

Mar. 6

High School Graduation Moved from Gordon College

The Hamilton-Wenham Regional School Committee voted Thursday night to move the high school's graduation ceremony from Gordon College to the high school.

The committee voted 4-2 to move the ceremony, which has been held at Gordon College since 1994 according to [Salem News](#), to the high school after students voiced concerns about Gordon College President D. Michael Lindsay's recent signature on a letter requesting an exemption for Gordon College to continue seeking federal contracts while requiring faculty, staff and students to abstain from homosexual behavior as well as a circuit court decision about holding graduation in a church.

High school principal Eric Tracy said he spoke with each senior homeroom and invited students to further express their opinions. He told the committee Thursday night that several of the students took the time to meet with him and they "fell on both sides of the fence."

To some students, Tracy said, the family tradition of graduating at Gordon College was important to them, while others had serious concerns about the stance of Gordon College.

"We are a public school and by being a public school we have to do what's right for our kids," School Committee Vice Chair Sheila MacDonald said. "I don't see that Gordon is punished in any way by us deciding not to have graduation there. I think that our students would be punished by us continuing to have it there... that's really what it came down to for me."

Apr. 11

Annual Town Meeting had 589 registered voters in attendance, which was 11% of the 5,567 registered voters.

Apr. 16

Annual Town Election had 1,541 ballots cast, which was 28% of the 5,567 registered voters.

Hamilton and Wenham both held town elections Thursday.

Board of Selectmen: Shawn M. Farrell -- 798; William W. Wilson -- 810

Moderator: Jennifer Taub Scuteri-- 756

Town Clerk: Andrea J. Carlson -- 1,259

Board of Assessors: Steven G.

Ozahowski -- 1,153

Planning Board: Matthew Thomas

Tobyne -- 865

Housing Authority: Clarence N.

Trepaning -- 603

Hamilton-Wenham Library Trustee At-Large: Patricia K. Purdy -- 1,323 & Julie Clay -- 1,100

Hamilton-Wenham Regional School Committee: Hannah E. Fraley -- 1,189 & Dennis J. Hurley -- 1,242

Question (Proposition 2-1/2 Debt Exclusion): Yes -- 818; No -- 476

Jan. 7

Graduation

Nov. 7

Special Town Meeting had 336 registered voters in attendance, which was 6% of the 5,490 registered voters in Hamilton.

Nov. 20

Child Taken

If not for Anton Crosby, there's no telling what would have happened to the little girl who vanished from a Massachusetts home early Friday.

"I think I just saw a little baby on the side of the road," Crosby recalled telling his wife, Marge, sitting in the car with him, told him he was crazy. "It could have been a doll, but I'm going to spin around," he said.

Lyndon Albers, 2, lay in a pile of leaves, naked and shivering, according to various reports. Her hair had been shaved. Her body was bruised.

A former babysitter, Abigail Hanna, 21, was arrested Friday on charges of kidnapping, assault and battery by means of a dangerous weapon, assault and battery on a child and breaking and entering at night, according to a statement from the Hamilton police department.

"Evidence indicates that the abduction was not a random crime," the statement said.

Missing child from Lincoln Ave residence in S. Hamilton. The babysitter had been fired.

Little Lyndon was reunited with her family and hospitalized in fair condition, police said.

The search for Lyndon started with a frantic call to police by her mother at about 7 a.m. Friday. The girl had been abducted sometime after 3 a.m. as her parents slept. It was about 10 a.m. when the Crosbys discovered her beside the road, in Rowley, about eight miles from the little girl's home.