

Dangerous Mixup

Sheri Faber

Residents of Gorham, Windham and Standish received reverse 911 calls notifying them that on Tuesday, January 25 gasoline had inadvertently been pumped into a kerosene tank at the Lampron Lil' Mart (formerly the Little Falls Mini Mart) at the intersection of Routes 202 and 237 in Gorham. Because this volatile mixture could explode, anyone who purchased kerosene at the Mini Mart was advised to immediately stop using the heating device and to move it outdoors. Lampron's records showed that 50 customers had bought about 400 gallons of the mixture in the 48 hours before the mistake was discovered. Customers can return the mixture to the Mini Mart for a full refund.

The mistake was discovered in bookkeeping; what had been pumped and what remained in the tanks did not balance. Fire Chief Bob Lefebvre noted, "Lampron's really stepped up to the plate in dealing with this situation and making their customers safety their first priority." There have been no reported incidents of fires or explosions resulting from the mixed fuels.

According to Deputy Fire Chief Ken Fickett, people sometimes run out of fuel and buy 10-15 gallons to get them through the night until they get a delivery. People who put the volatile mix into their tanks will need to have them pumped. Both Fire Marshall John Dean and Fickett said this was the first time they had heard of a delivery mix up. Delivery tankers carry more than one type of fuel but everything is color coded on the tanker as well as on the covers in the ground into which the fuel is pumped.

Boys' Hockey Family Honors the Memory of Timothy Stickney

Jeff Pike



Photo credit Rich Obrey



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Above: Stickney's jersey hangs at the rink and will remain for the rest of the season.

Middle: Timothy Stickney

Left: Team managers for the Gorham boys' hockey team: Jamie Hansen, Emily Estes, Johna Doyle, Tim Stickney and Ben Kane.

"Tim is a big part of our family, and everyone rallied around him."

Every now and then, the world of sports gives us a glimpse of just how much more sports means to people beyond wins and losses. This was certainly the case January 15 at the USM ice arena just before the GHS boys' hockey team took on Kennebunk.

The team, coaches, players' parents and many Gorham residents were there first and foremost to remember Timothy Stickney by holding a special ceremony for Tim's family. Tim, a 16-year-old sophomore at GHS, who was diagnosed with autism at age four, died unexpectedly on January 11. During the current hockey season and last season, he touched the team with the dedication and joy he demonstrated as one of the team managers.

"Last year, a family friend, Gene St. Cyr, approached me about having Tim as a team manager," said Rams head coach Jon Portwine. "I met with his parents (Julie and Christopher), and we planned how Tim could help the team."

When Tim first started, Portwine said it took a while to get accommodated, but the other managers from last year, Jon Foster and Casey Gallipeau, helped out, and Tim eventually felt comfortable enough to help out with many manager duties. "He

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Planning Begins for Gorham Founders Festival

Dede Perkins

It has been 275 years since Gorham's first settler, Capt. John Phinney, stepped out of his canoe and onto the banks of the Little River in Gorham. To mark this milestone, the Gorham Town Council recently approved the formation of a Town Fair Committee. On January 19, Fair Committee

Chairman Phil Gagnon and a committee of over 25 interested citizens began working on the four-day event, which will be called the Gorham Founders Festival and will take place over Memorial Day weekend.

Highlights of the Gorham Founders Festival will include performances,

rides and booths set up on the Chick property behind the Public Safety Building, the Gorham Taste Walk, an auction organized by the Gorham Historical Society, a parade, and ceremonies to commemorate Memorial Day and the town's 275th anniversary and more.

If you are interested in helping with the Gorham Founders Festival, sponsoring an attraction or purchasing a booth, please contact Phil Gagnon, pgagnon@gorham.me.us.

30 Years of Pizza

See page 8.



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Gorham Sightings

Do you know where this photo was taken? Become part of the new visual trivia discussion on Facebook (www.facebook.com/GorhamTimes). The location of the sighting in the 1/21 issue was a window at The Maine Beacon on North Street and Fort Hill Road. Log on to Facebook to enter your best guess for this picture.

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Policy Leaders Take Economic Bus Tour

Rep. Linda Sanborn

Each new term in the legislature begins with legislators invited on an “economic bus tour” of Maine, sponsored by the Maine Development Foundation. The tour allows legislators to see how the state’s investments in transportation, education and other infrastructure drive economic development in the state. These trips are meant to “ground and enrich the policy making process.”

In a mid-January snowstorm two buses full of legislators left the State Capitol to be educated. Each of the two tours I have joined have not only provided an education about what is going on in businesses in the state, but left me with a sense of exhilaration about the growth and great potential being created by Maine companies. It is refreshing to realize the many good things happening in our great state.

I cannot possibly mention all of the businesses from which we heard, but

would like to mention a few of the most inspiring.

One of our first stops was Verso Paper in Ellsworth for a tour of the paper mill. Despite rumors that the paper industry is “dying,” Maine is producing more paper now than any time in its history. This is a sustainable industry dedicated to conserving resources and protecting the environment. The hourly wage for workers in the paper and manufacturing industry are the highest of any industry in Maine. The paper industry is in need of educated and highly skilled workers, especially with various engineering backgrounds.

