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## School Committee Rejects Rezoning

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Citing rapidly increasing K-5 enrollment projections for Gorham School District's three elementary schools and concerns about the number of students that would be moved under a plan to meld the Village and Narragansett attendance zones, Superintendent Heather Perry recommended to the School Committee (SC) that the zones remain as they are for the 2017-18 year at an April 5 budget workshop meeting.

The Committee agreed and rejected the plan that would have required moving 48 students next year. Earlier projections suggested that melding the zones would have affected only 20 students. Although there will be no shifting of students in 2017-18, Perry said that there probably will be changes the following year after a special committee currently work-

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## New Principal and Vice Principal Announced

GORHAM SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

The Gorham School Department is pleased to announce the hiring of Brian Jandreau as the principal at Gorham High School (GHS) and Cheryl Fotter as the vice principal of Village Elementary School.

Jandreau most recently served Gorham's students as the interim principal at GHS since July 1, 2016. Prior to this, Jandreau served as the assistant principal at GHS for three years, and as the assistant princi-



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Brian Jandreau and Cheryl Fotter have been named Gorham High School's principal and Village Elementary School's vice principal respectively.

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## Sebago Brewing Company: Construction of \$5.5 Million Facility Begins

ROGER MARCHAND  
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The Sebago Brewing Company had the groundbreaking for its new five million dollar building on Lower Main Street on April 10. The 30,395 square-foot building will double the size of the present brewery, which is also located in Gorham. The expansion was deemed necessary due to the increased demand for its craft beers. According to the company's recent press release, "Year-to-date, Sebago Brewing Co. has been trending at over 44.3 percent growth."

The new building's total space will be divided into two main sections: 21,485 square feet will be dedicated to the brewery and 9,480 square feet will be set aside for a tasting room along with office spaces. With expanded space and capability, the owners hope to hire up to 40 new full and part-time employees.

Since opening in 1998, Sebago has become one of the fastest-growing craft breweries in the state. Kai Adams, co-founder of the Sebago Brewing Co., spoke about the future for the company in its new location. He commented on the agricultural aspects of the brewing industry and said that he hoped the company could eventually grow and harvest its own hops and barley on the land that is adjacent to the new building.



Photo credit Roger Marchand

Sebago Brewing co-founders (left to right) Kai Adams, Tim Haines, and Brad Monarch break ground for the company's new facility while representatives from the Town of Gorham look on.

Tom Ellsworth, president of the Gorham Economic Development Corporation, talked about the growth and economic success of the "home grown" Gorham-based Sebago Brewing Company. Also present at the groundbreaking were Town Manager David Cole, members of the Town Council and Town employees, representatives of the

Shaw Brothers Family Foundation, and Jon Smith of Great Falls Construction, the company building the new facility.

Construction of the brewery will be completed by the end of 2017, with beer available in the taproom beginning in January 2018. There will also be an outdoor patio and green space for seasonal use.

## Jones Awarded Eagle Scout Rank

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Gorham's Troop 817 presented the Eagle Scout Rank to Aaron Jones at Cressey Road United Methodist Church on March 18. Jones is the son of Trevor and Carol Jones and is a freshman at Gorham High School.

The Eagle Scout rank is Boy Scouting's highest honor, earned by only seven out of every 100 boys who enter the program. To earn the award, a scout must earn at least 21 merit badges, provide leadership to the other boys in his troop, and organize and lead others in a community service project.

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Photo courtesy of Trevor Jones

Aaron Jones stands atop the bridge he built on the trails off of Weeks Road, a popular spot for sports enthusiasts.

## Gorham Grind Closing May 5

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Staff Writer

After more than 12 years in business at 18 South Street, Gorham Grind owner Carson Lynch will be closing up shop on Friday, May 5. Lynch plans to relocate to 169 Pool St. in Biddeford (near both UNE and Biddeford Pool) where he will initially focus on taking his creation, "Rocket Fuel High Test Coffee Milk," to the next level. He hopes to eventually open a coffee house at the new location, a former sandwich shop.

For now, Lynch plans to focus on developing his Rocket Fuel business which has been difficult to do within the confines of his current location.

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# Maine Servers Make Strong Statement at State House

SENATOR AMY VOLK

Imagine a public policy so flawed that it prompts a famous Maine restaurant to close for a day to allow its workers to go to Augusta to try to change it. That's just what happened last week when Moody's Diner in Waldoboro allowed their workers to join hundreds of other restaurant employees from around the state, who also put their lives on hold, to come to Augusta to tell lawmakers about how the loss of the tip credit threatens their livelihoods.

They waited patiently in line during a marathon, 12 and a half hour public hearing before the Legislature's Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development Committee (LRED), which I chair, to talk about the urgency of restoring the tip credit.

Question 4 on last November's Maine ballot, which raised the state's minimum wage, also called for the phasing out of the tip

credit. Under the tip credit system, servers have always been guaranteed to make at least the minimum wage, but their earnings have been supplemented by tips from restaurant patrons, allowing them to make a very good living. In fact, they are often the highest paid workers at the restaurant.

Until now. The change in the tip credit law has led to confusion at Maine's restaurants and bars. Customers are unsure of whether they should still be tipping their servers at all since those workers are now earning a slightly higher minimum wage. This has resulted in lower paychecks for those who make a living as food servers and bartenders.

"People seem confused about it all," testified Brooke Carpentier of Brunswick, who has worked as a server for more than 20 years. "(They are) asking what we are making an hour and want to know if they still leave a tip. It is awkward."

Janice Philbrick told the committee that since her husband became ill a couple of years ago, they now primarily rely on her wages as a server. "Since January 7th my hours have been cut and there has been a decrease in tips because people believe we are now making \$12.00 an hour. Customers have told me this," she said.

My fellow LCRED Committee members and I listened to Brooke, Janice and dozens of other hard-

working Mainers talk about the impact the new law is having on them, and encourage us to reinstate the tip credit.

Carpentier continued, "Thankfully working long hours makes it possible to send my kids to summer camps and get them enrolled in sports during the school year. I don't want to move but if this (the tip credit) isn't reinstated then I would have to go where I would get the most money for what I'm good at doing."

Cindy Bradford, who owns the Market Place Café in Wiscasset, testified that the loss of the tip credit and higher minimum wage may lead to the demise of her business. "After running my budget projections for the next year, I came to the sad realization that because of the increase in the minimum wage along with the elimination of the tip credit, this business will no longer be sustainable," she said.

Rachel Davenport, a server, bartender and event planner at Clay Hill Farm in York said, "As a single woman, I pay all my expenses

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## Around Town

As of April 6, the Public Works Dept. recorded approximately 125.8 inches of snow. This is the second highest total inches of snow recorded in 13 years, with the highest being 131.1 inches during the 2007-08 winter. Gorham also had a total of 23 different snow events, which is above the average of approximately 20 snow events a year.

Street sweeping has begun in Gorham. The schedule is not a complete/final list and updates will be made as they are determined and as weather permits. Visit <http://www.gorham-me.org/home/news/2017-street-sweeping-schedule> for more details.

The Gorham Farmer's Market will open for the season on May 6. There will be a preview at USM on Friday, April 28, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

## Letter to the Editor

Letters must be less than 300 words, signed with a first and last name, typed or e-mailed and include a phone number. Letters are solely the opinion of the writer and not that of the Gorham Times. They are published at the discretion of the Gorham Times and are subject to editing.

Dear Fellow Community Members,

It was great to see our community come together to advocate for our students at the School Committee budget meeting last week. Over 50 parents attended and many voiced their opinions on the proposed

school budget. To ensure the budget is passed by the Town Council we need that positive energy and collaboration to continue. Please join the Support Gorham Schools group on Facebook to keep informed and find ways that you can make an impact and strengthen our community.

Sincerely,  
Julie Springer

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WHERE ARE THEY NOW

# Haunt ME: Season 4 Begins



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(Left to right) Tyler Gowen, Carol Cleveland, Katie Webb, and Ashley Brooks investigate haunted places in Maine for the web series Haunt ME.

CHRIS CRAWFORD  
Staff Writer

GHS 2005 graduates Ashley Brooks, Ty Gowen, and Nick Nordfors, went their separate ways after high school. Brooks attended the University of Southern Maine, earning a degree in English, with a minor in Creative Writing. Gowen earned a degree in English with a focus in Communications from the University of New England, while Nordfors attended New York University, graduating with a degree in Film and TV production.

Their day jobs take them in different directions, too, but at night, they work closely on a joint project they are passionate about...their web-based TV series Haunt ME, which premiered in November of 2012. Over the ensuing seasons, it has garnered a growing audience and will be airing its 4th season beginning in May. Haunt ME showcases some of Maine's history, visiting places that are reputedly haunted, and sharing the stories of those who have died, but may be lingering on.

By day, Brooks is a business-woman, running Vetiver Boutique, an online store catering to vintage and antique clothing. She hopes to open in a physical storefront next year. She is also a freelance music journalist and is a musician herself. "Being self-employed allows me to be creative

on a daily basis, but it also requires a lot of motivation and focus," she said.

By night, Brooks is the creator and leader of Haunt ME and also serves as the researcher and historian for the new season. When asked what originally drew her to this endeavor, she said, "I love exploring historical

buildings and unraveling their secrets and lore. I have always been attracted to the past, and to telling the stories of events and people long forgotten."

Gowen spends his work week in Marketing at Unum. "I transfer the skills I

learn in my day job to my night job of Haunt ME," he said. After hours, Gowen is the Tech Analyst for Haunt ME, the Location Scout and "the Y chromosome representative" among the four investigators on the series. He added, "I've always wanted to explore the unknown...being able to do this with my best friends is more than I could ever ask for."

Nordfors freelances in live television/events as a script supervisor, working in New York and LA throughout the year, on various shows such as the Emmys, MTV Movie Awards, NBA All-Star Weekend, and Disney holiday specials. Nordfors is the producer and director of Haunt ME, capturing the investigations on video and putting each episode together as a cohesive story. Initially a skeptic of the paranormal, Nordfors

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ASHLEY BROOKS

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BUSINESS PROFILE

# @Work Personnel Services



Photo credit Amanda Vickerson

AMANDA VICKERSON  
Contributing Writer

@Work Personnel Services relocated from Portland to 358 Main St. in Gorham on April 4. @Work has been helping Mainers find temporary to permanent job placements since 1992. The office moved to Gorham to be in a better spot to recruit new employees. Marie Beatham, General Manager of the five Maine agencies, said, "The Gorham location is easier to find and prevents people from having to deal with the Portland traffic to apply for work." The Maine-owned-and-operated franchise also has offices in Brewer, Skowhegan, Turner, and Sanford.

How is @Work different from other temp agencies? They pride themselves on their small business atmosphere, competitive pay rates, and many opportunities for work. Employees are also offered a benefits package and can earn paid holidays.

Beatham shared that several employers who use @Work's services often need traffic controllers and flaggers. While this may not be an applicant's first job choice, these positions offer immediate work. Employees are able to earn a paycheck while @Work continues to help them with their job search. "Our overall goal is to find positions for all of our temps and get

them permanently hired, but we also want to keep our employees on their feet between jobs."

