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Fugitive Faces Up To 40 Years

BY SHERI FABER
Staff Writer

On May 23, Gary Irving, 52, of Gorham was sentenced to consecutive 18-20 year terms for two counts of rape, which could mean a maximum of 40 years in prison. He was also sentenced for six other counts of rape, assault, and kidnapping related to crimes that occurred in Massachusetts during the summer of 1978. This sentence will run concurrently with the 40-year sentence. Irving had been convicted in 1979 when he fled before sentencing. He had been featured on several television shows as a wanted criminal and on the Massachusetts 10 Most Wanted list.

Irving had been living on South Street for the past 34 years, had married and raised two children. His attorney told the court "he had been a law abiding citizen, loving husband and father all those years and that should have been a mitigating factor," adding that Irving said he had no recollection of committing the crimes. His wife, two adult children, brother Greg and mother were all at the sentencing.

None of the women he was convicted of raping ever married or had children. They all talked about flashbacks and nightmares and an inability to trust men. Irving declined to address the court, saying he did not want to cause the victims any more pain.

Senior Center Looking for New Home

BY CHRIS CRAWFORD
Staff Writer

The Lakes Region Senior Center (LRSC) has been given a date of September 1, 2013 to vacate their home of two years at the former Little Falls School. When Gorham voters go to the polls on June 11, they will be deciding if the Little Falls School should be renovated to become a safety building for Gorham's fire and police at the cost of \$6.3 million for the taxpayers. Whether the vote is successful or not, the Senior Center has been told that the Little Falls School will be vacated and that LRSC must find a new home.

The Center, with over 100 members, is actively searching for a new home. A perfect facility would be heated and air conditioned, handicapped accessible, have a rest room and pos-

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Turner and Nijkamp Win State Track Titles

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Buzz the Fuzz: Fundraiser for Special Olympics

BY KAREN DiDONATO - Editor

As a fundraiser for the Special Olympics of Maine, members of the Gorham Police Department recently had their heads shaved in front of the Gorham Police Department by barbers from Busters Barber Shop. The Gorham Police Department has been involved with Special Olympics Maine since it began. In 1970 officers volunteered at the first Special Olympics Winter Games, which were held in Gorham. The event raised over \$800.

(Pictured to the right) Gorham Police Chief Ronald Shepard participates in the Buzz the Fuzz event in which he agreed to have barber Buster Gammon shave his head to raise money for a good cause.



Motocross Discussion "Drags" On For Approval

BY CINDY AND PATRICK O'SHEA

Merritt Bennett and the Pamela M. Bennett Living Trust are requesting approval of a motocross track, a snowmobile grass drag track, and ancillary services located at 463 Fort Hill Road. Presently the property is approved for disc golf and paint ball.

In September 2011, David Twomey, the Town's former Code Enforcement Officer, sent the property owners a Stop and Desist/Stop Work Order. A dirt-racing track had been constructed without the Town's approval and is not a permitted use within the Rural District. The Bennetts appealed Twomey's decision to the Zoning Board of Appeals. At a meeting on October 6, 2011 the Zoning Board of Appeals determined that the motocross/dirt bike track was classified as a "social institution" and therefore a permitted use. This decision reversed the Code Enforcement Officer's decision. The plan now requires site plan approval by the Planning Board.

At the May 13, 2013 Planning Board Meeting the Bennetts and their consultants presented a plan for a motocross track and snowmobile drag track to be constructed on the 68-acre property. It is up to the Bennett's to show that their proposal meets all of the Planning Board criteria including the Town's Noise Ordinance. The plan is seeking:

- After the fact approval of an existing dirt bike riding school
- After the fact site plan approval of an existing dirt bike track

• After the fact site plan approval for the construction of a 600 square foot accessory building

- Site plan approval of a proposed motocross race track for racing events
- Site plan approval for a proposed snowmobile grass drag for racing events
- Site plan approval for a proposed parking area for approximately 200 cars

I'm opposed to this motocross project as a neighbor, a Gorham resident, a former member of the Zoning Board of Appeals, and as a lawyer.

CHARLIE PEARSON

Some of the specifics of the proposal are: 10-30 riders would compete twice a month on Sundays and riders would utilize the track for practices twice a week during the season (spring to fall). Snowmobile grass drag races would follow the motocross season prior to snowfall.

Pam Nicely, an abutter, expressed concerns about the loud and persistent noise from the races as well as the noise coming from overnight camping, RVs and generators. Her concerns include how this proposal would affect the quality of life not only in the neighborhood but for the town in general. Others have questioned whether the noise generated from the races would comply with the town's noise ordinance.

In addition to the objections to the track itself, there were many questions regarding the Zoning Board of Appeals decision to overturn the Code Enforcement Officer and to give approval to the motocross track as a Social Institution. Charlie Pearson said, "I'm opposed to this motocross project as a neighbor, a Gorham resident, a former member of the Zoning Board of Appeals, and as a lawyer. The October 2011 Zoning Board of Appeals reached an absurd result in deciding that the dirt bike or motocross tracks were social institutions under the town's Land Use and Development Code. Fortunately, that decision is not legally binding on the Planning Board. Therefore, the Planning Board can render a decision on this project that conforms with Gorham's Comprehensive Plan and zoning ordinances, as well as good old New England common sense. The correct interpretation of what is a 'social institution' for development purposes will forever affect the residents of Gorham, so we better get it right, not just for this project but for the ones that will surely follow."

A Planning Board site walk was scheduled for June 1 but was subsequently canceled at the Bennett's request. The Land Use Code specifies that abutters to the project be notified about future Planning Board Meeting regarding this proposal. Any resident can request to be notified about these meetings.

Merritt Bennett did not respond to a call requesting input for this article.

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on June 11th**

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The Gorham Times asked our three state legislators from Senate District Six, House District 129 and House District 130 to provide us with “News from Augusta.” We publish their articles on a rotating basis. The submissions are devoted to updates of legislative and administrative news, proposed and passed bills and laws, and developments and events that are of interest to and have an impact on Gorham residents. The Gorham Times reserves the right to edit the submissions and it further reserves the right to reject any submission, in its sole discretion.

Win-Win Legislation Vetoed by Governor

BY SEN. JIM BOYLE
State Senator

After policy committees diligently worked for months on measures that would negotiate a new state liquor contract, pay the debt owed to Maine hospitals, and accept federal healthcare funding to increase access to healthcare for 70,000 Mainers, my fellow legislators and I voted on one comprehensive bill to address all these issues. Moments after its final passage, Governor LePage vetoed this historic piece of legislation.

I feel that it is important to highlight some facts, and clarify exactly what the governor did in vetoing the bill.

First, his veto was a refusal to pay back the hospitals. He had been publicly demanding that they be paid for months, and now he refused to pay them.

Second, by vetoing the measure, he ensured the high charity costs our hospitals incur by caring for Maine’s uninsured continue to mount and add to future debts. According to the Maine Hospital Association, both bad debt and charity care cost \$450 million last

year, an increase of \$32 million from the previous year.

