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Search Process for New Police Chief

ROGER MARCHAND
Staff Writer

After the retirement of Police Chief Ron Shepherd the Town Council requested that the Town Manager get an objective appraisal of the current and future needs of the police department. Dacri & Associates, L.L.C. of Kennebunk, ME be chosen to do the study.

Over a period of two weeks, Dacri Associates interviewed 42 Gorham staff, residents and town officials in order to get an overview of the Gorham Police Department. They met with all members of the police department, the fire chief, superintendent of schools, high school principal, public works director, three residents, the director of the Cumberland County Dispatch Center, two members of the Family Crisis Center, and all the Town Councilors.

The findings showed a mainly positive perception of the Police Department, although the police officers themselves highlighted issues with morale and leadership, while community members and town officials were predominately positive. As part of the study, traits of a new police chief were described, as were traits to be avoided, and new challenges that the new chief would need to deal with.

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Domestic Violence Reprimands in Police Department

SHERI FABER
Staff Writer

During the past five years, the Gorham Police Department has issued reprimands to two of their officers based on complaints of domestic violence.

In 2012, Officer Dean Hannon was issued a reprimand that also prohibited him from having any direct or indirect contact with the woman who filed the complaint. The letter noted that any contact between them might result in further disciplinary action.

In August of 2014, Mark Sanborn, who was then the School Resource Officer, was placed on paid administrative leave after his wife was granted a temporary Protection of Abuse Order. He was also issued a letter of reprimand.

Jerry Hinton of the Tide View Group was hired to conduct the internal inves-

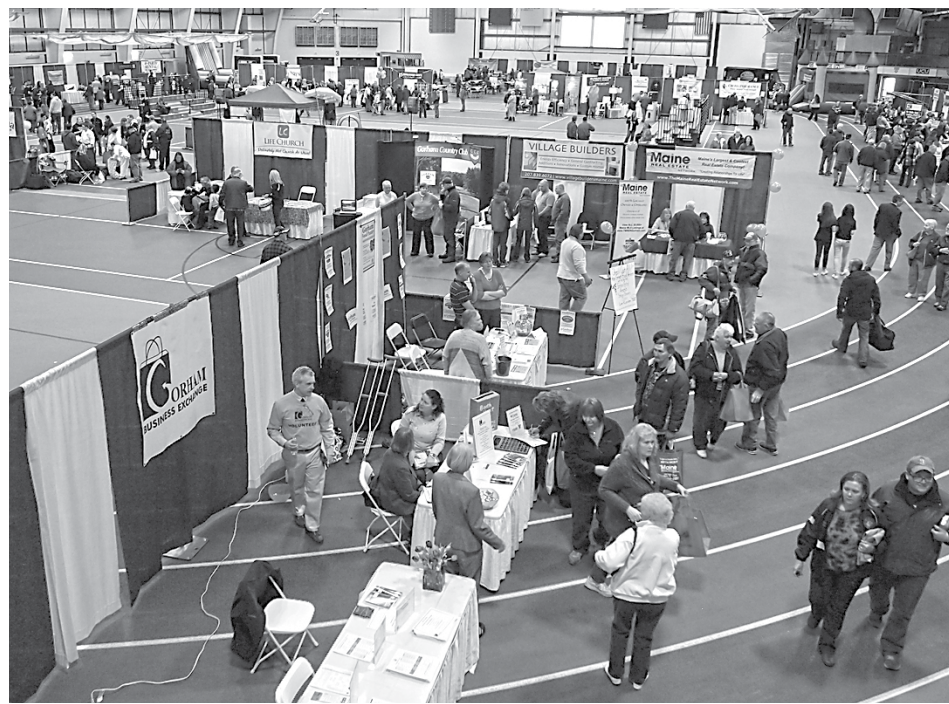
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2,000+ Enjoy GBE Marketplace

JEFF PIKE
Gorham Business Exchange
Marketplace Chair

The annual Marketplace event hosted by the Gorham Business Exchange on March 28 turned out to be another huge success with 2,150 people in attendance. More than 70 businesses set up booths to interact with potential customers while many local groups and food vendors kept attendees well entertained and well fed. The event even caught the attention of WMTV-Channel 8—check out the news clip at www.youtube.com/watch?v=D7VZE-au47A.

Performances included the Gorham Middle School Chorus, The Greater Portland School of Jukado, The Dance Studio of Maine, and the Moody's Collision Centers air bag deployment as well as Flamin' Raymin' & Sizzlin' Suzzin', two high-powered DJs who got about 50 kids dancing and rocking with hula hoops! The event also featured special appearances by Elsa from the movie Frozen, and Slugger, the team mascot of the Portland Sea



Photos courtesy of Roger Marchand

Dogs. The 9/11 Memorial Sprint for kids capped off the day.

Attendees also had the chance to win cash prizes totaling \$250 graciously donated by B&T Millworks, Custom Coach & Limousine, Gorham House,

Greater Portland School of Jukado, Knight Property Services and PitStop Fuels. Vendors and organizations that helped with the event had the chance to win gift certificates donated by

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Sebago to the Sea Trail Windham to Westbrook Section Ready for Pedestrian Use This Summer

TANIA ZUCKERMAN
Portland Regional Land Trust

You will no longer have to paddle the 4.8-mile South Windham to Westbrook segment of the Sebago to the Sea Trail. Rail construction on the Mountain Division Corridor from Route 202 in South Windham to Bridge Street in Westbrook is now complete, and the owners, MDOT, have authorized pedestrian use on the inactive rail-bed. This spring, the Presumpscot Regional Land Trust (PRLT), along with members of the Sebago to the Sea Trail Coalition, will install signs, make improvements to the bridge over Mallison Falls, and update maps. Once the work is complete, it will be officially opened for public use sometime in the summer of 2015.

The 28 mile long Sebago to the Sea Trail begins at Sebago Lake in Standish, and passes through Gorham,

Windham, Westbrook and Falmouth before ending at Casco Bay in Portland. It roughly follows the path of the Presumpscot River as it winds its way through incredibly beautiful and historic scenery. It offers year round recreational opportunities for bikers, walkers and runners, snowshoers and skiers, swimmers, and, of course, it is a favorite dog-walking venue, too. Motorized vehicles, other than snowmobiles, are prohibited.

For now, because the ground cover on the inactive rail-bed is rock ballast, this new section will be designated for pedestrian use only and will not be suitable for biking. The long-term goal is to construct a paved trail alongside the rail-bed in this corridor, making it suitable for multiple uses and to help ensure long-term public access. Fundraising for this effort is still underway. The Presumpscot Regional

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Three Arrested in Home Invasion

On April 3 at about 11:35 a.m. police received a call about an armed confrontation at 551 Main Street in Gorham. The property is owned by Neil Esposito of Raymond. Officers responded to the scene and found the suspects had fled in a 1996 Jeep Cherokee. Officers stopped the vehicle a short distance from the scene and three men, all 20 years old, from Portland were taken into custody. Daniel Rice, Alanzo Pardy, and Joseph Ingerisano were each charged with armed robbery, burglary and criminal threatening with a dangerous weapon. They were taken to Cumberland County Jail.



Alanzo Pardy



Joseph Ingerisano



Daniel Rice

Photos courtesy of Cumberland County Sheriff Department

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Better Roads, Safer Bridges Vital To Maine’s Economic Future

REP. ANDREW MCLEAN

Each day, Mainers drive over crumbling roads, bridges and dilapidated transportation infrastructure. Nothing at this time of year reminds us more of this fact than when we wince as we drive over unforgiving and seemingly endless potholes on our roads. This reality is not only hard on our vehicles but also undermines our economy, slows job creation and, even worse, could put the safety of Maine people at risk.

We can’t expect a vibrant future for Maine’s economy without taking care of our roads and bridges. After all, our transportation infrastructure allows us to move people and goods, driving our economy forward.

Several weeks ago, I requested that the Department of Transportation Commissioner David Bernhardt come before the Legislature’s Transportation Committee, on which I serve as House chair, to brief lawmakers on a new report the DOT commissioned called Keeping Our Bridges Safe. This report by engineers at the Maine Department of Transportation found that state government has been spending just half of what is necessary to maintain the safety and integrity of state bridges.

It is clear we are not keeping up with the needs of our transportation system, which is underscored by the report’s recommendation of double funding just to maintain our bridges.

In fact, that same report includes statistics that show that Maine’s number of “structurally deficient” bridges, or bridges with deteriorated or damaged load-carrying elements, is rising while the rest of the nation’s numbers improve. This means more bridges are posted to heavier vehicles, causing costly detours for businesses, and that we are missing an important opportunity to extend the lifespan of these bridges and save money in the long run.

