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Gorham Times and GoCAT Team Up On YouTube

Gorham Times Staff

The *Gorham Times* and GoCAT (Gorham Cable Access Television) are teaming up for a new venture that includes YouTube video clips for more in-depth coverage of many news stories seen in the paper.

"Advancing The Story" was the brain child of Georgia Humphrey, GoCAT Station Manager, as a way to provide more information than is possible in the paper due to space constraints. Humphrey is always looking for a new and creative way to use Public Television and GoCAT for the betterment of the community. "This is a way to really see the human element in the *Gorham Times* stories. It actually makes these articles come to life," stated Humphrey.

Since the *Times* is a non-profit entity, the number of pages that can be printed is driven by the amount of ads in the paper. Simply put, there needs to be enough ad revenue generated each and every issue to cover the cost of printing. "Often we have more information than we can possibly print which is unfortunate," explained Sandra Wilson, Business Manager for the *Times*. Wilson also said that *Gorham Times* volunteers and readers are quite excited about this joint venture. "We are the only paper in the area to offer both print and video to our readers providing a better community service than before."

"We have our own YouTube channel which was created by the GoCAT staff. The channel already has five video clips, and this is just the beginning," commented Sue Dunn, Editor of the *Times*. For every *Gorham Times* issue, there will be one or two new videos added to the channel. "The first video was about WW II photographer Ray LeTarte, a fascinating gentleman with a big story to tell; most recently we have added a profile on Rachele Burns, GHS standout athlete and the history of the *Gorham Times* with the president of the *Gorham Times* Board of Directors, Maynard Charon. We will continue to cover community events and topics in conjunction with GoCAT and update the videos with each issue," stated Dunn.

Readers can see the most recent videos at www.gorhamtimes.com, including Ray LeTarte, WW II Veteran, New Year Gorham, Rachele Burns Profile, History of the *Gorham Times*, and the Community Clock Dedication.

Advancing the Story
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a tale of Two Inaugural Perspectives



Photos courtesy of Phil Bartlett

Inaugural Moments Clockwise from top left: Marine One takes off with George W. Bush for his departure, millions watch history in the making by attending the Inauguration, a button worn by many in the crowd, the Presidential motorcade makes its way along the streets after the official swearing-in ceremony.

Ken O'Brien, Gorham resident, reflects on Inaugural events:

Every person who attended the inauguration of Barack Obama will have their own epic story to tell. Mine, and my wife Anne's, includes: friends scattered across the country pledging to go, informal apartment rentals off Craigslist, train rides, finding purple gate tickets on the last day and a six hour morning struggle to walk two miles through the happiest, best behaved mob-chaos in history. It was an

adventure that culminated with us arriving on the Capitol northwest lawn seconds before Rick Warren began his invocation.

I commend President Obama for making his inauguration not just a celebration, but a lesson for those who would listen. He chose opening and closing speakers who court controversy and make people uncomfortable—even angry—and they responded with celebratory prayers. Rather than deliver the soaring oratory of which he is

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Into the Jungle

Brian Westbye

It's not every day that one travels to Guatemala. But the Mission Group of the LifeChurch of Gorham is no ordinary group. This group of fifteen will leave for a nine-day mission trip to Guatemala on March 22.

The team, led by Alana and Nick Foley, will provide free medical care to remote mountain and jungle villages that desperately need basic services.

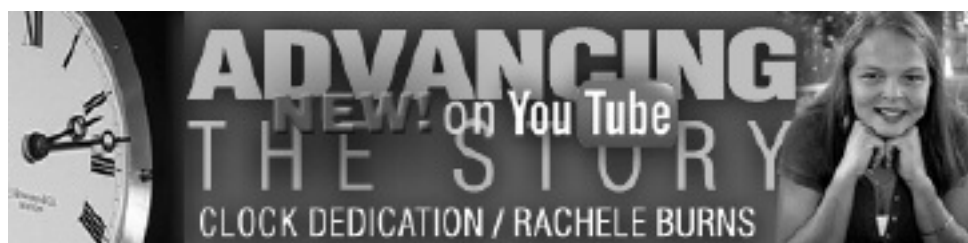
Bryan Buchanan, the "Jungle Medic" and leader of Jungle Medic Missions, has converted a bus into a mobile clinic serving as a lifeline to these Central American outposts.

Jungle Medic Missions strives to continue providing free medical and dental care and emergency care facilities, ensuring that none of the native Mayan Indians within his reach go untreated.

Buchanan has been hosting groups of medical professionals and those willing to lend a hand for eight years, treating thousands of inhabitants of over 100 villages along the Rio Dulce River.

This will be Alana Foley's second trip to Guatemala, and her first as a group leader. She's eager to return. "On my first mission to Guatemala, I expected to give myself and my time. Instead, I

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Thatcher's Restaurant and Sports Bar – Now Open in Gorham

Dede Perkins



Photo Credit: Martha T. Harris

Audrey Austin, manager, and Bruce Hodgkin, co-owner and chef, stand in front of the bar at Thatcher's Restaurant and Sports Bar. Thatcher's officially opened Super Bowl Sunday.

Thatcher's Restaurant and Sports Bar unofficially opened on Jan. 10 in the former Methodist Church at 29 School Street, Gorham. The co-owners, Cindy Boulay and Bruce Hodgkin, held their official Grand Opening Celebration on Super Bowl Sunday.

With nine flat-screen televisions always tuned to sports or news, Thatcher's was the perfect place to watch the big game. Besides offering wraps, sandwiches, fresh haddock, burgers, quesadillas, nachos, and their famous award-winning chili, Thatcher's has a full bar and sells mixed drinks, beer, and wine.

Thatcher's Restaurant and Sports Bar is family-owned and operated. "We have a pub mentality," said Audrey Austin, front-house manager. "Our customer base is largely families, especially before 8 p.m. though being so close to USM, we welcome the college crowd."

Once Boulay and Hodgkin decided

to open in Gorham, plans moved quickly. The work inside the former School Street Methodist Church began in October 2008 and finished three months later. Besides the inside renovation, Boulay and Hodgkin built an outside staircase that leads from the 36-car parking lot behind the restaurant to the sidewalk next to the Treehouse Café. Hodgkin and his family completed much of the inside finish work themselves. The newly renovated space is spacious with light green walls, wood floors, and a large polished wood bar. "We plan to add dart boards in the near future," said Hodgkin.

