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Man with Rifle Reported in Village



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South Street, near the center of town, was blocked off on February 27 while law enforcement officials responded to a report of a man carrying a rifle.

SHERI FABER
Staff Writer

On February 27, at 10:08 a.m., Cumberland County dispatch received a report of a man on South Street carrying a rifle and wearing a ghillie suit. A ghillie suit is a type of camouflage clothing designed to resemble the background environment such as foliage, snow or sand. The caller further described the gun as having laser sights and said the man was shining it into a residence.

Gorham Police notified the School Department, and both Gorham High School and Village School were locked down. Automated calls went out to residents living or working near the center of town advising them to lock their doors and stay inside.

Gorham High School was initially told to lock down but after further consultation, Superintendent Perry and Gorham Police Dept. agreed on a soft lockdown which meant the doors were locked, students were kept

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Town Manager David Cole Resigning

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David Cole notified the Town Council that he will be resigning effective September 29, 2017. Cole has been a Town Manager for 40 years, 23 of those years in Gorham. He had high praise for the people who work for the Town of Gorham and noted that Gorham is "an incredible community." He thanked the Council for allowing him to serve Gorham.

GHS Girls' Basketball Repeats State Title Team Earns 42nd Consecutive Win

JOHN CURLEY
Contributing Writer

After weathering an early Oxford Hills shooting barrage, the GHS girls' basketball team locked down defensively and stormed back from a nine-point deficit to bring another Gold Ball back to Gorham on March 4.

The overall brilliance of Emily Esposito (20 points, 6 steals) combined with key second quarter buckets from Mackenzie Holmes (8 points, 13 rebounds), Michelle Rowe (11 points, 7 rebounds), Courtney Brent and Kaylea Lundin gave the Rams a slim 24-22 halftime lead and they never looked back. A key second half exchange in front of the Oxford Hills bench saw all five Rams hit the floor for a loose ball and sent a clear message that they were not to be denied on this night.

Head coach Laughn Berthiaume and his staff work hard to prepare their teams mentally, physically and tactically. They go to great lengths to understand the strengths of each individual player and prepare them to succeed in big games. On Sunday morning, after the state title game, Berthiaume said, "I am very proud of the effort and dedication of this group. They approached every game with the focus and determination necessary to get the job done night-in and night-out. Most importantly, they always remembered this was the same game they grew up loving as young girls and they never missed



an opportunity to enjoy each other and have fun playing the game they love. There are very few things in life that can compare to accomplishing something so special with a group of people you care about so deeply. The leadership and consistency of our senior captains, Emily Esposito, Kaylea Lundin, and Kristen Curley, set a tone for the success of our program. Their historic careers will be remembered forever."

Looking ahead to next year, Gorham will face the challenge of replacing their three senior captains who leave behind a 73-9 record and back-to-back State Championships. These players will be missed, but the cupboard is far from bare.

SMAA Co-Player of the Year Holmes and junior Rowe will lead a strong group of playoff-tested underclassmen who have never lost a varsity game. Joined by a group of eighth graders who have been tearing it up at the middle school level, the Lady



Photo credit Steve Morneau

Senior captains (l to r) Kaylea Lundin, Emily Esposito and Kristen Curley held up the Gold Ball for fans before celebrating with their team.

Rams will be near the top of the heap when basketball takes center stage again in December.

Once again, the town of Gorham rallied behind its young people and made the two-week championship run a time to remember.

Turnpike Spur Proposed from Exit 45 To Rines Bypass

SHERI FABER
Staff Writer

From 2010-2013, Gorham was identified as the fastest growing community in Maine. Since 2009, more than 330 residential subdivision lots have been created with many more in the pipeline. Along with new residents, more vehicles are coming to Gorham as well as to outlying towns that are also seeing population increases.

Traffic has been a long standing issue in Gorham and with an increasing number of homes being built in Gorham as well as in surrounding communities, the Town has consistently looked at ways to improve the traffic flow. After many years of discussion and negotiation, the Bernard Rines Bypass opened in 2008 and has "performed as predicted," said Town Manager David Cole. Before the bypass opened, the intersection of Rt. 114 and Rt. 25

was known for its heavy traffic and very narrow turning radius for tractor trailer trucks that were heading west on Rt. 25.

Vehicles heading west can now use the bypass, obviating the need to go through the center of Gorham village. While the bypass has resulted in considerable improvement to the flow of traffic by diverting some of it from the village cen-

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Criminal Justice Reform

SEN. AMY VOLK

This session, I've sponsored several bills to continue to fight for criminal justice reform in Maine. It is my firm belief that minor crimes committed in the past shouldn't prohibit anyone from bettering themselves and reaching their full potential, especially once they have paid their debt to society.

According to The Council of State Governments, if a person with a criminal record has gone seven years without committing another crime, the odds of that person committing another crime are the same as someone who has never committed a crime. Yet the collateral consequences of having a criminal record follow people around for the rest of their lives, if they live in Maine.

In the months following a prisoner's release, access to employment is absolutely critical to ensure that the individual can provide for themselves and their families so they don't commit another crime that lands them back within the criminal justice system. Having a job also provides a sense of responsibility and community that can go a long way towards setting someone on the right path going forward. But oftentimes criminal records keep gainful employment out of reach for reformed ex-convicts.

Studies have shown that having a criminal record makes someone 50 percent less likely to get a job callback than someone with a clear record. The likelihood of a job callback for a per-

son of color with a criminal record is even slimmer.

Additionally, a large number of occupations in Maine require a license that can be denied based on a criminal record, even if the occupation is not related to the crime that was committed. This can mean that shoplifting one item when you were 18 years old could prohibit you from working in the health care profession, among many other things, for your entire career.

Statistics show that roughly one in three adults in the United States has a criminal record and faces significant hurdles when it comes to entering the job market. This means that roughly one in three Mainers are prohibited from entering fields requiring licensure, in spite of the grave workforce shortages the state is experiencing within many fields, particularly health care.

To address this issue, 35 states have adopted criminal justice reform policies that permit the clearance of some misdemeanor convictions from permanent records, with 28 of those states also allowing the clearance of some felony convictions. Maine is one of only 15 states without any record clearance laws.

That's why I will soon present LR 347, "An Act To Clear a Path to Employment." Should this bill pass, any person that has been convicted of one Class C Felony crime and/or one Class D or E Misdemeanor crime, except those crimes that involve sexual assault or domestic violence, and has had no recurring criminal misdemeanor or

felony convictions for seven years will have those records sealed.

This would mean that any record of the conviction would be shielded from routine background checks, but would still be visible for law enforcement officers. My bill would also follow the model laid out by Illinois in rewarding education by waiving some of the years if a person earns a high school diploma, associate's degree or other specified educational achievements while serving his or her sentence.

Now is the perfect time to initiate these reforms because the state is moving forward to electronic court records.

This is only one of the proposals I've submitted this session to review Maine's criminal justice code in order to give people a second chance while also expanding our workforce. One mistake shouldn't preclude those who have paid their debt to society and are ready to be responsible citizens from moving on and contributing to society in a positive way.

If you have any questions or comments on legislation as the session progresses, please don't hesitate to contact me.



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Letter to the Editor

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To the citizens of Gorham,

A couple of weeks ago we mourned the passing of a grand lady, Jan Willis, who left a big hole in the fabric of our town. I had nothing but respect for her for many reasons. But sharing her husband, Paul, with the Gorham Food

Pantry is probably one of her best kept secrets in town.

When it became apparent that we had outgrown our 79 square foot closet in St. Anne's church, Paul was the president of the executive board of the pantry. He got busy and procured a building, had it moved, and spent two months bringing said building up to a usable standard. Probably Jan carried the bulk of the work in their real estate business. I am sure Paul heard from her on occasion, however, she never said a word about this to anyone.

I want to salute a grand lady who gave us her best at all times and gave her love to those who she considered family.

Gorham will miss her.

Fran Thurston Doucette
Director, Gorham Food Pantry

Around Town

Due to the current freeze/thaw weather cycle, the Town recently posted roads to heavy traffic. A complete listing can be found at <http://www.gorham-me.org/home/news/2017-road-load-postings>. Roads will remain posted through May 1 or unless otherwise determined by the Public Works Dept.

The Maine Dept. of Transportation will be replacing the Deguio Mill Bridge on Rt. 202 that crosses the Little River. During the project, the bridge will be closed to traffic and residents will need to detour around it. It is estimated that the bridge will be closed for 90 days once construction begins mid-June.

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Fran Doucette Retires from the Gorham Food Pantry

LESLIE DUPUIS
Editor

After two decades of dedicated service to the Gorham community, Fran Doucette is retiring from her position as Executive Director of the Gorham Food Pantry (GFP). Doucette has led the GFP since its inception in 1997 when it began operating out of a 79-square foot storage closet at St. Anne's Church. She shared her #1 rule - to place no judgment on people and serve everyone with dignity and respect - and she has been following that mission for 20 years.

With a degree in education from USM and 10 years as a special education teacher under her belt, Doucette was pleased when the role of director was offered as it was the "perfect opportunity to make a change," she said.

Prior to 1997, each Gorham church housed its own "emergency" food pantry. The problem, according to Doucette, was that some pantries were used too often and ran out of food while others were not utilized enough and food spoiled. The decision was made to centralize the volunteer efforts of member churches.

The Pantry eventually outgrew its space, and after a grant and a capital campaign raised enough funds, the

GFP moved to its current home in a former town-owned portable building that was moved to the parking lot of St. Anne's Church and renovated in 2009.

When asked how the Pantry has changed over her 20 years, Doucette shared that clients are more desperate in their lack of food. Years ago, the food may have been supplemental, but now she believes that clients depend upon it to survive.

Doucette will miss the people most when she retires on April 27. Her favorite part of her job is "the joy of seeing someone get on their feet and not needing the Pantry anymore because their life has taken a turn for the better." In particular, she will miss coworker David Therriault as she "depended on him for so much at the Pantry."

Doucette is most proud of the fact that the Pantry has lasted for 20 years through the support of the town of Gorham. "Churches, residents, businesses and schools have all been huge contributors to the cause and have cooperated to keep the Pantry running," said Doucette.

She plans to move to Exeter, NH with her husband, Paul, so they can be closer to her daughter and her granddaughter.

Gorham Food Pantry Announces Staff Changes

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The Gorham Food Pantry's Board of Directors is pleased to announce that Debra Tanguay has been named as its new executive director. Deb will replace Fran Doucette, who is retiring from the position in late-April after years of service to the Gorham community. At the same time, the GFP would also like to announce the promotion of David Therriault, a longtime Pantry volunteer, to the position of Inventory Coordinator.

