake Figure Skating Skills Competition in Falmouth, Eden Johnson and Abby Rogers were so graceful they were awarded medals for their outstanding performances.

Abby, an eight year old at Village Elementary School, has been figure skating since 2014. Abby is a member of the ISI (Ice Skating Institute) and USFSA (United States Figure Skating Association). Abby earned a third place medal in the Free Skate 1 Program Group A. She says, "I can't wait to be in more competitions and I want to be a famous figure skater."

Eden, an 11-year-old student at Great Falls Elementary School, was also in her first competition. Skating to the French themed music "Irma La Douce," Eden won a gold medal with a first place finish. She competed in the Figure Skating 2 Program Group



Photo Courtesy of Isabelle Johnson

Eden Johnson (left) and Abby Rogers (right) with their medals.

A. Eden, who skates two to three times a week, began skating when she was just five years old.

Both girls are coached by Lynda Hathaway and represent the Troubh Ice Arena in Portland.

Fond Memories of Gorham Ski Areas

MARTIN GAGNON
Sports Editor

As the snow melted away and temperatures rose, we put the memories of winter 2015-2016 behind us. For many a happy winter memory may have been a brisk afternoon spent ice-skating with their kids. For Gorham residents sixty years ago a winter memory may have been a thrilling ski trip at a Gorham ski slope. You heard it right. Throughout the history of Gorham, three ski areas operated in town supplying smiles and memories.

In 1949, Dundee Heights dairy farm, located on North Gorham Road, offered a ski slope with a rope tow powered by a tractor motor. According to the New England Lost Ski Areas Project, the run was lighted at night and had a maximum grade of forty-five degrees.

A second ski area was in operation throughout the 1930's and mid 1950's. The slope was called Alden's Hill and was located on Route 25 about a quarter mile west of the University

of Southern Maine campus. Historian Edna Dickey, in the book "Fifty Years of Gorham: 1936 to 1986," wrote that "while John Alden was in high school, he and his father, Austin, who financially backed the enterprise, built a ski tow on their land. The charge was twenty-five cents a day. The rope tow was closed during WWII." Following WWII, John Files and Robert Mountain added a second rope tow. Historian Dickey wrote that the tow was open evenings and weekends but "closed five years later due in part to skyrocketing insurance rates."

The last of the Gorham ski areas was the Gorham Kiwanis ski slope on Water Street just off of Main Street. Run by the Gorham Kiwanis Club, the New England Lost Ski Area Project website says the slope had a rope tow with one side of skiing for beginners and one side for experts. A John Deere tractor powered the rope tow. The operation closed near the mid 1970's.

For more information on other lost ski areas throughout New England go to www.nelsap.org

In the Zone

Gorham High School alumni named to All-Conference Team: Megan Baker, a Gorham High School graduate now attending Saint Joseph's College of Maine, was named to the 2015 Great Northwest Athletic Conference Field Hockey All-Conference Second Team. Baker posted a 1.05 goals-against average with four shutouts and an 11-4 record as a freshman keeper. She registered a .754 save percentage with 52 stops and 17 goals allowed in 1,138 minutes between the posts. Baker ranked second in goals-against average and fifth in save percentage as a first-year goalie and earned GNAC Rookie and Goalkeeper of the Week honors on October 26.



Photo credit Donna Baker



Photo credit Rhonda Sawyer

Huskies Youth Hockey: Recently finishing their last game on the middle school youth hockey team, these six eighth grade hockey players will move on to high school programs next year. They have played together for four years. Pictured from left to right are: Jonah Bird, Aiden Owens, Camden Sawyer, Ryan Gaudreau, Peter Richards, and Aaron Mains.

Landing the Big Catch

MARTIN GAGNON
Sports Editor

For many the countdown has begun. This is a period of anticipation as avid fishermen throughout the area have started dreaming of a big catch this spring season while still trying to erase the memories of the trophy fish that got away last year. Expert outdoorsmen offer several tips to aid in the quest to gain legendary angler status.

First, prepare your reels and rods by removing old line and fill spools with fresh line as needed. Monofilament has the shortest lifespan of all lines while superline can last several years. In addition, clean the fishing rod handles with mild soap and inspect for damage.

Moving to the tackle box, there are several tasks to get ready for opening day of the fishing season. For example, label any trays as needed making sure the right lures are where they are supposed to be. Secondly, replace damaged hooks and any rusty

components on the lures. Once your tackle box gear has been cleaned, inventory your things and make a list of missing items you need to buy.

Next, inspect your fishing tools and fishing clothes. Clean and lubricate your pliers, sharpen your knives, and restock your stash of insect repellent. Finally, check your rain gear and your waders to make sure you will stay dry. After all, you are fishing and not doing the polar plunge.

