



Five-year-old Evelyn Rush competes in the May 12
Run for the Future 5K Road Race to benefit GHS Project Graduation. The youngest competitor by several years, Evelyn completed the course in 35:16. She is shown above with her sister Addison Rush, age 3, and her mother Jennifer Rush.

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Founders' Festival to be Held this Weekend

Suzie Phillips

The Gorham Founders' Festival will start on Friday, May 25, running from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. and continuing on Saturday, May 26, from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. The two-day event, which will be held next to Narragansett School off Main Street, will offer amusement rides, contests, food, local vendors, a petting zoo, local music and entertainment. On Friday, music by Motor Booty Affair (sponsored by Shaw Brothers) will begin at 7 p.m. Saturday, day two of the affair, will start with a pancake breakfast from 7 to 9:30 a.m. A live auction will be held at noon with items and offers donated by local businesses. The Fire Department will hold a chicken barbeque dinner from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. The evening will conclude with music by the Time Pilots at 7 p.m. followed by fireworks sponsored by the Westbrook Gorham Chamber of Commerce and IDEXX at 9 p.m.

Changes Sought for Phinney Street

Sheri Faber

A proposal by Travis Caruso to subdivide or change the lot line for one of the two lots he currently owns on Phinney Street has raised concerns with neighbors – 24 of whom joined Planning Board members for a site walk on May 2. Caruso and his family live at 45 Phinney Street and have purchased the lot at 53 Phinney Street with the stated purpose of splitting it into two parcels and building a home on the back portion of the lot, which would adjoin 171 acres formerly leased by Martin's Farm on Fort Hill Road. C & C Family, LLC, the owners on record for the lot Caruso wants to divide, currently also own that property. Some Phinney Street residents believe it is Caruso's ultimate intent to obtain access to the 171-acre parcel through Phinney Street and to potentially build a large subdivision on that property, a claim that Caruso denies.

The C & C Family, LLC property is easily accessed from Fort Hill Road, but if a subdivision were to be built it would be required to have public water if the

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Jon Smith: The GBE Business Person of the Year

Compiled by Jeff Pike

On May 17 the Gorham Business Exchange (GBE) presented Jon Smith of Great Falls Construction with the 2012 Business Person of the Year award. Smith received his plaque from past winner Mary Kroth-Brunet of Back-in-Motion Physical Therapy at a reception hosted by Crockett Furniture. Smith received a warm round of applause from GBE members as well as many Great Falls Construction employees, friends, and family members—including his wife and five children.

GBE president Becky Winslow of Gorham Savings Bank presented how Smith was raised in North Gorham and went to graduate from Cheverus High School and Southern Maine Vocational Technical Institute (now known as Southern Maine Community College). Smith launched Great Falls Construction in 1988 and has owned the business ever since.

Smith earned this year's award for successfully growing his business from a one-man operation to a business that now employs 23 people and has a regional presence. He was also recognized for his community contributions, including serving on the the Gorham School Committee, Gorham Educational Foundation, Ethical & Responsible Behavior Committee and the Gorham Schools Business Roundtable.

Also a past director of the Gorham Business Exchange, Smith was a board member of the



Presented by Becky Winslow, Jon Smith of Great Falls Construction accepts the 2012 Business Person of the Year award from the Gorham Business Exchange

Southern Maine Communication College Building Construction Advisory Team, a board member of the Southern Maine Community Recreation Center, and a pastoral council member at Saint Anne's Catholic Church. Recently, he became a corporator

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Little Falls to be Revitalized with Grant

Sherrie Benner

The towns of Windham and Gorham have received an \$80,000 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) from the Cumberland Community Development Program to fund streetscape improvements along approximately 0.8-mile stretch of Route 202 from the Mountain Division Right of Way in Windham to the Route 237 roundabout in Gorham, known as South Windham and Little Falls. Under the grant, poor quality sidewalk finishes will be replaced with new paving and all existing sidewalk slopes and curbs on Route 202, Route 237, Depot and High Streets will meet ADA requirements for ramps. The funding will be used for design/engineering, materials and supplies and construction costs. Both towns will each provide \$10,000 to meet the 20% match requirement and will also donate staff time during the public design and engineering phase. Blais Civil Engineers and

Terrence J. DeWan & Associates landscape architects have been awarded contracts for the projects.

Historically, South Windham Village and Little Falls have been thought of as one village, joined by the bridge over the Presumpscot River. The Town of Gorham voted in January 2011 to authorize the town manager to submit the application to the Cumberland County CDBG program. Final grant approval was awarded in May 2012. The process to obtain the grant began with a study in 1997, funded by a \$20,000 Quality Main Street Grant. The resulting 1998 Revitalization Plan of South Windham/Little Falls Village laid the groundwork in providing the strategies and recommendations for revitalizing the village.

The study noted that the area had great potential, a strong historic heritage and opportunities for rede-

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Pharmacy Robbed for Drugs

Sheri Faber

On May 10 at about 8:17 a.m., a man entered Community Pharmacy on Main Street and handed a note to the pharmacist saying he was armed and wanted oxycodone. The pharmacist gave him an undetermined amount of oxycodone and the suspect fled the immediate area on foot running in the direction of Lawn Avenue. He ultimately left the area in a vehicle.

The robber was described as a white male, 5'9" to 5'10", weighing about 140 pounds. He was wearing

a green camouflage hat, a black hooded sweatshirt and sunglasses.

This is the second time in recent weeks that Community Pharmacy was robbed by someone looking for oxycodone; the first was on April 16. Police believe it may be the same person involved in both robberies.

Anyone with any information is asked to call the Gorham Police Department at 222-1660.

Investing in Maine

Sen. Phil Bartlett

Maine, much like the rest of the country, is at a crossroads. We are at a critical point where we need to make targeted investments to improve our economy and promote strong, proactive economic policies with benchmarks for creating jobs for today while implementing long-term strategies for the jobs of our future.

In an effort to achieve these goals, the Legislature has supported a series of bond packages that will boost our economy, get Maine people back to work, and address many needed improvements in our state’s infrastructure. A real jobs package is exactly what Maine needs to give our economy a much-needed shot in the arm.

Each bond proposal has taken into careful consideration our state’s financial ability to responsibly fund these investments. In the end, both Republicans and Democrats in the Legislature agreed on the bond packages. As it is with all state bonds, the voters of Maine will have final say on any bond package. However, at the time of this column, it was unclear if the Governor will veto the Legislature’s decision to send the bond proposals to the voters.

However, I believe the time is right – with Maine’s strong track record of conservative borrowing and paying down debt quickly, we can afford a responsible jobs package, and we should not delay.

Maine voters tend to agree; as they have a history of supporting public investments in our roads and bridges, bolstering our state’s educational infrastructure, and prioritizing research and development so that we attract and build the industries of the 21st century while giving our workers the skills needed to compete for the jobs of tomorrow.

If we do not make public investments now, we will be missing an opportunity to create jobs and improve our economy.

We know that we cannot build a strong economy if the foundation is weak, or worse, crumbling. Through targeted investments in roads and bridges, research and development, and education; we are giving our state, and its workers, the tools needed to move forward to a brighter future. These investments are a strong catalyst for growth.

I believe Maine is ready for the jobs of today and tomorrow. Maine is a great place to live, work, play – and invest.



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around town

Bears have been reported on Samantha Drive, Kiara Lane, Dingley Springs Road, and other places. The bears destroyed several beehives on Phinney Street, as pictured at right.

