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Rick Charette to Perform Free Concert at Gorham Marketplace

BY DEDE PERKINS
GBE Executive Director

WHAT: FREE Rick Charette Concert
WHEN: Saturday, March 30
WHERE: Gorham Marketplace
USM Costello Field House,
USM Gorham

Rick Charette, a Maine native and children's singer/songwriter well known for his songs "Alligator in the Elevator" and "I Love Mud", will perform a free concert that is open to the public at Gorham Business Exchange's 16th Annual Gorham Marketplace on Saturday, March 30th in USM's Costello Field House on the Gorham campus. While Charette's concert will take place from 1:15 to 2 p.m., Marketplace will run from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

In addition to Charette's performance, Gorham Marketplace 2013 will showcase quality products and services available in the greater Gorham area as well as performances and demonstrations by The Dance Studio of Maine, Gorham Middle School Band, Greater Portland School of Jukado, Back in Motion Physical Therapy, Moody's Collision Center, and Gorham FIRST Robotics Team.

New this year will be a chance to play and win at the popular "Minute to Win It" game. There will be a food court, laser tag, and a kids' entertainment area that includes two bounce houses, games, and craft activities.

Gorham Marketplace 2013 will run from 10:00 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission is free.



Successful Run of "Oklahoma!" Concludes at GHS



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Laurie, played by Stefanie Farrington, performs one of the many songs in the musical, "Oklahoma!"



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Aunt Eller, played by Lucia Alexandrin, Will Parker, played by Eric Deluca, and a group of cast members from "Oklahoma!" sing "Kansas City".

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Governor's Proposed Cuts will have Major Impact

BY SHERI FABER
Staff Writer

Towns across Maine are struggling with their upcoming budgets in the face of Governor LePage's proposal to do away with revenue sharing. If the Governor's proposed budget is approved, towns will have to find ways to offset the cuts with a combination of substantial budget cuts and increased taxes. The Town Council sent a letter to the Governor and to Senator Boyle, Representatives McLean and Sanborn, the town's legislative delegation, expressing their concerns about the Governor's proposals. The Council noted that since the 2007-08 fiscal years, 20 new roads have been approved in Gorham with five more miles to be maintained, the town has the added cost of a new school (Great Falls), the debt costs from rebuilding several major roads, and the purchase of a new fire engine. All of this has been accomplished with only a 1.88% increase in property taxes. During this time, the rate of inflation increased by 10.5%. If

the state had not taken more money from towns in the last two years, the tax rate would not have increased.

Among the major tax revenue sources that fund services provided by governments in Maine, the property tax is disproportionately relied on, supplying about 44%, while the income tax provides about 34% and sales tax provides about 22%. The governor's proposal would shift even more onto the property tax, which is considered a more regressive tax than the sales or income tax.

Governor LePage said he believes towns can cut costs by sharing services. Gorham has pursued that option. Currently, Gorham shares a fire station with Scarborough, another station with Standish and a third one with Windham. Gorham also shares a fire engine and a mechanic with Windham. Additionally Gorham consolidated dispatch with Cumberland County, which resulted in a savings of over \$1,600,000 since the change in 2005. The town has also worked with USM and Maine Correctional Facility

in Windham in a variety of programs designed to save money.

The loss of state revenue sharing, excise tax, the homestead exemption, education funding changes, etc., totals \$2.276 million. To offset this amount, property taxes would increase \$432 for a \$250,000 property. The governor's plan would impact schools as municipalities would have to fund 50% of teacher retirement funds. In fact, under the Governor's proposal, it is estimated the town would lose over \$1.9 million and the School Department would have to pay a substantial amount toward teacher retirement costs, which had previously been completely paid by the state.

While Town Manager David Cole believes the Governor's proposal has no chance of being adopted, he is still concerned about losing funds when a final state budget is approved as well as the level of uncertainty this presents to Maine communities. Cole believes that over the years, towns have generally managed their budgets well while the state always seems to be in a financial crisis.

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Moving Our Economy Forward

By REP. ANDREW MCLEAN
State Representative

The pace has picked up quickly in Augusta and the Appropriations Committee has begun hearings for the biennial budget. These hearings will continue through April. An important date to remember is April 4, when the Appropriations and Financial Affairs Committee will hold a public hearing on the proposed cuts to Maine’s Drugs for the Elderly program. The hearing will begin at 1 p.m. at the State House.

This budget will affect all Maine people in ways large and small. Your opinions and suggestions are valued immensely. The hearings are important and the Appropriations Committee, along with the committees of jurisdiction for the various areas, will work hard to find fair and balanced alternatives to the proposed budget.

The Legislature is also working to release the voter-approved bonds approved several years ago. The governor has recently expressed support for a new transportation bonds package. While it’s encouraging that he wants to invest in our infrastructure, he can act now to release the bonds that already have voter approval.

These bonds passed in 2009, 2010 and 2012 represent more than \$105 million dollars of potential investment. For some of these projects, we could be taking advantage of a five-to-one federal match. Bond rates are at or close to historically low rates and construction season is around the corner. We need to move on these projects. These are commonsense investments in our future, part of bipartisan bond packages that the Legislature passed by two-thirds votes before the voters approved them. We can’t afford to lose this opportunity to put Mainers back to work.

Maine is also debating whether to accept federal dollars set aside in the Affordable Care Act to provide health coverage for nearly 70,000 Mainers, including 7,000 uninsured veterans. Our own Rep. Linda Sanborn is leading the effort in the Legislature to accept these Federal funds. Most of these 70,000 Mainers are working adults who do not receive health insurance through their employer. If Maine agrees to accept these funds, the federal government will cover 100% of the costs for the next three years and no less than 90% going forward.

Maine’s hard-working families need the security of quality health coverage

to get lifesaving care, without facing huge medical bills. By accepting these federal funds, we can cover more people and save millions of taxpayer dollars that are currently spent to treat uninsured people in emergency rooms.

I hope that you will continue to be in touch about issues, ideas and concerns that you may have. I am planning to have open hours at the Gorham Grind on Saturday, April 6 from 9 to 11 a.m. to discuss your ideas and concerns around the budget. I hope that you’ll drop by for a cup of coffee and conversation. If you cannot make that time, don’t hesitate to email or call anytime. If you’re interested in receiving biweekly legislative updates about my work in Augusta, please send me an email at RepAndrew.McLean@Legislature.Maine.Gov.



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Currently there is legislation being brought before the Maine Legislature that would place restrictions on the use of consumer fireworks, which became legal in Maine in 2012. One of those, LD 111, seeks to repeal the legalization. I would like to encourage any resident of Gorham who would like to see consumer fireworks banned to contact their State legislators from Gorham, State Senator James Boyle and State Representatives Linda Sanborn and Andrew McLean to express their support of LD 111 other legislation. Their contact information is available on the town’s website.

When the current Gorham ordinance was debated, one Town Council member remarked, “The State passes laws and we [town governments] have to deal with them” – a point well taken. To be brief, the most effective way to deal with all the aggravation is to repeal the state law. In Gorham, the ordinance currently allows use on any Saturday of the year. As a result, use will likely be concentrated on Saturday evenings, robbing Gorham residents of the reasonable expectation of peace and quiet any Saturday, all summer long. The current debate cites detrimental effects on persons with PTSD and other disorders, spooking pets and

livestock, and more. I would suggest that the over-riding issue is the violation of the reasonable expectation of peace and quiet everyone should enjoy. I have experienced this in my own home in Gorham and miles away camping by a lake. As to the financial impact of repeal, I believe any impact would be mostly to out-of-state manufacturers. The loss of relatively few jobs would be the unfortunate outcome of an ill-advised law that never should have been passed and is far outweighed by the negative impacts to a majority of Mainers. As for Gorham, the right exists to petition the town for a referendum.

