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Wearing your Heart on your Sleeve:

Gorham Grad Fundraises for Marathon Bombing Victims



Photo courtesy of Nick Reynolds

GHS graduate Nick Reynolds (right) and his fundraising partner Chris Dobens (left) stand in Boston wearing their Boston Strong t-shirts, which they are selling as a fundraising effort that grew much larger than they expected.

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Anti-Spraying Bill Submitted to Legislature

BY CINDY AND PAT O'SHEA

In response to the ongoing concerns of some North Gorham residents, Representative Andrew McLean of District 129 submitted his first legislative bill. This bill addresses the herbicide spraying that takes place on the railroad line from North Gorham to Fryeburg. In August of 2011 an event held at Shaw Park organized by Friends of Rails to Trails (FORT), urged the Maine Department of Transportation (MDOT) to commit to a no spray policy along the 52 miles of the Mountain Division Rail Trail (see Gorham Times September 1, 2011). This led to the MDOT agreeing to allow the section of trail in Gorham to be weeded by hand and not sprayed. The MDOT however did not consider this weeding to be sufficient and has gone back to spraying. The MDOT considers spraying to be the most cost effective and most efficient way to keep the tracks maintained and viable for future use by keep-

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Public Safety Building Referendum June 11th

BY GORHAM TIMES STAFF

On June 11th, voters will be asked to approve a new Public Safety Facility to house the Fire and Police Departments. The facility would be located at the former Little Falls School and the estimated cost of the new facility would be \$6.3 million. Town Manager David Cole provided the following information to the Gorham Times.

Gorham Times (GT): The Town offices were just moved to the new Municipal Center on South Street a few years ago, freeing up space at the former municipal center, now the Public Safety building, and work was done to improve the Public Safety building a year or two ago. Why do we need a new Public Safety building?

David Cole (DC): The town has grown a lot over the years and in 1999, the Town Council had a study done that looked at all of the town's facilities. All of the high priority projects recommended by the Council have been completed except the project to address the public safety needs of the community: a new Public Works facility, an expansion of Baxter Library, a new middle school and expanding the Municipal Center to provide more space for the town offices.

The 1999 facilities study found that fire and police needed 20,000 sq. ft. of space. The entire Public safety building is approximately 18,748 sq. ft. so it was already too small back in 1999. From 2000 to 2010, Gorham's population grew by 15.84% and Gorham is now the 15th largest town in Maine, moving ahead of Waterville. Gorham is likely to grow at an even faster pace as the economy improves.

The work done to the Public Safety building in 2010 was primarily to replace a leaky roof. A bathroom was fixed and dormers allowed better use of some existing space but it did not add any additional space. The town has also used a state grant to install solar panels to provide some of the electricity needs for the building.

GT: Why is this project being located in the former Little Falls School as opposed to expanding and upgrading the current Public Safety building?

DC: When the Building Committee appointed by the Town Council started their deliberations, they actually considered seven different options with costs that ran from about \$4 to about \$8 million. They narrowed the options down to two: expanding the current Public Safety building and moving the facil-

ity to Little Falls. As the two sites were compared, the committee concluded that that it made the most sense to use the Little Falls site and it became the preferred site.

GT: What are some of the details about what this upgrade would mean for Public Safety?

DC: The project would renovate about 14,000 sq. ft. of the former Little Falls School into the Fire Department administrative offices and add about 9,500 sq. ft. of new office space for the Police Department. There would be a new six-bay garage for fire vehicles. Two fire engines will remain at the current Public Safety building. In addition, the space would provide much needed storage space along with secured areas for the police, an evidence lab and a place to secure evidence as well as a place to store medical supplies. This project is intended to provide for Gorham's Public Safety needs for the next 25 years. The additional cost to taxpayers the first year would be a \$76 increase on property valued at \$200,000. This amount would decrease each year as the debt was paid off.

Look to the next issue of the Gorham Times for further details about this project.

All Day K Not Included in Proposed School Budget

BY ROBIN SOMES
Staff Writer

Prior to voting on the proposed fiscal year 2014 (FY14) school budget, Chair Kyle Currier commented that various aspects presented challenges this year, with dwindling funds being the underlying factor—particularly at the state level. It was with anticipated disappointment that Currier announced that All Day K was not included in the proposed budget. A group of community members have been strongly soliciting to have All Day K included in the budget and have it implemented by the next school year, as evidenced by the "Gorham All Day Kindergarten for All Kids" Facebook page. In her comments, Currier stressed the importance of implementing security and safety upgrades at Gorham's schools, a move in line with other school administra-

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Chair Kyle Currier

tion actions of late concerning security and safety such as the recent 'Visitors to the School' policy that went into effect earlier this year, and the emergency drills that have been performed in conjunction with police and fire departments. "Given the environment and what has happened around the

country, we (the Committee) feel like we need to do everything within our power to make sure that our students and our staff and our schools are as safe as they can possibly be. This is a commitment we as a school committee have made, and this means funneling monies this year towards that end. It's our highest priority," stated Currier. She extended her thanks to "parents and staff and School Committee members who put so much time and effort into All Day Kindergarten." She further added, "Just because it didn't make it in the budget this year, doesn't mean it wasn't successful, it's moving to the next stage." Currier stated that All Day K would be the priority for FY15. The proposed budget of \$32,918,129, a 2.18% increase over last year's budget, was approved with a unanimous 7-0 vote. It will go to the Town Council for approval, then to the voters in the upcoming June 11th referendum.

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Solutions to Close Skills Gap for the State

BY SEN. JIM BOYLE
State Senator

In the State of Maine 223,000 individuals have not finished the postsecondary degree they once started. That is one in six Mainers. In years past, good-paying employment opportunities may not have required a degree, but with developing technologies and innovative new industries, a degree is becoming increasingly necessary to find a stable career.

Unfortunately, there is a skills gap in our state: many Mainers don't have the skills needed to find work in the current economy. Addressing this skills gap means thousands more Mainers will be qualified for the full-time, year-round positions employers are looking to fill.

To help close the skills gap, I submitted a bill this session that would make it easier for students who didn't finish college to return to complete their educations and to develop the skills necessary for these unfilled jobs. The measure would create a scholarship fund specifically for the 223,000 students who made significant progress towards their bachelor's or associate's degree, but often due to life events beyond their control, left

school before finishing their degrees. The scholarship would be funded with equal matching contributions by the state, universities and colleges in Maine, and the private sector.