Third, the bill would have increased access to healthcare for almost 70,000 Mainers who are currently uninsured. Most are working Mainers who survive on an individual income that is about \$15,000 a year, or little more than \$31,000 for a family of four. They simply cannot afford to buy their own health insurance, and they are not insured through their employer.

During the Senate debate, my colleague Senator Troy Jackson spoke about himself and two individuals he knew. All three of them were hardworking loggers who were experiencing frequent chest pains. All three did not have comprehensive health insurance. After being elected, Senator Jackson received good health insurance, so when his chest pains continued, he sought medical care where he was told he had a serious heart condition, and needed a pacemaker. If he did not have health insurance, he would not be alive today.

Senator Jackson’s friends did not have health insurance and were not as lucky as

he was. Both died from heart attacks—one while driving himself to the emergency room. Without insurance some Mainers, including Senator Jackson’s friends, do not have access to the preventative care or early intervention treatments that could save their lives.

By vetoing this bill, the governor simultaneously reneged on his promise to pay our hospitals, he further jeopardized their financial future by ignoring the cause of their high charity care costs, and he sent a clear message to low-income working Mainers that their health was not his priority.

This bill was the fiscally and economically responsible solution for Maine—a true win-win. The governor’s action was more than regrettable. It was irresponsible.



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Letters to the Editor

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Dear *Gorham Times*:

When the Gorham Planning Board discussed the proposed Bennett motocross track and snowmobile drag strip, it seemed concerned by a 2011 Zoning Board of Appeals’ (ZBA) that overturned a Code Enforcement Officer’s (CEO) citation to Mr. Bennett for operating a private dirt bike track. The ZBA determined that the dirt bike track was a social institution allowed by Gorham’s Land Use and Development Code (Code). The Town Attorney even seemed to advise the Planning Board that they were bound by the ZBA’s decision; thus, the motocross and drag strip were permitted uses in the rural zone as part of a social institution. However, the ZBA’s decision is not binding for the following reasons:

Procedurally, the Code requires that notice of any ZBA hearing be published in a newspaper and mailed to the abut-

ting property owners—neither occurred here. Numerous abutters and neighbors opposed the track and drag strip at the Planning Board because they received the proper notice of it.

Procedurally, the only issue before the ZBA was whether to uphold or overturn the CEO’s citation. Any other ZBA discussion about a commercially operated motocross was what judges call nonbinding dicta (discussion by an administrative or judicial body about issues not before them). Here, the ZBA had no business going beyond the issue before them: a code citation for a private dirt bike track. The ZBA didn’t even discuss a snowmobile drag strip.

The ZBA also misapplied the Code. The Code does not define “social institution.” According to rules of statutory construction, the ZBA should have interpreted that provision consistent with the entire Code, avoiding any interpretation that would produce an absurd result.

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Thank You, Lily Landry



Photo courtesy of Donna Landry

BY EMILY LEWIS
Intern

The *Gorham Times* would like to thank Lily Landry for consistently delivering papers for the past three years. Because Landry is a senior and will be graduating from Gorham High School in June, she won’t be able to run her route anymore.

Gorham Times (GT): To which locations do you deliver papers?

LL: I deliver to about 20 businesses in the center of town as well as to a few apartment buildings on School Street.

GT: How did you find out about delivering?

LL: I heard about it from former volunteer Molly Lortie, and I took over for her when she graduated from GHS. She was nice enough to show me the route, and I’ve been delivering ever since.

GT: What’s your favorite part to read in the GT?

LL: I love reading the “School” section. It is great to see all of the wonderful things Gorham students are doing for their community!

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Porter Building Systems, which constructs prefinished wall panel systems added to buildings as finished pieces, has rented space in the Industrial Park. Among the projects they have worked on are the Gorham Village Mall, the Portland Jetport garage, and Hollywood Slots in Bangor.

Before the words “social nature” in the Code are the words “school, hospital, church, or any other institution of educational, religious, philanthropic, or fraternal organization.” Equating a commercial motocross or private dirt bike track to a school, hospital, church, etc., is absurd. Such a flawed interpretation would open the door to similar businesses such as auto drag strips and raceways, even strip clubs and casinos.

Finally, the ZBA decision expired because the work was not substantially completed within one year.

Charlie Pearson, JD

Dear *Gorham Times*:

On June 11, voters in Gorham will be asked whether they want to spend \$6.3 million to move the Public Safety building from Main Street to the current Little Falls building.

I am totally opposed to the idea for several reasons:

First, this is a huge expense, one for which we will be paying for several years, and, in my view, an unnecessary expense. Admittedly, the current building needs improvement and expansion, but I cannot see why that can't be done in the present location.

Second, I can't see the advantage of moving the operation to the Little Falls area. Anyone who has been in Gorham in the late afternoon, when people are coming home from work, knows how congested Main Street is. Since most of the businesses, senior citizen and nursing homes are in the heart of town, not to mention USM, if an emergency occurred during those hours, valuable time would be wasted getting enough fire trucks, police cars and emergency vehicles in place. In fact, it doesn't make sense to have most of our equipment out of town when so many important buildings are in the center of town, no matter what the time of day or night.

No real permanent provision has been made for a new location for the Lakes Region Senior Center, which provides a valuable service to our senior citizens, in the event that this change would be made.

If we do incur this expense, we must realize it would be funded entirely by the citizens of Gorham. No help can be expected from the state or national government.

We all know that Gorham High School is drastically overcrowded and in need to renovations. We cannot expect the Gorham voters to approve another huge expense for this need either this year or in the near future, if we are already saddled with one huge debt.

I sincerely hope that the people of Gorham will decisively vote down this ill-advised plan. It is time that our councilors use common sense.

Sincerely,
Christine Kimball

Dear *Gorham Times*:

On June 11, please vote “yes” to approve funding for a new public safety building.

Gorham's police, fire and rescue personnel work hard to keep 16,000+ residents safe. They do so despite the challenges of working in woefully inefficient and substandard conditions. The current public safety building (270 Main St.) is more than 40 years old, does not have enough space, lacks a sprinkler system and doesn't meet ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) requirements.

In 1999, a study of town facilities recognized a new public safety building as one of several high priority projects. That project has started and stalled several times and now the need is critical.

In December, the Town Council approved the Public Safety Building Committee's recommendation for a new public safety building to be located on the site of the former Little Falls School on Acorn St.

The Little Falls site is the most efficient and cost-effective location for the delivery of public safety services. Having the police and fire departments at Little Falls will result in less conflict between emergency vehicles and the public. The site also allows the building to be constructed as a 34,500 sq. ft., one-floor facility with room for future expansion. Construction can take place without disrupting emergency services, and using the Little Falls site will eliminate both the need to share space at the South Windham fire station and the cost of renovating the school for another use.

Locating the public safety building in Little Falls will not affect response times, as there will still be two fire engines housed at 270 Main St. First responders are generally a police cruiser and a fire engine that are equipped with the necessary equipment and trained personnel to administer emergency care.