Jeff Christiansen

around town

The Gorham Farmers Market will be open on Saturday, May 4 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on the lawn between the Baxter Memorial Library and the Gorham Times on South Street.

Governor LePage has requested disaster relief funds from the federal government for the costs associated with this winter’s blizzard. The Town of Gorham hopes to be reimbursed for some of the costs associated with the clean up from that storm.

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Natalie F. Larson of Historic Textile Reproductions

By JACKIE FRANCIS
Staff Writer

Historic Textile Consultant Natalie Faulkner Larson is known in some circles in Williamsburg, Virginia as the “Upholsterer to Dead Presidents.” Having worked on the restoration of eight Presidential homes including those of Madison, Monroe, Jackson, Van Buren, Lincoln, Jefferson and Washington, the moniker fits her well.

A 1977 graduate of Gorham High School, Larson completed her senior year as an exchange student in Costa Rica and received her diploma from GHS in absentia. She attended Arizona State University as a degree candidate in Physical Anthropology & Archaeology and graduated from UMO with a degree in Anthropology.

Larson accepted her first job in the Archaeology Department in Colonial Williamsburg mapping sites as a surveyor for six years. Soon after her first child was born she was looking for a way to work part-time. A curator friend saw her sewing and suggested she apply to make reproduction textiles at the Museum. And the rest, as they say, is history—American History.

Gorham Times: How did you become a Historic Textile Consultant?

Natalie Larson: The curators at Monticello asked me to help them with their restoration of Jefferson’s Charlottesville home. I had the opportunity to review Jefferson’s daybooks, drawings of his windows and curtain designs and was fascinated that an American President actually took the time to draw curtain plans and figure yardage. I was hooked! Since then I have been studying the furnishing textiles of many of the Founding Fathers and other early American homes.

GT: Where did you develop your sewing skills?

NL: In addition to my mother’s career as a Nurse Anesthetist, my mother, Kay Faulkner, is a great reader, knitter and seamstress. My mother says [we] inherited our skills from her French mother and grandmother who were both very good needle workers. I enjoyed the peace and quiet of sitting with her and working by her side.

GT: What do you love about your job?

NL: I am particularly interested in beds and bed hangings—an archaic form now, but one that was important in the 17th and 18th centuries for warmth, but also as a status symbol in early American (and European) homes. I’m also interested in slipcovers. Many expensive objects besides chairs



and sofas were covered with textile: globes, clocks, pianos and desks often had decorative covers telling a story of careful housekeeping, another aspect of interpreting historic homes.

GT: When did you start your own business?

NL: After 24 years at Colonial Williamsburg, I started my own business as a consultant and fabricator of textiles for other museums. I’ve now worked for 80 museums, from Maine to Florida. I also lecture on the role that textiles play in telling the story of how people lived in early America.

GT: How much time do you spend on research?

NL: I easily spend 75% of my time researching in libraries and looking at old textiles. By the time I start to sew, the real work is over. I like to think that we are showing rooms “to the best of our knowledge.”

GT: What have you been working on lately?

NL: I’m currently working on replicating curtains for FDR’s library at Hyde Park and a new bed at Monticello. I was recently asked to dress a mannequin with Washington’s brown wool inaugural suit for exhibit at Mt. Vernon. That was such a thrill to handle such an iconic object. When well-to-do men were wearing English goods, Washington asked for a suit made from American cloth from New England! I’ve also had the chance to work as a consultant on both the John Adams and Lincoln movies.

GT: Maine has a lot of interesting museums. Have you left your mark on any of them?

NL: A few years ago I worked on the oldest smoking room left in America – the Victorian Mansion.



Photo courtesy of Natalie Larson

The restored 19th century Old House of Delegates Chamber at the Maryland State Capitol.

Amazingly, photographs survived from the 1880’s as well as original curtain fabric. I was able to have the fabric copied in France. The General Knox bed in Thomaston has a one-of-a-kind painted bed cornice and the Col. Black House in Ellsworth is the oldest bed in America with original bed-hangings. Even the horsehair and feather mattresses are on the bed, with blood spots from bed bugs! I also made dimity bed hangings for the Baxter House bed in Gorham. The Baxter Museum has the only surviving bed bolster filled with dried cornhusks in America!

Lastly, Larson says she did not intend to become a historic textile

consultant, and under-estimated how much she wanted to be a “hands-on” mother. “I’m grateful that I have the kind of parents who exposed us to other cultures and ideas,” says Larson, “and raised us so that we weren’t afraid to take risks. I’m also sure my high school history teacher, Don Gallagher, has had the last laugh. I remember telling him I wasn’t that interested in American History –that I liked ancient history better. I’ve had a lot of catching up to do on the job!”

Natalie F. Larson of Historic Textile Reproductions can be contacted at Historictextile1@aol.com.

The Martha T. Harris Scholarship

In conjunction with the family of the late Martha T. Harris, the *Gorham Times* is creating a scholarship in Martha’s name to be given to a Gorham High School senior. The *Gorham Times* has given many scholarships over the past 15 years, but this will be the first sustaining, community-supported scholarship.

Martha was a key member of the *Gorham Times* staff since its inception in 1995. Not only did she take thousands of wonderful photographs, she was always in tune with what was happening in the community and offered many story suggestions. The staff misses her wholeheartedly and is looking forward to this scholarship as a means of keeping her memory alive.

The *Gorham Times* will set up a separate bank account in Martha’s name and 100% of all monies donated will be used for the scholarship. Your donation should qualify as a gift tax deduction.

Please make checks payable to Martha T. Harris/*Gorham Times* Scholarship and note Martha Harris Scholarship on the lower left. Please mail contributions to Gorham Times, PO Box 401, Gorham, ME 04038. Your tax-deductible contribution will help a student fulfill his or her dreams, which would have made Martha very happy.

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Gorham School of Music Opens on Railroad Ave



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Matt Wasowski (left) and Jim Svendsen (right) at a practice session at the Gorham School of Music.

BY SHERRIE BENNER
Staff Writer

The premise that making music is a natural part of being human is the core belief of the newly opened Gorham School of Music, a community-based arts center focused on connecting people through artistic expression. The school's goal is to "create community—one note at a time" by encouraging people of all ages to experience music making. School founders Matt Wasowski and Jim Svendsen believe that as humans everyone possesses the innate ability to create. It is the intent of the school to provide a supportive and comfortable environment for that expression.

Wasowski and Svendsen found Gorham, with its aspiring musicians of all ages, an ideal place to establish the school. While numerous visual arts and dance studios call Gorham home, there were limited outlets for musical expression. Located at 17C Railroad Avenue, it is walking distance from local schools and the University of Southern Maine. Proximity to USM offered great connections for potential instructors from within the community. Wasowski and Svendsen are actively pursuing relationships with the Gorham Schools' music programs and are coordinating events with the Gorham Arts Alliance.

The school is open for walk-in's, private and group lessons. Offering a wide variety of classes from Marimba (a large xylophone-type instrument) to guitar, with classes available at all levels. Opportunities are available to create music as small groups, in bands and

as individuals. Also being offered are songwriting workshops, summer music camps, and community concerts. A class schedule is listed on their website gorhamschoolofmusic.com.

As an elementary music teacher and private guitar instructor, Wasowski has traveled extensively to Zimbabwe, Ghana, Zambia and South Africa to study, teach and perform. In January 2012, he helped launch a guitar program at the Bizung School of Music and Dance in Tamale, Ghana, which provides free, art-based education for kids through the efforts of the Playing for Change Foundation. "It is my goal," states Svendsen, "to bring music in its simplest form, back to the common people to enjoy as participants rather than consumers."

Svendsen studied music and music therapy at Goddard College and has been teaching group and individual guitar lessons since 2007. The founder and Executive Director of a local non-profit group, Guitar Doors – Instruments' of Change, he brings music to inmates, both adults and juveniles, in correctional facilities throughout Maine.