Many businesses start the hiring processes as soon as a temp starts working, while others will call @Work for employees to fill seasonal or large contract needs in production and assembly-type facilities. Clients of @Work appreciate that employees are always at the ready and are assured people will be placed in other positions when short-term projects are completed.

Along with hiring laborers from all skill levels across many industries, @Work also helps businesses secure top notch managers through their Executive Recruitment services. With diverse placement opportunities available, Beatham encourages job seekers from any background to stop by the new office: "@Work cannot exist without good, reliable employees!"

Sue Richards, Account Manager at the Gorham office, said @Work held an open house the week of April 10. She invites both potential employees and employers to stop by Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Richards, and Staffing Specialist Amanda Hutchins, can be reached at 839-5060. They are eager to start connecting workers and jobs in the Gorham community.

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# Work, Eat, Rest, Repeat

STACEY COLEMAN

Twenty weeks ago I had a preventative double mastectomy. I have a gene that greatly increases my risk of cancer and I took action. It was hard. I went through my rest period and then slowly got back to work and workouts.

After months of staying focused, I am starting to not only feel my progress but I am finally starting to actually see my progress. It can be very difficult to keep going when you are not seeing the changes in the mirror. Sure, others may see a difference, but it is really hard to keep going until you see it, too.

I am really starting to feel normal, and to actually look (to myself) like the person I am inside, although I still have a journey ahead of me. I personally have been through this “comeback kid” process (involuntarily, mind you) many times. Each time is hard. Each time I feel like I want to quit. But each time that I decide to push through and do the work, I succeed.

This can be the case for many people. I talk to hundreds of people every year and they say the same thing. After weeks of work, they feel changes, but they can not yet see them. It can be discouraging, to say the least. It is very common for people to hit a plateau in their progress. You keep doing the work, but the changes are just not visible.

This is the most difficult phase to coach people through and it is the most mentally and physically challenging part of any change process: work, work, work, with little visible rewards. During this time we need to realize that if we stay the course, at the end of every plateau is a dramatic change.

The truth is, your body is really changing, but you can not see it yet. This is the time you need to dig deep and trust the process. I have seen so many quit at this point and never realize just how close they were to realizing their goals. I have also witnessed those who do push through, and continue to do the work. These are the success stories.

My advice to you is simple, and much easier said than done: Do the work! Eat the food! Rest! Repeat! Repeat! Repeat! It will get difficult, it might sometimes seem boring, but stay the course and you will succeed.

It takes four weeks for you to feel your body changing, eight weeks for your friends to notice, and 12 weeks for you to truly see it in the mirror. It takes time. Don't QUIT.



Stacey Coleman is Founder/Executive Director/Fitness Coach of My-FIT-24. She has a B.S. in Health and Fitness and 15 years of professional field experience.

# Presumpscot Regional Land Trust Needs You

CHRIS CRAWFORD  
Staff Writer

Spring is a very busy time for the Presumpscot Regional Land Trust (PRLT). With 25 Preserves and over 1400 acres and many miles of public access trails to care for, the organization is looking for volunteers in three crucial areas this spring. People are needed to help with Spring trail work, to help monitor Water Quality along the Presumpscot River watershed, and to help with the annual Migratory Fish Count.

Rachelle Curan Apse, director of PRLT said, “Volunteers are central to our community non-profit. Thanks to over 100 volunteers who donated thousands of hours of time in the past year, we were able to build three new miles of public access trails and maintain over ten miles of trails, plus steward our 25 preserves.”

Spring Trail Work Volunteers are needed to get the many wonderful trails and preserves cleaned up after an especially heavy winter and ready for people to enjoy. There are many tasks, small and large, from moving leaves and sticks off the trail to carrying lumber and shifting large rocks to designing switchbacks, there's a task for everyone. Spring Trail Clean-ups happen from 9 a.m.- noon. Come for an hour, or come for all three.

The locations and dates are as follows: Gambo Preserve, Gorham – Saturday, May 13; Hawkes Preserve, Gorham – Saturday, May 13; Frog Hollow Preserve, Gorham – Friday, May 19; Mill Brook Preserve, Westbrook – Sunday, May 21; Black Brook Preserve, Windham – Saturday, June 10; Cummings Preserve, Gorham – Saturday, June 10; Little River Preserve, Gorham – Saturday, June 17; and Pringle Wildlife Preserve, Windham – Saturday, June 24.

Water Quality Monitoring Volunteers are needed to collect water samples in an effort to keep the waters in our region clean. For over 20 years, the Presumpscot River Watch (now a program of the land trust) has been collecting data on dissolved oxygen and bacteria throughout the Presumpscot River Watershed. These are key indicators of the health of aquatic ecosystems

for both animals and humans. The sampling season begins with a training led by the Maine Department of Environmental Protection on Saturday, May 6, at USM in Gorham. Apse said, “As we expand our volunteer opportunities to water quality monitoring this year we are looking for more volunteers to help strengthen our field programs and meet our mission to support healthy lands, waters, wildlife, and people across the Presumpscot River watershed.”

There are 10 sampling days, every other Saturday starting in late May. Each sampling day will generally go from 7:30 – 10:30 am. We ask that volunteers be available for at least half of the sampling days: May 20, June 3, June 17, July 1, July 15, July 29, Aug 12, Aug 26, Sep 9, and Sep 23.

Migratory Fish Count Volunteers are needed for the annual migratory fish count—coordinated by the University of Southern Maine Environmental Science and Policy Department. The count provides critical data helpful in estimating the alewife population in Casco Bay.

Alewife live in the ocean and spawn in freshwater systems and are important to the Gulf of Maine ecosystem. In spring, they make their way from the ocean into the Presumpscot River and Mill Brook so they can reproduce in Highland Lake before returning to the sea. This is the largest and most productive alewife run in Casco Bay, and it is an impressive sight to see.

Volunteers will count fish at the Highland/Mill Brook Dam as they migrate upstream, typically in May to early June. It is a simple and exciting way to volunteer while offering a backstage pass to an exciting natural phenomenon. No experience is needed and a short training will be provided. The time commitment is also short, as count slots are just 30 minutes long.

To sign up to participate in any or all of these important programs, go to the land trust Get Involved webpage at [www.prlt.org/get-involved/](http://www.prlt.org/get-involved/). If you have questions about any of these volunteer opportunities or would like more information, please contact Stewardship and Outreach Coordinator Toby Jacobs at [toby@prlt.org](mailto:toby@prlt.org) or 839-4633.

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# Gorham Resident Vies for Mrs. Maine Title

LESLIE DUPUIS  
Editor

Cynthia Peters, the current Mrs. Gorham, will compete for the Mrs. Maine America title on April 30 at the DoubleTree Hotel. Peters is a chemistry graduate from UNH who moved to Maine four years ago when her first son was born. She is currently at home full-time with her kids, but volunteers whenever possible. Peters is supported by her husband, Jack, and her two sons, Riley and Brady. The family loves to spend time hiking and biking near their Gorham home. She took a few minutes to discuss her role and the upcoming pageant.

## How did you become interested in the Mrs. Maine pageant?

I saw a sign at the DoubleTree in South Portland and I had to see what was involved, so I checked it out online. Coincidentally, a few months later the Mrs. Maine America organization contacted me. I'm a stay-at-home mom of two young boys and I knew the pageant would be a challenge, that it would bring me out of my comfort zone in many ways, but that it would be an experience of a lifetime.

## What was your motivation in running for Mrs. Maine?

Ultimately, I took this opportunity to get involved in community efforts and became a volunteer with The Dream Factory of Maine, an organization that grants dreams for children who are critically and chronically ill. I am also a member of the Gorham Cares committee, whose goals are to help people in need within the Gorham community. The Mrs. Maine organization also provides many opportunities to be able to give back to Maine communities.

## What do you hope to accomplish by becoming Mrs. Maine?

I want to represent our state at the national level as an inspiration to other wives and mothers through my own experiences and efforts within and outside of my home. I want to show other women they can feel happy and confident with their accomplishments, whether that be as a wife, mother, employee, or vol-



Photo courtesy of Cynthia Peters

unteer. I feel this is also a wonderful opportunity to show my support of The Dream Factory and the Gorham Cares organizations.

## What would you like the residents of Gorham to know about the Mrs. Maine pageant?

I want others to look at the Mrs. Maine America pageant as a great way for women to celebrate their marriage and be confident with themselves. The women I have met in the pageant are some of the most remarkable women I have ever met - wives, mothers, business owners, cancer survivors, farmers, and much more. I would love for others to look at their own achievements and be proud, or to take on that new challenge, and if interested, even consider the Mrs. Maine America pageant themselves!

The Mrs. Maine America Pageant is April 30 at 3:00 p.m. at the DoubleTree in South Portland. Doors open at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are \$45 for adults/\$40 for children 12 and under, and can be purchased at the door.

To learn more, visit <http://www.mrsmaine.net> or Peters' Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/MrsGorham2017/>.

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## News from Augusta CONTINUED FROM PAGE 2

myself; if my income dramatically decreases over the next few years, I will not be able to afford my mortgage, car payment, oil for my home, as I have planned, based on my yearly income."

Also attending the hearing were members of the Maine People's Alliance, an organization that backed the referendum to increase the minimum wage and eliminate the tip credit. Remarkably, they were there to "inform" the Committee that the hundreds of servers who showed up at the State House were wrong, and that the elimination of the tip credit was in their best financial interests.

One of them, who was paid to

gather signatures to put the minimum wage question on the ballot, admitted to the committee that she didn't understand the petition that she was asking people to sign. After hearing the servers' testimony, she agreed that the tip credit must be restored.

Even before last November, there was almost universal agreement in Augusta that Maine's minimum wage should be raised. In fact, I had a bill that would have done that, but it fell victim to partisan politics. But it is also very clear that Question 4, as written, is not the answer. It is now up to us in the Legislature to find a better solution.

## Jones Awarded Eagle Scout Rank CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

For his Eagle Scout service project, Jones built a trail bridge over the outlet of a pond on Weeks Road. The trails in that area are used by Middle School classes, the Middle School and High School Cross Country teams, and numerous residents who walk, run and bike on the trails.

Jones organized the help of 14 volunteers who worked nearly 100 hours on the project and solicited donations of materials from area businesses, including Home Depot, which donated all of the lumber for the bridge, and R.J. Grondin & Sons, which donated gravel that Aaron used to create approach

ramps and fill low spots on the trail near the bridge.

His achievement was recognized by many dignitaries including Senator Angus King, Congresswoman Chellie Pingree, and State Senator Amy Volk, who hosted Jones and his family at the State House on January 31 and presented him with sentiments from the Maine Legislature and a flag flown over the State capitol in Augusta.

Jones is the fourth Eagle Scout in his family. Other recipients in the family include his great uncle Roland Blouin (1947), his father Trevor Jones (1987), and his older brother Collin Jones (2012).

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# Coming to Town

SHERI FABER  
Staff Writer

Kate and Andrew Thomas have submitted plans for a 44 unit rental condominium development on the west side of Rt. 202 directly across from Acorn St., the road running in front of the Little Falls Activity Center. The Thomases, who live on a section of the property, plan to put in a road opposite Acorn St. which will become a continuation of the street. The project will also include a community garden.

