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USM Projected Cuts Raise Many Questions Part 2

BY PATRICK AND CINDY O'SHEA

The University of Southern Maine has been directed to deal with a \$14 million dollar shortfall by cutting 10% of its \$140 million dollar budget. In March, USM President Theo Kalikow proposed cuts affecting programs and faculty, which sparked a passionate response from students and faculty. In April, Kalikow rescinded her decision to layoff faculty. In an attempt to understand both the process and the impact of the cuts, Gorham Times staff interviewed Bob Caswell, USM's Executive Director of Public Affairs. Below is part two of a two-part question and answer series with Caswell, who the Gorham Business & Civic Exchange named the Business Person of the Year in 2004. He and his wife Diane are Gorham residents. To read part one, visit gorhamtimes.com to view the April 10, 2014 edition.

Gorham Times (GT): Since we last communicated, President Kalikow rescinded her decision to layoff faculty. Please give us a brief explanation of exactly what she announced.

Bob Caswell (BC):

It was done to allow for a more inclusive process. President Theo Kalikow met with the Faculty Senate on Friday, April 11, and announced

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Where's Spring?



Photo credit Karen DiDonato

Gorham residents woke up on April 16th to snowfall. These hardy daffodils in east Gorham withstood the cold snow, but many crocuses did not.

Gorham Police Department Celebrates 50 Years



Photo credit Katie Fearon

Lt. Christopher Sanborn pins Chief Shepard with his 50th anniversary badge.

BY SHERI FABER
Staff Writer

At the town meeting on March 9, 1964, the Town Council, under the leadership of Phillip Hill, voted to hire a full time paid police chief. \$15,000 was appropriated for a police department with a full time chief effective April 1, 1964 along with the purchase of a cruiser and salaries for the part time officers. The Department began operations as a full time department on April 12, 1964. Previously, the police force had been composed of part time constables for a number of years. Since 1964, the Department has grown to a force of 23 officers and two administrative staff to serve over 16,000 citizens.

On April 14 of this year, the Gorham Police Department held a ceremony to commemorate their anniversary with current Police Chief Ron Shepard giving a history of the Department.

Shepard noted that the first Chief, Cortland Tice, had purchased large cruisers with V8 engines so they could



Photo credit Rich Obrey

Members of the Gorham Police Department

catch youth who were drag racing, but, he said, some of the people doing the drag racing were the officers in their high-powered cruisers. There was one dispatcher in those days, Linda Alexander, who went home at 4:30 p.m. The Cumberland County Sheriff's Department took over until she returned to work the next morning. In 1965, police responded to 55 accidents and made 18 arrests. In 2013, they responded to 17,411 calls for assistance, made 258 arrests, issued 390 criminal summons, 2,059 traffic and non-criminal summons and responded to 920 accidents. In the early days, police responded primarily to drunk drivers and burglaries. Now they deal with many drug-related crimes, as well as people with mental illnesses, cases of domestic violence, school violence and even human trafficking.

Chief Shepard and Lt. Christopher Sanborn presented 50th anniversary badges to members of the Gorham Police Department.

Also announced were the annual Police Department awards. Sgt. Danny Young was cited for his training in domestic violence and Det. Sgt. Dana Thompson was cited for hard work and long hours spent investigating cases

and supervising the other investigators. Sgt. Ben Moreland, Officer Ted Hatch and Officer Dean Hannon were each recognized for their role performing CPR and keeping people alive until rescue took over. School Resource Officer Wayne "Pooch" Drown, was given the Community Service Award named for the late John Reed for positively connecting with the lives of children who still ask for him even after they have graduated. The Police Shield award went to Officer David Bruni for his teamwork and professionalism, genuine thoughtfulness and his work ethic. Officer Ted Hatch was named Officer of the Year for promoting a positive and professional image and for many hours volunteering for his community.

At the April Town Council meeting, the Council commended the Gorham Police Department for their high standard of professionalism, integrity and leadership and for 50 years of proud and dedicated service to the citizens of Gorham. The Council noted the Department for their continued efforts to respond to the challenges and responsibilities of enforcing the laws of the State of Maine and the Constitution of the United States in a fair and impartial manner.

Kenny Fickett Named MRPA Citizen Volunteer of the Year

BY SHERI FABER
Staff Writer

Recreation Departments across the state rely on volunteers to help in a wide variety of ways, often with last minute crises. Kenny Fickett, who was born and raised in Gorham, is one of those volunteers who can be counted on to help with all kinds of needs.

Cindy Hazelton, Director of the Gorham Recreation Department says she was "proud to nominate Kenny for Citizen Volunteer of the Year," noting "he is the guy anyone would

call, anytime, if they needed help with anything."

Hazelton noted a number of things that Fickett has helped with as a volunteer including a last minute call to drive a school bus to take forty kids bowling on an early release day, and helping to coordinate an aerial photo of an event involving 1,463 people wearing Groucho Marx glasses at the same time in the same place for the Guinness Book of World Records.

Hazelton knows if she has an equipment problem, Fickett is the one to call. He can get other members of Gorham's



Photo courtesy of the Gorham Rec. Dept.

Public Safety Department to help out as needed. Hazelton said she "is very pleased to see Fickett get the recognition he so widely deserves."

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Addressing Fraud in Anti-Poverty Programs

BY SENATOR JIM BOYLE

No matter the bill debated in the Legislature, one topic that gets everyone’s attention is fraud. While fraud in any form should be prosecuted, lately the conversation from Augusta has been more about politicizing fraud within anti-poverty programs, especially the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, or TANF program.

For many Maine families experiencing tough times—as many have in this difficult economy—TANF is a last resort. In Maine, 8,000 families are enrolled in TANF, including almost 12,000 children. More than 90% of recipients are women raising their children alone, and one in four recipients are escaping domestic violence situations.

TANF plays an important role in helping families get back on their feet. It has helped thousands of families, and we want to know it will be there to help families in the future. That is less likely to happen if TANF money is not being spent as it is intended: for necessities for parents and their children.

Despite the bluster around rampant fraud, the truth is that most people

receiving TANF money are using it as they should: paying rent, buying groceries, putting gas in the car, and other necessities.

Consequently, my Senate colleagues and I passed a bill last week prohibiting TANF money from being spent on the “prohibited five” items: liquor, tobacco, bail, strip clubs, and lottery tickets.

Let me be very clear: it is wrong to spend money meant to feed and shelter families on the “prohibited five.”

Just as it is the responsibility of people who receive TANF not to spend the money on prohibited items, it is also the responsibility of merchants not to sell these prohibited items to people using TANF money, so our bill holds the merchants accountable, too. Stores cannot sell cigarettes to children, and they also should not sell cigarettes to people using TANF money for the purchase.

Senate Democrats felt this was a good compromise. Both sides got something they wanted, but not everything they wanted. Unfortunately, none of our Republican colleagues agreed. Not one of them supported the bill to ban the use of TANF money for

liquor, tobacco, lottery tickets, strip clubs, and bail.

It is always easier to score political points railing against “welfare recipients” than actually putting some thought into a proposal to make a program work better.

With their votes, my Republican colleagues showed they would rather do what is politically expedient than what is right.

While the lack of support for this bill is troubling, the Legislature did successfully pass a bill to create a comprehensive system to help the Department of Health and Human Services track, discourage, and prevent fraud—both from individuals and companies. As I write this, the bill is with Governor LePage. He must decide whether he really wants to stop fraud, or if he just wants to use it as an issue to divide people.



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Letter to the Editor

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Dear *Gorham Times* Editor:

An article was published in the March 13, 2014 edition of the Gorham Times written by the Gorham School Department regarding Common Core State Standards.

As parents we all must become more educated concerning the Common Core Standards. These standards were created by two Washington-based trade organizations and have been funded by large corporate sponsors for unknown/allegedly dubious reasons.

The Federal Government accepted the Common Core Standards and used 2009 stimulus money as an “incentive” for states to buy into these nationalized standards. States were given the choice to accept the untested Common Core

standards or no “Race to the Top” funding. Maine was one of those states.