Commissioner Bernhardt’s briefing to our committee represented part of our state’s larger problem of adequately funding our transportation infrastructure. This area of the state budget, the Highway Fund, suffers from declining gas tax revenues that have been falling as the fuel efficiency of today’s vehicles improves. The lack of funding hinders the number of roads and bridges we are able to fix every year.

The good news is that Republicans, Democrats and independents agree this is an issue we must come together to address. Now we need to identify solutions that we can agree on.

I am introducing several bills this session that offer strategies to address our infrastructure-funding shortfall. One of these measures would authorize a bond issue to invest \$190 million in our highways and bridges, as well as in marine transportation, aviation, freight and passenger rail and public transit. These funds would address the most immediate needs of our transportation

system, providing a crucial boost to our economy. The bill would also leverage an estimated \$290 million in federal and other matching funds, multiplying the value of our investment by 150 percent.

To address the future of transportation funding, I am also sponsoring a measure that would create a commission dedicated to finding a sustainable transportation funding model that will allow us to make necessary investments in the future in an effective, efficient and sustainable manner. I am pleased to have bipartisan support for both of these bills.

The bottom line is that Maine can’t afford to continue putting off investments in our infrastructure. Our roads and bridges will continue to get worse until policymakers come together to work on a bipartisan solution that Republicans, Democrats and independents alike can get behind, and our economy will continue to suffer for it. I am hopeful this is the beginning of a more comprehensive conversation about Maine’s transportation needs – for public safety and for our economic future.



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Letters to the Editor

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Dear *Gorham Times* Editor:

How grand was Gorham Marketplace? The Gorham Food Pantry was honored to participate in this year’s activities.

Thank you to the Gorham Business Exchange for giving us the exposure this event provided. It was a pleasure to be there talking to people about our efforts in providing our Gorham neighbors with a little extra help.

Thank you to the businesses that donated goods and monetary donations. And to PoGo for providing the truck to hold all the goods collected Saturday.

Thank you to the crew from the board of directors who manned our information table and then helped get the goods into the pantry.

The Food Pantry is a true community supported organization. We would not

exist without the churches, businesses, schools, and citizens of Gorham. We are here to serve any neighbor in Gorham who is in need of food. In this our 18th year of operation; we continue to serve as we did then and will continue into the future until there is no hungry child, man, or woman in Gorham.

Thanks to everyone from the neighbors we serve and us.

Fran Thurston Doucette, Director, Gorham Food Pantry

Dear *Gorham Times* Editor:

I am writing to publicly thank the Gorham Business Exchange for coordinating the annual Gorham Marketplace.

To see so many people stream down those stairs beginning before 10 until well after 1:30 (when I had to leave), confirms to me that our community loves Marketplace. While the Exchange’s main goal is to showcase area member businesses, it does much more than that.

Young families, senior citizens, other businesses not yet members, and individuals all come through with expectations. It could be networking, escaping cabin fever, looking for a bargain, seeing some excellent entertainment, having an opportunity to talk with police officers or town planners, or just plain socializing... Marketplace meets all those expectations and more. It’s fun, and it’s a place to get some surprise promotional items, an updated Business Directory, a new pen, a face painted, some pretty good candy...

As a former “worker bee,” I know how much effort it takes to make this happen, but I also know that most people think it just magically appears each year. Thank you to all the planners, volunteers, workers, and exhibitors who continue to support this extraordinary annual event. I look forward to next year (the 19th annual!).

Virginia Wilder Cross

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around town

Town Manager David Cole issued 15-year service pins to Police Officer Todd Gagnon and Daleen Leighton of the Fire/Rescue Department; and 20-year service pins to Police Sergeant Dan Young and Dean Belanger of the Fire/Rescue Department.

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Maine Coast Kitchen Design Relocates to Gorham

JACKIE FRANCIS
Staff Writer

Featured in a major design magazine, a finalist for the Maine Family Business Award in 2014, and a favorite in Best of Houzz for the last three consecutive years, the accomplished Maine Coast Kitchen Design (MCKD) company recently relocated to Gorham after five years at their former Commercial Street location. As a full-service kitchen and bath design and remodeling company, owner and president Tina Richardson is proud to announce the relocation of the company to Gorham on Little Wing Lane off New Portland Road. “In addition to ample parking and easier access for most of our clients,” explains Richardson, “the new location allows for one-stop shopping for all aspects of a renovation or new construction project.”

Plenty of space allows the design team to spread out samples while exploring ideas with clients. The 10,000 square foot cedar-shingled building employs five people in both the showroom and stone shop. The showroom has a full inventory of stone samples, all of which can be viewed in full-slab form in the stone shop—from granite to soapstone, marble to quartz. A back wall in the showroom displays a vast selection of fine kitchen cabinetry. Full-color 3D software with a large flat-screen television

is an invaluable tool that allows clients to visualize their finished kitchen before the renovations actually begin. “The only thing missing is a popcorn popper,” says Richardson.

Born and raised in Saco to a large family of self-employed entrepreneurs, Richardson says she knew from an early age that she wanted to own and manage her own business. “My moth-

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er raised 14 children and she owned and operated a small business,” says Richardson, who graduated from the University of New England with a business management degree. Aside from growing up in a large family where the kitchen was “party central” (many of Richardson’s childhood memories take place in the kitchen), Richardson credits her husband, a stonemason and design landscaper, for inspiring her design career and introducing her to the industry. Richardson primarily works with homeowners, but she also deals with architects, develop-

ers, designers and contractors. She loves Maine and its people. “It’s the favorite aspect of my job,” explains Richardson. “We create for our clients what they would create for themselves if they know what we know!”

“Our clients come to us with plans to build or remodel and the desire to create the best space their budget will allow,” says Richardson, who is mindful of her customer’s financial resources and works well within their budgets. “We don’t win any friends or referrals by overspending our clients’ budgets.” And, her clients include commercial businesses, financial institutions, hospitals, law offices as well as residential properties.

“Life couldn’t be better or busier,” says Richardson, who has two young daughters, a new home being built, and a new business location.

The designers and skilled technicians at Maine Coast Kitchen Design have been hard at work for almost a year creating the ultimate design center and look forward to meeting its new neighbors in Gorham!

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Tina Richardson, owner and president, Maine Coast Kitchen Design



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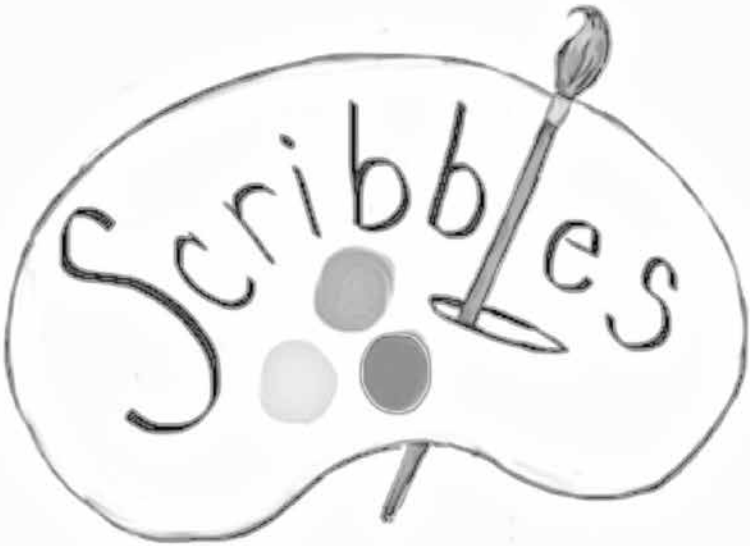
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Humming Along

JEFF O'DONAL

Attracting more birds and butterflies to your property does not require a huge investment of time or money. You can easily cut down the size of your lawn and plant recovered areas with pollen rich flowering plants as well as small trees and shrubs that will promote nesting and feeding areas for wildlife. Simply reducing your mowing schedule to once every three weeks allows a substantial area of your lawn to become more of a meadow, which can increase the population of native bees, butterflies and other pollinators.

In Baltimore County, Maryland, planners insist that 50 percent of all new trees planted are native oaks. Oaks have been found to be the home or food source for over 500 types of insects. More insects will bring more birds and other predators to forage. Research has even shown that aquatic invertebrates, an important food source for fish, prefer the oak leaves that have settled on stream bottoms.

In Britain, wildflower meadows were sown prior to the London Olympics, and they have become so popular that town planners are now requiring them in large developments. Among major cities in the United States, Philadelphia ranks first in biodiversity, followed by

Washington, D.C. Boston beats New York City, which finishes just ahead of Jersey City, New Jersey. A Yale paper writes, "If city leaders would stop meaningless betting on athletic teams (such as if Boston loses, I'll send you a lobster dinner), and instead went toe-to-toe over which city is better for wildlife... that would be a competition worth watching."