John Chase purchased property from Harvey Sawyer on the west side of South Street (Rt.114) near the roundabout. He plans to build 100 or more housing units on the site and has been working on this project since 2012. Town ordinances require that the property be on a sewer system in order to be approved.

The property at 366 Main St., built around 1800 and currently owned by PTG Investment Trust, is being dismantled piece by piece with doors, windows and the framing being salvaged for future uses. The Planning Board approved two commercial buildings and three housing units on the site. The housing units will be on the back part of the property, but only one commercial building is now proposed for the front of the property requiring Planning Board approval for the amended project. That building will house a wine and beer business.

National Attachments, which is currently located next to Mr. Bagel on Mechanic Street, is planning to move to Olde Canal Place Industrial Park as the company needs more space.

# Gorham Town Budget Proposed

COMPILED BY LESLIE DUPUIS  
Editor

On April 6, Town Manager David Cole announced his budget for 2017-2018. Excluding the School Budget, the proposed gross budget is \$14,051,668. This is an increase of 3.2% from the current budget of \$13,618,860. The estimated non-property tax revenue is \$6,465,750, or a 4.3% increase. The funds needed from property taxes are \$7,485,832, or an increase of 2.3%. The estimated property tax rate needed to support this budget, based on a local assessed value of \$1,588,086,688, is \$4.71. This is an increase of 7 cents, or 1.6%.

The Town is obligated to collect the property tax for Cumberland County, and that tax is part of the Town's annual property tax bill. The property tax for Cumberland County increased by \$69,123 or 6.2%. Over the last five years (from the 2011-12 fiscal year to the 2016-17 year), County taxes have increased 31.37% compared to the rate of inflation as measured by the CPI-U from December 2011 to December 2016 of 6.98%.

Some of this increase is the result of Gorham growing faster than other communities in Cumberland County. Gorham's share of the County property tax for 2011-12 was 3.52% and grew to 3.77% for 2016-17; however, even taking that into consideration, the increase in the County tax has been significant. This year's increase of 6.2% is also higher than the rate of inflation.

Cole pointed out several other factors affecting the budget for 2017-2018:

The Town Council voted to make a three-year commitment to a trial program that would extend METRO Bus service to Gorham Village and with the anticipation that this service would be able to compliment

the separate bus service between the USM Gorham and Portland campuses. The estimated annual cost to Gorham is \$162,719, but the annual cost to Gorham during the three-year trial period is \$33,000.

Included in the Debt Service-Principle account is the first principle payment of \$65,000 for the new debt on the two Fire & Rescue vehicles. As a reminder, the first interest payment was in the 2016-17 budget.

As a result of the Federal Clean Water Act, the Town of Gorham, along with 14 other communities in the Portland area, have been obligated to obtain a permit from the Maine Department of Environmental Protection to discharge (allow) stormwater to flow into nearby water bodies like Tannery Brook. This permit, first obtained in 2003, must be renewed every five years, and is due in 2018. Each time the permit has been renewed, the Town has been required to comply with additional regulations. In anticipation that the cost of complying with the mandated program will continue to increase, a separate Stormwater Compliance account was established to help track costs in the future.

Gorham has operated a Fire & Rescue Department with a combination of professional employees, while relying on the Call Company to fill-in when manpower was needed during a response to an emergency. The complexity of training and amount of time required for Call Company employees to train has increased over the years, along with the number of calls for emergency help. This is partly the result of being a growing community. More people living in Gorham means more calls for emergency assistance. Over time, this has resulted in a reduction

in the number of Call Company employees who respond to calls.

Because our Fire Department has been very innovative over the years by adopting a program like the student live-in program and working cooperatively with other communities, this helped to slow the erosion of support from the Call Company. However, even with this extensive effort, the Fire & Rescue Department's annual operating costs have continued to increase, and the Town may need to rely on more expensive full-time employees, or reduce the level of response time and service provided to the community.

As reported last year, there continue to be issues with the State of Maine's Municipal Revenue Sharing Program, enacted in 1972. The original purpose of this program was to assist towns after the state-mandated programs took a sizable portion of town-collected property tax money and eliminated a significant amount of property tax revenue from commercial properties.

According to Cole, when the State began to have serious financial problems in 2006, it started using money designated for Revenue Sharing to solve its own problems. Last year, the State took approximately 59% of the funds that should have been available to municipalities.

By law, the Town of Gorham should be receiving approximately \$1.9 million in Revenue Sharing funds. If the State honored the law, the property tax rate in Gorham would have been approximately 75 cents lower. That amounts to an additional cost of \$187.50 for property valued at \$250,000. Currently, the Town is budgeting \$750,000 in State Revenue Sharing funds.

The Town Council will meet again on May 2 to review and approve the budget, thus sending it on for a town vote.



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## Real Estate Transfers November 2016

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70 SPILLER ROAD	WHITTY, RYAN	JOHNSON, JENNIE	\$225,000
720 FORT HILL ROAD	ELING, ANGELICA & RYAN	HALL, JAMES	\$265,000
18 CUMBERLAND LANE	RAYMOND, ELENA & JASON	ROBIE CONTRACTING, INC.	\$346,700
269 DINGLEY SPRING ROAD	JOHNSON, JENNIE	VERRILL, JUSTIN	\$256,000
58 SOUTH STREET	MCGRAW, THOMAS & MCGUIRE, SARAH ET AL	MCCANDLESS, ELIZABETH TRUSTEE	\$205,247
38 FINN PARKER ROAD	HUETTE, EMILY & HUETTE, ROBERT IV	ANDERSON, CHRIS	\$219,500
20 NORWAY ROAD	STRUMPH, THOMAS	MARTIN, JULIE	\$75,000
218 COUNTY ROAD	BOUCHER, MICHELLE & CARL	MAREAN, DANIEL	\$330,000
52 WAGNER FARM ROAD	HUGHES, JOSHUA & ALEXANDRA	LIBBY, SHANE	\$305,000
22 WILLOWDALE DRIVE	DIDONATO, BRIAN	ZWOLINSKI, HENRYKA	\$260,000
133 NARRAGANSETT ST	LAMARCA, JOHN	ANDRESEN, SIGRID	\$200,000
215 FORT HILL ROAD	MORIN, MICHAEL & TATIANA	CARROLL, PHYLLIS	\$350,000
49 BARNFIELD LANE	PELLETIER, DAVID & KRISTIE MARIE	SCALI, JENINE	\$589,876
9 LILAC LANE	WELTON, CHAD & SARA	JLJ CONSTRUCTION	\$326,800
293 FLAGGY MEADOW RD	293 FLAGGY MEADOW LLC	BARTHOLOMEW, ROBERT	\$245,000
7 QUAIL RIDGE DRIVE	COPELAND, ANGELA & LEE	JAEGER, SUSANNA	\$334,847
18 LAWN AVENUE	COX, DEBORAH	HUGHES, ALEXANDRA	\$219,000
15 BALL PARK ROAD	FISHER, ELIZABETH	GRONDIN, FRANK	\$239,900
116 ICHABOD LANE EXT	MICHAUD, CHRISTY & JAMES	GILBERT HOMES	\$364,000
72 SHAWS MILL ROAD	PETERSEN, JOHN JR & THERESA	SEARLES, STEVEN	\$115,000
10 GERANIUM DRIVE	QUINTAL, DAVID & SUNNY	MAINLY PROPERTIES	\$429,500
196 SEBAGO LAKE ROAD	BACA, LOUISE & GARY	EATON, GARY	\$350,000
186 HUSTON ROAD	CATHCART, ANGELA M	GRIFFIN, KYLE	\$224,000
44 SOLOMON DRIVE	KENNEDY, ADAM & MARCI	HONAN, JOANNE	\$380,900
38 SPILLER ROAD	DUNPHE, KAYLA & STEPHEN	SAM STRUMPH BUILDERS, LLC	\$302,355

APRIL 4, 2017

# Town Council Meeting

JACOB ADAMS  
Staff Writer

The Ordinance Committee discussed better ways to inform the residents of Town news and events. They will be utilizing the Town's website and Facebook page, advertising in the Gorham Times and American Journal, the new sign at the Public Safety Building, and the Town's E-mail blasts. You can sign up for Town email's by going to the Town Website and clicking the "Subscribe" button on the Home Page.

The Eco Maine Board of Directors are adding food waste to their recycling program. You can find out more about the program on their website.

A Public meeting was held on April 13 in the Council Chambers with Eaton Peabody Consulting Group to discuss the hiring of the new Town Manager. Citizens of Gorham were encouraged to attend.

Town Manager, David Cole, thanked everyone who came out to the Gorham Marketplace last weekend. This was his 20th year attending the Marketplace. Cole also reported that Julio Santiago from the Rec Department has submitted a presentation to the National Recreation and Parks Association that was accepted and will be presented this fall at the National Conference.

Town Council voted to send amendments made to the Land Use & Development Code to the Planning Board for review and recommendations. Land Use & Development Code currently does not allow Landscape Companies or Contractor Yards in the Rural Zone, and the Town Council feels that the Rural Zone can accommodate these users provided there are reasonable regulations that protect abutting and nearby property owners. The full amendment can be read on the town's website at [www.gorham-me.org](http://www.gorham-me.org).

The Town Council renewed a liquor license for Gorham Country Club, Inc., located at 93 McLellan Road.

A liquor license and a special amusement license were approved for Spire 29 on the Square, LLC, located at 29 School Street.

The Town Council decided to postpone the vote on the Policy for the Acquisition of Open Space and Transfer Development Property until Town Council Staff review and prepare a revised policy and bring it back to the Council.

The Town Council appropriated \$500 from the contingency account to purchase a Town sponsorship for the next "Build Maine Conference" to encourage Municipal Officials and Staff to attend.

The Town Council also re-appropriated \$32,000 from the following reserve accounts to purchase a replacement Air Handler at the Municipal Center: Mobile lift (410-43-50711-15) - \$13,412.81; Automotive Diagnostic Unit (503-51-50350-03) - \$221.00; Security Camera -BML (603-61-50718-09) \$0.56; Municipal Center Roof (201-02-50700-07) - \$18,356.63.

The Town Council referred a proposal to rezone the Olde Canal Industrial Park from the Industrial Zone to a new, similar, Olde Canal Industrial Zone, to the Planning Board for their Public Hearing and recommendations.

A transfer of \$1,420 was approved, in a criminal Action (Doct. No. CR-16-344) to the Town of Gorham, pursuant to Title 15 MRSA Section 5824 (3) and Section 5826 (6), because the Gorham Police Department made a substantial contribution to the investigation in the above or a related criminal case.

Complete minutes are available on the town's website at [www.gorham-me.org](http://www.gorham-me.org).

# Lobster Processing Facility Planned for Gorham

GORHAM TIMES STAFF

John Hathaway, owner of Shucks Maine Lobster, has plans to build a new facility off Route 237 in the Olde Canal Place Industrial Park, an area that has had difficulty attracting new business in previous years. Hathaway plans to build an approximate 30,000 square foot building. Shucks would occupy 18,000 square feet, and the company is considering leasing the remaining square footage to another tenant.