Thatcher's has been serving up pub fare in Maine since the early 1990's. The new Gorham restaurant seats 100 people, including seventeen around the large bar. The restaurant is open Monday – Saturday, 11 a.m. – 11 p.m., and Sunday, 11 a.m. – 8:30 p.m.

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CHIEF SHEPARD REPORTS Car Burglaries Continue

Residents of the Lawn Avenue area reported about a dozen car burglaries in one night. Later that night a

car was reported stolen from Day Road and another vehicle was abandoned there. Police believe these incidents are connected. People are again reminded of the importance of locking their vehicles.

There have been two recent accidents on Rt. 25 involving vehicles which were making left turns into Lampron's. In the first incident, the vehicle was hit by an oil truck. In the second accident, a tanker truck with 11,000 gallons of gas hit a pick up truck and went off the road and narrowly missed a utility pole. In both cases, the drivers making the turns reported being blinded by the sun.

Abbas Alhamdany, 38, owner of Friendly Discount in Westbrook, is out on bail on charges of trafficking in crack cocaine.



TOWN COUNCIL REPORT JANUARY 6, 2009

Recreation Department Receives Grant

Susan Olson Gwozdz

Recreation Director Cindy Hazelton presented a slide show of photos of many of the different activities offered by the Recreation Department. Hazelton reported that over 1,400 households have participated on the new online registration process. Hazelton noted that over 2400 different people have participated in recreation programs in the last year. A number of upcoming events were discussed.

- The Rec. Dept. received a \$1,000 grant from National Parks and Recreation for the Flag Football program thanks to Alan Grady.
- GOCAT is working in partnership with the *Gorham Times* on a new project called "Advancing the Story" to compliment articles in the Times. These video segments will further expand upon articles that are in the Times.

- In other business, the Council:
- Voted to send to the Ordinance Committee a proposal to amend and replace the Town's Streets and Sidewalks Public Safety Ordinance and the Street Opening Ordinance.
 - Approved a contract with the University of Southern Maine for the Town to provide firearms training based on requirements established by the Maine Criminal Justice Academy.
 - Referred a request to rezone property on County Road, tax map 6, lot 43.2, from Suburban Residential to zoning suitable for restaurant use to the Ordinance Committee for their recommendation.
 - Referred a proposal to develop an ordinance to regulate the disorderly use of residential properties to the Ordinance Committee for their review and recommendation.



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Enjoy Winter—Outdoors

Jason Beever

An old fashioned Maine winter, with cold temperatures and lots of snow, means there are plenty of opportunities for outdoor exercise and recreation. Even sun-worshippers might enjoy some sledding, downhill and Nordic skiing, snow shoeing, ice fishing or even snowmobiling this winter.

Perhaps the most important factor in cold weather recreation is clothing. Many people would be surprised at how comfortable you can be, even in frigid temperatures, if you dress properly. Perhaps as much as 40 percent of your body warmth can be lost through your head and neck. A warm hat that covers your ears is a must. A neck gaiter is one of the best pieces of cold-weather clothing, next to a good hat.

Extremities are usually the first to get cold, so pay close attention to feet and hands. Warm, loose-fitting gloves with long cuffs that reach up and over coat sleeves keep the heat in and the snow out. Socks are extremely important. Never wear cotton socks in the winter. Cotton holds moisture and will result in frozen feet. Socks made of wool, an all-natural insulating material, will naturally wick moisture away and continue to insulate even when damp. A variety of new wool products are soft to the touch, unlike the scratchy wool of old days. Many modern fabrics, such as Gortex and Thinsulate, are designed for extreme cold. I've used them with some success, especially gloves, but I still prefer wool.

Dress in layers for cold weather. The first and last layers are the most important. Start with quality long underwear (not cotton), then layer on clothing until you achieve comfort and freedom of movement. The outer layer should be a warm, water resistant jacket or shell, and perhaps snow pants, depending on your activity.

Sledding is a great outdoor activity for all ages. A trip to the popular sledding hill at Mighty Street and Fort Hill

Road is a wonderful way for the kids to get healthy outdoor exercise. Bring your camera for some action photos the family will enjoy for years.

Hiking trails enjoyed in the summer are still here, just covered in snow. Snowshoes and cross-country skis are great ways to hike in winter. Be sure to look for animal tracks in the snow.

Explore miles of snowmobile trails in Gorham and surrounding communities. If on foot, move off the trail quickly when you encounter riders. If you snowmobile, consider joining a club. Folks in local snowmobile clubs enjoy camaraderie and work hard to keep the trails groomed and in good repair.

Looking for outdoor adventure? Ice fishing might be your thing. Many lakes and ponds within a short drive of Gorham offer excellent ice fishing. For more information, check out the Maine Dept. of Inland Fisheries website at <http://www.maine.gov/ifw/>

Whether you ice fish or not, mark your calendar for the Annual Sebago Lake Rotary Club Derbyfest, held February 20, 21, and 22. Besides a world-class ice fishing derby with mega-prizes, there are tons of activities for the entire family at this winter festival. For a calendar of events and registration information, go to <http://www.ice-fishingderby.com>

Don't let snow and cold keep you indoors. Get outdoors and enjoy winter. It's good for your mind, body, and soul.

Jason Beever was raised in Gorham and is a fourth generation family owner of C.E. Carl Insurance Agency. He spends most of his free time in the outdoors.



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GHS Presents “West Side Story” Michael Lortie, Producer

Gorham High School has announced the cast for the spring musical, “West Side Story,” which will be presented the week-ends of March 13-15 and March 20-21. Performances will be on Friday and Saturday nights at 7:30 p.m. and Sun- days at 2:30 p.m. The show is directed by Bruce Avery and the Musical Direc- tor is Darrell Morrow. The choreogra- pher is Deb Lombard.

“West Side Story” is the story of Tony and Maria who are members of opposing gangs in New York City in the 1950s. This classic musical is based on the story of Romeo and Juliet and provides a very challenging score and performance including such memo- rable numbers as “Maria,” “America!,” “I Feel Pretty” and “Somewhere.” “We are able to attempt this musical at GHS because of the high artistic level of tal- ent in music, dance and acting cur- rently at the high school,” stated Avery. Over 75 students auditioned and 50 were chosen to appear in the musical.

This promises to be one of the best spring musicals ever performed at GHS. Tickets will be \$9.00 for adults and \$6.00 for students and seniors (age 65+) and may be reserved by calling 839-5754.



Lead cast members (l to r) Jon Day, Chrissy Albanese, Julia Parmakian, Jason Badeau, and Nick Reynolds mug for the camera.

Cast members rehearse the “Mambo” scene in West Side Story.