Maine’s natural resource advantages were on display in Eastport. We had the chance to experience The Boat School, one of the nation’s oldest boat building schools, offering certificate and diploma programs in boatbuilding technology, composite construction, and marine mechanics. Eastport also is home to

the deepest naturally occurring port on the east coast, a thriving port authority. Maine is now shipping pregnant dairy cows, some of the best quality dairy stock in the world, to Turkey and Russia from Eastport. Who would have thought?

At Jackson Labs in Bar Harbor, construction of new facilities and expansion of the Maine campus is in process. New state-of-the-art genome sequencing technologies are greatly expanding their research capabilities. Jackson Labs’ world-renowned research is supported by the world’s largest collection of laboratory mice with naturally occurring, spontaneous mutations, providing the model to study diabetes, obesity, heart disease, neurological disorders and aging, among many other diseases.

The Center for Cooperative Aquaculture Research in Franklin is one of the most extensive facilities available to aquaculture businesses anywhere. Established or start-up companies can take advantage of the filtered fresh water, sea water and discharge capacity in buildings equipped with complex climate control systems, tanks and filters. The facilities can be used to test out new processes and products. Companies are assisted from initial business plans to going commercial and every step along the way.

I am convinced good business is happening in Maine.

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around town

Design Dwellings, Inc. plans to turn the Barrows Greenhouses property at 312 Main Street into a 25 single-family and 5-duplex subdivision called Allen Acres. The plan will be discussed at the Planning Board meeting on February 7.

Bodark Engineering, LLC, a technology startup company formed in Gorham in 2010, has installed two guyed towers on leased property on Country Road as part of their performance testing of their REbus™ Smart Microgrid system. The system will help residents and companies produce their own clean, renewable energy. One tower measures wind speed, while the other supports a small wind turbine that generates electricity for the Microgrid system and monitors system performance. Each tower is about 95 feet tall. The towers were installed in the late summer of 2010 and will remain for approximately one year.

Gorham Recycling Committee's first newsletter on plastics is now available outside the Town Clerk's office and all Gorham libraries.

Martin Luther King Jr. Remembered

Danielle Grady and Peggy Marchand

Just before dusk on Martin Luther King Day, a group of townsfolk huddled in the cold by the gazebo in front of the Municipal Center. The group gathered to honor the work and words of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and to consider how they might continue their own commitments against racism and discrimination. Danielle Grady and Peggy Marchand presented a brief ceremony, using quotes from Dr. King's powerful speech "I Have a Dream" to create the program.

Dani and Peggy had been chatting about King, asking: "Why is Martin Luther King Jr. Day a day off? Why isn't it a day on? A day to focus on issues of equality and freedom?" We wondered why someone right here in Gorham had not organized an event to honor King. Finally, we realized that we could organize an event and we scurried to make a plan for a short outdoor ceremony.

Dreams are goals. By reminding ourselves of the dreams King proclaimed for all Americans, we hoped we could inspire and reinvigorate ourselves and others to work toward

making his goals more real.

King dreamed of all of us sitting together at a table of brotherhood, yet too many families are hungry. We asked folks to bring food or contributions for the Gorham Food Pantry. People gave generously. We donated several grocery bags filled with food and \$75. Many folks also came with their own dreams and visions written out, ready to share. We sang, rang out bells of freedom and, as the darkness fell, gathered closer against the cold, holding candles lit as glowing symbols of hope and truth.

Notification for this community event happened through word of mouth, emails, posters and a notice on the Town of Gorham webpage. Next year, look for information about another gathering to honor Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. If you have ideas or would like to help plan, please let us know. Both you and your thoughts would be welcome as we work to make this an annual event. FMI contact Peggy at r_marchand@earthlink.net, or Dani at daniellekgrady@yahoo.com

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Public Works Dept. Battles Winter

Bill Ambrose



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Driver-operator Larry Gallant boards his single axle plow truck, while Public Works Director Bob Burns points out Gorham's snow-plowing routes.

Bob Burns, Gorham's public works director, wages an on-going battle with Mother Nature every winter. He marshals an array of forces to combat the effects of snow, ice, and cold on the Town's many miles of roads and sidewalks. He keeps and modifies a 13-route snowplowing plan that determines the sequence of road clearing during each storm.

Burns uses technology to access forecasts and weather trends on various websites. He tracks snowfall amounts on a spreadsheet and uses this data to compare results from previous storms and seasons. He does, however, use an old-fashioned yardstick to take several measurements of snow depth for every storm at the department's headquarters at Huston Road. Although snowfall amounts can be highly variable throughout the Town, Burns believes that the consistency of his measurements provides an accurate means of comparison from one storm to another.

Gorham has a variety of equipment it uses to keep our 153-miles of roadways passable. There are four large 15-cubic yard tandem axle dump trucks and nine 6-cubic yard single-axle plow trucks; the vehicles also carry sand and salt spreading devices. In addition, the Town owns two

Trackless Municipal Tractors, which are used to clear the sidewalks in the village.

Burns says that the department "shoots for a 10-year systematic replacement schedule," meaning that the trucks are replaced on a regular basis, before they become a maintenance problem. Right now, the oldest truck is a 1999 single axle plow truck. All of these vehicles are also used in road maintenance projects in more temperate weather. The sidewalk tractors are used to clear brush along the roadsides during the summer.