It is a sad day when we allow the federal government to use extortion to gain control of our states’ educational system. I believe local and state governments should make the decisions concerning standards and curriculum. It is disturbing that the National Governor’s Association and the Council of Chief State School Officers copyright the Common Core standards; therefore our state cannot make changes to them. Further, teachers who are experts in preparing our children to become productive members of society will have their opinions sidelined or stifled in the pursuit of the “common good.” Children do not all learn the same

and to teach with that as the assumed standard is counter intuitive. Teachers will now become mere facilitators, operating under the strict standards of a system that does not seek to foster free-thinking individuals.

We all need to become more educated about Common Core. If we fail in our vigilance our children will pay the price.

Lynette and Christopher Wheeler

Corrections

Town Councilor Suzanne Phillips pled guilty to OUI, not to leaving the scene of an accident. That charge was dismissed. First offense OUI charges in Maine are class D crimes, which are misdemeanors, not felonies. The Gorham Times regrets the errors.

Mike Hazelwood was the winner of the \$100 grand prize at Gorham Marketplace. We regret not identifying him in the caption of the April 10, 2014 edition.

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Gorham Times Welcomes New Board Members

The Gorham Times welcomes three new members of the Board of Directors: Kathy Corbett, Peter Gleason, and Carol Jones.



Kathy Corbett



Peter Gleason



Carol Jones

Although her father's family has been in North Gorham since the Civil War, Kathy Corbett only moved to Gorham after retiring in 2000. When Corbett was a child her family came each year from New Jersey to their camp on Sebago Lake. Five generations have enjoyed being together there ever since. Corbett now lives in the house her aunts built for their retirement on family property, which she and her sisters bought and enjoy together each the summer.

She has an M.A. in American History from the

University of Missouri-St. Louis and was an historian and exhibit developer for the Missouri Historical Society.

One of Corbett's two sons lives with his family in St. Louis. The other has just moved to Maine with his wife and is network administrator for the Scarborough Public Library.

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James Rathbun: Mild-Mannered Librarian Competes in 2014 Spartan Death Race

By JACKIE FRANCIS
Staff Writer

Patrons of Baxter Memorial Library may know him as a soft-spoken, mild-mannered Public Services Librarian, but participants of the 2014 Spartan Death Race, which begins on June 27 of this year in the dense woods of Pittsfield, Vermont, will know James Rathbun as a formidable endurance athlete whose mental and physical strength belies his 130-pound frame.

Born, raised and educated in the Midwest, Rathbun, who is one of only 300 athletes accepted to participate in what is believed to be the world's most challenging endurance race, is in training mode. He's lifting weights and carrying five-gallon buckets of rocks. He is running marathons, rowing machines, climbing steps and ropes and hiking mountains heavily weighted. He is crawling through mud and, starting mid-May, he will be swimming in the very cold Saco River and purposely depriving himself of sleep every night to prepare himself for what is sure to come—two days of sleepless nights.

The 2014 Death Race is a 40-mile course designed by eight endurance athletes and one Royal Marine who all participated in an Ironman Race, climbed Mt. Everest and served in the military. "It is designed to push and aggravate people to such a point that even the most stoic eventually fail," says co-founder Joe De Sena. After last year's race only 10% of the athletes were standing after the nearly 70 hours of grueling challenges. Rathbun has no idea what to expect this June, except for the unexpected, and, for an endurance athlete, not knowing



Photo credit Christian Thomas

Public Services Librarian James Rathbun might seem calm, soft-spoken, and composed, but, as this photo depicts, he is a fierce and tough endurance athlete.

when a race ends can be pure agony. But, Rathbun maintains his mental prowess to be his greatest strength. "I have a calm, composed demeanor and I don't get easily frustrated. I can put up with just about anything; very little gets under my skin [in these races.]"

It's a good thing Rathbun isn't easily frazzled. In past years, Death Race competitors were asked to chop wood for two hours; complete a 30-mile hike carrying rocks and weighted packs; build a fire from scratch; cut a bushel of onions; or, after 24 hours of racing, memorize the names of the first 10 U.S. presidents, hike to the top of a mountain and back and recite them back in order. Miss a name and you get to hike to the top of the mountain again until you get it right. Why does he do this? "I think I do these races simply to see what I can do, to test my own limits," says Rathbun. "I hold

myself to a weird high standard and I want to know what I'm made of."

In 2013, Rathbun participated in 16 Spartan Race Series (5K's, half marathons, marathons and obstacle courses) across the country and is ranked 114th in the U.S. and 137th in the world. Still recovering from a torn abdominal muscle he suffered last summer in a Spartan Sprint Race (jumping over a tennis court net 75 times), Rathbun will have to carry all his own food and water supply throughout the 48-plus hours of competition. As a vegan, Rathbun finds it challenging to ingest adequate amounts of calories while he is training. "I eat lots of carbs, sugar and salt while I'm training, the kind of stuff most people avoid. I eat wheat gluten, tofu, pea and soy protein." Throughout the race, however, Rathbun expects to purify local

water and to eat concentrated carbs and electrolytes in bar form.

It's hard for the average person to imagine why someone would want to endure sleep deprivation, bodily injury and exhaustion to finish a race, but Rathbun smiles and nods. "I think it amounts to me being a childish adult. It's inherently foolish, but if someone says to me, 'I bet you can't jump over that fiery barbecue pit,' I'll jump over the pit. The Death Race is that same sort of gauntlet. I mean, there are plenty of ways to challenge yourself and most of them are safer than this!"

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“Don’t Panic, Man!”

By Jeff O’DONAL

With early spring comes the slow retreat of snow above the ground and the the thawing of frost beneath. Your first impressions of the damages wrought by Old Man Winter may well be shock and awe. A Maine winter is long, and it truly is a miracle that plants survive the subzero temperatures, ice storms, and our attempts at plowing and shoveling. We, as well as our trees, shrubs and perennials need a “spring-fix” to restore our energy.

Often, what a plant looks like at this time of year has little bearing on what it will look like in just a few short weeks. From fall leaf drop to now, outdoor plants have had to endure hardships that would try our souls. Yet plants have a natural ability to survive. Your lawn may look like a mess, from plowed-up clods of sod to brown spots and holes and tunnels from burrowing rodents. However, in just a few short weeks, spring sunshine and moisture will even out the soil and green up the grasses on which we all yearn to walk bare-foot.

All winter long, plants have had to endure winter sun and extreme cold temperatures.

Rhododendrons, in particular, have a method of doing this to save moisture by rolling their leaves into a tube whenever temperatures drop below freezing. This reduces moisture loss and increases humidity within the foliage, thereby reducing stress. Evergreen azaleas may do the same, but typically their first defense is to change in the late fall from

green to reddish or purple foliage, which reduces the amount of absorbed winter sun, and lessens moisture loss. In extreme cases, particularly in Maine gardens, this color change may not be sufficient because of our weather conditions. This foliage may well turn completely brown by this time in the spring. This usually does not impact the health of the plant. In fact, it bothers us far more than it does the plant. Leaving these azaleas in the ground to recover is the best procedure. Almost 100% of the time, these plants will even have healthy flower buds that will still bloom in May, despite what the plant looks like now. Plants such as yews, cedars or pines that have received winter burning from salt spray, high winds, excessive sun, or a combination of these, may need a bit of tip-pruning, but otherwise, will generally fully recover at the first flush of new growth.

Your job right now is to clean up piles of debris, and uncover mulched beds. Be careful not to disturb the shoots of spring-flowering bulbs such as daffodils or tulips, but uncovering the crowns of perennials and removing any leftover foliage or shoots from last year will go a long way to allowing the spring sun to warm the soil and allow the garden to recover pretty much as nature intends it to. Then relax and enjoy what is coming.



Jeff O'Donal is a Maine Certified Nursery Professional and owner of O'Donal's Nursery in Gorham with over 40 year of experience in the plant industry.

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that she was rescinding the 12 faculty layoffs, which were announced earlier. She asked that the Faculty Senate submit to her by May 31 recommended alternatives to the layoffs that will result in comparable cost savings. Those layoffs would save in the neighborhood of \$1.1 million.

