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Town Council Trims Municipal Budget

Bill Ambrose

At a Town Council Budget Workshop on April 15, reductions in the Municipal budget were approved, resulting in no increase in the tax rate for fiscal year 2008/2009. The cost savings were made possible by the elimination of several positions in the Town's work force, as well as other budget modifications.

Town Manager David Cole proposed the reductions to the budget as the result of a Council request following a prior Budget Workshop on April 8. In a highly detailed memo to the Councilors, Cole recommended nine changes to the previously submitted budget. Among the recommendations was the elimination of five staff positions, including the Town Engineer, the Assistant Code Enforcement Officer, the Compliance Officer, the Reference Librarian and the Administrative Assistant at the Fire Department.

After testimony from Code Enforcement Officer Clint Cushman, the Council relented on the Assistant's elimination, voting 4-3 (Loveitt, Caldwell, Knapp) to retain the position. All of the other position eliminations were approved unanimously, which reduced the budget by \$132,861.

Other savings were realized by reducing staffing levels at Baxter Library, replacing contracted janitorial services at the Public Safety Building with inmate labor from the Windham Correctional Facility and adding Cable TV franchise fees to the General Fund.

The next action in the Town's budget process will be a joint Council/School Committee Workshop on May 7. The approval of the combined Municipal and School Budget will be the subject of a public hearing and vote at the regular Town Council meeting on June 3. A legally-required public referendum to approve the School portion of the budget will be held shortly afterward.

block party



The Travis James Band could be heard throughout Gorham Village on April 26 as crowds of people visited 20 local participating businesses during the Block Party; taking advantage of free raffles, activities and moon bounces while learning about the different businesses Gorham has to offer.

Ring in 2009 with Style at New Year Gorham

Gorham Times Staff

New Year Gorham will be a community-wide and alcohol-free celebration affordable for all," said Virginia Wilder Cross, who with a group of volunteers is coordinating the event with the support of the Town of Gorham's public safety and fire departments, public works and recreations departments. "It will feature musical, performing and visual arts

in a variety of venues including churches, schools and public buildings throughout Gorham. The New Year will ring in with an exciting celebration culminating with a fireworks display at midnight accompanied by music, church bells ringing and lots of 'Auld Land Syne.'"

The committee will seek corporate funding to cover necessary seed money

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No More Gorham Days

Family Tradition Comes to an End

Cindy Hazelton, Gorham Recreation Director

If You're Riding a Horse and it Dies, Get Off," is a great book written by Jim Grant. This is the feeling we sensed the community seemed to be having at the end of the Summer Festival 2008. That event, as we have known it, has lived its life and it's time for something and/or someone new to spark interest.

With that in mind, Gorham Recreation Department has joined efforts with the folks who plan the Memorial Day Parade in Gorham. We wanted to bring the entire community out and celebrate Memorial Day this year and this seemed the perfect way to get

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Patriots Needed for Memorial Day Parade

Gail Platts, Administrative Assistant, Gorham Parks and Recreation

Calling all Gorham neighborhoods, civic clubs, churches, youth groups, business and community members—get your group together and join in this year's Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 26. The theme is "Patriotism," so show us red, white and blue Gorham!

Plans are currently underway for the 2008 Memorial Day parade in Gorham, according to George Gerrish and Don Veilleux, volunteer parade coordinators on behalf of veterans of Gorham. "We have been in communication with Ron Shepard, Gorham Police Chief; Cindy Hazelton, Gorham Recreation Director; and Bob Lefebvre, Gorham Fire Chief to discuss this year's parade and how we can involve more citizens of Gorham in

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quickpic of the week

When Bernard Rines, of Gorham, was a boy he rode horses to get around Walnut Crest Farm. Around 1940, to save time, Bernard went mechanical with his first motorcycle, a used Indian. No longer was it necessary to feed, water and cool down; just turn off the switch. Sixty-five years later, Bernard celebrated his 85th birthday with a short ride.



quick pic of the week Do you have a photo that you would like to share? Please send a jpeg photo, caption and photo credit to gtimes@maine.rr.com. One photo will be chosen per issue to appear in the paper and you will be entered in a drawing to WIN a FREE subscription of the Gorham Times.

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Dear *Gorham Times*,

The Gorham town meeting on April 15 on the upcoming budget was an eye opener for me as a new resident of Gorham. So few people were there. Are the people in Gorham not interested in how their money is spent? The Town Council is working to keep a flat budget with no tax increases – a commendable endeavor considering the economy, though perhaps not very doable.

Several suggestions were made on areas that could be cut. I wonder if those that didn't come know, according to one of the councilors, that a full-time police officer position was not filled to save funds and that a fire department position will be cut but that there are six

full-time, seven part-time and 100 volunteers in the library that will stay with only a few minor changes.

This seems very strange to me. We spend a lot of our tax money on the schools to educate our children. Shouldn't we also spend the money to keep them, the elderly and ourselves safe by properly finding our fire, police and rescue?

I'd like to say for the record that I for one would rather wait for help finding a library book than I would for a fire truck when my house is burning or the police when I am being attacked or harassed or the rescue when I am having a heart attack or bleeding to death. How about anyone else?

Ginny O'Keefe

NEWS FROM AUGUSTA

Education Report from the 123rd Legislature

Rep. Dave Farrington

The second session of the 123rd Maine Legislature, which adjourned on April 18, faced a number of challenging issues related to education. From my perspective as a member of the Education Committee, our efforts to address these issues produced mixed results. What follows is a brief recap of the major educational issues of the session.

Budget: State revenues have fallen short of the projections used when the biennial budget was created, so nearly all areas of state government have faced reductions from the planned level of spending. Education represents the single largest component of state General Fund spending, so while its cut was not as great proportionally as the reduction to health and human services programs, state support for both K-12 and higher education was trimmed by a total of over \$45 million. The higher education cuts will unfortunately contribute to tuition increases for community college and university students. The reduction in K-12 General Purpose Aid means that the state will be delaying by a year its commitment to paying 55 percent of the cost of public education. While a number of us on the Education Committee protested this cut, knowing that in many districts it will likely mean either program cuts or property tax increases, we were ultimately unable to restore the funding.

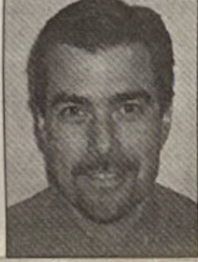
Consolidation: The sweeping school district consolidation law that was passed in 2007 needed some significant revision, as was evidenced by the over 60 consolidation-related bills submitted for the second session. Much of the Education Committee's time this year has been spent listening to the concerns of those tasked with carrying out the law, whether that involves developing detailed plans for consolidation or simply preparing for the newly mandated school budget validation referendum. After a lengthy and often difficult process, the Legislature enacted a revised plan that offers more flexibility in structuring consolidated districts and addresses several other flaws in the original law. The challenges faced by districts across the state still remain great, but the Legislature's actions should make the law clearer and more workable. All existing districts will be sub-

mitting their budgets for voter ratification starting this spring, and those required to consolidate will be submitting their proposals for voter approval no later than January of 2009.