Ten driver-operators, along with the road foreman and the department's deputy director, are the workforce that drive the plows in every storm. Four mechanics see to the maintenance needs of the vehicles. Burns says they have been fortunate this winter that there have been no major breakdowns, such as engine or transmission failures. It should be noted that the public works mechanics also maintain and repair the Town's 35 school buses and police vehicles.

This winter, Gorham has purchased 1,300 tons of road salt and 5,800 cubic yards of sand. This is usually sufficient for 20 average storms. The department's overtime budget this year is \$53,000, but this amount also pays for extra wages throughout the

entire fiscal year. The cleanup of the damage from July's tornado used up a portion of the overtime allocation, although Burns maintains that after 12 storms, the remainder should see the Town through the estimated 20 expected storms. If the overtime budget proves to be insufficient, the Town will draw on various contingency accounts.

The Public Works Department and its director strive to make the Town's roads safe throughout the year. In wintertime, Burns believes that motorists play a part in their own safety on the road saying, "It is very important to have the proper tires on your vehicle."

Winter Boxscore

13 Winter Weather events
46.5 inches total accumulation
(as of 1/27/11)

Courtesy of Gorham Public Works Dept.

Stickney

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made great strides this year where he interacted more socially with the players and coaches," Portwine said. "He really embraced the manager role."

This year, a new set of managers is helping the team—Jamie Hansen, Emily Estes, Johna Doyle, and Ben Kane. They continued the legacy begun by Foster and Gallipeau by helping Tim feel a part of the team. Tim's parents told Portwine how much Tim enjoyed being a part of a team representing the community. "This was something he loved," Portwine said. "He just enjoyed the entire scene, including the bus rides."

The ceremony prior to the game against Kennebunk was planned by the entire Gorham hockey family, including players, coaches, parents, and boosters. The Rams presented Julie and Chris with a white game jersey showing Tim's name and will keep a maroon game jersey at the bench for all future games. All the players placed decals of Tim's initials on their helmets that they will wear for the rest of their GHS careers.

The National Anthem was sung beautifully by Jeff Carpenter, a teacher who worked with Tim for several years. The Kennebunk team also participated. "The players gave our team a card, and the managers made brownies for us," Portwine said. "And the Kennebunk booster program is donating \$200 to the Special Olympics in Tim's name. It's very special what they did."

Perhaps the most touching moment for all took place just after the National Anthem. Both teams skated over to the section where the family and friends of Tim were seated and tapped their sticks on the ice. This was their way of saluting the memory of Tim and all that he meant to the hockey program.

Tim's jersey will continue to shine brightly behind the bench for the rest of the season, and the team plans to honor his memory again at the year-end banquet with an invitation for the parents and family to participate. "Tim is a big part of our family, and everyone rallied around him," Portwine said. "The team managers and the entire hockey family turned this into a special event."

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Covering Ground Jeff O'Donal

Houseplants, like most living things, have different needs during different seasons. In winter, they have less available light, so most prefer to live a quiet life with a lean diet—no repotting, no propagating, and little or no fertilizer. Maine homes are quite dry in winter, so houseplants enjoy an occasional spritz of water from a sprayer. A layer of pebbles, kept moist in their saucers, allows water to evaporate upward and into the plant's leaves. Don't spray fuzzy-leaved plants—use only the pebble method.

When spring arrives, even indoor plants get revved up. This can be their strongest growth period, so they require regular fertilization and, if necessary, repotting. Always use good quality potting soil to ensure healthy growth. Increase container size by one or two inches only, and try to resist pots without drainage holes – it is much harder to gauge the moisture content of the soil. Cutting and pruning are best done in spring.

Most houseplants thoroughly enjoy spending summer outside. Step them out gradually: in full shade the first week, then move them each week until they are in their best light. Because of the different environment, water requirements may need fine-tuning, but most houseplants put on impressive growth outside. Check regularly for pests, and keep fertilizing. Since potted plants are not in the ground, they don't have access to the nutrients and minerals that outdoor plants naturally have. Deadhead flowering plants to keep them forming new blooms.

Houseplants may need some extra care in fall. If you are moving houseplants indoors, do so gradually. Most plants will shed a fair amount of leaves

during this transition, but don't panic. They are adjusting to the change in light. Use a lighter hand when watering and cut fertilizer back by half. Do any repair-pruning at this time.

Now it's time for some tips. If every houseplant you've ever had has curled up its leaves and died within a month or so, you are probably either under or overwatering. If you gave the plant only one drink in a month (and it was not a cactus), you underwatered it. But if you did not reduce it to a blackened husk, revival might be possible. Do not douse it with fertilizer; that's like making someone with influenza eat a five-course meal—not helpful. Instead, gently hydrate it by adding a little water at a time. Take it out of direct light for while until it greens up again. After a few weeks of such treatment, give it a half dose of natural fertilizer to help it finish its recovery.

Overwatering can produce similar symptoms, but there are a few clues that may help to differentiate between them. Too much water causes some plants to exude excess water from their leaves, leaving droplets on the tips or “blisters” on leaf surfaces. The soil will be heavy, and may smell bad. Too little water can cause leaf edges to dry out and turn brown and brittle. Another sign can be that the soil dries and pulls away from the sides of the pot.

Happy gardening!



