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**Sonja Frey  
Steps Down**

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## Memorial Day

Left: WWII veteran John Alden carried the flag in the Memorial Day parade. As a child, Alden carried the flag 75 years ago at Gorham's 200th anniversary.

Far right: Lt. Chris Sanborn takes a moment of silence.



Photo credit Martha T. Harris

## Business Person of Year Receives Award

Dede Perkins



Photo credit Martha T. Harris

**Michael Phinney, middle, of Phinney Lumber** was awarded the Business Person of the Year Award. Paul Willis, left, presented Phinney with the traveling plaque, which David Willis, right, is holding.

At a reception held at Crockett Furniture on May 19, approximately 40 members of the Gorham Business Exchange gathered to recognize Mike Phinney of Phinney Lumber as Gorham Business Exchange's 2011 Business Person of the Year.

Born and raised in Gorham, Phinney graduated valedictorian of Gorham High School's Class of 1985. He was a National Merit Scholarship winner and graduated from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1989. Within two years of returning home and rejoining Phinney Lumber, the family business he had worked at during the summers since he was in middle school, Phinney was appointed

to serve on his first town committee, the Gorham Planning Board.

After serving on the Planning Board for five years, Phinney was elected to the Town Council in 1996. He was re-elected in 1999, 2002, 2005 and 2008 and has now served on the council for 15 years. Phinney has served multiple terms as both vice-chair and chair of the council.

This year's recipient served on the Ordinance Committee for a total of ten years, seven of them as Committee Chair. He has served for ten years on the Economic Development/ Capital Improvements Committee.

Phinney also served on the Municipal Center Building Committee, a special

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## Gorham Votes

Tuesday, June 14 – Don't Forget to Vote! Karen DiDonato

Gorham will vote on June 14 in the Special Referendum, School Budget Validation, and Special Municipal Elections. The questions are listed below:

### Referendum Election Question:

Shall a capital expenditure for school construction purposes by the Municipal Officers of a sum of money not to exceed \$3,000,000 be approved to construct (a) public safety site improvements at and near the Narragansett School and (b) a synthetic turf competition field and related facilities and site improvements, with any funds remaining after completion of such projects to be used to pay costs of capital improvements to the public safety building and/or the Narragansett School, such \$3,000,000 amount to be raised by the issuance of general obligations bonds and/or notes of the Town, hereby authorized, with such dates, maturities, denominations, interest rate(s) and other details (including provisions that the bonds may be subject to call for redemption with or without premium) as said Municipal Officers shall determine? (Total estimated

debt service of \$4,351,875 of which principal is \$3,000,000 and estimated interest at 4.0-4.5% over 20 years is \$1,351,875).

### School Budget Validation Referendum Question:

Do you favor approving the Town of Gorham school budget for the upcoming school year that was adopted at the Town Council meeting held June 7th, 2011?

### Special Municipal Election:

Darryl B. Wright will be listed as the school committee candidate, but voters can write in another candidate.

The polls will open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. with Ward 1 voting at the Gorham Middle School on Weeks Road and Ward 2 at the Shaw Gym at the Gorham Municipal Center on South Street. Gorham is comprised of two wards that are divided by physical address. If you are unfamiliar in which ward you are located, a ward list by street is available at [www.gorham-me.org/Public\\_Documents/GorhamME\\_Clerk/VoterRegistration](http://www.gorham-me.org/Public_Documents/GorhamME_Clerk/VoterRegistration).

## Road Project Update

Bill Ambrose

Three road construction projects in Gorham are scheduled to be completed this summer and fall. Already underway is the sidewalk and curb replacement project in the center of Gorham Village. Slated for later in the season are the new roundabout at the intersection of New Portland Road with Libby Avenue/Brackett Road and the reconstruction of the intersection of Burnham with County Roads (Routes 22 and 114).

The Gorham Village project began May 31. Chris Duchaine, the project manager for Design Dwellings, Inc., believes it will be completed by the weekend of July 4. In total, 862 feet of poured concrete sidewalks of varying widths will be provided, along with the same quantity of granite curbing. Curb cuts will bring the intersection into compliance with the Americans with



Photo credit Bill Ambrose

**Eastbound traffic backs up on State Street during a lane closure for the sidewalk improvement project in Gorham Village.**

Disabilities Act.

Additional sidewalks and curbing will be placed on South Street as far

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**Founders' Festival a Success** After four months of planning, the Gorham Founders' Festival concluded this past weekend with an extended Memorial Day parade. The Gorham Town Fair committee will meet Tuesday, June 21 at 6 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room at the Gorham Recreation Department to go over attendance numbers, which may have been around 3,000 at the Motor Booty Affair concert; and to discuss the possibilities for an event in 2012. The public is welcome to attend and participate. See page 11 for event photos.

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# Letters to the Editor

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

**Dear Gorham Times,**

I am the father of two children and proud to be able to raise them in Maine. Part of that reason is the political leadership; I have always found our officials willing to listen if you truly want to be heard. A great example of that would be with our Gorham Representative Jane Knapp. When the Kids Safe Product Act (KSPA) underwent recent scrutiny she promptly replied to my concerns. Knapp also attended a gathering at our house to discuss the future of this policy. I believe that our voices along with scientific research helped our leadership create the new balanced version of the KSPA.

I encourage Senators Collins and Snowe to continue with this balanced perspective regarding the strengthening the Toxic Substance Control Act (TSCA) via the Safe Chemicals Act of 2011 (S847). What is the point of

having the TSCA if it's useless? How about a seat belt law, then ruling they are only required every other weekend, etc.? The Safe Chemicals Act of 2011 (S847) and Maine's KSPA are good pieces of legislation for our citizens based on scientific data.

I have always believed in preventive maintenance especially with our family's health. This is increasingly hard to do when toxic chemicals are allowed to be used without our knowledge, the physical impact is inevitable. Why would we not urge regulations that would reduce the occurrence of diabetes, asthma and other health issues in our nation factually caused by toxic chemicals? Maine's Kid Safe Product Act limits toxic chemical exposure to our children, reduces health care cost without limiting business growth. I hope the Federal government is able to do the same.

Again I strongly encourage Collins and Snowe to continue supporting the good example set by the State of Maine and co-sponsor the Safe Chemicals Act of 2011 (S847).

*Brian Rancourt, Gorham*

**Dear Gorham Times,**

It was incredibly wonderful to see Polly Brann and her staff at White Rock School's Celebration. The jewels from the "rocks" of White Rock School shined all evening! The larger White Rock School community always saw the school as the Velcro - keeping the North Gorham community closely connected. What a gift to any community.

It was such an honor to have attended this magical moment as the community begins to put this school to rest, remembering that many incredible opportunities have been provided to all the children, families and staff who have become a part of the heritage of this amazing school.

Polly, you and your team should be congratulated for taking the time to celebrate the legacy of White Rock School. Once again the Gorham Schools sets the standard for knowing how to cultivate an organization that signifies the importance of how one can shepherd the community to build a culture where schools and the community are partners in educating students.

Bravo! Bravo! Absolutely brilliant!!!

*Sandy Prince, former principal of White Rock School*

**Dear Gorham Times,**

Great edition! Terrific tribute to Gorham. Must have taken hours of research and work. You surely did the Town proud.

*Thank you,  
 F. Shirley Todd*

**Dear Gorham Times,**

On June 14, the citizens of Gorham have the opportunity to cast a vote to support the borrowing of \$2.9 million for the Phase II improvement to the Chick Property

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## NEWS FROM AUGUSTA

# Maine's Bottle Bill

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On Monday, May 5, the Legislature's Joint Standing Committee on Environment and Natural Resources, on which I am serving my second term, worked together to craft a very important piece of legislation. In a strong show of bipartisanship, we voted a unanimous Ought to Pass as Amended on L.D. 1324, An Act To Create Consistency and Fairness in Maine's Bottle Bill.

Maine's Bottle Bill was passed in 1976 by referendum and implemented in 1978. Its intent was to create incentives for the manufacturers, distributors, dealers and consumers of beverage containers to reuse or recycle beverage containers, thereby reducing the amount of litter on the ground and decreasing the amount of solid waste sent to Maine landfills. The State Planning Office has estimated that there are approximately one billion beverage containers sold in Maine every year. The current redemption rate on those containers is roughly 90% or 900,000,000 containers.

I have always strongly supported efforts toward reducing litter on our roads and encouraging recycling. Maine's Bottle Bill is one of our State's most successful recycling programs; therefore, I would not support any legislation that would have an adverse effect on these goals. This legislative session, however, numerous amendments were put forward in an effort to increase the Bottle Bill's effectiveness and address some of its inefficiencies. Our Committee worked hard to use some aspects of these amendments, while discarding others, to adopt a finished product that I believe strengthens the Bottle Bill.

