



**Plan-It Recycling Clean-Up Complete** The Plan-It Recycling site has been cleared of all waste (above), according to Phil Grondin, manager of R. J. Grondin & Sons. He indicated the application to issue a certificate of completion was submitted to the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and he expects a quick response. Once the application is approved, the DEP will issue the certificate of completion to Grondin, which breaks any liability for environmental issues from the date of issuance forward. Once the certificate is received, Grondin said that he feels confident the site will sell. Grondin added there were no surprises with the soil testing and said the DEP was a great organization with which to work.

## Gorham Marketplace 2012 to Take Place on March 31

Dede Perkins

The Gorham Business Exchange's 15th Annual Marketplace will be held on Saturday, March 31, 2012 in USM's Costello Field House.

"We have over 70 vendors so far," said Jeff Pike, Marketplace 2012 Committee Co-Chairperson. "We're looking forward to another terrific day."

Marketplace 2012 will showcase quality products and services available in the greater Gorham area. As in years past, Gorham Marketplace 2012 will offer a Food Court that features specialties from Amato's, Gorham Grind, Gorham House of Pizza, and Sebago Brewing. Regularly scheduled entertainment includes performances from The Dance Studio of Maine, Greater Portland School of Jukado, My-FIT-24, Moody's Collision Centers, and the Gorham/Falmouth Robotics team. Girls Scouts will once again sell cookies throughout the day.

In addition, the popular "Price is Right" game with contestants "coming on down" to play and win prizes from featured businesses will take place near the Grand Prize Giveaway area. The Kids' Area will be set up near the Food Court and will be filled with all kinds of fun activities for children, including two bounce houses and art activities. New this year: Booth Hunt, a game where winners will be entered to win one of four prizes, and laser tag, which will take place on the far wall, near the Food Court.

These activities, along with vendor raffles and cash prizes, encourage people to stay all day. There will be two cash drawings, and you have to be present to win. The event starts at 10:00 a.m. with opening flag procession and continues all day until 3:00. Admission is free.

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## Curtis Bridge Rehabilitation Project

Krista Nadeau

A public hearing was held on March 21 for residents regarding the project to rehabilitate Curtis Bridge located on County Road, just west of the Route 114/Route 22 intersection. Town Manager David Cole was present and indicated that only three residents showed up and there were no real concerns about the project.

Brian Nichols, senior technician with the Maine Department of Transportation (MDOT) Bridge Program said the culvert is over 50 years old and is currently rated at a four meaning it is in poor condition. Using their rating scale, zero means the bridge is closed and beyond repair and a nine means the bridge is brand new. Heavy rusting is visible along the bottom and part way up the sides; however, the top half is still in good shape. "So the culvert is deteriorated enough to require our attention, but not to the point that it warrants complete replacement," said Nichols.

The culvert will have a five-inch-thick concrete lining along the bottom of the pipe to just above the rust lines on the sides. In order to stay in compliance with the Environmental Regulatory Agency

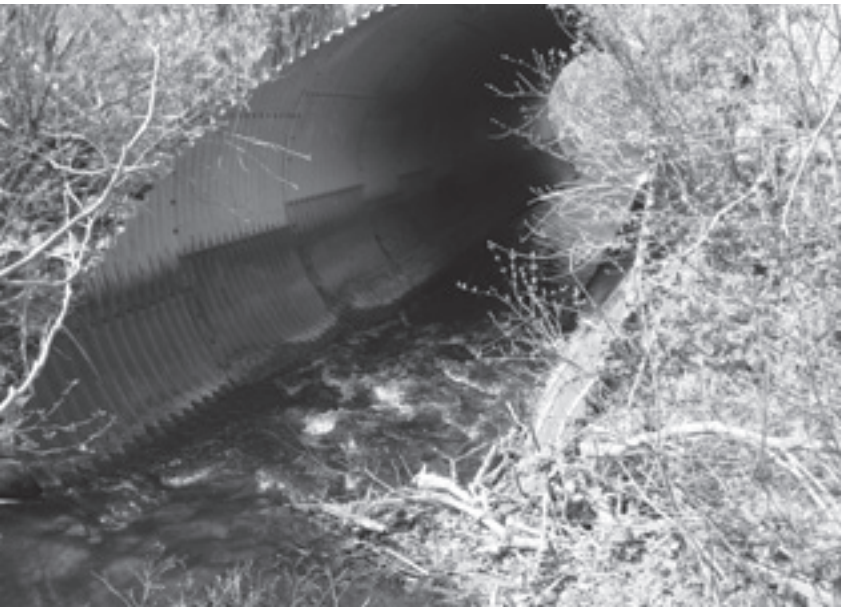


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and the policy prohibiting the obstruction of fish passage, a rock fish weir will be constructed downstream of the culvert, as well as four concrete fish weirs from inside the culvert. Essentially this creates "steps" in the water to allow fish to get upstream.

Mark Parlin, MDOT Project Manager estimates the project to start, at the earliest, the end of July. From start to finish, the project should take approximately six to eight weeks with minimal disruptions.

## Gorham Company Unable to Bid on Projects with Schools

Gorham Times Staff

Clean-o-Rama, a janitorial supply company based in the Industrial Park, represented at the School Committee meeting by Jim Means of the Gorham Economic Development Corporation (GEDC), would like to do business with the Gorham School Department, but has not been allowed to bid on projects.

At the School Committee meeting, Means said his objective was "to work toward a win-win-win outcome - a win for Gorham School Department, Gorham taxpayers, and a local business."

According to Philip Sferes, co-owner of Clean-o-Rama, the company did business with the School Department until the mid-1980s, but after reaching out to the Facilities Department, he can't get past the secretary. Sferes was told the school district was in contract with another firm.

According to Norm Justice, director of the Facilities Department, the School Department has had a membership agreement since 2009 with CleanGreen ScoreReport, which, according to their website, is "a cost-managed curriculum designed

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## Man Badly Injured in Domestic Violence Assault

Sheri Faber

On March 8 at about 10:00 p.m. a 43-year-old man was stabbed at least six times on the face, back, head and hand by his 26-year-old wife, Bella Harris. He was taken to the hospital and only regained consciousness on March 21. He is now expected to survive. His wife is being held on \$100,000 bail on charges of elevated aggravated assault which may be upgraded to attempted murder.

The couple's five-month-old baby was placed with members of the victim's family. There were two witnesses to the assault but one, who had an outstanding warrant, fled the scene. He was later arrested on the warrant in Massachusetts. The Harrises had only lived on Phinney Street for a short time. Police are hoping to interview the victim and find out more about what transpired.



# General Assistance Program Faces Deep Cuts

Rep. Linda Sanborn

General Assistance (GA) is a state-funded program that is administered on the municipal level. GA is meant to be the last resort for people who do not have enough money to pay for food, clothes, or a warm place to sleep.

The recent recession has caused the budget for this program to increase over the past several years. This should not come as a surprise to anyone given that many people have lost their jobs over the last few years, there have been large spikes in heating oil prices, Maine has experienced a dramatic decline in federal support for home

heating assistance, we've experienced a doubling of the numbers of families either behind on their mortgages or losing their homes, and we've seen an increase in homelessness, including among families with children.

One family I know that is receiving GA is a mother with two children: a 13-year-old son with autism and an 8-month-old baby. The autistic child needs structure and stability in order to cope with his disorder. He was hospitalized six months ago and his mother fears that if they end up homeless and in a shelter he will suffer a

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## William T. "Bill" Ambrose, 67



After a very brief but courageous battle with cancer, Bill went home to the Lord on March 14, 2012 – with his wife, Gail, by his side.