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Bullying Prevention Begins with Code of Conduct Stacy Sallinen

When walking through Gorham schools, it is easy to find the Gorham School Department's Code of Conduct in hallways, classrooms, libraries, and the gymnasium. The Code of Conduct—consisting of five core values: respect, honesty, courage, compassion and responsibility—sets the expectation of responsible behavior for the entire school community.

Each administrator has a responsibility to ensure the physical, intellectual and emotional safety of every student, as well as creating an environment where students want to come to school and learn. As written in the district's policy, bullying is defined as "any physical act or gesture or any verbally, written, or electronically communicated expression that a reasonable person should expect will have the effect of physically or psychologically harming a student; damaging a student's property; placing a student in reasonable fear of harm or damage to his/her property; substantially disrupting the instructional program or the orderly operation of the school; or is so severe, persistent, or pervasive that it creates an intimidating, hostile educational environment for the student who is bullied."

Gorham's bullying prevention initiative starts in the early years. Narragansett and White Rock schools focus on friendship, good citizenship and the promotion of positive behavior. Each fall, classroom teachers instruct students on the five Code of Conduct words, which are also reinforced in art, music, library, gym, on the playground and in the lunchroom.

Principal Polly Brann explained that efforts to create a safe, nurturing and caring environment are in place. Narragansett is planning a campaign to enable students and staff to use common language to problem-solve when they are in the common areas, including halls, bathrooms, cafeteria, and on the playground. At White Rock, students gather in a whole school meeting each week, which provides the staff an opportunity to talk about behavior and expectations in the common areas.

Brann also explained that classroom teachers know well the academic and social behaviors of their students, and work closely with school staff and parents to support them socially and emotionally. Students are taught to first ask someone to stop, and if that does not work, to ask an adult for help. School staff members follow up

on students' concerns and the school counselor and social worker provide individual and small group instruction to students who need extra help.

Village School's Assistant Principal Jane Esty sets out on an anti-bullying campaign each fall. While visiting every classroom, she provides lessons that are tailored to each grade level. Students receive information about bullying and are engaged in conversations on how their behavior affects others, how they can advocate for themselves, and how to best resolve their problems by knowing and using the resources available to them.

A running dialog takes place in the atrium at Village. Questions are asked to encourage students to think about how they face their challenges. The

anti-bullying pledges, signed by students and teachers, are on full display. In addition, students are recognized for showing excellence in the five core values or in citizenship.

While code of conduct and anti-bullying lessons take place during advisory groups at the middle and high school, students also learn about "netiquette" and cyber bullying. With the use of technology—cell phones, computers, e-mail, social networking sites, file sharing software and Skype—cyber bullying is becoming easier, allowing intimidating behavior to take place anytime, anywhere, and reach a much larger audience.

Terri Dawson, Technology Integrator at GMS, conducts Internet Safety workshops for both parents

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Students Create MLK Jr. Dream Tree Amanda Butler, Eighth grade student



Photo credit Julie Alexandrin

The Civil Rights Team at GMS created a Dream Tree to celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. Pictured in the back row are Ahmed Beshir, Elsa Alexandrin, Dorothy Stickney, Anne Kelly, Luther Liang and Lizzie Kane. Amanda Butler is in the front row.

Gorham Middle School's Civil Rights Team was inspired by Martin Luther King Jr.'s "I Have a Dream" speech. We constructed a large tree in our main hallway to represent that if we put our dreams and wishes together, they will grow into reality. On the tree, we have the many dreams and wishes of the students at GMS.

Each student was asked to have their students create a leaf with their dream or wish for their school, community or the world. We hung these wishes on our Dream Tree. A few have asked for world peace and for everyone to be kind to each other. Some have asked for less discrimination because of race or disabilities. Others have simply asked for an end to bullying. We hope we inspire others with our Dream Tree.

The Civil Rights Team is a group of students and teachers who work to create a bully free and welcoming school. We do several projects and contests to support the end of bullying and discrimination. One of the contests we did this year was the anti-bullying poster contest. Each advisory group made a poster to explain why bullying was bad and why it should stop. It was a huge success with many beautiful posters and ways of avoiding the act.

For the past two years, the Civil Rights Team has also put on Diversity Day at GMS, where students attend different sessions that talk about diversity, stereotyping, and ways to prevent bullying. In the sessions, we have interactive talks and discussions about these topics.

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School Committee Report January 19, 2011 Stacy Sallinen

Superintendent Ted Sharp began the meeting by acknowledging those who provided support and counsel in the death of Gorham High School student, Timothy Stickney.

Sharp reported on the following:

- The FY12 budget development process is under way. With this being the fourth year of financial difficulty, it is becoming more difficult to present a budget that allows the district to maintain the good work of the schools with fewer resources. The budget will be rolled out in February and discussed in length at an all-day workshop scheduled for March 5.
- GoCat's School Talk segments

recently featured discussions on Attendance Zones with Director of Facilities Management and Transportation Director Norm Justice and Chairman Dennis Libby, as well as a discussion on Gorham High School's BRIDGES program, the Compass Project, freshmen academies and advisories with Principal Chris Record and BRIDGES teacher Jeff Burnap.