Gorham's population is predicted to increase to nearly 20,000 by 2030. The new public safety building will meet the needs of the town for the next 25 years. Gorham's dedicated fire, rescue and police personnel provide an essential service and deserve to work in a safe, efficient building.

Please vote “yes” on June 11.
Katherine Garrard & Owens
McCullough, Community Members
Gorham Public Safety Building
Committee

Dear *Gorham Times*:

I would like to address several issues regarding the proposed motocross track on Fort Hill Road:

The Fort Hill area where the proposed racetrack is to be placed is in the heart of a beautiful quiet country setting. A commercial racetrack in the middle of residential homes makes no sense.

When reviewing the sound analysis in the application it is clear it is flawed. The Town of Gorham has a sound ordinance and it needs to be enforced. The sound is projected to carry up to 3000 feet.

Within just a few 100 feet of the proposed commercial racetrack there are several million dollars of valuation in homes. The actual sale of area property would be significantly decreased because of noise, smell, traffic congestion and other activities.

Currently this section of town has tolerated the existing disturbance by trying to be good neighbors. This commercial request goes way beyond being a good neighbor.

It would seem to me that the nearby Orchard Church would have their Sunday Services drastically impacted. This zone area is in a setting that welcomes churches and other social institutions. This proposal does not meet the social criteria.

Thank you for the opportunity to write my concerns.

David McCullough

Longtime Resident Honored in Augusta for Lifetime Achievement

BY JACKIE FRANCIS
Staff Writer

Longtime Gorham resident Paul M. Neal, formally of Johnson Road and more recently a Gorham House resident, was recognized with the 2013 Remember ME Lifetime Achievement Award held recently in the Hall of Flags at the State House in Augusta. Sponsored by the Maine Health Care Association, Remember ME honors residents in long-term health care facilities who have served community, state or country through volunteerism, civic organizations or the U.S. Military and also those with interesting accomplishments and the fortitude to overcome personal or health-related obstacles. Paul Neal fills the criteria in just about all of these categories.

Born in 1929 to parents Doris and Elwood Neal of Augusta, Paul Neal, who described himself as “a very frail child with severe respiratory problems,” would move to Gorham a year later and call Gorham his home for the next 83 years.

A 1947 graduate of Gorham High School, Neal was a junior fire department volunteer while still attending high school. Upon graduating, he joined the department on a full-time basis where he was elected Captain of Engine Co. 1, a distinction that still makes him smile today because he says, “Technically, I wasn't old enough to hold the position.” Neal earned a degree at the New England Institute of Anatomy, which both his father and grandfather attended, so that he could work in the family business, Neal Funeral Home.

During the early months of the Korean conflict, Neal joined the U.S. Naval



Photo credit Rich Obrey

Reserves and eventually was assigned to the Portsmouth Naval Hospital. During that time, he married the love of his life, Barbara Stanley, and started to raise his family. By 1951, Neal was transferred to Chorwon, Korea as a 3rd Class Medical Corpsman with the 1st Marine Division attached to the Forward Observer Outfit. He was honorably discharged and returned home to his wife Barbara and 10-month-old son, Stuart. He and his wife would eventually have two more sons, Steven and Clifford.

The family funeral business as well as his fire-fighting days had exacerbated his lung problems. The noxious fumes of formaldehyde as well as the continuous presence of flowers around the funeral home forced Neal to reconsider his career options. In the ensuing years, he

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Spire 29 Officially Open for Business

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BY GORHAM TIMES STAFF

Spire 29 on the Square has opened its doors to the Southern Maine community as a venue for private events, weddings and public concerts. The former Methodist Church located in the heart of Gorham Village has had an extensive interior overhaul and is now focused on the 2013 calendar for bookings. Jim Ciampi, an event and promotions director with experience in event design, consulting and production, is managing the facility. Ciampi is excited about the unique character of the space and its long history in the Gorham community. “It's a wonderful space with tremendous appeal and yet there is a distinct warmth to the setting that will lend itself well to events, weddings and musical productions.” The space can hold up to 300 people for a cocktail event and can be set up for seated, plated and served weddings and

events of 150 people. A full slate of public productions is also in process as Spire 29 will be booking local, regional and national talent as well as holding public galas and seasonal affairs.

Jon and Cindy Smith of Great Falls Construction are the owners of the property and are focused on the property anchoring the Square. They plan to address the curb appeal with new paint and adding outside amenities, but they first will have to address requirements for removing lead paint.

Spire 29 is well under way with various events on schedule including a June 8 grand opening celebration and a June 15 comedy show featuring George Hamm. Tickets for events or information concerning booking Spire 29 are available by calling 222-2068 or emailing info@spire29.com. A weekly email detailing all of Spire 29's offerings and schedules is also available. For additional information visit www.spire29.com or follow Spire29 through Facebook and/or Twitter.

Summer Heat and Aging Adults

BY BILL JENKS
Home Instead Senior Care

After a cool spring, we have already had some summer days that have had us complaining about the heat. While hot summer days might be a little uncomfortable for many of us, this kind of weather can cause serious health problems for older adults. In fact, according to the American Geriatrics Society's Foundation for Health in Aging, every year about 200 Americans, most of whom are over 50, die of health problems caused by high heat and humidity.

Hot weather is more likely to cause health problems in older adults because of physical changes that come with age. For example, older adults can't cool down as well as those who are younger. They may not even feel at all hot when the temperature gets high enough to make younger people quite uncomfortable. They are also less likely to feel thirsty, even when they are close to being dehydrated. Heart disease, diabetes and some other diseases that are common among older adults can make it even more likely that they'll have problems when it's hot, as can certain medications, including blood pressure drugs and other diuretics, allergy and sinus medications, and drugs for depression and neurological conditions.

Temperatures in the low 90's are high enough to be dangerous for older people. Because they may not feel hot, even when temperatures are dangerously warm, aging adults and the people who care about them should take action so elders can avoid getting overheated when the thermometer hits 90 degrees inside or out.

Older adults shouldn't walk long distances, lift heavy objects, or engage in

strenuous work or play activities when it's over 90 degrees. These common sense actions can make a big difference:

Turn on the air conditioner if one is available, or go where it is air-conditioned—a shopping mall, grocery store, senior center, movie theater, museum, or library, for example. Fans are not enough.

Drink lots of water and other clear drinks that do not contain alcohol or caffeine. Alcohol and caffeine actually contribute to dehydration rather than help avoid it.

Take cool showers, baths, or sponge baths (yes, plural, if necessary).

Wear lightweight, light-colored, loose-fitting clothing. Lightweight cotton or linen are good choices.

Wear hats outside.
Stay out of the sun.

These simple precautions can go a long way toward avoiding some very serious and costly health problems this summer. Do not assume that your aging neighbors, friends, or relatives are aware that it is hot, or that they may be approaching dehydration. You will be doing a real service if you check in on them when it hits 90 degrees. Here's wishing you and yours a safe and warm (but not too hot) summer season!