Bill was born February 17, 1945 in the Bronx, New York to Ernest and Jessie (Schmidt) Ambrose. Bill was born during a blizzard; his mother had to be driven to the hospital in a garbage truck.

Bill attended the High School of Art and Design, graduating in 1962 after studying architectural design and drawing. He continued his education at The City College of New York graduating with a degree in psychology. Graduate studies in clinical and school psychology soon followed.

During the Vietnam War, male teachers were in high demand and Bill went to work at P.S. 104, an inner city elementary school in the Bronx teaching disadvantaged children in grades four through six. He taught in this extremely challenging environment for 32 years, teaching his students to go beyond what they learned in the classroom. Two of his students collected enough money to purchase a telescope that they kept on the roof of their apartment building to look at the night sky after Bill taught some lessons in astronomy. Bill later ran the computer lab at P.S. 126, Bronx, before retiring. After his retirement, he became a mentor to new teachers.

In his second year of teaching, Bill met his wife, Gail, who taught music in the same school. They were married in 1973. Because Gail's father was originally from Maine, in 2002 they moved to Gorham.

Bill became quite involved in the community and loved living in Gorham. He served on the Board of Trustees for the Cressey Road (formerly School Street) United Methodist Church for five years, including three as president. During his time on the Board, the church sold the parsonage and the School Street Church

while building the new church on Cressey Road. For eight years Bill volunteered for the Gorham Times covering local news, specifically, improvements to town roads.

Bill was a lifelong fan of the New York Yankees and the New York Giants. The Giants' win in the most recent Super Bowl really lifted his spirits. He also enjoyed Formula One racing and loved to read history, politics and English mysteries as well as books about railroads, particularly the New York Central Railroad. He also enjoyed gardening.

He is survived by his wife of 39 years, Gail; a son Christopher Nealy of Venice, CA; his mother-in-law Lillian Stevens of Portland; his sister-in-law and brother-in-law Sharon and Steve Sabo of Leland, NC; and his special nieces Tara Sabo Attwood and her husband Morgan and son Eli of Gainesville, FL; Tiffany Sabo of Queens, NY; and Amy Pitruzzello and husband Michael and daughters Ava and Maya of East Lyme, CT. He is also survived by several cousins.

We are grateful for the special care given to Bill by his doctors, Dr. Gary Green and Dr. Devon Evans and the VNA Home Health and Hospice staff, especially his nurse, Kathy.

There will be a time of visitation from 4 to 7 p.m. on Friday, March 30 at the Cressey Road United Methodist Church followed by a Memorial Service in celebration of Bill's life on Saturday, March 31 at 11:00 a.m. at the church with Pastor Linwood Arnold officiating.

In lieu of flowers Bill requested donations be made to the Cressey Road United Methodist Church Parsonage Fund, PO Box 607, Gorham, ME 04038. You may also contribute to the American Cancer Society's 2012 Relay For Life at USM by making a donation to Bill's Team/Gorham Times at <http://main.acsevents.org/goto/GorhamTimes>, or VNA Hospice, 50 Foden Road, South Portland, ME 04106

# 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.

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### Dear Gorham Times,

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In honor of the late Bill Ambrose, and other Gorham Times families who have been touched by cancer, please consider becoming part of the **Gorham Times/Bill's Team at the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life** event, on April 27 at the USM Gorham Field House. The event begins at 6 p.m. and continues for 12 hours. You do not need to be present for the entire 12-hour period. For more information on the Relay for Life event, visit [www.relayforlife.org/learn/index](http://www.relayforlife.org/learn/index).

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# profiles

## Open House Fiber Arts Days at Gorham Farms

Jackie Francis



Jenny Smith of Underhill Farms at the spinning wheel.

Photo credit Jackie Francis

Springtime is a busy time of year for the owners of Underhill Farm on Wilson Road in Gorham. The snow cover has just about melted on this small family farm, revealing chores that have been dormant all winter long. Baby sheep, goats and rabbits are coming into the world at all hours of the day and night. The eggs continue to be collected, the pigpens cleaned and the horses brushed, fed and exercised. All in a day's work for the collaborative Smith family who have owned and operated this 12-acre farm for over 35 years.

On any kind of farm, everyone has his or her assigned chores. Daughter and farm manager, Jenny Smith, wears many hats, one of which is shearing off the thick, woolen coats of the oversized Romney/Finn sheep and Pygora goats and plucking the soft, silky wool from Angora rabbits. Soon after the wool has been shorn from the fiber-producing animals, Smith explains how the fiber is skirted (removed of dirt and debris), washed, hand-carded (brushed into fibers), roved (combed, drawn into a clump, and then twisted slightly) and handspun. "It's not made in bulk by machine," says Smith, "just a normal human."

Much of her yarn and raw fibers

are sold at Fiber Art Fairs throughout the state of Maine. Open Farm Day at Nason Brook Farm in Gorham is Sunday, April 15 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Smith will present spinning demonstrations throughout the day and display her wool products for sale at her neighbor's farm. Nason Brook Farm, known for their free-range chickens and Jacob sheep, intends to show off their new lambs of 2012 and also plans to shear if the weather permits. Tables will be set up with hats, mittens, slippers and raw fleece.

On Saturday, May 5, Underhill Farm will hold an Open House from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. "It's a chance for the public to visit farms and take part in demonstrations and farm living," says Smith. Visitors by appointment are very welcome at Underhill Farms. "Call first to be sure a human will be around to give you the full-guided tour," says Smith with a big smile.

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# Chief Shepard Reports

The Grand Jury returned the following indictments in February and March:

- Mark Luxton, 28, of Gorham was indicted for theft of a firearm on charges brought by Westbrook Police Department.
- Chad Nichols, 23, of Mechanic Falls was indicted for three counts of burglary and three counts of theft on charges brought by Gorham Police Department.
- Tobie Clement, 44, was indicted for aggravated assault (priors), assault (priors) and violating conditions of release on charges brought by Gorham Police Department.
- Yvette Cote, 44, of Gorham was indicted on charges of forgery and misuse of identification on charges brought by Gorham Police Department.
- Christopher Dimastrantonio, 23, of Gorham was indicted on five counts of burglary and six counts of robbery on charges brought by Gorham Police Department.
- Christopher Frey, 41, of Gorham was indicted for possession of scheduled drugs, trafficking in scheduled drugs and criminal forfeiture on charges brought by Gorham Police Department.
- Jean King, 60 of Gorham was indicted

for theft on charges brought by Falmouth Police Department.

- Patrick Littlefield, 20, of Gorham was indicted on charges of burglary, violating conditions of release, criminal mischief, terrorizing, assault and refusing to submit to arrest on charges brought by Westbrook Police Department.
- Michael Manganaro, 36, of Gorham was indicted for trafficking in scheduled drugs on charges brought by Westbrook Police Department.
- Nicholas Porter, 21, of Gorham was indicted for theft and forgery on charges brought by Portland Police Department.

On the afternoon of March 18, a vehicle driving west on Route 25 (Main Street) stopped to let a Saturn coming out of Cumberland Farms and also going west, turn into traffic ahead of him. A GMC Yukon driven by Cordelia Barrows, 58, of Harrison was driving east on Route 25. The Yukon hit the Saturn broadside by the driver's door. Dustin Denbow, 20, of Caribou was driving the Saturn. Denbow and a passenger in his vehicle were transported to the hospital with serious but not life-threatening injuries.