- An agreement was signed to move the Sebago Educational Alliance's Day Treatment Program to Jewett School in Buxton. The move will allow the program to expand to serve K-12 students.
- On February 1, the New School

Naming Committee, chaired by Kathy Garrard, will present to the Council the new school's recommended name, Great Falls Elementary School.

- The Personnel Committee plans to begin a search for a new athletic director by the end of the month. Gerry Durgin, who currently holds this position, will retire at the end

of the school year.

In the program review, Justice stressed the importance of developing a capital improvement plan as it helps to defer expenses on the operations side. McCormick Facility Management is currently conducting a facility assessment for deficiencies on school

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There were times when Angelo Sotiropoulos wondered how he would feed his family. Still new to this country, and with a young family and another child on the way, he came to Gorham with a dream for a better life. On a cold day in February of 1981 he took over an existing restaurant known as the Gorham House of Pizza. Unfortunately, the prior restaurant's bar room brawl atmosphere left an unfavorable impression with the locals. With long hours of hard work, Sotiropoulos cleaned up the business and brought back families as customers.

Shortly after opening, then Police Chief Higgins and Officer Shepard paid a visit; the establishment's license was still listed under the previous owner's name. It was more of a technicality and misunderstanding, nonetheless the law required the business to cease operations. True to his "customer always comes first" philosophy, Sotiropoulos politely asked if he could complete the pizza ordered by

the one present customer. With a pat on the back, and only a warning issued, the doors remained opened and a new license was promptly obtained.

In 1984, in an attempt to purchase the building housing his restaurant, Sotiropoulos sought to secure the necessary financing; however, he was repeatedly turned down by commercial banks. In one last attempt and determined to make his plea, he entered Gorham Savings Bank and recognized a familiar face, GHOP

customer and bank employee, Greg Palmer. Palmer is now GSB Vice President of Customer Service Advocates. The mortgage was granted and the first of many renovations begun.

Gorham, Sotiropoulos says, has been good to him, his family, and his business. To say thank you for an amazing 30 years to the community he embraces as family, GHOP will be donating to the Gorham Food Pantry. The "Neighbors Helping Neighbors—One Slice at a Time" campaign will run from February 12 through the 16. For each of those days, GHOP will donate 10 percent of their daily sales to the Food Pantry. It is not surprising that this man—who has already given so much over the years in team sponsorships, gift certificates for fundraising events, and free pizza to winning youth teams—chose to celebrate this 30-year milestone by giving back once more to the community he loves. "If I can help in some small way, to put food on the table for a family, than I am truly successful."



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Gorham Swimmers Qualify for State Tournament: Several Gorham high school students are swimming as individual swimmers in association with the Westbrook High School swim team. Those who have qualified to participate in the state tournament include Lindsey Thomsen in the 50, 100 and 500 meter freestyle; the 500 and 200-meter individual medley; the 100-meter backstroke; and the 100-meter breaststroke. Ashley Clark has qualified in the 200 and 500-meter freestyle as well as the 100-meter backstroke. Max Storer has qualified in the 50-meter freestyle, 100-meter butterfly, 100-meter backstroke and 200-meter individual medley. Other swimmers from Gorham include Becca Auger, Gabby Bagala, Hannah Currier, Brandi Emerson, Caleb Goodall, Kristin Nelson and Sabrina Rowell.

Boys' Hockey Highlights: Eliot Gagne scored his second game-winning goal of the season with four minutes left in the game on January 25 as Gorham defeated Bonny Eagle 3-2 to improve the team's record to 3-7. At press time, Nate Holloran was fourth among goalies in Western Maine Class A Tier 2/3 with a 3.00 goals-against-average and a 0.882 save percentage. Steve Broy and Connor Smith were leading the team in scoring, with six goals and five assists each.

Girls' Track State Qualifiers: GHS Junior Sarah Perkins has qualified for the state indoor track championships in four

events—55 meters, 55-meter hurdles, 200 meters, high jump—while junior Leanna Dalphonso has qualified for two events including the 800 meters and 1 mile. Other state meet qualifiers include sophomore Lindsay Chapman in the high jump and junior Kelsey Pequiot in the 55 meters. Perkins led the Rams to a January 15 win over McAuley, Cheverus and Noble by winning the Sr. 45 hurdles and 300 meters. For this meet she was named the Senior Division most valuable performer.

Leads Boys' Basketball to Win: GHS senior Zach Spiers scored 20 points January 22 to lead the boys' basketball team to its second conference win of the season, 57-53 over Massabesic. Spiers netted 12 of his points in the fourth quarter as the Rams came from behind to win.

Top GHS Skiers: GHs sophomore Marissa Roberts finished third in the girls' skiing SMAA conference championship in the giant slalom. In the boys' event, senior Tom Moutinho finished eighth with a time of 1:11.72. Roberts also won the slalom event in a multi-team girls' ski meet January 14 at Shawnee Peak with a time of 1:43.08. In the boy's meet, Moutinho placed ninth with a time of 1:48.77.

Girls' Hockey Highlight: Bonny Eagle sophomore Rachel Litif scored two goals and assisted on another January 17 as the Gorham/Bonny Eagle girls' hockey team jumped out to a 4-3 first-period lead over Yarmouth before losing, 12-5.

College All-East All-Academic: Caitlyn Butterfield (GHS '07), a senior at Husson College, received second-team, all-east academic honors from the National Soccer Coaches Association of America. Butterfield was also named the conference Defensive Player of the Year and was a first-team conference all-star for all four years at Husson.