Once things are ready to go it is just like a day at your favorite fishing hole: it is a game of patience. Best of luck to all and may you achieve legendary angler status.

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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Facts or Folklore?

LINDA TREWORGY FAATZ

When I was young, I listened with great interest to my grandfather's gardening advice. The seasoned gardeners of the olden days banked on the folklore of weather and planting. Sometimes it was a stretch to believe yet sometimes the truth prevailed. One example is the farmer who said, "Pick the carrot on the first killing frost and hang it by its greens outside. When the carrot falls, its time for snow."

For farmers the cycles of the moon became a signpost for planting or harvesting. They say it is time to tie up your plants when "sharp horn upon a half moon promises heavy winds soon." Perhaps truer than once thought is "clear moon, frost soon." A meteorologist once said that rain or snow tends to fall within three days of a new moon with 85 percent accuracy.

"Red sky in the morning, sailors take warning. Red sky at night, sailors' delight" is a saying that has always made sense to me. Do the skies of dawn and dusk forecast the weather? Whatever the prediction, we are blessed with the pleasure of a colorful evening sky and a dawn filled with the anticipation of the day to come.

The connection between weather and planting cycles is part of the fascinating study of phenology. It offers a wonderful chance to stimulate a child's interest the natural world. Stone walls can be an indicator of the weather to come. I was told, "When

stones sweat in the afternoon, it indicates rain." I have plenty of stone walls. The kids and I will have to pay close attention this summer. While they climb on the walls we can also observe if the moss grows best on the north side.

Weather plays a big role in gardening. Weeds pull easiest after a rain. So in planning our gardening routine, we can pay attention to the following: "When leaves show their undersides, be very sure that rain betides" or "When the dew is on the grass, rain will never come to pass" and "When the grass is dry at morning light, look for rain before the night."

An afternoon rainbow is always a treat to look at in the sky, but there is more to a rainbow than just its appearance. If blue is strong the air is said to be clearing. A more prevalent green indicates continued rain. If red is strong, paling all other colors, it is said to predict heavy rains.

Can you really smell the signs of spring? We shall soon know that truth.



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

Two Historical Fiction Reads

JAN WILLIS

A new year of reading lies ahead of us. The dilemma is what to read first. There are so many books from which to choose. May I suggest "A Dictionary of Mutual Understanding" by Jackie Copleton? The author moved to Japan after graduating from Cambridge University. She taught in English language schools in Nagasaki and Sapporo. This novel tells the tale of the bombing of Nagasaki and the long ranging effects on one Japanese family. This is her first novel.

Each chapter begins with an excerpt from "An English Dictionary of Japanese Culture." This feature helps the reader understand cultural differences between the Japanese and Americans.

The novel begins with a disfigured man standing on the doorstep of an elderly Japanese woman who now lives in America. He claims to be her only grandson who she believes perished in the bombing along with her daughter. The novel weaves back and forth from the present to that dreadful day and even further back to the grandmother's youth. To say more, might spoil it. This is one of those books that will keep one reading all night.

My next recommendation is "The Race for Paris" by Meg Waite Clayton. The quotation at the beginning of this novel is from journalist Martha Gellhorn from a letter she wrote on

December 13, 1943. Gellhorn, who was once married to Hemingway, said, "I would give anything to be part of the



invasion and see Paris right at the beginning and watch the peace." This sentiment sums up the premise of the novel: the desire of fictional characters, Liv and Jane, to get to Paris. Liv is an Associated Press photographer and Jane writes for the Nashville Banner. They are from very different backgrounds, but they become fast friends in war torn Europe. They are aided by Fletcher Roebuck, a good friend of Jane's husband.

Each chapter begins with a quotation from a real journalist or photographer. One is from Andy Rooney who wrote, "Who got to a town or across a river first was a silly game the news people played. I'd never realized how intense the competition was for datelines." The women were not supposed to be where they were so they were forced to send their stories and photos back under male names. They did not dare reveal where they were.

In short, if the reader enjoys historical fiction, either of these novels should prove interesting. Happy reading!

join us this EASTER

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BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

William David Catlin was born March 8, 2016 at 10:20 a.m. to Jennifer Willis and Sarah Catlin. Grandparents are Jan and Paul Willis of Gorham and Susan and Mark Catlin of Montpelier, VT.



DEAN'S LIST

Margaret Shields (GHS '15), Wheaton College
Hannah Southard (GHS '14), Wheaton College

OF INTEREST

Specialist Matthew McCullough (GHS '08 and UMO '14) returned from Black Hawk Helicopter School after receiving his mechanic wings in the US Army and will be assigned to the Bangor National Guard. McCullough, who completed his training at Fort Eustis, Virginia, finished with Distinguished Honors.