For this to happen, city and town planners need to recognize the importance of a diverse population of wildlife. Only 10 percent of all known insects are considered to be harmful or damaging to plants or animals, while 90 percent are considered beneficial organisms that help us thrive. They are the food source for higher animals on the food chain, which eventually leads to us. With thoughtful planning and planting, we can increase the beauty surrounding our homes and public buildings and also give beneficial insects more places to flourish.



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.

Spring Planting Tips

LINDA TREWORGY FAATZ

This year, try starting tomatoes and other seedlings by standing empty toilet paper rolls tightly upright in a low waterproof container and filling the tubes to the top with seed starting mix. Water from the bottom until the tubes and soil are damp. Keep the soil moist—with no standing water—always watering from the bottom. If you leave the tubes undisturbed in the tray, there is no need to close the bottom of the tubes; the wet soil (and eventually roots) will hold each planting tube together. Remember to give them bright overhead light as soon as the seeds germinate. If they are growing in a sunny window, turn them often so they do not get leggy while reaching for the sun. Remember not to start your seeds too early. When the weather is warm enough, plant them in the ground—roll and all—but leave the top part of the tube exposed

to deter cutworms. The tubes will decompose in the ground.

The tops to party platters make great little greenhouses. Last year when I planted my herbs outside, I made sure to plant seedlings in a circle the diameter of the platter. In the beginning on cooler nights/days, I placed the top over the newly planted seedlings for protection. During warm days, I propped the top up with a brick to give seedlings air circulation. If it is windy at night, put the brick on the top. By the time the plants were too tall for the top, it was warm enough for them to grow unprotected. Remember, timing is everything.



Linda Treworgy Faatz, a passionate gardener for many years, lives in her family home at Friend's Corner and cares for the extensive Treworgy gardens. She loves to share her home and gardens through craft sales, classes and garden events.



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New Police Commissioner

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While there was no consensus among all of those interviewed, the report came up with some general findings. They include that Gorham, even though it is rapidly growing, is an excellent place to live and work. The rapid growth has brought "significant challenges to the Town, stressing infrastructure and budgets." It states that traffic continues to increase, putting strains on the police. Another finding was that as the community grows it also is becoming more diverse, older, with increased crime and violence, etc. which all demand services which need to be balanced by fiscal concerns.

Based on their findings, they recommended the town: 1) communicate the results of the study with staff, town officials, and community members; and 2) conduct focus groups with staff to get clarification of employee responses in order to help find the root causes of any identified problems. It stressed the need to develop a formal candidate profile of an ideal new chief and formalize a candidate interview process. It recommended that the Town conduct an open search process for the next chief of police using the results of the study and follow up meetings on the results in developing the process.

Domestic Violence

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tigation on the charges brought by Sanborn's wife. That report concluded that Mark Sanborn had committed "domestic abuse by a law enforcement officer by attempting to place or placing another in fear of bodily injury through any course of conduct including, but not limited to, threatening, harassing or tormenting behavior." Tidewater also concluded that Mark Sanborn had conducted himself in a manner that had brought "disrepute, discredit or a state of embarrassment" to the department. Sanborn agreed to enter into counseling and to have a psychological evaluation done. The complaint by Sanborn's estranged wife was dismissed on August 6th. Lt. Chris Sanborn immediately recused himself from any role in the investigation of

the charges against his brother Mark. Mark Sanborn was re-assigned from School Resource Officer to patrol duty as of March 18. He was hired by the Gorham Police Department in 1998 following the normal hiring process for new officers. Lt. Wayne Coffin and Chief Ron Shepard, both now retired, interviewed and made the decision to hire Mark, now 38. Mark is the brother of Interim Police Chief Chris Sanborn. Jen LaChance Sibley, Outreach Services Director of Family Crisis Services, noted that Family Crisis Services "has a longstanding and good working relationship with the officers at the Gorham Police Department providing follow-up services to victims of domestic violence within their community."

Sebago to the Sea Trail

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Land Trust and members of the Sebago to the Sea Trail Coalition are working with the Mountain Division Alliance to help further that goal.

While PRLT and members of the Sebago to the Sea Trail Coalition complete trail and sign work on the South Windham to Westbrook segment, they advise using the existing maps for Section 4 and 4A available on the Sebago to the Sea Trail website and follow the paddling route for that section.

The completion of the Sebago to the Sea Trail has been a dream many years in the making. The brainchild of the Presumpscot River Watershed Coalition (PRWC), it is now managed by the Presumpscot Regional Land Trust. In October 2010, the first 8.5 miles of trail were designated from Sebago Lake to South Windham. This section includes four miles of trail on the Portland Water District's Sebago Lake Land Reserve and four-and-a-half miles of the paved Mountain Division Trail, a 10-foot wide bicycle and pedestrian trail along the Mountain Division Rail Corridor. In October 2011, 13 more miles of trail were designated making a complete trail from

Sebago Lake in Standish to the Maine Turnpike in Falmouth, including the segment from South Windham to Westbrook, which had to be paddled while rail construction was underway. In October 2012, the remaining trail from Falmouth and Portland was designated.

The Sebago to the Sea project is a fully collaborative initiative, strengthened by its many partners and advisors which include: Bicycle Coalition of Maine; City of Portland; City of Westbrook; Cumberland County Healthy Maine Partnerships- Healthy Casco Bay, Healthy Portland, Healthy Rivers, and Healthy Lakes Region; Falmouth Trails; Maine Department of Transportation; Mountain Division Alliance; National Park Service's Rivers, Trails & Conservation Assistance Program; Presumpscot Regional Land Trust (Project Facilitator); Presumpscot River Watershed Coalition; Portland Trails; Portland Water District; Town of Falmouth; Town of Gorham; Town of Standish; and the Town of Windham.

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Making Collaborations Visible, Part I

Town of Gorham and USM

ROGER MARCHAND
Staff Writer

The Town of Gorham and the University of Southern Maine (USM) have a long history of working together. This is the first of a two-part article to shed some light on some of the ways they work together. These collaborations, though mostly unnoticed by the community at large, provide cost effective services, as well as real-life opportunities for both USM students and the greater community. This partnership includes a range of opportunities for activities and sharing facilities that benefit many aspects of the community. These include athletic, artistic, educational options, as well as sharing facilities and service opportunities for all ages. Some of the over forty easily identified partnerships include:

- USM and the Town of Gorham have working agreements to share athletic facilities for mutual benefit.
- Since October 2000, the USM Student Advisory Committee and the Gorham Recreation Department have partnered to offer a Community Halloween Party at Hill Gym.
- After the tornado of 2010, the walking trail behind the Narragansett School was destroyed. USM, in a joint effort with the School Department, designed a cross country course that could meet the needs of the middle and high schools and the USM cross country team.
- The University annually provides use of the Costello Field House for the Gorham Marketplace.
- The Gorham Recreation Department provides summer internship opportunities for students in the USM Sports Management program, as well as working with the USM Athletic Department to provide opportunities for students to supervise Gorham Youth Basketball events, fall soccer programs, and spring baseball and softball events.
- In 2013 and 2014, USM participated in New Year Gorham by providing time for ice skating at the USM ice arena. USM students have also decorated floats for the town's annual Light Parade and Tree Lighting events.

- The Gorham Arts Alliance, working through the Gorham School Department and the Gorham Recreation Department, delivered programs with strong support from USM, which provided space and instructors for various programs.
- The USM Libraries and the Baxter Memorial Library have reciprocal borrowing arrangements allowing any patron with a Baxter Memorial Library card to use it at any USM Library. USM students, faculty, and staff may also use their USM cards Baxter Memorial Library as well.
- Baxter Memorial Library and the USM Libraries have also collaborated to write successful grants through the Maine Humanities Council.
- USM student-athletes are matched up with third grade students from Great Falls Elementary School in a monthly pen pal program. Currently 86 USM student-athletes are involved in this program.
- Additionally, USM student-athletes annually serve as mentors to students attending Great Falls Elementary School. This year more than 25 USM students visit the elementary school on a weekly basis to spend time with their designated mentees.
- USM has provided numerous locations for training programs for town police, fire, and other specialized groups. Members of the Gorham Police Department have attended various training programs hosted by the USM Police Department.
- Gorham's Town Planner has made presentations to USM classes about the day-to-day duties of a town planner. Gorham's staff is frequently used as a resource for USM students working on projects or research papers.
- The Gorham Recreation Department has worked with several USM faculty members to provide hands on projects for their students to develop master plans for several town properties including Shaw Park and Tannery Brook Park.

The second portion of this two-part article will deal with somewhat less significant-but just as needed-ways USM and the town collaborate.