Triple Threat and Double Winners: For the GHS boys' track team, senior Kam Alexander won three events in a multi-team meet January 15, including the high jump, Sr. 45 hurdles and Sr. 400. The Sr. 1120 relay team of juniors Nate Bucknell, Jesse Orach, Nate Gervais and Joe DeRoy won the event back-to-back in multi-team meets on January 15 and 22.

Top Conference Scorer: At press time senior Mia Rapolla had scored 20 or

more points in eight of the team's 11 games and was second in conference scoring, averaging 23.1 points per game. Her season high of 30 came in a 66-49 January 13 win over Noble. The Rams were ranked sixth in Western Maine Class A at press time with a record of 9-2 in games played through January 25.

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Effort to Start Swim Program at GHS: The Gorham Swim Boosters are meeting February 9, 6:30 p.m. in the multi-purpose room at the Gorham Recreation Department to discuss the future of competitive swimming at Gorham High. For more information, contact Denise Nelson at 221-3353.

GHS Weekend Varsity Sports Line-Up

Friday, February 4
5:00 p.m. Boys' Skiing Multi-Team Meet @ Shawnee Peak
5:00 p.m. Girls' Skiing Multi-Team Meet @ Shawnee Peak

Saturday, February 5
8:00 a.m. Girls' Indoor Track Multi-Team Meet @ Portland Expo
9:55 a.m. Boys' Indoor Track Multi-Team Meet @ Portland Expo
6:10 p.m. Girls' Hockey @ Falmouth (Family Ice Arena)
6:15 p.m. Boys Hockey vs. Noble @ USM Gorham Campus Arena
7:00 pm Girls' Basketball vs. McAuley @ GHS Gym
7:00 p.m. Boys' Basketball @ Bonny Eagle

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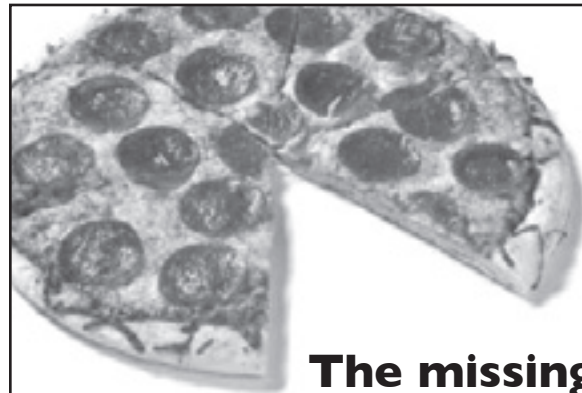
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DEAN'S LIST

The following local residents were named to the dean's list for the 2010 fall semester:

Husson University: **Dustin Cole** (Hebron Academy '08), Business Administration; **Megan Larrivee** (GHS '07), Business Administration; **Athena Jo Beaulieu** (GHS '08), Physical Therapy; **Emily Wedge** (GHS '08), Physical Therapy

Saint Joseph's College: **Megan Cutter, Alexander Dahms, Meghan Garrard, Emily Hamblen, Leala Machesney, Emily Marshall, Sarah Marshall, Rachael Tordoff** and **Elizabeth Wise**

Quinnipiac University: **Adam Hawkes** and **Jacqueline Lara**.

Suffolk University: **Casey Weed** (GHS '10), Journalism.

Western New England College: **Eric Plourde** (GHS '10)

Mesa State College: **Gregory Mulrey** (GHS '10)

University of New England: **Melissa Deering, Jennifer DeRoy, Kendal Nicely, Marissa Patten-Harris, Kelsey Pelynio, Mason Roy** and **Charlotte Smith**.

University of Vermont: **Rachel Fogarty** (GHS '09), Spanish; **Kristen Hamilton** (GHS '09), Political Science; **Elliott Jenks** (GHS '07), Mechanical Engineering; and **Katelin Perkins** (GHS '08), Psychology

OF INTEREST

Kevin C. Mills, an award-winning sports journalist and Gorham native, has released his new book "Sidelined," a nonfiction work about his adventures as a sports journalist with some of New England's top newspapers. Using humor and wit, Mills relives true experiences from his career, like chasing hockey legend Wayne Gretzky down the hall of the FleetCenter, showing up at Mike Bordick's doorstep and being locked in a football stadium due to faulty stadium lights and gates.

Mills, who graduated from GHS in 1984, has worked for the Boston Globe, Portland Newspapers and has been with the Sun Journal for the last 19 years. He has been recognized numerous times by the Maine Press Association, New England Press Association, Maine



Basketball Coaches Association and the Maine Athletic Administrators Association for outstanding print media contributions to Maine interscholastic athletics.

"Sidelined," along with his first novel "Sons and Daughters of the Ocean," are both available at kevincmills.com and select area bookstores.

Junior Girl Scout Troop 1173 will be hosting a Food Drive at the Gorham Hannaford on Sunday, Feb. 13 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., as part of the Food from the Heart Program. Donations of canned goods would be greatly appreciated.

Rick Beal of Gorham has been recognized with the Achievement Award for the month of December at Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage. Beal works in the office located at 53 Baxter Blvd. in Portland.