The proposed elimination of the academic programs in American and New Studies, Geosciences and Arts and Humanities at USM’s Lewiston-Auburn College remains in effect. As reported in the last Gorham Times, the Faculty Senate has until May 5 to provide feedback on the proposed program eliminations. Theo will take that under consideration and submit her final recommendation to the University System Board of Trustees. They make the final decision.

GT: Is she determined to keep faculty or just shifting the responsibility for the eventual cuts to the departments?

BC: (President Kalikow) is determined to give the faculty more time to work with her to develop recommendations for her consideration that can be understood and accepted. She made the announcement on the 11th because the faculty made it clear to her that they had ideas, which hadn’t been heard. How and where the cuts will be made remains to be seen.

GT: What is the timeline for when the cuts need to be final?

BC: This has to be nailed down by the end of May. There are still tough decisions to make but, as (President Kalikow) said, we now have the chance to make those decisions in a more collaborative way.

GT: Do you have any thoughts on how University of Maine has been able to increase their enrollment and stave off some of their cuts?

BC: Our colleagues at Orono have been especially successful at attracting out-of-state students. Out-of-state students, of course, pay higher tuition rates. Also, beginning in about 2010, they began to implement strategic cuts, including program eliminations, which allowed them to save money and reallocate resources.

GT: Is USM suffering an identity crisis?

BC: An “identity crisis” is too strong a term but we certainly lack a well-defined, clearly understood institutional identity. We mean a lot of things to a lot of different people and therein lies the problem.

GT: Is there work underway to address this problem?

BC: A planning group of faculty, staff, students and off-campus volunteers met throughout the late fall and winter. One recommendation coming out of this group was that USM needs to really take advantage of our location in Greater Portland and in Lewiston-Auburn, the two largest population and economic centers in the state.

In practical terms, we have to cement many more mutually beneficial relationships with non-profits and businesses throughout Portland, Gorham, Lewiston and Auburn. Those relationships can lead to more internships and other kinds of off-campus learning experiences for USM students, as well as community projects that can benefit from faculty research and scholarship. Building on the work done to date and developing closer relationships with communities can become our strategic advantage in the higher ed marketplace. As a result, we can become what’s known as a “metropolitan university,” one recognized for giving students an education complemented by real-world learning experiences that prepare them for life after graduation and boost the region’s economy and quality of life.

GT: How will this affect the Gorham campus’ role in the future?

BC: All of this begs the question of the role of the Gorham campus. We have to do more to leverage the characteristics of each of our three campuses and make them work more as a cohesive whole rather than three distinct campuses. For Gorham, we should do more to highlight, for example, the engineering and technology programs in the John Mitchell Center and the fine and performing arts. And as the only public university offering with a residential campus in Greater Portland, we should look into providing housing options for more summer programming, hosting distance education programs that include brief on-campus stays, and the like.

GT: Any final thoughts?

BC: Public higher education throughout Maine, and the nation, are facing serious challenges in terms of flat or decreasing budgets, lower enrollments, higher costs, and more intense competition for students. All of us need to think about new and different ways to reorganize ourselves so that we continue to offer an affordable, quality education and serve as an important economic and cultural resource for the region.

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Town Council Report

By Robin Somes
Staff Writer

In his monthly report, Town Manager David Cole reported on the Town's FY2014-15 budget proposal, stating that it is \$12,417,206, a 2.7% increase from the current FY2013-14 budget of \$12,091,556. Property taxes need to account for \$6,633,719, a 1.9% increase. Non-property tax revenue is estimated at \$5,783,487, a 3.6% increase. The estimated property tax rate needed, based on a local assessed value of \$1,347,778,050, is \$4.92, a five-cent or one-percent increase. Cole noted the proposed budget is \$575,308 below the LD 1 tax levy limit. In addition, Cumberland County property tax is \$934,677; a \$46,533 or 5.2% increase representing a three-cent increase in the property tax rate.

The budget proposal document makes mention of the money that last year's State biennial budget "swiped," which was intended for towns throughout Maine. This resulted in an increase in local property taxes. Additional revenue sharing money that has been taken this year represents an estimated loss of \$37,000 for Gorham's proposed budget. In the budget proposal, Cole notes that under Maine law, Gorham should receive approximately \$1.6 million in revenue sharing, not the \$715,000 that is slated. The proposal states that this "additional \$885,000 would reduce the tax rate by 65 cents, or, looking at it another way, we could double the amount of money that is in this budget for road projects and still reduce the tax rate by 34 cents."

Two notable acknowledgements were bestowed at this month's meeting. Recreation Director Cindy Hazelton presented Kenny Fickett with the 2014 Maine Parks and Recreation Association's Citizen Volunteer of the Year award. She commended his 25 years of dedicated service to the Gorham Recreation Department.

The Town Council recognized the 50th anniversary of the Gorham Police Department for "dedicated and proud service." For more information on this semicentennial anniversary, see page one.

In other action, the Town Council voted:

- 7-0 to approve a renewal Liquor License for Spire 29, located at 29 School Street.
- 7-0 to accept the proposal from Port City Architectural for a feasibility and cost study to include a site plan, floor plans and a schematic design for a Public Safety facility at 270 Main Street with the goal of developing a facility costing approximately five million dollars. \$65,000 will be appropriated from the Public Works-DEP Site Permit Reserve from this effort.
- 7-0 to accept the proposal from Gorham Savings Bank to provide Banking and Financial Services to the Town.
- 6-1 (Councilor Suzanne Phillips) to authorize Gorham Police Officers to make arrests outside of Gorham.
- 7-0 to approve Town Manager Cole's designation of Jeri Sheldon to serve as Acting Town Manager in situation involving absence or disability.
- 7-0 to appoint the following Committee appointments:
Baxter Library Board of Trustees: Susan Emerson, Mary Collins, Megan Hills
Board of Appeals: Jared Clark, Janice Labrecque, Christine Hume
Board of Assessment Review: Craig Sterling, Melinda Shain (alternate)
Board of Health: Linda Sanborn
Board of Voter Registration: Janice Labrecque
Economic Development Corporation: Jack Donovan, Peter Harriman
Parks and Conservation Commission: Damon Houk, Ann Dunbar
Planning Board: Rachel Sunnell
Recycling Committee: Steve Wiggins, Ann Dunbar

Clerk's Corner

By Jennifer Elliott
Town Clerk

I hope everyone is enjoying this nice taste of spring. Let's hope it is here to stay.

In the Clerk's Office absentee ballot applications are available for you to fill out. You can request an application in person, over the phone (by the voter) and online through the State of Maine's website. We will send your absentee ballots as soon as we receive them.

Later this spring will be a Primary Election and a School Budget Validation Election. To vote in the Primary, you must be enrolled in either the Democratic, Republican, or Green party. If you are unenrolled,

you may enroll at any time, including Election Day. If you are in a party now and would like to change to another party, you must make that change prior to May 23rd to be eligible to vote in the Primary. Everyone who votes will receive a School Budget ballot.

Also, do not forget that May 15th is tax day. The second portion of your tax year is due.

If you have any questions, call the Clerk's Office at 222-1670.



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MARCH 3, 2014

Planning Board Report

The Planning Board approved a proposal to divide property at 4 Burnham Road into two parcels, one with a legally non-conforming roadside stand and the other with a single-family residence and a wireless communications tower. The late Barbara King owned the property and this proposal is to benefit her heirs.

After a lengthy discussion, the board tabled a motion for a 325-foot private way off Spiller Road. An abutter, Matt Raney, told the board he wanted his property to be restored to its original condition, which would include the removal of a vegetated ditch as well as large stones and debris.

Michael & Melissa Gould presented an application for a three-lot subdivision at 138 Shaw's Mill Road.

Jon and Cindy Smith's proposal is moving forward for Perennial Place at White Rock a 12-unit project with a community room for people aged 55 and older. Smith ultimately plans to convert the project to condominiums at some later date. Each unit will have a storage area and a patio area in the back of the building. The current well and septic system will be used and are more than adequate for this project. Smith said he might build two additional units after the five-year easement expires for some of the ball fields. A site walk was scheduled.

The Board voted to waive the requirement for a paved apron on a proposed private way at the end of Davis Annex since that part of Davis Annex is a gravel road.