Meet the Author: Paul Doiron

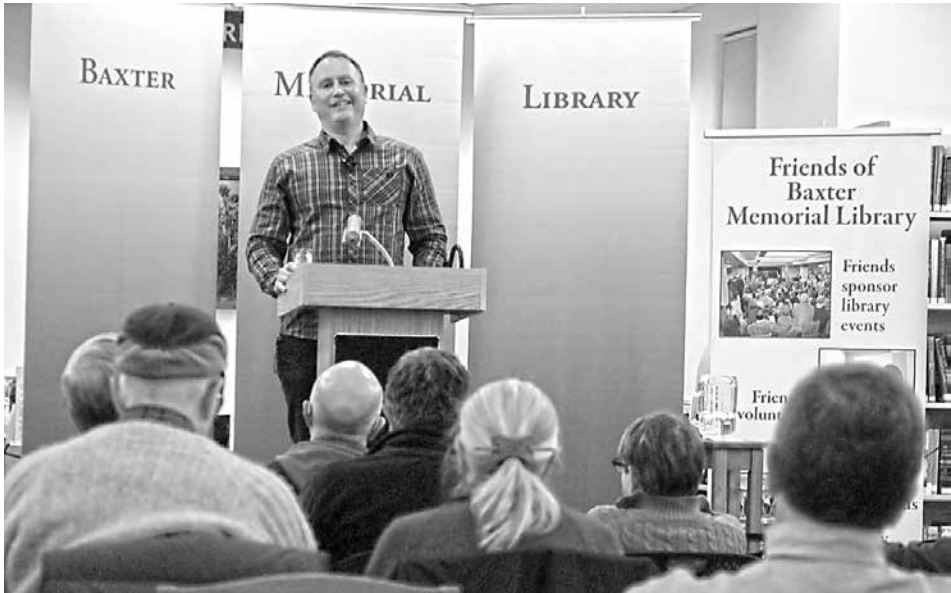


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Maine author Paul Doiron spoke at the Baxter Memorial Library about his series of seven books. Doiron read from his new, soon to be released novel, "The Precipice." He announced to the audience that they were the first people on the planet to hear him read from his new book, again featuring Mike Bowditch, a Maine Game Warden. After the reading and a question and answer period, Doiron signed copies of his books for those attending.

Grand Jury Indictments

- The Grand Jury returned the following indictments in February and March:
- Eugene Cox, 40, of Portland was indicted for burglary and theft on charges brought by the Gorham Police Department.
 - Philip Caiazzo, 24, of Gorham was indicted for possession of scheduled drugs on charges brought by the Gorham Police Department.
 - Travis Card, 34, of Windham was indicted for burglary of a motor vehicle, theft (priors) and criminal mischief on charges brought by the Gorham Police Department.
 - Justin Cardelli, 34, of Yarmouth was indicted for theft (priors) on charges brought by the Gorham Police Department.
 - Jasmine Gorman, 20, of Westbrook was indicted for possession of scheduled drugs on charges brought by the Gorham Police Department.
 - Thomas Hume, 38, of Westbrook was indicted for theft and forgery on charges brought by the Gorham Police Department.
 - Charles Jordan, 18, of Gorham was indicted for unauthorized use of

- property, operating without a license, burglary and theft on charges brought by Cumberland County Sheriff's Office, Gray and Gorham Police Departments.
- Wendolin Mendoza, 37, of Bronx, NY was indicted for theft by deception and misuse of ID on charges brought by the Gorham Police Department.
- Nicholas Porter, 24, of Gorham was indicted on two counts of possession of scheduled drugs on charges brought by the Main Drug Enforcement Agency as well as a charge of theft brought by the Windham Police Department.
- Joshua Singletary, 23, of Gorham was indicted for possession of scheduled drugs on charges brought by the Gorham Police Department.
- Sherri Webber, 34, of Gorham was indicted for theft on charges brought by the Cumberland County Sheriff's Office and the Standish Police Department.
- Adrienne Werda, 20, of Harrison was indicted for two counts of trafficking in scheduled drugs on charges brought by the Gorham Police Department.

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3 Wagner Farm Road	Crosby, Christopher	Schulze, Kurt	\$234,000
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486 Ossipee Trail	Parks, Daniel	Lowell, Elizabeth	\$102,500
34 Tow Path Road	Morse, Lindsey	Small, Darrin	\$131,000
21 Town Common	Robinson, James	Peters & Co, LLC	\$324,900
28 Kayla Way	Taylor, Travis	No information available	\$185,000
172 Main Street	Clark, Mary	Ferrigan, Shelby	\$227,500
8 Jackie's Way	McCormack-Tutt, Sally	McCormack, John & Cynthia	\$300,000
169 Mosher Road	Moriarty, Robert	Brown Family Living Trust	\$200,000
23 Carnation Drive	Reed, Eric	Susan Duchaine, LLC	\$342,000
37 Shaw's Mill Road	Arundel, Manuela	Deutsche Bank Nat. Trust	\$185,000
1 Robie Street	Baldwin, Lyla	Waindle, Brenna	\$192,000
11 Meadow Crossing Drive	Moss, Justin	Harris, Natalie & Ferrirough, Kenneth	\$289,900
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Robotic Team Wins Awards



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On March 13 and 14, the Falmouth-Gorham FIRST robotics team (Team 172) participated in the Recycle Rush Pine Tree District competition with their robot, Falgor. The 51-member team placed ninth after 12 matches and made it to the quarterfinals, and also won the Industrial Safety Award. On the weekend of March 18, the team went to the Northeastern District competition, and was seeded third after qualifying matches and became a captain team for a robot alliance. They were eliminated in the quarterfinals. The team won the Engineering Inspiration Award, which is given to a team that promotes STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) fields in their community. They are currently ranked 37 out of 175 teams in New England and will be going to the regional competition at Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI) on April 10 and 11. Pictured (left to right) are: John Alling, Ryan Bertin, Thomas Matthews, Teddy Lockman, Steve Nutt (mentor), and John Kraljic (mentor).

North Yarmouth Academy First Semester Honor Roll 2014-2015

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Grade 9 – Honors
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Grade 6 – High Honors
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Tellie Stamaris

GHS Teacher Makes Mark in Literacy Magazines

JULIE PIKE
GHS Student Intern

David Patterson, a Gorham High School (GHS) English teacher, recently had his own story published in *Slice*, a Brooklyn-based literary magazine.

The story, titled "Flight," is about a recovering drug addict who brings his mute son to visit state parks in an attempt to connect with him.

Of the 1,000 submitted stories, Patterson's was one of 10 to be published in the magazine. He came across the opportunity to be published in *Slice*

after researching places to send his writing.

“Slice stood out to me because they publish cutting edge writing and have a hip vibe that I connected with,” said Patterson.

He has had other short stories published in several literary magazines over the past year and a half, including *The Apple Valley Review*, *Hot Metal Bridge*, and *Storyacious*. Patterson feels honored to have had the opportunity to be published in *Slice*, given their substantial print readership.

Patterson himself is an avid writer, writing for two hours every day, primarily short stories. When asked about his writing, Patterson said, "I've found that writing is mostly rewriting; that is, a good writer will spend more time editing than he does writing that first draft." Good advice for aspiring writers from a high school English teacher.

He also writes a column about beer for *Maine Today*, a section of the *Portland Press Herald*, which comes out online and in print every Thursday.

To fill his writing hobby he began

blogging about music, writing, and beer. His beer posts gained popularity and last summer he received a call from Maine Today asking him to take over their beer column.



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As for his writing goals, "I hope to write many books in my lifetime and be lucky enough to have them published and read by other people."