An education is the best economic stimulator and job creation program we have. By using scholarship funding to lower the financial barriers that stand between many of these Mainers and their degrees, we can increase college graduation rates, provide more skills training, and reduce the skills gap.

This legislative session there have been other measures introduced that complement my bill, including a measure introduced by Senator Seth Goodall to provide three free credits to these students when they return to postsecondary education. Additionally, the Joint Select Committee on Maine's Workforce and Economic Future is working on a bill to simplify the transfer of credits between Maine's community colleges and university system.

These common sense measures address a critical need in Maine.

A recent report by The Association of American Colleges and Universities noted employers are not searching for students who perform well on standardized tests.

They are looking for students who are innovative and demonstrate ethical judgment and intercultural communication skills. These are not skills captured by scores on standardized tests; they are skills learned and developed through a well-rounded education, not a multiple-choice exam. We must focus on what will help Maine students of all ages, including those who could benefit from a small incentive to finish their college educations.

In closing, I want to share my deepest sympathy for those who lost loved ones at the Boston Marathon, and to wish a speedy recovery to those injured by the blasts. While this senseless act of cowardice is a tragedy, I believe we can find comfort in the knowledge that so many reached out to strangers to aid in their time of need.



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Letters to the Editor

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Music is not disposable. It's frustrating to see it swept under proverbial carpets at every educational level. It's all but disappeared from the elementary schools; is at risk in secondary schools; and now comes word it's being seriously diminished at the University of Southern Maine.

I'm angry on three levels. First, the importance of music to musicians. These students came to USM under a contract (perhaps implied but a contract never the less) that they would receive an education to prepare them to teach or perform after graduation. The quality of the program may be so diminished that one might question whether the next generation of USM music graduates will indeed be prepared to work in their chosen field(s).

Second, the importance of music to non-majors. The study of music is part of a well-rounded liberal arts program, whether for its structure, its mind broadening, or, therapeutically, its effects on those who listen. The university can substitute other arts programs but there isn't a true replacement for the aural discipline of music; those courses need to be available to all students.

Third, for the community. USM's music department and its assorted soloists, ensembles, performance groups-band, chamber work, etc.-as well as theatrical contributions are vital parts of the culture of Gorham and the greater Portland area. USM music students perform in and with groups all over the area and the loss of those performances would be tragic.

I recognize major cuts have been dictated. Obviously music needs to be part of those cuts. But I would hope the process could be reconsidered to be more equitable across the departments.

And, for the inevitable cuts within the music department, I would hope the cuts in that department would avoid those areas with the heaviest effect on students and community.

Noelle Neuwirth, Gorham

My high school guidance counselor told me I was crazy to pursue my music education degree at the University of Southern Maine. Having attended a private high school just outside Washington, DC, Maine's state universities were barely on his radar. However, my decision was one of the best I ever made. Today I am an extremely successful music teacher, and I owe my success to the exemplary training I received from USM's School of Music.

The USM School of Music immersed me in a rigorous curriculum of study. Delightfully intelligent, profoundly passionate professors inspired me to master the intricate theory of music, the deeply expressive art of performance, and the continually evolving methodologies of classroom music pedagogy. The combination of a high-help, high-expectation empowered me to realize my musical potential and achieve a high level of competence. I sauntered into the School of Music with a raw, basic knowledge of music; I strode across the stage at graduation with a deep, solid foundation in the study of music education and in the art of music performance. This impeccable training has led me to tremendous success in the classroom today.

Unfortunately, I hear the university has proposed dramatic cuts for the School of Music, cuts that will severely impact the quality of the program.

The state of Maine has a true gem of a music education program at USM. I lived it as a college student, and I continue to live the results of it as a music educator. In such a time of financial struggles for the university, I respect the magnitude of the tough decisions that need to be made. However, I urge the administration to do all it can to minimize the impact to such an amazing program. My hope is that future music education students will be able to experience and reap the same benefits I did at USM.

Matthew Polletto, GHS Class of 1999

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Town Council Report

APRIL 2, 2013 BY ROBIN SOMES, *Staff Writer*

During Open Public Communications, Bernard Broder of Phinney Street expressed concerns about the status of Phinney Street Extension and taking of land by eminent domain. He also questioned why the Public Safety Building was being moved further from the center of Town. Hans Hansen agreed with Mr. Broder regarding Phinney St. Extension.

Ken Curtis of South Street asked what portion of the Chick property the town is using and what the current debt was. He also inquired about a projected increase in taxes.

Noah Miner and Jim Skinner, both of Green Street gave the Town Clerk a list of supporters of the Pedestrian and Car Traffic Safety Initiative Appeal: Green/Pine Street Area. The group is asking the Council to consider funding crosswalks in this neighborhood.

Town Manager David Cole stated that the proposed budget is \$12,249,173—an increase of less than one percent. Cole also noted Governor LePage’s proposed biennial budget that seeks to take all State

Revenue Sharing monies that, by law, belong to municipalities. He reported the state has been taking about 30% of those funds over the last several years. “The cost to Gorham for what’s happened in the past is considerable, and this year the governor has dropped all pretense associated with that and has asked for all of it,” stated Cole. His proposed budget, Cole said, assumes that neither the money lost over past years nor any funds taken this year would be recompensed.

Tom Ellsworth, president of the Gorham Economic Development Corporation (GEDC), presented his annual report. Ellsworth noted GEDC’s assistance with helping to bring about the acquisition of the 28 acres located on Route 25 at Mosher’s Corner by Martin’s Point Health Center.

In business matters, a “resolution expressing opposition to proposals to shift the burden of funding state government to local property taxpayers” was presented. The item reflected Cole’s earlier comments on Gov. LePage’s

budget as it relates to State Revenue Sharing monies. The Council voted unanimously to document strong opposition. Copies of the document are to be provided to members of Gorham’s Legislative delegation, members of the Appropriations Committee and Governor LePage. The resolution strongly objects to the diversion of funds that are normally returned to the Towns as revenue sharing. Without this, the Town is undoubtedly facing a substantive tax increase as well as decrease in services.

The Council:

- voted 7-0 to reduce setbacks in the Industrial Zone as recommended by the Planning Board.

- voted 7-0 to rezone various lots in the village that were previously in two different zones so that all such lots are now in one zone to reduce complications for property owners.

- voted 7-0 to restrict parking to two hours in the areas in front of and north of Robie Gym.

- voted 5-2 (Phillips, Gagnon) to retain two voting districts with a voting area in the new Public Safety Building in Little Falls. The voting location for Ward 1 will be moved from the Middle School to the new Public Safety Building.