CAST LIST

THE JETS:
RIFF, the leader.....Nick Reynolds
TONY, his friend.....Jon Day
ACTION.....Andrew Ernest
A-RAB.....Ian Hawkes
BABY JOHN.....Nathaniel Dombek
SNOW BOY.....TJ Mathieu
DIESEL.....Joey Dalfonso
MOUTHPIECE.....Matt King
TIGER.....Jonas Rimkunas

THEIR GIRLS:
GRAZIELLA.....Hannah Lilly
VELMA.....Becky Harrigan
MINNIE.....Sarah Day
CLARICE.....Abbie Tanguay
PAULINE.....Cindy Reynolds
ANYBODYS.....Jessica Harriman

THE SHARKS:
BERNARDO, the Leader.....Jason Badeau
MARIA, his sister.....Chrissy Albanese
ANITA, his girl.....Julia Parmakian
CHINO, his friend.....Garrick Adolf
PEPE.....Chris Esposito
INDIO.....Mitchell Perrin
LUIS.....Quincy Owens
NIBBLES.....Lincoln Gray
TORO.....Luke Seiferth

THEIR GIRLS:
ROSALIA.....Alyssa Rojecki
CONSUELO.....Liz Rockett
TERESITA.....Stephanie Morin
FRANCISCA.....Jenn Kennedy
ESTELLA.....Thea Bass
MARGARITA.....Molly Lortie

THE ADULTS:
DOC.....Ben Moody
SCHRANK.....Derek Morin
KRUPKE.....Nate Marcet
GLAD HAND.....Luke Tanguay

General Cast:
Hallie Balcom, Rachel Brown, Sara Burnheimer, Julianne Farrar, Lauren Garrard, Tori Geffers, Courtney Hawkes, Kelsie Kerwin, Leigha Kerwin, Marissa Owens, Clara Stickney, Morgan Stickney, Lia Van de Krol, Casey Weed, Amelia Whitten, Setyi Yim

Civil Rights Team Participates in Day of Service Sarah Rubin, Advisor/ELA & Science Teacher



Photo credit Tracey Frederick

Members of the GMS Civil Rights Team (l to r): Front row: Bethany Marshburn-Ersek, Kristin Benson, James Benson; 2nd row: Eric Deluca, Katie Stickney; 3rd row: Stefanie Farrington, Jessica Day, Lydia Story, Gabrielle Libby, Ashley Clark, Grace Burns, Zoe Swift; Back row: Fan- gen Thompsen, Nick Lewis, Grace Bourgault, Shanya Pottle, Sarah Rubin (Advisor)

In keeping with Martin Luther King’s spirit of service, the GMS Civil Rights Team turned their day off from school on Jan. 19 into a day of learn- ing and community service. The team was on hand for the 28th Annual Mar- tin Luther King Jr. Breakfast Celebra- tion hosted by the NAACP Portland Branch and First Annual MLK Beloved Community Youth Program hosted by the Maine Interfaith Youth Alliance. Both events were held at the Holiday Inn by the Bay in Portland.

Fifteen GMS students joined over 100 other youth in a workshop led by award-winning author Maria Testa. Stu- dents explored Martin Luther King’s concept of the Beloved Community by taking on the roles of leaders and deci- sion-makers in a “fictional” small Amer- ican city. During the workshop, GMS students worked with a diverse group of youth from several area schools. “It was really interesting to work with

some of the kids who are African immigrants and from Portland. I learned a lot from them,” said seventh grader Eric Deluca.

Following the workshop, students joined in a march to Monument Square to lay a wreath in memory of Dr. King. Students ended their day at the Wayside Soup Kitchen in Portland where Americorps volunteers, young adults who dedicate a year to commu- nity service in various U.S. cities, dis- cussed the importance of community service and contributing to the Greater Portland Community. The stu- dents then participated in various vol- unteer activities at the soup kitchen including organizing food and clean- ing. Seventh grade student Gabrielle Libby commented, “It was hard waking up early on my day off from school but by the end of the day I was happy I did it. Working with so many differ- ent people was a great experience.”

Cast members rehearse “The Dance at the Gym” scene in West Side Story.



NOTICE

PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL MEETING

There will be a public informa- tional meeting on the Maine Department of Environmental Protection submission for the new Gorham elementary school. The meeting will be held in the upstairs conference room of the Gorham Municipal Center at 7:00 pm on Monday, February 9, 2009.

GMS Geography Bee Winners

Gorham Middle School 6th grader John Ennis (right) was named the winner at the Gorham District Finals of the National Geographic Society Geography Bee on January 8. The runner up was 8th grade student Justin Reyes (left) who finished a strong second. Both boys made it through the preliminary phase where they competed against 70 other students. They moved on to the District Finals with 10 other GMS students. John answered the final question "What ancient empire was Mexico founded on?" correctly with a response of "Aztec." He will compete at the State Finals being held at USM in April.

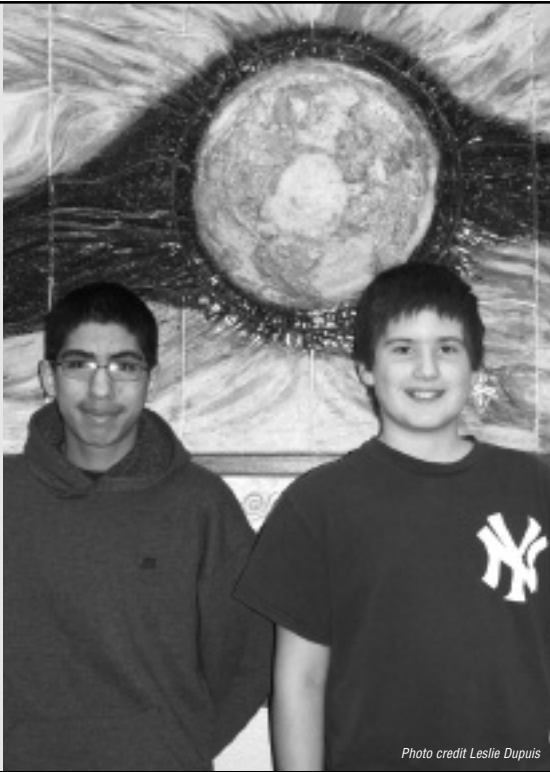


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capable, President Obama assigned himself the unenviable role of telling a country that just wanted to party, it was time to grow up.

I was surprised to learn that some people took offense at the closing phrases of the benediction. My initial suggestion would be: look up Reverend Joseph Lowery's biography for some context. However, I also realize I had a unique experience that week, leading up to hearing those words spoken in that unforgettable voice.