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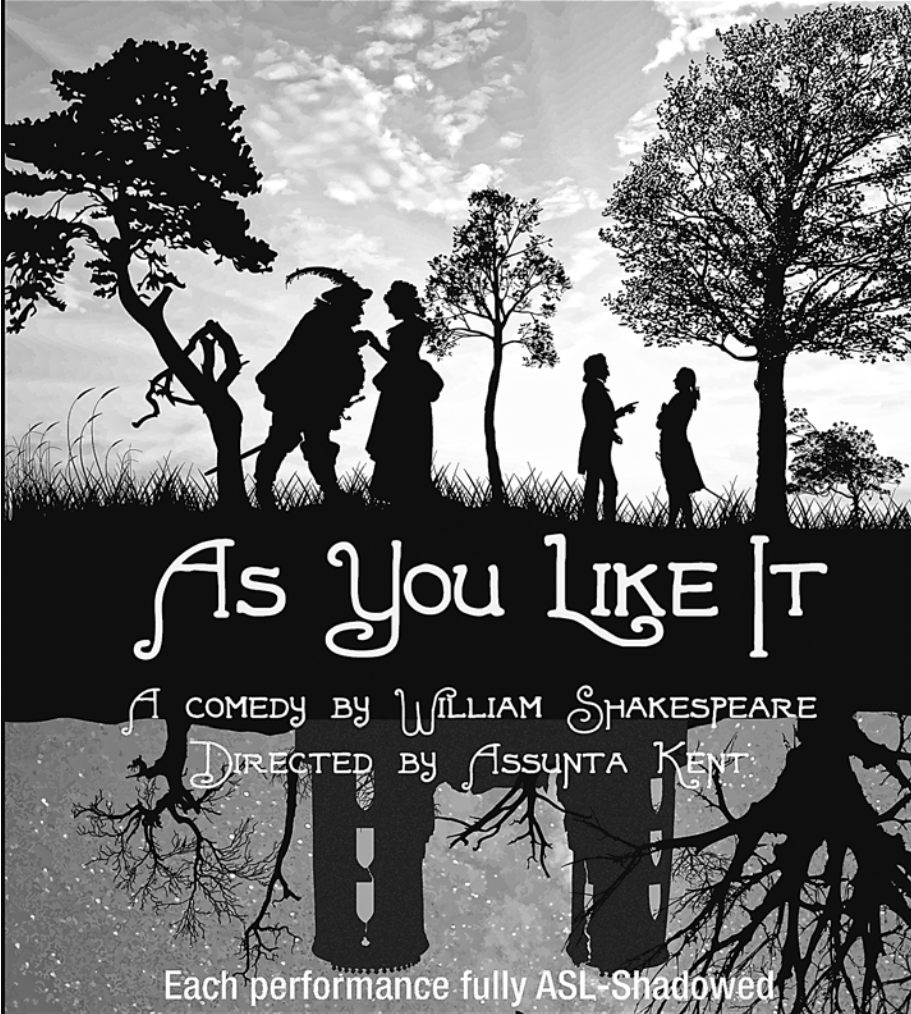
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GMS Chorus and Band at Festival



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On February 28, seventh and eighth grade Gorham Middle School (GMS) students participated in the Southern Maine Middle School Honors Chorus and Band Festival. Students were accepted to the festival based on auditions in October. Students rehearsed Friday morning, all day Saturday and performed in a concert at Westbrook Middle School Auditorium. Following is a list of students who participated in this year's festival for Honors Band: Daniel Bachner, Kyren Bettencourt, Patrick Bishop, Elizabeth Blanchard, Westley Brinegar, Gabe Cousins, Nathan Goff, Maeve Higgins, Thomas Light, Isaac Martel, Libby Mitchell, Simon Roussel and Erin Wentworth. Pictured (left to right) are a list of students who participated in Honors Chorus: Chevelle Berthiaume, Quintessa Bissonnette, Haley Caron, Connor Donnelly, Emaly Howard, Katarina Jenkins, Elena LaNigra, Zachary Pierce, Lauren Preis, Jackson Robbins, Leah Scontras, Lia Suleiman, Haley Thompson, Isabella VanZandt, and Jade Wu.



Photo credit Tracy Williamson

In March, 15 Gorham Middle School (GMS) sixth graders participated in the District 1 Honors Chorus and Band Festival at Bonny Eagle Middle School. The students were nominated by their band and choral directors to participate. They rehearsed all day Saturday and performed a concert that afternoon. Following is a list of this year's District 1 sixth grade Band Honors students: Katherine Downey, Nathan Eichner, Catherine Higgins, Emily Paruk, and Bailey Wentworth. District 1 6th Grade Chorus Honors students are: Ophelia Bissonnette, Corey Blake, Sierra Cummings, Abigail Decrow, Mason Hawkes, Gabrielle LaBarge, Donovan Landry, Sadie LaPierre, Molly Rathbun, and Amelia Yahwak.

Kindness Counts at Great Falls



Photo Credit Becky Fortier

In memory of Mackenna Ward who passed away from cancer at age six, community members in Houlton, Maine get together with Houlton Elementary School every year and fill Kenna Care Bags. These bags are filled with items that will bring comfort and hope to children going through cancer treatments in Maine. This year, during their Art of Reading night, Great Falls School asked families and teachers to donate new books or magazines for Kenna Care Bags and collected over 130 books and \$60 in donations. Pictured (left to right) are: Tommy, Nicholas, and Matthew Sallinen.

Ram Stop Edibles at GMS

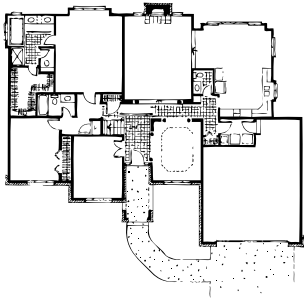


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Gorham Middle School's Eagle Team started a program called Ram Stop Edibles, a fundraising activity that donates proceeds to Ryan's Well Foundation. Ryan's Well is a non-profit that helps build wells in developing nations. Slim Jims, Cheez-It crackers, Mentos and more are on sale at GMS near the cafeteria from 2:15 to 4 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays. All items are under one dollar. Pictured are some of the Ram Stop Edible students helpers (from left to right): Amelia Yahwak, Paige Fogg, Liza Klishch, Brandon Davis, and Hayden Desmond.

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Gorham Teams Strong Minded at Odyssey of the Mind Competition

DIANE KNOTT
*Odyssey of the Mind Coordinator,
Gorham Schools*

After months of preparation, eight Odyssey of the Mind teams from Gorham participated in the Regional Tournament in Biddeford on March 14, hoping to earn the honor to compete in the State Tournament on March 28 in Sanford.

Of the eight teams, six advanced and competed with over 60 teams from all over Maine in the State Tournament; earning two first place, two second place, and one third place trophy for Gorham Schools.

Odyssey of the Mind is an international educational program that provides an opportunity for students to work in a team to solve problems. A variety of challenges are offered each year encouraging students to think outside the box, work within a budget, and use their talents to present creative solutions.

Gorham High School's (GHS) Classics Performance team earned first place for their creative solution to Pandora's Box - Division III. Their entertaining use of music, rhyme, and artistic detail captivated the audience. Team members include: Elizabeth Lemieux, Avery Arena, Madeline Joyal-Myers, Kayley Mason, Sophia Hendrix, Emelia Nejezchleba, and Samuella Spurr, coached by Pamela Weiss.

Village School's Technical team created a magical unicorn skit, which served as the perfect setting for their rubber band powered devices to perform tasks. They earned first place in Experiencing Technical Difficulties - Division I. Team members include: Peter Wu, Patrick Cyr, Madeline

Downey, Emma Mullin, Kevin Luo, Mackenna Wheeler, and Riley Griffin, coached by Amy Wu and Kelly Cyr.

Village School Classics team earned second place for their creative interpretation of a video game in Pandora's Box - Division I. Team members include: Erin Castonguay, Cassara Novak, Clara Shvets, Andrew Farr, Eli Wyatt, Dylan Morrell, and Killian Kolb, coached by Sarah Castonguay and Katherine Novak.

Gorham Middle School's (GMS) Technical team earned second place. They created an airport theme for their creative devices to preform mechanical tasks in Experiencing Technical Difficulties - Division 11. Team members include: Bodhi Wilkins, Xander Lemieux, Andrew Goschke, Zakaria Lembarra, Christopher Lewis, and Amelia Yahwak, coached by Ben Wilkins.

Great Falls School's Performance team earned a third place trophy for their humorous solution to the Silent Movie - Division I problem. This team includes: Samuel D'Amico, Nash Gagnon, William Stein, Drew Baber, and Lauren Bachner, coached by Misty D'Amico and Marty Gagnon.

The GMS Silent Movie - Division II team presented a tasty bake sale skit to solve their problem. Team members include: Sia Hyson, Victoria Lewis, Sophie Lachance, and Delaney Seed, coached by Krystal Brewer.

Two new Division I teams also competed at regionals. Both teams creatively solved their problems with crowd-pleasing skits. The Village Performance team included: Gabriel Badeau, Samuel Parenteau, Grace Johnson, Ella Goff, and Ethan

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Sorority Hosts Male Pageant, Raises Money for Autism Foundation

CORI SHAW
USM Student Intern

The University of Southern Maine's sorority Alpha Xi Delta recently put on a competition in Gorham to raise money for their philanthropy, Autism Speaks, a foundation focused on raising money for research to find causes, treatments and cures for autism all over the nation. The money raised from the competition "XI Man" went to the foundation, including what was raised from selling baked goods during the event.

Eight men from the university were selected to compete in various activities to prove they were USM's one and only Xi Man.

The three-dollar entry ensured that

every person got two voting vouchers, which they used to pick their favorite contestant. More tickets were available for purchase to increase votes of a contestant.