One amendment adopted was to allow smaller distributors to enter into commingling agreements, which allow for the merging of beverage containers by like product group (beer, wine, soft drinks, etc.), material and size. The end result is less sorting for redemption centers and lower handling and transportation costs for distributors. Currently, commingling groups include many of the state's largest distributors, so small distributors were bearing a disproportionate financial burden.

Another amendment aims to address the issue of fraud in Maine's Bottle Bill. Fraud occurs when individuals take beverage containers purchased in another state, without a deposit, and bring them into Maine to illegally attempt to collect a deposit on those beverage containers. In 2007, the Maine Beverage Association concluded that fraud accounts for 9% of the total redemption rate for our products. This bill will allow an initiator of deposit to bring a civil action against any person, other than a licensed redemption center, who is found in possession or knowingly tenders to a redemption center or retailer more than 48 beverage containers that were not originally sold in Maine. It also increases the penalty on those same violations for possession of containers not originally sold in Maine.

I am confident L.D. 1324 will be good for Maine and I am pleased to have played a part in its review in Committee. I encourage you to keep track of its progress as it moves to a vote by the entire legislature at <http://www.mainelegislature.org/LawMakerWeb/summary.asp?ID=280040926>.

## around town

**The restaurant at PineCrest Bed and Breakfast** is currently closed and expected to reopen in the latter part of June. While the restaurant is closed, a new chef will be chosen and changes to the dining room and menu will be made.

**Additional copies** of the commemorative edition of the Gorham Times are available free at the Bookworm, 42 Main Street.

**Solar Panels** have been installed at the Public Safety building and are producing electricity. The panels were paid for though a \$78,960 grant (with a 10% local match) from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act known as stimulus funds. The town expects to add a link to [www.gorham-me.org](http://www.gorham-me.org)

that will show how much electricity the panels are producing.

**Design Dwellings** was awarded the contract for the new sidewalks at the intersection of Routes 114 and 25. Work began on May 31; the project is expected to take 4-6 weeks to complete.

**The final coating of pavement** is being applied to North Gorham Road, completing last year's paving project.

# New Preschool Opens in White Rock

Jackie Francis



Photo credit Martha T. Harris

## Becki Yahm and her new 4 Seasons Preschool & Daycare

Becki Yahm, the new owner and director of 4 Seasons Preschool & Daycare in the White Rock area, has over 20 years of experience in early childhood education. Having worked in larger daycare centers for most of that time, Yahm prefers the home environment she can provide more one-on-one attention in a smaller environment. "I can be more creative in a smaller center than a larger center," says the energetic Yahm, explaining why she opened her preschool/daycare in her home last September. "It's still a professional setting," says Yahm, "but here, the kids know this is their classroom."

Set on a one-acre lot, 4 Seasons Preschool offers a partially fenced-in swing set/sandbox outdoor play area with a wading pool for hot summer days. The 300 square foot classroom setting offers "learning centers" ranging from story time, social studies and science, to housekeeping, computers and art. Yahm has a strong belief in an outside education, working with "what a child can developmentally do." "We'll pitch a tent and play 'Survivor' or set up a carnival," says Yahm, "but I promise you'll never see a TV on in here."

Yahm, who is licensed for 12 children, follows the Early Childhood Learning Standards and Guidelines for the State of Maine. She welcomes parent involvement and prides herself on an open-door policy. Parents are encouraged to stop by and observe and get involved any time and any day. FMI, visit [www.preschool4seasons.wordpress.com](http://www.preschool4seasons.wordpress.com).

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## Winners of the "Then and Now" Contest

The Baxter Memorial Library and the Gorham Founders' Festival Committee sponsored a photography contest called "Gorham Then and Now." Contest winners included: Autumn Heil, first row pictures, (child category); Andrew Ernest, second row pictures, (teen

category); and the team of David and Jennifer Ernest, third and fourth row pictures, (adult category). The winning photo sets plus other favorites selected by library staff are on display at the library and at Gorham Founders' Festival website.

*Then: Baxter Memorial Library*



*Now*



*Then: South Street from where the railroad bridge once stood*



*Now*



*Then: "Central Square," Intersection of Main and School Streets*



*Now*



*Then: The Longfellow Elms*



*Now*



# graduation issue

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# municipal

## Opening Camps: Avoid Carbon Monoxide Poisoning

Courtesy of Maine Injury Prevention Program

As summer approaches and Mainers start opening up their camps for the season, the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention warns of the dangers of carbon monoxide poisoning.

Health officials urge camp owners to make sure their propane-fueled stoves and refrigerators are working properly and vented safely when turned on for the season. Camp owners should make sure they have working carbon monoxide detectors equipped with a battery backup located close to where people sleep. Most hardware stores also carry carbon monoxide (CO) detectors.

"This is the time of year when we start to get reports of people poisoned in their camps from high levels of carbon monoxide," said state toxicologist, Dr. Andrew Smith. "Usually, blocked exhaust vents or poorly maintained gas-fueled appliances are the culprits. Unfortunately, some of the poisonings are life-threatening."

Boaters are also at risk for carbon monoxide poisoning, Smith said. Carbon monoxide is present in the exhaust of inboard and outboard motors. Gasses can build to dangerous levels in areas just behind the boat.

Boaters should stay away from exhaust vent areas, like the back platform. They should not swim in these areas when the motor is on.

To prevent carbon monoxide poisoning this summer:

- Make sure gas-powered appliances in your camp are working and vented properly.
- Don't use a gas-powered generator, charcoal grill, camp stove, or other gas- or charcoal-burning device inside your camp or near a window or door. Generators should be more than 15 feet from your home when running.
- Don't run a car, truck, lawn mower, tractor or any other motor inside a garage, barn or shed, even if you leave the door open.
- Make sure you have a CO detector with a battery backup in your camp near where people sleep. Check or replace the battery during your first visit.
- If your CO alarm goes off, get out right away and call 911. Get prompt medical attention if you suspect CO poisoning and are feeling dizzy, lightheaded, or nauseous.

## Letters to the Editor

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Parcel.

The money would be raised by the issuance of a 20-year bond. According to Town Manager David Cole, the mill rate for year one would increase property taxes by 5 cents per thousand. Using an average Gorham home value of \$200,000, the tax would increase \$10 per household. In year two, the mill rate would increase by 16 cents per thousand or approximately \$32 per household. After year two, the tax impact would go down every year as the bond is paid back over 20 years.

Safety Issues Addressed:

Approximately 400 students attend Narragansett School. Four times daily, 12 buses share a student pick-up and drop-off loop with parents' vehicles. The improvements would create a bus-only loop that can only be entered from Route 25. Parents' cars would enter through a newly created parking area, via the access road. This new parking area will feature pick-up and drop-off areas like those at the Middle School and the new Great Falls Elementary School.

The improvements to the Chick Parcel will create greater safety for students by improving and controlling the flow of traffic around the school and enlarging the playground areas, per Dennis Libby, chairman of the Gorham School Board. Another safety improvement will include

access to the complex via two major roads - Routes 25 and 4/202.

A study published in 2010 at Montana State University determined that field turf was safer than grass fields in preventing injuries. Turf fields have a base of sand and recycled rubber pellets, which ensure a soft, yet firm playing surface. Grass fields can be soft and muddy in the spring, worn in the summer and as hard as concrete when frozen in the fall. Turf fields are not affected by the weather and can be used about 3,500 hours a year. Our grass fields can only be used 300 hours per year.

Impact on Local Economy:

Groups have already expressed interest renting the proposed facility. Scarborough officials disclosed that their Mitchell facility generates an average of \$30,000 in rental fees annually. This amount of revenue would pay for all of the annual maintenance, estimated to be \$10,000 per year.

Community events could be held at this complex, drawing Gorham residents to a central location in town. Local vendors can be featured, non-profit groups can be supported and civic pride can be displayed to visitors.

During the construction of the parking lot in the back of Narragansett School, the installa-

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## Town Council Report

May 3, 2011 Robin Somes

Chairman Matthew Robinson opened the May 3 Town Council Meeting. Attendees included Councilors Brenda Caldwell, Matthew Mattingly, Noah Miner, Michael Phinney, John Pressey, Town Manager David Cole and Acting Town Clerk Connie Loughran.

Representative Jane Knapp reported:

- LD 1333 regarding health insurance reform would allow people to purchase insurance from states other than Maine.
- Warning to avoid email scams and to direct information to the Attorney General if you have been targeted.
- Promotion of Wolfe's Neck Woods State Park in Freeport, especially during June to view the array of Lady Slippers, visits to Maine forts and celebrations regarding the Civil War.