Bill Jenks serves on the Board of Directors of the Maine Alzheimer's Association, and owns Home Instead Senior Care, which provides in-home non-medical care for seniors throughout Cumberland County.

A Tribute to Bernard Rines

BY SHERRIE BENNER
Staff Writer

In April of this year, Gorham native Bernard P. Rines turned 90. Recently labeled as an "Iconic Figure" in Gorham, Rines has been one of town's most influential citizens. Serving on the Gorham School Committee, Gorham Town Council, various municipal committees, a farmer, business owner, member of the Kiwanis Club and First Parish Church Deacon, he has been a major contributor to the Gorham Community. Rines is descended from the town's founding family, the Phinneys. With a wealth of knowledge of its history and its infrastructure, its transportation and roads, Rines has played a substantial role in the town's growth.

For half a century, Rines worked tirelessly for a highway bypass to ease traffic congestion in the Gorham village, actively participating in years of studies and endless talks. Five years ago, the 3.4-mile bypass, designed to divert traffic around the village with roundabouts at Route 114 (South Street), Route 202 (Narragansett Street) and Route 25 (Ossipee Trail), became a reality. Always viewed personally as more of a "traffic relief route" and not a bypass, Rines initially got involved with the roadway talks in 1968 while serving as the chairman of Gorham's first Town Council. Previously, a board of selectmen had governed the town. Rines was honored to have been chosen as the first to travel the newly completed Bernard P. Rines Highway named in his honor as a testament to his longstanding efforts. When asked why Rines was so passionate about the bypass, Priscilla



Photo credit Sherrie Benner

Rines, his wife of 64 years, answered, "I know that not only did he see the need, he recognized that there was a solution and worked to make it happen." Each time they travel the highway, Rines still smiles to see his name.

Rines has also been instrumental in smaller scale projects such as the installation of a plaque at the former site of the Charlotte Millet Elementary School, now the location of the Avesta Senior Citizen housing on School Street. The plaque commemorates the school and represents another chapter of the town's growth as new schools were being constructed.

Rines and his wife reside on property purchased in the 1890's by his grandfather, J. Henry Rines. Known as the Smith Farm it was later changed to Walnut Hill Farm. Once boasting a mansion used by the father of Governor Percival Baxter, the property also contained a two-story colonial. Built in 1802, the Rines' family has called this colonial home for the past 60 years. It was here where they raised their three sons and now is a place where Rines spends his days reflecting on the past and being appreciative and fortunate that he has made a difference.

Neal Interview

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sold insurance, bought land, built and ran a marina on the northwest shore of Sebago Lake (now known as Sebago Marine), built a public beach, custom homes and summer cabins, but none of these jobs resulted in a permanent long-term occupation for a man with serious respiratory problems.

A self-proscribed life-long student, Neal went back to school at the age of 55 to earn a degree in Respiratory Therapy and later a Bachelor of Science Degree at the University of Southern Maine eventually working at Maine Medical Center in Special Care and as a Home Care Respiratory Consultant until his retirement. "I had what my patients had so they figured I was good at what I was doing," said Neal with his signature smile, explaining why he enjoyed his most recent career well into his 70's. "God puts everyone on earth to do something."

"The town of Gorham has always been a central theme of my father's life," says Neal's son Steve, fondly remembering his Boy Scout days while his father served as Scout Master to as many as 85 kids at one time. He was active in the Gorham Lions Club, ran the Fire Prevention Program for kids in the Gorham schools, served on church committees, sang in the church choir and volunteered with the Gorham Rescue Squad for over ten years after receiving his Advanced-EMT training. "I got involved in a lot of things I never volunteered for," says Neal with a laugh.

Neal will always miss the home he built on Johnson Road in 1963 but is grateful for his new residence at the Gorham House. "I'm glad it's here," he says. "It's just like a big family." And family is very important to Neal who has been devoted to family, church, community and country all his life.

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Renovations Make Impact

PAM TURNER
Director, Baxter Memorial Library

Ten years ago in May, the Baxter Memorial Library officially opened its newly renovated and expanded building. The project was approved by referendum in 1998 and completed in 2003 after much fundraising and hard work by the Steering Committee chaired by Joe Kerwin and Building Committee chaired by Michelle Pattenau. Library Trustees, under the leadership of Linda Frinsko, and library staff were also deeply involved in the process. The project would not have been possible without the support of the Gorham Town Council and Town Manager David Cole.

The renovated and expanded library has made a huge impact on our ability to provide quality library service to the community.

In fiscal year 2005, the library had 3,785 active patrons. We currently have approximately 7,300 active patrons. In fiscal year 2006 we had an estimated library attendance of 44,220. Last year we had approximately 67,260 people walk through our doors. Attendance at library programs averages around 5,000 per year. We regularly have 25+ people attend our story time programs. That level of programming would not be possible without the expanded building. We also have three meeting rooms that are used by tutors and nonprofit groups.

Our circulation is very strong with almost 116,000 transactions last year including over 25,000 interlibrary loan transactions through our participation in the Minerva consortium. In comparison, for FY2005, our circulation was 95,000 including 5,600 interlibrary loan transactions.

We have nine public computers that are heavily used plus 24/7 wireless Internet access. Again, this access to technology would not have been possible without the renovation and expansion.

In celebration of the 10th Anniversary of the Baxter Memorial Library Renovation and Expansion, the Trustees are holding a community celebration featuring storyteller/entertainer Antonio Rocha on June 19 from 3 to 6:30 p.m. The celebration is being held in conjunction with the Friends of Baxter Memorial Library Spring Into Summer Event. There will be food, crafts, "Touch the Truck" and much more. This event is also the kick off to the library's Summer Reading Programs for children and adults.

The staff and Trustees of the Baxter Memorial Library are grateful to the community for its support of the renovation and expansion and its continued support of the library over the past decade. We look forward to serving you well into the future.

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SALUTATORIAN, MAGNA CUM LAUDE Tyler Verrill	
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CUM LAUDE Morgan Briggs, Kyle Curley, Elizabeth Henderson, Alex Johnson, Michael Kasjanov, Kristin Nelson, Alexander Owens, Riley Shane Perkins, Darice Plumer, Dominic Pompeo, Kristin Ross, Katiana Selens, Quincy Shaw, Kara Stahl, Bridget Stillson, Lindsey Thomsen, Milan Vidovic, Evelyn Viernes, Damon Wallace, Cameron Willette	
SCIENCE Molly vanLuling Benjamin Bradshaw Anna Smith Jesse Southard Taylor Perkins Calvin Riiska Aleksandr Kutcharick Megan Bennett Michael Lubelczyk Douglas Beahm Kristin Ross Haley Perkins Jason Meuse Elliott Speirs Alexander Swiatek Tyler Verrill Elizabeth Landry Kara Stahl Daniel Bahun Allyson Redhunt	Excellence in Earth Space Science Excellence in Earth Space Science Excellence in Earth Space Science Excellence in Earth Space Science Excellence in Earth Space Science Excellence in Earth Space Science Excellence in Home Electricity Excellence in Biology Excellence in Advanced Placement Biology Excellence in Advanced Biology Excellence in Anatomy and Physiology Excellence in Chemistry I Excellence in Chemistry I Excellence in Chemistry II Academic Excellence in Advanced Physics Academic Excellence in Advanced Physics Academic Excellence in Analytical Physics Academic Excellence in Analytical Physics Academic Excellence in Analytical Physics 4-Year Award for Excellence in Science
TECHNOLOGY Thomas Bradshaw Molly vanLuling Rozada Spiers Alexander Swiatek Cassandra Martel Anna Smith Rona Sayed	Excellence in Pre-Engineering Excellence in Architectural Drawing Excellence in Back to Basics Excellence in TV Production Excellence in Public Speaking Excellence in Introduction to Technology Excellence in Graphic Communications
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Great Falls Career Fair