Diane O'Neill, GFP's board president said, "Fran Doucette is one of the original Pantry founders and leaves an extraordinary legacy of caring and compassion in the Gorham community from her 20-years of service. After a three-month search to find an individual with the qualifications and personal traits to take on this important role, we feel extremely fortunate to have found someone with Deb Tanguay's character and integrity, caring, humility and vision, to lead the Gorham Food Pantry into the future."

Deb Tanguay was a teacher at Windham Middle School until 2014, and is currently a stay-at-home mom with her two young children. She



Photo courtesy of Diane O'Neill

The Gorham Food Pantry welcomes a new executive director. Pictured from left to right is David Therriault, Deb Tanguay, Fran Doucette and Diane O'Neill.

resides in Gorham with her husband, Jason, who is a teacher and coach at Gorham High School. She received her BFA degree from The University of Maine at Farmington in 1998 with a double-major in English and Creative Writing, and a minor in Nutrition.

The GFP serves nearly 400 households in Gorham with an average of 100 families using the Pantry each month. The Pantry is located at 299-B Main Street in Gorham. Open hours are Thursday morning from 9-11 a.m. and the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month from 6-7 p.m.

Gorham Grad Volunteers in Uganda

JESSICA REXRODE (GHS '14)
Contributing Writer

In December 2016, I traveled as a medical volunteer to Uganda, a small country located in eastern Africa. As a premed student at Suffolk University in Boston, I chose to do a service trip on my own as an opportunity to experience global healthcare as well as to get some clinical hours which are required in order to apply to medical schools.

I traveled with an organization known as FIMRC, which stands for The Foundation for International Medical Relief of Children. FIMRC is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing modern medical care to disadvantaged families worldwide. The FIMRC facility is located in a mountainous and remote region called the Bududa district in northern Uganda.

During my month-long stay I lived among locals in Bushika village. Each day I worked to provide free medical care to children and their families. The clinic lacked much of the modern technology we are accustomed to in medical facilities in the United States, but despite the lack of certain technology, the clinic successfully served hundreds of local villagers each day.

Services provided by the clinic included everything from primary care check-ups to prenatal and postnatal care for mothers. Each day I had a new experience in healthcare. Sometimes I would work in the lab, pricking fingers for blood samples to test for diseases such as HIV, malaria, syphilis and even pregnancy. Other days I would help in the diagnosis room doing charting and maintaining patient files. Occasionally I would dress wounds

and help stitch severe injuries in the wound care station.

My favorite work was in what we called the MCH, the maternal care station. In the MCH, I did everything from meeting with expectant mothers for check-ups to teaching about family planning options. During my second week volunteering, I was able to assist midwives with the birth of a beautiful baby boy.

Besides working in the clinic, I also went on outreach programs. I hiked up into the mountains with a group of staff to do home visits and spread the word about our services at the clinic. While I was volunteering, FIMRC was in the middle of its cleft palate program which provides an opportunity for children with cleft palates to



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Jessica Rexrode spent time with local Ugandan children while taking part in a medical service trip in December.

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Lettuce Be Healthy

BARBARA T. SCHNEIDER

Happy early Spring. At least that is what we all hope for. While our thoughts drift longingly toward warmer weather, we still must deal with plenty

of cold. Shorts and t-shirts will be in our future, but for now, fleece and boots are still our reality. Here are two healthy recipes that are easy and yummy - but still have plenty of that cozy factor to tide us over until Spring does arrive.

Creamy Vegetable Soup

6 cups veggie broth	1 teaspoon minced garlic
1 bag broccoli flowerets	½ cup onion, finely chopped
1 bag cauliflower rice	½ cup tomato, finely chopped
1 can cannellini beans, drained & rinsed	½ cup fresh herbs, variety, finely chopped
1 can garbanzo beans, drained & rinsed	Salt & Pepper to taste

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Place garbanzos in single layer on baking sheet (sprayed lightly with canola or olive oil). Sprinkle with touch of paprika; roast for 10 minutes. Set aside to cool.

In large soup pot, place all other ingredients; simmer medium-low for 30 minutes or until beans and veggies are soft. Place immersion blender in pot and circle to blend. You will love this creamy delight. Present in soup bowls with toasted garbanzos sprinkled on top. A cozy, warm lunch or supper. Enjoy!

Vegetable Loaf Supreme

1 can cannellini beans	Dash of: salt, pepper, paprika, cayenne, coriander, cumin.
1 can garbanzo beans	1 Tablespoon Italian seasoning
1 bag broccoli flowerets	1 Tablespoon Sriracha
1 bag cauliflower rice	1 Tablespoon Dijon mustard
1 bag carrots, diced	1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
1 cup chopped onion	½ cup quinoa
1 cup chopped tomato	(I prefer uncooked as it will absorb juices from the veggies)
1 cup chopped kale	

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Place all ingredients in a food processor, pulse until coarsely ground (if too dry, add splash of water, broth or a touch of salsa. Form in a loaf shape in a lined baking pan. Drizzle top with your choice of BBQ sauce, salsa, shredded cheese, mustard sauce, ketchup; whatever fun idea you might have for flavor. Bake in oven for 45 minutes-1 hour, until top has browned. Enjoy!

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Rebuilding Your Financial Confidence

KRISTA NADEAU

Don't let financial fears paralyze you into a state of indecision; it's time to take the reins and regain control of your financial future. As the economy starts to recover and jobs may not be quite as hard to come by, it is time to regain a sense of purpose and empowerment when it comes to your finances. Here are some practical steps that may help you begin to get your fiscal future back on track.

Evaluate your financial health. Prepare an updated list of your income, expenses, assets and liabilities. A job loss or financial hardship can deplete your savings. If you are looking to get your finances back on track, begin by saving for the suggested six to eight months of emergency cash stash. Now is a good time to really pinch pennies to make sure that the money is there when and if an emergency arises.

Analyze your spending habits. Many people do not realize how much they spend on weekly trips to the market, afternoon lattes or dry cleaning. Aim to eliminate a portion of these discretionary expenses. Start by cutting back by 25% - more if you're willing. And be honest about what you really can live without. Brewing your favorite cup o' joe at home may not be as fun as a frothy latte from the corner café, but shaving four dollars a day from your food budget adds up to \$120 a month in savings and is a whole lot better for your health, too.

Call your creditors before you fall behind. Many people avoid calling their lenders and credit card companies until the default

notices start piling up. But these days many companies are willing to work with you, even deferring or temporarily lowering payments while you look for employment. Make those calls as soon as you suspect money will get tight and explore all of your options.

Redefine your financial goals. Even if previous plans have taken a detour due to financial hardship or job losses, taking a moment to redefine where you see yourself in five, 10 or 15 years will help stave off discouragement and empower you to look forward. You may not be able to retire when you expected to, or pay outright for a four year college, but instead of saying "I can't afford it," begin looking for new goals and asking the question, "How can I afford it."

Meet with a financial professional. Even if you've done this in the past, getting professional advice about investment losses, financial products, insurance coverage and other important issues is essential. You need to know how you can help meet your goals and objectives keeping in mind your present and future resources.

When you experience a financial loss, the emotional toll can be as high as the monetary one. Making choices based on a new reality will go a long way towards rebuilding your self confidence and your bottom line.



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inside the building, and classes continued. The schools e-mailed parents to inform them about the lockdown.

Roadblocks closed South Street, and Baxter Memorial Library was also locked down, although patrons were allowed to leave and library staff could admit people they recognized. USM texted students and advised them to avoid the area.

Officers who hear the radio traffic or are in the area often come to assist in these situations. As a result, police from Windham, Westbrook, Scarborough, Portland and the Cumberland County Sheriff's Office all responded to the scene. A three-apartment residence on South Street where the caller thought the man had gone was searched but nothing was found. There were no tracks in the snow where the caller said he had seen the man.

Police now believe there was no man with a gun and the caller was

misguided. If there had been a man with a gun wearing a ghillie suit, police would have expected to receive more than one call about that person. The Gorham Police Dept. is continuing to investigate but no longer believes there is a threat to the public.

Gorham High School was evacuated the following day and students were sent to Shaw Gym at the Municipal Center due to a bomb threat. Parents were asked to stay away from the high school and the Municipal Center until the police had more information. Canine dogs from the Maine State Police that are trained to locate explosives were brought in to the high school but did not turn up anything suspicious. A note in the boy's bathroom had said there was a bomb and police are reviewing tapes from a camera outside the bathroom for more clues.

Turnpike Spur Proposal CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

ter, there are still traffic issues for Gorham.

Currently, it can take up 45 minutes or more to make the 8-10 mile drive into Portland during rush hour. "Traffic in Gorham is some of the worst in Maine," said State Rep. Andrew McLean who recently introduced a bill "to meet long term regional transportation needs, to correct deficiencies and to fulfill mobility requirements at a reasonable cost using available technology." The bill calls for using bonds in an amount up to \$150,000,000 to pay for "planning, design and construction of such a connector." This plan is predicated on no reasonable alternative being found.

The federal government determines what roads are constructed along with where and when they are built. According to government guidelines, building new roads has to be the last possible option. Currently, the law calls for more capacity on existing roads, increasing roads from two to four lanes, and improving intersections.

In the Greater Portland area, this would lead to the destruction of too many existing homes to be a feasible option. The Maine Turnpike Authority is planning to do a \$1,000,000 study to develop a plan for more roadway capacity in ways that will be in compli-

ance with federal law. The Maine Department of Transportation and the Maine Turnpike Authority are negotiating what is to be covered in the study.

Town Manager David Cole notes that the proposed spur would almost certainly be built by the Maine Turnpike Authority as this agency can best afford to build a new road. The agency would have the option to make it a toll road, thereby enabling it to recoup costs. It is not clear what will happen if the Maine Turnpike Authority does not have a clear mandate to move forward with building this new road.

There will be ample opportunity for input from the community once the study gets underway. In 2012, a traffic study in the South Gorham area found 64 high crash locations along with seven intersections that were identified as inadequate for the volume of traffic. Peter Mills, the executive director of the Maine Turnpike Authority, described the South Gorham area as the "worst area of traffic congestion in the State of Maine."

"This project will reduce congestion, make commute times shorter and preserve our downtowns so they can become places where pedestrians are welcome," said McLean.

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Clerk's Corner

LAURIE NORDFORS
Town Clerk

Spring is right around the corner. The snow is melting and the birds are out.

March is Motorcycle Registration month. All motorcycle registrations now have an expiration date of March 31. When coming in to re-register your bike, please bring your old registration, your current insurance card and the mileage.

Nomination papers are available in the Clerk's office to fill a seat on the Portland Water District Board of Trustees. The board is comprised of eleven members from surrounding communities who serve staggered five-year terms. This position is to fill a vacant seat

which will expire in November 2017. The board generally meets twice monthly. Trustees receive a stipend of \$100 per meeting up to \$2400 per year.