Dr. Rev. Larry Kalp, former pastor of North Gorham Congregational Church, has published his first novel "A Promise to Keep" about a thirteen-year-old boy growing up in rural Pennsylvania. The book is now available on Amazon under the pen name of Chester Kay.

Join the Presumpscot Regional Land Trust for a 1.5 mile guided walk on the Little River Preserve in Gorham on Saturday, Apr. 9 at 10 a.m. Led by Rob Sanford, author of the new book "Reading Rural Landscapes: A Field Guide to New England's Past" and chair of the Department of Environmental Science and Policy at USM. The hike will explore forests, fields, and along the river, finding and interpreting traces of history in order to reconstruct the past from surviving clues. The event is free, but space is limited, RSVP required to info@prlt.org.



Josiah Irish (Windham Christian Academy) and Mikayla Martorano (Gorham Middle School) are pictured with Senator Amy Volk after serving as Honorary Pages in the Maine Senate.

Mister Bagel, 13 New Portland Road, recently celebrated 10 years in business.

The Lakes Region Senior Center located at the Little Falls Activity Center, 40 Acorn Street, will hold a Coffee Social with Heather Perry, the new superintendent of the Gorham School Dept. Come and help us welcome our new superintendent on Wednesday, Mar 30 at 9 a.m. This event is free and open to the public.

The Gorham Food Pantry, located at 299B Main St., is in need of the following items: dry cereal, canned ravioli, dry spaghetti, canned beets, canned mixed vegetables, 2-in-1 shampoo, cream soap and bar soap. All items may be dropped off at the pantry in the bin by the ramp door. The bin is checked everyday. FMI, 222-4351.

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. FMI, Blanche Alexander at 892-5604.

The West Gorham Union Church, located at 190 Ossipee Trail, will hold a Public Supper on Sat, Apr. 2 starting at 5 p.m. Beans, hot dogs, chicken pie, American chop suey, casseroles, home made pies, and more. Ticket sales begin at 4 p.m. \$8/\$3 children under 12. FMI, 839-4208.



The Westbrook/Gorham Rotary Club and honored guests celebrated the chartering of the club 90 years ago on March 8, 1916. Following the meeting many historical records and photos of service projects over the years were donated to the Westbrook Historical Society. (Standing L-R): Coleen Hilton, Mike Sanphy, Bowen Depke, Christine Johnson, George Bartlett, Merrill Rollins, Dr. Bruce Dyer and Tony Wagner. (Sitting L-R): Marge Barker, Sheilla Rollins and Dave Underhill.

Hilary Schneider, director of government relations for the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network (ACS CAN), stands with (L-R) Ray Ronan of Gorham, Matt Caston, ACS CAN manager, and Jeff Bennett, survivor and state volunteer for ACS CAN. They joined together at the State House to present Ronan with a memorial resolution in honor of his wife, Jan, who lost her battle with ovarian cancer early last month yet fought tirelessly for cancer advocacy despite her personal battle with the disease.



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 9-11 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 through 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

Schoolhouse Arts Center will present a comedy "The Mennonite & the Bartender" on Apr. 1 at 7:30 p.m. and Apr. 2 & 3 at 2 p.m. FMI, schoolhousearts@gmail.com.

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BY SARAH ADAMS

Gorham Business Exchange

Being a part of a Maine-based family-owned insurance agency is what many Cross Insurance employees are proud to be a part of. Cross Insurance, one of the largest independent insurance agencies in New England, has big buying power for home, auto or business policies. However, what gets Gorham resident Pete Luciano most excited about being part of the Cross Insurance family is the fifty plus year tradition of philanthropic actions, coupled with their commitment to developing lasting relationships.

Pete and his wife, Bobbi Jo, moved to Gorham over ten years ago and have two sons: Ian, eleven, and Jack, nine, who can be seen at a variety of sporting events. Pete loves soccer, and has been coaching with the Gorham Youth Soccer Association. In the eyes of the Lucianos, the best parts of living here is that Gorham is a community that pulls together and shares their commitment to raising children in a safe and wholesome environment.

"The insurance industry, at its best, is based on relationships, working directly with families and businesses to learn what their needs are, that is what really drives me," shares Luciano. Luciano started his insurance career on the company side of the insurance business, where his focus was 100 percent around insurance claims. His recent



Photo credit Peter Luciano

Pete Luciano of Cross Insurance, his wife Bobbi Jo, and sons Ian and Jack.

transition to the agency side, which has been both rewarding and fulfilling, has allowed him to utilize his company background, while allowing him to focus on the insurance needs of his personal clients.