At the request of town officials, the Maine Military Authority (MMA) evaluated a number of town vehicles including Engines 5 and 6, a number of school buses, and much of the heavy equipment used by Public Works to see if the various vehicles could be refurbished instead of having to be replaced. The MMA found that the two fire engines needed to be replaced but five school buses can be refurbished. They are still evaluating the Public Works vehicles as well as other town vehicles. Refurbishing a vehicle is a way of extending the working life of a vehicle instead of having to replace it.



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Dear Gorham Times,

We, the girls of the Gorham House of Pizza fire, would like to thank all of those people who have helped us these past few weeks. This letter is something that is long over due but we hope you know that the tardiness of it in no way reflects the appreciation and gratitude that we feel. Thank you to the brave firefighters from Gorham, Scarborough, Windham, Buxton, and Westbrook for doing all you could to save our home and our things, you are all heroes. Thank you to Rainey’s Laundromat for all your help cleaning our clothes after the fire. Thank you to the local businesses of St. Joe’s, The Gorham Grind, and Neu2u for all of your wonderful donations. Thank you to Denise and the University of Southern Maine ResLife for making sure we had a place to live while we finished our school year. Thank you to Jenna Guiggey, Josh Champagne, Christina Zahn and the University of Southern Maine Music Department as well as Kim Stacy and the University of Southern Maine Theatre Department for all your support and donations. Thank you to all our friends and families for your time, love, and support and for helping us recover and clean up from the fire. Also, special thank you’s to Jay Smith, Nick Cyr, and Chris Ellis who were there with us every minute of our first weekend after the fire and to “the guy’s house” who gave us a place to stay on our homeless night. We will never forget you all and the many ways you were there for us during this past month. We would also like to say that our thoughts and prayers go out to Angelo and the other residents of the building. We hope you are all doing well.

Thank you,
Kelly Mosher, Julie Higgins, Caitlin O’Reilly, Jericah Potvin, and Audrey Higgins

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South Windham Public Library in Gorham Closing

Jackie Francis

Head librarian Lorraine Jonassen is sorry to see the “Little Yellow Library” soon close forever.



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The South Windham Public Library, also referred to as the “little yellow library” located in the Little Falls neighborhood of Gorham, will be closing its doors permanently in late August of this year. The former “hose-house,” which once stored fire hoses for the Windham Fire Department in the 1920’s, and then subsequently moved across the street as a library in 1934, is no longer a viable building for the handful of patrons who support it. “We just can’t expect the taxpayers of Gorham and Windham to continue to foot the bill for running this library when the building needs so many repairs,” explains Lorraine Jonassen, library treasurer and trustee.

The library, which abuts the Presumpscot River Watershed and sits a few yards from the Windham town line, is in serious disrepair needing a new roof, new shingles and a new public restroom. There are no computers in the library and no phones and the library sits too close to the river to allow the library to have story hour for children. Jonassen, who is sad beyond words to see the library close, holds particular sentimental value for this mustard-colored building. She and her late husband bought their home from S.D. Warren in 1978, and also purchased the library, which had never been registered with the county’s Registry of Deeds. The Jonassens sold it back to the Town of Gorham in 1992 for a whopping \$1, but continued to gaze at it on their front lawn for 34 years.

“I remember the library being an active and lively place to socialize and check out books, but those days are over,” says Jonassen, “especially now with young people reading from computers and electronic books.” The irony is Jonassen just finished reading the popular Hunger Games series on her new Kindle – a birthday present she wasn’t expecting.

There will be a public auction of books on July 13 from 4 to 7 p.m., July 14 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Aug. 4 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Book enthusiasts may want to check out the library’s classic collections along with hundreds of paperback and hardcover books. The library itself will be removed from its present location once the contents have been sold. The library plaque and outdoor sign will be given to the Gorham Historical Society. Town Manager David Cole says that the town will explore options as to what to do with the building now that the trustees have decided to close its doors.

Jonassen, who is only the 18th head librarian in the library’s 78 year history, is still on the mend after breaking a hip this winter; however, she is quick to point out the library is not closing because of her health. There are barely five patrons who have visited the library in recent months. “It’s not fair to say we’re closing just because I’m old,” says Jonassen, who recently celebrated her 90th birthday with 50 guests attending this past Easter. “It’s the building that’s old.”



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Chief Shepard Reports

The Maine Bureau of Highway Safety funds Regional Impaired Driving Enforcement (RIDE), an anti drunk driving task force operating throughout Cumberland County. Officers are sworn in as deputies for the Cumberland County Sheriff's Office so they can make arrests throughout the county. RIDE brings officers from as many as 10 different communities into a town for saturation patrols, which lead to a higher number of arrests. On May 3 officers focused on Gorham and made seven OUI arrests – the most made in any community thus far. May 3 was a Thursday, a night known as a big party night for USM students. Officer Ted Hatch is Gorham's Drug Recognition Expert

(DRE) and as such will be going to other communities when they have their saturation patrols to help officers identify impaired operators. On June 1, Gorham Police Department will participate in "Tip a Cop" at Applebee's restaurant in Pine Tree Plaza in Portland from 5 to 9 p.m. Members of Gorham Police Department will assist wait staff at Applebees and will look for tips to support Special Olympics. On June 6, there will be a Law Enforcement Torch Run from the Methodist Church on Cressey Road to the Westbrook town line. This event is also a fundraiser for Special Olympics. To sponsor a runner, call Officer Mark Sanborn at 222-1660.

Clerk's Corner

Connie Loughran

There are 20 days until the June 12 State Primary, School Budget Validation and Special Municipal Referendum Elections. The polls will open on June 12 from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Ward 1 votes at the Middle School, Weeks Road and Ward 2 votes at the Shaw Gym, Gorham Municipal Center. Absentee ballots may be obtained in the Town Clerk's office or by calling 222-1670. Visit www.gorham-me.org and click News & Announcements to print applications or view sample ballots. You need two applications one for the state ballot and one for the local ballots. The Office of the Secretary of State would like to invite all interested voters to experience Maine's Accessible Voting System (AVS). All voters, regardless of whether they have a disability, are encouraged to try the system and vote with it on Election Day at their local polling place. The Inspire Vote-By-Phone gives voters the opportunity to try the system from the comfort of home for the two weeks before Election Day. You may practice as often

as you like, the only difference is you will not receive a ballot faxed back to you as you would when voting at your polling place. The Preview and Practice phone number is (866) 491-8683; the access code for Ward 1 is 494111 and Ward 2 is 494211. On May 23 we entered the closed period for voter registration. This means that to register to vote you must come into the Clerk's office and complete a Voter Registration Card and present photo identification and proof of Gorham residency. Applications to change party enrollment must be made prior to May 25 to be effective by the June 12 Election. If you are un-enrolled you may enroll in a party up to and including Election Day.



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Writing Contest Winners

Pamela Turner

For over 10 years, the Friends of Baxter Memorial Library has hosted writing contests for grades 3-12 and adults. Categories include personal narrative essays, poetry, and very short or flash fiction. The first prize entries will be published in the Gorham Times over the next few months. All winning entries are posted on the library's web-page at www.baxterlibrary.org.

The Company We Keep

By Sarah Doughty, High School Flash Fiction First Prize Winner

She takes her coffee black, and takes it all day. Pot after pot and nothing else. She skips breakfast and lunch and supper—just has her coffee, black and bitter. Her stomach is so full of coffee alone that if her skin broke, she might bleed the stuff—ooze the dark liquid from her veins. Her skin is a thin yellow film stretched taut over bone. Her hair is thin, too—greying and long, draping down to her thighs. She never cuts it and never wears color, just sweaters in white, grey, and beige. And faded jeans and loafers. Her days are crossword puzzles and walking Harvey, her dog and sole friend. Letters used to be thrown in there too—hours of just writing, crumpling, starting over. But the few good enough to send came back unread. A sorry has no weight when there is nothing to be sorry for. And what if it hadn't been this way? Would it make a difference? She pretends it wouldn't because the difference it truly would make is too great for her 90 pound frame to handle.