Time and again, I had spontaneous joyful interactions with strangers of all races just because we smiled at each other while passing (sometimes in a crush) on the street. At a point when purple gate entrance looked hopeless, Anne and I were convinced not to give up and were allowed to 'cut' by an African-American naval officer and his girlfriend. I saw masses of African-American spectators waving flags, displaying a level of love of country I'm not capable of even without their history of injustice.

I heard in Reverend Lowery's prayer a humorous celebration of how far we have come, mixed with a gentle sober reminder that we can't deny our history and past shortcomings if we are to keep improving.

Phil Bartlett, Gorham resident and State Senator recounts his adventure:

Inauguration excitement started as I boarded a plane to Washington, D.C. I bumped into several friends also making the trip; the entire airplane was abuzz with conversations about the inauguration.

After settling at a relative's apartment, I couldn't wait to get downtown. With a last-minute ticket to the Capitol Steps, I took off to take in the atmosphere and ended up walking around the White House. Next stop: Ben's Chili Bowl, a restaurant famous as the only one to stay open during the 1968 riots following the death of Martin Luther King, Jr. President-elect Obama and his family ate there a week earlier, so the place was packed with political junkies excited to eat the same food as the newly elected president.

Sunday brought a humbling opportunity to participate in a reading of the Constitution sponsored by the People for the American Way. I joined politicians, judges, actors, students and other citizens to read a portion of our founding document before a live audience and on camera at the Newseum, a museum dedicated to news coverage of politics.

Later I made my way down the National Mall, past the Washington Monument, and toward the Lincoln Memori-

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Middle School Skier Places Third — **MARISA ROBERTS**, an 8th-grade student at Gorham Middle School, finished third in the Mark Hansen Memorial Slalom race Jan. 4 at Shawnee Peak.

Double Shutouts — Freshman goalie **NATE HOLLORAN** posted two consecutive shut-outs as the GHS boys hockey team defeated Mt. Ararat 9-0 Jan. 19 and Cheverus 1-0 Jan. 27. Senior **DAVID GUSHEE** scored four goals in the Mt. Ararat game and was the leading scorer in Maine Class A at press time with 41 points (28 goals and 13 assists).

Scoring Machine — Senior **ASHLEY MARTIN** scored four goals Jan. 17 as the girls hockey team lost to Falmouth, 10-5. She also scored all three Gorham goals Jan. 24 in a 9-3 loss against Scarborough.

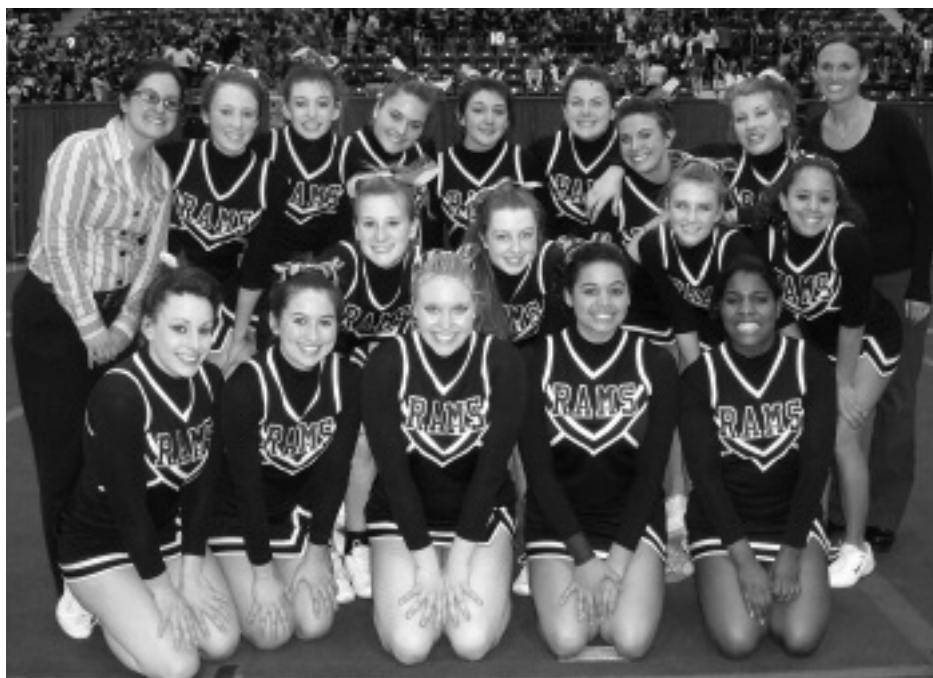
Hitting the 20 Mark — Sophomore **MIA RAPOLLA** scored 20 points January 19 as the GHS Girls Basketball Team lost, 56-52 in overtime. Rapolla also notched two three-pointers during the contest and along with sophomore **NATALIE EGBERT** is leading the team in scoring.

Snowboarders Place at USASA Competition — GMS 8th-grader students **CONNOR DUNN** and **ALEX MCCARTHY** placed at two back-to-back half pipe competitions held at Sunday River on Jan. 24. Dunn ranked second and third while McCarthy earned a second and fourth. McCarthy also placed second in the Slopestyle competition held at Sunday River on Jan. 23.

Track Record Breakers and State Qualifiers — Junior **CAM STEVENS** has broken four school records for the Boys Indoor Track team this season including the Senior Division 600 meters (1:20.6), Senior Division 400 meters (54.2), Open Division 200 meters (25.6), and the Open Division 800 meters (2:06.7). Three other track athletes have also broken or tied school records: senior **MIKE GREATOREX** in the triple jump (40' 9.5"); sophomore **KAM ALEXANDER** in the junior division hurdles (6.4 seconds); and sophomore **BEN BESANKO** in the junior division 40 meters (4.9 seconds). In addition to these four athletes, eight others have qualified for the State Track Meet: seniors **CHRIS ESPOSITO**—Long Jump/Triple Jump, **ROB MAREAN**—55m Hurdles, **BRANDON PATTEN**—55m Dash, and **BRETT WALKER**—High Jump; juniors **JON FOSTER**—55m Hurdles, **EVAN LAMBERT**—Pole Vault, and **JAKE WILLIS**—55m dash/200m dash; and freshman **JESS ORACH**—1 Mile Run/2 Mile Run.

New Qualifiers For Girls Track State Meet — Juniors **LAUREN CHOUINARD**—Hurdles/Shot Put, **KRISTAN BOWIE**—hurdles and **SOLANGE CARPENTER**—800meters have all quali-

Cheer them on...