- voted 7-0 to approve the following Committee appointments: Planning Board-Jim Anderson, Melinda Shain, George Fox; Appeals Board-Charles Haws, Joshua Kaufman, Rachel Sunnell; GEDC-Arthur Handman, Brian Rancourt, Brenda Caldwell, Parks and Conservation-Robert Lavoie, Janet Willis MacLeod, Amy Green; Fair Hearing Board-Jennifer Rush, Johanna Hanselman, Brenda Caldwell; Assessment Review Board-Jennifer Rush; Board of Health-Emanuel Manno.

At a special meeting on April 9, the Council voted to appropriate \$245,000 in unallocated funds from the Capital Part 2 account to make improvements to school buildings.

Complete meeting minutes are available at: www.gorham-me.org.

Road Rage Incident Causes Accident

BY SHERI FABER
Staff Writer

At about noon on April 12th, a road rage incident started in Gorham. Motorcyclist Alex Fazzi, 22, of Gorham and an unknown male in his 30’s driving a silver or gray Chrysler sedan with a dog in the vehicle were exchanging “brake jobs.” This is a colloquial term for speeding, passing too closely and inappropriate gestures and comments. While driving west on Rt. 25, the motorcycle driven by Fazzi was in front of the car at the intersection in Standish. The car began to pass the motorcycle and when it was next to the motorcycle, the driver of the car intentionally sideswiped



the motorcycle. Fazzi was ejected off the motorcycle and fell to the ground but sustained only minor injuries. The motorcycle, a 1995 Harley Davidson XLH sustained significant damage. The car also sustained visible damage to the passenger side front panel. Witnesses and the victim provided a description of the vehicle but the registration number was incorrect.

Anyone with information about this incident is asked to call Det. John Fourier at 774-1444 ext. 1275.

Martin’s Point Plans New Facility

BY SHERI FABER
Staff Writer

Martin’s Point Health Care plans to relocate from its current location in the Old Richardson Place at 510 Main Street to a new facility they expect to build adjacent to Beal’s Ice Cream on lower Main Street.

Martin’s Point has signed an agreement to purchase the 28-acre site from Bettina Johnson of Parsonsfield. Five acres will be sold to Beal’s who ultimately plan to manufacture and ship ice cream from that location. Martin’s Point had previously looked at a 6.54-acre site across the street, but much of that site was wetlands. The site next to Beal’s also has

a large section in the back that is very wet and may have endangered species but Martin’s Point is prepared to leave that as open space and possibly donate the wetlands to a land trust or other non-profit organization.

The new \$3,000,000 facility will be 15,000 square feet, which will be three times the space they currently lease. Space constraints are a major factor in the move. Martin’s Point hopes to begin construction this November and to open in 2014.

The town of Gorham is working with Maine Department of Transportation on plans to improve the intersection of Rtes. 25 and 237 from a three-way to a four-way intersection.

Bennett Paintball Plans Motocross and Snowmobile Grass Drags

BY SHERI FABER
Staff Writer

An application has been submitted to the Planning Board for a multi-use social institution on 62+ acres owned by the Bennett family at 463 Fort Hill Road. This property has been in the Bennett Family for decades and the family wants to keep the entire property intact.

Merritt Bennett is seeking approval for new site elements and after-the-fact approval for others. Paintball and disc golf have already been approved, but now Bennett is seeking after-the-fact approval for an existing dirt bike track and a small building. He is also proposing a motocross track, event parking for the track and holding snowmobile grass drag racing. The Zoning Board of Appeals previously concluded that the track activities are considered a social institution, which is a permitted use in the rural district.

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ing the weeds under control. Citizens for a Green Gorham on the other hand feel that spraying the trail in this high traffic area for people and animals is not a good use of limited funds. Kristin Uhlig, from the North Gorham group, also feels that the company hired by the MDOT to do the spraying has not followed proper procedures. These include spraying on rainy days and failing to post a warning at every entrance to the trail after spraying has occurred.

When contacted, Rail Program Director Nathan Moulton said his department is interested in working closely with abutters in order to resolve these differences. He noted that he has successfully worked with other abutters throughout the state. He also feels that there is a process in place for reviewing the procedural issues.

Rep. McLean felt the citizens' concerns

needed to be addressed more formally, so he submitted this bill. Following the public hearing held on April 9th, Rep. McLean stated, "I was pleased to see so many Gorham residents come and testify. This issue is very important to them and they shared their concerns passionately and articulately." Uhlig also felt the public hearing was encouraging as the citizens were invited to return to a future work session in order to be available to provide more information if needed as the bill gets amended through committee work.

Both Rep. McLean and Uhlig are hopeful the bill will make it out of committee and result in a compromise that will be agreeable to all parties. Regardless of the result, Uhlig said, "Citizens for a Green Gorham are thankful for democracy and Representative Andrew McLean for letting our voices be heard."

BY KAREN DiDONATO
Editor

Feeling helpless after the April 15 bombings at the Boston Marathon, Emerson College students Nick Reynolds (GHS '10) and his roommate Chris Dobens embarked on a fundraising effort they were afraid might not get off the ground.

Sitting at Emerson College, less than a mile from the finish line where the bombings occurred earlier that day, they felt powerless—until they thought up a fundraising plan. "A t-shirt [sale] was a perfect way to allow college students to wear their hearts on their sleeves," Reynolds said. At \$20 a t-shirt, "It was our way to give everyone a way to contribute." Dobens, who is from Lowell, MA, had experience with t-shirt printing; Reynolds was involved at GHS with Key Club and other service-based organizations, but neither had spearheaded a fundraising effort.

They researched screen-printing companies and found they liked the business model of Ink to the People, based in Wisconsin. After designing the logo—bright yellow capital letters read "Boston Strong" printed on a blue t-shirt—they submitted it to the company and desperately hoped to reach the required minimum order of 110 t-shirt orders. If they did not get 110 orders,

the company would not print any. Reynolds said they found themselves nervous, but before they went to bed that night, they had already sold 60. Reynolds said to Dobens, "I think we can really do this." At the close of the Boston Strong campaign they had sold more than 33,000 t-shirts and raised more than a half million dollars.

"The printing company called us the morning after and were excited to help," said Reynolds. "They offered to donate the first 1,500 shirts." After that, Reynolds said, \$5 of each order goes to the process of t-shirt making and the rest goes to The One Fund Boston, a fundraising effort announced by Massachusetts Governor Deval Patrick and Boston Mayor Thomas Menino to help families most affected by the tragic events that unfolded during the Boston Marathon.