Regardless of age, skill level or preferences, Wasowski and Svendsen believe we all have a need to express ourselves musically, and view the Gorham School of Music as an opportunity for that expression to connect with the community.

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Financial Focus

Follow "Tax-smart" Investment Moves

BY ED DOYLE
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Now that tax season is here, and the debate over tax rates has been resolved, at least for now, you can focus on your tax return, which is due on April 15. As you work on your return, you may see some areas in which you would like to make some changes for 2013 and beyond—and one of these areas may be your investments. Specifically, can you find ways to become a more "tax-smart" investor?

You may be able to benefit from taking the following steps:

"Max out" on your IRA.

Depending on your income level, you may be able to deduct some or all of your contributions to a traditional IRA. And your earnings can grow on a tax-deferred basis although taxes are due upon withdrawal and withdrawals prior to age 59 ½ may be subject to a 10% IRS penalty. You can contribute to your IRA for 2012 right up until the tax-filing deadline on April 15. And for 2013, the annual IRA contribution limit has increased, from \$5,000 to \$5,500 or \$6,500, if you're 50 or older. While Roth IRA contributions are not deductible, your earnings and eventual distributions will be tax-free, provided you meet certain conditions.

Boost your 401(k) contributions. You generally contribute pre-tax

dollars to your 401(k), so the more you put in, the lower your taxable income. Depending on your employer, you may even be able to make Roth contributions to your 401(k) plan. So, every time your salary goes up, you may want to consider increasing your 401(k) contributions. For 2013, you can put up to \$17,500 into your 401(k) or other employer-sponsored plan, such as a 457(b) or 403(b). If you are 50 or older, you can add another \$5,500 on top of the contribution limit.

Consider tax-advantaged investments. If you can afford to put money away even after you have reached the limits on your IRA and your 401(k), you might want to consider other tax-advantaged investments. For example, you may be able to benefit from investing in municipal bonds, which provide interest payments that are free of federal taxes, and, in some cases, free of state and local taxes, too. Although some municipal bonds may be subject to the alternative minimum tax. Another investment possibility is a fixed annuity, which offers tax-deferred earnings growth. Your financial and tax advisors can help you determine which, if any, tax-favored investments may be suitable for your individual needs.

Avoid frequent buying and selling. Many people constantly buy and sell investments, hoping to boost their returns. Such frequent trading is usually ineffective and it can also be "taxing." If you sell an investment that you have held for one year or less, you may have to pay the short-term capital gains rate, which is the same as your ordinary income tax rate. But when you sell an investment that you have held for more than one year, you will be assessed the more favorable long-term capital gains rate, which will be 15% or 20%, depending on your income level. So there is a real incentive to be a "buy-and-hold" investor.

Generally speaking, taxes alone should not drive your investment decisions. Focus instead on an investment's suitability for your risk tolerance and long-term goals. Work with your financial advisor and tax professional to see how you may be able to make progress toward your objectives and still keep control of your investment-related taxes.

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Town Council Report

BY ROBIN SOMES
Staff Writer

March's Town Council meeting began with a moment of silence in remembrance of Martha Harris who passed away late February (see the March 14, 2013 issue of the *Gorham Times*).

Through a unanimous vote of 7-0, the Council authorized appropriating \$75,000 from the Capital Project Reserve Account as requested by the School Board in a letter from School Superintendent Ted Sharp. These funds will be used to prepare plans for the renovation and expansion of Gorham High School. The appropriation will be considered a loan without interest, and is to be paid back to the Capital Project Reserve Account as part of the High School Renovation and Expansion project, with costs upon receipt of the proceeds from the issuance of bonds or other funding.

A new Steering Committee will be created with the goal of developing a Master Plan for the Little Falls Recreation Area. The endeavor will entail examining other fields and identifying those that need improvement. The Committee will include Councilors Michael Phinney, Sherri Benner and Suzanne Phillips, community members Chris Allen, Rob Callahan, Chuck Nadeau and Roger Smith as appointed by Chair Philip Gagnon, and serving as ex officio (non-voting) members will be Town Manager David Cole, Chair Gagnon and Recreation Director Cindy Hazelton. In accordance with the Land Use and Development Code, the Council will appropriate \$30,000 from the Recreation Impact Fee Account for this project. The Council will authorize the Town Manager to use the funds towards the completion of the Plan and obtain cost estimates that are useful or necessary for the completion

of the plan. The final plan is to be presented to the Town Council for approval. This item was authorized 5-2 (Robinson, Moulton).

The Council unanimously voted to accept an offer from the State of Maine for the sale of a parcel of state-owned land. The parcel is located near the intersection of Narragansett Street and the Gorham Bypass and consists of approximately 12,684 square feet. \$5,000 from the Land Acquisition Revenue Fund will be used for the purchase of the property.

In other action, the Town Council voted:

- 7-0 to approve a letter to the Maine Department of Environmental Protection to oppose an application to dispose of raw municipal solid waste at the Juniper Ridge Landfill in Old Town
- 5-2 (Phillips, Gagnon) to send the Ordinance Committee the conception of a new voting district within the Little Falls, that would be the third for Gorham, their recommendation.
- 7-0 to approve a "Memorandum of Understanding" between Gorham and the Westbrook Gorham Chamber of Commerce (WGCC) to have the Chamber organize and conduct Gorham's annual Founders Festival.
- 7-0 to approve a new application for a Spirituous Vinous and Malt Liquor License in the name of Spire 29 On The Square at 29 School Street.
- 7-0 to approve a new Class III Special Amusement Permit at 29 School Street.
- 5-1 (Benner with Phillips abstaining) to extend the current Liquor License of the PineCrest Bed Breakfast Inn at 91 South Street to April 2, 2013 when the application will come back before the Town Council.
- 6-0 (Phillips abstaining) to extend the Class III Special Amusement Permit of the PineCrest Bed Breakfast Inn at 91 South Street to April 2, 2013 when the application will come back before the Town Council.

Michael Emerson Sentenced to 8 Years

BY SHERI FABER
Staff Writer

Michael Emerson, 48, of Gorham and Frye Island pled guilty to unlawful sexual contact with three children under the age of 12. The assaults took place at his home on Frye Island in the summer of 2012. He was sentenced to 25 years in jail with all but eight years suspended and will be on probation for 10 years after his release. A violation of his probation would mean he could be returned to prison for the remaining 17 years. The judge noted

that by accepting Emerson's pleas, the children he molested would not have to testify against him in open court and since he is going to jail, they will not have to worry about running into him in the community. Emerson apologized to the two girls he molested but not to the boy. Parents of two of the victims spoke at the hearing and a relative of one child read a statement from the child he molested. The judge noted that since mandatory disclosure laws came into effect in the 1990's, the courts have been flooded with cases involving pedophiles.

Cooped-Up Kids: Rules for Computer and Television

BY GORHAM TIMES STAFF

Children ages two to seventeen log almost 20 hours of screen time on average each week. TV and computer time can spiral out of control, especially when kids are cooped up inside during winter.

According to the American Academy of Pediatrics, too much screen time can have a number of consequences:

Children who watch more than two hours of TV a day are more likely to be overweight.

The more TV children watch, the more likely they are to resist going to bed and to have trouble falling asleep. Irregular sleep can cause health, behavioral and academic problems.

Elementary age students who spend more than two hours a day watching TV or using a computer are more likely to have emotional, social and attention problems. Children who watch excessive amounts of TV are more likely to bully than children who don't.

Elementary students who have TVs in their bedrooms tend to perform worse on tests than those who do not.

Too much exposure to violence on TV and in movies, music videos, and video and computer games can desensitize children to violence. As a result, children may learn to accept violent behavior as a normal part of life and a way to solve problems.

Use these tips to help limit the amount of time your family spends watching the infamous "tube" or surfing the endless Internet.