Great Falls Construction to Renovate Little Falls School

By Sheri Faber
Staff Writer

At a special meeting on April 8th, the Town Council voted 7-0 to award Great Falls Construction with the contract for work to be done on

the former Little Falls School. Voters approved \$500,000 in a referendum in 2012 for this work to be done in order to continue to use this facility. The proposal from Great Falls was the lowest bid at \$487,800 and was

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SPORTS

All-State Basketball Star



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In her debut season as a varsity girls' basketball player, GHS freshman Emily Esposito earned a spot on the Maine Sunday Telegram All-State Team. Esposito led the Rams to 13-5 record and a fifth-place ranking in Western Maine Class A while averaging 17.3 points, 9.3 rebounds, 3.5 steals, 2.8 assists and 1.1 blocks per game. She also earned third-team all-state honors from the Bangor Daily News. In the announcement issued by the Maine Sunday Telegram, the paper noted how rare it is for freshman to be selected to the All-State Team and that Windham coach Brody Artes said Esposito was in the discussion for the SMAA conference player of the year.

sports Etc.

World Record Attempt to Raise Funds for Battling Alzheimer's: Gorham resident Ryan Dyer will attempt to set a world record while also raising funds for the Maine Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association. On May 5th at Maine Indoor Karting in Scarborough, Dyer will attempt to break the world record for the most miles completed on an indoor racetrack within a 24-hour timespan, which currently stands at 375 miles. Dyer starts his quest at 1:00 p.m. "I plan on using this record attempt as a unique way to help build awareness and raise funds for the Alzheimer's Association," Dyer said. "We are accepting donations for the event and will donate 100% of the proceeds directly to association." FMI or to contribute, visit the Race Against Alzheimer's Go Fund Me page at www.gofundme.com/RaceAgainstAlzheimers or contact Ryan Dyer at 885-0058 or Ryan@Maineindoorkarting.com.

in the Zone

Repeat Men's Basketball Champions: **Eric Lelansky**, a teacher at Gorham High School, and **Gregg Morton**, a teacher at Gorham Middle School, were key members of the VTEC Training team that captured its seventh-straight Gorham Rec/John Reed Men's Basketball League Championship on April 13th at Shaw Gym. The league, named after long-time Gorham police officer John Reed, has been running for many years. Since it moved back to Shaw Gym in 2007, VTEC captured the championship every year, losing just two regular-season games.

State Fishing Champions



Courtesy Photo

The Maine B.A.S.S. Nation held its inaugural High School Championship last October in Gardiner, and finishing first was the team of Alex Williamson and Joe Curtis, both of Gorham, who won by catching bass weighing 10.62 pounds. Finishing second was another Gorham resident, Daniel Rodgers, who competed solo in the team competition and finished with catches totaling 9.16 pounds. All three now advance to the B.A.S.S. High School National Championship July 16-19 in Tennessee. Williamson and Curtis will also compete in the in the B.A.S.S. Nation Eastern Divisional Championship September 24-26 in New York. All three compete for the Windham Christian Academy Junior Bassmaster Team. Williamson attends Windham Christian Academy while Curtis attends Gorham High School and Daniel Rodgers is home schooled. Pictured above, from left to right, Curtis, Williamson and Rodgers display their state championship trophies.

Introducing: The Gorham Sports Center

By JEFF PIKE
Sports Editor

The indoor athletic facility on Narragansett Street, formerly known as YourSpace, has changed its name to Gorham Sports Center to reflect the wide variety of sports and programs beyond soccer that the facility accommodates. “We want the general public to view us as a place for multiple sports—including lacrosse, baseball, field hockey and football,” says Dan Soule, who was hired as the general manager last August. “We will of course continue to provide the facility to area soccer clubs and teams, many of which have been loyal customers for many years.”

In addition to the name change to Gorham Sports Center, there is also a new website and new programs that offer athletic opportunities to the residents of Gorham and surrounding towns. “But we are still maintaining our non-profit roots,” Soule emphasizes.

Gorham Sports Center remains under the management of the Southern Maine Community Recreation Center (SMCRC), which began managing the 50,000 square foot facility in 2008. In addition to the area youth and adult sports teams that utilize the facility, the organization hosts youth clinics in baseball, lacrosse, football, and field hockey. The facility also runs youth and adult leagues in soccer,

lacrosse, ultimate Frisbee, and field hockey while offering open-turf time during which the general public can take advantage of the open space.

Soule adds that the field house is also available for sports tournaments, with a field hockey tournament co-hosted by Saint Joseph’s College of Maine taking place April 27 and a Jiu-Jitsu tournament scheduled for July. As a multi-purpose facility, Gorham Sports Center is available for any type of event for which an organization or family wants to capitalize on a large indoor space—including business trade shows, auto shows, dinner/dance events, laser tag and even birthday parties.

“We also have future expansion plans that include increasing the amount of parking space, outdoor grass and turf fields, and perhaps expanding the size of the current facility,” Soule says. “We also hope to add locker rooms and showers, but much of what we are planning depends on securing grants and community fundraising efforts. We hope to establish with the general community the key benefit that we offer to the entire southern Maine community—a multi-purpose indoor sports center that offers its facilities at a lower cost than traditional for-profit sports centers.”

For more information on the programs and events at Gorham Sports Center, visit www.gorhamsportscenter.com.

Gorham Times Board Members

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Corbett has been the librarian since 2011 for the North Gorham Public Library, which, Corbett says, has been the center of the community at the northeastern end of Gorham for more than one hundred years.

Corbett looks forward to serving on the Gorham Times Board and to helping further communication between the village and the North Gorham/White Rock part of town.

Peter Gleason was born in Cleveland, Ohio and graduated from Charles River Academy in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

He moved to Maine 30 years ago with his wife Fran. For the past five years they have lived in Gorham.

After 26 years Gleason recently retired from the Gorham School Department where he was a member of the Maintenance Department and Head Groundskeeper for the Middle School and High School athletic fields.

Gleason has three sons: Mike, a Master Brewer at Jack’s Abby in Framingham, Massachusetts; Ben, a Landscape Architect for Activitas in Dedham, Massachusetts and Andy, who works for Creighton University as the ILAC (Institute of Latin American Concerns) Program Coordinator in Omaha, Nebraska. Gleason is also blessed to have a new grandson, Myles.

Peter is an active member of the St. Anne’s Knights of Columbus Council. He enjoys photography, camping, hiking, kayaking and playing tennis.

Carol Jones grew up in Rumford, graduating in 1987. She attended St. Joseph’s College where she earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration with a concentration in

Accounting. She earned her CPA designation in 1993. Jones worked for firms in South Portland and Portland before starting her own business in Gorham in 1997. She provides tax & accounting services to businesses, non-profits and individuals.

Jones and her husband Trevor have lived in Gorham for twenty years, and enjoy raising their two boys in this community where their sons attend Gorham Middle School and Gorham High School. Active outdoor people, Jones and her husband enjoy camping and working in their yard.

Jones has served many hours for the Cub Scout program, both locally and regionally. Now that her boys are older, Jones is often involved in supporting the Cross Country & Track programs at the High School.

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Gorham Schools to Adopt New Google Email System

BY DENNIS CROWE
*Director of Technology,
Gorham Schools*

On May 14, Gorham Schools will be transitioning away from its current email system, FirstClass, to Google's Education Suite.

A year ago, a committee was tasked to ensure Gorham students are prepared for the uncertain technological landscape ahead. The committee looked into many options available to schools, but kept coming back to Google because it has developed tools for education, in addition to their email system, that make them an industry leader.

Already, districts such as South Portland, Falmouth, and Massabesic have made the shift to Google and the reaction has been overwhelmingly positive, especially with the new features that Google's Education Suite provides.

In terms of the email change, Gorham's student and staff emails will adopt the industry standard naming schema of first.last instead of the current standard of firstnamelastinitial. For example, my email will become dennis.crowe@gorham-schools.org.

So, what does Google offer Gorham apart from a new email system?