Special Education: Several bills dealing with statewide regulations for special education also occupied our time and attention. Perhaps the most contentious was a proposal from the Department of Education to go beyond federal requirements and adopt a formal definition to establish when a child's disability has an "adverse effect" on his or her education. The Department argued that such a definition is needed to ensure statewide consistency in identifying who qualifies for services, but many parents and advocates argued that enacting too rigid a definition would exclude many children from needed services. In the end, the Legislature opted not to adopt the definition but instead to direct the Commissioner of Education to offer "guidance" to districts on the issue.

Teacher Retirement: One disappointment this session was the failure to correct an inequity in the state retirement system often referred to as the "cliff." Employees who contribute to the retirement system, including all public school teachers, have been on two different benefit tiers since the system was "raided" to balance the state budget in 1993. Those with less than 10 years of service by 1993 are required to contribute at the same level as their more experienced colleagues but face much harsher penalties if they choose to retire even a year early. While a bill to correct this inequity passed the Senate and House by substantial margins, a few key members of the Appropriations Committee blocked its final enactment, so unfortunately it will be left to a future Legislature to correct this unfairness in the current system.

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quick clicks



HOT OFF THE PRESS

Gary Mansir was the first person to pick up the *Gorham Times* on April 17. Mansir has lived in Gorham for three years and enjoys keeping up with the local news. His son Nick has been in the *Gorham Times* before with a story about his backyard ice skating rink that he uses to raise money for charitable causes.

Ten Years Ago in the *Gorham Times*

Donna Shaw

May 8, 1998

- As a result of the recent tragedies in Gorham, a community-wide campaign to raise money to buy 1,000 gun trigger locks to give away is being sponsored by the *Gorham Times*.
- Gorham High School principal Earle Toutillotte, has resigned while still in his first year of a two-year contract.
- The Messinger family will receive an addition to their home to help them care for their handicapped son, through the generosity of the fire fighters, paramedics and other businesses in the community.
- A special education teacher, Mickey Boutiller, is the man who initiated the Special Olympics in Maine and held the first Winter Olympic games at Kiwanis Ski Slope in Gorham.

Around Town

The Tree House Café a unique sandwich and coffee shop, is now open and located at 29 School St. in the former School Street Methodist Church. Hours are Sunday -Thursday 11 a.m. to midnight and Friday and Saturday 11 a.m. to 1 a.m. For a menu, visit www.thetreehousecafeanddeli.com. To contact the Café, call Toll Free: (866) 643-0183 or e-mail: Mvaggio@hotmail.com. They deliver to USM.

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A Different Approach to Fitness

Jackie Francis



Gorham Fitness Studio is owned and operated by husband and wife team Jesse and Stacey Coleman, who offer clients a scientific and holistic approach to fitness.

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By appointment only

Winners of the "Best in Show" award at Gorham Marketplace recently, The Gorham Fitness Studio opened its doors for business this past January, offering one-on-one training and attention to its clients, by appointment only. The studio, owned and operated by husband and wife team Jesse and Stacey Coleman, is not your typical workout gym. Small, sparse and non-threatening, this 500-square-foot space offers its clients a "scientific yet holistic approach to fitness using functional and balance training."

A soccer player throughout her high school and college years, Stacey MacDonald Coleman graduated from Gorham High School in 1998 and the University of Southern Maine with a Bachelor of Science degree in Health and Fitness. Having worked as a fitness instructor at Planet Fitness and later Director of Recreation in Casco and eventually earning her certification through the National Academy of Sports Medicine, it was only a natural progression for Coleman to finally open her own fitness center. As a Certified Personal Trainer, Coleman offers personal training and group exercises for clients of all ages. "I can customize a flexible program of exercise to fit the needs of all fitness levels," said Coleman, "making it a part of their lifestyle."

Jesse Coleman, a graduate of USM with a degree in Biology, works full-time as a Hardscaper/Landscaper and has taken on not only the role of Business Manager at the fitness studio but also a more active role as well. Having been a wrestler from fifth grade through college, Coleman comes naturally to physical fitness. And physical fitness can be as fun and simple as leading an active life. A self-prescribed

"wildlife nut" Coleman says he'd like to bring fitness outdoors and raise the awareness of the merits of physical activity. A trout expert and past employee of the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, Coleman will offer a "Dad and Me" fishing clinic on the fundamentals of fishing starting at the Gorham Fitness Studio on June 7, citing fishing as a "great way to bond with your child as Father's Day approaches." "I'll explain trout habitat, their feeding habitat and life cycles and offer help to a better approach of fishing," said Coleman. Seemingly reluctant to give away his favorite fishing spots (but not really), Coleman touts the Little River in Gorham as being freshly stocked with 1,000 trout.

Located on the second floor of the Dance Studio building, an Open House Week at the Gorham Fitness Studio will begin May 3 through May 8 (for class schedule, visit www.gorhamfitnessstudio.com). This would be a good time to check out all the programs this center offers beginning with no registration or membership fees ever. From a Future Athletes Program that introduces three- to five-year-olds the fundamentals of Tee-ball, Soccer, Wrestling and Basketball, to Summer Camp, Music and Movement, Mommy and Me and After School Programs. A Silver Sneakers conditioning class is designed for older adults improving balance, posture and agility while the "Booty" Camp challenges the more advanced client to tone the butt, abs, torso and thighs.

The Gorham Fitness Studio offers a free fitness assessment before training begins, for people who run triathlons to people who have never exercised. Anyone can do this, says Stacey Coleman, adding that their mission is to teach their clients to become independent by learning the elements of health and fitness from them and bringing them home. "Motivation is what gets you started," said Stacey, "habit is what keeps you going."

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CHIEF SHEPARD REPORTS Gorham PD Receives Mini-Grant for Underage Drinking Enforcement



The Grand Jury returned indictments against Kimberly Graves-Ricker, 36, of Westbrook, for theft and misuse of credit card ID and against Kelley Hussey, 38, of Portland, for theft. Both were arrested by Gorham PD.

Gorham PD has been awarded a \$1,800 mini-grant for underage drinking enforcement. The Department has had an underage drinking policy since 2005 and five officers have special training in enforcing administrative violations by underage drinkers. Gorham PD has

recruited local establishments to participate in training to reduce access to alcohol by underage youth and will be conducting enforcement details with this grant, which was provided by the Underage Drinking Enforcement Task Force.

A Hurst Oldsmobile that had been stolen from a yard on Narragansett Street where it had been sitting for many years was recovered in Westbrook. The thief towed it out of the yard about a year ago. The owner of the car received a tip that it was in Westbrook. He drove over and determined that it was his car and notified police who recovered it for him. The car is valued at about \$9,000.