Set a strict time limit for your child. For younger children, try using a simple chart to track screen time. Get some stickers and assign a value to each, for example, each sticker represents a half-hour. Each week give your child the appropriate number of stickers. Have your child put the stickers on a chart as screen time is spent. When the stickers are gone, no more screen time until next week.

Set a good example - limit your own screen time. Try taping your own favorite shows to watch after your kids go to bed, and try not to aimlessly surf the Internet too much.

Establish priorities. Homework, piano practice and other responsibilities come before screen time.

Encourage other activities with parents joining in. Turn off the TV and computer and have a family game night or an evening of reading. Do a craft project, play a sport or cook together.

Screen your child's selections. Unless you are familiar with a program or movie, watch it before you let your child view it so you can decide whether it's appropriate.

No TV's in the kid's room. Control your screen population. The fewer screens you have in your house, the less important they'll seem and the less temptation they will offer.

Limiting your child's screen time may seem like a battle that is too difficult to fight. But it is worth the fight. Computers and television, when used correctly, have great educational possibilities, but practicing moderation can be very healthy.

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Photo credit Roni Bretton

On March 3rd the Gorham fifth grade travel basketball team won the Cape Elizabeth Travel League. After finishing the regular season as the number one seed with a record of 10-1, Gorham won all four of its tournament games to finish the year as both regular-season and tournament champions. The team also won the Scarborough Holiday tournament in late December. Playing for the team and pictured above from left to right in the front row: Isaac Rollins, Joshua Ball, Zach Beaumont, Brady King, Jordan Bretton, Tyler Rollins and Dylan Carpenter. Back row: Coach Tim King, Andrew Rent, Joey Hansen, Luc Lamontagne, Nickolas Strout, Ryan Reno, Coach David Willis and Coach Ken Reno.

in the Zone

Post-Season Awards for Boys' Hockey: Several members of the GHS boys' ice hockey team have been recognized for their accomplishments by the Class A Maine High School Hockey Coaches Association. Senior Spence Cowand was among the eight semifinalists for the Travis Roy Award presented to the top senior in Class A. Cowand led the Rams in scoring this past season with 22 goals and 18 assists. The association also named Cowand to the first-team Class A All-State, the Class A Senior All-Star Team, and the Cumberland County Senior All-Star Team. Other GHS players receiving Class A State awards include Chris Hardy, the Hobey Baker Character Award, second-team Class A All-State, and Cumberland County Senior All-Star; Blake Babineau, second-team Class A All-State and Cumberland County Senior All-Star; Justin Broy, second-team Class A All-State; Dylan Turner, second-team Class A All-State; Tucker Butea, honorable mention Class A All-State; and Matt Roy, Class A All-State All-Academic.

Top State Hot Shots: At the State Hot Shot Competition March 10 at the Portland Expo, three Gorham basketball players finished among the top competitors from across the state: Zach Beaumont finished fourth, in the boys' 9-10 division; Michelle Rowe, fourth in girls' 11-12; and Cam Holmes, fifth in boys' 13-15. The event was co-sponsored by The Maine Recreation and Parks Association and the Maine Red Claws.



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\$5k Given to Tim Stickney Memorial Fund



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During the GHS boys' hockey team recent year-end banquet, \$5,000 was donated to the Gorham Ice Hockey Association from the Timothy Stickney Memorial Fund in honor of team's manager who passed away in 2011 while a sophomore at GHS. The memorial fund is supported by an annual September golf scramble and other fundraising activities. For those wanting to learn more about the fund or to make a donation, visit www.timothystickneymemorialfund.org. Representing the team and pictured above from left to right are Johna Doyle, Coach Jon Portwine, Jamie Hansen, Jared Wood, Austin Violette, Willy Baxter, Dylan Turner, Griffin Germond, Spence Cowand, Chris Hardy, Justin Broy, Blake Babineau, Matt Vail, Tucker Buteau, Matt Roy, Jordan Ward, Matt Hooker, Michael Chapin, Andrew Schmidt, and Mitchell Letourneau.

Girls' Basketball Champions


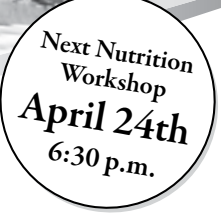



Photo credit Wendy Broy

The Gorham Recreation Department crowned its girls' fifth/sixth Grade Basketball Champions on March 7th as the Boston team defeated a tough Detroit Team, 14-13. Jackie Hamilton controlled the boards for Boston and finished with eight points while Kiana Tracey showed a nice shooting touch, finishing with four points. Detroit's Meg Perry played stifling defense for Detroit and scored 11 points while Paige Hume chipped in with two points. Playing for Boston and pictured above, front row from left to right: Kate Tugman, Grace Shimansky, Hannah Kirk and Alexa Corey. Back row: Coach Kristin Tugman, Jacqui Hamilton, Kiana Tracey, Mckenzie Yaskula and Assistant Coach Carrie Bibens.

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Boys' Basketball: Kyle Curley, Alex Owens, Elliott Speirs

Cheerleading: Jennifer Pinkelman, Kara Stahl

Boys' Indoor Track: Adam Bucknell, Alex Johnson, Damon Wallace, Cameron Willette

Girls' Indoor Track: Celeste Carpenter, Patty Smith, Bridget Stillson

Girls' Skiing: Grace Bourgault

Girls' Swimming: Kristin Nelson, Lindsey Thomsen

SMAA All-Conference Selections

Boys' Hockey: First Team: Spence Cowand; **Second Team:** Blake Babineau, Justin Broy, Chris Hardy, Dylan Turner; **Honorable Mention:** Tucker Buteau

Girls' Hockey: First Team: Charlotte Smith, Rachel Litif; **Honorable Mention:** Allison Rullo

Boys' Skiing: First Team: Nathan Roberts

Girls' Skiing: First Team: Marissa Roberts

Girls' Swimming: First Team: Lindsey Thomsen

Boys' Swimming: First Team: Tim Smith

Girls' Basketball: First Team: Kristen Ross; **All-Defensive Team:** Kristen Ross

Cheerleading: First Team: Amanda Foster, Savoy Boyd, Erika Dvilinski;

Second Team: Kara Stahl, Ashley Aceto, Kaylee Boyd; **Honorable**

Mention: Meghan Yaskula

Boys' Indoor Track: First Team: Travis Grant-Senior Triple; **Honorable Mention:** Travis Grant and Jon Gray-Senior 55-meter hurdles

Girls' Indoor Track: First Team: Sophia Swiatek-Pole Vault; **Honorable Mention:** Kristen Benson-Junior 200 meters

Team Awards

Cheerleading: Coaches Award-Kara Stahl; Most Dedicated-Amanda Foster; Most Dedicated-Allyson Webber

Boys' Indoor Track: Most Valuable Athlete-Travis Grant; Most Improved Athlete-Cameron Willette; Most Dedicated Athlete-Alek Kutchmarick

Girls' Indoor Track: Outstanding Performer for Field Events-Patty Smith; Outstanding Performer for Track Events-Jacqueline Turner; Most Improved Athlete-Laura Turner

Boys' Skiing: Most Valuable Skier-Nathan Roberts

Girls' Skiing: Most Valuable Skier-Marissa Roberts; Outstanding Skier-Grace Bourgault

Girls' Swimming: Most Valuable Swimmer-Lindsey Thomsen; Most Improved Swimmer-Charlene Landry; Rookie of the Year-Molly Dufour

Boys Swimming: Most Valuable Swimmer-Tim Smith; Most Improved Swimmer-Harrison Reeder; Rookie of the Year-Riley Jensen

Boys' Hockey: Coaches Award-Chris Hardy; Dedication Award-Spence Cowand; Most Improved Player-Tucker Buteau

Girls' Hockey: Most Valuable Player- Rachel Litif; Most Improved Player-Maddy Hamblen; Coaches Award-Charlotte Smith

Girls' Basketball: Most Valuable Player-Kristin Ross; Coaches Award-Lexi Merrifield; Coaches Award-Erin Smith

Boys' Basketball: Hardest Worker-Nick Lewis; Best Defender-Nick Greatorex; Best Exemplifies Gorham Basketball-Alex Owens

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“Oklahoma!” CONTINUED FROM COVER PAGE



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Christian Auspland plays a character named Curley, one of the lead cowboys in Oklahoma!, who tries to win over the character, Laurie Williams, played by Stefanie Farrington.