We've been listening to the Gorham business community's feedback and have heard the need for more education around collaboration. Google's Education

Suite allows teachers and students to work together in real time on documents, spreadsheets, and PowerPoint presentations.

The Suite also provides an excellent cloud-based word processor, as well as the ability to easily create spreadsheets and presentations. This will allow Gorham to save money on expensive software.

For those concerned about the privacy of a Google account, Google's lawyers released the following, "Google Apps is governed by a detailed Privacy Policy, which ensures we will not inappropriately share or use personal information placed in our systems. Google complies with applicable US privacy law, and the Google Apps Terms of Service can specifically detail our obligations and compliance with FERPA (Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act) regulations. Google is registered with the US-EU Safe Harbor agreement, which helps ensure that our data protection compliance meets European Union standards for educational institutions."

Gorham educators are excited about this change. They believe it will allow Gorham to continue to be a leader in education in the state of Maine.

For more information,
contact dennis.crowe@gorhamschools.org

APRIL 9, 2014

Gorham School Committee

BY ROBIN SOMES
Staff Writer

After six workshops regarding the FY 2015 school budget, the School Committee reviewed and discussed the final iteration of changes and subsequently approved the school budget, which includes All Day Kindergarten.

School District Finance Officer Hollis Cobb provided a summary of changes to the budget proposal that Superintendent Ted Sharp originally presented to the Committee at February's meeting.

A switch of service provider for phone lines from Time Warner to the Maine School and Library Network reduces the school budget by \$21,000.

A staff resignation from Village Elementary represents a reduction of \$5,050.

Staff retirements represent a \$30,000 reduction.

Anthem health insurance premiums have not increased and represent a savings calculated at \$37,559.

An anticipated increase to the Sebago Education Alliance tuition increases the budget by \$18,000.

Continuing the talk about budget changes, Chair Dennis Libby explained that a new hire to replace a retiring teacher at Narragansett Elementary could be circumvented if a vertical team model was followed. Vertical teaming involves teachers across multiple grades who work together in developing curricula that provide a

more all-inclusive learning experience for the student. This would be a pilot program at Narragansett and would result in a savings of \$83,250, the cost of wage and benefits for a replacement teacher.

Libby reported on another reconsideration of the original budget proposal that involved the new STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) and Numeracy Specialist positions. By altering the STEM position to incorporate aspects of the Numeracy Specialist position and hiring a new Ed Tech who would provide support to students, there would be a net savings of \$40,000.

According to Libby, another change to the budget was due to a proposal for 55 new iPads for the kindergarten classes and two new iPad carts, one for Village Elementary and one for Narragansett. The additional iPads represent five iPads for each of the 11 kindergarten classes. That, along with the requested iPad carts, would add \$17,055 to the budget.

On a final note about changes to the budget proposal, Libby talked about Charter School tuition, noting that the lack of inclusion in the last budget left the school district scrambling to come up with the funds they were obliged by law to provide for seven students. Funding for three students, for a total of \$32,250, was determined to be the figure to include in the budget. Any funds not used would be rolled over to next year's budget.

In acting on the changes, the School Committee voted:

- 6-0 to approve the change in the Numeracy Specialist position to an Ed Tech position along with redefinition of the STEM position, thereby reducing the budget by \$40,000.
- 5-1 (John Doyle) to approve adding \$17,055 to the budget for two iPad carts (one each for Village and Narragansett) and 55 iPads for the 11 kindergarten classrooms at five per class.
- 6-0 to increase the budget by \$32,250 to account for three Charter School tuition allotments.
- 5-1 (John Doyle) to adopt the modified FY 2015 school budget of \$34,152,140, a 3.75% increase over the FY14.

The approved budget equates to a mil rate of 1.62% or 18 cents. The school budget will now be directed to the Town Council, whose vote will determine if it will be on the June 10th ballot where Gorham voters will determine the final approval.

Additionally, cast members performed the last act of "Mother Hicks." As reported in this newspaper, the production won first place at the Maine State Drama Festival. Gorham High School Drama Club Advisor Eileen Avery, who directed the play, read a letter she received from Senator Susan Collins lauding this achievement.

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Fun and Health at Great Falls Elementary

Over 300 families participated this year in the Great Falls Family Fun and Wellness Night, held on April 4. With a focus on wellness, families experienced different forms of movement including: Dance Dance Revolution; Jukado; Take Time; Brain Gym; and dance. A story walk was set up that featured the book "Scoot," written by local author Cathryn Falwell (pictured to the right with Andrew and Abigail Fortier). The obstacle course and giant blow up slide were back by popular demand. Many organizations also shared health, safety and wellness information. Officer Sanborn (Bike Safety), the Gorham School Nutrition Program (Healthy Snacks), and The Gorham Fire Department were just a few of the guests.



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school notes

Gorham Adult Education is now offering Get Hooked on Fly Fishing and Introduction to Recreational Kayaking outdoor courses. They are also hosting the 5th Annual Student Art Show & Reception on May 16 from 6-7 p.m. at Baxter Memorial Library. Gorham Adult Education students, taught by local artist Maddie Lou Chaplin, will present their current work. Artwork will be on display through June 12. To register for spring courses or FMI, call 222-1095 or visit www.gorham.maineadulted.org.

At the Pine Tree District Championship in Lewiston on April 4-5, the Northern Force Robotics Team placed 15th out of 38 robots. They were selected to play on an alliance with Team 319 and Team 58 and made it to the semifinals. With points received from the Pine Tree District Event and the Granite State District Event, they qualified to go to the New England FIRST Regional Championship on April 10-12. There they placed 10th out of 53 robots. They moved into the eighth seed placement during the alliance selections, which allowed them to choose their alliance for the playoffs but they were eliminated in the quarterfinals. They qualified to go to the World's FIRST Championship on April 23-26, but have decided not to attend.

Chewonki, ecomaine and Pine Tree Waste Systems will announce Maine's top three winners of \$4,000 in the 2014 Zero Waste Challenge, a statewide competition focused on sustainability service learning, on April 28 from 10 to 11 a.m. at the Westbrook Performing Arts Center. In September, Chewonki challenged Maine middle school students to develop and submit plans to help their schools save money and resources by evaluating and reducing their waste streams. Gorham is one of five finalists. Prizes will be awarded to the schools with the best waste reduction plans. Schools may use the prize money to implement their innovative waste reduction plans or to learn about waste reduction strategies at Chewonki.

The Gorham High School Classics Performance team will represent Gorham Schools in the Odyssey of the Mind World Finals in Ames, IA May 28-31. There will be a fundraising yard sale on May 17 in the yard of Phil Bartlett on the corner of Running Springs and Rt. 114/South Street from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Yard sale donations and help of any kind would be appreciated. FMI contact Carolyn Bickford, carolyn.bickford@gorhamschools.org or Diane Knott, diane.knott@gorhamschools.org.

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Bernard P. Rines died peacefully in his sleep on Saturday, April 12th, ten days before his 91st birthday.

A lifelong teacher, Bernard taught Engineering and Agriculture at the University of New Hampshire briefly in the post war GI bill boom before returning to the farm and business world. Customers, employees, and his three sons benefited from his helpful approach to many trades for over 50 years.

Bernard was very generous with his time. Rather than spending his career in an office, he preferred on the job service and training, and, in 1959, started Ag. Engineers, Inc.

Whether it was building a barn, pumping water to a crop, or researching and surveying the town of Gorham, the home of his forefathers, a job well done was the primary goal. Patient, fair, gentle, diplomatic, and detailed are words to describe the examples he set for many young employees. Demonstrated were the ability to work with their hands and their brains, and how do it right the first time. His motto was "What can we accomplish today?"

Bernard was always interested in local town government. When Gorham changed from Selectmen to Town Council in 1968, he ran for office and was elected the first chairman. Many councilors since have received helpful insight, as well as volumes of letters on various issues. He continued working behind the scenes on many town projects.

Bernard took a FORTRAN early computer course in 1970s to help Gorham voter registration into the computer punch card era. At the same time word processing arrived, allowing him to turn out more letters to town officials. Bernard was always a DOS computer man who never joined the world of icons.

His persistence in solving Gorham's traffic and planning issues led to The Bernard Rines Highway, known as the bypass, after decades of study.