Councilor Gagnon provided an update on the Founders' Festival.

Chairman Robinson addressed citizens' concerns regarding the Special Referendum coming up for public vote June 14. The referendum includes building a new competition field and the development of public safety improvements at Narragansett

School. Robinson explained that the original objective of the referendum was to build a new competition field at Gorham High School to accommodate events for football, soccer, lacrosse, etc. The location was moved because the Army Corps of Engineers determined the GHS area to be unsuitable, with Narragansett School being an accommodating and logical site. Elements comprising the field plans include access points, parking, and safety features. The public safety improvements represent enhancements that augment the field plan in its original incarnation. Cost advantages to include the public safety improvements with the field budget are a significant factor. As per protocol, impact and design studies will be carried out after, and if, the referendum is approved by voters.

Town Manager David Cole reminded everyone of the June 14 election where residents will vote on three items: Special Competition Field Referendum; School Budget Validation Referendum; and School Board election to fill an unexpired term on the School Committee. He stated that absentee ballots became available in mid-May.

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## Chief Shepard Reports

The grand jury returned the following indictments in May:

Ryan Gagne, 32, of Gorham was charged with trafficking in scheduled drugs, and two counts of criminal forfeiture by the MDEA.

Eugene Paolino, 41, of Gorham was charged with theft (priors) by So. Portland Police Department.

Rosemary Volay, 40, of Gorham was charged with theft (priors) by So. Portland Police Department

The Gorham Police Department received a \$2,000 grant from the Bureau of Highway Safety to pay for overtime for officers to enforce the seatbelt laws. They also received a grant for \$1,200 for details to monitor ATV's on the Mountain Division Trail.

Bernard Herring, 57, who walked away from his home in April, was found hanging 22 feet up in an evergreen tree behind his house approximately a month after he disappeared. The tree has since been cut down.

A suspect in the burglaries in West Gorham, Libby Avenue, and Brackett Road was connected through physical evidence to one of the burglaries in West Gorham. He was caught by the homeowner burglarizing a house in Falmouth and was arrested.

## New Police Officer



Photo courtesy of the Gorham Police Department

**Chelsea Emmons, 22, has joined the Gorham Police Department.** She is a graduate of Fryeburg Academy and has an Associates Degree in Criminal Justice from Southern Maine Community College. Emmons, who lives in Portland, was a reserve officer in Fryeburg and worked in security at National Semiconductor.

## Town Council FROM PAGE 4

School Committee Chairman Dennis Libby reported that Connect Ed, the new alert and notification software was implemented and tested with information from emergency contact forms, which must be kept updated. He also reported that the FY12 budget was approved and delivered to the Town Manager. Next is a joint workshop to review details.

- In other Town Council actions:
- Voted 7-0 to approve amending the Land Use and Development Code, Chapter 1, Section VI allowing farm animals in the Urban Residential District.
  - Voted 7-0 to eliminate Gorham's Ordinance Regulating the Control of Barking Dogs and Dog License Fee Ordinance.
  - Voted 7-0 to approve the concept of a cross-town trail from the route 202 and 112 roundabout, and following the former Sanford and Eastern Railroad right-of-way to Westbrook, and authorize grant applications to fund the trail design.
  - Voted 7-0 to authorize signing an agreement with the Maine Department of Transportation to improve the Brackett Road, Libby Avenue, New Portland Road intersection.



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# living

## Lettuce Be Healthy Barbara T. Schneider

I recently served moussaka for a Kentucky Derby dinner, using a blend of two very exceptional, modern recipes. While the result was rated successful and enjoyed by all, I felt my old tried and true moussaka recipe was just as good but took half the time and cost less. For a wonderful spring meal serve it with a unique shaved brussels sprouts and fennel salad. Enjoy!

### Moussaka

#### Meat sauce:

Drizzle canola oil  
1 cup finely chopped onion  
1 1/2 lb. lean ground lamb/beef or half and half  
3-4 cloves garlic, finely chopped  
1 tsp basil leaves  
1/2 tsp cinnamon  
1/2 tsp cayenne pepper  
2 tbsp tomato paste  
1 cup red wine  
1 can (28 oz.) plum tomatoes, pureed  
1 can (28 oz.) chopped tomatoes  
2 large eggplants, halved and sliced (1/4" thick), lightly salted and placed on paper towel to dry  
1/4 cup butter, melted

#### Cream sauce:

2 tbsp butter  
2 tbsp flour  
2 cups milk  
2 eggs  
Salt and pepper to taste

1 cup grated Parmesan  
1/2 cup grated cheddar  
4 tbsp dry seasoned breadcrumbs

To make meat sauce: In hot oil, sauté onion, garlic and meat; drain. Add herbs, seasonings, pureed and chopped tomatoes, tomato paste and wine; bring to boil, stirring. Reduce heat and simmer for 1/2 hour. Prepare eggplant: take dried, salted eggplant, place on baking pan and brush with melted butter (both sides). Broil for approximately 4 minutes each side.

Make cream sauce: Melt butter in saucepan, remove from heat and stir in flour, salt and pepper, add milk gradually. Bring to boil, stirring until thickened. Remove from heat. In small bowl, beat eggs with wire whisk. Beat in some hot cream sauce, then return entire amount to saucepan, mix well. Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

To assemble casserole: Sprinkle some breadcrumbs in large casserole dish; layer half of eggplant, overlapping slightly. Sprinkle with a little of each of the cheeses. Stir some breadcrumbs into the meat sauce. Spoon some of meat sauce over eggplant slices, and again sprinkle with each of the cheeses. Layer the rest of the eggplant slices, overlapping as before, follow with sprinkle of cheeses. Pour cream sauce over top of the entire mixture. Sprinkle with remaining cheeses and breadcrumbs. Bake for 35-40 minutes until golden brown. Cool slightly before serving. This can be made a day ahead of time. Be sure to bring to room temperature before reheating in warm oven.

### Shaved Brussels Sprouts & Fennel Salad with Mustard Vinaigrette

20 brussels sprouts, shaved or sliced thin  
2 fennel bulbs, shaved or sliced thin  
8 oz. button mushrooms, sliced thin  
10 radishes, sliced thin  
1/4 cup pumpkin seeds, lightly toasted  
2 tbsp white wine vinegar  
2 tbsp chopped parsley  
2 tbsp chopped shallots  
1 tbsp Dijon mustard  
1/3 cup extra virgin olive oil  
Salt and pepper to taste

Combine first four ingredients, set aside. Prepare vinaigrette: whisk vinegar, parsley, shallots, mustard and olive oil, salt and pepper to taste. Add lightly to salad mix and gently toss, add pumpkin seeds, serve.



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## Legacy Sets Sail on Maiden Voyage

Stacy Sallinen



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Pictured around their boat, **Legacy**, is Gorham High School's founding BRIDGES class: Jeff Burnap, Jake Nelson, Michelle Staples, Andrew Fickett, Becca Burchill, Erik Coolbroth, Dan Brown, and Elijah Ionta. Missing from the photo are Hunter Elder and Ryan Chicoine.

Despite early morning fog, students from Gorham High School's BRIDGES program launched their twelve-foot Bevin's skiff into the waters off the East End boat launch in Portland. The boat, named Legacy, fared well during its maiden voyage.

The BRIDGES program, which stands for Building Relationships, Increasing Determination, and Good Experiences in School, is designed to build literacy and numeracy skills, good study skills, conflict resolution skills and resiliency. It provides for a smaller class size, more individualized attention and combines hands-on learning experiences with textbook studies.

Since October, students traveled to Portland each Friday to participate in the Compass Project, where they built a wooden skiff that will now be used to learn about rowing and sailing.

On May 27, a naming and boat launching ceremony was held to celebrate the students' hard work.

Instead of breaking the traditional bottle of champagne, students had an opportunity to christen the boat by pouring drinking water from Gorham High School over the bow. Each student also shared their thoughts on the experience and provided a blessing.

Starting June 7, the boat will be on display in the lobby at GHS and will be available for students to use in future years. BRIDGES teacher Jeff Burnap plans to build another skiff next year in hopes of building a fleet for rowing and sailing.

Last November, students also launched an unmanned mini-boat, named BRIDGES, to set sail in a race against three other boats across the Atlantic. The first boat to reach Longitude 20 West, or approximately 100 miles from Europe, would be declared the winner. Equipped with GPS and return instructions, the BRIDGES boat landed in Cuba in early March. There has been no additional information on its status or return.