A dog is good company, but a grandchild is the best. A son, too—if he wants you. But she has neither now, so instead the space is filled with a new-foundland and lots of coffee-black. A bitter taste to overpower a bitter memory. It is one thing to have a treasure taken, and another entirely to have it leave of its own accord. She sets down her pen, the crossword finished, and leads Harvey to the front door. The cold creeps up beneath her shirt, and her jacket lined with faux fur cannot keep her body warm, even in this spring weather. Susan is the wife; the wife of her son now gone willingly from her. And Trever is the grandson; the grandson she doesn't know. They live an hour away, in a perfectly groomed neighborhood. With perfect housewives who clean the house all day and perfect husbands who come home at five, leaving mistresses for the weekend 'work' trips. Their house is white with light blue shutters and widow-boxes full of pansies. She'd been there once, on Trever's first birthday, and was never let inside.



Pam Turner holds an MLS from Simmons College and is active in statewide library activities including the Maine Library Association and the Minerva Library Consortium. She may be reached at the library at 839-5031 or pturner@msln.net.

Town Council Report

May 1, 2012 Robin Somes

The May 1 Town Council meeting was dominated by the Public Communications section. Gorham Founders' Festival Committee Co-Chair Darryl Wright provided an update on this year's event, which will be held May 25 and 26. Up-to-date information is available at www.gorhamfounders-festival.com. Bernard Broder of Phinney Street described the acquisition by eminent domain of Phinney Street Extension that occurred 10 years ago, the legal recording of which did not happen until this year. A lawsuit has been filed which has implications of being very costly for Gorham. Broder requested that the Council assess the issue and void the transaction altogether or at minimum, reverse it and begin the transaction from the beginning. Gorham resident Jim Means approached the podium to speak about not being reappointed to the Gorham Economic Development Corporation (GEDC). GEDC applicants are vetted by the Appointments Committee, a three-member sub-committee of the Council, and if deemed qualified and suitable,

are recommended prior to a vote by the entire Council to determine membership. Means served on the GEDC for 12 years, most recently as vice chair until April when he learned he was not being reappointed. Town Council Chair Brenda Caldwell explained, "You are welcome to ask questions, but Councilors are not obliged to answer them." Means addressed the Council. "I'm here only as a tax payer at the invitation of Councilor Gagnon. He's encouraged me to ask the three Council members who comprise the Appointments Committee to publicly state why they did not recommend or reappointment me to the Gorham Economic Development Corporation ... Mr. Robinson, could you please tell me why you recommended that I not be reappointed?" Robinson directed his response to Chair Caldwell, implying that anything discussed in Executive Session, was confidential and that "if Mr. Means would send a letter to the Town saying he will waive all that was said ... I have no problem answering the questions but

Gardening Pleasures

Linda Treworgy Faatz

These beautiful days have been spent in my garden raking and cleaning up leaves and branches. Most everything faired well through this open winter. The moles had a hay day in my lawn but Paul Tukey says we should be lucky to have them – they eat grubs. Their adventures meant that a few areas had to be reseeded, but ground temperatures have reached 60 degrees so the grass is germinating rapidly. Remember to stir up the soil and add some compost so the seed will have viable soil in which to root.

Get those weeds out early. If the weeds are spread by seeds, sprinkle corn gluten over the area after removing weeds. Corn gluten is a pre-emergent weed seed deterrent. Do this just before a rain or water it in for best results. Some weeds seem impossible to eradicate. Many spread by roots and even a small root left behind will sprout. If you hear a snap when you weed, you can be sure that there are still roots left to grow. A tearing sound will tell you that you have pulled more of the weed. A heavy mulch of two-year-old ground maple leaves is just right to cover the area where these weeds grow, helping to smother what is left. Each year I try to compost my maple leaves in a separate pile for just this purpose, however, the fungus on many of last year's maple leaves means they could not be used in the garden this year.

A leading grower of clematis recommends putting a fresh layer of compost around clematis roots and when the leaves start to show, sprinkle a handful of Rose-tone around the base. I did this last week and the new growth really took off. I watered it in, knowing that rain was not

imminent. Cut out the dead wood from your clematis early.

Cold weather crops like cilantro, carrots, beets, parsley and lettuce are up and rhubarb is ready for that first pie or cake. Chives are prime for cutting to use in salad and dressings.

This is the time to divide perennials. Add Plant-tone to the new hole and water well. Mother's Day is usually the time I put wire cages around my peonies, but this year it was done sooner.

Get rid of any red lily beetles now as they have already appeared on the new hybrid lily shoots just coming through the ground.

Cut the fading blossoms off the spring bulbs so they do not set seed. Leave the foliage to die back to nourish the bulbs for another year.

To eliminate mildew, Kerry Mendez recommends mixing one part whole milk to two parts water. Spray on plants as they get infected.

This is an exciting time for gardeners to get out and get their hands in the soil. Working in the garden is a very creative stress reliever. I hope everyone can spend some time outside to nurture their spirits. Be sure to cut a bouquet for the table. Even an arrangement of green foliage from several different plants will be beautiful.



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.

Person of the Year FROM PAGE 1

for Gorham Savings Bank. He has also coached numerous athletic teams for Gorham Recreation, and he played a key role in keeping YourSpace as an indoor athletic and community facility in Gorham.

In accepting the award, Smith extended his thank you to GBE for the selection and acknowledged what a great honor it was to join the ranks of past Business Person of the Year recipients.

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School Committee Report

May 9, 2012 Robin Somes

In his report to the School Committee, Superintendent Ted Sharp summarized the latest on the Southern Maine Writing Project, a University of Maine program related to the National Writing Project. He noted there have been conversations to develop a partnership that will enable all teachers to focus on writing over the next few years. The concept is that “all teachers are teachers of writing in addition to their subject area and so we as teachers need to be able to write well if our students are going to write well.”

Sharp reported on the Outdoor Classroom project at Great Falls Elementary School headed by Assistant Principal Becky Fortier. He commended the companies, organizations, families, staff and individuals who “really stepped up.” Landmarks Creative Landscape, renowned for their award winning creations, worked with families and teachers to construct the remarkable outside classroom and gardens. Sharp urged people to visit the site, and noted that this is the first of numerous plans to engage people with the environs of the school. “On behalf of the schools, I want to thank everybody who rolled up their sleeves and donated both their human and capital resources to make this project work,” said Sharp. Some of the numerous contributors to the project include Charlotte Maloney Landscape Architecture, O’Donal’s Nursery, Richard Wing & Sons Logging, Shaw Brothers Construction, Gorham Sand and Gravel and Grondin & Sons.

Presenting the “K-5 Review” were Jane Esty, Polly Brann and Brian Porter, principals for Great Falls Elementary, Narragansett and Village schools respectively. Porter reported on areas that have remained the same from past years, including the student Code of Conduct and the K-5 Vision created last year from which guides all educational work. The Curriculum and Assessment Council governs these areas throughout K-5, which have remained unchanged. Curriculum incorporates common core programming consisting of “Reading Street,” “Everyday Math,” and “Handwriting Without Tears.” Also consistent with last year are after school opportunities that include grades three to five chorus, a grades three to five musical, a 4th/5th grade band as well as Robotics and Odyssey of the Mind clubs.

In a different vein, Esty noted challenges, the most notable relating to the monumental reconfiguration project of last summer that significantly affected the elementary schools and encompassed relocation of furniture and materials, transition to new environments, new colleagues and administrators, new grade levels and caseloads, the infamous but short lived busing issues, and coordination of extracurricular activities.