The GHS cheerleading squad qualified for the Class A State Championship by finishing sixth among 12 Western Maine squads Jan. 24 in a competition at the Augusta Civic Center. Gorham edged-out Deering for the final qualifying spot and will compete in the Class A State Final Feb. 7 at 2 p.m. at the Bangor Auditorium. Competing on the squad and pictured above are front row, from left to right: Carrisa Dvilinsky, Annie Brewer, Tiah Vaughn, Chandra Wilson and Thea Bass. Second row: Abby Brown, Molly Aube, Jordan Shiers and Shanice Mitchell. Back row: Assistant Coach Kristian Villaci, Emalee Estes, Rachael Webster, Emily Thompson, Vivian Adams, Alyssa Cormack, Liz Rockett, Ciresse Phinney and Head Coach Kate Robichaud.



Photo credit: Julie Martin

110th Career Point Caitlin Caldwell, a center and four-year starter for GHS Girls' Hockey Team, scored her 100th career point Jan. 17 against Falmouth. The point came in the second period on an assist to fellow senior Ashley Martin's goal. At the time of the achievement, Caldwell had notched 51 goals and 49 assists in her career. Caldwell is pictured with her mother, Dawn Caldwell.

fied for the Class A State Track Meet. Five other athletes previously qualified as reported in the Jan. 23 *Gorham Times*.

Chairmen of the Boards — Junior **JON DAY** and sophomore **ZACH SPEIRS** are both in the top 10 in the SMAA for rebounding for the GHS boys basketball team. The pair combined for 22 rebounds Jan. 17 vs. Massabesic and again on Jan. 27 vs. Sanford.

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Boston Bruins Trip—Gorham Rec is sponsoring a trip to the Boston Bruins game Feb. 28 vs. the Washington Capitals. \$65 per person including ticket and transportation. Bus leaves at 9am. FMI 222-1633.

Gun Show—The Windham-Gorham Rod & Gun Club is hosting a Gun Show Feb. 15, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at its clubhouse at 8 Tow Path Road (off Rt. 202), Little Falls, Gorham. Admission is free to buy/sell/trade guns and any other sporting equipment. Contact Larry Berberich, 725-8436 to rent a table or FMI.

Maine Principals Take Steps That Will Impact GHS Athletics

Jeff Pike

On Jan. 26, the Interscholastic Management Committee of the Maine Principals' Association met to decide whether to take several proposed steps to help Maine high schools reduce the cost of their athletic budgets. Changes the committee passed include limiting the number of non-countable games (such as pre-season, exhibition and holiday tournament games) to five for each team per season. The committee also voted to reduce the number of teams qualifying for post-season play from 66% to 50%. These two changes will primarily impact field hockey, soccer, basketball, ice hockey, volleyball, tennis, baseball, softball and lacrosse. The committee also accepted the recommendation that a two-year moratorium be proposed to all officials' groups regarding game fees and travel. All of these changes go into effect for the 2009-2010 school year.

The committee also rejected a recommendation to withdraw Maine high school teams from New England championship competitions. If passed, this would have had an impact on the cross-country, golf, indoor track and outdoor track teams. Other recommendations rejected included reducing the number of countable regular season games as well as reducing the length of ice hockey seasons.

All high school athletic programs across Maine still face great challenges in funding sports teams. Gerry Durgin, the GHS athletic director commented on the issue by saying, "The final results of the MPA's recommendation is in the best interest of all student activities, although the recommendations only impact athletics—not band, drama and chorus. We are in some challenging times, and reductions within Gorham's co-curricula activities are inherent. For over a year athletic administrators have been reviewing possible cost-saving measures and looking to apply those measures as soon as possible. Athletics as we have known them will look different. There will be considerable reductions in contests (counting and non-counting), supplies, and other lines impacted by the budget crisis. I'd like to make every effort to maintain the integrity of our existing programs. This will be a challenge."

This Weekend's GHS Varsity Sports Line-Up

Friday, February 6

- 5 p.m. — **Girls Skiing** vs. Windham, Kennebunk, Marshwood and Cheverus, site TBD
- 5 p.m. — **Boys Skiing Team** vs. Windham, Kennebunk, Marshwood and Cheverus, site TBD
- 7 p.m. — **Boys Basketball** vs. Bonny Eagle, GHS Gym
- 7 p.m. — **Girls Basketball** at South Portland

Saturday, February 7

- 8:30 a.m. — **Girls Indoor Track** SMAA Championship Meet at Portland Expo
- Time TBD — **Cheerleading** Class A State Championship at Bangor Auditorium
- 3:30 p.m. — **Boys Indoor Track** SMAA Championship Meet at Portland Expo
- 7:45 p.m. — **Boys Hockey** vs. Marshwood at Dover Ice Arena

For up-to-date schedules of all GHS sports, visit www.digitalsports.com



Photo credit Lisa Shiers

The 2009 Special Olympic Winter Games were held at Sugarloaf on Jan. 25-27 with Cole Shiers, a freshman at Gorham High School, representing Gorham. Shiers participated in two snow-shoeing events, receiving a silver medal in the 25-meter race and a fourth-place ribbon for the 50-meter race. Shiers also participated in the opening ceremony and parade.



Photo courtesy of Bates College

Ben Thayer Defensive Stand-out
Ben Thayer (GHS '05) is a senior captain on this year's Bates College mens' basketball team. Against Colby College January 24 he notched season highs for points (10) and rebounds (5). A defensive stand-out, Thayer won the team's Defensive Player of the Year Award. During his senior year at GHS, he starred for the Rams boys' basketball team that won the Western Maine Class B Championship as well the boys' baseball team that won the State Class B Championship.

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found myself overwhelmed with what I took away from the experience. These people were totally happy having nothing at all. It changed me and I knew it was something I needed to share with my husband and others willing to serve. I hope the trip inspires and lights the same fire in each team member's heart as it did mine."

The group is comprised of local members of LifeChurch of Gorham and college students, who are also members of the church. Headed to the jungle are Kristin Bickford, Peg Brown, Danielle Cyr, John Douglass, Amy Dress-

er, Jeff Emonds, Alana & Nick Foley, Tom Jones, Patrick Leahy, Matthew Norton, Ryan Parkerson, Russel Rogers, Theresa Sepulveda and Laura Sturtevant.

They've made a considerable effort in fundraising as each member is responsible for his or her own expenses totaling more than \$1,500 per person. A recent Chili Cook-off raised \$1,300 for the cause. FMI or to donate contact Alana at (207) 423-5031 or alanafoley@gmail.com.