## School Committee Report

May 11, 2011 Stacy Sallinen

During the public comment portion of the agenda at the May School Committee meeting, Craig Stirling of Gorham spoke to the ongoing discussions of reciting the Pledge of Allegiance and saluting the American flag. He said that during his twenty plus years as a high school teacher, little emphasis was placed on reciting the Pledge, but students still understood what it meant to be an American citizen. Stirling continued to say that on the tragic mornings when the Challenger went up in smoke and the World Trade Center went down in smoke, the Pledge of Allegiance was not recited and the American flag was not saluted. Students' expression of citizenship and loyalty were remarkable, and many went on to serve their country wearing the flag on their uniform. Stirling said he felt it was much less important about reciting, and more important to inspire allegiance through dynamic teaching, helping young people to understand history, demands of democracy and the responsibility of citizenship. He thanked members of the School Committee for volunteering their time to serve the community.

Tom Moutinho and Max McNally, two students from Gorham High School's robotics team known as Northern Force FIRST Robotics Team 172, explained how their robot, FalGor, met this year's competition challenge of moving inflatable tubes onto pegs into a specific pattern. Students had six weeks to design and build the robot. GHS Principal Chris Record thanked Nancy Porter, robotics coordinator, and other adults for their time and dedication.

Superintendent Ted Sharp reported on the following:

- Westbrook School Department sent a letter to Jim Morse, superintendent of schools in Portland, indicating that they will not take part in conversations to merge PATHS and WRVC due to the change in administration and the large budget deficit.
- GHS was voted unanimously by its peers to win the SMAA Sportsmanship Award.
- SMCC will offer two courses at GHS after school this fall: Criminal Justice and English Composition.
- Heather Whitaker will become the teacher of the new alternative education program at GMS.

Janet Williams said the Gorham Education Foundation recently awarded grants to White Rock for staff development and a presentation on Irish Step Dancing culture; to GHS for a trip to Boston for students in the Humanities Alternative Education program, Genocide survivor presentations, and a trip to The Telling Room for the Maine Writers Collaboration; to GMS to fund speakers for Diversity Day and seed money for the march-

ing band, which made its debut in the Founders' Day parade; and to Great Falls to create a Hope Garden.

Brian Porter, principal at Village School, provided the committee with results of annual assessments for the district. Under the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) law, all students must reach 100% proficiency in reading and math by 2014. Schools are accountable for Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP), which can be achieved by meeting a performance target score or reaching Safe Harbor status. In order to reach Safe Harbor Status, schools must decrease by 10% the number of students in a particular subgroup not meeting the standard from the previous year.

AYP is measured by the New England Comprehensive Assessment Program (NECAP) for students in grades 3 to 8. Student progress in Kindergarten through grade 2 is measured by Curriculum Based Measurements in Reading and Math (CBM) and Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills (DIBELS). Results were recently reported based on fall 2010 test scores, which reflect student progress from the previous year of instruction. Individually, Narragansett and White Rock Schools met AYP in both reading and math and Village School met AYP in reading and math due to Safe Harbor status. When collectively combining data from the previous year of instruction for grades 2 through 4, it was noted that AYP was not met in the math area for the subgroup "students with disabilities."

Gorham Middle School's overall AYP is identified as CIPS4, or marked as a Continuous Improvement Priority School for not meeting targets for two or more years. GMS met AYP in reading for all subgroups due to Safe Harbor status, but did not make AYP in math for the subgroup "students with disabilities."

For high school students, performance of third year students on the Maine High School Assessment (SAT) is used to measure AYP. Results are based on May 2010 scores. The overall AYP status of Gorham High School is CIPS4. The school did not make AYP in reading for the Whole Group, and subgroups "Caucasian students" and "economically disadvantaged students." In math, GHS was identified as CIPS1 for not meeting AYP in the subgroup "students who are economically disadvantaged."

School Committee member Roger Marchand voiced concern that the SAT isn't a good test to measure achievement. While the goal of all students meeting AYP is worthy, it is not achievable. Sharp pointed out there is an ongoing debate whether to keep AYP as part of NCLB. When applying

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On May 12, Tim Stickney's classmates and family members held a dedication ceremony in his honor for a bench, flowering trees and plaque. Pictured are (front row, kneeling) Travis Maier, Belinda Harfoush, Cole Shiers, Elisabeth Poole; (middle row) Karen Bussiere, Caleb Dunlap, Ken Whipple, Ashley Grover; (back row) Karen Rohrbacher, Michael Giasson, Tyler Carroll, Dylan Evans, Michael Wojtal, Darrin Hart, LuAnne Amell.

The Community Based Education (CBE) class at Gorham High School wanted a way to remember their friend, Tim Stickney. They wanted something more permanent than talking, writing or drawing pictures about Tim. They discussed a number of things, including planting a tree, putting up a plaque, or engraving a bench. The class, along with Tim's family, decided on a bench in Tim's memory. Through fundraising efforts at GHS from advisory groups, staff and parents, the CBE class raised over \$1,800.

Others in the community also helped when they heard of fundraising efforts taking place. Tim worked at a vocational training site at Amato's, which offered to put a jar out for several weeks to collect money for Tim's bench. Patrons and staff were very generous. In addition, family friend and GHS parent, Nancy Haluzak, held a Silpada jewelry fundraiser during GHS's spring play.

The group hoped to raise enough money for one bench, but the response was so overwhelming that the class picked out two granite benches, a flowering crab and flowering pear tree, flowers for the garden, a commemorative plaque for the hall at GHS hall and a plaque for each tree. Both Swenson Granite Works and O'Donal's Nursery gave the class a school discount to help with the project.

The class took part in all aspects of this project. In addition to fundraising, they made a short video called "Ban the Word," which can be found on YouTube, to go with Tim's fundraising slideshow. They also sent out thank you notes to donors, selected granite color, bench type and flowering trees, chose plaques from Creative Awards, and even cleaned up and planted flowers in a small garden by the high school.

Through these activities, students and staff worked through their grief to remember their good friend. Tim's bench and trees can be found in Robie Park, and the second bench is by the gazebo next to Baxter Memorial Library. These locations were chosen because Tim loved being outdoors and going to the library was one of Tim's favorite activities.

In addition, there was enough money left over to give a scholarship in Tim's name to a student who embodies his joy of life, positive attitude and respect towards others.

In May, students from Village Elementary School performed their musical, "Willy Wonka." Pictured performing are Ryan Farr and Hunter Poitras.



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# GHS Students Attend Model UN

Julia Parmakian, Gorham Times student intern

Even with all the pressures of senior year, nine students from Gorham High School were able to make an appearance in a big way at the Model United Nations (MUN) conference this spring. Competing with 2,300 students from 275 schools worldwide, these students were able not only to be part of the conference, but were able to win awards in such a competitive setting.

On May 12, students arrived in New York at the United Nations building to begin their four-day simulation of international affairs. In these conferences, each student or pair of students represents a country in an assembly focused on a specific current global issue. The student then has to argue in this forum for the specific political wishes of the country they represent, which in the case of this conference was Kuwait. The students have to research Kuwait's policies and learn about what the beliefs and needs of the country are. This research is done outside of the classroom and in Advanced Placement (AP) Comparative Government, in which all of the students in the conference are enrolled.

Mr. Bond, a history teacher at the high school is the coordinator and chaperone for the many MUN trips that have been taken in the last ten

years. The students have competed in conferences at USM, American University, Cornell, and Harvard. But those are only the locations in the United States; the students have also traveled to Montreal on several occasions and once to Mexico. After this year's showing in New York, Mr. Bond believes that the students are growing stronger each year.

Three of the students earned awards in this year's conference. Connor Smith won best delegation in the General Assembly where the topic of debate was the role of science and technology in the context of international security and disarmament. Jordan Cunningham and Evan Benson won best delegation in the UN committee for trade and commerce where their topic was social responsibility in the private sector. These honors prove just how hard these students worked seeing as they were in the company of students from all over the world whom Mr. Bond described as "pretty heavy company." These students dedicated their time to an extracurricular activity that will only help them in their future and foster an interest in international affairs. Also attending this year's MUN were Megan Creeden, Hannah Hamblin, Allison Matthews, Tom Bahun, Becca Auger and Jared Rollins.