Photo credit Becky Fortier

Great Falls School recently held a career fair where students had opportunities to explore a variety of careers. Pictured is Ashley Gibbs of Goodall Hospital explaining some of her responsibilities as a nurse practitioner to students. The Great Falls School community would like to extend its appreciation to Sinnett Signs, Inc. for its wonderful banner, and to the following parents and community members for sharing their enthusiasm for their roles in the workforce: Mark Sanborn, Ben Moreland and Chris Sanborn, Gorham Police Department; Mo Terry, chef; Cathryn Falwell, author; Jessica Gagne, personal trainer; Vickie Evans, judge; Anne Johnson, store manager; Thomas Sallinen and Peter Luciano, Progressive Insurance; Matt Zidle, meteorologist; Edward Zelmanow, attorney; Robert Burns, Gorham Public Works; Jeana Roth, Animal Refuge League; Scott Martin, sports editor; Ashley Gibbs, nurse practitioner, Goodall Hospital; Jennifer Landry, nurse practitioner; Cindy Smith, agriculture; Kate Beever, music therapist; Stefan Jackson and Don Wescott, Presumpscot Regional Land Trust; John Gironda, naval engineer; Peter Rimkunas, illustrator; Tom Patterson, computer engineer; Sarah Plummer, education coordinator; Kelsey Pettengill, Parisi Speed School; Arthur Lockman, robotics engineer; Georgia Humphrey, GOCAT; Linda Whitten and Gordon Walls, AAA; and Katherine Edenbach and Misty D'Amico, Fairchild CPA.



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Wellness Day at GMS



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Beau Decourcy and Shaun Durfee of The Academy demonstrate Brazilian Jiu Jutsu techniques to GMS students at their recent Wellness Day.

By BRIAN KING
GMS Staff Member

On May 2, Gorham Middle School held its annual Wellness Day for sixth, seventh, and eighth grade students. This day included a variety of both indoor and outdoor activities, and each student participated in four activities during the half-day of school.

GMS staff ran outdoor activities, such as soccer, basketball, biking, ultimate Frisbee, skateboarding, kickball, whiffle ball, foursquare and field games. My-Fit-24, Greater Portland School of Jukado, and The Academy (Brazilian Jiu Jutsu) came out to lead outdoor activities for students as well. Inside the school, GMS staff offered ping-pong, board games, trivia, card making, Dance Dance Revolution and creative building activities. Susan Sinnett also offered Zumba classes for students.

Some of the favorite activities were Thom Courtney's Nature Walk and Adam Parvanta's Jail Ball Rock. Activities spanned across the baseball, soccer, and lacrosse fields to the parking lot and softball field. Students were excited and enthusiastic for the activities, and staff and volunteers remained energetic and set the tone for the students' positive attitudes. It was great to watch students play together regardless of skill or experience. The day was a great success in helping students to be active as well as having a lot of fun.

Thank you to the GMS staff for helping facilitate a great day for students, and to Zumba instructor Susan Sinnett, A.J. Didonato of My-Fit-24, Alan 'Doshu' Viernes of Greater Portland School of Jukado, as well as Beau Decourcy and Shaun Durfee of The Academy.

Samantha Cupps Emerges as a Talented Artist at GHS

By JULIE PIKE
Gorham Times Intern

Samantha Cupps, a senior at Gorham High School, has become a very distinguished artist for her age. She has been well known at GHS for her three murals around the school, including the re-creation of the Beatles' Abbey Road album cover, which resides in Mr. Patterson's room, an English teacher at GHS. Cupps also painted a mural in the locker room hallway that shows Gorham pride for our sports teams. She included a lot of the sports that are at GHS with the ram mascot playing the different sports.

Mr. Record, Gorham High School's principal, has asked Cupps to paint murals around the school depicting the five codes of conduct: honesty, respect, compassion, responsibility, and courage. So far, she has painted a mural for honesty, which is on the staircase near the office entrance to the building and Mrs. Dunn's room, a social studies teacher.

The mural includes a quote on the subject of honesty and its importance as said by George Washington about cutting down a cherry tree. Cupps hopes to finish the other four murals for the code of conduct by the end of the school year. It was not easy to create this mural for Cupps, taking her 35 to 50 hours just to complete one.

Cupps plans on continuing her interest in art by majoring in illustration in



Photo credit Stacy Sallinen

Samantha Cupps' re-creation of the Beatles' Abbey Road album cover is one of the wall murals at Gorham High School.

college. Her interest in art began when she was only five years old, and she would draw cartoons she saw on TV. In fact, the only art lessons Cupps ever received were ones provided at GHS. Like most artists, Cupps gets her inspirations from anything imaginable such as emotions, music, or nature.

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April 10, 2013

To: David Cole, Town Manager & Members of the Town Council
Fr: Kyle Currier, Chair, Gorham School Committee
Re: FY14 School Department Budget

Enclosed and submitted for your review and consideration is the FY14 School Department Budget as approved by the School Committee on April 10, 2013. The motions approved by the School Committee are included in this booklet.

This proposed FY14 Budget totals \$32,918,129 and represents a 2.18% increase over the final approved FY13 Budget of \$32,215,330. This budget requires a 9.5% increase in the local appropriation. Assuming the actual FY13 property tax increases \$6 million in FY14, the impact of this budget on the mil rate is an increase of 9%, or \$0.93. In your review of the FY14 Budget Summary page in the booklet, the actual amount of the increase in the local appropriation is \$1,300,059.