LifeChurch Mission team members recently held a Chili Cook-off to raise money for their upcoming trip into the Guatemalan jungle. Front (l to r): Theresa Sepulveda, Danielle Cyr, Alana Foley, Kristin Bickford
Rear: Peg Brown, Patrick Leahy, Jeff Emonds, Amy Dresser, John Douglass, Laura Sturtevant, Nick Foley.



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births

CAITLIN KRISTINA REDFERN was born Oct. 23, 2008 to Kristina and Christopher Redfern of Gorham and welcomed home by big brother Cotey Ryan and big sister Cassie Elizabeth. Grandparents: Carol McCarron of Detroit, Maine; Nancy Millian of Kennebunkport and Robert and Julie Redfern of Reading, MA. Great-grandparent: Edwin Redfern of Woburn, MA.

graduations

TYLER GOWEN (GHS '05), graduated Magna Cum Laude from the University of New England with a Bachelor of Arts in English in December. Gowen, Editor-in-Chief of the school newspaper, Nor'easter News, is the son of Bruce and Mary Gowen of Gorham.

dean's list

ANNA WILLIS and **CRAIG WOODBURY** were named to the Honor's List at Saint Joseph's College in Standish. The Honors List includes students with a 3.0 to 3.49 grade point average.

BRITTINI HERRING of Gorham was named to the Dean's List for the fall semester at Saint Joseph's College in Standish.

The following students were named to the Dean's List at Saint Michael's College in the Burlington, VT for the 2008 fall semester:

TIMOTHY MASON-OSANN, son of Richard and Rosemary Osann of Gorham, a senior majoring in philosophy; **COURTNEY SMITH**, daughter of Jonathan Smith and Cynthia Smith-Tanguay of Gorham, a First-Year Elementary Education major.

Gorham residents **CHARLIE DRESSER** (GHS '08), a freshman majoring in Accounting, **KATLYN GUIMOND** (GHS '05), a senior majoring in Marketing and **PATRICK TABER** (GHS '05), a senior majoring in Finance, were named to the Dean's List at Bryant University, RI, for the 2008 fall semester.

Wagner College on Staten Island, NY, recently announced that **ANDREW HAGER**, had earned a place on the fall 2008 Dean's List.

MEREDITH MARTIN, a senior majoring in biomolecular science, was named a Presidential Scholar at Clarkson University for the 2008 fall semester.

LANE MAHONEY (GHS '05), was named to the Dean's List at Colby College for the 2008 fall semester. She is the daughter of Kevin and Stacey Mahoney and majoring in biology.

of interest

TIFFANY TOWNSEND, FNP-C, has been promoted to Director of Employee Health Services at Maine Medical Center. Townsend, who lives in Gorham, joined MMC in 2004 and previously worked as Manager of Employee Health Services.



Cheverus High School has announced the induction of juniors **TREASA AREY** and **MEEGAN DAIGLER**, both of Gorham, into the National Honor Society.



Photo credit Bill Ambrose

Local officials are shown at the recent re-dedication ceremony for the restored and repositioned Town Clock which now resides in First Parish Church. Pictured (l to r) Town Manager David Cole, Councilor Shonn Moulton, Councilor Brenda Caldwell, and Councilor Burleigh Loveitt. Pastor David Butler expressed his gratitude to everyone involved in the lengthy and complex undertaking. Loveitt said that he was "pleased to have contributed to a project which is so very much in the public interest." He believes that "all's well that ends well" is an appropriate description here. Please log onto www.gorhamtimes.com for a quick link to a video of the Dedication Ceremony.

There will be an American Red Cross Blood Drive on Feb. 13 at Gorham High School from 12-6 p.m.

Baxter Memorial Library will host a program on Saving Energy at Home on Feb. 18 from 6-8 p.m. Presented by Efficiency Maine, a group responsible for donating kill-a watt energy detectors to libraries throughout the state of Maine. FMI, 839-5031.

White Rock School invites you and your 4 or 5 year-old child to an informational session, "Ready, Set, K" on Feb. 24 from 5:30 – 6:45 p.m. Your child will meet some of the school staff, take part in Kindergarten activities and have the chance to ask questions. Another session on April 2 from 5:30 – 6:45 p.m. will also be available. No charge, but pre-registration a must. Call Regina 222-1050.

The Gorham Woman's Club will meet Feb. 12 at 12:20 p.m. at the First Parish Congregational Church in Gorham. Light refreshments followed by program and meeting. Cindy Hazelton from the Gorham Rec. Dept. will be guest speaker. Guests and potential members are welcome. FMI, Marie Woodbrey at 839-4213.

Gorham Coop. Preschool welcomes Tanglewood Marionettes' presentation of "Hansel & Gretel," Feb. 19 at GMS Auditorium. Doors open at 9 a.m. for various activities including breakfast; performance at 11 a.m. FMI call Jen Doane at 839-3684.

The Gorham Recreation Dept. will offer a Food Preservation Class on Feb. 11 from 10-12:30 p.m. and a Seed Starting Class on Feb. 26 from 6-7 p.m. FMI 222-1630.

There will be a free showing of the film

Islander with Gorham 6th grader EMMA FORD, on Feb. 12, at 7 p.m. at the Warren Memorial Library in Westbrook. Ford filmed the movie in Vinalhaven and is hoping to pursue other acting opportunities. She is the daughter of Greg Ford and Carol McManus. FMI, 854-5891. To learn more about the movie, visit www.islanderthemovie.com

Do you have a few hours to share with Village School kids? Village School teachers and Administrators are holding the 2nd Annual Career Fair on Feb. 26 from 6 – 7:30 p.m., Village School cafeteria. Help students get excited about future possibilities by connecting reading, writing and math skills to real life experiences. Share your work and hobbies with Gorham's school kids – email Stacey_Sawyer@gorham.k12.me.us

Moody's Collision Center in Gorham will host the GB&CE program, "How to Market Your Business at Gorham Marketplace 2009" on Feb. 11 from 7:30-9 a.m. \$15 members, \$25 guests. dede@gorhambusiness.org or call 892-5515.

Gorham Community Chorus meets Monday evenings from 7-9 p.m. Spring session now starting. No auditions necessary. Village School in Gorham. FMI, 642-3238 or 839-4970.