Two movies will be shown at the McCormack Performing Arts Center at GHS on Friday, Feb. 11, as part of the Dawn Rivard Fundraiser, mother of a GHS student who lost her life to lung cancer this past September. GHS purchased a one-time viewing license to show the movies Toy Story 3 at 5 p.m. and Inception at 7 p.m. Admission is by donation and concessions will be available for sale.

Identification Security will be addressed by Ted Hatch when the Gorham Woman's Club meets Thursday, Feb. 10, 12:30 p.m. at the First Parish Church, Gorham. The business meeting will include planning for the April 15 Spring Luncheon – a not-to-be-missed event!

The Gorham Trails Land Trust needs to raise \$10,000 seed money for X-Town Trail that will run from Buxton through Gorham to Westbrook. FMI, 839-8000.

The USM Theater Dept. presents "Airsquimming" by Charlotte Jones on Feb. 4 & 5 at 7:30 p.m. and Feb. 6 at 5 p.m. Matinee Feb. 5, 2 p.m. Russell Hall Auditorium, Gorham Campus. \$15/\$11/\$8. FMI, 780-5151.

GHS Project Graduation will sponsor a Valentine's Day Dance and Silent Auction featuring Motor Booty Affair on Saturday, Feb. 12 at 7:30 p.m. at The Gold Room in Portland. Tickets \$15 and available at the Bookworm or call Amy at 839-4383.

Join friends and neighbors on Friday, Feb. 11, 7 p.m. for Gorham Night at the Maine Red Claws face the Springfield Armor. Gorham Middle School Choir will

Hats for the Homeless



Gorham Girl Scout Troop 1173 participated in the Hats for the Homeless program in December, where each girl sewed three fleece hats that were donated to the Preble Resource Center. Shown in back (l-r): Autumn Heil, Brenda Norris of the Preble Resource Center, Julia Downey, Melaine Wright, Abby Enck, Brenna Donovan. Front: Isabel Courtney, Kate Larkin, Samantha Rockwell and Grace DiPhilippo.

Dancers (l-r) **Nicole Brunet, Lindsey Flores, Janeen Arnold, Natalie Brackett, Madison Drew, Nicole Labbe, Libby Andreasen** and **Maddie Poulin** traveled to Danvers, MA to participate in Excel in Motion's dance conference in January.



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perform the National Anthem and The Dance Studio of Maine will provide half-time entertainment. Gorham Recreation and members of the Gorham Business Exchange will cheer from the stands. For tickets call 892-5515 or email dede@gorhambusiness.org.

The Gorham Swim Boosters will be selling oranges and grapefruit from Florida Indian River Groves as part of a fundraising event to allow GHS athletes to swim as a team next year. As of now, swimmers practice and travel with the Westbrook High School team and compete at meets as individuals. A 10 lb. carton of oranges, grapefruit or mixed carton will sell for \$17; a 20 lb. carton of oranges, grapefruit or mixed carton will sell for \$25. Order deadline is February 12 and fruit will be delivered to your

home or business from March 7 to 12. To order, call 310-0005 or write to kcurriercpa@att.net.

The Southern Maine Symphony Orchestra, directed by Robert Lehmann, will perform a "Going for Baroque!" concert on Saturday, Feb. 12, 8 p.m. at Corthell Concert Hall, USM Gorham. (snow date: Feb. 18) \$6/\$3. FMI, 780-5555.

The USM Wind Ensemble, under the direction of Peter Martin, will hold a "Suites for the Sweet" Valentine concert on Sunday, Feb. 13, 2 p.m. at Corthell Concert Hall, Gorham. \$6/\$3. FMI, 780-5555.

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Bullying

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and students, as part of the Maine Learning Technology Initiative. Dawson explained that students are encouraged to "stop, think and then click when it comes to putting something out there," because, "Once it's out there, you can't get it back". While students are in school, access to social networking, gaming and file sharing websites are blocked on the school's network.

Reports of bullying behavior are investigated and consequences are determined on a case-by-case basis. Depending on the nature of the infraction, consequences could include detention, written reflections, apology letters, suspension or expulsion. One thing is for certain: no matter which Gorham school a child attends, reports of true bullying in school are taken seriously. Responses are timely and do not include negotiation. All children deserve a high quality education that is delivered in an environment that is intellectually, physically, and emotionally safe. This is the intention and goal of every school staff member in the Gorham Schools.

The Gorham School Department's policy on Bullying can be found on line at www.gorhamschools.org, or in a student handbook. The School Committee is planning to make revisions to the policy this spring.

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Water Street caller applied for a job online and was asked to cash a check. The check bounced and the funds were taken out of caller's account.

Buck Street caller requested to speak with an officer regarding their parental rights with respect to their 17-year-old who would not come home from a friend's house.

Longfellow Road caller requested to talk with an officer regarding their dog that needed surgery.

Ossipee Trail caller requested to speak with an officer about an individual who allowed a four-year-old child to ride in the front seat without restraints.

Hemlock Drive caller requested to speak with an officer regarding a neighbor's vehicle that has had out of state plates since last winter.

State Street caller requested to speak with an officer as to where they could buy mace.

Mosher Road caller reported that subjects were surrounding their residence with unknown weapons.

Caller reported the theft of a set of gloves.