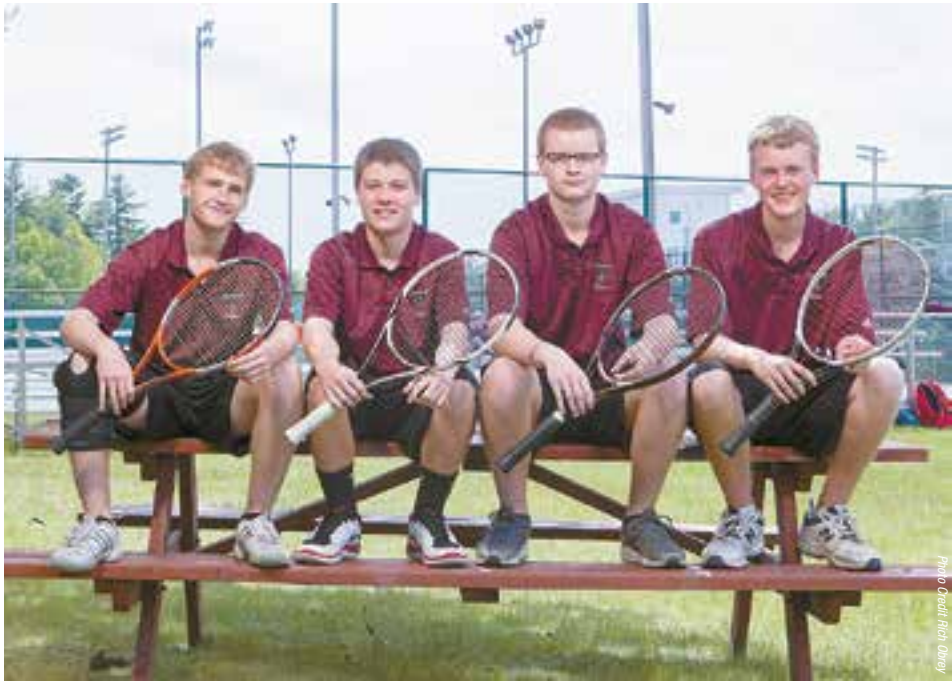
The proposed budget includes \$411,113 to cover the school department's responsibility to fund retirement costs given the directive of Governor Paul LePage. It also includes funds dedicated to upgrading school security systems and initiatives, \$190,000 in the Capital Projects line and \$106,850 in the facilities management line.

During the past year, the School Department has continued to engage in dialogue and review of all programs, personnel, facilities, and attendant infrastructure, a review designed to assess their utility and their value in the advancement of a high quality, comprehensive educational program for all of our students.

In the interim, if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Finance Officer, Hollis Cobb and/or Superintendent, Ted Sharp.

For more information the school budget, please visit
www.gorhamschools.org

Double Doubles Reach Conference Final



The GHS boys' tennis team now owns the right to claim the two best doubles teams in the SMAA! Both the first doubles team of senior Mike Lubelczyk and sophomore Tom Susi as well as the second doubles team of seniors Joe Bennett and Riley Perkins reached the finals of the conference doubles championship tournament that took place June 18. On June 21, the two tandems faced off against each other in the final at the GHS tennis courts, with Lubelczyk and Susi defeating Bennett and Perkins in a hotly-contested match—7-5, 4-6, 6-2. The four players are pictured above from left to right: Lubelczyk, Susi, Bennett and Perkins.

Nijkamp Wins State Track Title After Overcoming Life-Threatening Disease



GHS senior Julian Nijkamp won the 110-meter hurdle event at the Class A State Track & Field Championship June 1 at Brewer H.S. with a time of 1.01. He is shown above during a recent training workout.

By Emily DeLuca
Intern

Battling a life-threatening kidney disease for more than a year, Julian Nijkamp, a senior track captain at Gorham High School, won the 110-meter hurdle Class A State Championship with a time of 15.01 June 1 at Brewer High School.

Described as a “fierce competitor” by head coach Jason Tanguay, Nijkamp also finished tenth in the 300-meter hurdles, an event in which earlier this season he was just .30 seconds away from the school record. One would have no idea that just one year ago Nijkamp was diagnosed with Nephrotic Syndrome MPGN Type 2 kidney disease.

Nijkamp started noticing symptoms toward the end of his junior indoor track season. The medicine taken for the disease caused him to struggle physically with his track workouts. He did not compete in the state meet that year.

Running track since sixth grade, Nijkamp had to make the difficult decision whether or not to compete this year in indoor track. “Something inside of me told me to run,” said Nijkamp. “It was a very emotional season for me physically and mentally. I was falling in practice, and my joints were sore every day from the medicine I was on.”

Regardless, Nijkamp continued to work hard. “Now in his senior year, he has a better handle on his health

and is back to his competitive self,” said Tanguay.

With little to no hope of competing at the beginning of the indoor track season, it’s a wonder as to how Nijkamp found himself at the indoor track 55-meter hurdle state championship. He finished with a time of 7.96 to take the title. “Winning states will be a moment that I will never forget,” recalls Nijkamp.

For the outdoor track SMAA conference championship meet on May 27, Nijkamp won the 110-meter hurdles with a time of 14.89. He is the only contender in Class A to break 15 seconds in that event this season. His personal best time of 40.30 in the 300-meter hurdles is the leading time in the entire state.

Nijkamp’s goal in his final track season was to beat the school 300-meter hurdle record of 40.00, held by Josh Maxwell since 2006. “I think Julian is capable of reaching the goals he has set for himself and wish him the best of luck in doing so,” Tanguay says.

Nijkamp’s future after high school is something that he has planned out. “I have decided just to take a break from track since I’ve been running since sixth grade,” he said. He plans on attending SMCC for two years where he will rest, and then plans on going to USM or UMaine-Orono to earn his masters and run track again. As far as his health is concerned, “I was told I was in partial remission about a month ago and things are only looking up from here,” Nijkamp said.

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State Track Champion



GHS junior Laura Turner wins the 1600-meter racewalk at the girls' track and field Class A State Championships with a time of 8:17.79.

GHS Track & Field Point-Earners

Class A State Meet June 1 at Brewer H.S.

Boys
110-meter hurdles: Julian Nijkamp (1st) 15.01
1600-meter racewalk: Drew York (4th) 7:35.27.
300-meter hurdles: Travis Grant (5th) 41.36.
1600-meter relay: Adam Bucknell, Jon Gray, Grant and Nijkamp (7th) 3:39.19.

Girls
Racewalk: Laura Turner (1st) 8:17.79;
Kelsey Mitchell (2nd) 8:39.03;
Shot put: Patty Smith (5th) 33-04.50.
Pole vault: Sophia Swiatek (5th) 10-00.
800 meters: Jackie Turner (7th) 2:27.04.

SMAA Conference Championship
May 27 at Scarborough H.S.

Boys
110-meter hurdles: Julian Nijkamp (1st) 14.89.
800 meters: Jon Gray (2nd) 2:04.60.
1600-meter relay: Adam Bucknell, Gray, Grant and Nijkamp (2nd) 3:40.63.
300-meter hurdles: Travis Grant (2nd) 41.55; 3; Nijkamp (3rd) 41.78.
1600-meter racewalk: Drew York (2nd) 7:56.99; Sean Pratt (6th) 8:53.37.
Triple jump: Connor Dunn (3rd) 40-04.
Pole vault: Dylan Truong (3rd) 11-00; Alex Johnson (4th) 11-00.