On a more positive note, Brann reviewed successes such as the individual school communities that have been established and are continuing to evolve, the new K-5 grade configurations and strong working relationships, notable progress of establishing long term relationships with families and the

combination of students whereby “big kids are helping little kids.”

Intended endeavors for the future include the shifting of staff to better address student needs, consolidating Extended Kindergarten from three programs to one, and relocating specialized Special Education programs. Also on the future agenda are building new school cultures, continued refinement of core programs, more focus on writing throughout the district, and reviewing assessment efforts. Esty concluded, “We are pleased and proud of our staff and our students!”

Committee member Kyle Currier presented a quartet of projects entailing HVAC and boiler upgrades for Narragansett School. She predicted the vote with an explanation that past budgets had not adequately addressed

capital improvements. Having learned from prior years, during this year’s budget meetings, it was deemed necessary to focus on capital improvements. The projects, including the costs determined from a competitive bidding process, are:

1. Ventilation upgrade of classroom, library and front office – \$231,180
2. Ventilation upgrade of the cafeteria and gymnasium – \$39,615
3. Ventilation upgrade of the kitchen, corridor and hallways – \$23,465

4. Installation of a new boiler and water system – \$108,875

The School Committee approved the projects with Ranor Mechanical of North Jay, Maine contracted to perform the work.

Congratulations to Brigid Smith-Franey, the new GHS Science teacher and to David Farrington, the new GHS Social Studies teacher. Both were unanimously voted into these posts vacated as a result of resignations.

CORRECTION

In the May 10, 2012 issue of the Gorham Times, the School Committee Report stated: “Sharp announced he has established a committee for teacher evaluations, which begins in May and is targeted for completion in June of 2013. Sharp noted that such an evaluation has not been done in years.” The last sentence was to report that a study of the teacher evaluation system had not been done in many years, not that the teachers had not been evaluated in many years. We apologize for the confusion this may have caused.



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USM's Baseball and American Society Concludes After 16 Successful Seasons

Althea Masterson

“Baseball and American Society: A Journey” reached its final destination in April when about 100 baseball-loving graduates of this USM course honored its teachers, Mike Brady and Al Bean, of Gorham.

The three-credit course about baseball and American society took students on the road to minor and major league baseball cities from Boston to New York, St. Louis, Chicago, and Milwaukee, with many other stops along the way. Students were able to audit or take the course for credit, but either way, it involved a reading list, oral and written reports, and participation in discussions – plus an opportunity to see America.

For each of its 16 years, Bean and Brady painstakingly crafted the itinerary, booking a bus and a driver, lining up hotels, and arranging for speakers. As popular as the course was, they decided to limit it to one busload so that the entire group shared all experiences. John Tewhey, of Gorham, who took the class in 2008, said, “The 50 people on the bus were men and women who ranged in age from 18 to 85 and whose baseball knowledge and experience went from true-blue beginner to lifelong expert. By the second day, Mike and Al had molded us into a highly interactive team.”

The trip always included a visit to the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, NY, where students toured the museum and were treated to a presentation by its senior librarian, Jim Gates. Visits took place with surviving women of the All American Girls Professional Baseball League (recall the movie, *A League of Their Own*), who marveled that people still cared about them. The Louisville Slugger Museum, with its 68,000-pound, 120-foot-tall bat greeting visitors at the front door, was always another big hit. Here students learned

about the fine craft of making white ash and maple bats. But if you ask Bean and Brady about some of their most memorable stops on the trips, both will recall the 10th anniversary trip when the class made it all the way west to the Field of Dreams in Dyersville, Iowa.

Who are the two people who put together this one-of-a-kind course over the years? Mike Brady, a professor of adult education and higher education at USM and chair of the University’s Department of Counseling, Adult, and Higher Education, combines a sheer love of the game with in-depth knowledge of its history and how American society has influenced the game. His lectures explored baseball at various times throughout U.S. history, going as far back as the Civil War. He discussed race relations and baseball and explained sabermetrics, the mathematical and statistical analysis of baseball statistics made famous by Michael Lewis’s book, *Moneyball*.

Al Bean is director of athletics at USM. He knows the sport inside and out thanks to experience as a player, coach, and athletic administrator. His connections helped arrange for sessions with baseball scouts, where just one of the many topics addressed over the years was how a small market team makes its draft picks.

Scott Burnheimer, a Gorham alum, said, “For those who eat, sleep, and drink baseball, this class was a dream come true. It was great to have the chance to talk to scouts and minor league team owners.”

Both Bean and Brady had the pleasure of having their own children take the class. “Baseball is family,” Mike said. “You learn from your parents to play and love the game, and for many of us, some of our earliest childhood memories are having a catch with our dad. It was really a thrill for me that all



Photo credit Martha T. Harris

Al Bean (left) and Mike Brady (right) proudly display a gift from Baseball and American Society alumni – a duplicate of the brick in Fenway Park commemorating the course and honoring Mike and Al. The brick reads, “Mike Brady, Al Bean – Leaders of the Baseball Journey.”

of my kids – Ryan, Meghan, and Maura – were able to take part in the course.” Bean’s son, Spenser, participated in the 10th anniversary trip at age 11, giving him the distinction of being the youngest student to ever take the class.

There were memorable speakers along the way, too, including an hour spent with Al Kaline, a visit with Cal Ripkin’s mother, and listening to Ned Garver, who roomed with Satchel Paige and spoke of the racial prejudice Paige endured.

Like baseball, to really tell the story of this course, plenty of statistics are needed. Over 300 people took the course, and 56 took it more than once. The average number of miles traveled by bus for each trip was 2,500, and the approximate total miles covered were

40,000. Altogether, 59 major league games were attended, and nearly 80 minor league games. Miraculously, there were only two rainouts.

Steve Small of Gorham, another alum, said, “While I’m a big fan of the major leagues, I enjoyed the minor league games too. These experiences gave me a feel for the ‘small town America’... One of my favorite experiences was watching a summer league game at the ballpark in Cooperstown. Participating in the course was such a treat, and I’ll always be thankful to Mike and Al for keeping it going as long as they did.”

To quote George F. Will, another baseball lover, “Baseball, it is said, is only a game. True. And the Grand Canyon is only a hole in Arizona.”

GHS Athletic Hall of Fame Announces 2012 Inductees

Compiled by Jeff Pike

The GHS Athletic Hall of Fame Committee has announced the 2012 inductees, including six athletes as well as a former athletic director and girls’ tennis coach. The induction ceremony takes place June 22 at 6 p.m. at the GHS auditorium followed by a reception at the school cafeteria. Admission is free and the public is invited.

Following are this year’s inductees along with some of their major high school sports accomplishments:

Lloyd Egers, Class of 1957: Four-year starter and letter earner in four sports – soccer, basketball, baseball and track. Helped win the Triple C Championship for baseball in 1954 and soccer in 1957. Won the GHS basketball foul shooting title in 1956.

Mike Barden, Class of 1971: Four-year varsity player in soccer and basketball. Also competed in track. Played for the 1970 State soccer championship team and the 1971 Triple-C basketball championship team. Won the State Class B triple jump championship and placed seventh in the New England championships in 1971.

Paul Banks, Class of 1981: Played golf and soccer and was a member of the 1978 State soccer championship team. In golf, he was the Maine Junior Champion and Triple C Champion in 1980. He won the Maine Interscholastic Championship for golf in 1980 and 1981.