Spring clean-up has started and Gorham trash bags/tags, recycle bins and one time large item tickets may be purchased in the Town Clerk's office.

Remember to turn your clocks ahead by one hour on March 12.



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

November Arrests

The Gorham Police Department made the following arrests in November:

Dingley Spring Road man, 18, was arrested for criminal mischief, theft by unauthorized use and operating a vehicle without a license.

Buxton woman, 43, was arrested for OUI.

Portland man, 47, was arrested for OUI.

Plowman Road man, 26, was arrested for obstructing report of a crime and domestic violence assault.

Main St. man, 19, was arrested for theft by unauthorized taking, burglary of a motor vehicle and possession of burglar tools.

Limerick man, 30, was arrested for OUI.

Standish woman, 26, was arrested for OUI

Standish man, 27, was arrested for OUI and violating conditions of release.

Fort Hill Road man, 29, was arrested for criminal trespass and domestic violence terrorizing.

Standish man, 38, was arrested for arson, burglary, assault and criminal mischief.

College Ave. man, 25, was arrested for illegal possession of marijuana and violating conditions of release.

Avon man, 49, was arrested for OUI (1 prior).

Sebago Lake Road man, 28, was arrested for domestic violence assault.

Augusta man, 51, was arrested for failure to report, operating after suspension, attaching false plates, operating after suspension and OUI (1 prior).

Hollis man, 25, was arrested for OUI.

Dingley Spring Road woman, 39, was arrested for OUI.

Windham man, 45, was arrested for OUI (1 prior) and subsequently arrested for criminal trespass 20 minutes later.

USM Plans to Demolish Dickey-Wood Towers

SHERI FABER
Staff Writer

People driving by USM on Fort Hill Road (Rt. 114) are used to seeing the two eight story residential towers on the edge of the campus. Built in 1970, they have been vacant since the spring of 2014 with only 40 students living there before they were closed. Having the towers empty enabled USM to save money on maintenance and operating costs while they reached a decision as to the future of the towers.

The cost to renovate the towers has been estimated at about \$10,000,000. The buildings are considered outdated with no air conditioning and some asbestos. The towers were never popular with students and were often underutilized. The cost to tear them down is estimated to be \$3.25 million. USM considered other options for

the towers but ultimately concluded that razing the buildings made the most sense. No date has been set for the demolition.

When the dorms were fully functional, they could house 368 students. There are an additional 1100 residential units on the Gorham campus, plenty to accommodate students. With the increasing cost of rental apartments in the Greater Portland area, USM is considering new student dorms for their Portland campus.

The University of Southern Maine was formerly known as Gorham State College before it became part of the University of Maine system. The tower dorms were named for Edna Dickey, a history professor and Dean of Women, and Esther Wood who was a social science professor. Edna Dickey was the author of *Fifty Years of Gorham 1936-1986*, a history of the town.

Real Estate Transfers October 2016

ADDRESS	BUYER	SELLER	PRICE
8 FARRINGTON ROAD	JOHNSTON, ELIZABETH & MARK	NORMAND BERUBE BUILDERS, INC.	\$324,929
9 ASPEN LANE	OLSON, PAUL & PEGGY	PALMER, MATTHEW & SARAH	\$289,000
57 FINN PARKER	TEMOR, RONEY & DIANE	AUBE, RICHARD	\$250,000
4 SHADY RUN LANE	WOODMAN, DANIEL & SUSAN	PHILBRICK, CATHY	\$315,000
60 HARDING ROAD	KEITH, ANGELA	COUSINS, CHRISTY	\$57,700
1 ASPEN LANE	PALMER, MATTHEW & SARAH	CHADBURN, HAROLD & BEVERLY	\$325,000
3 WOLF RIVER RUN	ALGARIN, XAVIER	DROUIN, DANNY	\$315,000
16 FINN PARKER ROAD	GERVAIS HOMES, LLC	RURAL HOUSING SERVICES USDA	\$93,000
60 QUEEN STREET	DIONNE, GREGORY	WILLIS, RITA	\$255,500
14 HICKORY LANE	BESSETTE, JENNIFER & GERALD, JR.	KENISTON, GARRETT & EMILY	\$235,000
250 HUSTON ROAD	PETERSON, CHRISTOPHER	LALUMIERE, SCOTT	\$168,500
33 HANNAH DRIVE	NICHOLS, STEPHANIE & ANDREW VIII	BREWSTER, MELINDA	\$197,000
68 DINGLEY SPRING ROAD	DUBE, DAVID & TAMMY	O'KEEFE, GILLIAN	\$307,500
11 COTTON DRIVE	MCGRANE, ETHAN & SARA	NORMAND BERUBE BUILDERS, INC.	\$343,313
75 JOHNSON ROAD	WARHOLAK, MERRILEE & WELLS, WILLIAM	DAIGLER, DAVID & KAREN	\$279,900
115 ICHABOD LANE EXT.	SANDS, PATRICIA & MARTIN, MARY	GILBERT HOMES, INC.	\$339,000
22 CUMBERLAND LANE	GOAN, CHRISTINA	ROBIE CONTRACTING, INC.	\$325,000
3 WILLIAM HENRY DRIVE	GILBERT, STEPHANIE & MICHAEL	GOWER, CHRISTOPHER	\$349,000
28 PLUMMER ROAD	DUMAS, KEVIN & HANNAH	COPELAND, LEE & ANGELA	\$409,000
75 SOUTH STREET	SOMMERS, WESTON & TARA	DAY, TODD & LAURA	\$272,400
5 HEBERT WAY	SODEN, MATTHEW & CHAVEZ, SARAH	PIKE, VINCENT SR. & EVELYN	\$290,000

School Notes

Gorham High School students Brandon George, building trades, Issac Priest, computer repair and networking, and Arianna Gaston, early childhood occupations education, were recently recognized as outstanding students during the second quarter at the Westbrook Regional Vocational Center.

New England's King of Comedy Bob Marley is coming to Gorham High School on March 23 at 7 p.m. as a project graduation fundraiser. Tickets are \$20 and are available at the Bookworm, The Stockhouse Restaurant

in Westbrook, or at the door. There will also be silent auction baskets. FMI, visit goghs.org/pro-graduation.html.

Superintendent Heather Perry has recently posted her fourth blog in her Proficiency Based Learning Update Series. This post focuses on sharing Gorham's definition of Proficiency and what it means when Gorham Schools say their students are "proficient." Visit <http://gorhamsuperintendent.blogspot.com/> to read the blog.

Great Falls Students Learn About Ecosystems in the Gulf of Maine



Photo credit Gregg Sands

James Morrison, Lily Rhodes, Dylan Taiani, and Aislyn McLean (pictured left to right) explored a hands-on lab during a recent field trip to The Gulf of Maine Research Institute.

AISLYN McLEAN

Fifth Grade Student at Great Falls

The Gulf of Maine Research Institute (G.M.R.I.), is a non-profit organization that studies the Gulf of Maine, for multiple reasons. First, they collect scientific data needed to understand this very unique

ecosystem and how to manage its use. Secondly, they work to keep today's seafood resources from being depleted. Thirdly, they create tools and work with fishermen to get important information to reinforce the fishing industry and our coastal economies. On top of all that,

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Gorham Steel Bands Hold Benefit



Photo credit Tracy Williamson

Come kick off spring with some fun Caribbean music. Join the Gorham steel bands and Portland-based steel band, Sister Steel, for an evening of food, music and dancing on Sunday, March 19, from 6 to 8:30 p.m. in the Gorham Middle School Cafeteria. The sixth grade beginning steel band, the Panagrams, seventh and eighth grade band, Blue Pan Group, and Gorham High School's steel band, No Pan Intended, will all be performing along with Sister Steel. There will be dinner, snacks, and baked goods for sale, donated by parents, staff, and friends of the steel bands, including some traditional Trinidad food. The event is a benefit for the Gorham Schools steel bands and the New England Pan Festival. FMI or to donate to the event, contact Tracy Williamson, tracy.williamson@gorhamschools.org or 222-1206. Pictured (left to right) are members of the seventh and eighth grade Blue Pan Group: Front Row: Emma Mullins, Amelia Yahwak, Sam D'Amico, Sierra Cummings, Drew Baber, and McKenna Roberts; Middle Row: Annikka Mocchiola and Izzabella Verrill; Back Row: Anya Mazaris-Atkinson, Orion Bissonnette, Tess Libby, and Joleen Gima.

Gorham Grad Volunteers in Uganda CONTINUED FROM PAGE 3

receive surgery completely paid for by FIMRC.

I met children who had completed the cleft palate program, talked to mothers who had recently delivered at our clinic and met orphaned children who are cared for by FIMRC staff. The orphaned child program that FIMRC runs in Uganda helps provide food, shelter and clothing to vulnerable children living in the community.

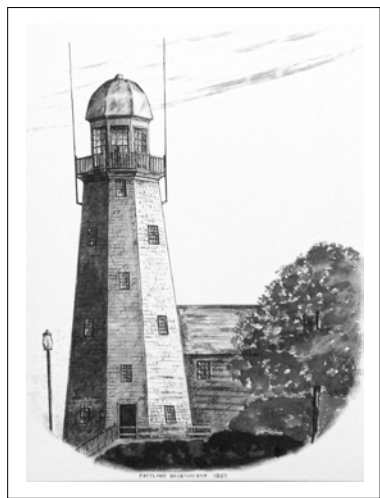
On top of working in the clinic and experiencing global healthcare, I was also able to make lifelong friends and explore the beautiful country of Uganda. On the list of cool things I

have done at the age of 20, I can now add that I helped deliver a baby, white water rafted down the Nile River and saw some of the last mountain gorillas living in Africa.

I am very thankful for the amazing opportunity I had as well as the incredible support I received from my community, especially the Gorham Recreation Department. I worked for Gorham Rec as a summer camp counselor for four years and the staff has always been a wonderful support system for me, particularly when it came to getting the word out about fundraising for FIMRC Uganda, as well as donating 80 brand new t-shirts in all sizes for the locals in Uganda.

If you would like the opportunity to volunteer or support FIMRC's work around the globe, please consider visiting their website at www.FIMRC.org.