PLANNING BOARD REPORT APRIL 7, 2008

Board Shifts Focus to Asphalt Plant

Andrew Morrell

After approval of last meeting's minutes, the second item discussed was the reorganization of the planning board. Members Michael Parker and Tom Hughes were re-appointed to the Board for an additional term. Susan Robie was re-nominated as Planning Board chair and Douglas Boyce was re-nominated as Planning Board vice chair. The Board members chose to keep the same committee appointments (Ordinance Review, Sign Ordinance and Private Way).

The third item was the Committee Reports. The Ordinance Committee and Sign Committee had no formal reports to give to the Planning Board. The Private Way Committee also had no formal report however, the committee requested the Board re-name the committee the "Streets and Ways" Committee since the Board's role involves input into Public Streets in Town not solely Private Ways as the name implies. The request was approved unanimously by the Board.

The fourth item on the agenda was the Minor Site Plan Report given by Deborah Fossum, Director of Planning and Zoning for the Town. Fossum informed the Board that one new minor site plan has been filed with the Town within the last month. The new minor site plan is within the New Portland Parkway off New Portland Road and Libby Avenue. The Board was also informed that there are currently three minor site plan applications pending since one application was approved recently for a lot owned by John Wood within the New Portland Parkway.

The fifth item was the consent agenda which contained one item, a subdivision amendment for the "Douglas Knoll" Subdivision of Waterhouse Road and South Street by Design Dwellings, Inc. The applicant was requesting an amendment to the subdivision plan to allow the use of wood chips in place of stone dust in the construction of the pedestrian access to the open space area. This item was approved by the Board unanimously with limited discussion.

The Board voted to take items seven and eight on the scheduled agenda out of order since item six was anticipated to take significant time. The seventh item on the agenda was a subdivision amend-

ment for the "Sebago Knoll" Subdivision off Ritz Farm Road by Aaron & Paulette Shields and Thomas & Anne Boucher (co-applicants). The applicants were requesting an amendment to the subdivision plan to allow a lot line adjustment between Lots 6 and 7 as well as between Lots 7 and 8. The subdivision was originally approved in 1996. A waiver was requested by the applicant to allow the approval of both Preliminary and Final Subdivision within one meeting. The waiver was granted and the item was also approved by the Board unanimously.

The eighth item on the agenda was a Private Way known as "River's Edge Drive" by Floyd Brown. The applicant requested approval of a 340-foot long private way off Mosher Road to serve two lots. The Board approved it unanimously.

The Board then returned to item number six on the agenda. This was a continuation of a Mineral Extraction/Site Plan approval for the "Brickyard Quarry and Asphalt Plant" off Route 237 (Mosher Road) by Shaw Brothers Construction, Inc. The applicant was requesting approval of a Mineral Extraction Permit for a Brickyard Quarry, a proposed quarry operation and a revised Site Plan Application for a hot-mix bituminous asphalt batch plant. The Board started by motioning to review the Findings of Fact and Conditions of approval granted at the previous Planning Board Meeting for the Mineral Extraction Permit for the Brickyard Quarry project. The Board and the applicant discussed minor changes to both documents and the Board approved the revised Conditions of Approval as well as the Findings of Fact as modified at the meeting. This completed the review of the Mineral Extraction Permit for the Brickyard Quarry.

The Board then focused their attention on the revised Site Plan Application for a hot-mix asphalt batch plant. The Board began the process of deliberating through the Town Ordinance one item at a time determining whether the application met the town requirements and establishing conditions of approval and findings of fact similarly to the process used for the Brickyard Quarry. The Board meticulously worked their way through the submission requirements with discussion with the applicant regarding the painting of the silos a neutral color. The Board and applicant agreed on a compromise to paint the permanent plant silos a neutral color. However, this requirement does not apply to the temporary plant silos. The Board worked the remainder of the meeting through the Site Plan Performance standards with discussion focused on the stack emission results. The Board continued the meeting until April 28 to continue the process of creating the Findings of Fact and Conditions of Approval for the Site Plan Application for the hot-mix asphalt batch plant.

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Stacey Coleman



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Let's start with the basics: what is a healthy lifestyle? The FDA defines a healthy lifestyle as encompassing many things "including eating a healthy diet, maintaining a healthy weight, exercising regularly, quitting smoking (or not starting), and minimizing stress. (Note: Specific guidance for maintaining a healthy lifestyle may change over time as new scientific recommendations become available.)" How can I achieve these goals?

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Healthy Weight—is a body weight that is appropriate for your height and benefits your health.

Regular Exercise—is generically prescribed as 30-60 minutes of moderate exercise three to five days-per-week. This should include but is not limited to:

- Cardiovascular Exercise (aerobic activities such as walking, jogging, biking, snow shoveling and elliptical).

- Resistance Training (weight training, weight machine use and resistance band workouts) Resistance training is a form of strength training in which each effort is performed against a specific opposing force generated by resistance (i.e. resistance to being pushed, squeezed, stretched or bent).

- Flexibility Training (stretching) should be performed throughout the body every day. Flexibility has been defined as the range of motion about a joint and its surrounding muscles during a passive movement.

There are many resources available to assist you with making healthy lifestyle changes. You may seek the advice of a certified nutritionist for questions about diet. This individual should be able to create a diet plan designed specifically for your calorie needs. A certified personal trainer or other fitness professional can create a specific exercise prescription to fit your needs and goals. These professionals are highly trained and experienced individuals who can help you improve and maintain your health. As always, consult a physician before beginning any diet or exercise program.

Stacey Coleman is a NASM certified personal trainer and owner of the Gorham Fitness Studio. Stacey has a B.S. in Health and Fitness and 10 years of professional field experience in personal training, group fitness, sports conditioning, recreation management and more. Stacey graduated GHS in 1998 and now resides in Gorham with her husband and two children. She can be reached at 239-0602 or stacey@gorhamfitnessstudio.com or www.gorhamfitnessstudio.com.



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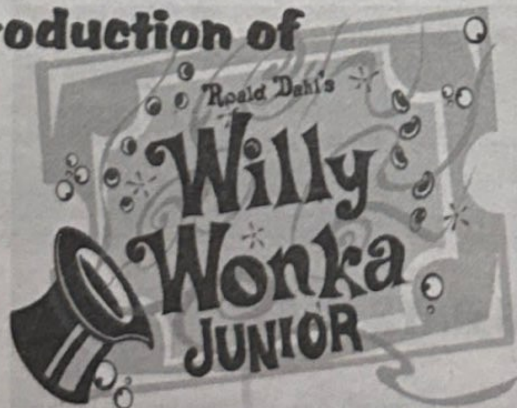
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Father Daughter Dance

Tim De Luca, Gorham Football Booster President

The Gorham Football Boosters Father Daughter Dance was a great success and the board of directors wanted to thank all the fathers for their support and bringing their daughters to this very memorable event. The music was provided by the band "Common Ground" who was exceptional and enjoyed by all. The chicken dance seemed to be the most popular amongst the girls and the refreshment area by the fathers. The evening was memorable and everyone had a great time filled with dancing and great conversation.

