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ANDREA MORRELL
School News Editor

Parents of K-5 students in all three Gorham elementary schools recently received word that a service project grant was approved and handicap accessible and inclusive playground equipment was soon coming to each of the schools.

Last October, Pastor Travis Bush, Gorham resident and parent of Great Falls School students, was approached by his colleague, Tom Thompson, from a sister church in Alabama and asked to identify Maine communities where his church could conduct its annual service project. Thompson informed Bush that his church would be bringing 135 volunteers to Maine to serve these communities.

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Main Street Construction Likely Delayed

PATRICK O'SHEA
Contributing Writer

Gorham voters approved the Main Street Construction Project in a November 3, 2015 referendum, but Town Manager David Cole said, "It is possible, but unlikely the project will take place this construction season." The reason is that the Maine Department of Transportation (MDOT) received only one bid for the project and it was well over the amount budgeted.

Cole stated this is a complicated project involving three separate enti-

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GORHAM RANKS TOP 10 IN HIGH SCHOOLS IN MAINE

According to U.S. News & World Report on the Best High Schools Rankings, Gorham High School is ranked ninth within Maine of top 10 high schools citing that students have the opportunity to take Advanced Placement course work and exams. The AP participation rate at GHS is 39 percent. The student body makeup is 49 percent male and 51 percent female, and the total minority enrollment is 7 percent.

GBE Announces Business Person of the Year: Cindy Smith

BAILEY O'BRIEN
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Cindy Smith of Great Falls Construction (GFC) has been named the Gorham Business Exchange's 2017 Business Person of the Year. This annual award is granted to one Gorham business person who is an involved community member, serves as a mentor and leader to others in the community, and demonstrates creativity and imagination in business. By these standards, Smith, the co-owner and vice president of GFC, is a more than deserving recipient. In her nomination, a fellow community member noted that Smith "has been a part of this [company] since 1988 and is still putting her fingerprint on many aspects of Gorham Village."

Smith has been integral to GFC's success since its inception, likely due to her willingness to wear many hats for the company. "I started doing the bookkeeping for Jon [Smith, Cindy's husband and the co-owner and president of GFC] in the evening while I was working full-time, and then as we started having children, I became a stay-at-home mom and the bookkeeper," said Smith. "It has seemed over the years I have had the opportunity



Photo credit Jon Smith

to fall into roles that needed to be filled at the time, from weekend gutter jobs to roof shingle pick up, as well as any office duty that needed my attention." Her role as vice president, though, has her sights set on big picture goals. "As we continue to grow and change, I am excited to be able to focus on development of new projects," said Smith.

In GFC's catalogue of previous projects, several have transformed the landscape of the Gorham Village. One of Smith's favorite, and arguably most well-known, projects was the reconstruction of "the old garage on Main Street where Aroma Joe's, Subway, US Cellular, and Nail Xperts now reside. It is so great to have an image in your head and

then see it transpire into something you truly hope others will enjoy."

This emphasis on community drives Smith to focus on creating strong relationships with people, what she considers her best advice for small business owners. "First and foremost, our GFC team is an awesome group of hardworking people," she shared, "as well as our wonderful clients we have worked with throughout the years." As for GFC's strong connection to Gorham, Smith added, "We always are keeping in our minds what we can do to make our community a better place for all. We really enjoy living here and want to share that joy with other community members."

Smith will be presented with an award at the Gorham Business Exchange's Annual Meeting and Business Person of the Year celebration at Spire 29 on Tuesday, May 23, from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm. The evening will feature a panel including Jon Smith, Shawn Moody, Scott Lovaas, and Andrew McLean to discuss up-and-coming changes in Gorham, and food will be provided by Gorham House of Pizza. To register for this free event, please visit the Exchange's website, www.gorhambusiness.org.

Gorham Man Arrested on Child Sex and Pornography Charges

SHERI FABER
Staff Writer

Christopher Shepard, 31, of Rust Road in Gorham, was arraigned in U.S. District Court on charges that he took sexually explicit photos of a 10-year-old girl and posted them on the internet. Shepard was also charged with two counts of sexual exploitation of a minor and was arrested on May 3.

Charges were brought by Homeland Security alleging Shepard engaged in "sexually explicit conduct for the purpose of producing a visual depiction of such conduct. The visual depiction was produced using materi-

als that had been shipped and transported in and affecting interstate and foreign commerce."

The 10-year-old girl came forward and claimed he had sexually assaulted her at his home and taken pictures of her which he then shared online. He was initially reported to the Gorham Police Department who forwarded the case along to the federal authorities. Gorham PD is continuing their investigation but have not yet filed charges against Shepard.

Shepard has been charged in state court with Gross Sexual Assault, a class A crime. If convicted, he could be sentenced to 15-30 years in federal prison on the child exploitation

charges. He also faces up to 30 years in state prison on the the gross sexual assault charge. Shepard is being held at Strafford County Jail in Dover, N.H.

Gorham Sightings



Photo credit Roger Marchand

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Update on the Opioid Crisis in the State

REP. ANDREW MCLEAN

Things are quickly picking up speed in Augusta. During the next two weeks, Legislative committees are scheduled to finish voting on all bills that have been referred to them and an additional session day will be added to the weekly schedule. While our regular committee work is starting to wrap up, the work of several important task forces are just getting started, including the Opioid Task Force.

With the rising spread of the opioid crisis in Maine, the 128th Legislature created the Task Force to Address the Opioid Crisis in the State to focus specifically on this issue. The main objective of the Task Force is for lawmakers and the public to report back to the State Legislature any recommendations, including legislation, that would assist with addressing the opioid crisis Maine faces.

It's unlikely that there is anyone in Maine who is unaware of or untouched by the ever-increasing opioid crisis. Data from the "Expanded Maine Drug Death Report for 2016" shows that drug-induced deaths have

increased significantly from 2015, with a total of 376 deaths in 2016, a 38 percent increase from the previous year. Of those drug-induced deaths, 330 were the result of an overdose.