A little piece of history by a local artist - Pen and Ink Prints:

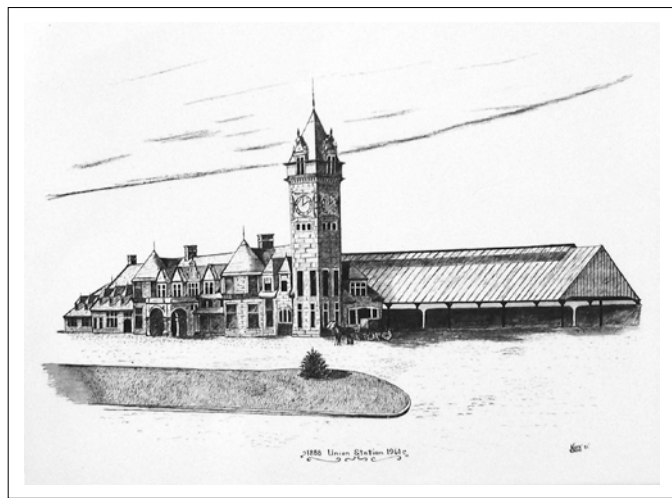


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Portland Union Station

9x12 - \$20.00 Shipping & Handling included

18x24 - \$30.00 Shipping & Handling included

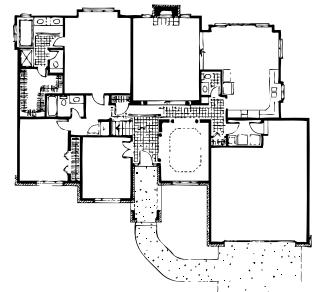
Proceeds to benefit the Chandler Hamilton Memorial Scholarship fund at Gorham High School. Donations are also gladly accepted.

Please contact MJ at (207) 839-2179 or Donna at djayne1954@gmail.com

Thank you, Dale LeCours and Family

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CORRECTION: Due to human error, the Gorham Times published first quarter honor rolls for both GHS and GMS again in the February 23, 2017 issue instead of second quarter. Below are the correct second quarter honor rolls for both GHS and GMS. We regret the error.

Gorham High School Second Quarter Honor Rolls 2016-17

Grade 9 – High Honors

Carson Battaglia
Elizabeth Blanchard
Laura Bolduc
Anthony Booth
Haley Burns
Brandon Chhoeung
Madison Firmin
Lauren Green
Maeve Higgins
Paige Hume
Elyssa Johnson
Aaron Jones
Iris Kitchen
Haley Lowell
Nolan McCullough
Ethan Mercier
Abigail Miller
Peyton Morton
Jillian Nichols
Abigail O'Brien
Camden Sawyer
Veronica Steiner
Madisen Sweatt
Andrew Tinkham
Samuel Waggoner
Quinn Young

Grade 9 – Honors

Ethan Allen
Grace Andrews
Daniel Bachner
Patrick Bishop
Jordan Bretton
Westley Brinegar
Lucia Burke
Neila Cairnduff
Emma Callahan
Margaret Caruso
Evan Chambers
Lane Charlton
Vicky Chen
Colby Christakis
Jack Collins
Rachel Collomy
Emily Crepeau
Kaitlyn Crockett
Kasey Cummings

Benjamin Demers
Garrett Devoe
Faith Dillon
Hannah Dimick
Mackenzie Dix
Meredith Donisi
Connor Donnelly
Mia Donnelly
Ryan Doughty
Lydia Drew
Molly Eaton
Raechel Edwards
Tyler Farris
Sawyer Gagnon
Ryan Gaudreau
Kevin Goodnow
Meghan Gray
Kyle Hamblen
Jacqueline Hamilton
Joseph Hansen
Sophie Hemingway
Ashleigh Hotham
Erin Hume
Makenzie Huntington
Nolan Irish
Noah Jalbert
Katarina Jenkins
Cortnie Jones
Brady King
Cassandra Kovacs
Henri Kuntz
Lucas LaMontagne
Brittney Landry
Emma Linkiewicz
Aaron Mains
Anika Malia
Jakob Mohr
MacAllister Moss
Cameron Myles
Anna Nault
Lindsey Nygren
Samuel Orlando
Kyle Ouillette
Aidan Owens
Emma Owens
Marin Perry
Ava Pitman
Lauren Preis

Meghan Reidy
Ryan Reno
Andrew Rent
Seth Richardson
Gianna Romatis
Chloe Russell
Angela Sauvageau
Kendall Smith
Ryan Doughty
Javin Stickney
Julia Sturgis
Kiana Tracey
Katrina Tugman
Sarah Tuttle
Lydia Valentine
Kacie Walton
Isabelle Wareham
Alana Weed
Jade Wu
Gage Young

Grade 10 – High Honors

Kyren Bettencourt
Maiya Christiansen-Carlson
Isabel Courtney
Jeremy Harris
Spencer Keating
Matilda McColl
Libby Mitchell
Olivia Paruk
Anna Rathbun
Simon Roussel
Sarah Stevens
Haley Thompson
Sarah Walker
Erin Wentworth
Bryce Womack
Bruce Wyatt

Grade 10 – Honors

Isis Adams
Maggy Aube
Fatima Batool
Aaliyah Biambu
Lexa Bibeau
Kevin Blake
Peter Boswell
William Burns

Mackenzie Buteau
Caitlin Chasse
Alexa Corey
Brandon Cummings
Joseph Curesky
Albert Del Tarre Trias
Ryan DeSanctis
Brittany Desjardin
Caroline Dowdle
Molly Duff
Jacob Dupuis
Riley Ferrigan
Gabriella Gagne
Trevor Gray
Zachary Green
Caroline Gross
Tyler Haines
Brinn Hall
Joshua Hayward
Autumn Heil
Mackenzie Holmes
Evelyn Kitchen
Libby Knudsen
Isabelle Kolb
Kate Larkin
Ella LeBlanc
Abigail Leonard
Lila Lovley
Lydia McCrillis
Haley McCullough
Harris Milliken
Hailey Morrill
Margaret Munkacsi
Thomas Nelson
Katherine O'Donnell
Sean Pocock
Jonathan Scribner
Anna Slager
Stefan Street
Christopher Tucker
Abigail vanLuling

Ian Stultz
Grace Terry
Payton Thorpe
Jayde Trafton
Ethan White
Brooke Woodbury
Melanie Wright
Mackenzie Young

Grade 11 – High Honors

Caitlyn Beaulieu
Nolan Brown
Emily Chapin
Aaron Farr
Alexis Fotter
Kate Gilbert
Saoirse Herlihy
Garrett Higgins
Madison Hinchner
Kaitlyn Jodoin
Karalyn Kutzer
Sydney Levesque
Grace Libby
Hannah Libby
Sierra Lumbert
Zachery McGouldrick
Camryn Morton
Emily Murray
Emelia Nejezchleba
Benjamin Nelson
Alexander Ousback
Sean Pocock
Jonathan Scribner
Anna Slager
Stefan Street
Christopher Tucker
Abigail vanLuling

Grade 11 – Honors

Asal Bahmani
Clayton Bassingthwaite
Jessica Bennett
Vanessa Berrill
William Blanchard
Lindsey Boylen
Nathan Brown
Marisa Collins
Courtney Cushing

Bennett Donohue
David Drew
Vy Duong
Jessica Dusseault
Holden Edwards
Benjamin Eichner
Lyndsey Estes
Meadow Fortier
Olivia Garand
Brooke Greatorex
Andrew Harjula
Shayla Harris
Maxwell Harvey
Sarah Johnson
Ryan Kaczmarek
Kyle King
Stephen Klatt
Samantha Langevin
Shelby Leach
Grace McGouldrick
Chase Messer
Madison Mitchell
Jack Niles
Elizabeth Olsen
Amelia Pappalardo
Kali Perry
Megan Polchies
Brittney Reed
Lydia Roberge
Lucas Roop
Bridget Rossignol
Madeline Rossignol
Michelle Rowe
Clara Santos
Isabella Sawyer
Asma Sayed
Sarah Shields
Josephine Smith
Isabella Solari
Kayla Stickney
Lily Whitten
Simeon Willey
Jillian Worster

Grade 12 – High Honors

Mary Adams
Jordan Allen
Avery Arena

Sally Aube
Katherine Bennett
Delaney Burns
Haylee Dahlborg
Kara Ellsmore
Bligh Godin
Emily Hayward
Carli Labrecque
Thomas Matthews
Samuel Roussel
Julia Roy
Emma Smith
Raymond St. Cyr
Cameron Stevens

Grade 12 – Honors

Anne Acker-Wolfhagen
Elsa Alexandrin
Mathew Anderson
Katherine Andrews
Kelly Aube
Georgia Baber
Trystan Bates
James Benson
David Blattstein
Andrew Brown
Tess Buzzell
Alyssa Carey
Lindsey Caron
Jamie Carter
Nariah Cavarretta
Kathryn Christianson
Tony Cooper
Cameron Coro
Jenna Cowan
Kristen Curley
Jordan Currier
Brandon Desjardin
Kara Doane
Alyssa Dolley
Ethan Donnelly
Travis Emerson
Emily Esposito
Jordyn Falagarrio
Ryan Firmin
Joseph Fissette
Abigail Flint
Jackson Fotter

Bennett Gasowski
Brooke Hall
Grant Hamblen
Ryan Hamblen
Sophia Hendrix
Nickolas Hewes
Cameron Holmes
Jamie Juskiwicz
Whitney King
Diana Kolb
Eric Lane
Justin Laughlin
Hannah LeBlanc
Narissa Libby
Sarah Lorello
Thomas Macomber
Samuel Martel
Fiona Nee
Taylor Nygren
Emily O'Donnell
Miles Obrey
Ethan Orach
Padraic Owens
Athena Pappalardo
Kyle Peoples
Audrey Perreault
Emma Pierce
Maeve Pitman
Tyler Richman
Brady Rioux
Caroline Smith
Molly Sposato
Samuella Spurr
Karen Stemm
Alexandra Stresser
Connor Sweatt
Hallie Thomas
Amanda Thompson
Blake Wallace
JennaMarie Webster
Dylan Weeks
Tiril Wiig
Heather Woodbury
Emily Yager
Marc Yankowsky
Alex York

Gorham Middle School Second Quarter Honor Rolls 2016-17

Grade 6 – High Honors

Hayden Anderson
Avery Andrews
Hayden Battaglia
Ava Bryant
Lexi Caron
Hannah Caron
Miranda Chasse
Faith Connolly
Amelia Connor-McCoy
Jasper Crane
Rachel Cummings
Annie Cunningham
Patrick Cyr
Angela Dellasala
Madeline Downey
Owen Dugas
Noah Flynn
Ty Gammon
Tedi Gould
Marin Graham
Kyra Hamblen
Braeden Johnson
Grace Johnson
Samantha Kovacs
Erin Lawrence
Kevin Luo
Trevin Macomber
Sofia Mankin
Kaci Mollison
Isabella O'Brien
Hannah O'Reilly
Claudia Peterson
Lauren Rioux
Abigail Rosingana
David Russo
Emma Sands
Eli Sjostedt
Brady Smith
Alexandra Sutton
Rylee Tenuta
Madison Toronto
Kieran Wilkins
Hailee Willey
Peter Wu

Grade 6 – Honors

Waeil Ahmed
Brady Alexander
Benjamin Allison
Julia Altham
Anthony Arsenault
Emelia Bailey
Lucien Beardsley