Luciano is on the Gorham Youth Soccer Association board and is a new board member of the Gorham Business Exchange. He brings enthusiasm and a unique perspective on both large and small businesses.

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PIGS WILL BE PIGS

George Street man had a pig contained in his shed but it was knocking things over. Neighbor came and took the pig home and made arrangements to have the shed cleaned up.

Caller found a fort along a walking trail off Weeks Road and thought it was suspicious. Officers thought it was a project of some sort or just kids being creative. There was not trash or damage to property and the structure did not appear to be anything that could be used to harm others.

Suspicious person on South Street had pulled into the park-and-ride to wait to hear from his girlfriend. He did not want to show up at her house uninvited. Girlfriend contacted him while officer was there and he moved along.

Man stopped on Longfellow Road was charged with OUI and violating conditions of release.

Evergreen Drive caller reported neighbor was playing loud music for the past four hours, since midnight. Officer contacted neighbor who was annoyed but turned off the music.

Officer driving on Ossipee Trail saw subject climbing over the fence. He was dropping off a box of sheet rock screws as he was

doing renovations on the building. He had climbed over the fence as the gate was locked and he did not have the key.

Man on Fort Hill Road was walking home on Day Road. Officer gave him a ride as it was very foggy and it was hard to see him walking in the fog.

Officer went to Tink Drive for a welfare check. Female refused to open the door or give her name.

Driver stopped on Quincy Drive was charged with OUI and cited for having open containers in the vehicle and for operating without headlights.

Suspicious person on Sanford Drive was owner of one of the businesses.

Suspicious person at the park-and-ride had pulled in to listen to music. He told officer he could not listen to it at home as people were sleeping.

Officer picked up a woman on the side of the road and gave her a ride home.

Honeybees in the Winter

LORI J. ROTH

Like all insects, honeybees are poikilothermic (sometimes called "cold blooded") because their internal body temperature is greatly influenced by ambient air temperature. This means their body temperature drops during the winter, unlike "warm-blooded" mammals that maintain a constant core temperature all year round. Below a body temperature of about 54 degrees, honeybees develop a chill coma and they are unable to fly.

In order to survive the winter, honeybees must keep warm. As out-

side temperatures drop, the bees cluster together with the queen on a few combs at the very center of the hive. They keep the cluster warm by vibrating their flight muscles, like shivering. The center of the cluster is the warmest part of the hive. Far from being cozy, the inside temperature remains only slightly warmer than the outside temperature.

Early European immigrants brought honeybees to the Americas. When left to their own resources they are adaptable and have little trouble surviving severe winters. They build their homes in hollow trees, between the studs in walls of buildings, attics or any suitable shelter. Beekeepers of modern hives do their best to mimic nature in order to keep a hive alive during the winter. Often, beekeepers wrap their hives with light tarpaper for wind protection and make sure the hives are heavy. A healthy colony of bees in Maine require about 90 pounds of honey for winter consumption.

Bees store pollen and honey during the summer and stop rearing brood in late fall.

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CALENDAR

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.
- Sewing Group, 7 years and older, 2:30-4:30 p.m., Baxter Memorial Library.

FRIDAY, MAR. 25

- 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. Conferences.

TUESDAY, MAR. 29

- Pre-School Story Time, 3-5 years, Baxter Memorial Library, 9:30 a.m.
- Julia Spencer-Fleming Author Event, 7 p.m., Baxter Memorial Library. FMI, baxterlibrary.org.

WEDNESDAY, MAR. 30

- 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.
- Story Time, birth-3 yrs., 10-10:30 a.m., North Gorham Public Library.

THURSDAY, MAR. 31

- 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, 7 years and older, 2:30-4:30 p.m., Baxter Memorial Library.

FRIDAY, APR. 1

- 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.

TUESDAY, APR. 5

- Pre-School Story Time, 3-5 years, Baxter Memorial Library, 9:30 a.m.
- Gorham Cancer Prayer and Support Group Meeting, 6 p.m., Cressey Road United Methodist Church. All are welcome. FMI, 321-1390 or 839-3111.
- More Than a Rap Sheet: Real Stories of Incarcerated Women, Opening Reception, 7 p.m., Baxter Memorial Library. FMI, baxterlibrary.org.

WEDNESDAY, APR. 6

- 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.
- Story Time, birth-3 yrs., 10-10:30 a.m., North Gorham Public Library.
- Early release for grades K-12.

THURSDAY, APR. 7

- 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, 7 years and older, 2:30-4:30 p.m., Baxter Memorial Library.
- BML Board of Trustees Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Baxter Memorial Library.

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