This important fundraiser is the foundation to the start of the Gorham Football season, which includes the Jr. Grizzlies, Grizzlies and the Rams. This would not have been possible if it were not for the efforts of the Gorham Football Boosters fundraiser chair Tom Sullivan and volunteer coordinators Janet Davis and Toni Chabot as well as Gorham Football Boosters and Gorham Football parents

who gave their time and dedication.

Over 400 people attended this event. Photos were also available to each father daughter couple wishing to have them taken as a keepsake.

We look forward to another memorable and exciting dance again in 2009.

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Brothers (l to r) Brian Callahan and Rob Callahan with brother-in-law Kevin Clark and daughters (l to r): Sydney Callahan, Emma Callahan, Caitlin Callahan and Meghan Clark at the annual Father Daughter Dance.

Faughter Daughter Dance Photos are in at the Bookworm, Mon-Sat. 10-5

It's Gold for GMS and GHS Bands

Kim Mathieu, GMS Band Director

The Gorham Middle School Jazz band went on twice to perform at the State Middle School Jazz Festival held at Westbrook High School on March 21. They received a #1 rating and a beautiful Gold Award. All of the soloists: Steve Albanese, Shea Ahearn, Arthur Lockman, Justin Reyes and Elyn Touchette received #1 ratings for their solos.

The GMS Concert Band and Wind Ensemble participated in the Maine Band Directors Festival and Competition on April 3. The Concert Band earned a

solid Gold Award with a #1 Rating. The Wind Ensemble, missing Gold by two points, received a Silver Award.

The Gorham High School Band, under the direction of Ray Mathieu, received a #1 Gold Award at the Maine Band Directors Festival and Competition as well with an amazing score of 92.

The Instrumental program is alive and well in the town of Gorham. Many thanks to our very supportive administration and fantastic parents!

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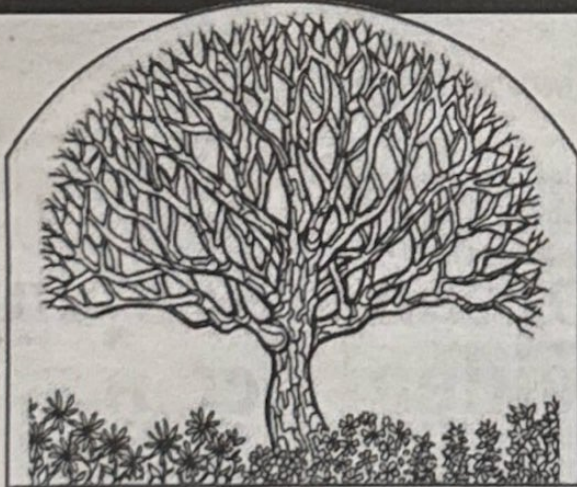
"Who is one of your favorite teachers and why?"

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- 1 Kevin Mollison, 1st Grade, Narragansett,** "Miss Wescott because she was fun. We played lots of games in Kindergarten."
- 2 Lizzie Kutzer, 4th Grade, Village School,** "Mrs. McAllister because she helps me a lot. She helps other people too. She does lots of fun things like math crafts."
- 3 Camryn Morton, 2nd Grade, Narragansett,** "Mrs. Fox because we learned about Maine animals and Native Americans. She was just
- 4 Tucker Buteau, 6th Grade, GMS,** "Mr. Albert because he teaches a serious subject in a fun, easy to understand way. He makes us laugh a lot. Every Friday, he had a list of jokes to tell us."
- 5 Nick Caiazzo, 1st Grade, White Rock,** "Mrs. Moon because she is very nice and she teaches me mathematics. I've learned about trees. She showed us leaves and a bush with buds almost popping out. It's pretty cool!"
- 6 Maddie Poulin, 4th Grade, Village School,** "Mrs. Sawyer because she's really nice. She doesn't put too much pressure on us. She's really funny. She's bringing our class to Augusta to see the museum and see the government make a law."



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started. This is a great opportunity for neighborhoods, churches, community service clubs, school groups, athletic teams, businesses and more to get together and join in a parade to celebrate our patriotism and remember those who have served and continue to serve our country.

Gorham Recreation Department has also added a new feature to our Tuesday evening concerts in the Gazebo. This

year, we will be hosting a "farmers market" during the concerts beginning Tuesday, June 24. Concerts are from 6:30 to 8 p.m. and the farmers market will run from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Our special kick off the gazebo concert series will be held on Tuesday, June 17 with the Casco Bay Band providing the community with a free kick off concert from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

First Grade Musical

Gail Thibodeau, Director



The first grade students of Narragansett School rehearsed their musical, "Feelin' Good," at MPAC on April 2.

On April 2, Principal Brad Smith welcomed the Narragansett first grade as they put on a musical called "Feelin' Good" at the MPAC auditorium. The 157 boys and girls sang nine songs about ways to be healthy in body and mind. There were 23 speakers, several soloists, instrument players and dancers to liven the show.

The "Food Pyramid" featured a healthy food chart and Egyptian dance moves. "Couch Potato" warned about the hazards of sitting on the couch all day with no exercise. The "Exercise Tango" had eight dancers showing us how to move to the beat and get our heart pumping. The importance of "Sleep" had two soloists as well as dreamlike chimes and a triangle. Many other songs were sung with heart and soul by the first-graders.

The songs and special parts were learned in music class. Help with stage decorations, programs and line-ups were provided through our parent volunteer coordinator, Kendra Cummings, and other volunteers. Kristen Goodall was the accompanist. The first grade teachers at Narragansett School were supportive and encouraging to all of the students and a big help at the rehearsals. The students were excited to perform such a great show for parents and public.

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Three Gorham Girls Crowned State Swimming Champions

Tim Sposato

During a snow storm, March 1-2, 24 Gorham kids were in the pool swimming their way to a fourth-place finish at the 2008 Maine State YMCA Swimming Championships at UMaine Orono. Leading the way for the Portland YMCA Polar Bears was Abby Longstaff, a Village School third-grader, and Gorham Middle School students Ashley Clark and Lindsey Thomsen. The three swimmers combined to win state championships in three events.

Capturing the state championship in her age group for both the 25-yard and 50-yard Freestyle events, Longstaff missed being a triple champion by less than two-tenths of a second as she teamed up with three other Gorham swimmers - Diana Kolb, Molly Sposato and Caelyn Smith - for a second-place finish in the Medley Relay. Sposato added eighth-place finishes in the 100 Individual Medley and 25 Breaststroke while Kolb brought in more points with a 12th place in the 25 Backstroke. Alyssa Dolly capped off the scoring for eight-and-under girls with a sixth place finish as part of the Freestyle Relay.