Julia Bell
William Benson
Cole Bishop
Olivia Bryant
Christian Butler
Klarha Cajuste
Junbei Chen
Ryan Collier
Ryan Cooper
Joseph Cowan
Quinn Dillon
Maeve Donnelly
Jonah Doucette
Annika Edgar
Sadie Fiore
Abby Fiore
John Frank
Camden Frost
Nash Gagnon
Brooke Gerry
Brooke Gordon
Owen Harmon
Graham Henderson
Jude Huckaby
Aryahna Hulit
Josephine James
Ransom Johnson
Eden Johnson
Ella Kitchen
Alexis Landry
Nolan Landry
Samuel Larkin
Jacob Lehmann
Savannah Lyon
Kate Martin
Ella Novak
Lucas Ouillette
Cameron Parker
Mikaela Pellerin
Qasim Rabbani
Jayden Racine
Sarah Rathbun
John Reidy
Tyler Reynolds
Keira Rosario
Lillian Ruane
Kate Sands
Christopher Sargent
Andrew Scribner
Cody Sellick
Audrey Shaw
Joshua Sparrow
Ryker Spear
Trent Stevens

Wyatt Thomas
Megan Wentworth
Elizabeth Willette
Wyatt Woodsam
Delaney Wright
Lillian Zidle

Grade 7 – High Honors

Colin Albert
Natalya Asali
Drew Baber
Noah Badeau
Curan Bassingthwaite
Gavin Begonia
Landon Bickford
Allison Bishop
Brylee Bishop
Caroline Bishop
Robert Boylen
Connor Callahan
Erin Castonguay
Nathan Chase
Ainsley Christianson
Sydney Connolly
Hunter Connors
Calvin Cummings
Kaitlyn Cushing
Samuel D'Amico
Aiden Dever
Mary DeWitt
Katherine Dupuis
Morgan Edenbach
Hailey Edwards
Zachary Emmons
Asa Farley
Andrew Farr
Samuel Farr
Kassidy French
Annie Frey
Charles Gay
Riley Grant
Ainsley Gray
Kylie Green
Rachel Gross
Bryce Gunn
Sydney Haskell
Madisson Hatch
Kiara Hodge
Julia Kratzer
Gannon Kuntz
Stephanie Labrie
Alexandra Light
Elisabeth Loranger
Ian Luciano

Bryce Lumbert
Annika Mankin
Madison Michaud
Andrea Mitchell
Ambrosia Moore
Dylan Morrell
Emma Mullin
Alexandra Myles
Anna Nelson
Cassandra Novak
Julia Ordway
Abigail Ouellette
Courtney Rent
Phoebe Richards
Quentin Riiska
Arzou Sayed
Devan Sherry
Benjamin Shields
Clara Shvets
John Sutton
Nicole Walker
Alexandra Waterman
Megan Wentworth
Quentin Wise
Elijah Wyatt
Megan Young

Grade 7 – Honors

George Allison
Lauren Bachner
Ryan Bechtel
Trevor Bennett
Mallorie Bergquist
Gisele Berry
Sean Boylen
Aaja Breton-Jalbert
Nikita Butenko
Morgan Chapman
Kayleigh Cloutier
Bode Coleman
Nathan Corey
Kiah Curtis
Sadie Cyr
Alden Dimick
Nathan Doane
Tessa Dol
Quinn Doyle
Sarah Duff
Sadie Dyer
Abigail Emerson
Madeline Fadrigon
Olivia Falagarrio
Emily Feagans
Benjamin Fecteau

Elizabeth Frey
Joleen Gima
Riley Griffin
Brooke Guimond
Thomas Hall
Ethan Ho
Abigail Houpp
Joshua Knight
Killian Kolb
Nathan Ladd
Kyle Landry
Shantearra Ly
Paige Marchand
Anya Mazaris-Atkinson
Owen McCaffrey
Ella McDonald
Daniel McKeage
Aidan Meredith
Sophia Michaud
Annikka Mocciola
Isabella Morrell
Jillian Morrill
Any Nagle
Hunter Pellerin
Grace Perreault
Ellie Perry
William Perry
Madison Philbrick
Anna Provost
Luc Puglionesi
Casey Rancourt
Shannon Randall
McKenna Roberts
Maksim Roewer
Vanessa Russell
Brandon Sadowski
Thomas Sallinen
Brady Sawyer
Thaddeus Shain
Kyle Skolfield
Jackson Smith
Hannah Spickel
William Stein
Emma Stevens
Mark Thibodeau
Ashley Thurston
Colby Tucker
Sarah Valeriani
Brandon Verrill
Evan Verrill
Izzabella Verrill
Morgan Walton
Asa Wareham
Aiden Warren-VanHorn

Caleb Waterman
Emily Wilcox
Leah Woodbury

Grade 8 – High Honors

Luke Adams
Aidan Bell
Tatayanna Biambu
Annika Bryant
Logan Butler
Beck Carrier
Lily Courtney
Samantha Cummings
Hayden Desmond
Ava Dolley
Katherine Downey
Andrew Duncan
Nathan Eichner
Danielle Eid
Grace Flynn
Gracie Fougues
Campbell Fowler
Sydney Fox
Sophie Gagne
Lydia Gaudreau
Stacy Hakizimana
Devyn Harrington
Reed Henderson
MacKenna Homa
Amalia Ionta
Richard Jiang
Riley A Johnson
Riley E Johnson
Sophia Kaufman
Evan Koenig
Isabelle Kovacs
Amelia Kratzer
Ryan Kratzer
Katherine Kutzer
Joshua Labrie
Sadie LaPierre
Mason Laskey
William Lawrence
Maya Lee
Zakaria Lembarra
Paige Fogg
Kylie Mathieson
Olivia Michaud
Molly Murray
Ryan Murray
Adele Nadeau
Grant Nadeau
Emily Paruk
Alice Peterson

Skylar Prince
Caitlin Randall
Braedyn Richardson
Cassidy Rioux
Sophiah Rodrigue
Hailey Rupp
Erin Sands
Sophia Sawyer
Delaney Seed
Kilee Sherry
Cody Smith
Garrett Smith
Nathaniel Smith
Alison Walker
Bailey Wentworth
Marissa Wilson

Grade 8 – Honors

Reighley Adams
Griffin Banks
Denisha Beeler
Aidan Bell
Madeline Berry
Tatayanna Biambu
Jaela Blakeslee
Jordan Boucher
Grace Bradshaw
Sophia Buzzell
Austin Christy
Ryan Coyne
Haley Crosby
Tabetha Cummings
Noah Cupps
Kelly Curran
Michael Darasz
Garrett Davis
Abigail Decrow
Robert Dowdle
Anthony Dugan
Jillian Dugas
Emily Duncan
Vinh Duong
Julia Edwards
Aidan Enck
Alexandra Ferrigan
Paige Fogg
Lauren Fotter
Victoria Frager
Dominic Garcia
Nolan Gava
Evan Giroux
Caleb Gooch
Brandon Gordon
Stephen Graham

Gregory Hannaford
Brayden Harjula
Catherine Higgins
Sia Hyson
Leah James
Benjamin Johnson
Dahlia Jordan
Yelyzaveta Klishch
Shawna Laskey
Kylea Laughlin
Alexander Leary
Joshua Lehmann
Mikayla Leskowsky
Christopher Lewis
Tess Libby
Ayden Lindsay
Natetra Ly
Andrew MacFeat
Joshua Martin
Bode Meader
Cadence Mercado
Kaylyn Migliorini
Oliver Milliken
Claire Munkacsi
Emmeline Nelson
Caleb Nichols
Liam Nickerson
Ian Obrey
Jarrett Ocegquera
Brooke Phillips
Matthew Phinney
Alexander Pierson
Emma Poitras
Samuel Pritchard
Molly Rathbun
Morgan Roast
Megan Roberts
Devin Robichaud
Anthony Romero
Treyton Rosario
Hannah Smith
Michaela Tairani
Siobhan Terry
Andrea Thibeault
Madigan Thibodeau
Xander Tillman
Madison Tryon
Benjamin Tukey
Brydon Walker
Julia Yager
Amelia Yahwak
Wesley Young

What's New at the Gorham Schools

HEATHER PERRY

Superintendent of Gorham Schools

I would like to bring the Gorham community up to speed on a few things currently going on in the Gorham Schools. First, and foremost, I wanted to make sure that everyone knew that we are just now beginning the long journey of developing our proposed FY 18 Budget. We have had two budget meetings thus far with the School Committee where the administrative team has reviewed what is currently contained within the proposed FY 18 Budget.

This is just the beginning of the process, however, and we have three more public budget workshop meetings left before we will ask the School Committee to approve a budget in early April. For those of you who might have missed the first two budget workshops, you can view them by going to the Town of Gorham's website. If you would like to attend any of the upcoming budget workshop meetings, they are open to the public and will occur on Monday, March 6, 13, and 27, at 7 p.m. at the Central Office Conference Room.

Once a proposed budget is approved by the School Committee in early April, I will spend considerable time getting information out to the public as to what the implications of the proposed budget are. The proposed budget will then be brought to the Town Council and discussed during a joint budget workshop scheduled for May 16.

Following this meeting, the Town Council will then vote on the proposed budget, along with the overall Town budget on Tuesday, June 6, which will then set up the final public referendum vote scheduled for June 13.

Just in case you haven't noticed it yet – the Gorham Schools has a new website. Be sure to check it out at www.gorhamschools.org. We are excited that our new website is much more student-focused and easy to navigate. Special thanks to Dennis Crowe, technology director in Gorham, and several of his staff for their hard work in making this new website a reality.

Many of you may be wondering about snow days. It certainly has been a fun winter for those and we're not done yet I'm sure. At this point, we have used all five of the snow days we have built into the calendar. If we only

use those five, our last day of school for all students would still be June 15. Something tells me, however, that this is likely not to happen and if that's the case you will need to extend the last day of school one day for each additional school day we use between now and a hopefully close-by spring.

Once we get through the month of March and into early April, and I feel secure that we're likely not to have any additional snow days, I'll make public what our last day will be.

For those of you who are interested in keeping up with our Proficiency Based Learning (PBL) work, I have published the fourth in my PBL blog series online. Please be sure to read up on the most recent decisions that have been made on our implementation plans by going to gorhamsuperintendent.blogspot.com.

Finally, I wanted to make sure folks knew that we have several big district-wide committees working right now on some pretty big topics. I am working on adding pages to our website that will allow you to follow the work of these committees so stay tuned. The Committees are:

Gorham High School Building Committee & Athletic Capital Campaign Committee – these groups are focused on addressing our ever increasing problem of increasing enrollments at our high school that is already over capacity (was built for 750 students, we now have 850 students in it, and are expecting more over the next few years).