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In this scene, Aunt Eller, played by Lucia Alexandrin yells at Ali Hakim, a peddler who gave her faulty merchandise, played by Caleb Dolloff.

Healthy Fun at Great Falls School



Photo credit Jane Esty

Shannon and Erin Lawrence, along with their mom, Rachel, enjoyed some summertime photo booth fun.

BY FRANK DeFRANCESCO
Teacher

Several hundred Great Falls Elementary School families attended the second annual Great Falls Family Fun and Wellness Fair. The fair focused on healthy lifestyle choices. Facilitators led activities such as Yoga, Zumba, Pilates, and Jukado, to name a few.

In addition, there were nine different community vendor tables where students had their “Passport to Wellness” stamped upon visiting. The vendors included Hannaford’s Guiding Stars program, Officer Mark Sanborn teaching bike safety, chiropractor Dr. Rob Lavoie and his staff, dental hygienist Kim Enck,

St. Joseph’s College swim program, school nurse Beth Ewing, Gorham Recreation, Gorham Fire and Safety, and the Girl Scouts.

Students also had an opportunity to see David Sparks and his animals from Sparks’ Ark. Other activities included face painting, arts and crafts, Dance Dance Revolution, and an obstacle course in the gym that featured a giant inflatable slide and the “Let’s Go” mascot Redy.

More than 25 Great Falls staff members helped during the night, as did parents and students from USM and the Gorham High School Key Club. This free, informative, and fun evening earned high marks for both parents and students!

GHS Senior Receives Maine Principal’s Association Award

COMPILED BY STACY SALLINEN
School Coordinator

Michael Sullivan, a senior at Gorham High School, has been selected to receive the 2013 Principal’s Award. The award, sponsored by the Maine Principals’ Association, is given in recognition of a Maine high school senior’s academic achievement and citizenship.

“Michael is an outstanding young man. He is a leader in every aspect of our high school from the classroom, to the athletic field, on the band stage, and even in student government. He makes GHS a better place every day, and I am very proud to select him as the winner of the Principal’s Award. He is a tremendous role model for students and staff. I look forward to seeing what he accomplishes in his bright future,” said GHS Principal Chris Record.

Sullivan, a member of the National Honor Society, is active in the school and student council; plays soccer, tennis and curling, Gorham’s newest club; and plays the saxophone for the school concert and jazz band and for the Portland Wind Youth Wind Ensemble. His interests include travelling, eating, organic farming, boating and skiing.

Mr. Record, Sullivan, and other award winners and their principals will attend an Honors Luncheon at the Spectacular Event Center in Bangor on April 6.



Photo credit Katherine Sullivan

Michael Sullivan received the 2013 Maine Principal’s Award.

Sullivan will make a decision in April about which college to attend. He plans to study engineering and architecture, eventually concentrating in urban vertical farming.

Sullivan is the son of Michael and Anatoli Sullivan.

school notes

Drugs 101: What Parents Need to Know - FOR PARENTS ONLY
Tuesday, April 2 at Gorham Middle School
6:00-6:30 p.m. Mock bedroom preview
6:30-8:00 p.m. Presentation by Claudine Emerson, LCSW, LADC

Drugs 101: What Parents Need to Know educates parents about signs, symptoms and current trends of alcohol, tobacco, inhalants, marijuana and other drugs adolescents may use. A highlight of this program is a mock teenager’s bedroom set up for parent’s to observe and attempt to identify the obvious and not-so-obvious drug related paraphernalia. Throughout the presentation, more than 50 drug and alcohol indicators will be unveiled to show how some adolescents hide drug and alcohol use from their parents. For more information or questions, please contact Claudine Emerson claudinee@gorham-schools.org or 222-1193. Approved and supported by the Gorham School Administration.

The GHS Civil Rights Team will host a Talent Show, Friday, April 26 at 6 p.m. in MPAC. Tickets will be sold at the door.

Kindergarten screening for Gorham’s K-5 schools will be held in April for children who will be five years old on or before October 15. Appointments must be made in advance. Immunization records and an original birth certificate are required at screening. To find out which neighborhood school your child will attend, please visit www.gorhamschools.org/transportation. Screening dates are as follows:
April 2-4 at Village School, 222-1300
April 2-4, Great Falls, 222-1050
April 8-9, Narragansett, 222-1250

School Committee Report

BY STACY SALLINEN
School Coordinator

Cast members from Gorham High School's spring musical, "Oklahoma!", kicked off the School Committee's March meeting with a performance.

Several people spoke during the public comment portion of the agenda:

- Brian Deveau asked the School Committee if the work of the All-Day Kindergarten (ADK) Committee had been taken into consideration when building next year's school budget. Superintendent Ted Sharp said that he had not yet received the final recommendation report from the ADK Committee, although it's scheduled to be released during a televised workshop on April 27. School Committee Chairman Kyle Carrier said the budget isn't a done deal and will be reviewed in detail at the March 23 workshop.

- Kelli Deveau asked at what point the school committee would take into consideration public discourse on the budget. Chairman Carrier said the public is always welcome to call or e-mail school committee members.

- Stacy Smith asked why the ADK recommendation report could not be released any sooner than the April 27 workshop since it was finished. ADK

Committee Chairman Dennis Libby said a "give and take" discourse in a workshop setting works best. He also said while the committee originally hoped to present its findings in November, the work took longer than anticipated.

- Noah Minor, Kim Ross, and Angela Leclerc addressed the School Committee with their concerns over class size in first grade classrooms at Village School. Minor also asked that the flag in front of the municipal center be replaced as it had been missing for two weeks.

Sharp spent the remainder of the meeting unveiling next year's preliminary school budget to the School Committee at its regular meeting on March 13, cautioning that the numbers were "cast in silly putty." Within two days of the rollout, numbers had already changed.

Under the plan revised March 15, overall spending would go up 1.14 percent, or \$368,630, from \$32.2 million to \$32.5 million. Sharp wrote in his letter that the budget includes a \$411,113 increase due to Governor LePage's proposal to shift teacher retirement costs from the state to local school districts.

Gorham's share of general-purpose aid, an important revenue

source from the state, is expected to be \$17.7 million.

Sharp said that with this being the sixth year of the financial downturn, public schools and municipalities are facing the most serious challenge he has seen in his 32 years leading public schools.

"We're not immune to it, we're directly impacted," he said.

Gorham is feeling the loss of several revenue sources, including significant reductions in Medicaid funding and State Agency Client Reimbursements; curtailments in state subsidy; and sequester cuts.

There are no new initiatives or programs included in this budget.

Sharp's proposed budget eliminates several positions, including 5.5 education technicians, two teachers, 2.5 secretaries, one technology position, a substitute caller, and a .25 grounds maintenance position. The budget would also reduce hours for the guidance department during the summer and for all education technicians during the school day, from 6.5 to 6 hours per day. Other reductions were made to the capital improvement and discretionary accounts, as well as reductions to mileage and professional credit reimbursements.

As proposed, the budget would increase the mil rate, adding \$0.66 per

\$1,000 of valuation, assuming that the property tax base increases by \$6 million.

A public hearing will be held on the proposed school budget on April 3, 6:30-7:30 p.m., room 260, second floor of the Gorham Municipal Center. The School Committee is expected to vote in April before it goes to the Town Council and ultimately to voters in June for approval.

In other news:

- The Gorham School Department will have a booth at the Gorham Market Place on March 30.