With an initial report to the Legislature due by April 30, the task force met twice last month to begin their work. To ensure the task force does not duplicate existing efforts and reports, the first two meetings were spent catching members up to speed on the different aspects of the opioid crisis.

The task force was also informed of the relevant legislation proposed this session. Legislative committees have heard or will hear roughly 56 opiate-related pieces of legislation. These proposals range from increasing law enforcement budgets for substance use prevention programs and acquiring additional drug-detecting dogs to creating a pilot program in Washington County to provide treatment and recovery services for substance use disorders. In addition to reviewing legislative efforts within the State, the task force is also tasked with reviewing the work being done in other states in order to see what has

and has not worked, or what can be improved upon.

The committee will meet again no later than December 6, 2017. At this meeting the task force will submit a final report with their findings and recommendations, including legislation for consideration during the next session.

The task force is scheduled to meet Friday, June 9 from 1-3:00 pm in room 127 of the State House. If you are interested in hearing updates from the task force, you can subscribe at the following link: <https://lists.legislature.maine.gov/sympa/info/opioid.crisis-ip>.

As the work of the Task Force continues, hearing your thoughts on these and other issues is crucial to what we do at the State House. As always, please feel free to contact me with your questions and concerns.



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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 Gorham Times,

Please go to www.gorham-me.org and sign up to receive email notices for new ordinances being proposed by the Planning Board and Town Council.

Why? Pretty soon, your neighborhood could go from quiet and peaceful to bordering an Agricultural Event Center holding parties, dances, and even concerts. The Planning Board is considering a zoning change that will permit a select few agricultural landowners to host up to 500 guests at 25 events per year.

This proposal will allow agricultural landowners to have these events for supplemental income so they won't sell their land for houses. However, ownership of only 5 acres of land will qualify for an Event Center, and the owner need only show \$5000 to \$10,000 (proposed) in gross revenue, not income, from agricultural sources. Unlike other commercial businesses, the Event Center will not have to be shielded from neighbors by landscaping and events can continue until 10 pm at night.

A Gorham employee submitted this proposal and it may exempt at least one Council member from going through the very regulations that many Gorham residents have to meet for an in home business or a commercial establishment. Moreover, this proposal will open up a Pandora's Box of potential development. One could purchase a house with a 5 acre parcel, raise hay at \$5-8 per bale, and qualify for an Event Center.

Event Centers easily generate \$5000 to \$15,000 rental per event. Plus agricultural landowners already have reduced property taxes. Ask yourself, should a select few agricultural landowners be allowed to bypass requirements that other businesses and residents have to meet under the pretense of saving green space from house lots. Taxpayers need to speak up and insist conservation easements be used to buy development rights in the rural area instead of Event Centers.

Linda Pearson
USDA Executive Director, Retired

Dear Gorham Times,

When the Gorham Grind first opened 12 years ago no one dreamed it would have as much of an impact on the town as it did. It was a true sit down coffee shop where people go to converse and be together. The interior of the quaint little shop was neutral and calming letting the drinks and people give it flavor. Those people would come and go as they please but always came back for more. It was a popular place for us "school kids" to hang out at after school. Some of us came in years before we ever stepped onto a yellow school bus. The Gorham Grind watched me grow up, along with many of my friends, and we, along with all of the other customers have left our marks somewhere. From hot apple cider stains in the high back red chair to worn down floorboards we have all made sure that the Gorham Grind has been worn well with love.

Lydia Valentine

Around Town

Sweet Life Ice Cream will be opening this summer in the former Sweet 'n Eats location on Gray Road near the Little Falls Recreation fields.

The new Tank 1 for Gorham Fire Department has arrived. Crews are being trained and it is being outfitted with all the necessary equipment before it goes into service.

David Cole issued a 15-year service pin to Barbara Skinner of the Planning Department, and a five-year service pin to Steven Rappold of the Police Department.

Absentee Ballots are now available in the Town Clerk's Office for the June 13 State Referendum/Local Referendum/School Budget/Portland Water District Trustee Election.

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Dress Your Windows in Warmth



Photo courtesy of Miriam Rubin

Volunteers assembled window inserts at a recent community build at Allagash Brewing in Portland.

AMANDA VICKERSON
Contributing Writer

How many of us have wrestled with double-sided tape and a hairdryer, spending long hours shrink-wrapping our drafty windows before the snow flies? Too many! Enter Window Dressers, a Maine-based non-profit organization, which builds custom-fitted window inserts that fit snugly inside the window frame to block drafts, thereby saving money on heating costs.

Window Dressers has been doing this work for six years and is entirely volunteer-run. Volunteers visit homes to measure windows, then the frames are cut and assembled out of Window Dressers' home base in Rockland. In the fall, local residents hold a "Community Build" to apply foam-stripping and plastic coverings to the pre-assembled frames. So far this year, there are 19 community builds scheduled around the state.

Window Dressers is hosting a Buxton-Gorham community build at

Moody's Collision Center this fall, from November 11-19. Volunteers will work in four-hour shifts to attach and heat-shrink the plastic covering, apply the foam stripping, and bundle orders.

Miriam Rubin, co-coordinator for this local build, says, "EVERYONE is welcome to volunteer during the community build week in mid-November - no prior experience, tools, or skills are needed. All that is asked is one 4 hour shift, 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. or 1:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m." Every volunteer is invited to a lunch party between shifts.

The average price per frame is about \$25 and should last about 10 years. Fortunately, Window Dressers' partner, Sierra Club Climate Action Teams, has received a \$5,000 grant from the Horizon Foundation to provide financial assistance to many customers. Each average-sized window insert (2' x 5') can save about 10 gallons of heating oil per year, simply by reducing drafts.