# Town Council Report

March 6, 2012 Robin Somes

In Councilor Communications, Councilor Suzanne Phillips reported on this year's upcoming Founders' Festival. Still in the planning stages, Phillips announced plans for amusement rides, a petting zoo and local entertainment. Confirmed events thus far include Motor Booty Affair, a pancake breakfast, the Gorham Fire Department chicken barbeque dinner, and fireworks. She extended her thanks to this year's sponsors that now include Hannaford Supermarkets, Chalmers Insurance, Key Bank, Norway Savings Bank, Custom Coach and Limousine, Maine Land Law, Home Instead Senior Care, Dolby Funeral Home, Knowles Industrial Services Corporation, Nappi Distributors and Shaw Brothers. Indicating that the festival website is being updated regularly, Phillips encouraged people to visit [www.gorhamfoundersfestival.com](http://www.gorhamfoundersfestival.com).

Councilors Matt Mattingly and Matthew Robinson both commented on their recent tour to Clean-O-Rama's new facility, also attended by members of the Gorham Economic Development Corporation. This local business, founded in Gorham in 1964 opted to stay in Gorham when they needed to expand. Mattingly and Robinson expressed their esteem for Clean-O-Rama's new, "impressive" facility on Bartlett Road, which they moved into last year.

Robinson also lauded Grondin's efforts in the removal of the "trash" at the former Plan-It Recycling facility on Rte. 25. See page one for more information.

Robinson cited Georgia Humphrey of GoCAT for the live streaming of the Town Council meetings and indicated that he would like to extend this feature to other endeavors such as school plays and sporting events.

In his monthly report, Town Manager David Cole reported that Police Chief Ronald Shepard was able to locate two new 2011 Crown Victorias for police vehicle replacements. These will be purchased from cash flow and the budget. The cost for both totals \$56,866 and represents

a savings of over \$11,500 for two equipped Ford Explorers priced at \$68,400 that had been initially considered.

In other business, the Town Council voted 6-0 to approve the renewal of the Special Amusement Permit for Church Banquet Center Sons of Italy Lodge. In response to Town Council questioning and concerns, Michael Salvaggio of the Lodge indicated that no liquor will be served and gaming is to be conducted in an area separate from dances and shows. The Council members voted unanimously to approve two new Game of Chance licenses for poker games and Lucky 7's.

The Town Council also unanimously approved the following items:

- The bid of \$5,101 from Peter and Susan Legere for the purchase of town owned land was accepted. The parcel abuts their Fort Hill Road property.
- The Town Manager was authorized to accept proposals from Life Church and the Lyman Snowmobile Club for two town owned portable buildings given the following conditions:
  1. Life Church and Lyman Snowmobile Club assumes responsibility for expenses of moving all buildings.
  2. The portable buildings to be donated to each organization are subject to the final approval of the Town Manager.
  3. Details of moving the portable buildings are subject to the approval of the Public Works Director with the intent to minimize any disruption to municipal services.
  4. The move must be completed by May 1 with the Town Manager having the right to extend the deadline to June 1 given appropriate grounds.
- Gorham Country Club's liquor license was renewed.
- A contract zone for Carol Wood for 34 County Road in South Gorham was granted.

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# Autism Outreach – Safety Night

Compiled by Krista Nadeau

Join the Gorham Special Education teachers, volunteers, and the Gorham Fire and Police Departments for an opportunity to register your child with the Gorham Police Department on April 3 at the Great Falls Elementary School. This event will take place for children in pre-K through fifth grade at 5:30-6:30 p.m. and grades six through 12 at 6:30-7:00 p.m. Should your child become lost or missing, this information will assist the Police Department in locating your child. Fingerprinting is not necessary for

registration but will be available.

To help your child become (more) familiar with community helpers, uniformed police officers and firefighters will be on hand. Children will have an opportunity to explore a fire truck and/or ambulance. In addition, Gorham's Special Olympics coach will offer information about Special Olympics and upcoming events.

If your child has a disability other than autism and would benefit from this, you are encouraged to attend.

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# Gardening Pleasures

Linda Treworgy Faatz

Nothing lifts my spirits higher than watching something grow. As the sun pours through the south-facing window on early spring days, I feel compelled to start some seeds. I went to my granddaughter's kindergarten class to show the children how to plant dwarf bean seeds. It may be stretching the season, but how excited they were to see those seeds sprout out of the soil. On a sunny warm window sill, with a little fertilizer once the plants get their second leaves, there could even be a harvest of beans to eat before summer comes.

There are other seeds that you can start now and it will save you some cash later in the spring. Coleus plants have become a favorite of mine because they work so well in pots with blooming annuals and some smaller perennials. When the coleus reach a couple of inches, pinching them back encourages a bushy, full plant.

Now is a great time to plant herb seeds to harvest right from your windowsill and then put the grown plants outside after danger of frost has past. Parsley, both curly and Italian, have been planted in sterile seed-starting mix and are slowly germinating on my counter. It takes them forever, so start early. Not only is parsley great for seasoning and garnish but the curly looks great in pots with other plants. A very sunny windowsill is needed or a grow light, otherwise plants will get very leggy. Use clean containers and a seed starting mix.

In April I shall start Cut and Come Again zinnias to transplant in a sunny

raised bed in June. Last summer and into the fall I was creating bouquets using those beautiful colored blossoms mixed with seasonal perennial flowers.

Make your own seed tapes. Cut 1 1/2 inch wide strips of newsprint any length. Mix flour and water into a paste and spread down the center of the strip or dot the paste along the strip. Sprinkle the seeds thinly in the paste. Mark the paper somewhere with the variety of seeds used. Let dry and then roll up and store until you are ready to plant outside. When it is time to plant, cover with appropriate amount of soil and water thoroughly. This method works especially well with small seeds.

When the snow goes and the ground is still a little frozen, rake the remaining leaves and seeds off the lawn and garden. The soil is still relatively cold and plants have not yet come through the ground. You will find that the raking is easy and you are getting a great head start on spring cleanup.

Wait to prune lilacs, rhododendrons, azaleas or any other plant that is showing flower buds until right after it blooms.

Fresh air and gardening exercise will invigorate our spirit after a winter inside so let's all find something to do outside.



Linda Treworgy Faatz, a passionate gardener for many years, lives in her family home at Friend's Corner and cares for the extensive Treworgy gardens.

## Letters

three losses, they went on to beat three very good teams in five days to win the league championship. I would have been proud of these 12 young men win or lose. Each and every one of them was the reason we won; we were the epitome of team. They each provided something special to our team's success. It did not matter if we fell behind in a game or if we were winning, these young men played the game the right way, solid sportsmanship and respect for each other, the team and their opponents. I would have written this letter win or lose, that is how strongly I believe in these young men.

I would be remiss if I did not mention two other special people, Wayne Young. You could not have asked for a better assistant coach, and Steve Meyers, who kept our scorebook all year.

In closing I want to thank Connor Sweatt, Joseph Fissett, Branden Dennis, Alex Young, Alex Smith, Kyle People, Rob Pellerin, Will Hepler, Victor Hanson, Zac Meyers, Cam Stevens, and Lukas Burchill. Thank you, guys. I am proud and honored to say that I coached you.

Rob Files

## Augusta

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huge setback. If her son's autism is not stable and she needs to care for him 24 hours a day seven days a week, she cannot commit to a job.

Now consider the proposed cuts to GA in the second supplemental budget being reviewed currently by the legislature. General Assistance for housing would be limited to only 90 days a year - even in emergencies. Help with housing is the most common reason that people get GA. Also, families who are receiving TANF benefits would no longer be eligible for GA.

Most people, like the family above, who are applying for SSI benefits need to rely on GA for longer than 90 days. I can assure you that if this child's autism destabilizes due to homelessness, he will need to be hospitalized. In pure dollars and cents, a hospitalization will cost the state far more than rental assistance. This is to say nothing of the physical and emotional toll for the family.