Cindy Philbrick Campbell, Class of 1983:

Field hockey and softball captain who also played basketball. Helped Ram teams win five State championships: basketball in 1980 and 1981; softball in 1981 and 1983; and field hockey in 1982. Voted the 1983 GHS Outstanding Athlete.

Kendrick Ballantyne, Class of 2002: Participated in football, basketball, baseball and track. Was a member of Ram basketball teams that won a State championship in 2000 and finished as the runner-up in 2001 and 2002. Earned All-State selection in basketball and All-Conference in baseball in 2002. Currently holds the GHS track record for the javelin.

Patrick Cianciolo, Class of 2000: Won the Maine boys’ State tennis champion-

ship in 1999 while also earning Maine Sunday Telegram Tennis MVP Honors. Finished second in the boys’ State tennis championship in 2000.

Gerry Durgin (past athletic director): Served as GHS athletic director from 1983 to 2011. Regularly participated in statewide and nationwide athletic administration organizations including the coordination of post-season tournaments. Helped the GHS athletic program transition to Class A in 2005-2006.

Sonja Frey (past girls’ tennis coach): Coached girls’ tennis from 1985 to 2011. Was voted Coach of the Year in 2011 and compiled a record of 99-33 over her last 11 years as a coach. Her teams earned a tournament berth every year from 1990 to 2011.

GHS Seniors Committing to a College Sport

Compiled by Jeff Pike

Cheerleading: Abbegayle Brown, University of Maine-Orono; Samantha Dahlborg, University of Southern Maine; Ashley Gaudette, Saint Joseph’s College of Maine.

Men’s Rowing: Nate Gervais, Mercyhurst University.

Men’s Track & Field: Brandon Cushman, Middlebury College; Jesse Orach, University of Maine-Orono; Nate Bucknell, University of Maine-Orono.

Women’s Track & Field: Leanna Dalfonso, Gordon College; Katie Flanders, Biola University; Sarah Perkins, Gardner-Webb University.

Men’s Soccer: Kevin Lubelczyk, Bates College; Carter Bowers, Emerson College; Drew Hopkins, Hobart College.

Women’s Soccer: Kiersten Turner, Bowdoin College; Audrey Adkison, Harding University; Lindsey Smith, Simmons College; Katelyn Gearan, Emerson College.

Women’s Volleyball: Taylor Hansen, Lasell College.

Football: Nick Chabot, Bridgton Academy; Joe Jackson, Plymouth State College; Nick Kilborn, Norwich University; Dominic DeLuca, Norwich University; Kyle Nealey, Norwich University.

Men’s Tennis: Emily Estes, Norwich University (the college does not have a women’s program).

Women’s Lacrosse: Katelyn Gearan, Emerson College

Field Hockey: Kelsey Pequinot, Husson University

Editor’s Note: If we have missed any seniors who have committed to a sport or if a senior commits to a sport in the near future, please let us know. We will be glad to list them in a future issue.

Undefeated for the Third Year



Photo credit Mary Jo Lyons

On April 7 the Gorham Special Olympics Unified Basketball Team took home the gold medal for the third year in a row as Gorham completed the tournament undefeated with five wins. Seven Special Olympics athletes competed along with seven unified partners from Gorham High School and Cheverus High School. Every Special Olympics athlete made at least one basket during the games played. Playing for the team and pictured above, front row from left to right: Travis Maier, Beth Poole and Joe Harper. Middle row: Peter Mahoney, Cole Shiers, Damion Lyons and Mike Giasson. Back row: Phil Holmes, Eddie Triviane, Alex Graves, Nate Moody, Jake Smith, Nate Palmer, Joey Smith and Coach Lisa Shiers.

in the Zone

Successful College Baseball Season: Steven Broy (GHS Class of 2011) completed his freshman year at Newbury College as the team’s starting third baseman with a .349 batting average and was among the top four players for the team in hits, doubles and RBIs. Broy helped the team place third in the conference and advance to the NECC Championships—the first time in team history. Broy was also selected as an All-NECC Conference honorable mention.

Athletic Administrator Recognition: Gorham resident, Patsy Fowler, the Assistant Director of Athletics and Activities at Cheverus High School, has been recognized as a Certified Athletics Administrator by The National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association. To earn this distinction, Fowler demonstrated the highest level of knowledge and expertise in the field of interscholastic athletic administration.

Fowler has been an athletic administrator at Cheverus for seven years.

College Tennis Honors: Aaron Bergeron (GHS Class of 2008) finished his senior season on the Stonehill College men’s tennis team with a record of 16-7 in individual matches and 11-10 in doubles matches. He was selected to the All-Northeast-10 Conference Third Team for #1 doubles and also earned placement on the Northeast-10 Commissioner’s Honor Roll and the Athletic Director’s Honor Roll during the fall semester.

David Gushee (GHS Class of 2009), a junior at Siena College, shot a 77 and finished tied for 22nd as the men’s golf team finished sixth at the MAAC Tournament. During the fall season, Gushee’s best finish was a tie for 23rd at the ECAC Division I Championships after a second-round 73.

sports Etc.

GHS Spring Sports Awards will be presented June 6 at 6 p.m. at the GHS auditorium. Senior athletic awards will also be presented recognizing seniors that participated in sports throughout the 2011-2012 school year.

11th Annual Fore-a-Scholarship Golf Scramble and Barbecue: June 22 at the Gorham Country Club. 18-hole golf scramble and barbecue sponsored by the Gorham Business Exchange to raise funds for scholarships to be awarded to GHS seniors. Prizes will be awarded for low scoring teams, longest drive and closest to the pin as well as a \$25,000 prize for a hole-in-one on a designated hole. For team registration and sponsorship information, call 839-3390 or e-mail David Willis at david@willisrealestate.com.

Upcoming GHS Varsity Sports Events

Friday, May 25
4:00 p.m. Softball @ Portland

Saturday, May 26
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GHS High School Highlights

Compiled by Jeff Pike

Softball: At press time Erin Smith led the team in batting average at .353 followed by Patricia Smith at .344. Courtney Burns was first in runs scored with seven. Taylor Hansen had earned all three of the team's wins on the mound with an ERA of 3.92 and 47 strikeouts in 59 innings pitched despite battling a torn quad injury all season.

Girls' Tennis: The team was 7-4 at press time and ranked seventh in Western Maine Class A. Leading the way in matches with 7-4 records were #3 singles player Rachel Eaton and the #1 doubles team of Vicki Parker and Kaitlyn SeeHusen. #1 singles player Emily Estes was 6-5 on the season.

Boys' Tennis: At press time the team was 9-1 and ranked second in Western Maine Class A. Through the first ten matches of the season, first singles player Kyle Curley and third singles player Milan Vidovic were both undefeated with 9-0 records. The second doubles team of Quincy Owens and Adam Bourgault was also undefeated in five matches. Second singles player Ryan Gilbert was 8-1 while the first double team of Mike Lubelczyk and Tom Susi are 6-3.

Girls' Lacrosse: Kali St. Germain and Haley Perkins were leading the team offensively at press time with 16 goals each. Meghan Cushing had collected a team-leading 25 ground balls and 11 draw controls while Morgan Cushing and Shannon Folan had 22 and 20 ground balls respectively. Maddy Hamblen has been solid in goal, making 46 saves on 107 shots in seven games.

Girls' Track: The Rams improved their regular-season record to 11-2 May 14 with wins Monday over Bonny Eagle, Noble and Deering. A new school record was established by Sarah Perkins May 12 in the 300 meter hurdles at the Scarborough Relays with a time of 45.34 converted. A new school was also established by Katie Flanders, Kelsey Mitchell, Karen Knight and Laura Turner in the 4 X 800 racewalk (17:23.30). Perkins followed up winning two events (200 meters and 100-meter hurdles) May 9 in a multi-team meet by winning four events on May 14 in another multi-team meet—200 meters, 100-meter hurdles, 300-meter-hurdles and the high jump.