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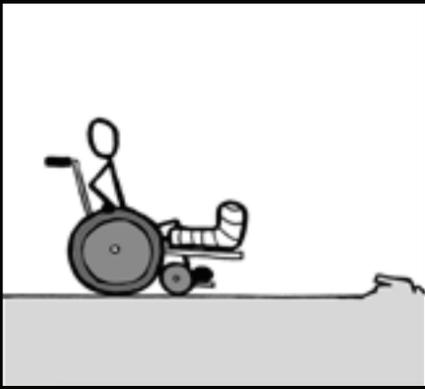
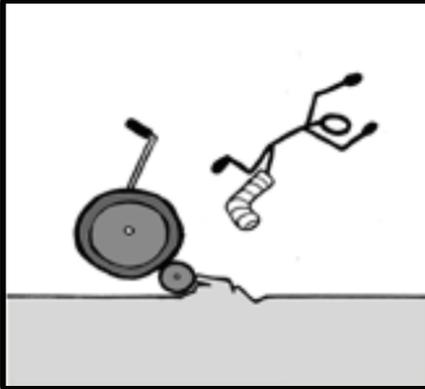
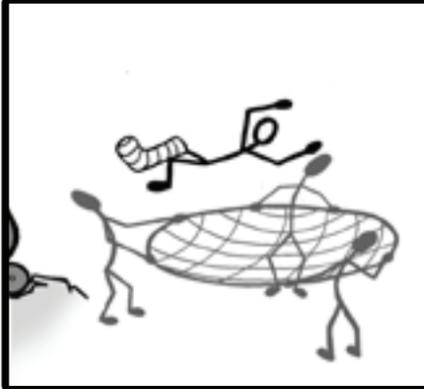
AYP status, the high school appears to not be performing as well as he would like, but ranks ninth out of 106 high schools in Maine for percentage of students meeting or exceeding standards in math and reading on the SAT.

To read the report in its entirety, please visit [www.gorhamschools.org/assessment](http://www.gorhamschools.org/assessment).

In other news:

- Tim Spear, Gorham's new athletic director, was introduced to the School Committee. Spear, who lives in Waterboro with his wife and two children, graduated from UNE and is looking forward to working in Gorham. Sharp said what impressed them most was Spear's ability to address challenges and turn them around, and also noted Spear's level of enthusiasm and strong advocacy for young people.
- The School Committee voted (6-0) to approve a budget amount of \$31,195,670, representing a 2.74% increase of the FY11 budget. The change is due to Anthem's rate coming in lower than expected, reducing expenditures.
- Jim Hager said the Great Falls Building Committee has expressed urgency to occupy the building at the end of July, as specified by the contract. There are remaining funds on the local share; the committee is exploring the possibility of adding more artwork in the school and building a small storage building to house maintenance equipment.
- Approved the following positions for the three K-5 school configuration: a district level choral director for grades 3-5; music director for grades 3-5; band director for grades 4-5; Gifted and Talented and Odyssey of the Mind coordinator for grades 3-12; exploratory coordinator for each school for grades 1-5.

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# Three New Subdivisions Planned

Sheri Faber

The Planning Board is reviewing proposals for three subdivisions:

- Design Dwellings is planning a 26 lot subdivision on 13 acres at the site on Main Street currently occupied by Barrows with 25 single family lots, one lot for eight duplex units and two new roads.
- Chase Custom Homes plans a 42 lot clustered subdivision on 103 acres off South Street, behind Crestwood Drive.
- Greg McCormack is proposing a seven lot single-family subdivision under the Development Transfer Overlay District standard and is planning to re-construct Bramblewood Lane, which is off South Street, to Urban Residential and Development Transfer Overlay Zoning Districts.

Additionally, in May, the Planning Office issued 18 permits for single-family homes and seven for condominiums. Town Manager David Cole believes these plans for new homes are an indication that the "local economy has begun to perk up."

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tion of a new geothermal unit could also take place. This unit is part of a separate project and could provide the heat and cooling of the school. As this unit would sit underneath the surface of the asphalt, installing it at the time the parking lot is being built could save several thousand dollars in construction costs.

**Environmental Impact:** An article was published in November of 2010 by Environmental Protection, determining that artificial turf has a more positive impact on our environment versus grass fields. The study found that turf fields have significantly reduced environmental impact and life-cycle costs, compared to natural grass fields over a 20-year period.

**Community:** The passing of this referendum will allow the town of Gorham to have a centrally located community complex allowing for the hosting of significant town events for all ages. The project will build infrastructure that will draw people from outside of our community to Gorham, creating civic pride and allowing for the feature our local businesses. According to officials, any group would have access to the use of these facilities.

Todd Mills

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## The Gorham Tastewalk

The Gorham Tastewalk had a record turnout of nearly 400 tasters and raised over \$1,700 to be used to help local children attend summer camp through the Young Life organization. Taking the first place vote by a two-to-one margin was St. Joe's Coffee. Tied for second place were USM and Amatos. Pictured below from left to right are Kate Biche serving Carol White and acting Town Clerk Connie Loughran.



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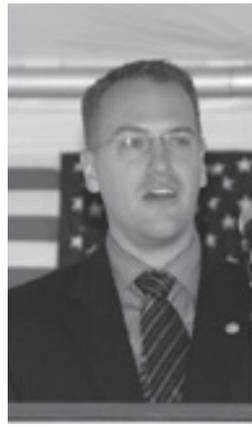
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# sports

## GHS Track Athletes Place in Class A State Championships and Western Maine Championships

**State Meet  
June 4 at Windham High School**

**Girls – team placed 10th overall with 26 points; won by Bonny Eagle with 82 points.**

**Sarah Perkins:** first in 100-meter hurdles, 15.52; second in 300-meter hurdles, 45.94.

**Katie Flanders:** third in 1600-meter racewalk, 7:53.96

**Leanna Dalfonso, Deireann Stillson, Jackie Turner, Audrey Adkison:** sixth in 3200 meter relay, 10:27.50.

**Boys – team tied for sixth overall with 40 points; won by Bonny Eagle with 94 points.**

**Brandon Cushman:** second in 300-meter hurdles, 41.17.

**Jesse Orach:** third in 3200 meters, 9:51.04; fourth in 1600 meters, 4:32.08.

**Nate Bucknell:** third in racewalk, 7:29.49; sixth in 400 meters, 52.43.

**Ryan Baillargeon:** fourth in racewalk, 7:40.46.

**Kyle Nealey:** fourth in shot put, 49-6.

**Alex Thuotte:** fifth in racewalk, 7:40.84.

**Nate Gervais, Cortlandt Dunn, Will Ross, Jeremy Earl:** sixth, 3200 meter relay, 8:430.65.

**Julian Nijkamp:** seventh in 300-meter hurdles, 42.66.



Photo credit Jason Tanguay

**Track State Champion: GHS junior Sarah Perkins** edges Denae Johnson of Bangor at the finish line to win the Class A State Championships 100-meter hurdles title June 4 in Windham. Perkins came in with a time of 15.52 and also finished second in the 300-meter hurdles with a time of 45.94.

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## After 25 Years, Sonja Frey Steps-Down as GHS Girls' Tennis Coach

Julia Parmakian, Gorham Times student intern

Sonja Frey is the reason I love tennis, and the reason I have any skill at all. She is the coach of not only the girl's high school team in the spring, but also the middle school team, and she runs a summer camp program. In essence, she is Gorham Tennis. And she has been doing this for 25 years. Her retirement this year is going to change the tennis programs dramatically.

As one of her players Natalie Egbert said, "Coach Frey leaving is going to change the tennis community in Gorham." Anyone who plays tennis in Gorham has come across Sonja Frey. She teaches tennis to players from ages 4 to 104 — literally. Her love for the sport is something that is clear in her coaching. Her love for players is also something that becomes clear after spending just a few minutes at a practice or at a tennis camp and lessons. She wants the best for all her players, meaning how much they improve at tennis and also how much fun they are having on the court.

When Frey began coaching the tennis team in 1986, there were eight players on the team and their record was 2-8. "They had no uniforms," Frey explained. "I made the tennis skirts. We were stylin' dude!" With Frey's help, the team improved and by 1991, the record was 7-5. In recent years, as the program has grown, the team is no longer eight players strong but around 40. Frey has a rule that she will not cut anyone from the team. She truly believes that anyone who puts in the work can learn to play and become a good player. This strategy may seem surprising, but with the growing success of the program, it is clear that she has been doing something right. And last spring, the team had its biggest win by capturing the Western Maine Class A championship and showing that with Frey's coaching ability and support, the program has blossomed.

As Frey moves on from Gorham, she is traveling to her hometown of St. Joseph, Missouri, to be nearer to her family. Thankfully, even in her retirement she plans on continuing to create new tennis players by volunteering



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at the local high school or college. Although Gorham may be losing her love for the game, it will not be forgotten by the players who have had the honor of being on her team.

"I've received way more than I've given," said Frey, even though this statement may be debatable. The tennis program will not be the same without her, and she will be greatly missed. Thank you for all you have done Coach Frey!