Even worse, state reimbursement to cities and towns that spend the most on GA will be cut drastically. Municipalities like Portland, Lewiston and Bangor, which currently qualify for up to 90 percent reimbursement for GA costs, will be cut to a 50 percent reimbursement. This will put a

lot of financial pressure on municipalities, who will have to choose between raising property taxes and throwing families out into the streets.

Shifting the burden onto service centers and their property taxpayers does not fix the problem, but there are better solutions. The GA program can be restructured to achieve savings by improving administrative efficiency, accountability, and improved consistency in application of benefits. If we work together we can find ways to increase efficiency and use taxpayer dollars more wisely. This will take time though, and unfortunately there are no quick fixes. Shifting costs onto municipalities and sending families onto the streets may balance the state budget today, but only pretends to fix the problem.



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# Thirty Presenters Speak at GMS Career Day

Avery Arena and Whitney King, GMS Students



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Paramedic Steve Perrerin demonstrates some of the tools used in a rescue to (back row) Tyler Williams, Jacob Miller, Alyssa Crowell and Madison Keeting; (front row) Matt Rex and Erik Andreassen.

Recently Gorham Middle School held their annual Career Day where over thirty presenters shared information about their jobs. Many teachers and staff at GMS think Career Day is much more beneficial than just having shortened classes. The goal of Career Day is to get students thinking about what they might want to do for a job. It is important for students to learn about different careers that they never thought of before, and to learn what those careers involve.

Mrs. Tassey, Mrs. Winslow, and Mrs. Hanley were the three main organizers of Career Day. They asked the students what they would be interested in hearing about. They got many different and surprising responses; from those suggestions they decided whom to invite as guest speakers. Then they proceeded to ask teachers and students if they knew anyone who would be interested in sharing about their job. Former students were also invited to present. Mrs. Tassey liked the fact that some of the

former GMS students who said they wanted to have a certain career actually went on to have that job. She thought Career Day was important because it opens up possibilities.

This year's Career Day had a variety of professions represented - photographers, firefighters, musicians, coast guard, illustrator, electrician, interior designer, personal trainer, and physical therapist. "This Career Day was the most successful year so far, with so many diverse careers," said Mr. Riley. Some of the speakers said they liked their jobs because they never knew what the day would bring. Many of them chose their job based on their interests.

Students had a positive reaction to Career Day and got to see a lot of new careers they might not have thought about before. One student said, "The presenters were interesting, they gave a lot of information but still kept it fun." Overall, the students enjoyed Career Day and learned a lot.

## 4-H Mini-Forum

More than 100 youngsters from ages five to eighteen participated in the University of Maine Cooperative Extension's 20th Annual 4-H Mini-Forum in Bailey Hall at the University of Southern Maine, Gorham. Twenty different fun and hands-on workshops were offered, including robotics, veggie car racing, fudge making, woodworking, creating anime characters, origami, and a demonstration from Maine State Trooper Jessica Shorey and Yosher, her dog from the K-9 unit. Showing off her handcuff knot is Caralin Mills. FMI on 4-H, Heidi Thuotte, 4-H leader, can be reached at 892-7904



Photo credit Stacy Sullivan

# Read Across America Day

Maddie Rossignol and Emma Cousins, GMS Students



Photo credit Donna Pastore

Jillian Worster, Kirsten Perry and Allyssa Doughty, Student Council representatives at GMS, read to second grade students in Mrs. Landry's class as part of Read Across America Day.

Read Across America Day was celebrated on March 5 with Gorham Middle School's Student Council representatives reading to kindergarten, first, and second grade students at Village Elementary School. They read books by Eric Carle, including "Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?," "The Very Busy Spider," "Does a Kangaroo Have a Mother Too?" and "The Ten Rubber Ducks." After reading to the students, each class was given a set of the books.

You are probably wondering how we got the money. Well Student

Council raised money by selling chocolate roses, and having a very successful talent show. Each ticket for the talent show was only three dollars and the chocolate roses were a dollar. The roses sold fast, and we almost had a packed house at the talent show. The best part is seeing the smiles on the little students' faces when Student Council representatives read to them. Nothing was better than that. This couldn't have been a success without help from the advisor of Student Council, Mrs. Pastore, and of course the representatives from GMS Student Council.

# Ready, Set, Kindergarten!

Cheryl Fotter, Math Coordinator

Along with reading skills, number recognition and counting skills are important to your child's success in kindergarten. Try these counting activities with your pre-schooler:

- Teach your child to count out loud from one to ten, forward and backwards. Have him clap as he says each number to make the learning kinesthetic.
- Teach them the correspondence between numbers and objects. The best way to do this is to play counting games. Any object can be part of a counting game. Count Cheerios, silverware, pennies, fingers, socks and items in books you read together.
- Recite nursery rhymes and sing songs that include counting such as "One, Two, Buckle My Shoe," "There Were Ten in the Bed," "This Old Man," "Five Little Ducks" and "The Ants Go Marching One by One." This will give your child an opportunity to practice counting in a fun and playful manner. You can find free song lyrics and listen to melodies at [www.kiddiddles.com](http://www.kiddiddles.com).

Try these number recognition activities with your pre-schooler:

- Point out and name numbers on street signs, houses and buildings while you are out and about. Find numbers around the house on appli-

ances, telephones, remote controls, clocks and thermometers.

- Purchase a package or two of magnetic numbers. Allow your child to match up pairs of the same number and put the numbers in order. Take a cookie sheet and numbers in the car for on-the-go learning.
- Teach your child to recognize written numbers from one to ten, then help them learn the numbers out of sequence. Ask questions like, "Can you find the number six?"
- Play the card game "Go Fish" together. This will help them recognize the written numbers and count up to four objects.

Find counting books at the library. You will want to be sure to check out a few of these classics and find your favorites: "Over in the Meadow" by Ezra Jack Keats; "Count" by Denise Fleming; "Five Little Monkeys," a series by Eileen Christelow; "Ten Black Dots" by Donald Crews and "Anno's Counting Book" by Mitsumasa Anno.

Cheryl Fotter, Math Coordinator K-5, writes this column as a part of a project between the Gorham Elementary Schools and Gorham Adult Education. For more information, contact Fotter at 222-1045, K-5 Literacy Coordinator Melissa Michaud at 222-1045, or Family Literacy Coordinator Heidi McGouldrick at 222-1095.



# Rainbow League Promotes Tolerance



Photo credit Rob Roy

**Gorham High School's Rainbow League**, with support from others in the school community, sponsored Rainbow Week, an ally week to show support for the members of the LGBTQ (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Questioning) community. Allies play a vital role in making schools safer for all students, regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity or expression. Students created this week as a way to build on the unifying work of GSTAs (Gay, Straight, Trans Alliances), which encourage people to become allies against name-calling, bullying and harassment in schools. Stationed outside of the cafeteria, members of the Rainbow League gave out a "color of the day" ribbon. Pictured, back row, left to right: Mary Klement, Ms. Vickerson, Maggie Roy, Devin Anderson, Mick Murray. Front row, left to right: Rachel Bean, Mr. Roy, Meghan Foley, Lindsay Chadburn. The GHS Rainbow League is looking to purchase some GLBTQ books for the library. If you would like to make a donation to the Gorham Rainbow League, please send your donations to GHS, 41 Morrill Ave, Gorham, ME 04038. Please write on the check's memo line, "Rainbow League."

## Clean-o-Rama

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to address the considerable challenges surrounding cleaning school buildings today. The program encompasses the use of eco-sensitive products and procedures along with a full and comprehensive training program that raises awareness and promotes the health and safety of everyone involved." The agreement is not binding.