Maine Sustainable Seafood LLC, the production arm for Shucks, uses an innovative technology called high pressure processing to

loosen raw lobster meat from the shell. Originally developed to kill bacteria in packaged food, the technique uses water pressure to almost instantaneously kill the lobsters and provide raw meat which has an impressive shelf life of nearly 45 days. The process has earned the "Certified Sustainable" label from the Marine Stewardship Council.

In his plant proposal, Hathaway stated he is looking to move to Gorham to create production jobs and to be closer to the 40+ current employees who live in the area. The company, based out of Richmond, Maine, also produces fresh-cooked and flash-frozen lobster for markets across the world.

APRIL 3, 2017

# Planning Board Results

Maine Coast Kitchen's request for approval to construct a 7,150 square foot condo-plex including parking, access ways, sidewalks and landscaping on Little Wing Lane, located off New Portland Road, was discussed and postponed with a site walk to be scheduled.

Kate and Andrew Thomas's pre-application request for approval of the Gray Road Housing Development, a 44-unit subdivision on property located at 642 Gray Road, was discussed.

An amendment to the Land Use and Development Code to add Agricultural Events Centers as a permitted use and redefine Agricultural Buildings allowing replacement or additions of Agricultural Buildings in the Rural zoning district was discussed and forwarded to the ordinance subcommittee for review and recommendations.

# South Street Accident Wipes Out Pole



Photo credit Roger Marchand

At approximately 6:00 a.m. on Tuesday, April 12, a rental U-Haul Dodge pick-up was travelling south on South Street and drifted off the left side of the road striking the CMP pole and coming to rest in a ditch. The operator of the pick-up fled the scene. The crash is currently under investigation and potential charges of leaving the scene of an accident are pending.

# December Arrests

The Gorham Police Department made the following arrests in December:

Bronx, NY man, 22, was arrested for theft by deception.

Acorn St. woman, 27, was arrested for theft by unauthorized taking and forgery.

Windham woman, 24, was arrested for operating a vehicle without a license, OUI (2 priors), and violating conditions of release.

Rockport, MA man, 21, was arrested for violating conditions of release.

Cressey Road man, 72, was arrested for OUI, and refusal to submit to arrest or detention.

Woodland Road man, 24, was arrested for domestic violence assault, operating while license was suspended or revoked and violating conditions of release.

Old Orchard Beach man, 32, was arrested for operating a vehicle without a license.

Windham man, 29, was arrested for operating after suspension, and possessing an open container of alcohol in his vehicle.

Evergreen Drive man, 27, was arrested for OUI.

Main St. man, 33, was arrested for criminal trespass, assault on an officer, burglary of a motor vehicle, criminal mischief, refusal to

submit to arrest, theft by unauthorized taking, unlawful possession of scheduled drugs and disorderly conduct. He was arrested again the following day for two counts of unauthorized taking, burglary, criminal mischief and two counts of burglary of a motor vehicle.

Windham woman, 33, was arrested for theft by unauthorized use and domestic violence assault.

Naples man, 25, was arrested for criminal mischief and domestic violence criminal threatening.

North Gorham Road man, 49, was arrested for OUI.

South St. man, 38, was arrested for domestic violence assault.

Standish man, 18, was arrested for violating conditions of release and operating with a suspended license.

South St. man, 31, was arrested for operating with a suspended license and OUI.

Brownfield man, 23, was arrested for failure to pay a fine and for operating with a suspended/revoked license.

Jay woman, 21, was arrested on two counts of unlawful possession of scheduled drugs and two counts of unlawful furnishing of scheduled drugs.

# Sports, Etc.

**Slopes:** UMF snowboarder **Connor Dunn (GHS '13)**, son of Sue and John Dunn, raced to a boardercross sixth place finish at the 2017 U.S. Collegiate Skiing and Snowboarding National Championships on March 9. Combating warm temperatures, intermittent heavy rain, as well as the national class competition at Mt. Bachelor in Oregon, Dunn's performance was All-American caliber. He also competed in the slopestyle event. The UMF Athletics Department writes of Dunn, "The 6th place finish gained Connor a 2nd Team All-American Status which coupled with his academic achievements,

culminated a terrific season and proved his hard work ethic and commitment to his studies," as he also earned 2nd Team Scholar All-American.

**USM Rosters:** The USM Huskies have three former GHS athletes on their rosters this spring. **Kyle Curley (GHS '13)** is again on the courts with the tennis team. **Ben Foster (GHS '15)** is running distance events. **Austin Hager-Perry**, GHS student as a freshman and sophomore, and a Hood College transfer, is competing in the pole vault.

## In the Zone

Faced with an impressive shortlist, the Maine Association of Basketball Coaches awarded the 2017 Miss Maine Basketball Award to Gorham's **Emily Esposito**. The award was presented at the Maine McDonald's High School Senior All-Star Basketball Games awards banquet at the Anah Shrine Hall in Bangor on March 10. Peter Murray, president of the Maine Association of Basketball Coaches said, "This is the highest individual award presented to a male and female high school basketball player in the state." He continued, "It is awarded for commitment, dedication and excellence throughout a player's high school career." The Maine Sunday Telegram named Esposito Girls' High School Basketball Player of the Year. Sophomore center **Mackenzie Holmes** joined her teammate among the elite players awarded All-State Team honors by the Telegram.

GMS 7th-grader **Andrew Farr** broke the SMAA 440-yard record on April 4. His 59.7 clocking shattered the previous mark of 1:02.7. A middle-schooler breaking 60 seconds on a gym floor doesn't occur often.

The Portland Press Herald named GHS junior pitcher/shortstop **Grace McGouldrick** among the top-25 Maine softball players to watch in southern Maine and GHS junior pitcher/shortstop **Ben Nelson** among the top-25 baseball players to watch in southern Maine. The paper highlighted McGouldrick's 2016 numbers, when she "hit .466 with 16 stolen bases, 15 runs scored and 14 RBI. She hit eight doubles." She received second-team All-SMAA honors last season. Of Nelson, the Press Herald wrote, "He led the SMAA last year with a .442 batting average from the leadoff spot and also scored 17 runs."

# Spring Sports: Coach Previews

COMPILED BY HAL D'AMICO  
*Sports Editor*

## Baseball

Coach Chuck Nadeau will put a young but experienced team on the diamond. The Rams were 10-6 last season. Athletes to watch: Logan Drouin, Sr., Pitcher, Team Captain, 1st Team SMAA Pitcher as Junior, committed to play baseball at Franklin Pierce College; Jason Komulainen, Sr., Catcher, Team Captain, Outstanding Defensive Catcher, committed to play baseball at USM next year; Ben Nelson, Jr., Shortstop, 1st Team SMAA as Sophomore, SMAA Batting Champion as Sophomore (.442); Kyle King, Jr., 3B, returning starter; Lucas Roop, Jr., LF, returning starter; Nolan Brown, Jr., 2B, returning starter; Adam Peterson, Sr., Pitcher.

Nadeau offered the following: "We lost some excellent players to graduation last year, including three of our top four pitchers. However, we have a junior class that has six players who played key roles as sophomores."

"Our goal is to give ourselves a chance to play meaningful games well into June. To get there, we understand that we can only look at the next game in front of us. We have a talented roster and our kids love to compete, but they also understand that the difference between good and great is very slight, and often has little to do with talent."

Nadeau's outlook for the season: "We have a fun group of young men in our program - from the Varsity level down through the First Team roster. They compete well, they are good teammates, they are respectful kids, and they are excellent students so from a program perspective, the coaching staff feels really good about where we are."

## Boys' Lacrosse

Coach Dan Soule's Rams were 10-2 in 2016, and ended a great run at the South Regional Championship game. Athletes to watch: Seniors Carter Landry, Matt Anderson, Alex York, Cam Wright, and juniors Chris Tucker and Sam Burghardt.

Soule stated that, "We achieved the highest level of program success in 2016," and said of this season, "We're returning a core group of seniors that have potential to be strong leaders and players. Several new sophomore varsity players will be filling roles due to graduation."

"The program goal is to continue to raise the bar of program accomplishment... Staying committed and accountable to the process, and each other, will prove to be keys to the success (in 2017)," said Soule.

"The team has potential to compete with the top teams in Class A. The returning players will need to lead the new players, embrace the process and re-establish themselves and their team identity in 2017."

## Girls' Lacrosse

Coach Mary Guimond's squad was 7-5 in 2016. Athletes to watch

are Marina Pappalardo, Sr., Attack; Audrey Perreault, Sr., Midfield; Athena Pappalardo, Sr., Defense. Coach Guimond shared, "We graduated a key core of our defense as well as our goalie, but look to revamp with eager and hardworking underclassmen, led by a determined and dedicated core of upperclassmen."

"We have been working diligently on the fundamentals and team chemistry, as we have had limited field time in the early weeks of preseason. We will rely on our depth and athleticism to propel us through a challenging season."

Guimond's outlook for the season: "We're hoping to get that elusive first-round playoff win, and learn from each game along the way!"

## Softball

Coach Renee Whipkey's Lady Rams were 8-10 in 2016, including a playoff victory. Athletes to watch are Grace McGouldrick, Jr., Pitcher/Shortstop; Noelle DiBiase, Infield; and Shay Harris, Infield.

"This year's team has many returning players, bringing back eight of the nine starters. This year, we certainly believe we will be competitive and look to improve upon this (2016) record, hoping to go above .500."

Whipkey's outlook for the season: "We are very excited for this year as we have girls with a lot of experience. Our team is very athletic so we're looking to use that to our advantage on the bases. Defensively, we have several girls who are talented in multiple positions which gives us options as our season gets underway! Not being able to get out on the field has certainly been difficult-- but we know that every other team in the league is in the same position. Our girls have been staying positive and we hope to get out soon!"

## Boys' Track

Coach Jason Tanguay has been with the program since 2005, and has been the head coach since 2011. The team finished 5th in SMAA Championship and 10th in Class A State Championship last year.

Captains: James Benson, Anthony Chase, Garrett Higgins, Ethan Orach, Alex Ousback, and Wil Rossignol. Key Returners: James Benson, Sr., Jumps; Zack Brown-Davis, So., Middle Distance; Jason Catoggio, Jr., Pole Vault; Anthony Chase, Jr., Distance; Luke Gowen, Jr., Sprints; Garrett Higgins, Jr., Jumps; Dylan Lamont, So., Racewalk; Carlos Monsen, Jr., Racewalk/Distance; Ethan Orach, Sr., Middle Distance; Alex Ousback, Jr., Hurdles/Middle Distance; Wil Rossignol, Jr., Distance. Newcomers: Wes Brinegar, Fr., Hurdles/Jumps/Sprints, Stefan Street, Jr., Pole Vault

Tanguay's outlook for the season: "Gorham is a relatively young team with many new faces. The handful of returning scorers will be asked to step up to fill the spots left from a large graduating class. We are excited for the upcoming season with lots of room for improvement."


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# Knights of Columbus State Champ

Gorham's Gabe Michaud shot the ol' round ball through that orange rim an impressive 20 of 25 times in Orono on March 11 to win the Knights of Columbus State Free Throw Championship in the 11-year-old Boys' Division. Michaud's impressive performance followed his Gorham and District crowns, which earned him the slot at States. The Knights of Columbus has held some form of the popular free throw competition since 1972. It is open to boys and girls ages 9 to 14.