*The author, Julia Parmakian, graduated from GHS in 2009 and was a star player on Coach Frey's team.*

## GHS Athletic Hall of Fame Ceremony

The 2011 Gorham High School Athletic Hall of Fame induction ceremony takes place June 17 at the Gorham Middle School. The reception begins at 6:00 p.m. with induction ceremonies taking place at 6:30 p.m. This year's inductees include Kelly Frazier Adams (Class of 1989), Frances Huse Boothby (1932), Jennifer Durgin Judge (2001), Robert Gould (1965), Walter Ridlon (1963), TJ McLeod (2000), Paul Nicely (1998), Michael Owens (1996), Noel Beagle (2000), and Alexis Riseman (1996). The public is welcome to attend.

## GHS Spring Sports Awards

### Senior Awards

**Smith Award:** Thomas Moutinho and Hanna Hamblen.

**Distinguished Athlete Award:** Natalie Egbert and Steven Broy.

**Outstanding Athlete:** Michael Arsenault and Mia Rapolla.

### Team Achievement Plaques

**Girls' Tennis:** Natalie Egbert, Most Valuable Player; Sarah Moir, Most Improved Player; Colleen Ward, Senior Award.

**Boys' Tennis:** Kyle Curley, Coach's Award; Brian Stresser, Doubles Award; Mike Miliiano, Doubles Award.

**Girls' Track:** Sarah Perkins, Outstanding Performer; Audrey Adkison, Coach's Award; Katie Flanders, Most Improved.

**Boys' Track:** Kyle Nealey, Most Valuable Player; Jesse Orach, Most Valuable Player; Nate Bucknell, Most Valuable Player.

**Softball:** Alyssa Clark, Defensive Player; Moira Keahon, Coach's Award; Alex Tracy, Coach's Award.

**Baseball:** Brendon Joyce, Most Valuable Player; Mike Arsenault, Most Valuable Pitcher; Steve Broy, Most Valuable Offensive Player; Zach Spiers, Most Valuable Offensive Player.

**Girls' Lacrosse:** Mia Rapolla, Most Valuable Player; Lindsey Smith, Most Dedicated Player; Shannon Wilcox, Coach's Award.

**Boys' Lacrosse:** Nate Holloran, Most Valuable Player; Aaron LaPorte, Offensive Player of the Year; Mike Seehusen, Defensive Player of the Year.

### Senior All-Academic Award

**Baseball:** Zach Spiers, Brendon Joyce, Seth Wing.

**Girls' Lacrosse:** Kelly Devoe.

**Softball:** Kelsie Kerwin, Grace Sunnell, Caroline Fogarty.

**Girls' Tennis:** Megan Creeden.

**Boys' Track:** Tom Moutinho, William Ross, Logan Marshall, Andrew Ernest, Foster Blake.

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**College Tennis Star:** GHS Class of 2008 grad **Aaron Bergeron** recently completed his junior year at Stonehill College in Massachusetts where he starred for the men's tennis team. He earned first-team All-Northeast-10 singles honors while also collecting third team All-Conference doubles accolades. Bergeron earned both honors for the second straight year. He posted a 19-5 overall record in singles play this season and has posted a career mark of 40-9. Bergeron has also posted an overall doubles mark of 34-15 over his career. He also earned a spot on the NE-10 All Championship Team.

**College Crew All-Scholastic:** **Cindy Reynolds** (GHS Class of 2009) is one of nine athletes from the Simmons College women's crew team named to the ECAC National Invitational Rowing Championship Steward's All-Academic Team for maintaining a 3.35 cumulative GPA after one year of rowing at the varsity level. The team turned in a strong showing at the New England Rowing Championships, finishing eighth overall.

## HIGH SCHOOL UPDATES

**Boys' Tennis:** The team finished regular season 7-5 and ranked seventh in Western Maine Class A to qualify for the Western Maine Class A tournament, which began on June 3 with Gorham facing Scarborough. Leading the way for the Rams was sophomore **Kyle Curley**, who posted a 11-1 record in singles and the doubles tandem of seniors **Mike Miliano** and **Brian Stresser**, who posted a 5-2 record. Sophomore **Ryan Gilbert** was 3-1 after returning from pre-season broken wrist. Curley also qualified for the State Singles Tournament.

**Baseball:** The team finished the regular season 5-11 and ranked 11th in the SMAA Conference. Individual players that finished among the conference top five in statistical categories included **Steve Broy**: second in hitting (.511), fourth in slugging percentage (.756), third in on-base percentage (.564), and first in doubles (8); **Damon Wallace**: fifth in doubles (6); **Zach Speirs**: third in triples (3); and **Brendon Joyce**: second in home runs (2).

**Softball:** The varsity team finished 6-10 in the regular season and ranked 11th in the SMAA Conference while the junior varsity team finished with a 15-1 record. Varsity team leaders included junior **Rachel**

**Webster** with a .346 batting average and a .452 on-base percentage; senior **Leaha Keene** with the most hits (14); senior **Alyssa Clark** with 11 runs batted in; and sophomore **Mary Redmond** with 10 walks. Team highlights included a grand slam by Clark vs. Cheverus and a come-from-behind win over Windham on Senior Day as senior **Moira Keahon** knocked in the tying and winning runs.

**Girls Tennis:** The team finished the season with a 10-2 record and ranked third in Western Maine Class A with its first tournament game against Kennebunk scheduled for June 3. #1 singles player **Natalie Egbert** finished the year 10-2 while #2 **Sarah Moir** and #3 **Michelle Pham** both went 8-3. In doubles action, the #1 team of **Colleen Ward** and **Megan Creeden** went 9-2 and also won the SMAA Doubles Championship. The #2 doubles team, **Emily Estes** and **Chloe Johnson**, finished the regular season undefeated in match play with a perfect 12-0 record. In the state singles tournament Egbert advanced to Round of 16.

**Boys' Track:** The team captured the Cumberland County Track Championship on May 20. Leading the way were individual event champions **Nate Bucknell** in the 1600 meter racewalk; **Brandon Cushman** in the 300 meter hurdles; **Jesse Orach** in the 3200 meters; and **Kyle Nealey** in the shot put. See separate listings for Western Maine Class A and Class A State Meet results.

**Girls Track:** The team finished fourth in the Cumberland County Track Championship May 20 led by junior **Sarah Perkins**, who won the 100 meter hurdles and the 300 meter hurdles while **Katie Flanders** won the 1600 meter racewalk. The team finished fifth in the Scarborough Relays on May 7. First-place finishes were earned by the 4X400 racewalk team of **Sabrina Rowell**, **Kelsey Mitchell**, **Karen Knight** and **Flanders** as well as the pole vault relay of **Rowell**, **Caitlin Childress** and **Sophia Swiatek**. Perkins (100 meter hurdles and 300 meter hurdles) and **Flanders** (1600 meter racewalk) completed the regular season undefeated in their respective events. See separate listings for Western Maine Class A and Class A State Meet results.

**Girls' Lacrosse:** Finished the regular season 9-3 and ranked second in Western Maine Class A. The first tournament game was scheduled for June 8 at home vs. Marshwood. Look for team statistical leaders in the next issue of the Gorham Times.

**Boys' Lacrosse:** Finished the regular season with a 6-6 record and ranked sixth in Western Maine Class A to qualify for the post-season tournament, which began June 8 at Thornton Academy. Look for team statistical leaders in the next issue of the Gorham Times.

## SMAA Girls' Tennis Champs

Seniors **Colleen Ward** (left) and **Megan Creeden** (right) captured the SMAA girls' tennis double championship on May 28. The duo defeated teams from South Portland, McAuley and Portland to advance to the finals against **Caty Galligan** and **Emily Gibson** from Cheverus. In the final, **Ward** and **Creeden** won a hard-fought battle, 6-1, 4-6, 10-8.



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## GHS Track FROM PAGE 12

### WESTERN MAINE CLASS A MEET May 28 at Scarborough

**Boys – team placed third overall with 81.5 points; won by Bonny Eagle with 99 points.**

**Kyle Nealey:** first in discus, 125-00; second in shot put, 49-11.

**Jesse Orach:** second in 1600 meters, 4:37.25; second in 3200 meters, 9:56.47.

**Nate Bucknell:** second in racewalk, 7:38.66; fourth in 400 meters, 52.30.

**Alex Thuotte:** third in racewalk, 7:48.62.

**Tom Moutinho:** third in pole vault, 11-00.

**Ryan Baillargeon:** fourth in racewalk, 7:55.07.

**Jeremy Earl:** fourth in 1600 meters, 4:40.37.

**Brandon Cushman:** fourth in 300-meter hurdles, 41.97.

**Logan Marshall:** fourth in 3200 meters, 10:06.42.

**Nate Gervais:** fifth, 3200 meters, 10:10.28.

**Alex Johnson:** tied for fifth, pole vault, 10-6.

**Brandon Cushman, Julian Nijkamp, Cortlandt Dunn, Nate Bucknell:** fifth, 1600-meter relay, 3:35.67.

**Nate Gervais, Cortlandt Dunn, Tom Moutinho, Will Ross:** fifth, 3200 meter relay, 8:41.21.

**Girls – team placed fourth with 64 points; won by Scarborough with 98 point.**

**Sarah Perkins:** first in 100-meter hurdles, 16.44; second in 100 meters 13.10; second in 300 meters, 46.53; third in 200 meters, 26.34.