This extremely successful fundraising effort was purposely kept to one week. "Keep it short," Reynolds said, "We're not looking to become CEOs. We just wanted to give college kids a way to help."

At GHS Reynolds was active in theatre, basketball, band, chamber singing and is now a cinematography major at Emerson College.

Reynolds is the son of Tami, a fourth grade teacher at Village Elementary, and Paul Reynolds.



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WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Serving in the US Army, Cody Stover

By JACKIE FRANCIS
Staff Writer

U.S. Army Specialist Cody Stover, a scout assigned to the 3rd Infantry Division, poses in Khilegay, Afghanistan before going out on patrol in Northern Afghanistan. Since his arrival in Afghanistan in 2012, Stover has qualified as an expert in rifle marksmanship, earned the German Marksmanship Proficiency Badge, received gold in the Schützenschnur, a marksman-ship award, and completed a college level course.

Stover, a 2010 graduate of Gorham High School who lettered

in baseball and was a first team all-state football player, will attend the U.S. Army Ranger School at Fort Benning, Georgia when he returns from Afghanistan later this summer.

"I have no doubt he'll have a great Army career and will make an outstanding non-commissioned officer"

Sergeant 1st Class, James Crowe

There he will work on his promotion to sergeant. "I have no doubt

he'll have a great Army career and will make an outstanding non-commissioned officer," says Sergeant 1st Class James Crowe.

Specialist Stover's interest in serving in the military comes naturally. His father served in the U.S. Coast Guard, his grandfather served in WWII and his uncles have served in the U.S. Navy. "He's always been patriotic with a strong sense of family - a tough guy with a huge heart and a huge personality," says mom Lisa Mallory-Stover. "He has always been a strong kid physically with a strong will to match."



U.S. Army photo courtesy of 1LT John Bonds

University of Maine Inducts Graduates into the All Maine Women Honor Society (AMW)



Photo credit Janis Weed

The University of Maine inducted four Gorham High School 2010 graduates into the prestigious All Maine Women Honor Society. AMW is currently made up of 12 rising seniors who are chosen on the basis of character, MAINE Spirit, honor, dignity, and willingness to accept responsibility. Pictured are Bailey O'Brien, Taylor Buotte, Casey Weed and via Skype Terri Bastarache.

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Gorham Teams Compete at Odyssey of the Mind State Tournament

By DIANE KNOTT
Odyssey of the Mind Coordinator

Hundreds of students traveled to Sanford, Maine on April 6 to compete in the Odyssey of the Mind State Tournament. Students working on over 110 teams solved a variety of challenges encouraging “outside the box” thinking. After months of preparation, seven teams from Gorham schools presented their creative solutions with impressive results.

Two first-place trophies were awarded to Gorham schools. Gorham High School (GHS) won first place in Division III for their solution to the performance problem, ARTchitecture: The Musical. The team’s enchanting story took the audience on an artistic quest performed by Molly vanLuling, Elizabeth Lemieux, Avery Arena and Madeline Joyal-Myers, coached by Pamela Weiss. Gorham Middle School (GMS) won first place in Division II for a humorous alien

skit and their balsa structure made from 15 grams of wood that held 350 lbs. The team included Samuel Roussel, Samuel Martel, Theodore Lockman, Jake Bear, Simon Roussel and Isaac Martel, coached by Kelly Roussel and Ed Martel.

Placing second in Division II, a Technical Team from GMS won a trophy for their original performance and creative use of

technology to transport messages. The team included Andrew Sharp, Trevor Gava, William Zidle, Thomas Nelson, Kyren Bettencourt, Isabelle Kolb and Jake Dupuis, coached by Angie Sharp

and Beverly Gava. The Classics Performance team from GMS chose a museum setting for their performance and included Hayley Bickford, C.Bridget Daigle, Caroline Dowdle, Ben Bellantoni, Vipul Periwai, Abbie vanLuling and Emelia Nejezhleba, coached by Carolyn Bickford.

Village School’s Performance Problem team earned a second place trophy and featured a time-traveling set of characters performed by Timothy O’Brien, Evan Chambers, Grant Nadeau, Adele




The GHS Classics Performance team that won first place in the recent Odyssey of the Mind competition are Maddie Joyal-Myers, Elizabeth Lemieux, Molly vanLuling and Avery Arena.




The GMS Odyssey of the Mind team that won first place for its balsa structure are (back row) Sam Martel, Sam Roussel, Teddy Lockman; (front row) Simon Roussel, Jake Bear and Isaac Martel.

Nadeau, Madison Firmin and Tellie Stamaris, coached by Stacy O’Brien and MaryLou Chambers. Another Village team placed third for a volcano-themed Balsa Structure solution. This team included Laura Bolduc, Jade Wu, Peter Wu, Julie Cooper, Madisen Sweatt, Kiera Emerson and Ryan Gaudreau, coached by Jeff Bolduc and Amy Wu. Great Falls School, represented by Luke Nadeau, Xander Lemieux, Sam D’Amico, Andrew Goschke, Sophie Lachance, Tori Lewis and Joseph Poissant, coached by Larry Nadeau and Deb Poissant, placed fourth in their Division. This newly formed

Vehicle team entertained the crowd with their creative skit and well performing vehicles. Odyssey of the Mind is an international educational program designed to challenge students and promote creative problem solving. Students must do everything themselves as outside assistance is not allowed. They learn how to collaborate, work within a budget and become self-directed. Funds will be raised to send qualifying teams to World Finals at Michigan State University, May 22-25. A raffle auction is scheduled at GMS on April 27, 3 to 5 p.m. Congratulations, Gorham teams!





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School Committee Report

BY ROBIN SOMES
Staff Writer

In his monthly report, Superintendent Ted Sharp had much praise to bestow on students. He began by lauding the Middle School students who collected one million tabs from aluminum cans to raise money for the Ronald McDonald charity. He cited ten fifth graders who shaved their heads in support of a classmate battling cancer. They also raised \$11,000 donated to the St. Baldrick Foundation who is dedicated to research of childhood cancer, “which I think is a magnanimous gesture.”

Sharp reported on the Odyssey of the Mind team, who had participated at the Maine Odyssey of the Mind event held on April 6th in Sanford, where 110 teams competed. See page 6 for more information.