Photo courtesy of Knight of Columbus

# 320 Ink Takes Tight Wins for Championship



Photo credit Drue Nickerson

320 Ink, a Gorham Rec basketball team for middle schoolers, defeated Waterboro in a nail-biting double OT, 37-35, in the Rec League Championship game. The win redeemed the squad's regular season OT two-point loss to that club. 320 Ink earned the championship game slot with a two-point win over a tenacious Gorham Rec team coached by Don Hendrix. Down by nine points early on in the Championship game, Gorham fought to 26-26 at the regulation buzzer. Andrew Farr put ten on the board for Gorham, with Jesiah Bickford and Garrett Davis dropping in eight apiece. "I am so proud of these boys," shared Head Coach Pollyanna Nickerson. On the season's evolution, she continued, "They showed the mental toughness and emotional maturity of a higher-level team. Team 320 truly listened to their coaches and encouraged each other. They represented Gorham very well." Pictured (left to right) are Josh Martin, Shawn Stevens, Brandon Davis, Jesiah Bickford, Aaron Zwart, Garrett Davis, Brayden Pyle (hiding in the back), Andrew Farr, Sam Farr, Killian Kolb, Liam Nickerson, Aiden Farley (dabbing in the front), Assistant Coach Robert Smith (in the back), and Coach Pollyanna Nickerson.

## Gorham's Good-as-Gold Sightings

The Gorham Times is seeking readers' stories exemplifying unusual displays of sportsmanship — occurrences where kindness, connection, and community spirit meet the fire of competition. Please submit your stories for consideration to Hal D'Amico: [gtsportseditor@gmail.com](mailto:gtsportseditor@gmail.com)

## Spring Sports: Coach Previews CONTINUED FROM PAGE 8

### Girls' Track

Veteran teacher and coach John Caterina is deep with young veteran point scorers. The team finished last season in 11th place in SMAA and 22nd in Class A championship.

**Key Returners:** Erin Esty, Sr., Jumps; Emily Hayward, Sr., Throws; Sarah Lorello, Sr., Throws; Lauren Barden, So., Pole Vault; Hayley Bickford, Jr., Racewalk; Meadow Fortier, Jr., Middle Distance; Alexis Fother, Jr., Sprints/Hurdles; Avery Germond, So., Sprints; Evelyn Kitchen, So., Throws/Jumps; Sarah Johnson, Jr., Middle Distance; Maddie Rossignol, Jr., Sprints; Anna Slager, Jr., Distance; Sarah Stevens, So., Jumps/Hurdles

**Newcomers:** Brittany Desjardin, So., Sprints; Iris Kitchen, Fr., Distance; Kate Tugman, Fr., Distance; Quinn Young, Fr., Jumps

Caterina's outlook for the season: "Gorham is a relatively young team but has a lot of returning talent. With Anna Slager and Meadow Fortier returning from injuries that sidelined them last spring, and a talented group of underclassmen, Gorham will be very competitive in the SMAA and Class A this spring."

### Girls' Tennis

Coach Nicole Bergeron has a positive outlook and is still working out her lineup, with the early season mostly spent shoveling the courts and conditioning in the gym. With only a couple of indoor practices that didn't include the full squad, the team had only four days of regular practice on the courts at the time of this submission.

**Athlete's to watch:** Whitney King, Jenna Cowan and Jocelyn Bolt.

The team went 11-1 during the 2016 regular season. "Some key players graduated last year and one key senior this year won't be playing so there's going to be a big shift in the dynamics of the team. But, I'm not worried about the desire for these girls to work hard and accomplish what they set out to do."

When asked about the goal for this season, Bergeron shared, "We lost to Scarborough in the regular season and the Western Maine semis. You can imagine that our biggest goal is a win over Scarborough."

Look to future issues for updates on Rams Boys' Tennis (11-1, 3rd in Class A-South last season) as well as the sports previewed above.

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# Gorham Teams Participate in Odyssey of the Mind Tournaments

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

Putting their creativity and problem-solving skills to the test, 50 students on eight teams from Gorham joined other students from southern Maine at Regional Tournaments for Odyssey of the Mind (OM) in March.

Students worked for months preparing a skit to demonstrate their solution and practicing spontaneous problems for competition. Participants build self-confidence and skills for life through problem-solving, creative thinking, and team work. The program's goal is to engage students in their learning.

Attending the Primary Tournament on March 25 in Auburn, a team from Gorham created a heart-warming skit about friendship. This K-2 team included Rory Pigeon, Nara Holland,

Tucker Curtis, Sawyer Wheaton, Aidan Beardsley, and coach Joshua Beardsley.

A second new team competed on March 18 at Regionals for Div. I, grades 3-5. This team solved their problem with a delightful birthday-themed skit for their traveling vehicles. Team members included Stella Wu, Jack Cyr, Lily Beardsley, Derek Luo, Henry Holland, Anna Johnson, Patrick Downey, and coaches Kelly Cyr and Amy Wu.

The State Tournament was held on April 1 in Biddeford. Six Gorham teams qualified to compete with impressive results, bringing back six trophies.

The Classic Performance team from Village Elementary included Lucy Dubail, Winnie Dubail, Ella Goff, Natalie Miner, Evelyn Rush, Libby Springer, and coach Jennifer Dubail. This team researched great works of art to solve their problem, earning first place.

Village School's Technical Team built a robot to successfully perform movements, also earning a first place trophy. Members were Jackson Brassard, Logan Brassard, Diego Perez McLeod, Sam Merrow, William Abbott, Gabriel Badeau, and coach Amy Brassard.

Gorham Middle School's teams also earned trophies at States in Div. II. The GMS Tech Team presented an Egyptian-themed 'mummy' robot with pyramid and was awarded first place. Team members included Patrick Cyr, Peter Wu, Trevin Macomber, Madeline Downey, Kevin Luo, Grace Johnson, McKenna Wheeler, and coaches Amy Wu and Kelly Cyr.

The Vehicle Team from GMS earned a third place trophy for their humorous volcano skit with creative vehicles and included Kieran Wilkins, Jude Huckaby, William Stein, Campbell Fowler, Hayden Anderson, Riley Griffin, Zack Lembarra, and coach Ben Wilkins.

Two Performance GMS teams earned second place and will go to World Finals at Michigan State University, May 24-27. Sam D'Amico, Drew Baber, Emma Mullin, Noah Badeau, Nash Gagnon, Evan Verrill, coached by Misty D'Amico, created a moving set and captivated the audience with their entertaining super-hero skit.

The Classic Performance team of Erin Castonguay, Clara Shvets, Brandon Sadowski, Abigail Houpp, Cassara Novak, Dylan Morrell, coached by Sara Castonguay, earned the other second place award. This team brought the audience on a time-traveling adventure to explore classical artists.

Congratulations to all Gorham teams and good luck to the two GMS teams planning to attend World Finals. To support these teams and/or make a donation, please contact Diane Knott at [diane.knott@gorham-schools.org](mailto:diane.knott@gorham-schools.org).



Photo credit Diane Knott

First place Classic Team, Div I, Village (left to right): Ella Goff, Elizabeth Springer, Lucy Dubail, Winnie Dubail, Evelyn Rush, and Natalie Miner.



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First place Technical Team, Div I, Village (left to right): Logan Brassard, William Abbott, Sam Merrow, Diego Perez McLeod, Jackson Brassard, and Gabriel Badeau.



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First place Technical Team, Div II, GMS (left to right, front): Patrick Cyr, Kevin Luo, Madeline Downey, Peter Wu (Back), and Grace Johnson (missing Trevin Macomber and McKenna Wheeler).



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Second place Classic Performance Team, Div II, GMS (left to right): Dylan Morrell, Brandon Sadowski, Erin Castonguay, Abigail Houpp, and Cassara Novak (missing Clara Shvets).



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Second place Performance Team, Div II, GMS (left to right): Evan Verrill, Sam D'Amico, Noah Badeau, Nash Gagnon, and Drew Baber (missing Emma Mullin).



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Third place Vehicle Team, Div II, GMS (left to right, front): William Stein, Jude Huckaby, Kieran Wilkins, Riley Griffin, Zack Lembarra (back), and Ben Wilkins, coach (missing Campbell Fowler and Hayden Anderson).



Photo credit Kelly Cyr

Vehicle Team, Div I, Village (left to right, front): Henry Holland, Patrick Downey, Stella Wu, Jack Cyr, and Anna Johnson. (left to right, back): Derek Luo and Lily Beardsley.



Photo credit Diane Knott

Village Primary Team (left to right): Nara Holland, Tucker Curtis, Aidan Beardsley, Rory Pigeon, and Sawyer Wheaton.



Photo credit Stacey Sawyer

## Great Falls Shows Kindness to Furry Friends

February was Kindness Month at Great Falls school, and what better way to celebrate kindness than to give to everyone's favorite furry friends. Mrs. Sturgis and Ms. Simpson's second grade classes did some investigating and discovered that the Animal Refuge League in Westbrook uses 30 to 40 cans of dog and cat food each day, not to mention many other necessary pet supplies. The students were inspired to help the animals at the shelter, so they got together and made posters, pictures, and decorated boxes to distribute around the school. The families of Great Falls went above and beyond expectations, filling the boxes with dry and canned cat and dog food, pet beds, toys, newspapers, towels, and blankets that filled two large cars. Many thanks to the generous families of Great Falls School.

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# Narragansett's Fourth Annual 5K, 1 Mile and Fun Run



Photo credit Kim Farquhar

Last year's 5K generated a lot of support and Narragansett School is hoping to have even more this year.

**KATIE GASBARRONE**  
*PIE Committee Member*

Everyone is invited to join Narragansett Elementary School's fourth annual race on Sunday, May 7. This is a fun event for all ages.

The school will hold a fun run for children in grades 2 and under at 8:15 a.m. (free), a 1 Mile Run/walk for all ages (\$8) at 8:30 a.m. and a 5K run/walk (\$15) at 9 a.m. There will be a bounce house, face painting, and post-race refreshments.

Register to run or walk at [www.runinarace.com](http://www.runinarace.com). Race bib pick-up opens at 7:30 a.m. You can also register on race day. Tickets will be \$25 for the 5K and \$12 for the 1 Mile on race day. T-shirts

will also be available for purchase online.

The race is organized by Narragansett School's PIE (Partners in Education) group and is one of the school's biggest fundraisers. This year, the money raised will be used to update physical education and recess equipment in honor of beloved students who have passed away, Elias Wezowicz and Paige Piawlock.

Narragansett School is grateful to the race sponsors: Subway of Gorham, Aroma Joe's of Gorham, Village Physical Therapy, Mister Bagel of Gorham, Moody's Collision, Nappi Distributors, Maplewood Dental Arts, Chalmers Insurance Group, and Gorham House of Pizza.

# GHS Spanish Club Sends its Service Project Overseas

**ABBIE VANLULING**  
*GHS Student Intern*

Spanish Club members Emily Crepeau (center) and Matt Campbell (right) join Kasey Jiang (left) who recently returned from a mission trip to Nicaragua. They are holding samples of the gifts and toys that Jiang brought to children in Nicaragua. Other Spanish Club members not pictured are Fernando Melo and Camryn Morton.