Dingley Spring Road caller reported a dog running loose in the road that appeared to be very confused.

Huston Road caller reported that their house had been egged.

Mosher Road caller reported that products they ordered were delivered to the wrong address and tenants at wrong address refuse to answer the door.

Goodall Road caller reported a raccoon was being beaten after attacking a delivery driver.

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Adams Drive caller requested to speak with an officer regarding concerns that they were being stalked.

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- Baked Bean Supper, 4:30 – 6 p.m., White Rock Community Club, Wilson Road, Gorham. \$7/\$3. FMI, 892-4342.

MONDAY, FEB. 7

- Planning Board Meeting, 7 p.m., Gorham Municipal Center, 75 South St.
- Food & Fellowship Ecumenical Meal Program, Windham Assembly of God, Rte. 302, Windham. Everyone welcome. FMI, 892-3769.

TUESDAY, FEB. 8

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

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 9

- North Gorham Public Library, Babies in the Library, ages 0-3 yrs, 10-11 a.m. FMI, 892-2575.
- Gorham Food Pantry Open, 6-7:30 p.m., St. Anne's Catholic Church Parking Lot.
- School Committee Meeting, 7 p.m., Gorham Municipal Center, 75 South St.

THURSDAY, FEB. 10

- Baby & Me at Baxter Library, ages birth-18 mos., 9:30 a.m. FMI, 839-5031.
- Toddler Time at Baxter Library, ages 18-36 mos., 10 a.m. FMI, 839-5031.
- Sewing Club at Baxter Library, ages 7 and older, 2:30 – 4:30 p.m. FMI, 839-5031.
- North Gorham Public Library, Story Hour for ages 3-5 yrs, 9:30-10:30 a.m. FMI, 892-2575.
- Gorham Food Pantry Open, 9-11 a.m., St. Anne's Catholic Church Parking Lot.
- WWCC Thursday Community Meals, noon, 810 Main St., Westbrook. \$4. FMI, 854-9157.
- Gorham Business Exchange meeting, 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m., Gorham Saving Bank, 10 Wentworth Drive, Gorham. Registration requested. FMI, 892-5515 or dede@gorhambusiness.org.

FRIDAY, FEB. 11

- TRIAD meeting, 8:45 to 9:45 a.m., Gorham Municipal Building (75 South St.). FMI, 856-1212.

SATURDAY, FEB. 12

- GHS Project Graduation Valentine's Dance,

The Gorham Ecumenical Food Pantry is open at St. Anne's Church every Thurs. from 9-11 a.m.; the second Wednesday of the month from 6-7 p.m.; and the third Monday of the month from 6-7 p.m. Open to anyone in Gorham in need of food. Located in the building behind St. Anne's Church, Main St.

Motor Booty Affair, Gold Room in Portland, 7:30 p.m. FMI, 839-4383.

- Southern Maine Symphony Orchestra concert, Corthell Concert Hall, USM Gorham, 8 p.m. \$6/\$3. FMI, 780-5555.

MONDAY, FEB. 14

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

TUESDAY, FEB. 15

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WEDNESDAY, FEB. 16

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THURSDAY, FEB. 17

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- Toddler Time at Baxter Library, ages 18-36 mos., 10 a.m. FMI, 839-5031.
- Sewing Club at Baxter Library, ages 7 and older, 2:30 – 4:30 p.m. FMI, 839-5031.
- Kiwanis Club Lunch Meeting, Pinecrest Bed & Breakfast, noon-1 p.m. FMI, 839-8944.
- Gorham Food Pantry Open, 9-11 a.m., St. Anne's Catholic Church Parking Lot.
- WWCC Thursday Community Meals, noon, 810 Main St., Westbrook. \$4. FMI, 854-9157.
- Red Cross Blood Drive, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m., USM Gorham Campus.

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School Committee

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and municipal buildings. The report is expected to be completed in the spring.

Chairman Libby noted that public buildings, both on the municipal and school side, have been underfunded for maintenance and improvements. The McCormick assessment will help determine the next steps in capital improvement. Libby applauded Justice and his department for their work, and for collaborating with other town departments.


Justice also discussed the progress of the new elementary school; the building is weather tight, the roof is on and work is progressing. While some areas of the building are behind schedule, others are ahead of schedule. General contractors ensured that the building would be completed on time and ready to open in the fall of 2011. In addition, ARRA funding provided for energy efficiency improvements, and provided \$55,000 in incentives from Efficiency Maine.

In other news:

- The Gorham High School Expansion and Renovation

Exploratory Committee unanimously approved the conceptual design of the renovated high school. Sharp hopes to have further discussions with Shawn Moody regarding the sale of land, which would provide space for two new athletic practice fields. The School Committee will likely discuss and make a decision on the proposal in an upcoming workshop. If the project moves forward, it will go out for voter referendum in 2013.

- Cheryl Fotter, a third grade teacher at Village School, was approved (5-0) as the new K-5 Math Coordinator. The position became available when Becky Fortier was appointed to become assistant principal of the new elementary school. Both changes are effective July 1.
- Voted to accept (5-0) the change in WRVC by-laws. The change adds in the cost sharing formula for schools.
- Voted to approve (5-0) Gorham's share of the WRVC budget in the amount of \$297,909 and PATHS budget in the amount of \$220,035.



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