Sharp extended congratulations to those involved in the recent production of “Oklahoma!” and the “Peter Pan”

production, a take-off on Peter Pan. Sharp noted the efforts of the K-5 students who did a “Jump Rope for the Heart” and raised \$10,000 for charity. “I think the kids are putting a lot of pressure on the rest of us about being philanthropic and that’s a nice pressure to have” exclaimed Sharp.

GHS Principal Chris Record and GMS Principal Robert Riley provided an introduction to their schools’ joint School Counselor Configuration offering a specialized counselor program to assist students with their transitions from middle to high school and from high school to whatever is next for them. The specialized counselors include Ryan Watts, Transition Specialist for eighth and ninth grades, Placement Assessment and Support Specialists Tim Hayes and Stephanie Goss whose focus is primarily on students from grades 10 and 11, and Career and Post-Secondary Specialist Kim Bedrosian.

After being introduced by Principal


Riley, Ryan Watts reported on his role as Transition Specialist. Watts explained his involvement with eighth graders noting that programming involves specific classroom, individual and small group activities centered on career education, course planning at the high school, post-secondary choices and transition to high school activities, which entails having high school student visit to share their experiences. Watts also noted that he is working with administrators to provide a job shadow experience for eighth graders.

Placement Assessment and Support Specialist Tim Hayes next spoke, indicating that the past year saw him focused on placement, particularly with vocational students at Westbrook Regional Vocational and Portland Arts and Technology High School. Hayes reported that he has arranged many visits to specific programs at those schools and has worked with students interested in exploring and learning about vocational

options and opportunities. Hayes also noted his work with students with the school’s Noviance system and the tools that provide short term and long term academic and career planning. Among other the areas that comprise his work, he talked about some of his collaboration with Goss, the other Specialist, which includes administration of standardized testing such as PSAT, SAT, and SAT Science Augmentation to name a few.

As both Record and Riley noted, leveraging a specialized approach to counseling has proven a successful mechanism for preparing students for high school and beyond.

In other business, the School Committee voted 7-0 to approve the following Schedule B personnel: LuAnn Amell, seventh grade girls’ lacrosse and Christopher Kilfoil, seventh grade boys’ lacrosse.



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The Boston Marathon: Personal Perspectives from Gorham

By JEFF PIKE
Gorham Times Sports Editor

The two bomb explosions at this year's Boston Marathon on April 15 brought the horrors of terrorism to New England and represented a stark contrast to an event that champions individual freedoms and represents the American way of life. Occurring so close to Gorham created an extra level of anxiety for many of us as we mourn the victims and attempt to reconcile what this means for the way we live.

Several Gorham residents, including runners, spectators and medical personnel experienced the tragic events up close. Fortunately, no Gorham residents were reported as suffering physical injuries, but those who were in Boston now have emotional memories.

Dr. Jeffery Rosenblatt was running in his first Boston Marathon as a member of the Run for the Fallen Maine group in memory of Marine First Lieutenant James Zimmerman, a Smyrna Mills resident who was killed while serving in Afghanistan in November of 2010. "I know his uncle and ran to honor him and his family while trying to bring awareness to the sacrifices people make to defend the freedoms we have so we can enjoy events like the Boston Marathon," Rosenblatt said.

Rosenblatt is a major in the Air National Guard, serving as a medical officer. He is also a cardiologist at

Maine Medical Center. He had passed the 25-mile marker on the marathon course and estimates he was approximately one-half mile from the finish line when the runners in front of him just stopped. "I did not hear the explosions and did not know why we stopped," Rosenblatt said. "After running for four hours, coming to an abrupt stop is painful due to feeling dehydrated and being cold. Usually at the finish you get a blanket and something to drink but there was nothing like that for us. I was lucky to get a sweatshirt from a spectator and something to drink."

After a few minutes, a fellow runner passed along the word about the two explosions. As part of the Run For the Fallen Maine group, Rosenblatt's wife, Debra Byers, and his daughter Adrienne were in the grandstand at the finish line directly across the street from where the first explosion occurred.

"It was terrifying knowing my wife and daughter were near where one of the explosions occurred," Rosenblatt said. "For about 15 minutes I did not

know if they were safe but managed to exchange a text message with Adrienne to find out they were okay. They were only about 50 feet from the first blast and had a clear view of what happened."

Byers recollected, "The explosion was very loud and hurt our ears. We were very lucky we did not get hurt. I could smell the gun powder and knew it was a bomb. Emergency personnel moved us into the Boston Library where we stayed for a few minutes after which the police felt it would be best to leave the area. The police were great at keeping everyone moving to get out of there. We then started making our way to our hotel and got the text from Jeffrey."

Rosenblatt added that Debra and Adrienne then had to walk about four to five miles to the family's hotel in Cambridge since public transportation was not operating. Rosenblatt had to wait on the course for about one hour before being allowed to leave and then made his way back to the hotel by walking and taking a cab. He finally reunited with his family at about 6 p.m., more than three hours after the race stopped.

Another Gorham runner, Melinda Shain, had a difficult time during the race due to a stomach virus. She had run in marathons in the past, but this was her first Boston Marathon. "I was about seven miles from the finish in Newton just before Heartbreak Hill when I received a call on my cell from my father-in-law in Maine asking if I was okay and telling me what happened," Shain said. "Race volunteers then started telling everyone to stop running."

Shain said the race volunteers and residents of Newton were all very helpful offering to do whatever they could to keep runners warm and provide nourishment. A medical van took the runners to Newton Town Hall where Shain waited for her family to pick her up.

At the time of the explosions, her husband and son were on a trolley try-

ing to get to the finish line. "I found out they were okay about 15 minutes after the call from my father-in-law, which was a relief knowing they had been trying to get to the finish line," Shain said. "The T Green Line was shut down, so they had to walk to the Orange Line and then connect to the Blue Line to finally get to where our car was. It then took them a long time to drive to Newton, so we didn't see each other until about 7 p.m."

Taylor Sullivan, who graduated from GHS in 2009 and is currently attending Springfield College in Massachusetts to prepare for a career in athletic training, was a volunteer at the finish line to assist fatigued runners. She and others from Springfield College were stationed about 25 yards from the first explosion.