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# School Committee Report

KATHY CORBETT  
Staff Writer

On April 12, the School Committee voted unanimously to approve the Fiscal Year (FY) 2018 budget. The \$37,921,593 proposed budget represents a 4.49% increase over last year, resulting in a projected mil rate increase of 85 cents per \$1,000 of valuation. This equates to an increase of approximately \$257 per year for a home valued at \$300,000.

After seven meetings and workshops, the SC made reductions in the budget proposed by the administration but added the expense of hiring additional teachers to maintain the existing elementary attendance zones. Other last minute increases include a 9.18% increase in health insurance, an additional \$11,065 for special education due to growing enrollment, and the cost of an additional teacher retirement adding an extra \$100,000 to the figure agreed upon at the April 5 workshop. Superintendent Heather Perry announced that specific budget overview data will be on the district website by April 21.

The School Committee will hold a joint meeting with the Town Council on May 16 and the Town Council vote is scheduled for June 6. The budget as approved by the Town Council will come before voters on June 13. Until the state subsidy is voted on by the legislature in June, however, the district will not know the full amount of revenue for FY18.

Although all members of the School Committee voted to approve the budget, they expressed frustration over the uncertainty caused by projected enrollment increases and lack of information on state revenue. Committee member Kyle Currier, who would like to see the district develop a comprehensive plan for world language instruction, added that “spending money for schools impacts all areas of town” with widespread benefits.

Stewart McCallister, noting that the schools were why his family moved to Gorham, hoped that the involvement of parents continues past the budget discussion, a sentiment expressed by several members. Sara Nelson said that she hoped the community realizes that while making budget decisions, “every minute we sit around this table is for all of our children.”

All SC members are concerned about the rising cost increased enrollment imposes on taxpayers. Tim Burns would like to see the SC have a more cooperative relationship with the Town Council and Dennis Libby was particularly concerned that there is no direction from the state, making it difficult to plan for the future without knowing what the revenue stream will be.

Although this is a “needs based” budget, Chairman Darryl Wright suggested that in dealing with population growth, “we need to stop acting like we are not giving our students a good education” if we don’t adopt every new program. “One need may be more important than another” and we will have to prioritize.

In other business, the Committee heard from Becky Fortier and Pastor Travis Bush from South Coast Community Church who made a presentation about We Love Gorham Day to be held on June 17. Funded by donations, the project will install handicap accessible playground equipment, including a double zip line and sand play area, at all three elementary schools.

Tim Spear, Athletic Director, gave a review of the GHS athletic program, citing particularly the state championships won by the boys golf team and the girls basketball team, but stressing the overall extent of student participation in the sports program. The school offers 29 varsity programs and 462 of 850 GHS students play at least one sport.

## Spanish Club CONTINUED FROM PAGE 11

The Spanish Club at Gorham High School is doing much more than practicing a foreign language these days, as they have proven with their recent service project.

Mrs. Roy, or Senora Roy as her students refer to her, a Spanish and French teacher at GHS and the director of Spanish Club, recently came up with the idea to send supplies for children overseas to Nicaragua with one of her students. Kasey Jiang, a sophomore at GHS, gave Roy the opportunity.

“GHS usually has somebody every year that’s going on a mission trip,” said Roy. “And just to do a little service project we find somebody that we can donate to.”

This year, that person was Jiang. Roy describes how in the past the Club has helped to send different supplies to other countries, like sports equipment; this year, she sent something to help them practice their Spanish.

Members of the Spanish Club prepared coloring books and Noah’s Ark sticker kits, accompanied by colored pencils, for the kids in Nicaragua. It was Jiang’s job to distribute them, which she did, along with so much more.

The list grew as Jiang described her jobs in Nicaragua, where she stayed at the Cicrin Orphanage on the island of Ometepe. She and others played with children, built a ramp to the orphanage, and harvested plantains, in addition to building a house for the director of the orphanage, who had never had one before.

When she wasn’t working, Jiang paid house visits where she would walk around the neighborhoods and donate food to the people living there. Overall, it was a great trip, and based on what Senora Roy says about the Club’s yearly donations, this won’t be the last successful service project it does.

# Community Support Helps Project Graduation Reach Goal

DEBRA TRAUTMAN  
Project Graduation Coordinator

This year’s graduating class at Gorham High School (GHS) is in for an evening they’ll never forget thanks to not only a committee of parents, but also to many local businesses, supportive school officials, and Gorham residents.

Project Graduation is a program offered by many high schools in the United States, in which organized, adult-supervised and alcohol-free activities are part of a post-graduation party. The class of 2017 will celebrate its Project Graduation on June 11. The location is a surprise to the graduates, which adds to the excitement of the night.

“Project Graduation is a night seniors will remember long after their graduation ceremonies and for some it will be the last time they may see their classmates,” said Linda Komulainen, chairperson of the Project Graduation planning committee. “It takes big funds and many community volunteers to organize Project Graduation, a safe place for graduating seniors to

have fun, with an evening of entertainment, sports, games, dancing, and food.”

The volunteer committee of parents, along with volunteers in the community, have organized several fundraisers. The March 23 Bob Marley comedy show at GHS was successful raising funds needed for the event.

“The auditorium was filled, the basket raffle raised over \$2,000 and all was a success,” said Komulainen. “We can’t thank the people of Gorham enough and all the businesses that supported ticket sales and donations.”

On April 22, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., the committee will host a scrapbooking event to raise additional funds at St. Anne’s Church, collect recycling, and volunteer at a basketball tournament.

A letter campaign was sent to area businesses requesting support for corporate donations by May 1. All businesses will be recognized for their support. For more information, contact Debra Trautman at [debratrautman@yahoo.com](mailto:debratrautman@yahoo.com) or join the group’s Facebook page.

## School Notes

Narragansett and Village Elementary Schools will host STEAM Night on Tuesday, April 25, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at Village School. Join them for this family event and enjoy explorations in the areas of Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Mathematics. FMI, contact Kim Meggison at [kim.meggison@gorhamschools.org](mailto:kim.meggison@gorhamschools.org).

Gorham’s Superintendent Heather Perry has posted her fifth blog in her Proficiency Based Learning series. This one is on grading and reporting practices. Visit <http://gorhamsuperintendent.blogspot.com>.

Gorham High School’s Northern Force Robotics Team 172 placed 14th and was named Captain of the 8th Alliance at the recent Pine Tree District Event. The team also won the Industrial Design Award and won the Imagery Award at the SE Mass District Event.

## What are you Reading?



Photo courtesy of Village Elementary

Village Elementary School decorated classroom doors in celebration of Dr. Seuss’ birthday and Read Across America last month.

## School Committee Rejects Rezoning CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

ing on the impact of K-5 enrollment makes its report.

More than 50 parents attended the SC budget workshop. Those who spoke before the meeting urged Committee members to reject the melding plan. They were concerned about the effect it would have on their children, particularly if there were more changes the following year. They praised the quality of the school system and urged the Committee to hire more teachers rather than move students.

By maintaining the existing zones and holding the line on class size, Perry estimates the district will need to hire four additional teachers and two ed. techs. This would add \$210,000 to the budget, since the melding plan would have required only two new teachers. With these changes, the proposed budget would be increased by 4.49% over last year.

After voting to leave the attendance zones unchanged and discussing the 2017-18 budget increase, the SC expressed concern over the effect of rapid growth on the Gorham schools.

"The schools are full," stated Committee member Suzie Philips, "and there is nothing we can do to affect residential growth."

Tim Burns agreed and said that at least the SC needs a better understanding of what growth is underway so it can plan better. Gorham, the

fastest growing town in Maine, has an area of 51 square miles, much of it vacant land no longer used for farming. Although the town's Planning Board requires that plans for new subdivision meet all the town's rules, it cannot deny a residential project because it will increase the number of students in the public schools.

Unless Gorham attracts more businesses that generally pay higher taxes and do not add to the school enrollment, the cost of maintaining quality education will continue to rise. It is the goal of the Committee to strike an equitable balance between the burden of taxation and the needs of a school system dedicated to providing the best education for Gorham's children.

At its regular meeting on April 12, the School Committee voted to submit a 2017-18 budget (or FY18 budget) of \$37,921,593 to the Town Council for approval, an increase of 4.49% over the budget for 2016-17.

The School Committee will hold a joint meeting with the Town Council on May 16 and the Town Council vote is scheduled for June 6. The budget as approved by the Town Council will come before voters on June 13.

For more specific details on the latest School Committee meeting held on April 12, please see page 12.

## New Principal and Vice Principal Announced CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

pal at Massabesic Middle School in Waterboro for two years.

Jandreau came into administration after having served as a high school English teacher for almost ten years at South Portland High School. He holds a Certificate of Advanced Study in Educational Leadership and a Masters of Science in Education from the University of Southern Maine as well as a Bachelor of the Arts in English and Political Science from the University of New Hampshire.

Jandreau clearly outshined all other candidates during the hiring process, which included an application review, initial interview, a site visit, and a presentation in front of students and staff at GHS. We believe that he is uniquely poised to lead GHS now and well into the future. He has demonstrated his strong leadership this past year in his interim position having led GHS through a significant schedule change, unplanned practices in our crisis response plans, and through his work in helping move our proficiency based learning system forward at the high school level. He was the clear choice having the full support of the GHS staff, students and parents.

Fotter most recently served Gorham's students as the interim assistant principal at Village

Elementary School since December 2016. Prior to this interim position, she served as the K-5 math and science coordinator in Gorham for five years, and as an elementary classroom teacher in Gorham for eight years before that.

Fotter holds a Bachelor of the Arts in Elementary Education from the University of Maine and is currently enrolled in the Masters of Science in Educational Leadership/Curriculum Coordination program at the University of Southern Maine, which she is due to complete in the spring of 2018.

We believe that Fotter will be an incredible addition to the Village School Leadership Team. Recently, she demonstrated her abilities in leadership when she took over the leadership of Village as a new interim assistant principal when principal Brian Porter was out for an unplanned medical leave for an entire month. Fotter took the reins and the school didn't miss a beat. Fotter was the clear choice having the full support of the Village staff, students, and parents.

We are pleased and thankful that Jandreau and Fotter have accepted their new positions and will continue to lead the great work being done at GHS and Village for years to come.

## GHS GRAD NEWS

If you, or your son or daughter is a GHS graduate, we would like to share your achievements in the Gorham Times Of Interest section or in a Where Are They Now feature. Submissions should include the year of GHS graduation and should be no longer than 75 words. Contact Chris Crawford at [ckck5@maine.rr.com](mailto:ckck5@maine.rr.com), Kathy Corbett at [ktcorbett@aol.com](mailto:ktcorbett@aol.com) or Cindy O'Shea at [coshea2@maine.rr.com](mailto:coshea2@maine.rr.com).

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### COLLEGE NOTABLES

**Joshua Wright**, a senior at Bob Jones University in South Carolina pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree in accounting, was recently hired as an associate at PricewaterhouseCoopers in Atlanta, Georgia.

### OF INTEREST

**The American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) recently recognized Gorham resident Dr. Mark Publicker** at The ASAM 48th Annual Conference in Louisiana. Dr. Publicker was honored for contributions to the growth and vitality of society, thoughtful leadership, as well as having a deep understanding of addiction medicine and broadening understanding of the addictive process through research and innovation.