Following their state champion swims in the Medley Relay, Clark added a fifth-place finish in the 50 backstroke and a 16th in the 50 Freestyle, while Thomsen was 12th in the 50 Freestyle and swam to a sixth-place finish in the 200 Freestyle Relay with fellow Gorham swimmer Ashley Harmon.

Other top swimmers from Gorham were Blanca Monson and Megan Thomsen, who teamed-up for eighth place in the 200 Medley Relay. Megan Thomsen took eighth in the 50 Butterfly and third in the Freestyle Relay, teaming with Logan Letourneau who also grabbed 12th in the 50 Freestyle.

For the boys, Max Storer captured eighth place in the 14-and-under 50 Freestyle; 11th in the 100 Backstroke; and eighth in the 200 Freestyle Relay. Ben Clark, Timmer Sposato and Sam Storer took fourth place in the 10-and-under Medley Relay and swam to a third place in the Freestyle Relay. Clark added a 14th in the 50 Breaststroke and Sposato was 14th in the 50 Freestyle. In the 12-and-under age group, Caleb Goodall took 10th in the 50 freestyle, 11th in the 100 Freestyle and finished fifth as part of the Freestyle Relay.

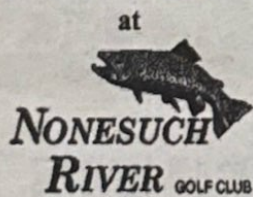
Other participating Gorham Swimmers were Gabby Bagala, Grace Bagala, Catie Becker, Krista Boylen, Connor Goodall, Isabelle Kolb, Allison MacFeat and Ellie Spurr. Gorham Middle School Teacher Sarah Rubin is one of the team's assistant coaches.

Clark, Kolb, Longstaff, Smith, Molly Sposato, and Lindsey Thomsen all ended their season by swimming at the New England Regional Swim Championship at the Harvard University Pool, where Longstaff stood out again with sixth and eighth-place finishes in her Freestyle events. Village school student and first year swimmer MacFeat was honored as most improved female swimmer for the Polar Bear Team.

► For additional photos, visit gorhamtimes.com and click on the **Sports** link.

Abby Longstaff (back row, right), captured the state championship in her age group for both the 25-yard and 50-yard Freestyle events March 1-2 at the 2008 Maine State YMCA Swimming Championships at UMaine Orono. Longstaff also teamed with (l to r) Caelyn Smith, Molly Sposato and Diana Kolb for a second place finish in the Medley relay. The swimmers were among the 24 swimmers that participated and are pictured with Gorham Middle School Teacher and assistant coach Sarah Rubin.

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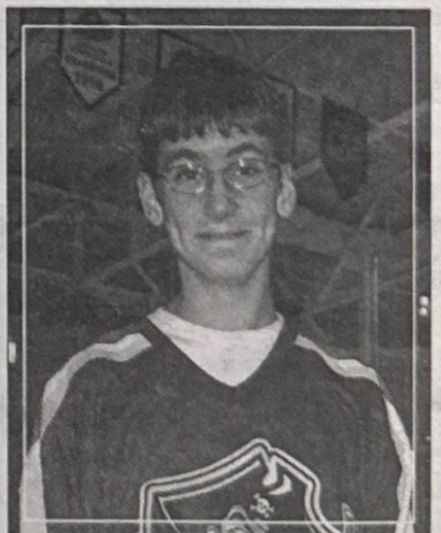
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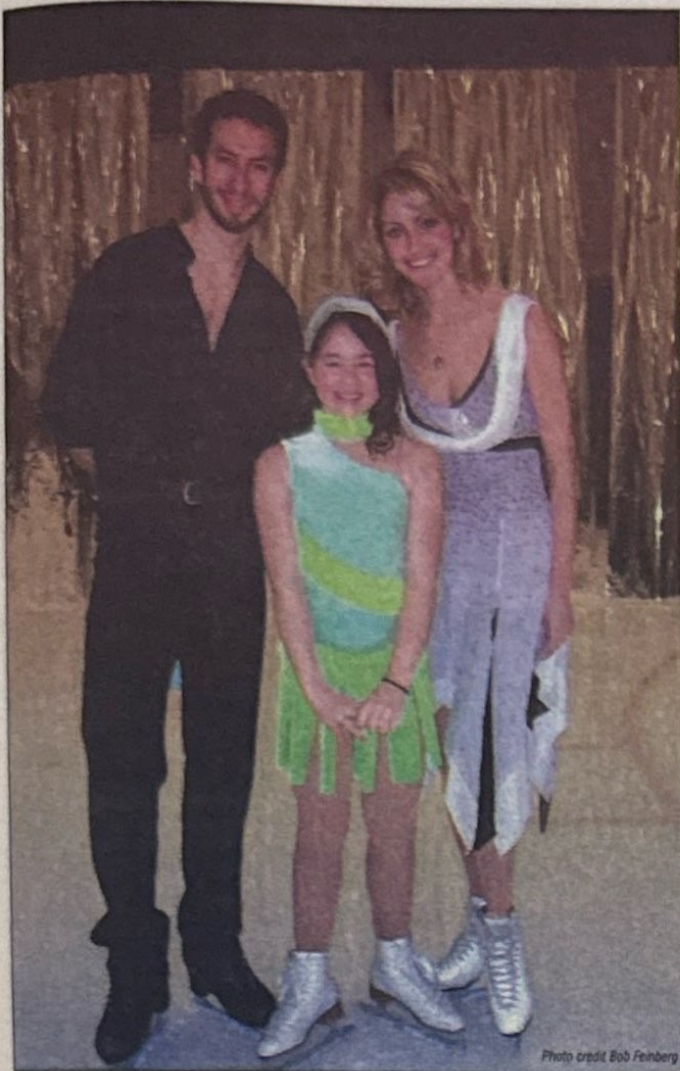
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Ellie Feinberg, a fourth-grader at Village School, shared the ice with U.S. Olympic silver medalists Tanith Belbin and Ben Agosto during the North Atlantic Figure Skating Club's 10th Annual Ice Show April 12-13 at The Family Ice Center in Falmouth. Ellie is the daughter of Bob and Melanie Feinberg.

Photo credit: Bob Feinberg

Gorham Rec. Dept. Programs

Men's Basketball Tournament

A men's basketball tournament will be held Friday, May 30 and Saturday, May 31 with a single elimination tournament on Sunday, June 1 at Shaw Gym. Entry fee of \$200/team will benefit Gorham Rec. Dept. programs.