**Katie Flanders:** first in racewalk, 7:53.51.

**Kelsie Mitchell:** second in racewalk, 9:16.16.

**Clara Stickney:** third in pole vault, 7-6.

**Sabrina Rowell:** fifth in pole vault, 7-6.

**Leanna Dalfonso:** fifth in 400 meters, 1:04.19.

**Leanna Dalfonso, Deireann Stillson, Jackie Turner, Audrey Adkison:** fourth in 3200 meter relay, 10:41.37.

## GHS Seniors Committing to Play a Sport in College



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**Alyssa Clark**, Field Hockey  
Endicott College (Massachusetts)



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**Kelly Devoe**, Lacrosse  
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**Seth Wing**, Soccer  
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## Business Person FROM PAGE 1

committee established by the Town Council to facilitate the renovation of the Shaw School into the current Municipal Center, and for four years on the Appointments/Personnel Committee, including one year as Chair.

This year's winner served as the liaison between the Town Council and Gorham Business Exchange's Pro-Business Committee.

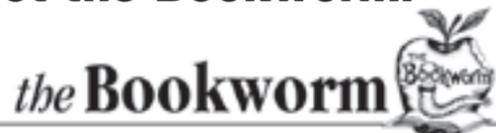
He was a strong advocate for the Gorham bypass, which later became the Bernard P. Rines Highway. In February 2003, he traveled to Washington D.C., along with former Town Councilor Burleigh Loveitt and Town Manager David Cole, to meet

with Senators Olympia Snowe and Susan Collins and Representatives Tom Allen and Mike Michaud to successfully request federal funding to construct the by-pass.

Besides his work for the Town of Gorham, Phinney is a past board member of the Retail Lumber Dealers of Maine, is a cooperator of Gorham Savings Bank and is the Vice President of Phinney Lumber. Phinney is married to Kim Post Phinney and is the proud father of five boys.

Previous winner Paul Willis of Willis Real Estate presented Phinney with the Gorham Business Person of the Year traveling plaque.

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# Roads FROM PAGE 1

as the Robie Gym and on State Street to #28, the old movie theater building. Two catch basins will be replaced to improve drainage. The old broken-down crosswalks will be replaced by stronger reinforced concrete walks, which may be colored and patterned. Traffic flow through the intersection is being impacted, as the contractor needs to close lanes to remove the old curbs.

The other road improvements will be conducted by the Maine Department of Transportation. Fortunately, neither project will commence until after the Gorham Village restoration is completed.

The contract for the New Portland Road roundabout plan

was recently awarded to a local firm, Shaw Earthworks, Inc., who submitted the lowest bid of \$937,236. Jim Mansir, the supervising MDOT engineer for the project, expects construction to begin in July, and be substantially finished by the end of November.

Ernie Martin, MDOT's engineer for the Burnham Road intersection improvement, says the department will advertise the project for bids on August 23, with the contract to be awarded as soon as possible, so that the remainder of the construction season can be utilized. The MDOT estimates the cost of the project to be from \$448,000 to \$512,000.




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**CORRECTION** "The Gunpowder Mills of Gorham" is available at the Bookworm, the Gorham Historical Society, the Windham Historical Society, the Presumpscot Regional Land Trust, and from Mr. Whitten himself. It is not available at Target, as was printed in the 5/27/11 edition of the Gorham Times. Additionally, Whitten received his Ph.D in 1971, after he had been teaching for 26 years.



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# community

**Congratulations to Anne Emerson (R)** who was recently recognized as the Baxter Memorial Library Trustees' Volunteer of the Year by Trustee President Linda Frnsko (L).



## BIRTHS

**Elijah Cole McCune** was born at home in Seal Cove, Maine on May 12, 2011 at 7:38 a.m., weighing 9 lbs. 5 oz. and measuring 21 inches long. He was welcomed by his parents Sarah Tewhey and Kreg McCune and his big brother Luca. Maternal grandparents are Stephen Tewhey and Anne Tewhey of Gorham and paternal grandparents are Maryann McCune of Fort Myers, FL and James McCune of Hermitage, PA. His birth was celebrated by his midwives Holly Arends Murphy, CPM of Birch Moon Midwifery and Anna Fernandez, CPM and Hope Jackson.

## DEAN'S LIST

**Casey Bernier and Elizabeth Demski**, were named to the Dean's List at Keene State College in N.H.

**Jennifer Moutinho (GHS '09)** was named to the Dean's List at Worcester Polytechnic Institute in Worcester, MA. She is a sophomore majoring in Chemical Engineering,

## GRADUATIONS

**Cory Beaudoin** graduated from Bryant University in Smithfield, RI with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration and Marketing.

**Craig Belhumeur (GHS '07)** received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Marketing at Providence College in Providence, RI.

**Casey Bernier (GHS '07)** earned a Bachelor of Art at Keene State College in NH.

**Brett Connolly (GHS '07)** graduated from the University of Connecticut with a BS in Natural Resources. He is the son of Wendy and Jack Connolly.

**Emma Deans (GHS '07)** graduated from UMF with a BFA in Creative Writing.

**Jennifer DeRoy (GHS '07)** graduated Magna Cum Laude from the University of New England earning a BS in Medical Biology. She begins medical school this summer at UNE.

**Leah Hughes (GHS '07)** graduated from Bowdoin College with a major in Government and Legal Studies and a minor in Theater.

**Elliott Jenks** received a BSME degree in Mechanical Engineering within the College of Engineering & Mathematical Sciences at the University of Vermont.

**Jamie Kennedy (GHS '07)** graduated Summa Cum Laude from Emerson College in Boston, MA with a B.A. in Film Production. She is employed at Disney-ABC in North Hollywood, CA.

**Katie VanDerburgh (GHS '07)** graduated from UMF with a BA in Psychology.

**Jacqueline Rossano Lara (GHS '07)** received a BA in criminal justice at Quinnipiac University in Hamden, CT.

**Megan Larrivee (GHS '07)** graduated from Husson University with a BS in Business Management. She is the daughter of Robin and Kevin Walsh of Gorham and Tom and Teresa Larrivee of Buxton.

**Amanda Pastore (GHS '05)** graduated from the USM with a BA in Communications. She recently spent a semester in Florence, Italy.



## ADVANCED DEGREES

**Kimberly Francis (GHS '01)** graduated from UMass, Amherst with an MBA. She is employed at Duff & Phelps in Boston.

**Marita Leach (USM '08)** received a JD degree from the University of Maine's School of Law.

## MILESTONES

**Barbara Deveau** was inducted to the Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing at Saint Joseph's College of Maine. Deveau, an RN, is pursuing her master's degree in nursing.

**Meghan Garrard** was honored for scholastic achievement with induction to the Saint Joseph's College chapter of Psi Chi, the International Honor Society in Psychology. Garrard is a junior psychology major.

The second annual Christian T. Chenard Award for Humanitarianism was presented to **Patsy Thompson Leavitt, MSN, FNP** for her volunteer work as CEO of the Leavitt's Mill Free Health Center in Buxton.

## OF INTEREST

**The White Rock Free Baptist Church (Rte 237)** has planned a series of summer gospel music concerts. The first concert will be held on Saturday, June 18 at 6:30 p.m. featuring soloist Rev. Ralph Bedard.



**Gorham resident and long-time quilter Margaret Solomon Gunn** entered her quilt "Cartoline da Venezia" (translated to "Postcards from Venice") in the International Quilting Shows in RI and KS. Designed and stitched to look like an Italian inlaid floor, Gunn received ribbons at both shows. Visit [www.MainelyQuiltsofLove.com](http://www.MainelyQuiltsofLove.com).



**Girl Scout Troop #1307 researched, wrote and illustrated a coloring book** about the Maine State Society for the Protection of Animals in Windham, earning them a coveted Bronze Award. Copies of the book will be given to school groups and other visitors to the MSSPA. Pictured L-R: Becky Jones, barn mgr; Phoebe Johnston; Katie Baker; Emma Cousins; Meris Bickford, VP, MSSPA; Claire Valentine; Samantha Langevin; Sarah Bragdon and Bridget Daigle. Abbie van Luling is missing from the photo.