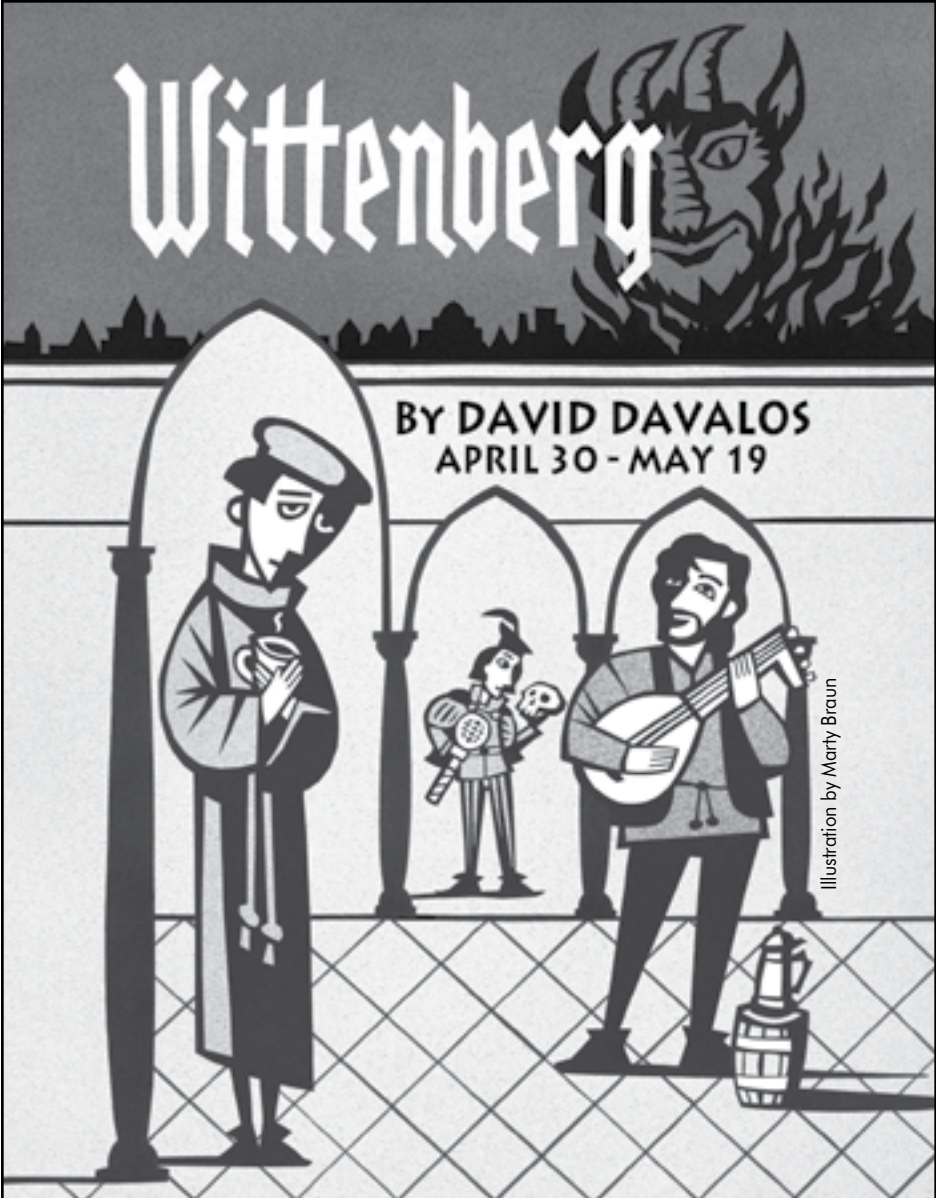
"I acted as a first responder to the victims who needed help," Sullivan said. "Many, including myself, ran towards the bombs before the smoke had even cleared to help. All the emergency personnel in the area acted instantaneously and selflessly to the situation. We remained in that general area for several hours helping the victims."

When discussing their experiences, both Rosenblatt and Shain exemplify just how emotional people are about what happened: "In reaction to the people who tried to disrupt the free country we live in, people need to be vigilant and appreciative of what it takes to keep a nation great and free and the sacrifices people make rather than being complacent," Rosenblatt said. "After the race, we were going to just go home, but the cab driver urged me to carry out our plans to stay in the city and have dinner—going home would mean the terrorists had won. So we stayed and had dinner. We realized we can't let terrorists disrupt our freedoms."

Shain, added "Runners take on the marathon challenge because they are so hard, and finishing one represents the pinnacle of what runners aspire to achieve. To have so many people giving it their all to something as great as the Boston Marathon, and then to have this happen to us is very upsetting. It's especially upsetting that the bombs hit when many people who were running to raise money for charity were just about to finish."

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GHS Spring Sports: Captains and the Season Outlook

COMPILED BY JEFF PIKE
Gorham Times Sports Editor

The spring high school sports season is now well underway. The Gorham Times checked with each of the coaches to find out who their teams had elected as captains and what each coach is projecting for the season:

Girls' Track: Team captains leading the way include two seniors—**Celeste Carpenter** and **Bridget Stillson**—and two juniors—**Hannah Southard** and **Jackie Turner**. “We could be the biggest surprise in the conference this year,” said head coach John Caterina. “We have had a large turnout with talented newcomers that could make us one of the teams to beat. The key to our overall success will be developing many new freshmen and sophomores new to track and field.”

Softball: Senior **Patty Smith** and **Erin Smith** anchor the team as captains. First-year head coach **Steve Martin** hopes to build on the momentum of the earning a playoff spot last year: “Because of the number of returning players, we look to make the playoffs again and hopefully win a couple of games in the post season. If we can stay focused, defensively we could be very good, and I like the way we’re swinging the bats so far. I’m excited, optimistic and looking forward to the season.”

Baseball: Captains include **Damon Wallace**, **Alex Yankowsky**, **Elliot Speirs**, and **Dylan Turner**. Returning head coach **Chuck Nadeau** said, “We are an experienced group with key players returning at almost every

position. The team is led by eight returning seniors and seven underclassmen with varsity experience. Like most teams, our prospects for a playoff bid and success in the tournament rest with our pitching. Our ability to create scoring opportunities against strong pitching and play solid team defense will also be keys to our success.

Boys' Tennis: The defending Class A State Champions selected **Kyle Curley**, **Ryan Gilbert**, **Milan Vidovic** and **Mike Lubelczyk** to serve as captains. “We return five of our starting seven players from last year’s team,” said head coach **Aaron Landry**. With our senior group along with some key underclassmen, we will make an impact. Kyle suffered a back fracture during the basketball season and will miss most of the regular season. He may be available for the post season, but with his questionable status, other players will have to step up for us to make a deep playoff run.”