- Plans to renovate and expand Gorham High School continue to move forward, although the public referendum has been postponed until November 2014. Sharp said that the issues facing the high school haven't gone away, but the school department wants to be sensitive to other needs that the town is facing.

- Voted (6-0) to accept revised policies on Bullying and Truancy.

- William Soule was approved (6-0) to be the coach for JV boys' lacrosse.

- Tom Talbot was approved (6-0) to be the coach for eighth grade boys' lacrosse.

Theatre Student and Alumni Showcase to be Held in April

The Gorham High School Thespian Society will hold their annual Theatre Student and Alumni Showcase on Thursday, April 4 at 7:30 p.m. in the GHS McCormack Performing Arts Center. Don't miss this evening of musical and theatrical entertainment and the opportunity to meet and talk with Gorham theatre students and fellow alumni.

Admission for the event is \$5 for the general public and \$3 for

students and senior citizens. Tickets will be sold at the door. Proceeds will benefit the Gorham High School Thespian Society, Troupe #7533.

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Mar. 31 – Breakfast, 8:30 a.m.; Easter Sunday Service, 9:30 a.m.

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Mar. 31 – Easter Sunday, 9:30 a.m.

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Mar. 30 - Easter Vigil, Mass of the People, 7:30 p.m.
Mar. 31 - Easter Sunday, Mass of the People, 9 a.m.

South Gorham Baptist Church

53 County Road, Gorham
Rev. Peter Beckwith, 839-3457
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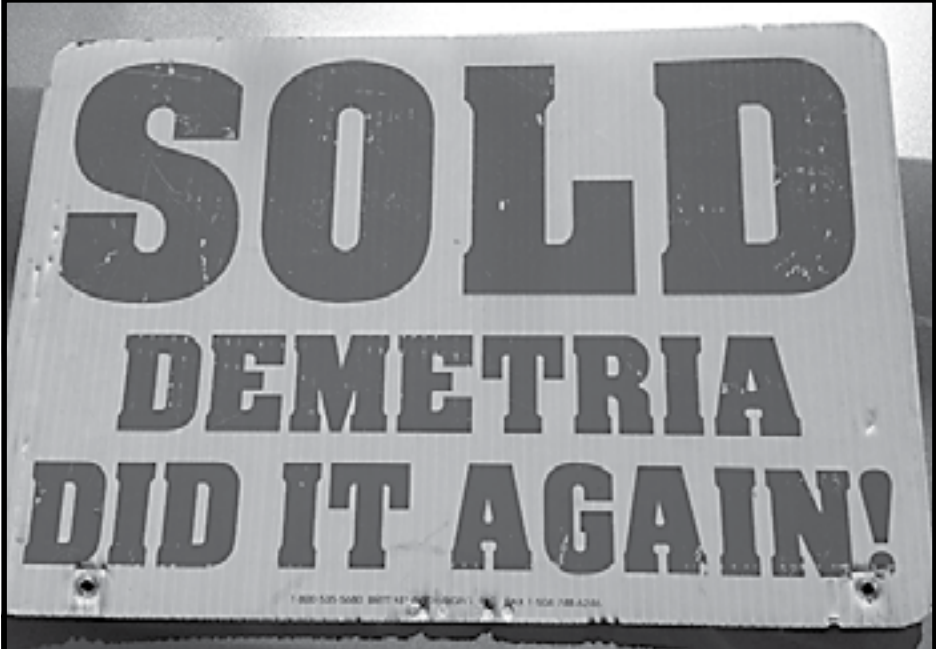
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March Madness Indeed

By CHRIS CRAWFORD
Staff Writer

To say that March has been a long month, doesn't even begin to come close to describing how sick of winter people have grown. So in a fit of boredom during the snow storm that struck the day before Spring was due to arrive (how cruel was that!), I decided to see what the rest of the month has in store. My spirits were certainly lifted to know that the following holidays and celebrations will surely make these dwindling days of March pass quickly.

March 28 is Something on a Stick Day. So what comes on a stick? Practically anything you can imagine. Popsicles and Fudgesicles certainly come to mind. So does lunch at Sam's Club and samples at Hannaford served on toothpicks and things like corndogs and shrimp, not to mention cocktail wieners, cheese, the weatherman's head (just wishful thinking), the list goes on and on. Unfortunately no one knows the origins of this day nor has anyone been brave enough to speak up and claim credit, but what the heck, it might be the most fun I've had all month only eating food on a stick for a day...or not.

March 29th, Smoke and Mirrors Day, is a day of illusions. The term "smoke and mirrors" means something is not really as it appears to be. People often put up smoke and mirrors to hide something, like the fact that while it is technically spring, it still looks and feels like winter. There do not seem to be any true celebrations of this special day, but hey, who needs historical facts to have fun? Use your imagination. Let's get out and enjoy Smoke and Mirrors Day to the fullest.

We hit the jackpot on March 30, with two great choices: I Am in Control Day or Take a Walk in the Park Day. But then again, why choose, when you can take control by walking in the park, if you can find one that isn't still buried in snow.

The origins of I Am in Control Day stem from a serious event. In 1981, President Ronald Reagan was wounded in an assassination attempt and Secretary of State Alexander Haig was heard to proclaim, "I am in control here." Political uproar ensued and led to Haig's resignation. However, time has a way of healing all wounds and people came to think about this day in a slightly different context. They personalized it into a call to action to get their life in control. The end of March may just be the perfect time for "I am in Control Day." To begin celebrating, take a deep breath and relax, assess the situation, and start controlling things. Once you have accomplished that, you can work on staying in control everyday. Please Note: This day is closely related to Panic Day, celebrated earlier in the month on March 9th. Perhaps you went through Panic Day before getting things under control, and now you can really celebrate.

March 31st is Clam on the Half Shell Day. This is not a day to hide in your shell. Don't clam up, don't panic (see March 9th), take control (see March 30th) and celebrate this special day. If you do not like clams, don't be sad or disappointed. Today, is also Bunsen Burner Day or Easter, your choice. And just think, tomorrow is a brand new day, a brand new month and the start of Mud Season.

Bald is Beautiful (and Bountiful)



Photo credit Veronica Bretton

Ten fifth grade boys from Narragansett and Village Schools shaved their heads in March to raise money for St. Baldrick's, a foundation that provides grants for childhood cancer research. For the last four years, Jordan Bretton has participated in the head-shaving fundraiser, rallying more and more of his friends each year to also participate in the event. These ten "baldies" were proud of their efforts, raising over \$11,000 this year alone and sent a message that it was okay to look different. Making bald beautiful are (front row) Westley Brinegar, Ryan Reno, Zachary Beaumont, Jordan Bretton and Noah Jalbert; (bottom row) Nick Batchelder, Jacob Polchies, Joey Hansen, Kyle Hamblen and Colby Bedell. Haircuts courtesy of Carla from 2nd Stop Hair Stop in Scarborough. FMI or to donate, visit www.stbaldricks.org and search by last name.

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Gorham Company Semifinalist for Innovation Award

By BRUCE WEBB
Staff Writer

Pika Energy, a Gorham company that designs and produces residential wind turbines, is one of three finalists vying for a \$30,000 business innovation award. Gorham Savings Bank, the sponsor of the program, received nearly 250 applications and the seven semifinalists presented

their ideas to a public audience on March 21st. The three finalists were chosen by a panel of judges to move to the final round. The competition now moves online where the public can view the winning presentations and help select a winner. Go to www.gorhamsavingsbank.com/launchpad and select your favorite to win the \$30,000 prize.