Admission free, but donations accepted. FMI, [www.wrfbc.org](http://www.wrfbc.org).

**Cathy Waterman, R.N.** and Case Manager at New England Rehabilitation Hospital was presented the Buzz Fitzgerald Award for her extraordinary care in the rehabilitation of patients.



**USM English Professor Kathleen M. Ashley**, has been named USM's fourth Distinguished Professor, the highest accorded appointment by the University in recognition of exceptional scholarship and



impact locally, nationally and internationally in her field of medieval studies.

**The GHS Class of 1991** is planning a 20th class reunion for Saturday, Aug. 6. For details visit: [www.ghs91reunion.eventbrite.com](http://www.ghs91reunion.eventbrite.com).

**The GHS Class of 1966** is planning a 45th class reunion for Saturday, Aug. 20 at St. Joseph's College in Standish. If you have any information on the following classmates, please call Donna Bruton at 653-7736. Gail Billingham Lundin, Martin Borge, Barbara Brooks White, Terri Bruno Peterson, Edwin Duso, Ronald Dyer, Lynn Hillman, Charlene James, Marion Perkins, Kenneth Sewall and Margaret Taylor.

**Join the Friends of Baxter Memorial Library** on Wednesday, June 15 from 2 – 6 p.m. for the Annual Spring into Summer Event. This event is held to thank the community for supporting the library and to kick-off the library's summer reading



Recognized as "Volunteers of the Year" at the Gorham Food Pantry are (L-R): David Therriault, (Fran Doucette – director), Maryon Johnston, and Tim Mullin. All three volunteers have worked at the pantry for over three years.



Maine's First Lady Ann LePage recently joined the Maine Health Care Association to honor the accomplishments of 36 people living in the state's long-term care facilities, including Robert Brennan of Gorham House. Brennan's participation in the liberation of a concentration camp during World War II and stalwart commitment to his family earned him the award.



Photographer Martha T. Harris wonders if there is a taller and more beautiful horse chestnut tree in Gorham. The tree (above) is located on School Street.



The Baxter Memorial Library Sewing Group created two quilts for the Ronald McDonald House in Portland. Gorham Town Councilor Noah Miner was on hand to congratulate the group on their efforts and to help display the quilt. Front Row (l-r) Joseph Poissant, Emma Small, Anna Small, Tori Frager. Back Row (l-r) Town Councilor Noah Miner, Helaine Ingalls, Brianna Crockett, Phoebe Johnston, Lizzie Owens, Jean Robinson, and Martha Frager.



The Grand Opening of Edward Jones Investments at 347D Main St. in Gorham was held on Apr. 21. Al Tarkinson, financial advisor, is pictured with Paula Lee, Branch Office Administrator, State Senator Phil Bartlett, as well as Tarkinson's grandchildren, Dylan and Caroline and his great-niece, Morgan.

clubs. Free hot dogs and snacks, touch the truck section, crafts and games and much more! FMI, 839-5031.

The Baxter Museum (67 South Street), boyhood home of James Phinney Baxter, will be open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays during the months of June, July and August. Admission is free, donations welcome. FMI, 839-3878.

The North Gorham Library will host a free illustrated talk by USM history professor Libby Bischof on Thursday, June 9 at 7 p.m. Bischof will discuss the artists who summered in the Georgetown area in the first half of the 20th century. FMI, 892-2575.

There will be a Yard Sale/Bake Sale on Saturday, June 11 from 8 a.m. – 2 p.m. at the South Gorham Baptist Church, 53 County Road. If you have items to donate, please call 653-4038 or 653-1659.

American Legion Post #60, which meets at the Little Falls Rec. Dept. in Gorham, will be permanently closing in June unless a new board can be elected. The Smith and Wagner Post meet once a month to discuss fundraising events for returning veterans. FMI, contact retired Coast Guard Commander Greg Yahm at 939-8284 or gyahm@maine.rr.com.

The GHS Interact Club is holding a "Mile of Food" food drive on Saturday, June 25th in Gorham. Time and exact place will be in the next issue of the Times. Gorham Food Pantry will be the recipients of the food.

USM in Gorham will offer Summer Music and Theater Camps for students in grades 5–12. Music Youth Band Day Camp for grades 5 & 6, Junior Music Academy for grades 7 & 8, High School Music Academy for grades 9 - 12 and a Theatre Academy for grades 8-12. FMI, www.usm.maine.edu/summer/programs/youth.

Check out Summer Camps and Classes at www.gorhamartsalliance.org Sign up through the Gorham Rec.

First Parish Church in Gorham invites all children from preschool through sixth

grade to join us for Critter Camp, under the direction of Allie Rimkunas, July 5-8 from 9 a.m. to noon. We'll explore the outdoors, observe nature, play games, make crafts, and learn about our place in the world as caring Christians. If you are older and still want to join in on the fun, we'd love your help and energy. FMI or to register, please contact Allie at 839-3517 or Stacy at 632-8296 or sallinen1@myfairpoint.net.

**CLOSE TO HOME**

Acorn Productions will host the Southern Maine combined theater auditions on Wednesday, June 15 from 7 to 9:30 p.m. in the Acorn Studio Theater, 90 Bridge St. in Westbrook's Dana Warp Mill. The auditions offer local actors a chance to showcase their talents in front of most of the major directors and casting agents in Southern Maine. FMI, 854-0065 or www.acorn-productions.org

One night performance of "The Half Moon Jug Band" on Saturday, June 11, at 7:30 p.m. at Schoolhouse Arts Center. Tickets \$8/\$10. For reservations, call 642-3743 or visit www.schoolhousearts.org.

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**Van Vliet Drive caller** requested to speak with an officer regarding a relative who was refusing to return jewelry belonging to caller.

**Caller reported** that a family member had been missing for two days.

**Fort Hill Road caller** reported that their house was broken into and their television was stolen.

**Cressey Road caller** reported that the telephone lines to their residence were cut.

**Caller reported** a disturbance in the School Street area involving an intoxicated male subject.

**Caller reported** a large turkey had been hit at Wood Road and Ossipee Trail and was causing a traffic hazard.

**Files Road caller** reported that their residence had been broken into and several items were stolen.

**Shaw's Mill Road caller** stated that they got home from work and found that their house had been broken into.

**Spiller Road caller** reported that their residence had been broken into while they were away.

**Mosher Road caller** reported that the neighbor's dog came on their property and attacked their chickens.

**River's Edge Drive caller** reported an unknown animal had come onto their property and killed their chickens.

**Main Street caller** reported a drive off theft of fuel of \$61.22.

**Hannah Drive caller** reported that their neighbor's child shot a small child with a BB gun.

**Preble Street caller** requested an officer make contact with an estranged parent who lives somewhere in the area to inform them that a family member was missing.

**Shaw's Mill Road caller** reported that their house had been broken into.

**Hannah Drive caller** requested to speak with an officer regarding their child being harassed by another child in the neighborhood.

**Hannah Drive caller** reported a disturbance in the area involving some neighbors.

**Wood Road caller** reported that their house had been broken into while they were gone.

**Caller reported** an injured duck in the roadway by the intersection of Brackett and Saco Streets.

**Cumberland Lane caller** reported that their residence was broken into while they were at work.

**School Street caller** reported a disturbance where a female was heard screaming.

**Main Street caller** reported a drive-off theft of gasoline.

**Washburn Drive caller** reported that their home had been broken into.

**Gateway Commons Drive caller** reported a suspicious female in a vehicle working on a computer.

**Paradise Way caller** came home from a walk and found a dead raccoon on their lawn.

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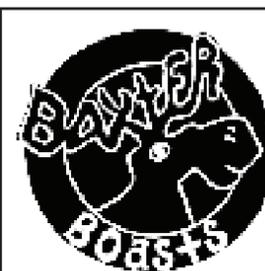
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• **TRIAD Meeting,** 8:45 a.m. Gorham Municipal Building.

## SATURDAY, JUNE 11

• **West Gorham Church,** public supper, 5-6 p.m. \$7/\$3 under 12.  
• **Yard Sale/Bake Sale,** 8 a.m. - 2 p.m., South Gorham Baptist Church, 53 County Road. FMI, 653-4038 or 653-1659.

## MONDAY, JUNE 13

• **Free Food & Fellowship Ecumenical Meal Program,** Windham Assembly of God, Rte. 302, Windham. Everyone welcome. FMI, 892-3769.

## THURSDAY, JUNE 16

• **Kiwanis Club Lunch Meeting,** Pinecrest Bed & Breakfast, 12-1 p.m. FMI, 839-8944.  
• **Gorham Business Exchange "Welcome Summer" reception,** 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.,

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