**Portland-based comedian and GHS graduate Ian Stuart is recording his third live stand up comedy album** on April 20 at Empire in Portland at 7 and 10 p.m. Stuart has opened for TJ Miller, Dana Gould, Lee Camp, Kyle Kinane, Jake "The Snake" Roberts, and more. He was a performer on the 2016 Gathering of the Juggalos and is the founder of The Portland Maine Comedy Festival.

**White Rock Community Clubhouse, 34 Wilson Rd., will hold a Bean Supper on May 6** from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Kidney and pea beans, hot dogs, cole slaw, potato salad, macaroni and cheese, homemade biscuits, as well as homemade pies for dessert. Adults: \$8/Children under 12: \$4. FMI, whiterockcommunityclub@gmail.com.

**Gorham/Windham/Westbrook Triad** will meet on April 21 at 9 a.m. at 22 Foster St., Westbrook. The speaker, Angela D'Amours from The Cedars, will speak about healthy eating. New people are always welcome.

**VNA Home Health Hospice and Westbrook-Warren Congregational Church are co-sponsoring a six-week grief support group** from May 10 to June 14. Learn about grief, share experiences, and practice healthy coping techniques. The group will meet every Wednesday from 2 to 3:30 p.m. for six weeks. Free, but reserve your spot by calling Linda Hopkins at 440-8714.

**The annual meeting of the North Gorham Cemetery Association will be on May 2** at 7 p.m. at the Cairns Room at the North Gorham United Congregational Church, 2 Standish Neck Rd. New business will include the election of officers and trustees, as well as annual reports and a general discussion of cemetery business. All are welcome.



**The Gorham Fire Department recently fixed the flagpole at Gorham House** while the children from Gorham House Preschool looked on. Program director Meghan Pomelow thanks the Fire Department for their work.

**Cressey Road United Methodist Church will hold their two-day annual spring rummage and perennial sale** on April 28 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and April 29 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. 81 Cressey Road. FMI, 839-3111.

**On April 23 at 10 a.m. join the Presumpscot Regional Land Trust for a Vernal Pool walk to see a variety of creatures waking up after the long winter.** Vernal pools are small, temporary woodland ponds that are vital to wood frogs, spotted salamanders, fairy shrimp and the wide variety of forest animals that feed on them. Naturalist, wetlands expert and Gorham resident, Jim Boyle of Boyle Associates, will lead this two-hour walk. Randall Orchards, 1 Randall Rd., Standish. Free, but space is limited. RSVP is required at [www.prlt.org](http://www.prlt.org).

**Monica Wood, author of "The One-in-a-Million Boy,"** will talk about her latest release on May 3 at 7 p.m. at the Baxter Memorial Library, 71 South Street. FMI, [baxterlibrary.org](http://baxterlibrary.org) or 222-1190.

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# THANK YOU GORHAM!

As rebirth and renewal are the hallmarks of spring, to me the timing of this post seems perfect. To all fans and friends of this humble coffeehouse, it is with a deep love and an enduring respect that I announce today that our time together in Gorham Village is nearly up. Moving on is never easy, but always eventually necessary. We have secured a brand new space of our own in a lovely residential neighborhood of Biddeford to serve as the home base for our beloved Flo the Coffee Truck, and to properly take Rocket Fuel High-Test Coffee Milk to the next level and beyond.

So, whether you've joined us here for a hot minute, or if you have honored us by spending your time at the windows or by the fireplace writing, laughing and otherwise building true community, my gratitude for your presence is profound. I'm delighted to have met each of you, and to our regulars: I am beyond honored to have been able to get to know you. To every single staff member past or present: THANK YOU. Each one of you has made The Grind what it is - one cup at a time - and my hat remains off to you.

As far as what's next: we will be celebrating our time in Gorham in ways large and small between now and our final day of sales on Friday, May 5th - keep an eye on our Facebook page for details as they develop. All Gold Card loyalty accounts will be honored through the 5th, so please... stop by, say hi and let's spend some time reminiscing and chatting it up about the future together.

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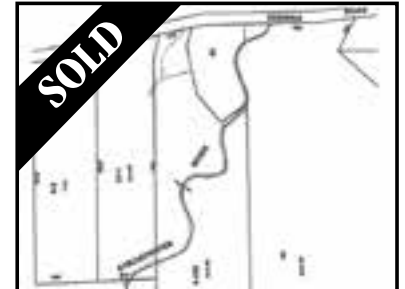
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**A Blood Drive sponsored by Baxter Memorial Library in memory of Pamela Turner** will be held on May 5 at Shaw Gym, 75 South St. from 1 to 6 p.m. FMI, 222-1190.

**Baxter Memorial Library's Winter Book Group meets April 20** at 10 a.m. to discuss "Small Great Things" by Jody Picoult. The May 4 book group will discuss "Billibilly Elegy" by J. D. Vance. FMI, 222-1190.

**The Redeemer Lutheran Church will host a free concert by the Augusta Symphony Orchestra** at Gorham High School on April 30 at 3 p.m. The event will feature Mendelssohn's 5th Symphony. Free. FMI, Tom DiPasqua, 883-2730

**Lakes Region Senior Center at the Little Falls Activity Center, 40 Acorn St., will hold a drop-in social** on April 26 at 10 a.m. Meet the members, learn about the Center, enjoy refreshments. Open to the public.

**The Lakes Region Senior Center (LRSC) will display ceramic pieces created by six seniors** after receiving a Creative Aging Grant from the Maine Arts Commission. The event will be held at the Senior Center during the LRSC monthly potluck luncheon on May 8 at 11:30 a.m. Bring a dish to share to enter for free, or pay \$5. Open to the public.

**ON-GOING EVENTS**

**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 to 11 a.m. and the second and fourth Wednesday of every month from 6 to 7 p.m. Free for Gorham residents in need. FMI, 222-4351 or visit [www.gorhamfoodpantry.org](http://www.gorhamfoodpantry.org).

**The Lakes Region Senior Center**, located at the Little Falls Activity Center, 40 Acorn Street, is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Join them daily for coffee, tea and socializing. Ongoing daily activities include Mahjong on Mondays - beginners welcome. FMI, Diane 892-9529; Tuesday crafts and card games. FMI, Avis 892-0298; The Memoir Writing Group meets the second and fourth Wednesday of the month. FMI, David 892-5604; Thursday Table Games at 10 a.m. and Friday Art Workshop at 9 a.m. FMI, 892-0299.

**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, 839-2484 or 839-3859.

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**On April 21 at 8 p.m., the USM Jazz Ensemble will perform at Corthell Concert Hall.** This ensemble is a "big band" that specializes in the study and performance of jazz for large and small groups, led by jazz faculty. Saxophonist, clarinetist and composer Barry Saunders will direct the ensemble. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$5 for students, seniors, USM alumni and employees. FMI, 780-5555.

**On April 28 at 8 p.m. at Corthell Concert Hall, the USM Faculty Concert Series** will conclude for the spring semester with "Cookin' in the Kitchen," featuring Chris Klaxton with the USM Faculty Jazz Ensemble. The program will include several compositions from the jazz canon: Clark Terry, Thelonious Monk and Duke Ellington, along with several arrangements of popular music by David Bowie, The Police, Beach Boys, and the Beatles. The show will also feature several of Klaxton's original compositions. FMI, 780-5555.

**CLOSE TO HOME**

**Schoolhouse Arts Center**, 16 Richville Road, Standish, presents Neil Simon's "Plaza Suite" from April 21 to May 7 on Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. \$14/12. FMI, [www.schoolhousearts.org](http://www.schoolhousearts.org), [schoolhousearts@gmail.com](mailto:schoolhousearts@gmail.com).

**Windham Center Stage Theater presents "The Costume Party Caper."** Saturdays, April 22 and 29 at 6 p.m. at the Spring Meadows Country Club, 59 Lewiston Rd., Gray. Tickets are \$38, which includes play and dinner (choice of prime rib, chicken, or stuffed shells). Table of 8 for \$288. Reservations required at <http://windhamtheater.org/boxoffice.htm>. FMI, 893-2098 or [windhamcenterstagetheater@gmail.com](mailto:windhamcenterstagetheater@gmail.com).

**Scarborough Free Baptist Church, 55 Mussey Rd., will hold a homemade bean supper** on April 1 from 4 to 6 p.m. Two kinds of beans and hot dogs, chop suey, cole slaw, biscuits, brown bread and dessert. Half of the proceeds will go to the Youth Group trip to Kentucky. FMI, 423-5851.

**Join a confidential family support group through NAMI Maine for family members, friends and individuals affected by mental illness challenges.** The group meets every second and fourth Monday of the month from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Massabesic Lions Club, 813 Main St., Waterboro. FMI, Call or text Dan, 298-0664.

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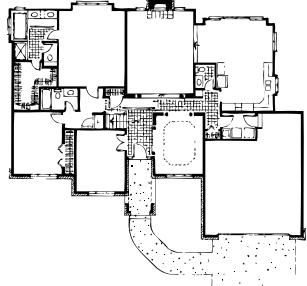


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said, "I was originally drawn to the project by the challenge of trying to capture these live, organic investigations with little equipment and a small budget." After 4 seasons, he has better equipment and is more open-minded about paranormal encounters.

Other Haunt ME staff include Carol Cleveland, a manesologist, a paranormal expert with a wide breadth of knowledge in the field, and Katie Webb, an occultist, who utilizes metaphysical tools and theories in the investigations. The tech crew consists of Michael Strout, the production tech producer and camera crew: Krista (Bertalan) Ryall (GHS '05), Erin Cross (GHS '05), Anna Halloran, Johnny Speckman, and Charlie Widdis (GHS '03).

What can people look for in season 4? The cast and crew will be exploring three new historical locations in Maine, including famed North Pole explorer, Admiral Peary's home in Fryeburg. Gowen said, "Now that we are more experienced, we also thought it would be a good idea to revisit three of our favorite places from previous seasons."

This will also give them a chance to re-test their measurements and observations at these locations. The Haunt ME team uses a scientific approach and employs a variety of scientific tools and equipment, such as night

vision/infrared cameras and film to measure and record visual paranormal activity. Many paranormal findings are audio-based and are picked up by digital audio recorders. They also use devices such as thermometers and EMF meters to measure thermal and electromagnetic changes.

Season 4 will also feature appearances by three well-known experts in paranormal activity: investigator, Grant Wilson, from Syfy's show Ghost Hunters; psychic medium Chip Coffey, who has made appearances on shows like Psychic Kids, Paranormal State, and Kindred Spirits; and Greg and Dana Newkirk, who run the Traveling Museum of the Paranormal & Occult, and who recently brought a haunted item from one episode of Haunt ME to show on TLC's Paranormal Lockdown.

Brooks lives in Brunswick and Gowen lives in Westbrook. Nordfors splits his time between Maine and NYC and is often on the road for TV jobs.

Brooks is the daughter of Greg and Kathy Brooks. Gowen is the son of Mary and Bruce Gowen; brother Nick Gowen, (GHS '09); and Nordfors is the son of Laurie Nordfors; sisters Katie Nordfors (GHS '08) and Ashley Aceto (GHS '15).