Much like his grandfather, whose 1919 obituary described "sterling Yankee integrity," Bernard led a simple life of principles: live conservatively; pay bills immediately; customer comes first; plan for the future; vote or do not complain; and wake up in the morning with a good dose of determination. All were practiced.

Bernard grew up on Walnut Crest Farm with all kinds of livestock and crew of a dozen men during the depression learning a day's work and how to get a job done. He rode a horse around the farm until age 18, and then went mechanical with his first motorcycle, which required less care. He last rode his BMW on his 85th birthday.

He graduated from Gorham High School in 1941, and the University of Maine with BS degrees in Ag & Electrical Engineering in 1946. He had a back operation and polio during college with time off to help farm WWII home front.

He was born on April 22, 1923, at Walnut Crest Farmhouse, to Clinton F. and Marion Phinney Rines. Younger siblings include Anna Rines Martin, Hight Rines (died age four), and Mark Rines.

He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Priscilla Thomas Rines; sons, Stephen and Dale; daughter-in-law, Betty; and grandson, Nate. He was predeceased by his son Mathew in 2007.

Bernard was a member and former deacon of First Parish Church, and a life member of American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers.

There will be no visiting hours. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, April 26, at 10:30 a.m., at First Parish Church.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to: Rines Scholarship c/o University of Maine Foundation, 5 Clearwater Dr., Falmouth, ME 04105 or Baxter Memorial Library, 71 South St., Gorham, ME 04038.



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Planning a Greener Gorham

By EMILY LEWIS
GHS Intern

Gorham has changed greatly over the past 40, 20, or even 10 years. Formerly abounded by local farms and farmers, the town has changed into an eclectic, 16,000 person, industrial, economic, and athletic town that is proud of the farms it has left. Plans for new buildings and housing developments have increased as it expands to meet the rate of growth. Land growth and development are necessary but come with a cost. Expansion and industrial development take a toll on the environment.

At the local level there is contingency for sustainability but this message often gets lost between the people and legislation. Sometimes, it is difficult to know how to effectively advocate beliefs. The Greater Portland Sustainability Council (GPSC) bridges that gap by focusing on "being a connector and catalyst for individuals and organizations working on renewable energy, local food and agriculture, transportation, natural resources, land use, water quality, green buildings and more."

Gorham has been chosen as a pilot community to partake in the GCSP "Greener Communities" project. The effort aims to help towns get in touch with local government, create partnerships, and increase access to resources and conservation expertise. Gorham was chosen because of our enthusiasm, connections with statewide groups, support from USM, Green Teams, and the local yet widespread feel. It is a perfect size and has the right people to make a serious difference.

So, how is Gorham going to get "greened up?" The project is still in the planning phase, but members have put together a rough action plan that has a qualitative approach.

Ideas broached include having more Green Team Alliances, expanding USM internship and support, hosting "Greenfests" like the one in Portland, encouraging environmentally focused businesses, having public meetings or demonstrations, and raising awareness through community events. The first annual Bike Walk Gorham event on September 27th is one example of a community event that promotes bicycling, walking, and appreciating the town as well as conservation.

Right now, the planning committee's main priority is bringing all elements into one comprehensive plan that unites all efforts into a single focus. The collective effort will require a lot of work, dedication, and time to really make a difference.

It is easy for citizens to start "greening up" their own lives right away since the action plan will take some time. Supporting conservation doesn't have to mean riding your bike every day to work or planting a vegetable garden in your backyard. Those things are great, of course, but small efforts like recycling a plastic water bottle or voting in favor to sustain forest and farmland will green up our lives, too.

Memory Café: An Open Invitation

By SARAH ADAMS
Gorham House

Every day Ken Capron wakes to the same thought "What the heck am I doing?" And every day he pulls up to his computer and grabs the phone to schedule meetings with somebody to talk about Memory Cafés. Checking his calendar, Capron makes calls to remind people about an upcoming Memory Café. Today he's focused on the Café at the Gorham House. He is focused on support for people with any of the dozens of forms of dementia. Whether it's Alzheimer's or 'senility', people whose cognitive functions have been compromised find themselves quite alone in the world. Their caregivers find themselves feeling trapped with no break in sight. "These folks deserve a break, a moment of normalcy."

Capron has taken it upon himself to establish more than a dozen Memory Cafés in the last year. On the 4th Tuesday every month, at 1 p.m. the Gorham House hosts one Memory Café. They donate the space, provide and brew up some coffee and treats. Capron arranges for guests who offer professional advice or fun advice or storytelling or "life stories." Capron says, "It's a lot of fun when the conversation gets going. It sure can make the head spin. Stimulating the mind is just what the 'doctor' ordered."

"There are no islands here," says Capron. In each location, someone pro-

vides the venue, another provides a host or two, some one or some business brings in a snack or a lunch, someone else makes a presentation, and local businesses help sponsor the costs of media and outreach.

"This is a community need - all working together to bring a little bit of friendship to people in your town who have become isolated by their dementia."


Capron says, "The dementia care profession has only identified maybe 10% of the people with memory impairment. We want to reach out to those people who know they are having memory problems but don't want others to know about it. At the Memory Café, we are all in the same boat. If you want help, we can connect you. But for the most part, we just want to share some good coffee and great conversation with you."


See, Capron has dementia. He's made this service available to anyone within driving distance of Gorham House and hopes you will join him on April 24, at the Gorham House.

For more information, contact Ken Capron, MemoryWorks, 797-7891 or kcapron1@maine.rr.com.



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Thomas Bennett (GHS ’10), Gettysburg College

Timothy Daigler of Gorham, a senior at Westminster School in Simsbury, CT, earned honors for the winter 2014 academic term.

Kristin Ross (GHS ’13), a student athlete at Binghamton University and member of the Women’s Basketball team, was named to the fall 2013 Athletic Director’s Honor Roll.

Alexandra Sturgis (GHS ’12), Gettysburg College

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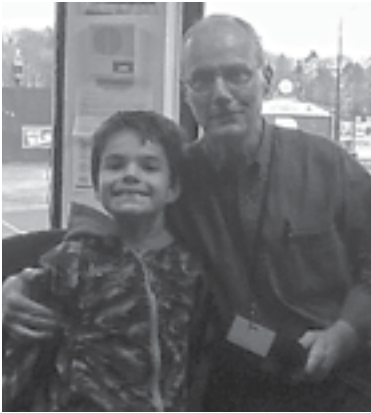
The 133rd Engineer Battalion, a local division of the Maine National Guard currently deployed in Afghanistan, is made up of 48 men and women from the Greater Portland Area, including six Gorham residents. Three branches of Casco Federal Credit Union collected over 200 lbs of donations--from toiletries, books and stationary to cards, word games and snacks-- filling 23 boxes of care packages. A bake sale raised enough funds to completely cover the cost of shipping the packages to Afghanistan. “It was like three days of Christmas around here,” writes Staff Sergeant Jeff Gregor in a thank you note to Casco FCU. “Everyone was excited to see what the next day would bring. It was fun to watch as everyone was able to find a favorite amongst all the packages. Words cannot explain our gratitude for the support from all of you. On the behalf of the Maintenance Platoon, Forward Support Company, 133rd Engineer Battalion and truly, from the bottom of my heart, THANK YOU!”



Photo credit Kelsey Gillespie

Elizabeth LaMontagne (GHS ’10) was recognized as the Janet M. McCartney Scholar for the Class of 2014 at Princeton University in recognition of an excellent academic record and a strong commitment to education policy.

The Portland Sea Dogs, in honor of Autism Awareness Month, chose nine-year-old Shane Johnson of Gorham as a Junior Announcer for the April 13 game against New Britain. Johnson is in the 3rd grade at Great Falls Elementary School and is the son of Kristine Johnson.



Join Kathy Stevens, Baxter Memorial Library’s Youth Services Librarian, for her final Story Time on Tuesday, Apr. 29 at 9:30 a.m. before her retirement. Light refreshments to follow. A Retirement Gathering will also be held on Thursday, May 1, from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Please join us as we wish Kathy well in her new adventure. Refreshments will be served.