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New Yoga Studio Opens in Gorham Village



Photo credit Roger Marchand

Gorham Yoga Company held a ribbon cutting ceremony at its Main St. location on May 5 and followed it up with an Open House the next day. There was a party atmosphere as owners Jessie Dobbins (left) and Amber Wilson cut a red ribbon signifying the opening of their new downtown business.

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, Kathy Corbett at ktcorbett@aol.com or Cindy O'Shea at coshea2@maine.rr.com.

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ties. Sharing the total cost are the Town of Gorham, Portland Water District and MDOT. Gorham voters approved a bond in the amount of \$600,000 for Gorham's share. Portland Water District (PWD) will contribute \$600,000 and MDOT will pick up the balance of the projected \$2.2 million total cost. The one bid received is in the \$4 million range, making it \$1.7 million over the budgeted funds.

There are a few ways to lower the cost. The present bid includes working at night. While this would be less disruptive to the traffic flow, it is more costly. The amount of night work could be minimized to reduce costs. Additionally, the Town had originally considered installing five concrete conduits with the hope of utilizing them for underground utilities in the future. The conduit option was removed and not included in the most recent bid.

Gorham's share of the project cannot be increased without another referendum. MDOT and PWD can increase their share if they choose to and the funds are available. If the project does not go forward this construction season, the hope is that new bids would go out from MDOT this December or January. Bidding projects at that time of the year usually result in lower bids.

Once the project does begin, Main Street construction will begin at Gray Road through the village down to Cressey Road. The scope of the work includes rubblization which is the process of fracturing existing concrete pavement into pieces for direct overlay. PWD will replace the 100-year-old water main and storm drainage will be enhanced. This work is necessary because the original surface was a concrete slab that was breached in 1987 when a sewer line was installed and the trench where the sewer line was installed is sinking.

YOGA EXPRESSIONS

Creating Balance in Life Through Yoga

AMANDA CURTIS KEZAL

Almost everyone has heard of the many benefits of practicing yoga, such as relaxation, mental clarity, strength and flexibility. Life is busy with employment, to-do lists, appointments, family and friends—and oh yes, fun! How do we create space to breathe and de-stress when there are so many things that we want to complete in a day? When combined with a consistent yoga practice, “mini-moments” can help keep us balanced.

Have you been in line at the grocery store or bank and felt impatient? One of the assignments for my credit course at USM is to purposely choose to wait in a long line. Notice what happens. Can you consciously breathe? If you are aware of tension accumulating because you're irritated, breathe again and relax. Find your body in alignment and elongated and, then, soften into the moment. You could mentally chant the “time works for me” affirmation as well, so there is no worry to hurry. Be sure to put your phone away and be present to what is happening around you.

Do you have an important meeting or conversation that you're dwelling on? Take a moment to find a quiet place to breathe deeply, still the mind (it takes practice!), and be open to the words you need to speak. When you come from a place of calmness and insight, the words flow.

If you have ever tossed words out in anger or hurt and then regretted them, try deep breathing first. Yoga balances the emotional self and, thus, your reaction can be more kind.

While waiting for the water to boil as you prepare your tea or meal, use the time to practice a yoga posture instead of rushing to complete a task. Tree Pose is always a favorite of mine to practice at that time.

A yoga mini-moment can set the tone for your day. Notice how you wake up. For most of us it is a gasp of breath as the alarm shrieks. As you hit snooze, begin gentle yoga movements with soft breaths. Give gratitude—be thankful for what you get to do today.

Not every moment in your life should be, or could be, peaceful. These are simply yoga tips to bring

you back into balance when life challenges you.

A consistent yoga practice allows you to move from a place of balance where the challenges of life are just that—experiences that you are aware of. It doesn't set you off into a “drama” or ruin your day. It is simply a moment. The innovator in me seeks how to make yoga accessible to everyone. When you can't get to the studio to practice a long session of yoga, you can always practice at home. Designing your own practice is a great option to tailor what your needs are for the day. For your own safety and understanding, it's best to have had some time with an instructor first. Yoga is the key to creating balance in life.



Amanda Curtis Kezal, owner of Holistic Pathways, has been bringing yoga to Gorham for 20 years with her yoga fusion style. She continues innovative approaches to sharing the many benefits of yoga with others.

Child Suffers Injuries in Accident

GORHAM TIMES STAFF

Colton Stormont, 5, is recovering from an accident that occurred at his Gorham home on April 29. Gorham police said the accident happened as family members worked on a project in their driveway on Sebago Lake Road, also known as Route 237. The

boy was playing on the passenger side of the family's Jeep Liberty. Sgt. Ted Hatch said the boy got the vehicle out of park and into neutral, causing it to roll backward down the driveway.

“It appears the boy was run over by the vehicle,” Hatch said. His mother, Cassandra Stormont added, “He tried to jump out and it ran over him.”

Stormont suffered a bruised lung, fractured ribs, two broken arms, and a fractured skull. He underwent surgery on May 1 and was released from Maine Medical Center on May 8. A GoFundMe page has been established to help the Stormont family offset some of the ongoing medical costs.

Car Recalls

Approximately 104,000 recalled cars travel on Greater Portland area roads daily. Information about recalls is decentralized, unorganized, and notoriously difficult to find. In many cases, people aren't even aware that their car is in recall. This is a public concern that is dangerous not only for car owners, but for anyone else on the road. Portland area car owners can take steps to protect themselves and their families by looking up their vehicle's recall status in 4 easy steps:

1. Visit www.motorsafety.org
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Town Council Meeting

JACOB ADAMS
Staff Writer

Joseph Drive resident asked if the Town is responsible for picking up trash on the side of the road. Town Manager, David Cole, stated that Public Works is not responsible and that citizens should clean up in front of their own homes and property.

Darryl Wright, from the School Committee, said that June 17 is "We Love Gorham Day" at the schools. The day is used for rubbish clean up and residents are encouraged to participate at home as well.

David Cole gave an update on the status of the Main Street construction project for which the bids from DOT came in higher than budgeted. DOT needs to review bids and this will push the project later in the year and quite possibly into 2018.