The competition opened with a dance routine with the eight men, all ready to compete. There was a swimsuit portion where the men came out sporting fashion statements of various kinds of swimwear. The talent portion of the event ranged from stand up comedy to interpretive dance, WWE-style wrestling and more.

Jonathan Hendrickson Belloguet, a member of Phi Mu Delta fraternity, ended up winning the title of XI Man, and, in the end, roughly \$881 was raised for Autism Speaks.

Meet GHS Grad Jeff Desjardins: Trainer for the Cleveland Indians

JEFF PIKE
Sports Editor

As Major League Baseball shakes off the long winter to begin the regular season, a GHS graduate today is likely walking across the warning track of another major league stadium across the country. Jeff Desjardins (GHS Class of 1991) has been a Certified Athletic Trainer for the Cleveland Indians baseball organization since 2001.

"Baseball was the first love of my life, and it's something that was a big part of our household growing up in Gorham," Desjardins says. "My father [Philip] coached at St. Joseph's College, Westbrook College and Southern Maine Community College for many years. I enjoyed playing the game and hoped I could someday have a career in baseball."

Desjardins played baseball for GHS and at the American Legion level, but did not continue playing the game into college. However, while his father coached at St. Joseph's, Desjardins was inspired by the athletic training staff and decided to pursue it as a career when he went to college at Plymouth State in New Hampshire.

After earning his college degree in 1996, Desjardins secured a job as athletic trainer for Dover (New Hampshire) High School. In 2001, a friend connected him with one of the assistant general managers of the Cleveland Indians about an opening for an athletic trainer in the organization's minor league system.

Desjardins won the job and then had to work his way up through the minor league system just like a baseball player.

"I spent about nine years, starting at the minor league A ball level and eventually reaching the AAA level," Desjardins says. "I particularly enjoyed the times at the AA level when our Akron team traveled to play the Portland Sea Dogs and the minor league team in Manchester, NH. That gave me a chance to connect with family and friends from Gorham."

With his solid work ethic instilled by his father Philip and mother Einger, who still live in Gorham, Desjardins earned his promotion to the major league club in 2010 and has been there ever since. "Our days during the regular season are very long," he says. "On game days, we usually arrive at the ballpark at noon to start player treatments and often don't leave until midnight."

One of Desjardins' biggest moments came early in his major league career when he ran into Derek Jeter of the



Courtesy Photo

Jeff Desjardins (GHS Class of 1991), a Certified Athletic Trainer with the Cleveland Indians baseball club, attends to an umpire during a Major League Baseball game during the 2014 season. Desjardins has been with the organization since 2001 and received his promotion to the major league level in 2010.

New York Yankees in a stadium tunnel behind home plate. Despite living in Red Sox Nation, Desjardins grew up as a Yankees fan.

"He was very professional and friendly in saying hello and asking me how I was doing," Desjardins says. "I've found that to be true of just about every long-time player in the game. They respect the game of baseball and all of those who work in the game."

Desjardins also interacts frequently with the Cleveland Indians manager, Terry Francona, the former manager of the Red Sox who guided the team to its 2004 and 2007 World Series championships. "The athletic training team works closely with Terry, and we devise specialized programs for every player," Desjardins says.

Making his home in Cleveland, Desjardins is married, and he and his wife have a young son. In looking back at his career, he is thrilled that he gets to work in a game that he loved growing up. "I often reminisce about how fortunate I am as I walk across another warning track of a major league stadium," Desjardins says. "It's a great atmosphere to be part of."

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GHS Girls' Basketball Reaps Individual Awards



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Several members of the GHS girls' basketball team earned prestigious awards following the season. Pictured above, left to right, senior Ashley Woodbury was named to the All-Academic State Team; head coach Laughn Berthiaume was named the Southwester Maine Activities Association (SMAA) Coach of the Year and one of the McDonald's All-State Coaches of the Year; Sophomore Emily Esposito was named SMAA Player of the Year and to the Maine Sunday Telegram All-State Team; and Senior Abby Hamilton won the Lisa Blais Manning Award, given to an SMAA senior for their on-court performance, sportsmanship, academics and community service. She was also selected to play in the McDonald's Senior All-Star game.

JEFF PIKE
Sports Editor

This past GHS girls' basketball season was one of the program's best in recent years. The team finished 16-2 in the regular season and ranked third in Western Maine Class A. The Rams then advanced to the semifinals of the post-season tournament where they lost to the eventual Western Maine Class A champion, Thornton Academy.

From an individual standpoint, many awards streamed in once the season concluded. Sophomore Emily Esposito was named Southwestern Maine Activities Association (SMAA) Player of the Year and to the Maine Sunday Telegram All-State Team. She was also named to the SMAA all-defensive team.

Abby Hamilton won the Lisa Blais Manning Award, given to an SMAA senior for their on-court performance, sportsmanship, academics and community service. She was also selected to play in the McDonald's Senior All-Star game. Her fellow senior, Ashley Woodbury, was named to the All-Academic State Team, as just one of ten seniors across the entire state as named by the Maine Association of Basketball Coaches. Head coach Laughn Berthiaume also received accolades as the SMAA Coach of the Year (the second in his seven years as the GHS head coach) and was one of the coaches named as a McDonald's All-State Coach of the Year.

"All three players were very deserving," Berthiaume says. "Emily was among the league leaders in every category—scoring, rebounding, assists and steals. But she's also strong with her ball handling

and plays with great intensity. Most teams tried to double-team and even triple-team her this year."

Hamilton plans to Wheaton College in Massachusetts next year and play for the women's basketball team. In addition to leading the SMAA three-point field goals made, she has distinguished herself in the community through volunteer work at summer basketball camps, the Westbrook Community Center after-school program, the Preble Street food pantry in Portland, and the Alzheimer's unit at Gorham House. "She also won the Lisa Blais Manning award in part for her perseverance," Berthiaume adds. "She came back this year from a torn knee ligament at the end of her junior year and suffered a badly-sprained ankle this year."

Woodbury won her award on the strength of a GPA above 97 and for having won several academic awards for outstanding achievements in Earth/Space/Science, French, Anatomy/Physiology, Algebra and Chemistry. "She also won the Wellesley College Book Award and will attend Wellesley College next year while also playing basketball," Berthiaume adds.

As to the success of the girls' basketball program in recent years, Berthiaume credits the number of players participating at the youth levels. "There has been a sharp increase in the number of kids playing for the town travel programs and in AAU," Berthiaume says. "More kids are kids coming to our summer camp as well, and the varsity team is setting the right tone—we practice extremely hard, and that elevates the skills levels of all of our players."

In the Zone

GHS Grads Off to Fast Start in College Lacrosse: Twin sisters **Meghan Cushing** and **Morgan Cushing** (GHS Class of 2014) are off to strong starts as freshmen for the Assumption College (Worcester, MA) women's lacrosse team. Through the team's first ten games, Meghan, a midfielder, had four goals and three assists. Morgan, a defender, had played in six of the team's games and had picked up two ground balls while also winning two draw controls.



Meghan Cushing



Photo courtesy of Assumption College

Morgan Cushing

Sports Etc

6th Annual Gorham Lions Club 5K & 10K Run/Walk: April 18, 9 a.m. at the Gorham Rec. Department. \$13 to register in advance, \$25 the day of the race. To register, visit www.running4free.com and search on Gorham races. FMI, call 839-6569.

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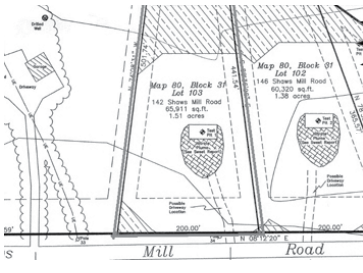


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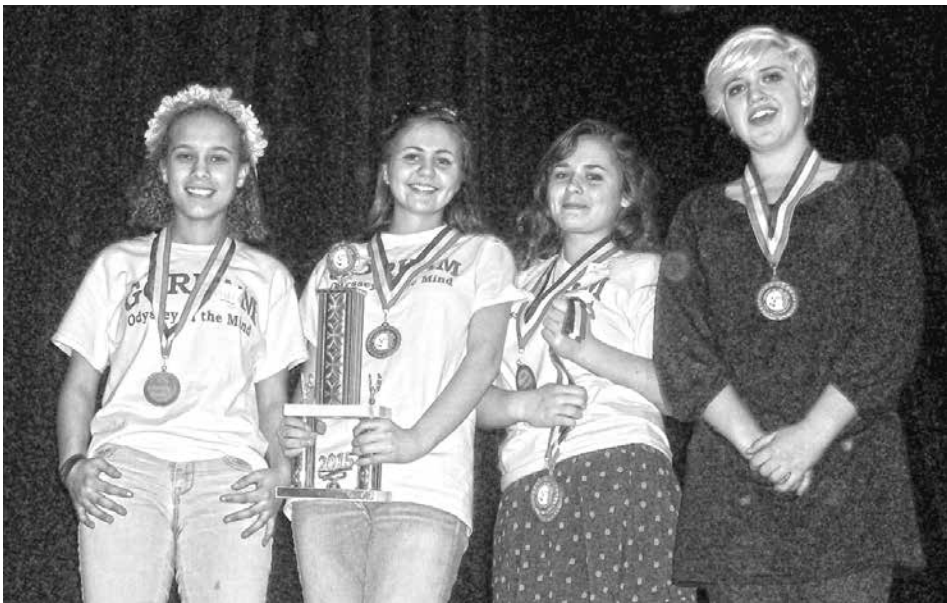
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Odyssey of the Mind Competition CONTINUED FROM PAGE 8

Castonguay, coached by Rebecca Badeau. The Great Falls team of Hayden Anderson, Brady Smith, Cole Smith, Evan Verrill, and Lexi Caron successfully completed the balsa challenge, coached by Deirdre Anderson and Amy Smith.