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Jenkins Celebration

In celebration of boys basketball coach Kevin Jenkins' 23-year career at GHS, many of his past players and team managers joined him for a celebration March 21 at Keeley the Katerer. Pictured in the first row (l to r) are Coach Kevin Jenkins, Eric Burnheimer ('02), Max Bass ('06) and Brandon Beaudoin ('02). Second row: Mike Marrone ('86), Todd Day ('86), John Bagshaw ('87), Jeff Manchester ('06), Nick Auger ('02), David Willis ('02), Ryan Gould ('00), Jackson Schneider ('00), Alicia Durgin ('99), T.J. MacLeod ('00) and Greg Morton ('96). Third row: Josh Tanguay ('06), Keegan Ballantyne ('05), Jeff Taylor ('85), Chris Crosby ('94), Joel Kerschner ('02), Kyle Kirby ('00), Ryan Chicoine ('00) and Greg Thayer ('01). Fourth row: Chris Davis ('87), Bruce Helpler ('86), Kurt Randall ('04), Rob Connolly ('06) and Kendrick Ballantyne ('02).



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this day of remembrance," said Gerrish and Veilleux.
According to David Merchant of www.usmemorialday.org, Memorial Day, originally called Decoration Day, is a day established to remember those who have died in our nation's service. While Waterloo N.Y. was officially declared the birthplace of Memorial Day by President Lyndon Johnson in May 1966, it's difficult to prove conclusively the origins of the day. It is more likely that it had many separate beginnings.

Following the end of the Civil War, many communities set aside a day to mark the end of the war or as a memorial to those who had died. Many towns either planned or held spontaneous gatherings of people in the 1860s to honor those who died in war. Memorial Day is not about division, it is about reconciliation and honoring those who gave their lives for our country.

"The Gorham Memorial Day Parade will be our only community wide parade for 2008," said Cindy Hazelton, Gorham Recreation Department director. "We are encouraging all of Gorham to come out, get a float together that displays your

patriotism and join us on Memorial Day," said Hazelton.

The traditional wreath laying ceremonies and cemetery remembrances in Little Falls will be held as usual with only a slight time change, moving them to 9 a.m. The color guard and veterans units will move into Eastern Cemetery for their wreath laying ceremony and remembrance as well as a 21 gun salute. The parade will proceed behind them onto Johnson Road and pause there for the duration of the ceremony. The parade

will then finish by crossing New Portland Road and entering White Birch Lane where it will end at the rear parking lot of Village School.

"To date, we have secured the Maine St. Andrews Bagpipe Band to join us in the Memorial Day Parade and hope to attract other bands as well," said Hazelton. "Visit the Gorham Rec. Dept. website at www.gorhamrec.com to download a parade registration form and send it to Gorham Rec. today!"

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that will supplement the cost of the event and make it affordable for all. It is projected that the admission to all events will be covered with the purchase of a button. The plan is to keep the button cost at a minimum (no more than \$5/person) with family rates available. Fundraising efforts will begin over the next few weeks and continue throughout the coming months.

Volunteers are needed to work with the committee on all phases of the event

from coordinating entertainment, working on publicity and other administrative tasks. The committee is also seeking performers who would like to be part of the entertainment. Performances will vary from individuals and small combo groups to large groups (such as choirs and choruses and bands), storytellers, puppet shows, dances, etc. Interested people should contact Virginia Wilder Cross at 222-2248 or Cindy Hazelton at 222-1630.

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of interest In the TIMES

births

SAMUEL MARK KNIGHT, born March 14, 2008 to Wendy and Les Knight of Gorham. Grandparents: Shirley Currie of Scarborough and Jim and Paula Knight of Woolwich. Great-grandparents: Dorothy Currie of South Portland and Victor and Ruth Knight of Woolwich.

ZACHARY ISAAC TEMM, born March 26, 2008 to Chandra and Stephen Temm of Gorham. Grandparents: Mary Ann Dubay of Buxton and Kenneth Temm of Gorham. Great-grandparents: Isabelle Temm of Windham.

REBECCA JANE SHARP, born March 28, 2008 to Angela Muhs Sharp and Robert Sharp. Grandparents: Urban and Marilyn Muhs of Olney, Ill.; Great-grandparents: Ruth Nettleton and Katherine Muhs of Olney, Ill.

MAX WILLIAM BISHOP, born April 9, 2008 to Michelle and Ryan Bishop of Arundel. Grandparents: Peter and Cindy Bishop of Gorham and Al and Barbara Girard of Barrington, R.I.

OLIVIA ELIZABETH NAULT, born April 9, 2008 to Andrea and Mike Nault of Gorham. Grandparents: Connie Loughran and Joseph Loughran of Gorham; Mr. & Mrs. Paul Nault of Goffstown, N.H. Great-grandparents: Frances Loughran of Brockton, Mass. and Leontine Nault of Manchester, N.H.

HUNTER THOMAS CAIAZZO, born April 14, 2008 to Megan and Michael Caiazzo of Westbrook. Grandparents: James and Margaret Flaherty of Cumberland Foreside and William and Barbara Caiazzo of Gorham. Great-grandparents: Catherine Stratford of Falmouth and Marilyn Towle of Standish.

DESIRAE JANE CHIASSON, born April 14, 2008 to Andrea and Timothy Chiasson of Limerick. Grandparents: Dana and Robyn Gordon of Gorham and Gary and Astrid Chiasson of Standish. Great-grandpar-



Jannette Morse, of Oxford, and Verne & Leslie Keith, of Winthrop, are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, **ERICA ANN KEITH**, to **BROOKS HAMILTON II**, of Gorham. Brooks, who is employed with Amato's and pursuing a degree at SMCC, is the son of Stephen and J. Leigh Hamilton of Gorham. Erica, a CNA at Maine Medical Center, is currently pursuing an RN degree at SMCC. An Aug. 2, 2008 wedding is planned.

ents: Theodore and Betty Mewett of Limington; Joan Gordon of Gorham; and Eileen Chiasson of Rumford.

REBEKAH LYNNE ST. JOHN, born April 18, 2008 to Emily and Richard St. John of Gorham. Grandparents: Robert and Judith Johnson of Boiling Springs, S.C.; Marilyn St. John of Concord, N.C.; and Patricia St. John of Naples, Fla.

dean's list

ELIZABETH PLOWMAN (GHS '06), below, earned academic high honors at Lawrence Academy in Groton, Mass. for the winter trimester. She is the daughter of Bonny and Stephen Plowman of Gorham.



SARAH BROWN, of Gorham, was recently named to the 2008 spring semester



ERLON (AL) MOSHER was honored on his 80th birthday by family and friends on April 10 at a surprise party held at the Ocean Gardens Restaurant in Gorham. Well attended by many friends of Gorham High School's Class of '46, the program opened with Millie Grant giving the benediction and blessing of the meal. Abbott Mosher, told stories of times growing up in Gorham with his big brother. Town Manager David Cole presented Mosher with a sentiment of the acknowledgement that was read in the Maine House of Representatives by Rep. Chris Barstow. A Document of Congratulations from the Gorham Town Council was read along with a letter from Senator Susan Collins congratulating him on his many years of public service and his work on behalf of the Town of Gorham. Al's fifth-grade teacher, Eleanor Parker-Merrill spoke of the wonderful memories of teaching in Gorham. The party ended with Phil Stanwood speaking and reminiscing of the memories of his childhood friendship growing up with Mosher.