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Appraising Antiques through Historical Society



Photo credit Suzie Phillips

By SHERRIE BENNER
Staff Writer

The Gorham Historical Society recently held its Annual Appraisal Night, the society's take on PBS' popular "Antiques Roadshow." Auctioneer Tim Gould provided appraisals on various items brought in by society members. The collectibles and antiques ranged from vintage Barbie Dolls, Elvis 45's, an

1896 presidential cookbook and rare patterned blue carnival water glasses. Pictured with Gould is a large pickle jar from the 1890's valued at approximately \$200. The Gorham Historical Society meets at 7:00 p.m. on the second Monday of the month at the Gorham Savings Bank Operations Center on Wentworth Drive, Gorham. Membership is \$10 per year.

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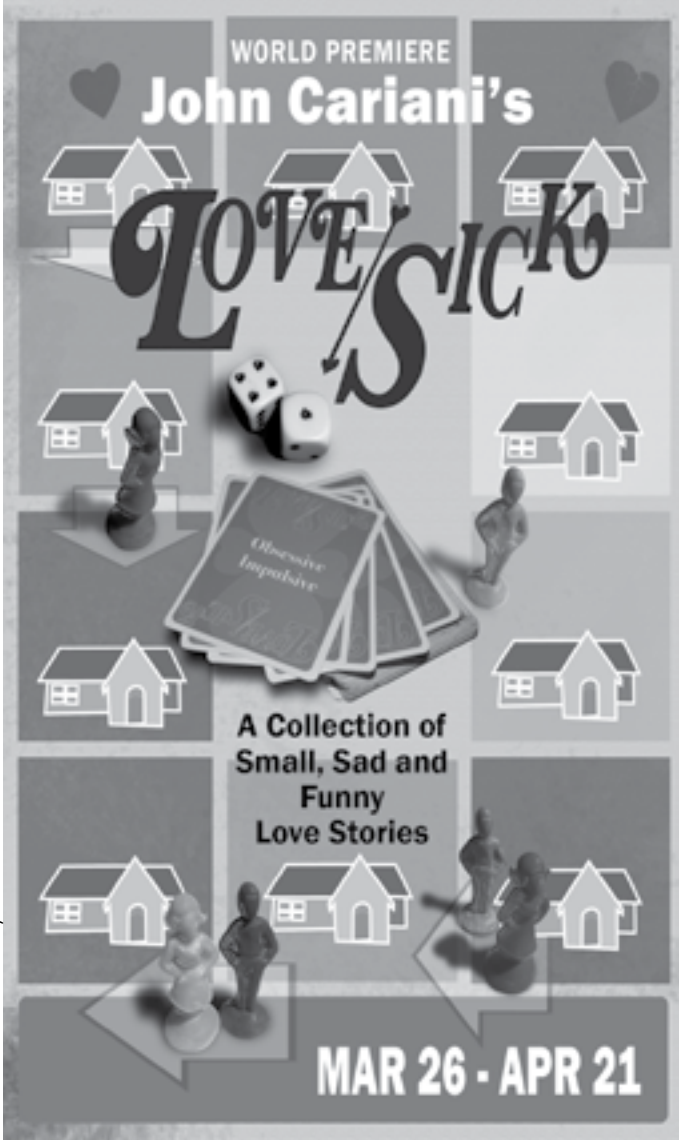
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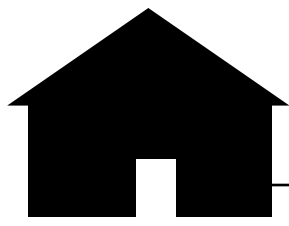


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Daniel Street caller reported their garage door had been kicked in and a generator was stolen.

County Road caller's son never returned home from school. He had packed his suitcase the previous night and stated he would not return.

County Road caller reported a male subject was being extremely violent, yelling and screaming, and clenching fists.

Main Street caller reported two teenagers inside the store trying to steal something.

Hurricane Road caller reported a vehicle towing a tube with a child on it.

Sebago Lake Road caller reported a plow truck off the road.

Buck Street caller reported having four cows in their yard.

Winslow Road caller requested to speak with an officer regarding an issue they were having with their neighbor snow blowing snow onto caller's new plants.

Fort Hill Road caller reported that they found a bag of pills in their friend's car that were not prescribed to the friend.

Main Street man was arrested for sale and use of drug paraphernalia, endangering the welfare of a child and held for probation violations.

Main Street man was arrested for domestic violence assault.

Straw Road man was arrested for OUI involving injury or death, eluding an

officer, aggravated operating after a habitual offender revocation, reckless conduct with a dangerous weapon, criminal mischief, refusing to submit to arrest or detention and criminal speeding (30+ mph over the speed limit).

Suspicious activity reported on County Road was subject who had received a text message and had pulled over to respond to it.

North Gorham Road caller received a letter saying they won a large amount of money and wanted to know whether or not it was a scam.

New Portland Road caller reported that they had hit a few deer.

Meadowbrook Drive caller wanted to make us aware that someone who said they were from Time Warner stopped by their mother's house trying to sell cable service, and they thought this was odd.

Cornucopia Way caller would like talk to a supervisor about the ticket they were given.

Tink Drive caller reported they returned home after being gone for two-and-a-half hours and found the front door had been left open and items were disturbed inside the residence.

Fort Hill Road caller reported that a firearm was stolen from their house within the past few hours.

Preble Street caller reported that five people were refusing to leave the party and were throwing punches.

COMMUNITY

DEAN'S LIST 2012 FALL SEMESTER

Marissa Patten-Harris (GHS '10), University of New England, Dental Hygiene
Molly Lortie (GHS'10), Brandeis University
Julianna Mateyko, Syracuse University, School of Education
Gregory Standley, Syracuse University, Engineering and Computer Science
Ryan Weed (GHS '11), Southern Maine Community College

OF INTEREST

Jason Badeau (GHS '10) was named to the President's List at Thomas College and received the Maine Banker's Association Scholarship. L-R: Bob Moore, VP of Advancement, Thomas College; Mark Johnston, President, Kennebec Savings Bank; HEAF winner Jason Badeau, Thomas College; Shonna Humphrey, Director of Corporate Foundation Relations, Thomas College.



Molly Lortie (GHS '10), who attends Brandeis University, is currently studying Tibetan Language and Culture in Nepal, Bhutan and northern India for the spring 2013 semester.

The Gorham Art Alliance is hosting its "3rd Annual Gorham's Got Talent" show in May and auditions for this show will be held on Wednesday, Apr. 10 from 2:30 to 7 p.m. at the Gorham Middle School and is opened to singers, dancers, bands, comedy acts, and magic acts on an amateur level. This is a family/community themed fundraising show (May 11) for the Gorham Arts Alliance and Odyssey of the Mind Teams. FMI and to schedule appt. call Jeffrey Carpenter at 749-2837 or jeffreyc@gorhamschools.org.

Carlene Stillson of Gorham recently led a group of 27 dancers from the Stillson School of Irish Dance in Portland at a Downtown Disney performance in Orlando, FL. The following Gorham dancers who performed in Orlando were Julia Downey, Kate Downey, Nash Gagnon, Maya Lee, Bridget Stillson, Carlene Stillson, Ciara Stillson, Deireann Stillson and Mairead Stillson.

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Wendy Bowler, President of the Gorham Woman's Club and **Anne Cress**, state president of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, stand in front of a table filled with information as well as donations for the "**Newborns In Need**" program. One of several on-going projects of the Woman's Club, Newborns in Need is an organization mobilized across the United States to offer baby items to those families who need help. The Gorham Woman's Club will accept items and see that they get to the Maine chapter of Newborns In Need. Anyone interested in helping this worthy cause may visit www.newbornsinneed.org. FMI, call Nancy 839-6375.



Members of the **Gorham Woman's Club** will meet on Thursday, Apr. 11 at the First Parish Church in Gorham at 12:30 p.m. The Youth Leadership Program will be discussed. The GWC will also select the winning artwork of Gorham High School students to be displayed in the District show on Saturday, Apr. 13, 10 a.m. at the Cressey Road United Methodist Church.