Town Council

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until then, I would like a letter for legal matters."

Means proceeded, "Mr. Pressey, would you tell me why you did not vote for my appointment?" Pressey replied, "I believe everyone on this Council needs to have legal counsel present before we answer because ... it's implied that you're planning, or at least preparing to seek a lawsuit." Means retorted, "I'm here basically because I have done a lot of work for the town ... I've never been one to run from anything. I've never been one to be bullied, and I've been bullied."

Next, Means asked, "Councillor Phillips, would you tell me why you didn't vote for my reappointment?" Said Phillips, "I personally made my recommendations for the appointments to all the various boards based on resumes, interviews and professionalism in representing the town."

The interview process did not adhere to "Rules of the Gorham Town Council," according to Means. From a copy of the rules, Means read parts of the "Appointments Procedure," "... prior to recommending an applicant for service [on GEDC], the Chair of the Appointments & Personnel Committee [Pressey] shall contact the Council Chair and the Chair of the volunteer board or committee [GEDC Director Tom Ellsworth] to discuss the appointment

or reappointment of the applicant. The Chair [of GEDC] should be invited to attend the interview of the applicant." Means stated that Ellsworth was neither contacted by Pressey, nor invited to attend the interview. Means continued, "The Appointments & Personnel Committee shall interview the applicant, unless that applicant is currently serving on the committee", i.e., Means should not have been interviewed according to the rules.

"What I want are two things. I want what I wanted in the beginning, a "win-win-win," said Means. "I want a win for the schools, a win for the taxpayers and a win for a local company," alluding to his appeal to the School Committee at their March 14 meeting to encourage communications with Clean-O-Rama to potentially do business. "Secondly, I expect leaders to accept responsibility instead of credit. I think wrongdoing should be admitted and apologies to constituents, the voters and taxpayers of Gorham, should be made."

Ken Curtis of South Street shared communications from GEDC members that included Director Tom Ellsworth, Richard Carter and Art Handman who all extended their appreciation of Means' efforts and expertise over the years. The meeting video is available at www.gorham-me.org.

Boys' Track: Kyle Nealey won two events – shot put and discus – in a multi-team event on May 9 while Nate Bucknell won twice – 400 meters and 1600-meter racewalk – in a May 15 multi-team met.

Boys' Lacrosse: Jimmy Talbot scored four goals May 7 as the Rams lost to Westbrook, 13-7.

Baseball: Rams who were among the conference leaders at press time included Alex Yankowsky (fifth in batting average: .429); Nick Greatorex, (tied for first in doubles: five, and fourth in assists: 25); Damon Wallace (tied for second in home runs: one, and fourth in earned-run-average: 0.70).

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Gorham Business Exchange Welcomes Three New Directors

Dede Perkins



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The Gorham Business Exchange welcomes three new members to the organization's Board of Directors - Sarah Adams, Gorham House; Keith Nicely, Keller Williams Realty; and Jesse Coleman, My-FIT-24. Each will serve a three-year renewable term.

Maine native, Sarah Adams, has worked at Gorham House and its parent company, Continuum, for the past four and a half years. Interacting with seniors, their families and the community to educate and assist in navigating through the Senior Living processes has been the theme of her entire professional career. Prior to working at Gorham House, Sarah was the Southeast Divisional Marketing Director for Sunwest, out of Salem, Oregon.

Keith Nicely was born and raised in Gorham. He and his wife Pam have two sons, Craig and Jake. Before becoming affiliated with Keller Williams Realty, Nicely owned and operated numerous

retail businesses in Gorham, Buxton and Hollis.

Jesse Coleman is an owner of My-FIT-24, a 24-hour fitness facility in Gorham where he serves as personal trainer and Bootcamp instructor. In addition, Coleman handles all of the business aspects of the business.

The Gorham Business Exchange is a group of 175 business people who live or work in Gorham. GBE was formed to promote and maintain a positive business climate in and about the town. The group meets monthly from September through June. GBE also publishes an annual business directory of its members, recognizes an annual Business Person of the Year, supports local civic organizations and events, and organizes Gorham Marketplace each March and the Fore-a-Scholarship Golf Tournament each June. FMI: www.gorhambusiness.org

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road came in from Fort Hill. If the subdivision were accessed from Phinney Street, it would be up to the Planning Board to evaluate whether or not public water – a potentially major expense – was required. Neighbors were willing to grant him a one home exception but Caruso wants the option to build up to five homes on the 170-acre parcel so that family members could build there should they want to.

A more pressing issue for Caruso is whether or not Phinney Street Extension is a town road. Lots are required to have frontage on town roads so that emergency and other town vehicles can get in and out. Two families who live on the 730 foot Phinney Street Extension, and one of whom has a well drilling business on the property, have filed suit claiming that the town's attempt to take the land by eminent domain in 2002 does not apply because the town failed to file the necessary papers with the court for too long a period. One of the issues raised is that if the street is not a town road, the owners of a business may or may not have a right to run a business on a private road. The town has long maintained Phinney Street Extension but it is only 33 feet


wide and therefore not the regulation width for a town road that would provide frontage for a house.

In 2000, Caruso's father, Alan, had unsuccessfully sought permission to access the 170-acre parcel from Phinney Street Extension. He did, however, proceed with building an airstrip on the former Martin's Farm property. The airstrip, for which Alan Caruso had not sought any permits, crossed Rust Road. The owner of that property successfully fought the airstrip claiming it interfered with his right to use the road.

The homes on the North side of Phinney Street are actually part of Fort Hill Estates, a subdivision that was built about 40 years ago. The deeds issued to property holders in the subdivision specified that the lots could not be subdivided. Individual owners in the subdivision would have to fight any proposed lot change and several of them have hired lawyers to do just that. Caruso pointed out that subdivision was developed in 1974 with the 11-lot with the covenants prohibiting subdivision of the lots. However, in 1980, the developer subdivided some of the property to create two more lots despite the deed restriction.

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Raffle tickets for the log cabin quilt can be purchased at the Bookworm, \$1 per raffle ticket or \$5 for six raffle tickets. Proceeds will go towards Finn Dermody's treatment, rehabilitation and therapy. Finn Dermody shown at right.

Photo credit Friends of Finn Dermody

Photo credit: Meg Dermody

Finn Dermody started kindergarten last fall as any other five-year-old child would do. It was only several weeks into the school year when Finn was diagnosed with medullablastoma, a common form of brain cancer in children. Following surgery to remove the tumor and many rounds of chemotherapy, Finn's battle continues. He faces a long road of healing and recovery.

A group called "Friends of Finn" is raffling a handmade log cabin quilt, sized queen/king. All proceeds from purchased raffle tickets will go towards covering some of the costs associated with Finn's treatment, rehabilitation, and therapy. Raffle tickets can be purchased at the Bookworm, 42 Main

Street, for \$1 per raffle ticket or \$5 for six raffle tickets. The quilt will be on display all day, Saturday, May 26, in the Gorham Arts Alliance booth at the Gorham Founder's Festival. Tickets will also be available for purchase. The drawing will be held on July 4, 2012.

Finn recently celebrated his sixth birthday during one of his many stays at the Barbara Bush Children's Hospital in Portland. He is the son of Meg and Tim Dermody, and big brother to sister Shayla. Finn's story can be followed by visiting <http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/finniankeiserdermody>. Additional donations can be made through a fundraising website, <https://www.everribbon.com/ribbon/view/2175>.