Dean's List at La Salle University in Philadelphia, Pa.

KYLE MURPHY, of Gorham, was named to the fall 2007 Dean's List at Merrimack College in North Andover, Mass.

LAURA WILLETT (GHS '05), majoring in International Studies; **JOSHUA LORTIE** (GHS '05), majoring in Communications and Economic and Government; and **MICHAEL MANISCALCO** (GHS '04), majoring in International Studies, were all named to the fall 2007 Dean's List at American University in Washington, D.C.

milestones

SCOTT EKIN, of Gorham, has been accepted to Thomas College in Waterville starting September 2008. Ekin is the son of Thomas and Nanette Ekin.

of interest

The Lions Club of Gorham is currently

working on two projects. They will be holding their first classic car show on July 26, at Narragansett School behind the public service building. Nearly 50 new American flags will be mounted on utility poles along Main Street to Libby Avenue; South Street to Morrill Avenue; Flaggy Meadow Road; Gray Road to Bank Development; and Route 114 to entrance to USM. The flags will be mounted on Sunday, May 18 at 7 a.m. weather permitting with three teams of Lions, along with some volunteers with bucket trucks, in time for the Memorial Day parade. Lions will also be giving away small hand held flags from the float to small children along the parade route.


On March 15, Tufts University School of Dental Medicine held its Clinical Advancement Ceremony where Class President MEGHANN (FOLEY) DOMBROSKI (GHS '02), received her "white coat" formalizing the transition from pre-clinical dental student to the rendering of patient care. Meghann's coat, traditionally bestowed by faculty members, was presented to her by her husband Aaron, who was home on mid-tour leave from Iraq. In attendance beside her husband, were her parents, grandparents and brother.

Gorham Savings Bank, the first major donor to the Baxter Memorial Library Centennial Endowment Fund, donated a \$10,000 gift to officially establish the fund. Donations will be used to purchase books, audiobooks, movies and occasionally, equipment for the library.

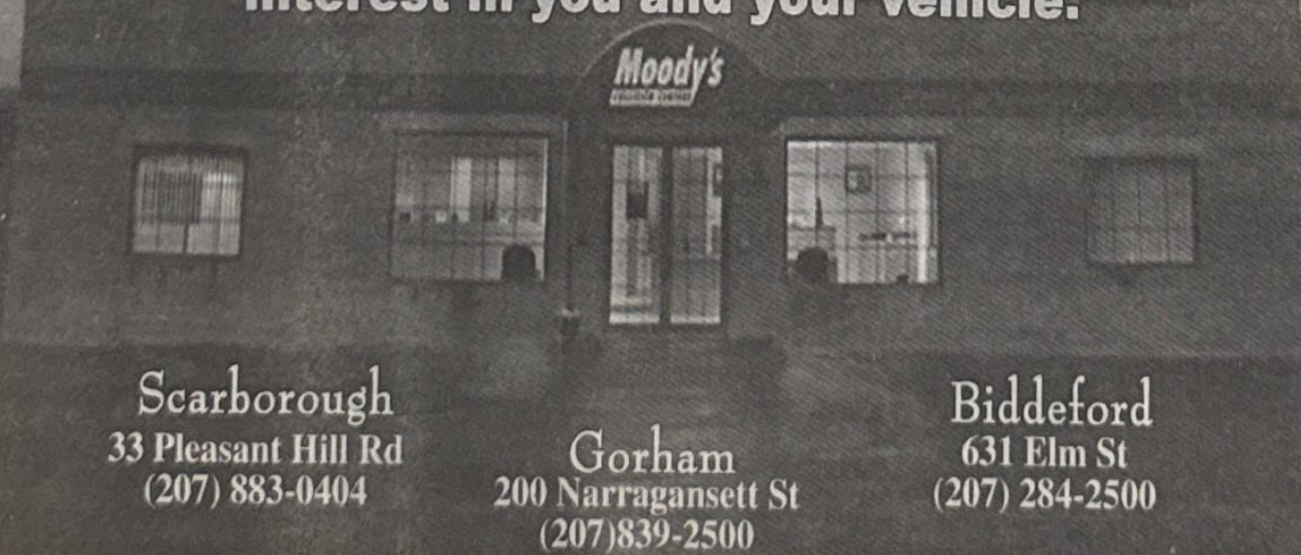
After receiving the most "School Dollar" receipts from customers, Doug Richard of Hannaford recently presented a check for \$1,000 to John Drisko, GHS principal, as part of the Hannaford Helps Schools program.

Dunkin' Donuts hosted two students from Village School in Gorham at the Boston Red Sox game April 20 against the Texas Rangers. ANDY MAIAR and TRAVIS MAIAR received tickets in the "Dunkin Dugout" located in the famed Fenway Park Bleachers.

The West Gorham Union Church will



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Dancers from the Dance Studio of Maine, ranging from 11 to 72 years of age, recently competed at the Olympic Miss Dance Competition in Amherst, Mass., performing in tap, jazz, lyrical and hip-hop numbers. The dancers also traveled to Concord, N.H. to attend a Showstopper Dance Competition in March and performed at a benefit for the Maine Autism Society at Windham High School.



The Rhythm and Movement Book Club of Fort Hill Farms was pleased to have the author MELINDA JOSIAH GEAUMONT, lead the book discussion of her book, "Becoming Auma," at the home of Kim Ballantyne in March. Back row (l to r): Susan Sedenka, Norrie Chamoff, Marilyn McWilliams, Jane Knapp, Nancy Taylor Keene, Gloria Tewhey, Eileen Ela, Anita Petit and Jan Willis. Front row: Kim Ballantyne, Cherry Finck, Melinda Geaumont, Terri Downing and Carol Hardy.



BOBBY REYNOLDS, of Gorham, has been named *Director of Coalitions* for Senator Susan Collins' 2008 re-election campaign for the U.S. Senate. Reynolds, a Portland Firefighter and wrestling coach in Gorham, is a veteran of the U.S. Navy and the U.S. Merchant Marine. He lives in Gorham with his wife, Cathy. He has three grown children, including two sons on active military duty.



Gorham Recreation Program Coordinator BRIAN WHITE coaches Sticks for Kids Golf participant HANNAH LOWELL with her golf swing during a recent session held at Gorham Recreation Department Shaw Gym. FMI on future sessions, 222-1636.

Cressey Road, Gorham. Grand Representatives Barbara Sawyer (VA.) and Ann Johnson (PA.) will be honored. Refreshments to follow. FMI, 642-1075.

GHS Class of 2003 is planning a five-year class reunion on Saturday, June 28, 2008 at the OOB Pirates Patio & Galley, 2 Walnut St., OOB. Please send your contact information, questions or comments to ghs2003reunioninfo@gmail.com.