Girls' Tennis: Captains for this year’s team include **Rachel Eaton**, **Stephanie Farrington** and **Kaitlyn Seehusen**. First-year coach **Aaron Bergeron** (GHS Class of 2008), said, “All three captains are great leaders and will push our team to improve upon last year’s 7-5 record. After some injuries to key players during the pre-season, we look to bounce back and start the season strong. If we stay healthy and maintain the focus shown throughout the pre-season, we have a shot at making a push come playoff time.”

Girls' Lacrosse: **Marissa Roberts**, **Jackson Marshall** and **Kali St. Germain** will serve

as captains. “We look forward to a great season with sixteen returning varsity players,” said head coach **Mary Vaughan**. “We have a focused and athletic team with heart that’s determined to make strides from last season. The captains will provide leadership in while our other seniors also bring experience and positive leadership. Team chemistry has been one of our strengths during the preseason with each team member celebrating the success of the team as well as other individuals.”

Boys' Track: **Connor Dunn**, **Alex Johnson**, **Cam Willette**, **Julian Nijkamp** and **Harrison Fleming**, all seniors, were elected team captains. “We graduated a strong senior class last year so there are many new faces on our team this year,” said head coach **Jason Tanguay**. “But there is also a strong nucleus of veterans returning that will compete in many events to keep us competitive. I am hopeful some of our new faces will also step into scoring roles as well. It will be difficult to cover all 19 events, but I would like to see us qualify many athletes for the state meet.”

Boys' Lacrosse: Seniors **Matt Petty** and **Caleb Dolloff** will lead the team this season as captains. Head coach **Dan Soule** said, “We face many challenges with the loss of nine seniors from last year. We are young but have a lot of potential and ability to compete—our will to compete in practice in all phases of the game will be keys. Our impact players need to set the tone early on game days.”

in the Zone




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Youth Fencing Champion Qualifies for Nationals: Rowan Connor-McCoy, a fifth-grader at the Gorham Village School, won the mixed foil event for ages 10-and-under at the Northeast Division Fencing Championship Tournament April 6 in Westbrook. Earning the gold medal qualified Connor-McCoy for the national championships scheduled for June 28-July 7 in Ohio.

College Student-Athlete Honor: On April 25, the University of New Hampshire inducted Kristi Zarrilli (GHS '10) into the National College Athlete Honor Society. Zarrilli, a junior who plays for the UNH women’s soccer team, received the honor based on her outstanding scholarship and athletic participation as well as her excellent character and leadership. UNH recognizes students who receive a varsity letter in their sport while maintaining a 3.5 or higher cumulative GPA. Zarrilli started in 13 of the team’s 19 games during the fall 2012 season.

All-State Hockey Selection: Rachel Litif was one of 11 players named to the statewide Maine Sunday Telegram All-State girls’ hockey team. A senior from Standish who played for the GHS/Bonny Eagle team, Litif was a four-year starter, tallying 134 career points (90 goals and 44 assists), a GHS school record. With her 29 goals and 20 assists this past season, Litif was the top scorer among defensive players in the state.



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CommUNITY Event to be Held May 4th

BY KRISTA NADEAU
Staff Writer

On May 4th a first-time community event will take place in Gorham. This event is the creation of Kristin Uhlig who brought this idea to life after winning the use of the Odd Fellows building at the New Year Gorham silent auction in October 2012. The owner of the building, Bruce Roullard, was excited to hear of Uhlig's plans to showcase what Gorham is about by hosting this community event. Forrest Guethner, president of the Gorham High School Green Team, had approached Uhlig to assist in creating an event with an environmental theme. This idea fit well with Roullard's passion for local history and Gorham's agricultural history. Since the Odd Fellows building served as a place to bring people together, it was a perfect fit to use the building to achieve that togetherness again. The

presentations, displays and demonstrations have a local environmental theme, focusing on our vibrant healthy community. Local products, food and drink will be available.

A schedule of speakers and tours will begin at 11 a.m. and will go through 2:30 p.m. Jock Robie will give a presentation on a passion of his, vermiculture; Bruce Webb will speaking about Transition Towns; Senator Boyle, Rep. Andrew McLean and Rep. Sanborn will hold an informal forum; and there will be a whoopie pie contest, just to name a few events. In addition, there will be a tour of the Isaac Dyer House on Fort Hill Road, which is in the National Registry of Historic Homes for the United States and Maine. On the tour, visitors will be able to view the works of Phil Stevens and Edwidge Charlot. Charlot was featured in the recent Maine Home and Design magazine as one of Maine's best artists.

There are also many displays and demonstrations planned for the event. Bring the children to mingle with animals from local farms and to have their faces painted by members of the Gorham Arts Alliance. The Gorham Historical Society will host a "So You Think You Know Gorham" contest. There are many other events planned.

Plan to spend May 4th in Gorham. This is opening day of the Gorham Farmer's Market, followed by CommUNITY Gorham, which will wrap up with a tour of the Gun Powder Mills in North

Gorham, guided by Don Wescott. From 5:30-6:30 p.m. First Parish Church will hold a "Chicken Pot Pie Suppa," (\$10 per person). The Gorham Arts Alliance is sponsoring a spaghetti benefit with entertainment from 6-9 p.m. at Spire 29. Gorham House of Pizza will cater the event (also \$10 per person) with proceeds going to the Reed Allen Community Foundation.

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- 12:00 - Transition Town presentation by Bruce Webb
- 12:30 - Whoopie Pie Contest!!!! (stay tuned for details to enter)
- 1:00 - Senator Boyle, Rep. McLean and Rep. Sanborn will hold an informal forum
- 1:00 - Walking tour of the Isaac Dyer Farm, last of two gentlemen farms in Maine
- 1:30 - "So You Think You Know Gorham" contest winner
- 1:45 - Walking tour of Odd Fellow building
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Alexandra Sturgis (GHS '12) has been placed on the Gettysburg College Dean's Honor list for outstanding academic achievement in the Fall 2012 semester.

OF INTEREST

Kellie Moody and Paul Doughty were recently initiated into the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi.

The second grade Gorham Cub Scouts from Pack 74 picked up trash at Robie Park while earning their Wolf Badge. L-R: Ryan Cooper, Patrick Cyr, Trevin Macomber, Andrew Maxwell and Graham Henderson.



The Cheverus High School Jazz Singers brought home a third place trophy in their division at the Maine State High School Jazz Festival, while the a capella jazz group, Soulstice, was awarded second place as well as a Gold Award for excellence in their separate division. Ian Lawson, a senior from Gorham, was recognized as one of four outstanding soloists of the entire festival.