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velopment and growth; however, overall, the village was under-valued. One of the biggest concerns was to make the village safe for pedestrians and cyclists with repaired and extended sidewalks, installation of attractive streetlights, trees, and signs, and adding amenities such as benches and planters. Top priority was given to retaining the village's historic character and scale.

This area continues to struggle economically, subjected to abandoned mills, loss of jobs and blighted conditions along the Route 202 corridor. Tom Poirier, town planner for Gorham, acknowledges that work on the much needed infrastructure project would not be possible without this critical funding. Typically, these types of projects are funded through Tax Increment Financing (TIF) or made part of the

Town's regular Capital Improvement Program. Lack of recent significant development in the village prevented the use of a TIF district. It is hoped that the grant will act as a catalyst for future private and public investments – an impetus for commercial building and housing rehabilitation. Ultimately, the goal is to make the village a more walkable place, reflecting “quality of place” standards.

The town of Windham, in consultation with the town of Gorham, will act as the fiscal agent for the project. The respective town councils will establish and make the appointments to an Oversight Committee. Upcoming public information meetings to discuss design and project phases will be announced.

Maine's Most Interesting Town

Compiled by Gorham Times Staff

With only a few days left until Reader's Digest names America's Most Interesting Town, the competition is heating up. Thus far, Maine residents have been shy to boast about what makes The Pine Tree State one of the most interesting in the country.

From now until May 31, 2012, locals are invited to log on to www.readersdigest.com/america to share personal stories and photos that illustrate what makes their town special. The author of the winning story will receive a cash prize of \$1,000 and their town will be featured on the cover of an upcoming issue of Reader's Digest magazine.

In addition, each week a new American town will be named America's Most Interesting Town by popular vote and will be featured on the website and in an upcoming issue of Reader's Digest. Locals can show their community spirit by logging on and voting for their town as many times as they like.

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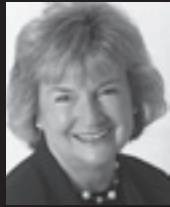
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DEAN’S LIST

Shannon Wilcox (GHS ‘11) was named to the Dean’s List at Eastern University in St. David’s, PA for the spring semester. She is majoring in youth ministry and is the daughter of Charles and Margaret Wilcox.

GRADUATIONS

John Mark Adkison of Gorham graduated from Harding University with a Bachelor of Arts in Journalism.

Lauren Besanko (GHS ‘07), cum laude, graduated from University of Southern Maine with Baccalaureate Degrees in Psychology and Criminology. Besnako (above)



has been accepted into the French Immersion program at Université Sainte-Anne at Nova Scotia this summer. She is the daughter of Larry and Carol Besanko.



Jennifer Stoudt (GHS ‘08), above, graduated Summa Cum Laude from the University of Maine, Orono, with dual degrees in Political Science and Journalism and a minor in Public Policy. She has accepted a teaching position with the Teach for America program in Charlotte, NC while pursuing an advanced teaching degree at UNC, Charlotte.

The following local students graduated from the University of Maine in Farmington on May 12, 2012: **Andrew Dean**, B.S. in Secondary Education

Social Studies; **Cameron Fecteau**, B.S. in Secondary Education Earth & Space Science; and **Timothy Millett**, B.A. in Art.

MILESTONES



Elizabeth Wise of Gorham was named Valedictorian of the Class of 2012 at Saint Joseph’s College in Standish. Wise also earned the Management Award presented

to the senior management major with the highest cumulative grade point average. She is the daughter of Brad and Kathleen Wise.

Army Pvt. Joseph E. Lastoria II graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, SC. Lastoria, who graduated Cheverus High School in 2011, is the son of Joseph Lastoria of Gorham and Rowena Freeman of Texas.

Elliot Bidwell (GHS ‘10), son of Susan Larsen and Rob Bidwell, recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, SC. Bidwell, below, begins Military Occupation Specialty training at Fort Jackson in Columbia, SC.



On May 12 the Postal Carriers and Workers in Gorham collected almost 2,100 pounds of goods from the people of Gorham to be given to the Gorham Food Pantry. This tradition has been going on for several years. Postal employees chose to send their collection to the Pantry instead of out of town.

The Maine Army National Guard promoted Kurt Randall of Gorham to Spc, Co B, 3/172 Infantry (Mountain) and Cory Goodell of Gorham to Sgt 1st Class, 133rd Forward Support Company.

Forest Gagne (GHS ‘10) has been invited by Dr. Gan Xu, Professor of Art History at Maine College of Art, to work as the first American student Intern in his Shanghai, China architectural firm this summer. Gagne, a woodworking major, recently completed his sophomore year at Maine College of Art where he continues to maintain Dean’s List status. He is the son of Arthur Gagne and Paula Suttle of Gorham.

Alexander Dahms of Gorham received the Criminal Justice Award at Saint Joseph’s College in Standish, given to a senior for excellence in the field of criminal justice. Dahms will graduate with distinction in May.

Megan Cutter of Gorham earned the First-Year Chemistry Award and the Exercise Science Award at Saint Joseph’s College in Standish. Cutter will graduate with distinction in May.

OF INTEREST

Gerry Boyle, author of “Port City Black and White,” will talk about writing mysteries set in Portland at the North Gorham Public Library (corner of North Gorham

Road and Standish Neck Road) on Thursday, May 24 at 7 p.m. Boyle’s latest novels give readers an insight into the city from the perspective of a young police officer. FMI, 892-2575.

Operation GHOP, an effort to raise money for the Gorham House of Pizza fire victims, will be held on Saturday, June 2 from 2 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the USM Costello Field House. Donations can be made online at fundly.com/operationghop or by calling Lisa Allen, 839-7603; Becky Winslow, 222-1462; or Christy Cousins, 839-0080.

The Gorham Arts Alliance Summer Arts Programs begins July 9 and runs through August 10 for children ages 5-13. All classes held at Gorham Middle School. Before and after care available. FMI, www.gorhamartsalliance.org

The West Gorham Union Church, 190 Ossipee Trail (Rt. 25), will hold a Church Supper on Saturday, June 2 from 5-6 p.m. \$7/\$3 under 12.

Upon disbanding, the Gorham North Street Ladies Aid Society donated the remainder of their club funds – a \$5,300 check – to the Make-A-Wish® Foundation of Maine.

The Gorham Arts Alliance will have a booth at the Founders’ Festival showcasing art activities and face painting along with a hotdog lunch. Donations of Poland Spring Water and Gatorade are needed. Please drop off at Village, Narragansett, Great Falls or GMS - Attn: Diane Knott. FMI, 318-0584.

The GHS Class Reunion Committee will hold a fundraiser on Monday, May 28 (Memorial Day) at Cook’s Hardware on Main Street in Gorham. All proceeds from hotdog sales to benefit Scholarship fund for GHS Class of 2013.

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The Gorham Arts Alliance will once again sponsor the Giant Puppets and Stilt-walker from the Shoestring Theater during the Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 28. A few middle or high school students as well as adults are needed to assist with the puppets. FMI, www.gorhamartsalliance.org

The 1st Annual Gateway Commons Community Yard Sale off Rt. 25 in Gorham will take place on Saturday, June 2, from 8 a.m. to noon. Rain or Shine. Sponsored by Gateway Commons Homeowner's Association.

The Baxter Memorial Library will sponsor National Missing Children's Day on Friday, May 25 from 12:30-3:30 p.m. by issuing free child identification cards, photos and digital fingerprinting offered by David Drake of New York Life. There will be no sales presentation. FMI, 839-5031.

Area families are invited to attend the first in a series of free Alzheimer's CARE training workshops that will be offered beginning Saturday, June 2, at 9:30 a.m. at the Home Instead Senior Care office in Gorham. FMI, 839-0441.