Congratulations to all participants

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GHS first place Classics team. Pictured (left to right) are: Sophia Hendrix, Elizabeth Lemieux, Kayley Mason, and Samuella Spurr. Missing are: Avery Arena, Madeline Joyal-Myers, and Emelia Nejezhleba.




Village first place Technical team. Pictured (left to right) are: Riley Griffin, Peter Wu, Patrick Cyr, Kevin Luo, Madeline Downey, Emma Mullin, and Mackenna Wheeler.




GMS second place Technical team. Pictured (left to right) are: Andrew Goschke, Zakaria Lembarra, Bodhi Wilkins, Amelia Yahwak, and Alexander Lemieux. Missing is: Christopher Lewis.

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Rebecca Morin (GHS ’11), Huntington University, history major

GRADUATIONS

Thomas Hazel, Western Governor’s University, Master of Science, Nursing Education.

OF INTEREST

Jason Emery, CPA, MSA, of Gorham, was promoted to senior manager in the audit practice at Baker Newman Noyes, an accounting/consulting firm in Portland. Emery earned his Bachelor’s Degree in Accounting and a Master of Science in Accounting from UMO. Emery focuses largely on serving employee benefit plans, governmental agency, and commercial business clients.

Dance the night away with Portland’s premier party band “Under the Covers,” on Friday, May 1 at Spire 29 from 7 p.m. to 12 a.m. in support of Lynda Hagan Elliott, a lifelong resident of Gorham who has been diagnosed with Primary Biliary Cirrhosis and is awaiting a costly liver transplant. Tickets \$10. \$15 at door. For advance ticket sales contact kim.meggison@gorhamschools.org. To donate: www.youcaring.com/medical-fundraiser/support-lynda-s-transplant-journey/319180/update/290948

The White Rock Grange at 33 Wilson Rd. (off rte 237) in Gorham will honor Retired Chief of Police Ron Shepard with the Annual Community Award on Friday, May 1 at 7 p.m. White Rock Grangers with 60, 70 and 80 years of membership will also be honored. Entertainment will be provided by John Ford, retired Maine game warden, and Mark Nickerson, retired state trooper. Donations accepted.

The Festival of Feet, featuring the fabulous feet of Caitlin Johnson, member of the Boston Tap Company, along with the Happy Hoofers Dance Company and the Centre of Movement dance students, will take place at the Gorham High School McCormack Performing Arts Center on Saturday, Apr. 11 at 7:32 p.m. \$15/\$12/\$8. FMI, www.cmdans.org or call 839-3267.

Join North Gorham Public Library, 2 Standish Neck Rd., Gorham, for the Annual Library Open House & Pie Sale on Saturday, Apr. 18 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Pie will be served and whole pies will be available for purchase. FMI or to donate a pie: 892-2575 or libng@north-gorham.lib.me.us

USM NOTES

The USM Concert Band, a wind and percussion ensemble, will perform on Sunday, Apr. 12 at 2 p.m. at the Gorham Middle School Auditorium with guest conductor, Norman Huynh. \$8/\$5. FMI, usm.maine.edu/music or 780-5555.

The USM School of Music presents the USM Graduate Showcase on Friday, Apr. 10 at 8 p.m. at Corthell Concert Hall, Gorham campus. Free and open to the public. FMI, 780-5555.

USM School of Music Youth Ensembles Spring Instrumental Concert will take place on Thursday, April 16, 7 p.m. at the Merrill Auditorium, Portland. \$8/\$5 suggested donation at the door; open seating. FMI, 780-5555.

USM Art Department and Gallery will host an Open Reception for the BFA and BA Exhibition on Friday, Apr. 17 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the USM Art Gallery, 37 College Ave., Gorham. The exhibit will be open through May 1. Free and open to the public. FMI, www.usm.maine.edu/gallery.

The USM Department of Theatre presents “As You Like It,” a comedy by William Shakespeare, Apr. 17-26 at Russell Hall, Gorham campus. Directed by Assunta Kent. \$15/\$11/\$8. FMI, 780-5151.

The USM School of Music presents the USM Composers Ensemble 10th Anniversary Concert on Friday, Apr. 17 at 8 p.m. at Corthell Concert Hall, Gorham campus. Free admission. FMI, usm.maine.edu/music.

The USM School of Music presents the 38th Annual Honors Recital on Saturday, Apr. 18, 8 p.m. at Corthell Concert Hall, Gorham campus. Free; reservations recommended. FMI, usm.maine.edu/music or 780-5555.

The USM School of Music presents the USM Jazz Ensemble on Thursday, Apr. 23, 7:30 p.m. at Corthell Concert Hall, Gorham campus. The ensemble features “big band” and traditional swing music. \$8/\$5. FMI, usm.maine.edu/music or 780-5555.

ON-GOING EVENTS

A Support Group for Living and Eating Healthy will take place every Wednesday evening from 6-7 p.m. at Martin’s Point Healthcare, 510 Main St., Gorham. FREE and open to the public every week. This not-for-profit group is not affiliated with Martin’s Point. FMI, call Pauline, 839-2092.

The Gorham Food Pantry, located at 299-B Main St. (parking lot of St. Anne’s Catholic Church), is open every Thursday morning from 9 -11 a.m. and the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of every month from 6 – 7 p.m. Free for Gorham residents in

need. FMI, 222-4351 or visit www.gorhamfoodpantry.org.

The Lakes Region Senior Center, White Rock Grange at 33 Wilson Road (off Rt. 237), is a great place for daily socializing, independent activities and good conversation with Mahjong lessons on Monday; poker, crafting and card games on Tuesday; Chair Yoga with a Nutrition and Weight Support Group on Wednesday; and Bingo on Thursday. FMI, call Cheryl 892-9879 or Blanche 892-5604.

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.

CLOSE TO HOME

Join Presumpscot Regional Land Trust and Portland Trails for a public forum to share thoughts on Westbrook’s opportunities and challenges to land conservation, public access, recreation and more. The event will be held on Thursday, Apr. 9, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Westbrook Community Center, 426 Bridge Street. FMI, contact Jaime Parker at Portland Trails.

The Rotary Patriots Day Race will be held on Monday, Apr. 20 in downtown Westbrook. The check-in, start and finish will be at Riverfront Park on Main Street in Westbrook. FMI, usatf.org/routes.

A Spring Wellness Clinic will be held on Sunday, Apr. 12 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Animal Refuge League of Greater Portland. \$15 Rabies Vaccinations, \$30 Microchipping and \$5 Nail Clipping. All services will include a general wellness screening with a veterinarian. First-come, first-served. Dogs should be on leash; cats in carrier. FMI, 887-7217 x102.

The Portland Water District invites preschoolers to join them for environmentally-themed stories, games, and crafts at the Sebago Lake Ecology Center in Standish on Friday, Apr. 17 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. The theme will be “Herp, Herp Hooray! (Vernal Pools).” Snacks will be provided. Free, but donations accepted to support local loon preservation. FMI, 774-5961 x3319 or sebagolake@pwd.org.

A Spring Craft Fair with over 50 vendors will be held at SouthCoast Community Church, 368 Gorham Road, Scarborough on Saturday, Apr. 18 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Raffles, hot food and something for everyone.

The Originals presents “Love Song” at The Saco River Theatre, 29 Salmon Falls Road, Buxton, Apr. 17-25. \$25/\$22. FMI, 929-5412.

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The Reed-Allen Foundation is hosting the GHOPE fundraiser at the Gorham Sports Center starting at 4 p.m. on Saturday, April 18. The Reed-Allen foundation is named for former Gorham police officer John Reed and Gorham High School stand out athlete Dana Allen—both Gorham residents who passed away.