The Town Council postponed the proposed moratorium of retail marijuana establishments and retail marijuana social clubs until August 1, 2017.

A request from Tim Devine, Ossipee Trail Motors, to draft a Contract Zone for 135 Dingley Springs Road, which would allow both buildings to be used as a body shop, was tabled until staff could come up with a plan. Tom Porier, Town Planner, stated that a contract zone is not compatible with the Comprehensive Plan that was updated in 2016 and that prior use was a Non-Conforming Use which was grandfathered in, however, due to the property being vacant for over a year it reverted back to the 2016 Comprehensive Plan guidelines.

The Town Council asked staff to draft an amendment of Section 2 of the Streets and Sidewalks Ordinance, which would require a permit for large events that may cause congested parking and traffic on public roads. The permit will require appropriate traffic control measures to minimize congestion and to include no-parking on one side of the road to allow room for emergency vehicles. Item will be sent to the Ordinance Committee for further clarification. (2 Yeas, 5 Nays: Benner, Shephard, Hartwell, Hager, Phinney)

A memorandum of understanding for a reciprocal borrowing agreement between Baxter Memorial Library, Scarborough Public Library Corporation, South Portland Public

Library, Thomas Memorial Library in Cape Elizabeth, and Walker Memorial Library in Westbrook was approved.

The Town Council authorized the Town Clerk to issue a warrant for the School Budget Validation/Referendum/Portland Water District Election on June 13. The polls will be open from 7:00 am-8:00 pm. The following residents were appointed for the designated voting districts: District 1-1- Susan Emerson, Warden and Laurel Smith, Ward Clerk; District 1-2 – Katherine Corbett, Warden and Marie Plummer, Ward Clerk; District 2 – Martha Towle, Warden and Nancy Kenty Ward Clerk; Central – Paula Nystrom, Warden and Teresa Sanborn, Ward Clerk.

The Registrar of Voters will be in session on: Tuesday, June 6 from 8:00 am-4:00 pm, Wednesday, June 7 from 8:00 am-4:00 pm, Thursday, June 8 from 8:00 am-7:00 pm, Friday, June 9 from 8:00 am-1:00 pm, and Monday, June 12 from 8:00 am-4:00 pm.

The Town Clerk is authorized to process absentee ballots on Tuesday, June 13, at 12:00 pm, 5:00 pm and 8:00 pm.

A deed for a parcel of land located in the Glenwater Village Subdivision was accepted for open space and trail use. Town Council also accepted an easement access for access to the open space lot.

The Town Council entered an Executive Session to discuss labor negotiations.

Complete minutes are available on the town's website at www.gorham-me.org.

Town Considering New Agricultural Special Event Ordinance

SHERI FABER
Staff Writer

At the January 2017 Town Council meeting, the council voted to forward an item to develop language for agricultural special events facilities to the Planning Board. The Planning Board and Ordinance Subcommittee have held three meetings to date to develop this ordinance.

Norman Justice, who owns approximately 100 acres on Wood Road and has been farming the land for 48 years, would like to have the option to rent out part of his property for weddings, corporate and other events providing an additional revenue stream for agricultural properties such as Justice Farm.

These special event facilities would be located on property that is being used for agriculture and the property owner would have to show at least \$10,000 of farm income in one of two years or three of five years. The owner/operator would also have to provide the Planning Office an event management plan for each event that referenced noise, lighting and traffic management.

A maximum of 25 events could be held each calendar year. The events would have to be held on lots of five or more acres that were dedicated to the special events. No portion of the event facility could be closer than 100 feet from the property line although the Planning Board may require a greater distance.

Dress Your Windows in Warmth CONTINUED FROM PAGE 3

"These inserts will pay for themselves within a season or two," says Rubin. Fellow co-organizer Terri Morin uses the inserts in her own home and rarely hears her furnace kick on anymore. Even if your windows aren't drafty, the inserts create an insulated air space which prevents heat from escaping through the glass. Rubin stated, "These inserts are a great step towards reducing a household's carbon footprint!"

While spring just got here and no one wants to think about snowy

nights, applications for inserts and volunteers are being accepted, and encouraged, now. Window Dressers is looking to serve about 45 community members and would like to have clients' homes measured by July to allow time for production. Call 596-3073, go to WindowDressers.org, or email BuxtonGorhamWindowDressers@gmail.com for more information.

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Falmouth-Gorham High School Robotics Team Headed to China

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The Northern Force FIRST Robotics Team 172 from Falmouth and Gorham High Schools has been selected as one of only ten U.S. teams to participate in an inaugural US-China technology and cultural exchange this spring.

Hosted by the FIRST China Robotics Association, as part of the "Sino-US United Project," the team of seven students and three mentors will travel to China from May 24 through June 5, joining other teams from around the world to participate in the largest FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) competition series to ever take place in Asia.

Students participating in the US-China Robotics Competition Exchange are Ivan Cadigan, Annie deCastro, Teddy Lockman (Gorham resident), Alanna Luce, Tavish McDaniel, and Julian Wiley, all from Falmouth High School, and Simeon Willey from Gorham High School. Mentors are John Kraljic, Michelle Moutinho, and Jay Crosby.

"It is an honor to be selected and such a wonderful opportunity for our students," said John Kraljic, Robotics Coach and Falmouth High School instructor, who will accompany the students.

The Northern Force team was selected based on an application process. Of its 40 plus team members, the opportunity to go was offered to all veteran team members. From those interested, mentors selected students who have experience in several of their sub-teams (mechanical, electrical, programming, and design) and the students who are comfortable instructing others. Several

seniors from Falmouth chose not to attend because it conflicts with their high school graduation.

The team will be paired with a rookie Robotics team from Zhengzhou, a city of nine million located in east-Central China. Northern Force students will work with their Chinese partner team, sharing design, programming, and building strategies to construct a 120 pound industrial robot.