School Day Committee – this group is investigating whether or not we should look at later start times for our grades 6-12 students while also researching a possible need to extend the school day slightly since we currently have the shortest school day when compared to other nearby school systems.

K-5 Reconfiguration Study Committee – this group is investigating what we can do in terms of possible reconfigurations to address increasing class sizes and enrollments at our three K-5 schools.

Strategic Planning Committee – this group is working to create a more detailed short and long range plan for helping to make our new mission and vision a reality for our students. This strategic plan will outline specific goals, action steps, and timelines for this work over the next 3-5 years.

As always if you have any questions, concerns, or comments, please feel free to reach out to me at heather.perry@gorhamschools.org.

Gorham Middle School's Got Talent!



Photo credit Andrea Morrell

Many talented performers took the stage recently for Gorham Middle School's Talent Show. Pictured above is the grand finale act which was a dance off between basketball players and dancers.

ANDREA MORRELL
School News Editor

Gorham Middle School recently held its 13th annual Talent Show, sponsored by the Student Council. Most audience members would agree with one of the night's MCs, Julia Yager, when she declared, "I'm kind of jealous because I don't have that talent."

Talent ranged from singing (including opera) and dancing (including Irish Step) to members of the GMS steel drums band performing. The grand finale provided endless humor as four dancers walked onto the stage and critiqued six "ballers" (eighth grade basketball players) during their Richard Simmons-style fitness class and challenged them to see who had the best moves.

Congratulations to all the talented GMS students who performed: McKenna Roberts sang "Color Blind," Emma Poitras sang "Can't Help Falling in Love," Gabby LaBarge mesmerized the audience with her robotic dance moves, Sia Hyson played guitar and

sang "Hallelujah," and Clara Shvets, Nash Gagnon, and Hannah Gawlick performed an Irish Step Dance.

Annika Mocchiola and Lauren Bachner performed a musical duet to "What is This Feeling," Ethan Ho sang "Big Fat Bass" with back-up dancers, Alicia McKay sang "Sweater Weather," Sam D'Amico, Sierra Cummings, Emma Mullin, Anya Mazaris-Atkinson, Zac Lembarra, Amelia Yahwak, Tess Libby, and Orion Bissonnette performed "Can't Stop The Feeling" on the steel drums.

Emelia Bailey (opera singer) performed "Wishing You Were Somehow Here Again," Leah James and Sadie LaPierre sang a duet of "Riptide" accompanied by a ukulele, and Ava Stump sang "Into the Dark."

The grand finale included the four dancers: Mikki Leskowsky, Sophie Gagne, Maya Lee, and Haley Crosby, and the six "ballers": Grant Nadeau (instructor), Bode Meader, Richie Jiang, Ryan Kratzer, Matthew Phinney, and Ayden Lindsay with a cameo by Keagan Lindsay and light show production by Mason Laskey and Andrew Brent.

Great Falls Students Learn About Ecosystems CONTINUED FROM PAGE 6

G.M.R.I. provides science education for students.

At G.M.R.I., they use a special program called LabVenture, which allows fifth and sixth graders from all around Maine to participate in hands-on learning. Scientists Julia Maine and Alison Feibel assisted students from Great Falls Elementary School during the special, once-in-a-lifetime experience at the lab. Students divided into groups, and traveled from station to station, learning about complex systems.

One station involved virtual fishing. Kids were given problems fishermen run into like catching unwanted fish and buying different types of fish nets and deciding which were more efficient. Kids had to try and save as much fuel as possible by the end of each fishing trip. The scientists from G.M.R.I. work with fishermen to try and maintain the fishing industry.

Another station had students use an underwater camera to film the behavior of lobsters and fish. Kids investigated how cod and lobsters are connected, and changes in growth and reproduction. Students were also able to conduct a simulation on monitors, where they played the role of lobsters, and had to venture out into the sea

to eat their meals. Another activity included measuring a real live lobster.

Students explored the fact that fishermen use herring for lobster bait, and how it may be affecting lobster growth. Since fishermen use herring for lobster bait, and because most lobsters can easily take the herring from the trap without getting stuck inside, lobster growth has become more common. In the end the big question is: Are we farming lobsters?

The last station included microscopes. Students studied live and dead plankton under the microscope. At that station, kids also learned the impact of warmer water to the ecosystem.

Students enjoyed G.M.R.I.'s LabVenture program very much. Being able to share with other groups at the end of the field trip made students feel like real scientists, especially when they were able to compare the data collected with others.

Great Falls would like to thank their sponsors: The Bennett Family, James L. Jackson, and Unum for the funding for this incredible experience. They also want to thank G.M.R.I. for providing this great opportunity for young students to learn more about the Gulf of Maine.



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Marathoner's Fifty by Fifty a Healthy Lifestyle Process

HAL D'AMICO
Sports Editor

If you know Jennifer Rush, you won't be surprised to see her regularly running up the steepest inclines on Fort Hill Road, or maybe verbally urging a flock of stubborn turkeys off the road, so she can continue through her miles. Rush logs miles five days a week, and is sure to incorporate some physical activity daily, including a weekly swim and other cross-training.

In 2016, with a few completed marathons in her muscles and memory, she set a goal: To complete a marathon in every state by her fiftieth birthday. With about a decade to go, she's crossed the finish line in seven states, nine times, all in under four hours. These include Maine, Massachusetts, Vermont, New York, Nevada, South Carolina, and Arizona. She's planning North Carolina, Ohio, Illinois, New Hampshire, Tennessee, and Mississippi to take her into next winter. Rush is, "front-loading them a bit while I know I can physically accomplish them." She added, "I love exploring and traveling, and this is a great way for my kids to get out and see the country, too."

Rush's conversation on running consistently seesaws from the personal to other people and groups. She speaks of her husband, Adam, and her daughters, Evelyn and Addison (both of whom have competed in Gorham's Burn Off the Turkey 5K). She advocates for the nonprofit national organization Girls on the Run, of which she is a founding coach in the Gorham program. Her impressive road credentials are de-emphasized, a broader personal and communal mission vital to her life in Gorham. In fact, the early part of her life was limited in athletic pursuits, with the more recent chapters of her journey committed to family, community, career, and ultimately a "healthy lifestyle."

Growing up in Hollis, a training run's distance away, Rush's only sports experience was high school forays into field hockey and track as a freshman at Bonny Eagle. As an undergraduate at the University of Southern Maine, she began to run occasionally, primarily for weight loss. A graduate of the University of Maine School of Law, she now mostly works in medical malpractice defense litigation for Norman, Hanson & DeTroy in Portland, which she joined in 2004.

Her family relocated from Falmouth over five years ago. While in Falmouth, she decided to attempt her first marathon, pre-children, at the 2005 Sugarloaf event. She trained solo for that race, while her husband "patiently waited in the car and stopped every five miles during that run" (her first 20-mile training session). She raced with one coworker, but said, "No one else I knew well had done anything like it." At the finish line, she reflected, "I was exhausted, happy, felt very accomplished, and was completely satisfied with what I had done."



Photo credit Don Penta

Jen Rush competed at Gorham's Burn off the Turkey 5K this past year.

There has been a process, an evolution into community through running. "Now I go the whole distance during the race without seeing anyone I know, but oddly feel more connected with a community. I get to share stories and meet people at the start, talk with others along the way, and dissect it with friends after." She has "logged several hundred miles" with Gorham resident and close friend, Anne LaPierre, who participates in a variety of endurance sports. Rush added, "We are joined by our good friend Theresa Connelly as often as her schedule with five kids allows!"

She has observed that many women in their 30s and 40s are performing conspicuously well as a demographic at road races, "Because it's a choice we're making...For the benefit of ourselves." Physical exercise is far from the only choice people can make as a manifestation of what we often name a "healthy lifestyle." She defined this as, "What brings some balance to your life," and mentioned crocheting and her family's dog rescue work as ingredients in a recipe that includes nutritional awareness.

Diagnosed with celiac disease in 2003, her diet is loaded with vegetables and lean meats, and she is a "huge advocate of whole and organic food." She sipped tea while this reporter drank an oversized latte. Her family usually sits down to identical meals. She laughed and said, "That's just easier." She clarified that the diet is not obsessive, sharing, "We eat our fair share of candy, chips, and cheese."

If you see Rush being shadowed by some cows along a fence line, don't worry, she's got experience. However, there's always lessons learned and re-learned, a message she extends beyond running. Reality is it's not always fun, and it's sometimes hard to get out the door, and occasionally, "the entire run stinks." Part of her experience seems to be tenacity with touches of humor. She offered that, "I still go out too fast sometimes and crash. Or I don't drink enough water, forget sunscreen in Arizona, put my bib on upside down, eat the wrong things at the wrong time, overdress, underdress, and fail to stretch. Not a robot - just a human - so I'm okay with all of this."

Fotter Signing



Photo credit Amanda Landry

On February 3, GHS senior soccer player Jackson Fotter signed his National Letter of Intent with the University of Massachusetts-Amherst surrounded by his parents, Coach Tim King, and his soccer teammates. Fotter, the son of Kim Fotter and Bob Strong, earned numerous athletic accolades during his high school career. The plaque for his previously reported Steven LaBrecque award was also presented at the signing.

Sports Etc

Distance runner **Jesse Orach**, (GHS '12) was named a recipient of the 2017 "M" Club Dean Smith Award along with two other UMO student-athletes. This was his second Dean Smith Award. Orach graduated summa cum laude in May of 2016. He earned a B.S. in Chemical Engineering and a minor in mathematics. Orach also won the America East Cross Country Championship in the fall of 2016.

Portland is the 2017 host for the America East Conference Women's Basketball Championships at the Cross Insurance Arena. The tournament began on March 4 but you can still catch the action through March 10. Gorham's **Kristin Ross** (GHS '13) participated as a forward with Binghamton University.

Boys' Basketball Season Closes Out at Semifinals



Photo credit Steve Morneau

The boys' basketball team discussed strategy during the last quarter of their semifinal game.

JOHN CURLEY
Contributing Writer

On February 21, the GHS boys' basketball team was outlasted 56-49 by Thornton Academy (17-2) in the Class AA semifinal at Cross Insurance Arena. Trailing 30-16 after three periods, senior laden Gorham mounted a furious fourth-quarter rally to cut the deficit to six points on several occasions.

The Trojans heaved a huge sigh of relief when the buzzer sounded and finally stopped the Rams' shooters from raining 3-pointers. Jackson

Fotter led all scorers with 25 points (21 in the fourth-quarter) while Cameron Holmes chipped in 11.

Looking ahead to next year, Gorham (5-15) will face the challenge of replacing seven seniors including starters Jackson Fotter, Cam Wright, Jason Komulainen and Logan Drouin along with key reserves Cameron Holmes, Andrew Brown and RJ St Cyr. Junior Kyle King, sophomore Tom Nelson and freshman Nick Strout saw quality varsity minutes and will be expected to keep the Rams in the mix once again as a contender.