After the fire that burned his building and the support he received after his cancer diagnosis, Gorham House of Pizza owner Angelo Sotiropoulos wanted to give back to the community. Knowing first hand how appreciated extra help is when things go wrong, Sotiropoulos started the foundation to support the business owners of Gorham who may need extra help when obstacles are thrown in their

way. The money raised from the GHOPE Fundraiser goes to members of the community who are put in unfortunate situations.

This Second Annual GHOPE Fundraiser consists of events including GHS Chamber singers at 6 p.m. and Motor Booty Affair at 8 p.m. There will be a cash bar, photo booth, bounce house, magician, 50/50 drawing and much more to keep you busy throughout the duration of the event. Children get in for free and adults pay \$10 in advance at www.holdmyticket.com (type in GHOPE and Gorham, Maine) or \$15 at the door. Doors open at 4 p.m. and the event will last for a few hours.

According to the GHOPE volunteers who are giving their time and effort, the cause is great, the community is excellent and there will food and fun for the whole family.

North Gorham Writers' Group Annual Reading

GORHAM TIMES STAFF

The North Gorham Writers' Group presented their 19th annual reading the evening of March 31 in the Alex Cairns Community Room of the North Gorham UCC Church. For an audience of about thirty, each of the nine members of the group read a variety of pieces they had workshopped during the past year, including poetry, fiction, and memoir. The event was followed by a reception and refreshments were served.

Subject matter ranged from the esoteric – a meditation on time, the struggle out of darkness, recognizing beauty in the simplicity of the natural world, transcending the deaths of dear ones, encounters with the ancient ones of Greece – to the humorous – colorful character studies, an unusual visit to the White House, boyhood tales of growing up in North Gorham, and a short dialogue with a surprise ending on fantasy versus fact. One member read two poems from her upcoming chapbook, and another read a chapter of his novel-in-progress.

The writing group first convened twenty years ago, when Molly Cook, a creative writing professor at USM, held small, informational, workshop-style

writing classes at the church for adults in the community. At her urging, the group held a formal reading after the first year of classes. When Cook moved to Oregon for further writing projects of her own, some of the original students committed to continuing the work of the group in much the same style – utilizing prompts and free-writes, and engaging in constructive critique of each others' work, while allowing free rein with subject matter and genres of choice.

The group continues to meet to this day, and the annual readings have become a celebrated community event. Some of the original core members who participated in Tuesday's showcase included Warren Gilman, John Labrecque, Mary Snell, and Leanne Cooper, all from North Gorham. Other original members who were unable to attend the reading are Teri Cole from Gorham and Frances Maines of Westbrook. More recent members who read their work included Linda Strout and Dee Eisenhower, both from Gorham; Skip Brushaber from Westbrook; Bob Beane from Standish; and Chris Small from Freeport. The group meets every two weeks in the North Gorham Library year-round, and totals eleven members when all attend.

Marketplace

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iSpoon, Skin & Body of Gorham, and Theriault Chiropractic & Massage.

As part of the event, the Gorham Business Exchange also sponsored a food drive for the Gorham Food Pantry. To help collect the food donated by attendees, Po-Go Realty donated the use of their truck.

2015 marked the 18th year the Gorham Business Exchange has hosted Marketplace, which usually takes place the last Saturday in March to help Gorham residents say goodbye to winter and hello to spring. The organization looks forward to seeing everyone again in 2016!



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NOTIFICATION OF WANDERING GEESE

North Gorham Road caller reported geese were wandering about. Geese were not found by officer but caller wanted to be informed if geese were found.

Maple Drive man, who was having a disagreement with his 88-year-old mother, wanted police to stop his mother from leaving while it was snowing. Officer located mother on Evergreen Drive and reported she was fine.

Driver of a car that had gone off the road and was stuck in a snow bank was arrested for OUI.

Driver pulled onto a snowmobile trail, thinking it was a driveway. He got stuck when he tried to turn around and had to be pulled out.

Murray Drive man received a tax refund from the State of Maine. He told police he never gets a refund from the state and he hadn't filed his taxes yet this year.

Suspicious person on Mosher Road was on his way to Kennebunkport to pick up an intoxicated friend and had pulled over to enter the address into his GPS.

Officer observed a vehicle parked on the far side of a lot on Weeks Road. Car was parked behind snow banks and storage containers as if trying to be concealed. Officer had found vehicles parked in this lot where occupants were engaged in inappropriate or illegal activities. Driver was charged with possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia.

Suspicious person walking on Village Woods Circle was on the phone and waving his arms around. Man lived on Weeks Road and

was on his way to the store to buy beer.

Disturbance on Mercier Way was a verbal argument over homework.

Finn Parker Road man called police because his current girlfriend was calling and texting him a lot and would not stop although he had asked her to stop.

Suspicious person on Middle Jam Road was charged with unlawful possession of cocaine and adderall, violation conditions of release, operating after suspension, operating without a license and furnishing liquor to minors.

Driver from Cornucopia Way was charged with OUI.

Caller from Standish reported some kids walked to Lamprons. This is a common occurrence and officer did not find it suspicious. Kids were not found in the area.

Driver reported hitting and killing a deer on North Gorham Road. Car was not damaged and deer miraculously recovered and ran off into the woods.

Caller reported male had stolen three Natty Daddy's and fled in a green vehicle.

Caller was attempting to locate a Windham woman. Officer located woman who was in her car eating pizza. She admitted to having been tired and to having fallen asleep in the parking lot.

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CALENDAR

THURSDAY, APR. 9

- Baby and Me with books, music and movement, 9:30 a.m. ages birth-18 mos., Baxter Memorial Library.
- Toddler Time, 10 a.m., ages 18-36 mos., Baxter Memorial Library.
- Sewing Group, 2:30-4:30 p.m., ages 7 and older. Baxter Memorial Library.

FRIDAY, APR. 10

- USM School of Music's Graduate Showcase, 8 p.m., Corthell Concert Hall, Gorham campus. Free and open to the public. FMI, 780-5555.

SATURDAY, APR. 11

- Lego Club, 10 a.m.-12 p.m., All ages. No registration required. Baxter Memorial Library. Bring your own or share our Legos.
- Gorham Arts Alliance will hold an open house from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tours available. Win a free week at summer camp. FMI, 899-6867.

SUNDAY, APR. 12

- USM Concert Band, Gorham Middle School Auditorium, guest conductor Norman Huynh. \$8/\$5. FMI, 780-5555.

TUESDAY, APR. 14

- Preschool Story Time, 9:30 a.m., ages 3-5 yrs. Theme: Bugs and Insects. Baxter Memorial Library.
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WEDNESDAY, APR. 15

- Town of Gorham Senior Lunch Program, St. Anne's Church. Noon. \$4. FMI, 839-4857.

THURSDAY, APR. 16

- Baby and Me with books, music and movement, 9:30 a.m. ages birth-18 mos., Baxter Memorial Library.
- Toddler Time, 10 a.m., ages 18-36 mos., Baxter Memorial Library.
- Sewing Group, 2:30-4:30 p.m., ages 7 and older. Baxter Memorial Library.

FRIDAY, APR. 17

- Peg's Itsy Bitsy Store, Gorham House, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. FMI, 839-5757.

SATURDAY, APR. 18

- Annual Library Open House & Pie Sale, North Gorham Public Library, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. FMI, 892-2575 or libng@north-gorham.lib.me.us.
- GHOPE Fundraiser, Gorham Sports Center, Starts at 4 p.m. Adults \$10 in advance at [www.holdmyticket.com/\\$15](http://www.holdmyticket.com/$15) at the door, children get in free. FMI, 839-2504.

WEDNESDAY, APR. 22

- Town of Gorham Senior Lunch Program, St. Anne's Church. Noon. \$4. FMI, 839-4857.

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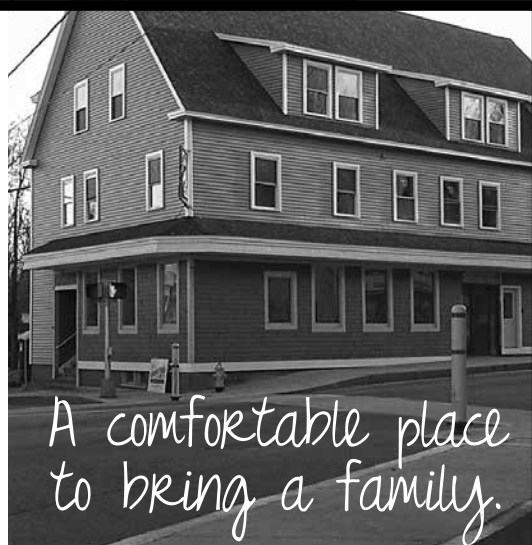


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