The teams will then travel to Shanghai to compete at the prestigious Shanghai Science and Technology Museum, against 200 other Robotics teams. Students will also have an opportunity to tour the region and take in local historic sites and other cultural attractions.

"It's going to be an incredibly busy, exciting experience for all of us," said Kraljic. "We are especially excited to be working alongside a team of Chinese students."

While the FIRST China Robotics Association is covering the cost of all food, housing, and transportation within China, individual team members are responsible for the cost of visas, air fare, and spending money while in China. The team is holding fundraisers to offset the costs of the trip and has established a GoFundMe page to accept tax deductible donations.

FIRST was founded in 1991, to inspire young people's interest and participation in science and technology. Now an international organization, FIRST Robotics Competition features over 500,000 participants from more than 80 countries who work during a high-adrenaline six-week season from January to March to build a robot to play a sports-style game, different every year.

MAY 10, 2017

School Committee Meeting

KATHY CORBETT
Staff Writer

At the May 10 regular School Committee meeting, Superintendent Heather Perry outlined the steps she is taking to inform the public about the FY18 budget that will go to voters on June 13, after Town Council approval on June 6. She is hosting informational meetings, posting a blog, and is developing a series of videos for the District website. She congratulated Gorham High School which was just named one of the top ten high schools in Maine by US News & World Report.

Diane Knott, Gifted and Talented Coordinator, presented an overview of the Student Advancement in Learning (SAIL) program that offers learning opportunities for the 3-5% of K-12 students identified as gifted in academic, visual and performing arts. Students have learning opportunities beyond the classroom that include participating in challenging group activities, as well as special instruction based on interest and need.

Knott stressed as strengths of the program the ability to monitor data for student growth and the increased participation in competitive club activities such as Robotics and Odyssey of the Mind. Increasing district enrollment, she said, presents a challenge in staffing and data maintenance to meet the 3-5% student participation desired and required by state law.

GHS principal Brian Jandreau reported on the two-day Business Tour where 18 high school teachers visited four local companies to observe the skills students would need to be successful in industrial workplaces like Pratt-Whitney, Lanco Integrated, Idexx, and Texas Instruments. Four teachers shared their impressions which included the importance of innovative think-

ing and the ability to work collectively. SC members commented on the importance of building relationships that help students envision themselves in these kinds of work environments.

The Committee received brief reports on the progress being made by four important Ad Hoc committees. Committees are studying K-5 class configuration, the GHS Facilities Capital Campaign, possible changes in start times and lengths of school days, and strategic planning. These committees will continue to provide progress updates.

The Committee approved (5-0, Phillips, Burns absent) the appointment of Ryan Watts to be GHS Assistant Principal and Phillis Worthley and Trisha Cherry as guidance counselors to replace Watts and a vacant position. SC members praised the hiring of Cherry because she has financial aid counseling experience. They also approved contracts for probationary teachers.

Superintendent Perry requested approval to hire a coach for 9th grade boys lacrosse this spring. The SC voted 4-1 to approve the position. Dennis Libby voted no because the position was not in this year's budget and he believed the district should not add a sport out of the budget cycle. The position has been approved for next year.

The SC voted (4-1 Libby) to approve changes to the district's grading and reporting practices. The plan involves moving gradually from the current 100 point scale to a 1-4 PBL scale based on a definition of proficiency. Although Libby approved of all other aspects of the new PBL grading scale, he objected to the process of implementation.

Committee members voted (5-0) to postpone a decision on how to allocate any funds from state subsidy that are more than what the district had expected and included in the FY18 budget.

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Superintendent Heather Perry's latest blog update is focused on providing an overview of the proposed FY 18 school budget. Visit <http://gorhamsuperintendent.blogspot.com/2017/05/highlights-of-proposed-fy-18-gorham.html> for details.

Correction

In the May 4, 2017 issue, the Mr. GHS Pageant article incorrectly identified the hosts of the event. The night was hosted by seniors Emma Smith (class president) and Molly Sposato (class secretary). We regret the error.

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Anthony Booth
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Madison Firmin
Maeve Higgins
Paige Hume
Elyssa Johnson
Aaron Jones
Iris Kitchen
Lucas LaMontagne
Nolan McCullough
Ethan Mercier
Abigail Miller
Peyton Morton
Abigail O'Brien
Ava Pitman
Lauren Preis
Andrew Rent
Gianna Romatis
Camden Sawyer
Ursula Steiner
Veronica Steiner
Madisen Sweatt
Andrew Tinkham
Katrina Tugman
Samuel Waggoner
Quinn Young

Grade 9 – Honors

Ethan Allen
Grace Andrews
Daniel Bachner
Celia Begonia
Patrick Bishop
Jordan Bretton
Westley Brinegar
Neila Cairnduff
Evan Chambers
Lane Charlton
Vicky Chen

Colby Christakis
Rachel Collomy
Kasey Cummings
Garrett Devoe
Lauren DiDonato
Faith Dillon
Hannah Dimick
Meredith Donisi
Ryan Doughty
Lydia Drew
Molly Eaton
Tyler Farris
Sawyer Gagnon
Ryan Gaudreau
Lauren Green
Jacqueline Hamilton
Joseph Hansen
Makenzie Huntington
Nolan Irish
Katarina Jenkins
Cortnie Jones
Cassandra Kovacs
Henri Kuntz
Haley Lowell
Aaron Mains
Caralin Mills
Cameron Myles
Anna Nault
Jillian Nichols
Lindsey Nygren
Samuel Orlando
Kyle Ouillette
Marin Perry
Meghan Reidy
Ryan Reno
Peter Richards
Seth Richardson
Margaret Rimkunas
Tyler Rollins
Angela Sauvageau
Kendall Smith
Gage Stuart
Julia Sturgis
Luke Tarbox