Girls
Racewalk: Laura Turner (1st) 8:12.81;
Kelsey Mitchell (2nd) 8:34.22; Leeanna Gray (5th) 9:24.49.
Pole vault: Sophia Swiatek (1st) 9-00.
100 meters: Kristin Benson (3rd) 12.96.
Shot put: Patty Smith (3rd) 33-06.
400 meters: Ciara Stillson (4th) 1:04.29.
400-meter relay: Kayleigh Smith, Maddie Bennett, Abby Perkins, Kristin Benson (4th) 52.96.
Javelin: Swiatek (4th) 88-06; Kristin Ross (6th) 83-10.



in the Zone

Boys' Tennis: After defeating Scarborough (5-0) in the quarterfinals on May 30th and Thornton Academy (5-0) in the semifinals on June 1, the Rams were preparing to play Kennebunk on June 5 in the Western Maine Class A finals. In the first round of the boys' tennis State Singles

Championship, senior Milan Vidovic defeated Victor Menezes of Thornton Academy (6-3, 6-2). In the second round, which included 32 players, Vidovic lost to second-seeded Brendan McCarthy of Falmouth.

Girls' Tennis: After finishing the regular season 9-3 and ranked fifth in Western

Maine Class A, the Rams lost to Cheverus in the quarterfinals of the post-season tournament, 3-2, on May 30th. Second singles player Rachel Eaton and the second doubles team of Cassie Martel and Renae Staples won the two match points for Gorham.




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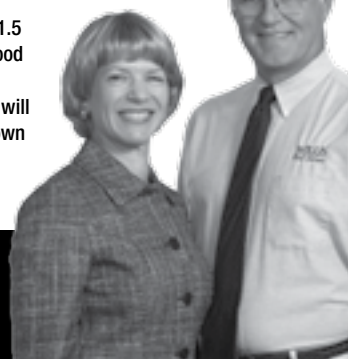
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Senior Center CONTINUED FROM COVER PAGE

sibly a kitchen area, and parking. LRSC holds monthly luncheons that require seating for up to 40 people. A dedicated space that does not have to be set up and taken down each week is ideal. The officers and board are vigorously searching and checking out suggested locations. Please contact LRSC President Blanche Alexander at 892-5604 or bwa31@maine.rr.com if you know of a possible location.

The need for a senior center in the Lakes Region area is apparent. Statistics show that seniors who are physically and socially active are healthier and have fewer medical problems. Some members are at the center almost every day. Blanche Alexander, LRCS president says, "We have people who are lonely, who have lost a loved one, or their lifelong spouse is institutionalized and they just need a place to be able to socialize." LRSC provides a safe environment where older people feel wanted, safe, and valued. It offers companionship and a network for

sharing information, common interests and advice about handling difficult situations.

LRSC offers a variety of weekly activities such as game days, needlecraft, Wii and pickleball. The Center is open with hot coffee/tea at 9 a.m. Monday through Thursday as a drop-in

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BLANCHE ALEXANDER
LRCS President

center for those looking for company or an activity. A monthly luncheon is hosted along with a health series, which might be a free blood pressure

screening or a speaker in the health field. The goal is to provide good information for health and safety. Other presentations may be more light-hearted or about something of importance such as: getting an appraisal for a valuable family antique, credit card scams, AAA senior driving class, or the TRIAD. Some members have joined other senior groups on day bus tours or outings.

The folks at the Center will be sad to leave Little Falls School because the facility meets most of its needs. Many members are still hopeful that the facility could be considered for a Community Center serving many age groups including seniors. There are athletic fields in the area for the youth. Clarence Wisecup, LRSC board of directors said, "If Little Falls became a Community Center...the Seniors could help develop a shuffle board court... and horseshoe pit as well as a barbecue area with picnic tables under the trees - all available to the public."

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She also does not stick to one genre of art so that she can try everything. She follows the same attitude for the mediums she uses to make her art, trying different things to see if she likes it.







When trying to describe her style of art, Cupps said, "I honestly wouldn't know. I try to keep variety in what I do so I wouldn't say it all even sticks to a certain style." For Cupps, her favorite part about being an artist is being able to express herself without having to use any words. One of her challenges is when people ask her to create something without any kind of compensation for it, not realizing how much time and effort art requires.

When asked about how she feels when people interpret her artwork differently, Cupps replied, "I think that's the point of art. You're supposed to present someone with a piece of work that you may or may not have made for a specific reason and then just let people get their own meaning out of it. I think the greatest pieces of art are the ones that could be seen in many different ways."

To see more of Samantha Cupps' artwork, visit the Gorham Arts Alliance website where a painting of hers is featured on the front page. Her artwork has also been on the front of Gorham High School's 2012 literary magazine. Cupps' work was also on display during the youth art month at the Portland Museum of Art last year.


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DEAN’S LIST

Gorham students named to the Dean’s List at Saint Joseph’s College: **Adam Hawkes, Paul Morse,** and **Michelle Walls**.

Thomas Moutinho (GHS’ 11) was named to the Dean’s List at Worcester Polytechnic Institute for Biomedical Engineering.

GRADUATIONS

Julianne Farrar, Bowdoin College, with a major in Asian Studies and a minor in Philosophy.
Rachel Fogarty, University of Vermont, BS & BA in Communication Science & Disorders.
Michael Foustoukos, Merrimack College, Master of Education.
Kristen Hamilton, University of Vermont, BA Magna Cum Laude in Political Science.
Adam MacDonald (GHS ’07), UNE, Doctorate in Pharmacy. He is employed by Walgreens in Tampa. FL.
Derek Morin (GHS ’09), Huntington University, BS in Physical Education & Health Education from Huntington University.
Shannon Mackenzie O’Brien, Salve Regina University, BA in Psychology.
Arielle Sorenson, Clark University, BA in Women’s and Gender Studies.
Jacob Anthony Viel, Salve Regina University, Financial Management.

The following students from Gorham graduated from St. Joseph’s College: **Courtney Davis**, BS in Nursing; **Laurie Delaney**, MS in Education; **Barbara Deveau**, MS in Nursing; **Meghan Garrard**, BA in Psychology; **Christina Maiorino**, BS in Biology/Pre-Medicine; **Curtis Martinez**, BS in Biology/Pre-Medicine; and **Michelle Walls**, BS in Biology.

OF INTEREST

Gorham resident **James Biegel**, a junior at Cheverus High School, was awarded 1st Place honors in the recently held Student Art Show at Cheverus. Honorable Mention Awards were given to **Hayley Morin** (’13) and **Damian Smith** (’14).

Stephanie Morin, a Public Relations and History Major at Huntington University, has been named student ambassador for the 2013-14 school year.

Husband and wife team **Leah Richards** and **Graig Richards** of Gorham have joined the **Reliant Mortgage Company** of Portland as Mortgage Bankers with both having over 12 years of experience in lending, banking, sales and customer service experience.