## the *Courtesy of the Gorham Police Department* **blotter**

### ROCK, PAPER, SCISSORS

**Officer responded to a verbal argument between a girlfriend and boyfriend on Sebago Lake Road. They were arguing about who was going to go to the store.**

Suspicious vehicle belonged to a man who was at a family gathering on Mallison St. There was no room to park in the driveway and he did not want to leave his vehicle in the road.

Officer called out for a welfare check on Ridgewood Ave. and determined that the caller was looking for a person in reference to a debt. Caller had no concern for her well being.

Officer talked to a driver on the bypass. She was fine - just going slowly due to the weather and the fog.

Caller reported two vehicles parked side by side on Meadow Crossing Drive. Male drivers got out of each vehicle and walked towards each other. One had been following the other but they were now about to part ways and one wanted to borrow a lighter so they had pulled over.

Manager at a Main St. business reported a male sleeping or passed out in a vehicle in the parking lot. Driver had pulled over to rest as he felt ill.

Officer stopped erratic driver who told officer he had been wiping ashes off his dashboard and that his front end was out of alignment.

Gray Road caller had permitted couple to stay at house for a few days but they were

now refusing to leave. Their ride came and picked them up without incident and they drove off.

Officer gained entrance to house for a Gray Road man. His dinner was in the oven and he needed house keys to get in before the smoke alarm went off.

Officer and a good Samaritan removed a broken tree from Mitchell Hill Road.

Driver missed a turn and went into the ditch on Brackett Road. Vehicle was pulled out and she went on her way.

Neighbors reported suspicious activity on Maplewood Drive. People were retrieving property from a residence.

Suspicious person in parking lot in front of Goodwill was using the free wifi to play games on his phone.

A broken window on a vehicle on Annie's Way was not vandalism but due to the cold weather.

Newell St. man reported license plates and floor mats had been stolen from his car.

Caller saw two officers go into house behind his and wanted to know if he should be concerned. Officers told him everything was all set.

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## CALENDAR

### THURSDAY, APR. 20

- Science Rocks (ages 6 and up): Learn a 5-step scientific method to perform experiments to learn how the world works, 10-11 a.m., Baxter Memorial Library, 71 South St. FMI, 222-1190.

### FRIDAY, APR. 21

- Gorham/Windham/Westbrook Triad will meet at 9 a.m. at 22 Foster St., Westbrook. The speaker, Angela D'Amours from The Cedars, will speak about healthy eating.
- Bird Tweets (ages 4 and up): Make a special treat for birds, 10-11 a.m., Baxter Memorial Library, 71 South St. FMI, 222-1190.

### SATURDAY, APR. 22

- Happy Earth Day: Use blue and green paint to create abstract earth representations, 10-11 a.m., Baxter Memorial Library, 71 South St. FMI, 222-1190.

### SUNDAY, APR. 23

- Vernal Pool Walk with Presumpscot Regional Land Trust, Randall Orchards, 1 Randall Rd., Standish. Free. Space is limited. RSVP at [www.prlt.org](http://www.prlt.org).

### MONDAY, APR. 24

- The Gorham Republican Committee meets every fourth Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. All registered Republicans are welcome. FMI, call 415-2673.

### TUESDAY, APR. 25

- Gorham Lions meeting, Gorham Dept. of Public Works Cafeteria off Huston Road, 6:30 p.m. New members always welcome. FMI, 298-9182.
- Preschool Story Time (ages 3-5), 9:30-10:15 a.m., Baxter Memorial Library, 71 South St. FMI, 222-1190.

### WEDNESDAY, APR. 26

- Story Time, birth-3 years old, 10-10:30 a.m., North Gorham Public Library. FMI, 892-2575.
- Town of Gorham Senior Lunch Program, St. Anne's Church, Gorham. Opens at 11 a.m. Lunch served promptly at 12 p.m. \$4. FMI, 839-4857.

### THURSDAY, APR. 27

- After School Board Games with Crossroads Games: Games will be provided or bring your favorite. North Gorham Public Library, 2 Standish Neck Road, 3-4:30 p.m. Free. FMI, 892-2575 or [libng@north-gorham.lib.me.us](mailto:libng@north-gorham.lib.me.us).
- Baby & Me (birth-18 months), 9:30-9:50 a.m., Baxter Memorial Library, 71 South St. FMI, 222-1190.
- Toddler Story Time (18-36 months), 10-10:30 a.m., Baxter Memorial Library, 71 South St. FMI, 222-1190.
- Sewing Group, 2:30-4:30 p.m., Baxter Memorial Library, 71 South St. FMI, 222-1190.

### FRIDAY, APR. 28

- Annual Spring Rummage and Perennial Sale, Cressey Road United Methodist Church, 81 Cressey Rd., 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. FMI, 839-3111.

### SATURDAY, APR. 29

- Annual Spring Rummage and Perennial Sale, Cressey Road United Methodist Church, 81 Cressey Rd., 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. FMI, 839-3111.

### SUNDAY, APR. 30

- Augusta Symphony Orchestra performs at Gorham High School, 3 p.m. Hosted by Redeemer Lutheran Church. Free. FMI, Tom DiPasqua, 883-2730.

### TUESDAY, MAY 2

- Gorham House Itsy Bitsy store, 1:30-3:30 p.m., Gorham House lobby, 50 New Portland Rd. FMI, 839-5757.
- The Gorham Cancer Prayer and Support Group meets the first Tuesday of every month at 6 p.m. at the Cressey Road United Methodist Church. All are welcome. FMI, 321-1390 or 839-3111.
- Preschool Story Time (ages 3-5), 9:30-10:15 a.m., Baxter Memorial Library, 71 South St. FMI, 222-1190.
- Annual meeting of the North Gorham Cemetery Association, 7 p.m., Cairns Room at the North Gorham United Congregational Church, 2 Standish Neck Rd.

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 3

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- Toddler Story Time (18-36 months), 10-10:30 a.m., Baxter Memorial Library, 71 South St. FMI, 222-1190.
- Monica Wood, author of "The One-in-a-Million Boy," will talk about her latest release, Baxter Memorial Library, 71 South Street. FMI, [baxterlibrary.org](http://baxterlibrary.org) or 222-1190.

### THURSDAY, MAY 4

- Baby & Me (birth-18 months), 9:30-9:50 a.m., Baxter Memorial Library, 71 South St. FMI, 222-1190.
- Toddler Story Time (18-36 months), 10-10:30 a.m., Baxter Memorial Library, 71 South St. FMI, 222-1190.
- Sewing Group, 2:30-4:30 p.m., Baxter Memorial Library, 71 South St. FMI, 222-1190.

### FRIDAY, MAY 5

- Friends of BML Book Sale, 9 a.m.-6 p.m., Gorham Recreation Department, 71 South St. FMI, 222-1190. [Note: The sale continues Saturday, May 6 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.]
- Sensory Friendly Story Time, 10-11 a.m., Baxter Memorial Library, 71 South St. FMI, Heidi Whelan, 222-1190.
- Blood Drive, sponsored by Baxter Memorial Library in memory of Pamela Turner, Shaw Gym, 75 South St., 1 to 6 p.m. FMI, 222-1190.

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# Gorham Travels



Photo courtesy of Joanne Andersen

Joanne and Karl Andersen of Gorham were a part of a group of 23 that toured Cuba during the week of March 20. The focus of their visit was to meet the people of Cuba, view the architecture in the old cities of Cienfuegos, Trinidad, and Havana, and stop at schools, museums of art, and craft workshops. They were entertained by a group of students from a dance school and heard a concert of young professional musicians sing. On their final night, they toured Havana in a 1950's Buick convertible. Pictured from left to right, Floyd and Julie Brown (the Andersen's daughter and her husband), and Joanne and Karl Andersen at the Hotel Nacional de Cuba on Havana Bay.



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### MERCHANDISERS

Merchandisers support Nappi's Beer Sales Department by replenishing product and enhancing/maintaining the appearance of products at multiple customer locations in York/Cumberland counties.

#### Responsibilities include:

- Inventory the customer location for depleted product stock needs in coolers, shelves and displays. Stock, rotate and organize with product from delivery and/or backroom storage area in accordance with Shelf Management and quality rotational requirements.
- Enhance appearance of all Nappi products by pulling merchandise forward on shelves, facing labels to front, and repacking product in correct carriers as needed.
- Ensure all pricing and advertising (POS) is displayed in correct product locations and is clean and readable. Communicate out-of-stocks, missing POS, pricing errors, etc., including new competitor activity and products, to Sales Representative.

**Qualifications include:** strong time-management skills and ability to work independently; as well as all General Qualifications/Requirements listed below.



### WAREHOUSE SELECTORS

Warehouse Selectors work an early afternoon into evening shift based on customer needs.

#### Responsibilities include:

- Accurate, repetitive product selection to build orders
- Construct product pallets
- Wrap and stage product to prepare shipments
- Safely operate pallet jack
- Work safely, efficiently, and collaboratively with your team

**Qualifications include:** excellent attention to detail; a safety conscious 'heads-up' attitude at all times; ability to work effectively in a team based environment; ability to repetitively lift up to 55 lbs.; and ability to work reliably from written and verbal directions/instructions; and all General Qualifications/Requirements listed below. Previous warehouse and powered industrial equipment experience is a plus!

### COMMERCIAL DELIVERY DRIVERS/HELPERS

Drivers & Helpers deliver product to local customers within York/Cumberland counties at stores, bars, and restaurants on established routes operating automatic and manual transmission commercial trucks.

#### Responsibilities include:

- Safe operation of delivery vehicle (automatic and manual transmissions) to assigned customer locations.
- Off load product using hand wheelier.
- Responsible for rotation of product code dates.
- Generate and verify invoice accuracy using hand-held computer device; responsible for daily settlement of cash and charges.
- Responsible for all inventory shipped and returned, pick-up of empty product containers including cans, bottles and barrels
- Establish positive working relationships with primary contact at each account
- Proactively communicate any customer concerns, issues and feedback.

**Qualifications include:** Class A or B license or desire to work towards; ability to lift, load and push/pull product cases ranging from 20-60 lbs. and barrels ranging from 40 - 165 lbs. throughout the work day. These positions require extensive reaching, squatting and bending as well as delivering product up/down stairs; plus all General Qualifications/Requirements listed below.

### GENERAL REQUIREMENTS for all Nappi Distributors' positions include:

- Excellent customer service aptitude; represent Nappi by conducting all activity and interaction with customers, co-workers, and the general public in a professional, positive, service-oriented manner.
- Valid Maine driver's license and safe driving record.
- Adherence to safety guidelines/requirements, including proper body mechanics.
- Adherence to customer service guidelines/requirements established at each account.
- Ability to adapt to changing priorities and deadlines in a fast paced work environment.
- Ability to work well under pressure and handle multiple tasks simultaneously and independently.
- Physical requirements include: physical ability to lift, push, pull, reach for, and move product of varying weights of up to 55 lbs. at multiple levels, including above shoulder and at floor level, on a constant basis; extensive squatting and bending, and ability to work in cold work environments (35 - 45F) for extended time periods.
- Experience with pallet jacks and other material handling equipment is helpful.



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