Lydia Valentine
Alana Weed
Jade Wu

Grade 10 – High Honors

Fatima Batool
Kyren Bettencourt
Maiya Christiansen-Carlson
Brittany Desjardin
Caroline Dowdle
Jeremy Harris
Joshua Hayward
Spencer Keating
Abigail Leonard
Lila Lovley
Matilda McColl
Lydia McCrillis
Libby Mitchell
Katherine O'Donnell
Olivia Paruk
Anna Rathbun
Simon Roussel
Callie Russell
Hallie Shiers
Sara Slager
Sarah Stevens
Sarah Walker
Erin Wentworth
Brooke Woodbury
Bruce Wyatt

Grade 10 – Honors

Isis Adams
Maggy Aube
Aaliyah Biambly
Kevin Blake
Peter Boswell
William Burns
Mackenzie Buteau
Caitlin Chasse
Alexa Corey
Connor Coro
Isabel Courtney
Brandon Cummings

Gavin Cupps
Albert Del Tarre Trias
Ryan DeSanctis
Julia Downey
Molly Duff
Mercy Dunn
Riley Ferrigan
Emma Forgues
Gabriella Gagne
Avery Germond
Trevor Gray
Zachary Green
Brinn Hall
Autumn Heil
Mackenzie Holmes
Emaly Howard
Isabella Jones
Elisabeth King
Evelyn Kitchen
Libby Knudsen
Isabelle Kolb
Kate Larkin
Joshua Laughlin
Ella LeBlanc
Thomas Light
Griffin Lord
Rowan McDaniel
Drew Meader
Harris Milliken
Hailey Morrill
Gretchen Muehle
Margaret Munkacsi
Benjamin Nault
Thomas Nelson
Rose O'Brien
Samuel Pocock
Alice Riiska
Samantha Robichaud
Samantha Rockwell
Colette Romatis
Leah Scontras
Emma Shields
Jacob Sladen
Katelyn Smith

Mariah Stout
Ian Stultz
Logan Swift
McKayla Taft
Grace Terry
Haley Thompson
Payton Thorp
Brenden Waterman
Ethan White
Melanie Wright
Mackenzie Young

Grade 11 – High Honors

Caitlyn Beaulieu
Emily Chapin
Bennett Donohue
Aaron Farr
Meadow Fortier
Garrett Higgins
Kaitlyn Jodoin
Sydney Levesque
Grace Libby
Hannah Libby
Zachery McGouldrick
Camryn Morton
Emelia Nejezchleba
Benjamin Nelson
Alexander Ousback
Madeline Rossignol
Jonathan Scribner
Anna Slager
Abigail vanLuling

Grade 11 – Honors

Asal Bahmani
Clayton Bassingthwaite
Conor Battaglia
Jessica Bennett
Vanessa Berrill
William Blanchard
Lindsey Boylen
Nathan Brown
Marisa Collins
Courtney Cushing

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Chase Messer
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Sarah Nugent
Amelia Pappalardo
Deirdra Perreault
Kali Perry
Sean Pocock
Brittney Reed
Lydia Roberge
Lucas Roop
Bridget Rossignol
Michelle Rowe
Clara Santos
Isabella Sawyer
Asma Sayed
Josephine Smith
Owen Smith III
Isabella Solari
Kayla Stickney
Stefan Street
Vanessa Therrien
Christopher Tucker

Simeon Willey
Rosemary Wood
Jacob Yahm

Grade 12 – High Honors

Kelly Aube
Sally Aube
Delaney Burns
Kathryn Christianson
Haylee Dahlborg
Bligh Godin
Emily Hayward
Sophia Hendrix
Whitney King
Ethan Orach
Kyle Peoples
Lauren Poirier
Samuel Roussel
Raymond St. Cyr
Cameron Stevens
Alexandra Stresser
Blake Wallace

Grade 12 – Honors

Anne Acker-Wolfhagen
Mary Adams
Elsa Alexandrin
Jordan Allen
Katherine Andrews
Avery Arena
Trystan Bates
Katherine Bennett
Andrew Brown
Tess Buzzell
Lindsey Caron
Jamie Carter
Nariah Cavarretta
Benjamin Clark
Tony Cooper
Jordan Currier
Brandon Desjardin
Kara Doane
Alyssa Dolley
Logan Drouin
Drew Eid

Kara Ellsmore
Ryan Firmin
Abigail Flint
Jackson Fotter
Bennett Gasowski
Jordan Gaudreau
Ronald Gillikin
Grant Hamblen
Ryan Hamblen
Cameron Holmes
Madeline Joyal-Myers
Jason Komulainen
Carli Labrecque
Carter Landry
Eric Lane
Justin Laughlin
Hannah LeBlanc
Narissa Libby
Samantha Low
Kaylea Lundin
Thomas Macomber
Samuel Martel
Thomas Matthews
Fiona Nee
Taylor Nygren
Emily O'Donnell
Miles Obrey
Padraic Owens
Athena Pappalardo
Haley Poitras
Brady Rioux
Julia Roy
Emma Smith
Molly Sposato
Samuella Spurr
Karen Stemm
Benjamin Swift
Amanda Thompson
JennaMarie Webster
Dylan Weeks
Tiril Wiig
Heather Woodbury
Emily Yager
Alex York

Gorham Middle School Third Quarter Honor Rolls 2016-17

Grade 6 – High Honors

Benjamin Allison
Julia Altham
Hayden Anderson
Julia Bell
Ava Bryant
Christian Butler
Lexi Caron
Hannah Caron
Miranda Chasse
Faith Connolly
Jasper Crane
Rachel Cummings
Annie Cunningham
Patrick Cyr
Angela Dellasala
Jonah Doucette
Madeline Downey
Owen Dugas
Noah Flynn
Tedi Gould
Marin Graham
Graham Henderson
Jude Huckaby
Aryahna Hulit
Braeden Johnson
Eden Johnson
Grace Johnson
Samantha Kovacs
Erin Lawrence
Kevin Luo
Trevin Macomber
Sofia Mankin
Kate Martin
Kaci Mollison
Isabella O'Brien
Lucas Ouillette
Claudia Peterson
Sarah Rathbun
Tyler Reynolds
Lauren Rioux
Abigail Rosingana
Brady Smith
Ryker Spear
Alexandra Sutton
Rylee Tenuta
Wyatt Thomas
Madison Toronto
Kieran Wilkins
Elizabeth Willette
Hailee Willey
Peter Wu