Justice disagrees that Clean-o-Rama was purposefully shut out of the bidding process. He said that many factors go into the decision to buy products, including, for example, the incompatibility of Clean-o-Rama's soap to the existing soap dispensers.

Justice claims to have met with Clean-o-Rama on several occasions

and did a fair amount of business with them when he worked in Scarborough. He also cited figures that show the School Department did business with Clean-o-Rama in fiscal years ending 2008, 2009, and 2010, but not in 2011 and 2012.

Sferes sent a letter to Justice requesting a meeting, but Justice did not respond in the required time because, shortly after receiving the letter, he went on vacation. After the School Committee meeting, Justice requested a meeting with Sferes and Means, and met with the GEDC last week.

Look to subsequent issues for more information.

# Gorham Clothes Closet For Entire Community

Sarah Gavett-Nielsen

Last December a group of Gorham residents opened the Gorham Clothes Closet, a place where residents of all ages can pick out clothing free of charge. The mission statement of the organization states that the Gorham Clothes Closet "strives to support the needs of the community by offering free, clean, new and gently used clothing for children, teens and adults." The idea for the organization evolved from an annual winter outer-wear clothing swap event organized by the Narragansett School Partners in Education Group. The group had concerns that the benefits of the one-day clothing swap were not reaching enough of Gorham's residents and the idea for the Clothes Closet served as the solution.

With the help of Cindy Hazelton and the Gorham Recreation Department the Clothes Closet found a permanent location at the Little Falls Activity Center on Acorn Street. The Clothes Closet holds open hours twice monthly - on the first Saturday of every month from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and on the second Wednesday of every month from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. All residents are welcome to come to the location to pick out clothing.

While the Clothes Closet helps families in need it also offers benefits to all Gorham families who strive to reduce, reuse and recycle. Rhonda Sawyer of the Gorham Clothes Closet states, "Children grow out of their clothing so quickly...it just made sense to have a

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# Kindergarten Teacher Publishes Book



Photo credit Stacy Sallinen

**Cindra Simpson, a Gorham resident and kindergarten teacher at Great Falls Elementary School**, published a children's book called "Peace is Different." The book tells how all living things can know peace although it may look different to every single one of us. Unable to find a suitable book to help explain peace to her five-year-old granddaughter, Simpson decided to write her own book, believing that peace should be instilled in people's minds and hearts at a very young age. Simpson has two more books with multicultural themes that are currently being illustrated. Pictured are (left) Holly Soft Stone, the illustrator, with (right) Simpson.

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**Flanders Wins All-American Honors**



**GHS senior Katie Flanders** proudly displays her medal and crown for finishing sixth among 51 competitors from across the U.S. and earning All-American honors in the New Balance Indoor Track and Field Championships one-mile racewalk, March 10 in New York City. Flanders led early in the race and finished with a time of 7:43. In other recent out-of-state racewalk events, Flanders placed second at the one-mile Dartmouth Relays with a time of 7:45 on January 8, and fourth at the 3K GBTC Invitational at Harvard on January 2 with a time of 15:25. She also plans to compete at the 10K USA Track and Field National Championships in June.

in the Zone

**Skiing Excellence Continues:** Skiing in the Eastern High School Championships, March 10-11 at Attitash Mountain in New Hampshire, GHS junior **Marissa Roberts** finished 12th among 111 skiers from several northeast states in the girls' giant slalom with a time of 2:02.92. She was also first among Maine skiers. In the slalom completion, she fell and was not able to finish. Roberts and her accomplishments for the 2012 season were featured in the March 15 Gorham Times.

**Hockey All-Stars:** The Maine Class A Hockey Coaches Association named several Gorham players to the All-State West Team. Leading the way on first team is junior **Spence Cowand**, who also finished second in the entire state for goals scored with 27. Named to the second team were senior defenseman **Ryan Koenig**, junior forward **Chris Hardy**, and sophomore goalie **Justin Broy**. Sophomore forward Shawn Sullivan received honorable mention while senior forward **Eliot Gagne** received All-Academic honors. Senior **Nate Goodrich**, **Brad Turnbaugh** and **Ryan Koenig** were selected to the Southern Maine All-Star Team that will compete against the Boston Bruins Alumni, March 30 at the Cumberland County Civic Center.

**Girls' Basketball Team Awards:** As a follow up to the GHS Winter Sports Awards announced in the last Gorham Times, the girls' basketball team recently announced its team awards: Most Valuable Player-**Kristen Ross**; Coaches Award-**Kiersten Turner**; Coaches Award-**Courtney Burns**.

**All-State Wrestler**



Photo courtesy of Lifetouch Studios

**Gorham's Ian Whittis**, a junior at Cheverus High School, was named to the Maine Sunday Telegram All-State Wrestling team. Whittis won all 26 of his Maine matches this season on his way to capturing the Class A state title.

**Gorham Rec Department Champs**



Photo courtesy of Roger Smith

**The Gorham Rec Department Detroit team** held off a late run by San Antonio to capture the 5th/6th Grade Rec Basketball Championship, 34-27. Detroit finished the regular season 7-1 and avenged a loss to San Antonio in last year's championship game. Detroit was led by Kyle King who finished with 21 points and Chris Tucker who chipped in with 10. San Antonio was paced by William Prescott with 14 points. Pictured above, front row from left to right: Shawn Crosby, Andrew Garcia, Kyle King, Elisey Kiyanitsa and Griffin Lord. Back Row: Head Coach Roger Smith, Dawson Smith, Chris Tucker, Simon Roussel, Grayson MacDonald and Assistant Coach James MacDonald.



Photo courtesy Gorham Rec Department

**The Gorham Rec Boston team** climbed out to an early lead and used a stifling defense to win the 5th/6th Grade Girls Recreation Championship, 17-5, over Gorham Orlando. Michelle Rowe carried the winners finishing with 13 points while Trinity Dean and Hannah Lowell added a bucket each. Both teams had a great season and competed against teams from surrounding towns. Pictured above, front row from left to right: Gaby Gagne, McKenzie Young, Michelle Rowe and Camry Brault. Back row: Head coach Ron Lowell, Trinity Dean, Hannah Lowell, Llyana Charest, Rylie Wareham, Sarah Stevens and assistant coach Scott Stevens.



Photo credit Monique Meyers

**The Gorham Rec Department 7th/8th grade boys' basketball team** captured the Bonny Eagle Middle School Rec League Championship by defeating the Bonny Eagle Maine Street Grill team in the finals, 25-23. The team was led in scoring by Lukas Burchill, who finished with 12 points, and Rob Burchill with four clutch free throws during the last five minutes. Victor Hanson, Alex Young and Branden Dennis controlled the rebounds while Will Hepler, Connor Sweatt, Alex Smith and Kyle Peoples handled the ball against relentless pressure and Zac Meyers, Cam Stevens and Joe Fissett played stellar defense. Pictured above, front row from left to right: Zac Meyers, Connor Sweatt, Alex Smith, Will Hepler and Kyle Peoples. Back row: Coach Ron Files, Joe Fissett, Alex Young, Victor Hanson, Rob Pellerin, Lukas Burchill, Branden Dennis, Cam Stevens and Coach Wayne Young. Not pictured is team scorekeeper, Steve Meyers.



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Pictured working at the Clothes Closet are, front row from Girl Scout Troop 1173: Autumn Heil and Samantha Rockwell and, back row, Amy Valentine, Amanda Landry, and Rhonda Sawyer.

place where people can donate gently used items and pass things around.” Clothing items can be donated to the organization year-round at collection receptacles located at Narragansett School, Village School, Great Falls School, My-FIT-24, and the Gorham Recreation Department.