Hallie Balcomb (GHS ’10) delivered a research-based presentation titled “Combating the Spread of Malaria with the Power of Mathematics” at the Bates College Mount David Summit. Balcomb is the daughter of Scott Balcomb and Abigail Sanborn of Gorham.

Stephanie Morin (GHS ’10), a Public Relations and History major at Huntington University, will present a winning proposal for the Indiana Department of Agriculture’s marketing competition alongside the six members of her “Hoosier Grown” winning team.

The West Gorham Union Church, 190 Ossipee Trail, Gorham, will hold a Church Supper on Saturday, May 3 at 5 p.m. \$8/\$3 under 12. Tickets go on sale at 4 p.m.

John MacKenzie (GHS ’05) was a winning contestant on “The Price is Right,” which aired on April 4, winning two cameras and \$1,000 in cash. MacKenzie and his mother Debby were helping younger brother Dan MacKenzie (GHS ’07) relocate from Portland, OR to Burbank, CA (where the show is taped). Ironically, it was just about a year ago his brother Dan appeared and won on Let’s Make a Deal.



Photo courtesy of Chris MacKenzie

A Community Dinner sponsored by the Gorham Ecumenical Council will be held at the First Parish Congregational Church on Monday, Apr. 28 at 5:30 p.m. A Ham Dinner with Macaroni and Cheese will be the last dinner of the season and free of charge. Come enjoy food and fellowship!

The First Parish Congregational Church on Church Street in Gorham will hold a Chicken Pie Supper on Saturday, May 3 from 5 to 6:30 pm. \$10/\$5 under 12.

The Annual Spring Rummage-Perennial Sale at Cressey Road United Methodist Church in Gorham will be held on Friday, May 2 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on Saturday, May 3 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday will feature additional markdowns, including fill-a-grocery-bag for \$1 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Margaret Solomon Gunn of Gorham took home first place for two of her four quilts entered in the International Machine Quilter’s Exposition held recently in Manchester, NH. She was also presented with the most coveted Best Stand Up Machine Quilting Award, given for a frame-style quilter. Her daughter, Sophie Gunn, a seven-year-old at Village School, received second place for the quilt she entered in the age 7-16 age category.



Photo courtesy of Margaret Gunn

The Willis Farm, 131 Mosher Road, Gorham, will host a silent auction featuring local artists’ work, floral arrangements and terrariums on Saturday, May 3 from 1 to 5 p.m. Proceeds to benefit Innovation in Clubfoot to Kenya Project.

There will be a meeting of the Gorham Garden Club on Tuesday, Apr. 29 at 7 p.m. at the First Parish Church in Gorham. Carolyn Snell of Snell’s Family Farm will present a program on Container Gardening. The public is welcome to attend and participate.

The Gorham Business Exchange Annual Meeting, Tuesday, April 29 from 5-7 p.m. at Spire 29 on the Square, 29 School St. Guest speakers include Dave Cole, Town Manager; Ted Sharp, Gorham School Superintendent; and Judi Jones, InfoHarbor, LLC. RSVP to Leigh-Paige Smith at lpsmith@gorhambusiness.org.

In celebration of National Library Week, the North Gorham Public Library at 2 Standish Neck Road will host an Open House and Pie Sale on Saturday, Apr. 26 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. In addition to enjoying a slice of homemade pie, visitors may purchase whole pies and participate in a silent auction.

John Ford Jr., author of Suddenly, the Cider Didn’t Taste So Good, will entertain with tales of his adventures as a Maine game warden on Thursday, May 1, at 7 p.m. at the North Gorham Public Library, 2 Standish Neck Rd. FMI, call 892-2575.

The Westbrook/Gorham Community Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce that “The Maine Market,” a vendor fair of Made in Maine goods will be held on Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. throughout the 2014 summer season in Westbrook’s Riverbank Park. The Maine Market may include fishing supplies, artwork, locally produced food, hand-crafted clothing, with street performers, musicians, and other forms of community entertainment. \$10 per table each Saturday or \$70/8 Saturdays. FMI, james@frogandturtle.com.

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Paul and Brianna Kennedy celebrated the recent opening of their restaurant, The Blue Pig Diner, by having a ribbon cutting ceremony with the Gorham Business Exchange and the Town. Their daughters, Ava and Emma, did the honors of holding the ribbon while Mike Phinney, Town Council Chairman, cut it. The restaurant is now open daily for breakfast and lunch. Pictured are Leigh-Paige Smith, GBE; David Willis, GBE; Brianna & Paul Kennedy, Owners; Mike Phinney; Becky Winslow, GBE; David Cole, Town Manager; Ava & Emma Kennedy. If you are opening a business in Gorham and would like to celebrate by having a ribbon cutting, please contact Leigh-Paige Smith at the Gorham Business Exchange, lpsmith@gorhambusiness.org or 892-5515.




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ON-GOING EVENTS

The Lakes Region Senior Drop-In Center temporarily located at Sunset Ridge Golf Links, 771 Cumberland St, Westbrook, offers a variety of daily activities and drop-in classes for seniors on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 9 a.m. Stop in for morning coffee or play pickleball, poker, bingo, miniature golf, shuffleboard or cribbage. Join in on exercise, watch a movie or learn to knit. FMI, 892-5604 or email bwa31@maine.rr.com.

The Southern Maine Agency on Aging will hold office hours every Thursday from 9 a.m. to 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.

The Gorham Medical Closet located at the Municipal Center, 75 South St., is free and available to Gorham residents in need of portable wheelchairs, hospital beds, shower seats, commodes, walkers, canes and more. FMI, call 839-4579, 839-3630 or 839-3936.



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Chickens Eluding Police

Caller reported loose chickens on Gray Road; the chickens had returned to their property when the officer arrived.

School Street man reported people had been following him all day and that someone had been outside his apartment. He could not provide any further details.

Suspicious persons on Harding Bridge Road were subjects skateboarding in the area.

Officer saw a vehicle stop on Evergreen Drive and recognized the driver as someone who was out on bail for a domestic violence assault. Man was arrested for violating conditions of release and possession of marijuana.

An animal problem was reported on Sebago Lake Road. Officer knocked on door and saw people sitting inside but they did not come to the door.

Woman from Whispering Pines Lane told the school nurse that her son was outside on the wood line and was refusing to go to school.

Caller reported a female on lower Main Street running out of the woods toward the road.

Buck Street caller, who had been threatened, was advised to get a protection from abuse order.

Patrick Drive man reported criminal mischief and said he suspected it was his neighbor.

George Street man called police to see if there were any arrest warrants out for him.

Great Falls School asked police to check on a Gray Road student who was truant. Officer left message on phone. Car was in the driveway but no one came to the door.

Fort Hill Road caller reported a missing person. Officer called missing person's cell phone, which was answered. He had been in New Hampshire for work and pulled over to take a nap on the way home.

GHS student reported \$17 was stolen from his wallet during gym class.

Police responded to Evergreen Drive for a verbal argument between mother and son. Officer advised son to be more respectful and appreciative of mother's hospitality. They agreed to disagree and calm down.

Officer stopped a vehicle on Huston Road with side taillight out. Driver was arrested on a warrant and for operating after suspension.

Great Falls Construction at Little Falls CONTINUED FROM PAGE 5

considered to provide the best value to the town.

Work to be done will include an upgrade of the heating system to run on propane, a new roof, sprinklers throughout the building and replacement windows where needed. Ultimately, Town Manager David Cole anticipates that natural gas may be extended from its current termination point on Canal

Street to this site. Natural gas is considerably cheaper than propane and the conversion from propane to natural gas, Cole said, is a simple one.

The building will be used for public meeting purposes that will be scheduled through the Recreation Department. At this point, there are no definitive plans for a senior citizen center at the site.



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- 4-H Science Program, Restoring a River. Learn how dams impact native fish by building your own dam. 6 p.m. Baxter Memorial Library. To register call 222-1190.
- Gorham Food Pantry Open, 9-11 a.m.
- USM Jazz Ensemble, 7:30 p.m., Corthell Concert Hall, Gorham campus. \$8/\$5.