There will be a benefit car wash at Rite Aid in Gorham on Saturday, June 2 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Sponsored by Boy Scout Troop 817.

USM President Selma Botman recognized **Michael S. Hamilton** of Gorham who has been awarded emeritus status at USM's Commencement. Hamilton is retiring this month after 27 years of service in the Department of Political Science. He is known among his colleagues as a prolific scholar, having authored, co-authored or edited 111 scholarly and professional publications. Throughout his career, he developed a reputation for classroom rigor and organization. He received his Ph.D. in political science from Colorado State University.

The North Gorham Public Library, corner of North Gorham and Standish Neck Roads, will hold its annual spring book, plant, and rummage sale on Sat., June 2, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. FMI, 892-2575.

USM NOTES

The USM Youth Ensembles will hold open auditions on May 23-25 for musicians in grades 12 and younger interested in performing in the upcoming fall season of the Portland Youth Symphony Orchestra, Portland Youth Wind Ensemble, Portland Young People's String Consort, Portland Youth Junior Orchestra, and Southern Maine Children's Choir. Singers are especially welcome. FMI, usm.maine.edu/music or call 780-5265.



The Gorham Garden Club worked for two days to weed and mulch the gardens at the Baxter Museum to get it ready for the museum opening in June. Pictured L-R: Linda Faatz, Norene Lanoie, and Anne Murphy. Other member helpers included Linda Frinsko, Chris Fleury, Judi Garland, Mary Morin and Leslie Clarke.



Students and friends of Holistic Pathways in Gorham joined together to practice 108 Sun Salutations for charity. A \$700 donation was made to The Center for Grieving Children and Wounded Warrior Project. Back row: Carrie Chasse, Rebecca Reinhart, Jennifer Banks, Amy Pelletier, Pam Mercier, Margo Pepper. Second row: Becky Allen, Phaedra Gallant, Suzanne Piecuch, Jenn Reid, Danielle Lamey, Brenda Caron, Amanda Curtis Kezal. Seated: Joann Means, Nancy Innes, Angee Poirier, Gail Ambrose, Katherine Edenbach and Jessica Roberts.



Hearts & Horses Therapeutic Riding Center received a donation of eight safety-riding helmets from Gorham Girl Scout Troop 1674. The helmets were purchased with bottle funds collected by the scouts over a three-month period.

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White Rock Drive caller reported that the neighbor's chickens were in their yard again and caller was not happy.

Longfellow Road caller requested to speak with someone as they were upset and sounded intoxicated.

South Street caller requested to speak with an officer regarding what appears to be a discarded crack pipe they found out behind the building.

Main Street caller requested to speak with an officer regarding a male subject who attempted to take an 18 pack of beer.

Caller reported what appeared to be two individuals sleeping in a car parked on South Street. Subjects stated they had no place to stay.

Main Street caller requested to speak with the Animal Control Officer regarding a neighbor who was throwing dog feces over the fence into the parking lot.

Tink Drive caller reported a suspicious vehicle they feel has been "stalking" the area of their residence.

Sebago Lake Road caller reported that their 13-year-old refused to come home after school during the week and goes other places.

Caller requested to speak with an officer regarding a domestic disturbance during a child custody swap.

Lincoln Street caller reported that a dog trying to protect younger children walking down the road bit an older boy.

School Street caller reported that there were some "bad people" in the building.

Tow Path Road caller reported that known individuals were posting things on Facebook that caller felt were threatening.

Longfellow Road caller stated they felt the animal emergency hospital took their money and did not do what they were supposed to do.

Spiller Road caller reported that a female subject had been pushing them around and was trashing their house.

Spiller Road caller reported there was an unknown female at their door looking for a place to stay.

Gray Road man was arrested for domestic violence assault.

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Main Street man was arrested for criminal threatening with a dangerous weapon.

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- Toddler Time, 18-36 mos., 10 a.m., Baxter Library. FMI, 839-5031
- 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

FRIDAY, MAY 25

- Gorham Founders Festival, 5-9 p.m., Narragansett School
- Free Child ID Cards, Baxter Library, 12:30-3:30 p.m. FMI, 839-5031

SATURDAY, MAY 26

- Gorham Founders Festival, 9 a.m.-9 p.m., Narragansett School
- Gorham Farmer's Market, 8 a.m.-12 p.m., Rt. 114 (between Baxter Library and Gorham Times)

MONDAY, MAY 28

- Memorial Day
- No School for grades K-12
- Lakes Region Senior Center closed

TUESDAY, MAY 29

- Pre-school Storytime, 3-5 yrs., 9:30 a.m., Baxter Library. FMI, 839-5031
- Pickleball, 10 a.m., Lakes Region Senior Center. FMI, 893-9088
- Exercise with video, 9:30 a.m., Lakes Region Senior Center. FMI, 893-9088
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WEDNESDAY, MAY 30

- Prayer Shawl Knitting Group, 1-2:30 p.m., St. Anne's Catholic Church. All are welcome. FMI, 839-4857
- Poker with Ray, Lakes Region Senior Center. FMI, 893-9088
- Senior Community Meal, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., St. Anne's Catholic Church, \$3.50. FMI, 839-4857

THURSDAY, MAY 31

- Bingo, 10 a.m., Lakes Region Senior Center. FMI, 893-9088

The Gorham Ecumenical Food Pantry is open every Thursday from 9 to 11 a.m., the second Wednesday of the month from 6 to 7 p.m., and the third Monday of the month from 6 to 7 p.m. Open to anyone in need of food. The Pantry is located at 299 B Main Street in the Saint Anne's Church parking lot (across from Narragansett Elementary School).

Baxter Memorial Library, 71 South St.
Cressey Road United Methodist Church
Gorham Clothes Closet, Little Falls Activity Center, 10 Acorn St.
Gorham Farmer's Market, South Street, between Baxter Library and Gorham Times
Gorham Food Pantry, St. Anne's Catholic Church parking lot, 299 Main St.
Lakes Region Senior Center, 40 Acorn St.
Narragansett School, 284 Main St.
No. Gorham Public Library, 2 Standish Neck Rd.
St. Anne's Catholic Church, 299 Main St.
West Gorham Union Church, 19 Ossipee Trail

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SATURDAY, JUN 2

- Gorham Farmer's Market, 8 a.m.-12 p.m., Rt. 114 (between Baxter Library and Gorham Times)
- Gorham Clothes Closet, located at the Little Falls Activity Center, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. FMI, 839-3104 or rhondasawyer@maine.rr.com
- Church Supper, West Gorham Union Church, 19 Ossipee Trail, 5-6 p.m. \$7/\$3 under 12
- Car Wash to benefit Boy Scouts, Rite Aid in Gorham, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

TUESDAY, JUN 5

- Pre-school Storytime, 3-5 yrs., 9:30 a.m., Baxter Library. FMI, 839-5031.
- Gorham Cancer Prayer and Support Group, 6 p.m., Cressey Road United Methodist Church. FMI, 839-311.

WEDNESDAY, JUN 6

- Prayer Shawl Knitting Group, 1-2:30 p.m., St. Anne's Catholic Church. All are welcome. FMI, 839-4857
- Senior Community Meal, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., St. Anne's Catholic Church, \$3.50. FMI, 839-4857

THURSDAY, JUN 7

- Baby and Me, birth-18 mos., 9:30 a.m., Baxter Library. FMI, 839-5031
- Toddler Time, 18-36 mos., 10 a.m., Baxter Library. FMI, 839-5031
- Gorham Food Pantry, 9-11 a.m., located in St. Anne's Catholic Church parking lot
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