The Clothes Closet is run by a large group of volunteers and has had a tremendous outpouring of community

support. Members of the Girl Scouts have been heavily involved in volunteering. The Clothes Closet is currently looking for more groups or individuals who would like to work during their open hours. Anyone who has interest in being added to the volunteer e-mail list is encouraged to contact Rhonda Sawyer at rhondasawyer@maine.rr.com or Amanda Landry at alandry6@maine.rr.com.

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# sports

## State Hot Shot Champion

On March 10 at the Portland Expo, Gorham's Lucia Reidy (left) won the girls' 9-10 age division of the State Hot Shot Championship basketball shooting contest sponsored by the Maine Red Claws. She is pictured with Crusher, the Red Claws mascot, and Charlotte MacMillen of Brunswick, who finished second and was edged by Reidy by a score of 101-99. Other top finishers from Gorham included McKenzie Holmes, sixth in the girls' 11-12 division; Cam Holmes, sixth in boys' 13-15; and Chris Tucker, ninth in boys' 11-12.



Photo courtesy of Maine Recreation and Parks Association

# sports, etc

**Second Annual Into-the-Mud Challenge:** Sponsored by the USM Sports Management Program, the Into-the-Mud Challenge is back for its' second year—May 5 at Gorham Middle School. Registration starts at 8:30

a.m. with race beginning at 9:30 a.m. Last year, the inaugural challenge drew 375 participants. The 2.5-mile dash for participants of all ages features slippery pits of mud along with obstacles to overcome, all in the spirit of fun and friendly competition. The challenge has several divisions of competitors including individual, youth and teams. The team division also includes a costume competition. Prizes will be awarded to the winners of each division, along with the team with the best costumes. Proceeds go to the USM Sport Management Scholarship Fund for undergraduate sport-management students taking part in unpaid internships required for graduation. FMI and for sponsorships, visit [www.intothemudchallenge.com](http://www.intothemudchallenge.com).

**Run for the Future—5K Run/Walk to Benefit GHS Project Graduation:** May 12, 9 a.m. at GHS. Bring your family and join in with fellow students, friends, community members and neighbors to run or walk in Gorham's 1st-Annual Run for the Future 5K Road Race. Proceeds to benefit 2012 GHS Project Graduation, which helps GHS seniors celebrate in a safe, chemical-free environment the night after they graduate. Register at Gorham Marketplace at the USM field house on March 31 or online at <http://running4free.com/RaceDetails.aspx?raceid=113>. FMI, contact Kim Turner at [kimt@gorhamschools.org](mailto:kimt@gorhamschools.org).



DEAN’S LIST

**Lindsey Profenno** of Gorham was named to the Dean’s List at Lyndon State College for the fall 2011 semester. Lindsey is the daughter of Timothy and Marcia Profenno and is majoring in Television Studies.

**Emily Plowman** earned academic honors for the winter trimester at Lawrence Academy. She is the daughter of Bonny and Steven Plowman.

OF INTEREST

**Thomas Bahun III**, a GHS graduate and student at USM majoring in International Relations, has been awarded a \$2,000 National Rural Water Association Scholarship. He is the son of Thomas Bahun II.

**Air Force Airman Thomas Kusturin** graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. Kusturin, a graduate of Magdalen College, is the son of Ricky Kusturin of Gorham.

**Elizabeth Willette**, age 7, of Gorham, won second place in her age category at the Portland Flower Show essay contest sponsored jointly with University of Maine Cooperative Extension. Participants were asked to describe in detail a celebration held in the outdoors.

**The Gorham High School musical production of “South Pacific”** opens Friday, Mar. 30 at 7:30 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center at the high school. Saturday, Mar. 31 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, Apr. 1 at 2:30 p.m. Show runs through April 7. \$9/\$6. FMI, 839-5754.

**Baxter Memorial Library** will host a “Medicare and YOU 2012” Educational Seminar Thursday, Mar. 29 from 5-6 p.m. Caroline Irwin from Coveside Senior Solutions will discuss the latest Medicare news. FMI, 839-0441 or myager@homeinsteadmaine.com

**The West Gorham Union Church** will hold a bean/chicken/casserole supper on Saturday, Mar. 31 from 5-6 p.m. \$7/\$3 under 12. FMI, 839-4208.

**The South Gorham and North Scarborough Fire Company** will host an all-you-can-eat Roast Beef Supper on Saturday, April 7 at the Scarborough Lions Club, 273 Gorham Road, Scarborough. Serving 4:30 – 6:30 p.m. \$8/\$3. FMI, 837-8326.

**There will be a Benefit Dance, Auction and Raffle at the Rochambeau Club**, 329 South Street, Biddeford, for Jessica Heath, a young Gorham mother who recently underwent brain surgery in February. FMI, visit [www.everribbon.com/ribbon/view/5066](http://www.everribbon.com/ribbon/view/5066) or call 730-1446 or 229-1136.

**The 2nd Annual “Into the Mud Challenge,”** a 2.5-mile dash that is sure to be a muddy good time for participants of all ages, will be held on Saturday, May 5 at the Gorham Middle School, with prizes for individual, youth and team divisions. Proceeds benefit the USM Sport Management Scholarship Fund. FMI, [www.intothemudchallenge.com](http://www.intothemudchallenge.com).

**The following local students** participated in the USM Youth Ensemble and/or Southern Maine Children’s Chorus: **Stanislav Butenko** (violin), **Esther Eaton** (percussion/voice), **Grace Eaton** (percussion), **Samuel Emerson** (clarinet), **Karina Fox** (violin), **Vanessa Garnik** (violin), **Chloe Gray** (trombone), **Melody Hasbrouck** (flute), **Grant Hawkes** (cello), **Autumn Heil** (voice), **Arthur Lockman** (trombone), **Bethany Marshburn-Ersek** (viola), **Olivia Marshburn-Ersek** (oboe), **Alex Saunders** (trumpet), **Clara Stickney** (violin), **Dorothy Stickney** (viola), **Emily Stickney** (cello), **Katherine Sullivan** (voice), **Michael Sullivan, Jr.** (baritone sax), **Amy Sutherland** (euphonium) and **Jordan Thomas** (voice).

**A free AARP Tax-Aide Program** for older taxpayers on limited incomes will be offered from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. on Tuesdays through April 15 at the Gorham Recreation Center in the Municipal Building,, 75 South St., Gorham. Call 776-6316 for an appointment however, walk-ins are welcome. FMI, 776-6316.

**Moody’s Collision Centers**, in conjunction with ME Oxy, are collecting items to send in care packages to US troops overseas.



**Ashley Earl** (GHS ’11) recently returned from a six-month trip with Youth With a Mission, an international volunteer organization of young Christians. She volunteered in Wollongong, Australia, Bangladesh and India. A life-long dancer, Earl spent much of her time teaching dancing skills at the Compassion schools. Earl will be working for the Dance Studio of Maine as an Outreach Coordinator and Dance Instructor.

For a list of the most requested items go to Moody’s Collision Centers on Facebook or call 839-2500.

**The Dream Factory** is sponsoring a “Happily Ever After” Breakfast on Saturday, Mar. 31 from 8-10:30 a.m. at Cressey Road Methodist Church in Gorham. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for children, with a \$15 maximum for a family. Come dressed as your favorite prince or princess.

**The Gorham Woman’s Club** will meet on Thursday, Apr. 12 at 12:30 at First Parish Church, Gorham. The GHS Annual Art Show and Youth Leadership Program will be discussed. All are welcome. FMI, 839-6375.