FRIDAY, APR. 25

- Friends of Baxter Memorial Library Book Sale, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Gorham Rec. Dept. multi-purpose room. Cash/checks/credit/debit cards accepted.
- USM Vocal Jazz Ensembles, 8 p.m., Corthell Concert Hall, Gorham campus. \$8/\$5.

SATURDAY, APR. 26

- Pie Sale, Open House and Silent Auction, North Gorham Public Library, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Friends of Baxter Memorial Library Book Sale, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Gorham Rec. Dept. multi-purpose room. Cash/checks/credit/debit cards accepted.
- Southern Maine Symphony Orchestra, 2 p.m., Gorham Middle School. \$8/\$5.
- USM Composers Showcase Concert, 8 p.m., Corthell Concert Hall, Gorham campus. Free.

SUNDAY, APR. 27

- USM Concert band, 2 p.m., Gorham High School Auditorium. \$8/\$5.

MONDAY, APR. 28

- Green Gorham Project Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Gorham Savings Bank Operational Center, Wentworth Drive. All are welcome. FMI, 892-6000 or youleg@yahoo.com
- Ecumenical Community Dinner, First Parish Congregational Church, 5:30 p.m. Come enjoy food and fellowship!

TUESDAY, APR. 29

- Pre-school Story Time, ages 3-5, 9:30 a.m., Baxter Library.
- Gorham Garden Club meeting, 7 p.m., Container Gardening with Carolyn Snell. First Parish Church, Gorham. Public welcome.
- GBE Annual Meeting, 5-7 p.m., Spire 29 on the Square, 29 School St. RSVP to Leigh-Paige Smith at lpsmith@gorhambusiness.org.

WEDNESDAY, APR. 30

- Senior Lunch, St. Anne’s Church, 12 p.m. \$3.50. Sponsored by the Town of Gorham.
- Storytime at North Gorham Public Library for babies, toddlers, and their caregivers, 10-10:30 a.m. FMI, 892-2575.

THURSDAY, MAY 1

- Baby and Me, story time for ages birth to 18 mos., Baxter Memorial Library, 9:30 a.m.
- Toddler Time, story time for ages 18-36 mos., Baxter Memorial Library, 10 a.m.
- Gorham Food Pantry Open, 9-11 a.m.

FRIDAY, MAY 2

- Annual Spring Rummage-Perennial Sale, Cressey Road United Methodist Church, Gorham, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Toddler Time, story time for ages 18 -36 mos., Baxter Library, 10 a.m.

SATURDAY, MAY 3

- Chicken Pie Supper, First Parish Congregational Church, Gorham, 5-6:30 p.m. \$10/\$5 under 12.
- Public Church Supper, West Gorham Union Church, 5 p.m. \$8/\$3 under 12. Tickets go on sale at 4 p.m.
- Annual Spring Rummage-Perennial Sale, Cressey Road United Methodist Church, Gorham, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Silent Auction of local artwork and terrariums, Willis Farm, 131 Mosher Road, Gorham, 1-5 p.m.
- SUNDAY, MAY 4
- Cressey Road United Methodist Church, Praise and Bagels Service. 9-10 a.m., FMI, 839-3111.
- Greater Gorham Farmers Market opening day, May 3, next to Baxter Memorial Library on South St. 8:30 a.m.- 12:30 p.m. Saturdays until October.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 5

- Senior Lunch, St. Anne’s Church, 12 p.m. \$3.50. Sponsored by the Town of Gorham.
- Storytime at North Gorham Public Library, 2 Standish Neck Road, for babies, toddlers, and their caregivers, 10-10:30 a.m. FMI, 892-2575.

TUESDAY, MAY 6

- Pre-school Story Time, ages 3-5, 9:30 a.m., Baxter Memorial Library.
- The Gorham Cancer Prayer and Support Group, 6 p.m., Cressey Road United Methodist Church. All are welcome. FMI, 321-1390 or 839-3111.

THURSDAY, MAY 8

- Baby and Me, story time for ages birth to 18 mos., Baxter Memorial Library, 9:30 a.m.
- Toddler Time, story time for ages 18-36 mos., Baxter Memorial Library, 10 a.m.
- Gorham Food Pantry Open, 9-11 a.m.
- Sewing Group, ages 7 and older, Baxter Memorial Library, 2:30 p.m.
- Gorham Food Pantry Open, 9-11 a.m.

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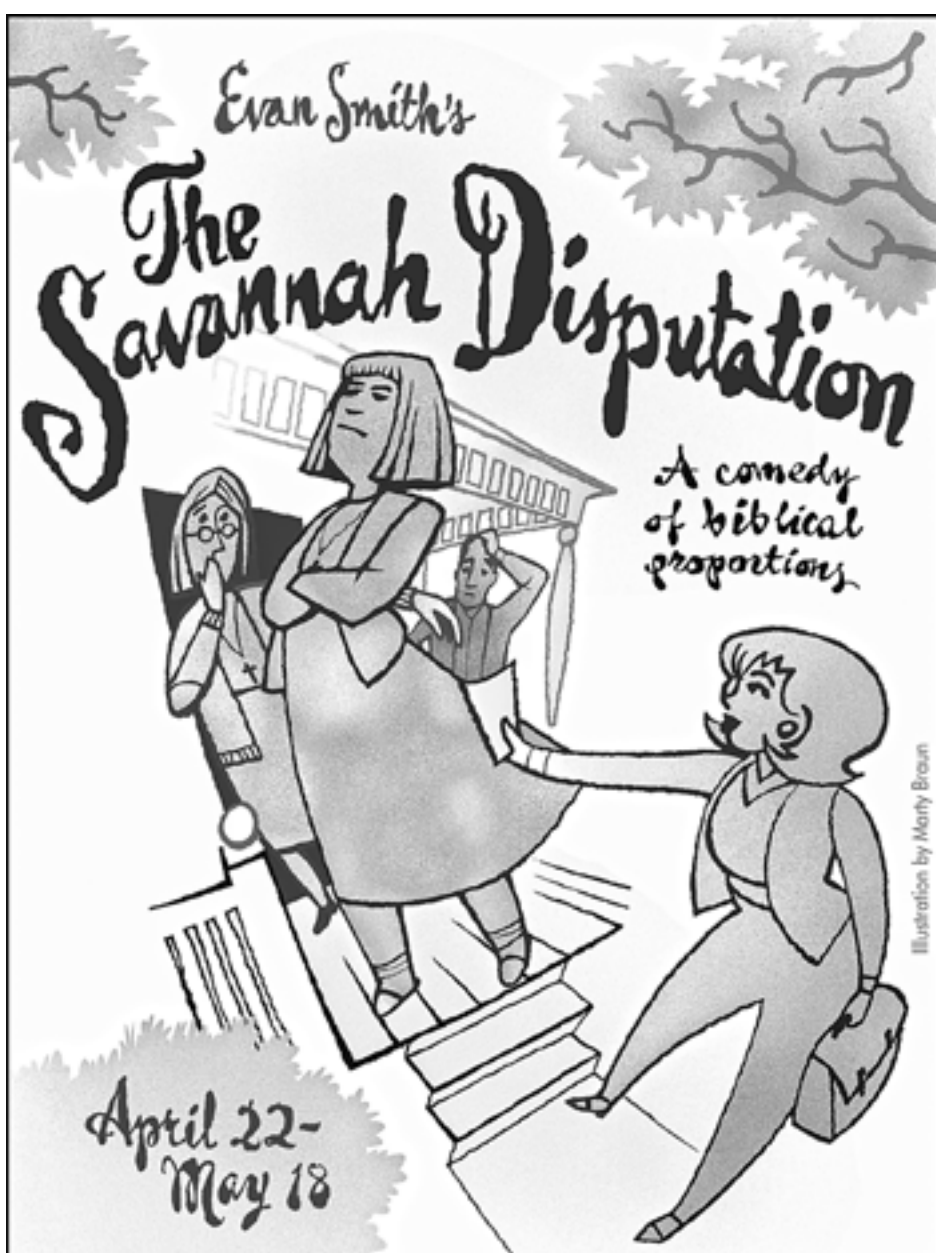
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