Grade 6 – Honors

Waeil Ahmed
Brady Alexander

Avery Andrews
Anthony Arsenaout
Emelia Bailey
Owen Ballard
Hayden Battaglia
Lucien Beardsley
William Benson
Cole Bishop
Olivia Bryant
Klarha Cajuste
Zackary Chapman
Junbei Chen
Morgan Cole
Ryan Collier
Amelia Connor-McCoy
Ian Connors
Ryan Cooper
Joseph Cowan
Makenna Delaney
Zoe Diffin
Quinn Dillon
Maeve Donnelly
Annika Edgar
Paige Fiore
Abby Fiore
Rylan Flagg
Paige Fowler
John Frank
Nash Gagnon
Ty Gammon
Andrew Gaudreau
Brooke Gerry
Kathryn Gooch
Brooke Gordon
Corinna Hahn
Kyra Hamblen
Owen Harmon
Rose Hepler
Bruce Hodgkin
Olivia Hopkins
Connor Hoyt
Lucy Hyde
Kelsey Jalbert
Josephine James
Shaun Kemp
Jada Kenzie
Ella Kitchen
Alexis Landry
Nolan Landry
Madeleine LaPierre
Samuel Larkin
Jacob Lehmann
Savannah Lyon
Brady Marquis
Griffin Macciola
Madison Morton

Samuel Munkacsi
Ella Novak
Hannah O'Reilly
Jacob Parker
Mikaela Pellerin
Kate Pelletier
Nicholas Phinney
Qasim Rabbani
Jayden Racine
John Reidy
Keira Rosario
Chloe Ruane
Lillian Ruane
David Russo
Emma Sands
Kate Sands
Christopher Sargent
Andrew Scribner
Malachi Scribner
Cody Sellick
Audrey Shaw
Eli Sjostedt
Trent Stevens
Megan Wentworth
Wyatt Woodsum
Delaney Wright
Lillian Zidle

Grade 7 – High Honors

Colin Albert
George Allison
Natalya Asali
Drew Baber
Noah Badaeu
Curan Bassingthwaite
Gavin Begonia
Mallorie Bergquist
Landon Bickford
Allison Bishop
Brylee Bishop
Connor Callahan
Erin Castonguay
Morgan Chapman
Ainsley Christianson
Kayleigh Cloutier
Sydney Connolly
Hunter Connors
Nathan Corey
Calvin Cummings
Kaitlyn Cushing
Samuel D'Amico
Aiden Dever
Mary DeWitt
Katherine Dupuis
Morgan Edenbach
Hailey Edwards

Zachary Emmons
Madeline Fadrigon
Asa Farley
Andrew Farr
Samuel Farr
Kassidy French
Annie Frey
Charles Gay
Riley Grant
Ainsley Gray
Kylie Green
Rachel Gross
Bryce Gunn
Sydney Haskell
Madisson Hatch
Ethan Ho
Kiara Hodge
Julia Kratzer
Stephanie Labrie
Alexandra Light
Elisabeth Loranger
Ian Luciano
Bryce Lambert
Paige Marchand
Anya Mazaris-Atkinson
Ella McDonald
Madison Michaud
Andrea Mitchell
Dylan Morrell
Isabella Morrell
Emma Mullin
Alexandra Myles
Anna Nelson
Cassara Novak
Julia Ordway
Ellie Perry
Courtney Rent
Phoebe Richards
Vanessa Russell
Arzou Sayed
Devan Sherry
Benjamin Shields
Clara Shvets
Brandon Verrill
Nicole Walker
Alexandra Waterman
Megan Wentworth
Quentin Wise
Elijah Wyatt
Megan Young

Grade 7 – Honors

Lauren Bachner
Ryan Bechtel
Gisele Berry
Caroline Bishop
Robert Boylen

Sean Boylen
Aaja Breton-Jalbert
Nikita Butenko
Nathan Chase
Bode Coleman
Kiah Curtis
Sadie Cyr
Izabella Densmore
Alden Dimick
Nathan Doane
Quinn Doyle
Sarah Duff
Sadie Dyer
Abigail Emerson
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Benjamin Fecteau
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McKenna Roberts
Maksim Roewer
Evan Russo
Brandon Sadowski
Thomas Sallinen
Brady Sawyer
Thaddeus Shain
Kaden Shaw
Kyle Skolfield
William Stein
Emma Stevens
John Sutton
Mark Thibodeau
Ashley Thurston
Nola True
Colby Tucker
Sarah Valeriani
Izzabella Verrill
Asa Wareham
Caleb Waterman
Emily Wilcox

Grade 8 – High Honors

Aidan Bell
Tatyanna Biamby
Jaella Boucher
Grace Bradshaw
Anneka Bryant
Emma Butler
Beck Carrier
Lily Courtney
Noah Cupps
Hayden Desmond
Ava Dolley
Jillian Dugas
Andrew Duncan
Emily Duncan
Vinh Duong
Julia Edwards
Nathan Eichner
Danielle Eid
Aidan Enck
Grace Flynn
Gracie Forgues
Campbell Fowler
Sydney Fox
Sophie Gagne
Stephen Graham
Devyn Harrington
Reed Henderson
MacKenna Homa
Sia Hyson
Leah James
Richard Jiang
Riley A Johnson