**The Friends of Baxter Memorial Library’s Annual Meeting and Writing Contest Awards Ceremony** will be held on Wednesday, Apr. 4 at 6:30 p.m. at the library. A brief meeting will be followed by readings from the contest winners. Public welcome.

**Beverly Mann Lessard** will be at the Baxter Memorial Library on Wednesday, Apr. 11 at 5:30 p.m. reading from her new book

“Still Relentlessly Upbeat,” focusing on stories from her time in Gorham.

The Pixel Fund will sponsor a Shelter Pet Seminar, April 7 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Shaw Municipal Center Community Room. Mallory Hattie of Raising Canine will focus the seminar on the joys and challenges of adopting or fostering a shelter pet. The cost is \$10, but free to adopters or fosters of Pixel Fund pets. Bring a topic for discussion. Register at [events@thepixelfund.org](mailto:events@thepixelfund.org).

USM NOTES

**The USM Board of Trustees** approved a new, four-year Tourism and Hospitality Program beginning this fall at the USM campus. FMI, [www.usm.maine.edu/tourism](http://www.usm.maine.edu/tourism).

**The USM School of Music** will present an Opera Workshop on Sunday, Apr. 15, at 2 p.m. in Corthell Concert Hall, Gorham campus. Selections from Carmen, The Goose of Cairo, Cinderella and The Crucible will be performed. \$6/\$3. FMI, 780-5555.

Easter Services 2012

<p><b>Cressey Road United Methodist Church</b> 81 Cressey Road, Gorham Rev. Linwood Arnold, 839-3111 April 1 – Palm Sunday, 9 &amp; 10:30 a.m. April 5 – Maundy Thursday, 7 p.m. April 6 – Good Friday Services at West Gorham Union Church, 12-3 p.m. April 8 – Sunrise Service at Fort Hill, 6 a.m.; Sunday Service, 9 &amp; 10:30 a.m.</p> <p><b>First Parish Congregational Church, UCC</b> One Church Street, Gorham Rev. David Butler, 839-6751 April 1 – Palm Sunday, Distribution of Palms, 8:30 &amp; 10:30 a.m. April 5 – Maundy Thursday, Eucharist and Tenebrae, 7 p.m. April 6 – Good Friday Ecumenical Service at West Gorham Union Church, 12-3 p.m. April 8 – Sunrise Service at Fort Hill, 6 a.m. with breakfast to follow at Cressey Road United Methodist Church; Easter Sunday Service, 8:30 &amp; 10:30 a.m.</p> <p><b>Galilee Baptist Church</b> 317 Main Street, Gorham Rev. David Christensen, 839-6985 April 1 – Palm Sunday, 10:30 a.m. April 6 – Good Friday Service, 7 p.m. April 8 – Easter Sunday Service, 10:30 a.m.</p>	<p><b>Grace Bible Church</b> 74 Deering Road, Gorham Pastor Bob White, 839-8800 April 8 – Easter Sunday Service, 10 a.m.</p> <p><b>LifeChurch</b> New Portland Road, Gorham Pastors Brian Undlin and Gordy Johnson, 839-6354 April 6 – Good Friday, 6:30 p.m. April 7 – Free Community Easter Egg Hunt, 10 a.m. April 7 – Easter Service, 5:30 p.m. April 8 – Easter Sunday Service, 8:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.</p> <p><b>Little Falls Baptist Church</b> Gray Road, Gorham Pastor Tony Bafiades, 892-4240 April 1 – Palm Sunday, 10 a.m. April 5 – Maundy Thursday Service at Stonehedge, 5:30 p.m. April 6 – Good Friday Service, 6 p.m. April 8 – Breakfast, 8:30 a.m.; Easter Sunday Service, 9:30 a.m.</p> <p><b>Orchard Community Church</b> 1 North St/Rt. 114, Gorham Pastor Gary Groves, 671-3612 April 1 – Palm Sunday, Official Opening Service -9:30 a.m. April 8 – Easter Sunday, 9:30 a.m.</p>	<p><b>Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church</b> 410 Main Street, Gorham Rev. Edward Balfour, 839-7100 April 5 – Maundy Thursday, 6 p.m. Seder followed by Divine Worship –call 934-8173 to reserve. April 6 – Good Friday Tenebrae, 7 p.m. April 8 – Easter Sunday Divine Worship Service, 10:15 a.m.</p> <p><b>St. Ann’s Episcopal Church</b> 40 Windham Center Road (Off River Road), Windham Rev. Tim Higgins, 892-8447 April 1 – Palm Sunday, Distribution of Palms, 8 a.m. &amp; 10 a.m. April 5- Maundy Thursday Seder Service with meal, 5:30 p.m. April 6 – Good Friday Reflection &amp; Prayer, 12-3 p.m.; Stations of the Cross, 3 p.m.; Service with Veneration, 7 p.m. April 8 – Easter Sunday Service, 8 a.m. &amp; 10 a.m.</p> <p><b>St. Anne’s Catholic Church</b> 299 Main Street, Gorham Rev. Joseph Koury, 839-4857 April 1 – Palm Sunday, 8:30 a.m. &amp; 11 a.m. April 5 – Eucharistic Adoration, 6 p.m. April 8 – Easter Sunday Liturgies, 8:30 a.m. &amp; 11 a.m.</p>	<p><b>South Gorham Baptist Church</b> 53 County Road, Gorham Rev. Peter Beckwith, 839-3457 April 6 – Good Friday Service, 6:30 p.m. April 8 – Easter Sunday Sunrise Service at Scarborough Free Will Baptist Church, 6 a.m.; Sunday Worship, 10:30 a.m.</p> <p><b>United Church of Christ at North Gorham</b> 4 Standish Neck Road, Gorham Rev. Richard Small and David Butler, 892-5363 April 8 – Easter Sunrise Service (Atwood’s), 6 a.m. followed by pancake breakfast; Easter Sunday Service, 9 a.m.</p> <p><b>West Gorham Union Church</b> Intersection of Routes 25/112, Gorham Pastor Norm Rust, 839-5946 April 6 – Good Friday Services, 2-3 p.m. April 8 – Easter Sunrise Service (Rust Road at Hoyt Farm), 6:15 a.m. with breakfast following; Easter Sunday Service, 9 a.m.</p> <p><b>White Rock Free Will Baptist Church</b> 300 Sebago Lake Road, Gorham Pastor Jonathan Marshall, 893-1919 April 5 – Maundy Thursday Service, 6:30 p.m. April 6 – Good Friday Service, 6:30 p.m. April 8 – Easter Sunrise Service, 6 a.m.; Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; and Sunday Service, 10:45 a.m.</p>
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**Mosher Road caller** reported that their house had been broken into sometime that day.

**Elkins Road caller** reported that someone smashed in their car window while two other Elkins Road callers also reported that their vehicles had been broken into.

**Ossipee Trail caller** reported receiving counterfeit money.

**Winslow Road caller** wanted to speak to an officer regarding a male subject with the same last name as caller’s husband.

**State Street caller** stated that their neighbors below them were constantly smoking pot.

**Mosher Road caller** reported witnessing a drug deal involving juveniles.

**Main Street caller** reported there was a message on their machine from a man saying he wants to “kill them all.”

**Ossipee Trail caller** reported that they believed they had a possum inside their residence.

**Caller reported** a female subject sitting at the end of Mighty Street drinking in her vehicle.

**Beech Circle caller** requested to speak with an officer regarding their mother getting unwanted calls from an extremely

rude scammer and being threatened with bodily harm.

**Elizabeth Street caller** reported receiving a telephone call from a third party stating that a family member had been arrested and needed a large amount of money for bail. Maplewood Drive caller report receiving a similar phone call.