Gorham Waves Roll Over Competition



Photo courtesy of Kim Walker

The 4th grade Gorham Waves basketball team traveled to Hampden on February 25-26, and won the Hampden Broncos Basketball Tournament, a seven-team event. The team went undefeated in the regular season, playing in the Falmouth Travel Basketball Association. Pictured (from left to right) is Jason Foster (Asst. Coach), Payton Thibodeau, Evelyn Rush, Hadley Foster, Katherine Lapierre, Julia Reed, Piper Forgues, Violet James, Vanessa Walker, Ashley Connolly, Lily Tukey, and Dean Walker (Coach). Missing from the picture is Abigail Fortier.

Gorham's Good-as-Gold Sightings

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Girls' Swim Team Improves at State Meet

HAL D'AMICO
Sports Editor

AND

TIM SPOSATO
GHS Girls' Swim Coach

After a very solid third place finish in the South Division at the Southwesterns Championships on February 11, the girls' swim team set two new team records at the State meet on February 21. The medley relay team consisting of KK Smith, Molly Sposato, Narissa Libby and Laura Bolduc touched the wall in 1:04.52. Molly Sposato lowered the 100m breaststroke mark to 1:14.22.

Each of the eight girls participating for GHS scored points to help Gorham finish 10th in a field of 27 schools. Point scorers were: 7th - Medley Relay (highlighted above); 16th - 200 IM - Molly Sposato; 4th - 100 Freestyle - KK Smith; 15th - 200 Free Relay - Hanna Leblanc, Alyssa Dolley, Delaney Burns, Sierra Lumbert; 4th - 100 Back - KK Smith; 14th - 100 Back - Laura Bolduc; 7th - 100 Breaststroke, Molly Sposato (highlighted above); 12th - 400 Freestyle Relay - Delaney Burns, Laura Bolduc, Molly Sposato, and KK Smith.

Girls' Ice Hockey Wraps Up Turn-around Season

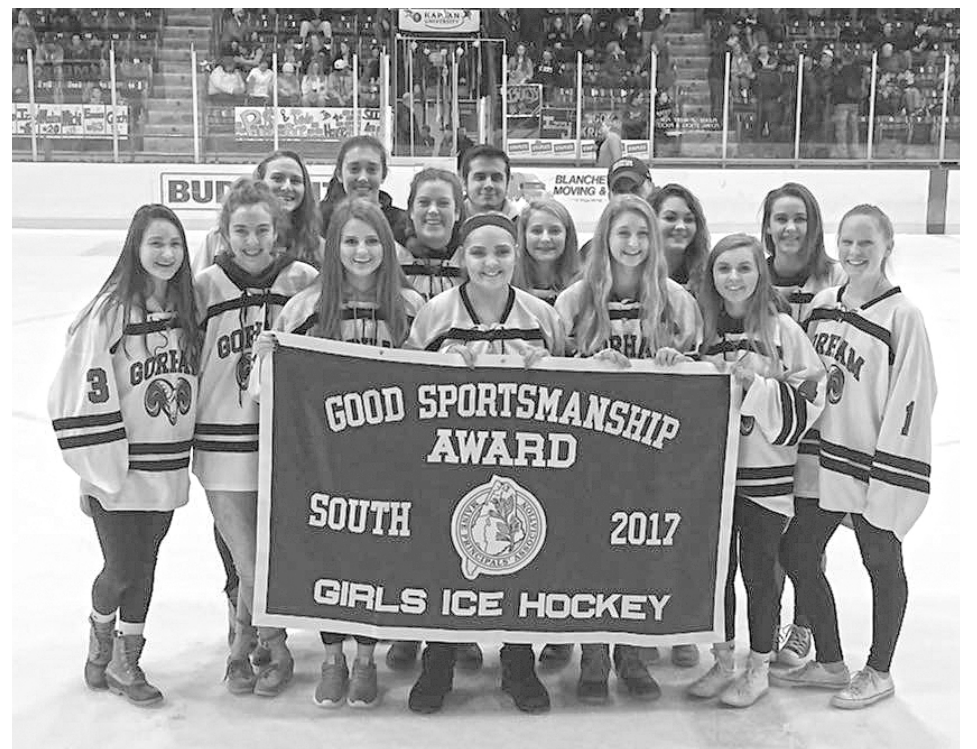


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For the second time in three years, the Gorham/Bonny Eagle Girls Ice Hockey Team earned the Good Sportsmanship Award from the Maine Principals' Association. This year's banner was presented to the team on February 17 at the Androscoggin Bank Coliseum in Lewiston.

NAT GERMOND
GHS Girls' Ice Hockey Coach

The Gorham/Bonny Eagle girls ice hockey team ended the regular season with a 6-12 record and qualified for postseason play, the third time in four years, after enduring a 0-18 record last season. They closed out with a 4-1 loss to Cape Elizabeth/Waynflete/South Portland in the Southern Conference quarterfinals.

Four regular season losses were by one goal, including a 5-4 overtime loss to Winslow/Gardiner. The girls enjoyed a very competitive season including a 3-2 regular season victory over archrival York. The girls managed to sweep Biddeford/Thornton Academy for the first time in program history.

Individually, captain Mary Adams (5 goals, 11 assists) led the way on defense, as well as finishing second on the team in points. Adams also scored the lone marker in the playoffs. Freshman Celia Begonia (22 goals, 9 assists) led the Rams in both goals and points, recording multiple hat tricks. She broke the program record for most goals by a freshman.

Assistant captains Karen Stemm (6 goals, 2 assists) and Catherine Beigel,

as well as senior Jordan Currier, provided steady leadership. C.C. Cochrane (3 goals, 3 assists), Sadie Denico, and Kaitlin Jodoin regularly manned the blue line, with Denico scoring the overtime winner in a wild 7-6 come-from-behind victory over Winslow/Gardiner.

Sophomore Isis Adams (5 goals, 8 assists) played every position (except goalie), a force to be reckoned with for the next several years. Sophomore Anna Rathbun (6 goals, 2 assists) and junior Meghan Polchies (4 assists) continued to provide secondary scoring and are expected to make another big leap offensively. Freshman Izzy Wareham, the rookie net minder, showed vast improvement throughout the season. All signs point to continued improvement for next year. Look for many of this year's junior varsity players to step up and fill the void left by the departure of four seniors.

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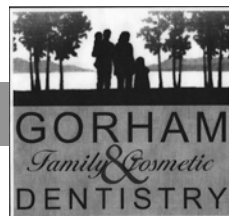
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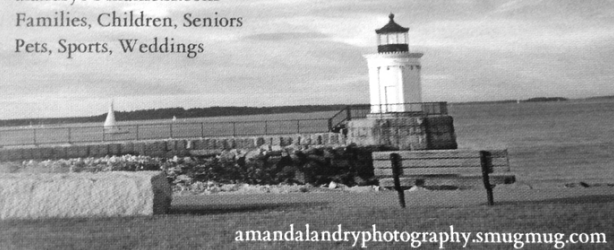
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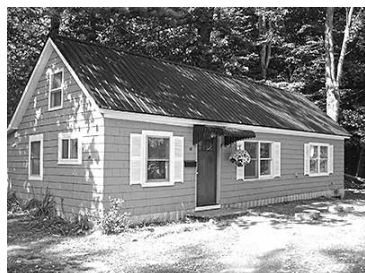
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A benefit for the Piawlock/Cox families will be held on Saturday, March 18, at Spire 29 from 7-11 p.m. Live band, dancing, silent auction, light hors d'oeuvres and cash bar. Tickets are \$25 per person and are available at Mr. Bagel and The Gorham Grind. FMI, contact Al Garcia via Facebook. Brooke Piawlock is pictured above with the GHS girls' basketball team at their last practice before the State Championship game. The Lady Rams hosted Piawlock for a shoot around, signed a shirt and presented her with a basketball signed by the team.

Join Baxter Memorial Library on Thursday, March 23 at 7 p.m. for an author visit with Gerry Boyle, a Maine-based author of more than a dozen novels, including the acclaimed Jack McMorrow mystery series. Boyle also is the author of a second mystery series featuring rookie Portland cop Brandon Blake. Boyle recently published the 11th Jack McMorrow novel, Straw Man, in May 2016. FMI, 222-1190.

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The St. Anne's Council of the Knights of Columbus will hold Baked Haddock Dinners at the St. Anne's Parish Hall, 299 Main Street. The menu will include baked haddock, mashed potatoes, peas, coleslaw, dinner roll, beverage and dessert. \$9/adults, \$5/children ages 6-12, free/ages 5 and under. Cheese pizza, beverage and dessert, \$5/all ages. Dinner will be served from 5 to 6:30 pm on March 10, 17, and 24, as well as April 7. Gluten free and take out available upon request. FMI, 839-4857.

ON-GOING EVENTS

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

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Grad News

Andrew Johnson (Waynflete '01) is married and lives in Rockville, Maryland, with his wife Amanda and 14-month-old daughter Anna. He graduated from the University of Maryland in 2005 with a degree in journalism. He is a Senior Website Manager for Merkle, a performance marketing agency, and previously worked as a producer and baseball editor for AOL. He loves history, music and movies. You can catch his movie reviews on his blog, In Reel Deep (<https://inreeldeep.com/>).

Sam Johnson (Waynflete '03) is married and lives in Chicago with his wife Lindsay. He graduated from the University of Maryland in 2007 with a degree in anthropology. He worked as a senior analyst for Brookings Institution in DC and for Omnicom Media in Chicago before launching his own business, Hexagon Marketing Services, where he is Head of Analytics. He loves fantasy novels and recently honeymooned in Chile, where he and wife Lindsay trekked into the Andes.

Andrew and Sam are the sons of Bob and Dinah Johnson of Gorham.



Photos courtesy of Dinah Johnson

GHS GRAD NEWS: If you, or your son or daughter is a GHS graduate, we would like to share your achievements in the Gorham Times Of Interest section or in a Where Are They Now feature. Submissions should include the year of graduation and should be no longer than 75 words. Contact Chris Crawford at ckck5@maine.rr.com, Kathy Corbett at ktcorbett@aol.com or Cindy O'Shea at coshea2@maine.rr.com.

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The Lakes Region Senior Center, located at the Little Falls Activity Center, 40 Acorn Street, 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.

USM EVENTS

"The Merry Wives of Windsor", a fully staged opera by Otto Nicolai, is based on Shakespeare's comedy of the same name. March 3 to 12, Russell Hall, USM Gorham Campus. For specific times, call the box office 780-5151 or visit usm.maine.edu/theatre. \$21 general public; \$15 seniors/USM employees/alumni; \$10 students.