Baked Bean Supper, Feb. 7 4:30-6:00 p.m. White Rock Community Club, Wilson Road Off Rte. 237 in Gorham. Adults: \$7 kids: \$3

Acorn Productions will be auditioning actors for the ninth annual Maine Short Play Festival on Saturday, February 14th

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al where a live concert was officially launching the Inauguration activities. I was struck by the growing numbers of walkers along the way, all of us being drawn together for this historic event. Big screens were set up to ensure every one could hear and enjoy the festivities. That evening there was a concert in celebration of efforts to register millions of new young voters.

By Monday, the excitement in the city was building to a fever pitch and the metro system was noticeably more crowded. You could almost feel the city swelling with people.

Mainers congregated at two events on Monday. The first was sponsored by the Portland law firm of Preti, Flaherty, Beliveau and Pacios at the New Zealand Embassy. The two cultures meshed as food and drink representing the fine offerings from both Maine and New Zealand were served. For a bit of nostalgia, a rug originally made by Maine resident Francina Geyer with the hope of giving it to Edmund Muskie upon his election to the presidency was on display. For years this rug has been hanging in Sen. Olympia Snowe's office, but it will now make its way to the Obama White House.

Capitol Hill was the next stop for a reception with Congressmen Michael Michaud and Chellie Pingree. The sub-committee room was packed with Mainers sharing stories and comparing notes about inauguration and ball tickets. Several inauguration tickets were raffled off to some very excited folks who thought they would be jockeying for space a mile back on the National Mall.

Inauguration morning was filled with energy. I started walking to the metro at 6 a.m., bundled in many layers and a warm hat. Although the station was fairly crowded, I got onto the first train that stopped. After ten minutes of waiting in the station, however, we were told to exit the train because there was a sick person on board. Once we all piled onto the now overcrowded platform, the train closed its doors and left. Trains kept coming every few minutes, but they were all filled to near capacity as everyone headed to the main event. Only one or two people could board each car per train but after an hour I finally started my trip downtown.

Three hours later I arrived at the Capitol. There were so many lines, some of which didn't seem to be leading anywhere. I passed thousands of people waiting in the Blue Gate lines to get to my designated Orange Gate. I was able to get into a fast moving line without incident and surprisingly bumped into several fellow Mainers in line before we separated to our designated sections.

The southwest standing area was my destination, which was appropriately billed as the closest standing section. Unfortunately there was scaffolding and seating which obstructing the view for much of the section. Those of us who got there early realized we needed to move to a small area in our section for a direct view of the podium. Eventually we could see all the speakers as well as Vice President Biden and President Obama as they were sworn in.

The entire crowd was patient and jovial throughout the long wait. We enjoyed taking pictures of the crowd and preparing for our photo op of the President-elect. The wait was punctuated by celebrity sightings, including

Bruce Springsteen, Spike Lee and Jennifer Lopez, all of whom walked right by us.

When the historical moment arrived there was an amazing silence in the crowd followed by raucous cheers. Everyone was captivated and hanging on every word of President Obama's speech. Big screens with speakers were nearby so everyone could get a close up view and clearly hear the proceedings. This was, after all, the reason we were here.

After the benediction, the crowd quickly began making its way to the exits. Fortunately I had tickets to a parade watching party at Old Ebbitt Grill but the challenge was getting there. Rather than waiting in long lines to get across Pennsylvania Avenue, I ducked around the far side of the Capitol to avoid the biggest crowds. As I did so, I was able to see Marine One take off with George W. Bush for his departure.

An hour later I arrived at my destination. The walk was made easier by the fact that most roads between the Capitol and the White House were closed to vehicular traffic. The streets were lined with food and souvenir vendors, creating a carnival-like atmosphere. As the motorcade approached, we all huddled around the windows and got a brief glimpse of President Obama as he drove by in his shiny new Cadillac.

All told, what amazed me most about this experience was how patient, supportive and gracious people were toward each other. Crowding two million additional strangers into a city and overwhelming their systems ought to create a lot of tension and disorder. But everywhere I went people were just so happy to be a part of this great moment that nothing bothered them. There were smiles and tears, joy and laughter. All the long lines, cold weather and crowds could do nothing to dampen that spirit.

OF INTEREST

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from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday, February 15th from 5 to 9 p.m. at the Acorn Studios in the Dana Warp Mill, 90 Bridge Street in Westbrook. FMI - 854-0065 or www.acorn-productions.org

close to home

Saint Joseph's College education majors will offer a Bedtime Stories Program for

local children on Feb. 11 from 6 - 7:30 p.m. with the theme being Valentine's Day. Kids K-3 are invited to wear pajamas and join SJC elementary education students for the fun! This event is free. FMI, 893-7723.

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Day Road caller reported receiving some harassing text messages from a previous employer and wanted to speak with an officer about the best way to resolve the matter.

Newton Drive caller reported a vehicle in the ditch with the occupants unable to get out.

Officer discovered a car horn blasting on School Street.

Primrose Lane caller requested advice about the harassing phone calls their 15 year-old is getting from a restricted number.

Caller reported losing their wallet somewhere. They will call if they find it.

Caller reported they ran out of gas and will be returning soon to move their vehicle.

Sebago Lake Road caller reported that they noticed their debit card was missing. They notified the bank and learned that transactions have occurred.

Tow Path Road caller reported juveniles were out behind the treatment plant smoking pot.

Dingley Spring Road caller reported they received a telephone call from a female saying "get away from me" and talking about knives. Subject was trying to cut a turnip and husband was concerned.

Narragansett Street caller reported her husband interrupted a male attempting to break into their car. Man was last seen walking toward Main Street.

Caller reported a male subject in a black snowmobile suit on the side of the road making rude gestures.

Gray Road caller reported a vehicle was getting into mailboxes. Vehicle was being driven by the mail person.

Flaggy Meadow Road caller reported ongoing problems with neighbors who intentionally make excessive amounts of noise.

Mercier Way caller requested assistance with getting their two snowmobiles back from an acquaintance.

Cornucopia Way caller reported an unknown truck in their yard that had been there for about 30 minutes. Towing company delivered vehicle to the wrong address.

Caller reported having a male in custody in their office for trying to steal a bottle of liquor and wanted to file a theft report.

New Portland Road caller reported an accident involving two motor vehicles with one which was about to catch on fire. Caller believed that everyone was out of the vehicles.

Caller reported traveling down a dirt road off Brown Road. When they turned around to leave they noticed that subject had blocked off the roadway with their vehicle. Caller drove around the truck and when they did they heard rapid gun fire nearby.

Caller reported a vehicle in the parking lot with six or more juveniles in it looking very suspicious.