Gorham's Pack 85 Cub Scouts are having

their spring sign up night on May 13 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the White Rock elementary school. Pack 85 serves the Little Falls, White Rock and North Gorham area. Boys from age six or going into first grade in the fall and up to grade five in the fall are eligible to join the scouting program. FMI, contact Pack 85 Cub master James Lockman at 892-9342.

The Men and Boys, home and yard sale, is being held at the West Gorham Union Church, on Route 25 May 10 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tools, cut-off saws, compactors, weed whackers, any item that has a motor or engine, shop items old chains, ropes, tables, benches, yard and home items. If you have items to donate or FMI, 839-4205.

Congressman and U.S. Senate candidate Tom Allen invites the public to join him for a Conversation for Change and Community Lunch on May 3 at 11:30 a.m. at the Old Robie School, 668 Gray Road, Gorham. To RSVP, call 774-9696 or email rsvp@tomallen.org.

The Gorham Women's Alliance presents an evening with Gabrielle Melchionda of Mad Gab's, Inc., recipient of the 1999 Small Business Administration's Young Entrepreneur of the Year Award, on May 20 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Gorham Rec. Dept. \$10 GBCE members, \$15 for non-

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members. Coffee, tea and desserts will be served. RSVP by May 16, 232-4803 or gorhamwomensalliance@hotmail.com.

JIM STONE, President of **Casco Federal Credit Union**, presented three food pantries with a \$2,000 check: DEBORAH LAPOINTE, of the Standish Connection Food Pantry; DR. RICK SMALL, Executive Director of the Good Shepherd Food Bank; and FRAN DOUCETTE of the Gorham Ecumenical Food Pantry. Casco FCU raised statewide a total of \$366,575 as part of Maine Credit Unions' Campaign for Ending Hunger.

Photographer JENNY GIRONDA, of Gorham, is now a member of the non-profit foundation, Now I Lay Me Down To Sleep (NILMDTS). The foundation provides grieving parents, who have lost a child at birth or whose newborn may have died as a result of having been removed from life support, with heirloom quality photographs of their child, taken by a professional photographer. At the parent's request, Gironda will provide a free photography session in the hospital to capture these last precious moments at no cost. FMI, www.nowilaymedowntosleep.org.

hold a public supper on May 3 at 5 and 6 p.m. Beans, casseroles, chop suey, chicken pies and more. Cost: \$6.50 adults/\$2.50 under 12. Located three miles west of Gorham Village on Route 25 near Route 112.

There will be a meeting of Pine Tree #27 Order of the Eastern Star (OES), on May 5 at 7:30 p.m. at Harmony Hall,

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Suspicious activity on Main Street was subject waiting for a relative to get off work.

Strout's Way caller reported four-year-old grandchild missing. Police located child within a few minutes. Child was cold and wet but otherwise okay.

Ossipee Trail caller reported her purse had been stolen from a store and that the theft was captured on video.

Sydney's Way caller reported their juvenile child missing. Child was located at an event at GHS and was advised to leave a note for parents in the future.

Suspicious activity turned out to be a subject picking up returnable bottles.

Libby Avenue caller reported that someone had accessed their bank account

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without permission. They were going to check with the bank.

Rangeley Way caller requested to speak with an officer regarding threats their neighbor had made to harm their guinea hens.

Caller reported that they had lost a suitcase on the side of New Portland Road.

Longview Drive caller reported that they had received a suspicious call from a female claiming to be their granddaughter and requesting money.

Presumpscot Ridge caller reported returning home and finding broken windows in their residence.

Suspicious vehicle on Wescott Road belonged to a private investigator.

New Portland Road caller reported that a neighbor's car had travelled across the road, down a slope, through a fence and into a tree on their property.

on the calendar WHAT'S HAPPENING

SATURDAY, MAY 3

■ Bottle Drive at Working Words & Graphics (behind Hannaford), 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., benefits Boy Scout Troop 73. FMI, 618-1402.

■ Baked Bean Supper, White Rock Community Club, Wilson Road, off Route 237, 4:30 to 6 p.m., \$7 adults/\$3 kids.

■ Public Supper, West Gorham Union Church, 5 and 6 p.m., \$6.50/\$2.50 under 12.

MONDAY, MAY 5

■ Planning Board Meeting, Municipal Center, 7 p.m.

TUESDAY, MAY 6

■ Preschool Story Time, ages three-six years, 9:30 to 10:15 a.m., Baxter Library.

■ Registration Deadline for June 7 SAT's.

■ Narragansett School PIE Meeting, 6 to 7:30 p.m.

■ Village School New 3rd Grade Parent Information Night, 5:30 p.m.

■ Town Council Meeting, Municipal Center, 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 7

■ New Elementary School Building Committee Meeting, Municipal Building, 6 p.m.

THURSDAY, MAY 8

■ Baby and Me, babies 0-18 mos., 9:30 to 9:50 a.m., Baxter Library.

■ Toddler Time, ages 18-36 mos., 10 to 10:30 a.m., Baxter Library.

■ Village School Musical, MPAC, 6:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, MAY 9

■ Village School Musical, MPAC, 6:30 p.m.

MONDAY, MAY 12

■ Gorham Historical Society Meeting, Gorham Saving's Bank Business Center, Gray Road, 7 p.m.

TUESDAY, MAY 13

■ Preschool Story Time, ages three-six years, 9:30 to 10:15 a.m., Baxter Library.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 14

■ White Rock School PIE Meeting, Teacher's Room, 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.

■ School Committee Meeting, Municipal Center, 7 p.m.

THURSDAY, MAY 15

■ Last Baby and Me for the year, babies 0-18 mos., 9:30 to 9:50 a.m., Baxter Library.

■ Last Toddler Time for the year, ages 18-36 mos., 10 to 10:30 a.m., Baxter Library.

■ Kiwanis Club luncheon, noon to 1 p.m., Pinecrest Bed & Breakfast. FMI, 839-8944.

■ GMS PIE Meeting, Library, 7 to 8:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, MAY 16

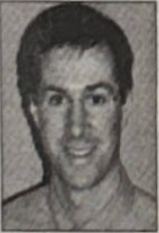
■ GMS Student Council Dance, grades 6, 7 & 8, 6:30 to 9 p.m.

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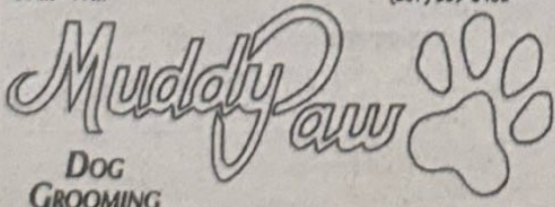
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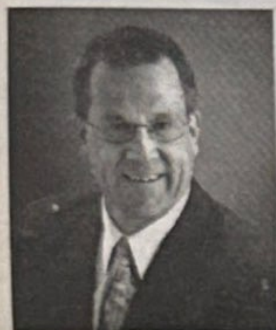
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