The **Third Annual Into the Mud Challenge** at Gorham Middle School will be held on Sunday, Apr. 28 and will once again be hosted by the USM Sports Management Program. The event features 2.5 miles of mud pits to traverse and a series of challenging obstacles with an emphasis on getting muddy and having a great time! FMI, www.intothemudchallenge.com.

The **Gorham Business Exchange** will hold its annual meeting on Thursday, Apr. 18 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at Spire 29 on the Square, 29 School Street. The featured speaker, Charles Colgan, will present "Looking Ahead: Maine's Economic Forecast." Advance registration requested. FMI: dede@gorhambusiness.org or 207-892-5515.

The **West Gorham Union Church** will hold a Public Supper on Saturday, Apr. 6 from 5-6 p.m. \$7.50/\$3. Located three miles west of Gorham Village (Rt. 25/112).

An "**All You Can Eat**" **Baked Bean Supper** will be held at the White Rock Community Club on Wilson Rd. (off Rt. 237) in Gorham on Saturday, Apr. 6 from 4:30-6 p.m. Beans, hot dogs, macaroni & cheese, salads, biscuits, home-made desserts. \$8/\$4.

The Gorham High School and Falmouth High School **FIRST Robotics Team** recently won the prestigious Engineering Inspiration Award at the Annual Regional Competition in Manchester, NH, which qualifies the team to compete at the National level in St. Louis, MO later next month. The North Force Robotics Team is looking for sponsors to help with the cost of funding their trip to Missouri. FMI, call Michelle Moutinho at GHS, 831-7470.

The **Gorham/Westbrook TRIAD**, composed of community people working with seniors and law enforcement officers, will meet on Friday, Apr. 12 at the Gorham Town Hall at 8:45 a.m. The speaker will be nurse Rebecca Miller talking about Drug Misuse with the Elderly. To learn how you can help senior citizens in your community, call David Garthe 839-5407 or Doris Ames 839-2948.

Discover how to grow a beautiful, healthy lawn without harmful fertilizers and weed killers at a **Healthy Lawn Care Class** on Tuesday, Apr. 2 from 6:30-8 p.m. at Gorham Savings Bank, 10 Wentworth Drive. Free! Sponsored by the Cumberland County Soil and Water Conservation District and the Citizens for a Green Gorham.

Gospel recording artist and evangelist **Ed Sealy** who founded "Furtherance Ministry to Further the Gospel" will preach on Wednesday, Apr. 10, 7 p.m. at the Grace Bible Church (off Rt. 22) in Gorham. FMI, 642-3418.

Great Falls Elementary School in Gorham welcomed dancers from Maine State Ballet in Falmouth, along with picture book author David Ira Rottenberg. The author read his latest book, Gwendolyn, the Graceful Pig, while the ballerinas danced and acted out the story.

Rep. Andrew McLean will hold open hours at the Gorham Grind on Saturday, April 6 from 9 to 11 a.m. Join Andrew for a cup of coffee and to share your concerns, ideas or issues.

The Lions Club is in search of help for the Main Street flag program, which is in its sixth year. To help hang flags twice a year (May and October) and to repair hangers and replace flags or to donate a flag, hanger, staff, and an engraved nameplate for \$50, contact Norm Wedge at 839-6569.

USM NOTES

USM Assistant Director for Sustainable Programs, Tyler Kidder, and Resource Recovery Supervisor, Steve Sweeney, were chosen to receive the **2013 Community eco-Excellence Award** for Gorham and the Grand Award as best from 22 communities. The awards are presented annually for contributions in preserving local ecology by ecomaine. L-R: ecomaine Board Chair Michael McGovern, Tyler Kidder, ecomaine Board Recycling Chair Susan McGinty, and ecomaine General Manager Kevin Roche.



The **USM Chamber Singers** will perform in a spring concert on Tuesday, Apr. 2, 7:30 p.m. at the Williston-Immanuel United Church in Portland. Conducted by Robert Russell. \$6/\$3.

The **USM School of Music** will present a master class with the Evansville Philharmonic Orchestra's Larchmere String Quartet, on Monday, Apr. 1, 5 p.m. at Corthell Concert Hall, Gorham campus. \$6. FMI, 780-5555.

The **USM Youth Ensembles Spring Instrumental Concert** will be held on Thursday, Apr. 11, 7 p.m. at Merrill Auditorium, Portland. \$6/\$3. FMI, 780-5555.

ON-GOING EVENTS

The **Lakes Region Senior Center**, 40 Acorn St, Gorham, offers a variety of daily activities and drop-in classes for seniors. Stop in for morning coffee or play pickleball, poker, bingo or cribbage. Join in on exercise, watch a movie or learn to knit. FMI, 274-3537.

The **Southern Maine Agency on Aging** will hold office hours every Thursday from 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at St. Anne's Catholic Church in Gorham to help seniors with questions regarding medicare benefits, prescription drug programs, property tax and rent rebates and more. FMI, call SMAA at 396-6500.

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TUESDAY, APR. 2

- Gorham Cancer Prayer and Support Group, Cressey Road United Methodist Church. 6 p.m. All are welcome. FMI, 321-1390 or 839-3111.
- Healthy Lawn Care Class, Gorham Savings Bank, 10 Wentworth Drive, Gorham. 6:30-8 p.m. Free

WEDNESDAY, APR. 3

- 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. Everyone welcome. FMI, 839-4857.
- Toddlers in the Library, for children under 3 yrs., 10-10:30 a.m., No. Gorham Public Library, 2 Standish Neck Rd. FMI, 892-2575.

THURSDAY, APR. 4

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

FRIDAY, APR. 5

- Knight’s of Columbus Haddock Dinner, St. Anne’s Catholic Church, 5-6:30 p.m. \$9/\$6.

SATURDAY, APR. 6

- All You Can Eat Baked Bean Supper, White Rock Community Club, Wilson Rd., Gorham. 4:30-6 p.m. \$8/\$4.
- Public Supper, West Gorham Union Church (Rts. 25/112), 5-6 p.m. \$7.50 – \$3.

WEDNESDAY, APR. 10

- 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. Everyone welcome. FMI, 839-4857.
- Toddlers in the Library, for children under 3 yrs., 10-10:30 a.m., No. Gorham Public Library, 2 Standish Neck Rd. FMI, 892-2575.
- Gospel recording artist and evangelist Ed Sealy, Grace Bible Church, off Rt. 22, Gorham. 7 p.m. FMI, 642-3418.
- Auditions for the 3rd Annual Gorham’s Got Talent show, 2:30-7 p.m., Gorham Middle School.

THURSDAY, APR. 11

- Baby and Me Storytime, ages birth to 18 mos., Baxter Library, 9:30 a.m.
- Toddler Time, ages 18-36 mos., Baxter Library, 10 a.m.
- Gorham Food Pantry, 9-11 a.m., located in St. Anne’s Catholic Church parking lot.
- Gorham Woman’s Club Meeting, 12:30 p.m., First Parish Church, Gorham.

FRIDAY, APR. 12

- Gorham/Westbrook TRIAD meeting, 8:45 a.m. Gorham Town Hall. Open to all interested in helping senior citizens in your community. FMI, Doris Ames 839-2948.

The events listed above can be found at:
Baxter Memorial Library, 71 South St.
Cressey Road United Methodist Church, 81 Cressey Rd.
First Parish Church, 1 Church St.
Gorham Food Pantry, parking lot of St. Anne’s Catholic Church, 299 Main St.
Gorham Middle School, 106 Weeks Rd.
Gorham Municipal Center, 75 South St.
Gorham Savings Bank, 10 Wentworth Drive
Grace Bible Church, 74 Deering Rd., (off Rt. 22)
No. Gorham Public Library, 2 Standish Neck Rd.
St. Anne’s Catholic Church, 299 Main St.
USM Costello Field House, Campus Ave.
West Gorham Union Church, 190 Ossipee Trail East (Rt. 25/112)
White Rock Community Club, Wilson Rd.

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