Five students from GHS were recently inducted into the National Technical Honor Society at the Westbrook Regional Vocational Center. L-R: Jesse Leavitt (Heavy Equipment), April Cummings (Medical Occup), Deborah Burgess (Medical Occup), and Robert Billings (Automotive Tech). Not pictured is Cynthia Reed (Medical Occup).



Photo credit – Stacie Leavitt

Representative Andrew McLean, Senator Jim Boyle, and Representative Linda Sanborn welcomed fourth grade students from Village Elementary to the State House.



Photo credit Isabel Mullin

The Lions Club is in search of a few volunteers to help hanging flags in the Main Street Flag Program. If anyone wishes to donate or purchase a flag (\$50) with

engraved nameplate in memory of a loved one, please contact Norm Wedge at 839-6569.

The Third Annual Into the Mud Challenge at Gorham Middle School will be held on Sunday, Apr. 28 and once again 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.

A Two-Day Rummage and Perennial Sale will be held at the Cressey Road United Methodist Church in Gorham on Friday, May 3 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. and Saturday, May 4 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Fill a grocery bag for \$1.00 at 11 a.m. on Saturday.

A Chicken Pie Supper will be served on Saturday, May 4 from 5-6:30 p.m. at First Parish Church, One Church Street. \$10/\$5.

A Public Supper will be held at the West Gorham Union Church on Saturday, May 4 from 5-6 p.m., 190 Ossipee Trail E. \$7.50/\$3.

A Spaghetti Dinner and Evening of Entertainment will be held on Saturday, May 4 from 5:30-8:30 p.m. at Spire 29, 29 School Street (next to Thatcher’s Restaurant.) Music throughout the evening. Cash Bar. Tickets are \$10, pre-sale only and available at Gorham Grind, the Bookworm or by calling Amy at 318-0584. Family-friendly event!

The Friends of Baxter Memorial Library will hold a book sale. The preview night will be Thursday, April 25, 5-7 p.m. The preview night is for Friends of Baxter Memorial Library Members. Not a member? Join at the door or buy a \$5 guest pass. The public book sale will be Friday, April 26, 9 a.m.-7 p.m. and Saturday, April 27, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Open to all. No door charge. Credit cards will be accepted. FMI, 222-1190.

Baxter Memorial Library is hosting a Shel Silverstein event on Thursday, May 2, from 1:30-3:30 p.m. Join us for some silly fun with fabulous poetry! Rachel Flynn, a local poet and Gorham's Artist-in-Residence, will lead us in reading, writing, games, art and more to extend our enjoyment of Silverstein's work and to encourage us to express ourselves in fun and creative ways.

The Gorham Arts Alliance will hold an Artist Showcase on Saturday, May 4, 9:30-11:30 a.m. at Baxter Memorial Library. Meet young artist Caroline Morrell-GAA's first Artist Showcase participant. Many of Caroline's original artwork will be displayed in the Youth Services Department of the Baxter Memorial Library during the month of May and June. FMI, 332-1342.

The Gorham Arts Alliance will host the 23rd Annual Pan New England Steel Drum Festival

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The annual meeting of the **Gorham Woman's Club** will be postponed due to the Maine State Federation conference. Members will now meet for lunch at noon on May 16 at the Main Street Grill in Standish. Committee reports are due at that time. FMI, 839-6375.

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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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Main Street caller reported a male subject walking in the area with a long gun, strapped or holstered to his leg.

A Wolf River Run pet owner's cat, not up-to-date on its rabies vaccine, was quarantined at the residence for biting a vet tech.

Buck Street caller wanted to know when their protection order expires so they can collect their firearms from the police department.

Caller wanted to speak with an officer, as they believed their 13 year old might have been missing.

Flaggy Meadow Road caller reported two men walking up and down the street, back and forth, and standing in driveways.

Longmeadow Drive caller reported a white male in his mid-20s carrying a clipboard who came to caller's door. Caller found this odd given the time of night and how cold it was.

Main Street caller reported two female shoplifters who attempted to take about \$99 worth of baby items.

Mosher Road caller reported ten chickens were loose in the area on the side of the road.

Shamrock Drive caller reported that a car drove in and parked in front of caller's house.

Hurricane Road man and School Street woman were both arrested for OUI.

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- Baby and Me Story Time, 0-18 mos., Baxter Library, 9:30 a.m.
- Toddler Time, 18-36 mos., Baxter Library, 10 a.m.
- Baxter Memorial Library Sewing Club, ages 7 and older, Baxter Library, 2:30-4:30 p.m.
- Gorham Food Pantry, located in St. Anne's Catholic Church parking lot, 9-11 a.m.
- USM Jazz Ensemble, 7:30 p.m. Corthell Concert Hall, Gorham Campus. \$6/\$3. FMI, 780-5555.

FRIDAY, APR. 26

- USM Vocal Jazz Ensemble, 8 p.m., Corthell Concert Hall, Gorham Campus. \$6/\$3.

SATURDAY, APR. 27

- Southern Maine Symphony Orchestra goes Baroque, 2 p.m., Corthell Concert Hall, Gorham Campus. \$6/\$3.

MONDAY, APR. 29

- Evening Story Time, Spring Fling. 6 p.m., Baxter Library.

TUESDAY, APR. 30

- Rug Braiding Course, Baxter Library, 9 – 11 a.m. Materials provided by Gorham Art Alliance.
- Pre-School Story Time, ages 3-5 yrs., Baxter Library, 9:30 a.m.
- Poetry Reading at Baxter Library, Poet in Residence Rachel Flynn; Poet Laureates Betsy Sholl and Bruce Spang. 5:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1

- 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.

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- Public Supper, West Gorham Union Church, 5-6 p.m. \$7.50/\$3 under 12.

SUNDAY, MAY 5

- 23rd Annual New England Steel Drum Festival, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., YourSpace, Rt. 202.

TUESDAY, MAY 7

- Gorham Cancer Prayer and Support Group, Cressey Road United Methodist Church, 6 p.m. All are welcome. FMI, 321-1390 or 839-3111.

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THURSDAY, MAY 9

- Southern Maine Children's Choir, 7 p.m., Corthell Concert Hall. \$6/\$3. FMI, 780-5555.

Calendar events listed can be found at:
Baxter Memorial Library, 71 South St
Gorham Food Pantry, St. Anne's Catholic Church parking lot, 299 Main St.
Corthell Concert Hall, USM/Gorham Campus
St. Anne's Catholic Church, 299 Main St.
Cressey Road United Methodist Church, 81 Cressey Rd.
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