Discussion on Public Art and Government Artist Funding, USM, Burnham Lounge in Robie-Andrews Hall, Friday, March 3, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Free.

CLOSE TO HOME

The Windham Historical Society will present "Digging up Maine: Windham's Province Fort" with Leith Smith, lead archeologist for Maine Historic Preservation Commission. See artifacts and learn about the past two years work at the town's fort on River Road. March 18 at 10 a.m., Little Meeting House, Roosevelt Trail, North Windham, next to Manchester School. Free.

Windham Center Stage Theater (WCST) presents "The Wizard of Oz" with two casts including children from second through eighth grade. March 10-12, 17-19, and 24-26, at WCST, 8 School Rd., in the Windham Town Hall. Fridays and Saturdays at 7 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays at 2 p.m. \$10/\$8. FMI, 893-2098 or windhamtheater.org.

North Congregational Church, 22 Church Hill Rd., Buxton, will hold a Baked Bean Supper on March 18 from 5-6 p.m. Enjoy 2 kinds of beans, red hot dogs, chop suey, potato salad, coleslaw, rolls, desserts, coffee & punch. \$8. FMI, 929-5600.

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Suspicious person on Main St. was sitting in his car in front of Burger King and using the free wifi.

Subject called in saying they were lost in the woods but had now called someone else who gave him directions and he was all set.

Suspicious people on County Road were delivering phone books.

Officer helped woman fill water bottles as her well had been dry for the past six weeks.

Suspicious persons near Fort Hill Road were lost hunters. People were out looking for them and had fired a shot to try to get them oriented. Hunters finally found their way out.

Caller honked his horn at another car when driver did not use his turn signal.

Car broke down on Fort Hill Road but man had no money to pay for a tow. Driver agreed to tow vehicle and man agreed to pay for the tow as soon as possible.

Officer checked on man who had gotten out of work and was walking to Queen St. He was allowed to continue walking.

Officer responded to Millet Drive to assist the Fire Dept. with a reported building fire. It was burnt food.

Suspicious person on Fort Hill Road had lost some trash and was picking it up.

Dolloff Road caller reported a suspicious white van. Van was delivering Fairpoint phone books.

Suspicious person at South Street Park and Ride had pulled in to sleep.

Officer advised 11 people on South St. that the right of way was 33 feet from the center of the road.

Mother reported her son missing from Murray Road. Son was hiding behind the couch.

Ossipee Trail caller reported a missing pig. Pig was located on Gorham Road and caller came and got him.

Daniel St. caller reported a suspicious person/noise. Neighbor was using a leaf blower.

Officer responded to a verbal domestic call on Waterhouse Road. There was some fresh boiling over of frustration two weeks after a divorce became final.

Elm St. caller wanted officer to discipline her child for not listening to her. She was advised that this was not a police problem.

Suspicious persons near Meadowbrook Drive were doing energy consulting in the area for Clearwater Energy.

Caller reported a clown on Ossipee Trail near Rust Road. Caller confirmed he had seen someone dressed as a clown running along the edge of the road to try to scare people. Officer did not see any clowns.

Kemp Road caller reported gunshots. Two people came out of the woods. They did not have any weapons and were tracking deer with no luck. They planned to return in the morning to resume the search.

Young's Way man came in to make Police Dept. aware that he had gotten into a little verbal dispute with his brother over a text.

Man walking on County Road had come from Friendly Village and was on his way to get coffee and get picked up by a friend to go to work.

Ichabod Lane caller was told that getting a cat out of a tree was not a police matter and if she left cat alone, it would come down on its own.

Officer checked on pedestrian on Gray Road. Youth said he had stuck out his thumb as he thought it was his sister. She came and picked him up.

Officer issued a verbal warning for erratic driving to a man on Gray Road. Man told officer that person who called police was the one who was driving erratically.

County Road caller reported a vehicle had pulled out in front of him and slammed on the brakes causing his generator to slide forward and break his back window.

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CALENDAR

THURSDAY, MARCH 9

- After School Board Games with Crossroads Games: Games will be provided or bring your favorite. North Gorham Public Library, 2 Standish Neck Road, 3-4:30 p.m. Free. FMI, 892-2575 or libng@north-gorham.lib.me.us.
- Baby & Me (Birth-18 months), 9:30-9:50 a.m., Baxter Memorial Library, 222-1190.
- Toddler Story Time (18-36 months), 10-10:30 a.m., Baxter Memorial Library, 222-1190.
- Sewing Group, 2:30-4:30 p.m., Baxter Memorial Library, 222-1190.
- Book Club discusses "Poor Your Soul" by Mira Ptacin, 10 a.m., Baxter Memorial Library, 222-1190.

SATURDAY, MARCH 11

- North Gorham Chess Club, North Gorham Public Library, 2 Standish Neck Road, Gorham, 10:15-11:30 a.m. Drop-in sessions open to players of all ages and skill levels. FMI, libng@north-gorham.lib.me.us or 892-2575.
- Lego Club, 10 a.m.-12 p.m., Baxter Memorial Library, 222-1190.

TUESDAY, MARCH 14

- Preschool Story Time (ages 3-5), 9:30-10:15 a.m., Baxter Memorial Library, 222-1190.
- Gorham Lions meeting, Gorham Dept. of Public Works Cafeteria off Huston Road, 6:30 p.m. New members always welcome. FMI, 298-9182.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15

- Story Time, birth-3 years old, 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.
- Toddler Story Time (18-36 months), 10-10:30 a.m., Baxter Memorial Library, 222-1190.

THURSDAY, MARCH 16

- Baby & Me (birth-18 months), 9:30-9:50 a.m., Baxter Memorial Library, 222-1190.
- Toddler Story Time (18-36 months), 10-10:30 a.m., Baxter Memorial Library, 222-1190.
- Sewing Group, 2:30-4:30 p.m., Baxter Memorial Library, 222-1190.

TUESDAY, MARCH 21

- Gorham House Itsy Bitsy store, 1:30-3:30 p.m., Gorham House lobby, 50 New Portland Rd. FMI, 839-5757.
- Preschool Story Time (ages 3-5), 9:30-10:15 a.m., Baxter Memorial Library, 222-1190.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22

- Story Time, birth-3 years old, 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.
- Toddler Story Time (18-36 months), 10-10:30 a.m., Baxter Memorial Library, 222-1190.

THURSDAY, MARCH 23

- Baby & Me (birth-18 months), 9:30-9:50 a.m., Baxter Memorial Library, 222-1190.
- Toddler Story Time (18-36 months), 10-10:30 a.m., Baxter Memorial Library, 222-1190.
- Sewing Group, 2:30-4:30 p.m., Baxter Memorial Library, 222-1190.
- Join Baxter Memorial Library for an author visit with Gerry Boyle, a Maine-based author of more than a dozen novels, including the Jack McMorroff mystery series. 7 p.m., Baxter Memorial Library, 222-1190.
- Book Club discusses "A Great Reckoning" by Louise Penny, 10 a.m., Baxter Memorial Library, 222-1190.

UPCOMING GORHAM TIMES DEADLINE

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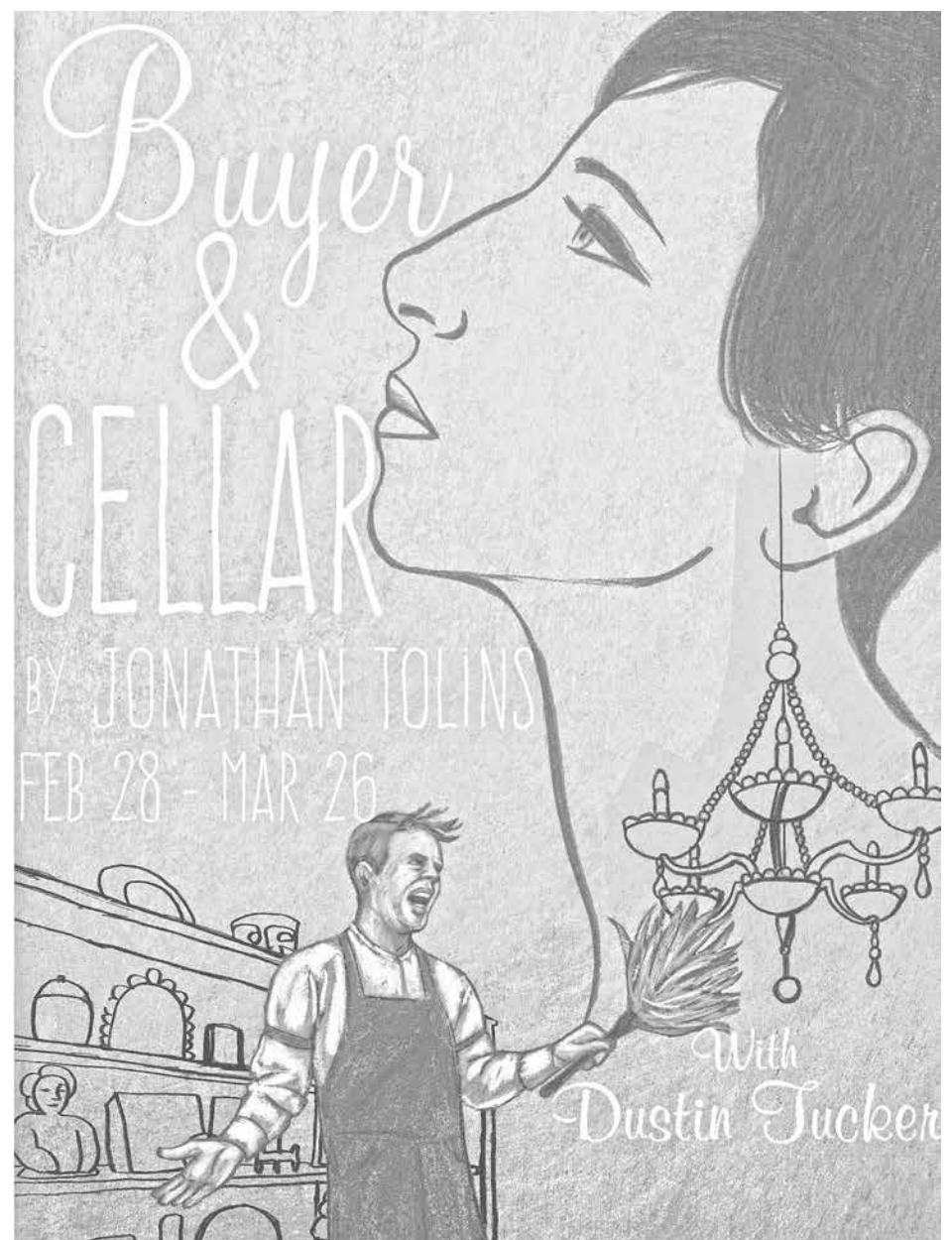
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