**Gray Road caller** reported that their home had been broken into and items were missing.

**Mosher Road caller** reported that their generator was missing from their garage.

**Gray Road caller** requested to speak to an officer regarding a neighbor who asked caller’s children where they could buy weed.

**Nature’s Way caller** wanted to speak with the Animal Control Officer regarding a second dead raccoon they found in their shed.

**Main Street caller** reported that someone drove off without paying for K-1 fuel. It turned out that this was not a theft, but an error at the business.

**Wentworth Drive caller** reported that they found it strange that there was blood around the building and on two company vehicles.



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## THURSDAY, MAR. 29

- Medicare and YOU 2012 Educational Seminar, 5-6 p.m., Baxter Library. FMI, 839-0441 or myager@homeinsteadmaine.com

## FRIDAY, MAR. 30

- GHS presents the musical “South Pacific,” 7:30 p.m., GPAC. \$9/\$6. FMI, 839-5754.

## SATURDAY, MAR. 31

- West Gorham Union Church Public Supper, 5-6 p.m. \$7/\$3. FMI, 839-4208.
- 15th Annual Marketplace, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., USM Costello Field House. FMI, www.gorhambusiness.org.
- GHS presents the musical “South Pacific,” 7:30 p.m., GPAC. \$9/\$6. FMI, 839-5754.
- Happily Ever After Breakfast, 8-10:30 a.m., Cressey Road United Methodist Church. \$5/\$3/\$15 for families.

## SUNDAY, APR. 1

- Gorham Community Chorus Rehearsal, 7 p.m., Village School. FMI, 839-3517.
- GHS presents the musical “South Pacific,” 2:30 p.m., GPAC. \$9/\$6. FMI, 839-5754

## TUESDAY, APR. 3

- Gorham Cancer Prayer and Support Group, 6 p.m., Cressey Road United Methodist Church. FMI, 839-3111.
- Knitting with Florence / Cards or Board Games / Pickleball, Lakes Region Senior Center, 10 a.m. FMI bbrocket350@aol.com.

## WEDNESDAY, APR. 4

- Senior Community Meal, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., St. Anne's Catholic Church, \$3.50. FMI, 839-4857.
- Prayer Shawl Knitting Group, 1-2:30 p.m., St. Anne's Catholic Church. All are welcome. FMI, 839-4857.
- Toddlers in the Library, 10-10:30 a.m., No. Gorham Public Library. FMI, 892-2575.
- Poker with Ray, Lakes Region Senior Center, 10 a.m. FMI bbrocket350@aol.com.
- Bunko, Cards, Dominos, Lakes Region Senior Center, 1 p.m. FMI bbrocket350@aol.com.

## THURSDAY, APR. 5

- Gorham Food Pantry, 9-11 a.m. (Located in St. Anne's Catholic Church parking lot).
- Story Hour for 3-5 yr olds, 10-11 a.m., No. Gorham Public Library. Stories, songs & crafts. FMI, 892-2575.
- Bingo, 10 a.m., Lakes Region Senior Center, 25 cents a card/first card free. FMI bbrocket350@aol.com.

## FRIDAY, APR. 6

- GHS presents the musical “South Pacific,” 7:30 p.m., GPAC. \$9/\$6. FMI, 839-5754

## SATURDAY, APR. 7

- Gorham Clothes Closet, Little Falls Activity Center, 40 Acorn St. (off Rt. 202), 10 a.m.-1 p.m. FMI, 839-3104 or rhonda-sawyer@maine.rr.com
- GHS presents the musical “South Pacific,” 2 p.m. & 7:30 p.m., GPAC. \$9/\$6. FMI, 839-5754.
- All You Can Eat Roast Beef Supper, Scarborough Lions Club, 273 Gorham Road, Scarborough. Serving 4:30-6:30 p.m. \$8/\$3. FMI, 837-8326.
- Baked Bean Supper, White Rock Community Club, Wilson Rd. (off Rt. 237), 3:30-6 p.m. \$7/\$3. FMI, 892-4342

## MONDAY, APR. 9

- Gorham Community Chorus Rehearsal, 7 p.m., Village School. FMI, 839-3517.
- Cribbage, Lakes Region Senior Center, 9:30 a.m. FMI bbrocket350@aol.com.

## TUESDAY, APR. 10

- Knitting with Florence / Necklace Making (\$5) / Pickleball, Lakes Region Senior Center, 10 a.m. FMI bbrocket350@aol.com.

## WEDNESDAY, APR. 11

- Senior Community Meal, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., St. Anne's Catholic Church, \$3.50. FMI, 839-4857.
- Gorham Food Pantry, 6-7:30 p.m. (Located in St. Anne's Catholic Church parking lot).
- Prayer Shawl Knitting Group, 1-2:30 p.m., St. Anne's Catholic Church. All are welcome. FMI, 839-4857.
- Toddlers in the Library, 10-10:30 a.m., No. Gorham Public Library. FMI, 892-2575.
- Gorham Clothes Closet, Little Falls Activity Center, 40 Acorn St. (off Rt. 202), 6-8 p.m. FMI, 839-3104 or rhondasawyer@maine.rr.com
- Pickleball, Lakes Region Senior Center, 10 a.m. FMI bbrocket350@aol.com.
- Indian culture/Native American Pow Wow demonstration & lunch to follow, Lakes Region Senior Center, 11 a.m., FMI bbrocket350@aol.com.

## THURSDAY, APR. 12

- Gorham Food Pantry, 9-11 a.m. (Located in St. Anne's Catholic Church parking lot).
- Story Hour for 3-5 yr olds, 10-11 a.m., No. Gorham Public Library. Stories, songs & crafts. FMI, 892-2575.
- Gorham Woman's Club meeting, 12:30 p.m., First Parish Church, Gorham. FMI, 839-6375.
- Bingo, 10 a.m., Lakes Region Senior Center, 25 cents a card/first card free. FMI bbrocket350@aol.com.

**Baxter Memorial Library**, 71 South St.  
**Cressey Road United Methodist Church**, 81 Cressey Rd.  
**First Parish Congregational Church**, 1 Church St.  
**Gorham Clothes Closet**, Little Falls Activity Center, 40 Acorn St. (off Rt. 202)  
**Gorham Food Pantry**, St. Anne's Church Parking Lot, 299 Main St.  
**GPAC**, Gorham Performing Arts Center, Gorham High School, Morrill Ave.  
**Lakes Region Senior Center**, 40 Acorn St. (off rt. 202)  
**No. Gorham Public Library**, 2 Standish Neck Rd.  
**Scarborough Lions Club**, 273 Gorham Road, Scarborough  
**St. Anne's Catholic Church**, 299 Main St.  
**USM Costello Field House**, Campus Ave.  
**Village School**, 12 Robie St.  
**West Gorham Union Church**, 190 Ossipee Trl.

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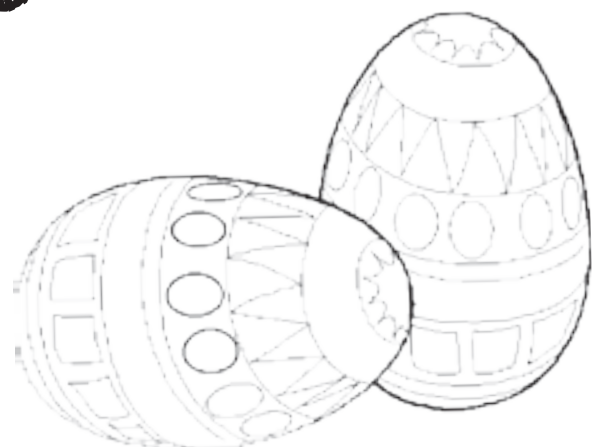
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