Two of Portland’s oldest and largest insurance agencies, **Turner Barker Insurance** and **Clark Insurance**, have recently merged. Turner Barker Insurance will continue to do business under its own name with the tagline, A Clark Insurance Agency while Clark Insurance remains an employee-owned independent insurance agency with Gorham Savings Bank having a minority interest in the combined agencies.

The **PineCrest Inn** received a TripAdvisor Certificate of Excellence Award, which honors hospitality excellence to establishments that consistently achieve outstanding traveler reviews on TripAdvisor.

The **Gorham House**, a comprehensive living center for seniors, has been recognized as a 2013 recipient of the Bronze Commitment to Quality Award for its dedication to improving the lives of residents through improved quality care.

Peg’s Itsy Bitsy Store located at The Gorham House will offer an array of snacks, jewelry, greeting cards and gently used items for sale every 1st & 3rd Friday of the month from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Proceeds provide scholarships for students entering the Health Care Field. (Donations of small items gladly accepted.) FMI, 839-5757.

Gorham High School’s Class of 1963 will celebrate their 50th Class Reunion on Saturday, July 13, 2013. Please contact marty.towle@yahoo.com with information on the following classmates whose addresses are missing: Julia Hamilton, Ann Henderson, Timothy Mercier, Elizabeth Snow, Germaine Tanguay and Albert Williams.

The **Gorham Arts Alliance 2013 Summer Program** is currently accepting registrations for summer camps. **Disney’s Aladdin Jr. Theater auditions** will be held on June 8 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Robie Gym. Children must be registered ahead of time. FMI, www.gorhamartsalliance.org.

The **Gorham Arts Alliance** recently announced that Amy Valentine, President of the GAA, and Sabrina Nickerson, fifth grade teacher at Manchester Elementary in Windham, have been awarded the **Maine in the Civil War Grant** funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities. The focus of the grant will be the Gambo Gunpowder Mill and the role it played in the Civil War. Public Meeting notices will be posted at the historical societies, in the library’s calendars, and the Gorham Arts Alliance calendar page. FMI, www.gorhamartsalliance.com.

“Deep in the Heart,” a bio-pic co-written by **Josh Fasulo** (GHS ’97), is now available on DVD in Walmart stores and on Netflix. The film premiered at the Austin Film Festival in October of 2011 and had limited release in movie theaters during 2012. Josh is the son of Kim Meggison.

The **Friends of Baxter Memorial Library** will hold a Spring Into Summer Event and 10th Anniversary Library Renovation and Expansion Celebration on Wednesday, Jun 19 from 3 to 6:30 p.m. Entertainment will include "Touch the Truck" and Storyteller/Entertainer Antonio Rocha at 4:30 p.m. Hot dogs, snow cones, crafts and the kick off to our Summer Reading Programs for adult and children. FMI, 222-1190.



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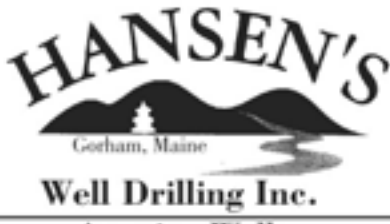
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Garden Avenue caller's daughter lost her iPhone. Using the "Find my iPhone" app, they could see its location. Caller wanted to know if they should go over and confront them.

Caller reported a suspicious person wearing a head wrap with wires coming out of it and acting strangely.

Newell Street caller reported that someone stole their solar lights this afternoon.

Winding Brook Way caller reported a herd of twelve cows in the rear of their residence.

Line Road caller wanted to make Gorham Police Department aware of a subject going door-to-door selling steaks.

Caller requested to speak with an officer as someone at an underage drinking party used their name.

Brackett Road caller requested to speak to an officer by phone in reference to their fiancée having moved out and having taken the DVDs.

Caller stated that one of their drivers was supposed to make some deliveries, but did not do so and driver left with money and the product.

Murray Drive caller requested to speak with an officer about their neighbor's dog killing the caller's chickens. Caller was also concerned that the children's safety was compromised as well.

South Street caller wanted to know if the police could pull someone over for no reason.

Weeks Road caller reported they believed their vehicle had been tampered with as the brake lines were cut.

Oakwood Drive caller's ex-husband texted the caller and said he called the police on her because she will be having the children longer on Saturday.

Caller would like phone call regarding their son getting a ticket from an officer last summer.

Plummer Road caller reported two subjects were outside in a heated verbal argument regarding stolen dirt bikes.

Caller reported three young male subjects who walked down the dirt road directly across from Dunkin Donuts carrying rifles. They were given trespass warnings from the landowner.

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CALENDAR

THURSDAY, JUNE 6

- Noontime Community Meal, Westbrook-Warren Congregational Church, 810 Main St., Westbrook, open to the public. \$5.
- Story Hour for 3-5 yr olds, 10-11 a.m., No. Gorham Public Library. Stories, songs & crafts. FMI, 892-2575.

SATURDAY, JUNE 8

- Greater Gorham Farmer's Market, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Next to Baxter Memorial Library.
- Anne Gannett Scholarship Competition, 9 a.m., USM's Corthell Hall, Gorham campus.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12

- 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.
- Toddlers in the Library, 10-10:30 a.m., No. Gorham Public Library. FMI, 892-2575.

THURSDAY, JUNE 13

- Noontime Community Meal, Westbrook-Warren Congregational Church, 810 Main St., Westbrook, open to the public. \$5.
- Baby and Me, baby story time for ages birth to 18 mos., Baxter Library, 9:30 a.m. FMI, 839-5031.
- Toddler Time, story time for ages 18-36 mos., Baxter Library, 10 a.m. FMI, 839-5031.
- Gorham Food Pantry, 9-11 a.m., located in St. Anne's Catholic Church parking lot.
- Story Hour for 3-5 yr olds, 10-11 a.m., No. Gorham Public Library. Stories, songs & crafts. FMI, 892-2575.

FRIDAY, JUNE 14

- Gorham/Westbrook TRIAD Meeting, 8:45 a.m., Gorham Municipal Center. Learn how you can help senior citizens in your community. FMI, 839-5407.

SATURDAY, JUNE 15

- Greater Gorham Farmer's Market, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Next to Baxter Memorial Library.
- White Rock Baptist Church Summer Concert Series, 6:30 p.m. Baritone soloist Tedd Fish will perform. Goodwill donations accepted.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19

- 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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THURSDAY, JUNE 20

- Baby and Me, baby story time for ages birth to 18 mos., Baxter Library, 9:30 a.m. FMI, 839-5031.
- Toddler Time, story time for ages 18-36 mos., Baxter Library, 10 a.m. FMI, 839-5031.
- Gorham Food Pantry, 9-11 a.m., located in St. Anne's Catholic Church parking lot.
- Story Hour for 3-5 yr olds, 10-11 a.m., No. Gorham Public Library. Stories, songs & crafts. FMI, 892-2575.

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.
Gorham Municipal Center, 75 South St.
Greater Gorham Farmer's Market, Next to Baxter Memorial Library.
No. Gorham Public Library, 2 Standish Neck Rd.
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