Buck Street man was charged with furnishing a place for minors to consumer liquor.

Barstow Road caller reported mini horses running in the road.

Dingley Spring Road caller advised that a known subject had been bringing drugs onto her property and wanted to speak to an officer about her options.

Narragansett Street resident called regarding unauthorized charges to their debit card.

Laurel Pines caller reported a one-ton vehicle parked in the road and stated it is there every storm. Officer reminded owner of overnight parking ban.

Caller reported that their eleven year old was out of control. Child was transported to the hospital.

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■ **Gorham Food Pantry Grand Opening.** 9 a.m.-noon. Ribbon cutting at 10 a.m. 233-B Main Street. Located at the new portable building at the back of St. Anne's church parking lot.

SUNDAY, FEB. 8

■ Portland String Quartet with pianist Laura Kargul, 3 p.m. Corthell Hall, Gorham campus. \$15/\$10/\$5

TUESDAY, FEB. 10

■ Pre-School Story Time, ages 3-5 yrs, 9:30 a.m., Baxter Library. FMI, 839-5031.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 11

■ School Committee Meeting, 7 p.m. Municipal Center Conference Room, 75 South St.

THURSDAY, FEB. 12

■ Baby & Me, songs and lap time for ages birth - 18 months. 9:30 a.m. Baxter Library. FMI, 839-5031.
■ Toddler Time, activities for ages 18-36 mos., 10 a.m., Baxter Library. FMI, 839-5031.

■ Baxter Memorial Library Sewing Club, grades K-adult, 2-4:30 p.m. FMI, 839-5031.

MONDAY, FEB. 16

■ Winter vacation week for grades K-12.

TUESDAY, FEB. 17

■ Music Together Demonstration classes, 9:30 a.m. for ages 5 and under. FMI, 839-5031

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 18

■ Family Wellness Day at Baxter Library, 10-3:30 p.m. with music and movement from the Gorham Fitness Studio. FMI, 839-5031.

THURSDAY, FEB. 19

■ Music Together Demonstration classes, 1:30 p.m. for ages 5 and under. FMI, 839-5031.
■ Kiwanis Club Lunch Meeting, Pinecrest Bed & Breakfast, Noon - 1 p.m. FMI, 839-8944.

FRIDAY, FEB. 20

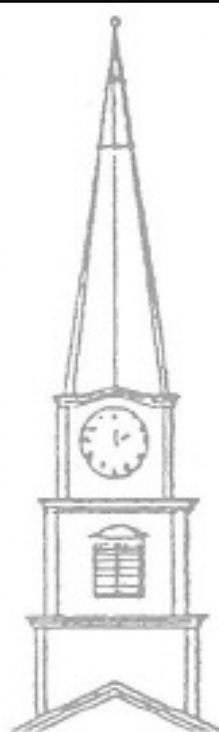
■ Come to Baxter Library to play a new game or an old favorite. 9-12 noon.

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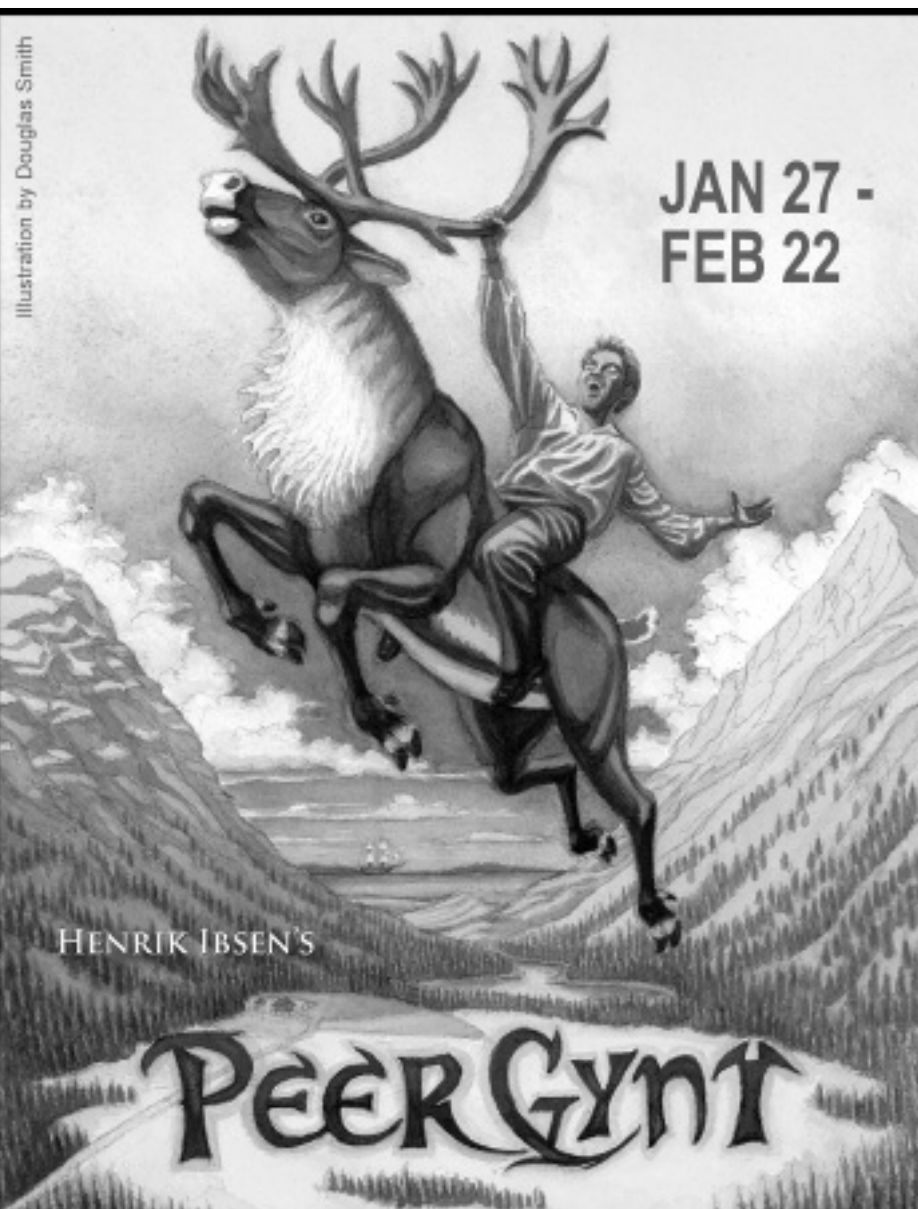
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