Riley E Johnson
Sophia Kaufman
Evan Koenig
Amelia Kratzer
Ryan Kratzer
Joshua Labrie
Mason Laskey
Shannon Lawrence
Maya Lee
Tess Libby
Kylie Mathieson
Bode Meader
Jaden Munroe
Molly Murray
Adele Nadeau
Grant Nadeau
Emily Paruk
Alice Peterson
Samuel Pritchard
Caitlin Randall
Molly Rathbun
Cassidy Rioux
Morgan Roast
Devin Robichaud
Sophiah Rodrigue
Erin Sands
Sophia Sawyer
Delaney Seed
Kilee Sherry
Nathaniel Smith
Alison Walker
Marissa Wilson
Julia Yager

Grade 8 – Honors

Luke Adams
Reighley Adams
Dawson Allen
Griffin Banks
Denisha Beeler
Madeline Berry
Jesiah Bickford
Corey Blake
Jordan Blakeslee
Jaella Boucher
Elijah Bullard
Sophia Buzzell
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Donovan Landry
Sadie LaPierre
Alexander Leary
Colby Leavitt
Joshua Lehmann
Zakaria Lembarra
Mikayla Leskowsky
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Tee Off for Multiple Sclerosis

HAL D'AMICO
Sports Editor

If you are gripping a golf club on Friday, June 2, at 1:00, and you are at Gorham Country Club, you will be participating in a fun event to raise funds and awareness for multiple sclerosis (MS). The Narragansett Wheelmen, a Gorham based cycling club, has organized its first Narragansett Wheelmen Golf Scramble: A Fundraiser for MS.

Scramble format is, as defined by the Professional Golf Association, a popular form of team play in which the team members pick the ball in the best position and everyone plays from that spot. In other words, a fun and less intimidating way for players of varied levels to move more quickly through the course.

Among the teams of four teeing off in the shotgun start — meaning teams will tee off from all holes along the course, rather than lining up at the first hole — will be novice golfers Darcie and Margaret (Mags) Brown, the daughter and surviving spouse, respectively, of Tom Brown, who passed away in 2006 after being diagnosed with MS in 1997. It is his story, and Darcie Brown's founding of "Team Tom" through soliciting participation in the 2010 MS Walk that has served as an inspiring catalyst for the Narragansett Wheelmen, the Gorham

community and well beyond.

Although involved in the cause, neither Wheelmen Mike Wing nor Steve Smith knew Tom Brown. It was Tom's story and Darcie's tenacious and infectious spiritedness as a teen in the Gorham schools spreading through word and action the MS Society and it's fundraising/awareness walks that got the Wheelmen involved, as they began to participate in the Bike for MS, a series of regional opportunities to ride for awareness and dollars.

Smith shared that, "The Narragansett Wheelmen and Team Tom want to express thanks to the Gorham community and the many businesses supporting this cause." Wing said Brown is a "kid that loves love" and reiterated her positive outlook, as well as the inspiration that comes from seeing people with MS actively participating in walks and rides, and invoked the image of riders on tandem bikes as they fought the disease. Darcie Brown (GHS '15)



Photo credit Margaret Brown

Darcie Brown, far left, stands with several Wheelmen during a past "Team Tom" Bike for MS event.

just completed her sophomore year at American University, and continues to work summers at the Maine MS Society office, which she's done since the end of her high school junior year. She also works in the Society's Washington, DC office, averaging 15 hours per week during the academic year.

Team Tom now includes American University students, who participate in the DC area MS Walk, as well as Team Tom representation at MS events in a few other northeastern cities. Brown told a reporter that, "Each year more local businesses support Team Tom." She's added, "I

really want to thank Steve [Smith] and Mr. Wing for all they've done for me and Team Tom." She credits the Narragansett Wheelmen's business networking as a vital contributor to Team Tom's success.

MS is an unpredictable, often disabling disease of the central nervous system that disrupts the flow of information within the brain, and between the brain and body. The cause of MS is still unknown — scientists believe the disease is triggered by as-yet-unidentified environmental factor in a person who is genetically predisposed to respond. The progress, severity and specific symptoms of MS in any one person cannot yet be predicted. Most people with MS are diagnosed between the ages of 20 and 50, with at least two to three times more women than men being diagnosed with the disease.

Brown said Team Tom recently surpassed the \$60,000 fundraising mark. Wing said that as of May 11, approximately 20 teams were registered, with 12 hole sponsors committed for this Narragansett Wheelmen event for Team Tom to benefit MS. Registration for the June 2 event runs through May 26. The entry fee includes 18 holes of golf, cart, snacks, prizes, and dinner. For further information or to register, contact Gorham Country Club at 839-3490.

Are you a Gorham resident actively and regularly participating in action or less conventional endurance sports? Do you skydive, parasail, surf, run ultra marathons, cyclocross, get on the starting line at orienteering races, etc ... and more? Do you know a Gorham athlete or group you think fits this broad category? Contact Hal D'Amico, Sports Editor at gtsportseditor@gmail.com.

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HAL D'AMICO
Sports Editor

The Gorham Youth Baseball and Softball Association (GYBSA) held Opening Day ceremonies, along with a full game schedule on Saturday, April 29. The distinct sounds of balls meeting bats and leather gloves took over Village Fields on a breezy, overcast day offering pleasant temperatures as hundreds of players, volunteers, and supporters were in attendance. Prior to play, Al Garcia, GYBSA Board Member, gave opening remarks, and introduced a steady stream of teams by team name, and also recognized 2016 All Stars, District and State Champion teams.

With the field full of players, many of them aligned around the border to assist holding up an American flag big enough to canopy a significant portion of the infield, Gorham's Katie Stoddard sang the National Anthem. A drone, provided pro bono by Xtreme Aerial View and equipped with cameras, whirred overhead.

Gorham's Shawn Moody was the keynote speaker, first rallying the players and fans with words about Gorham as a uniquely special home, followed by leading a few alternating player and crowd participatory cheers. He concluded his remarks by emphasizing sportsmanship and character for players and everyone involved, stating players should, "Play hard, work hard and support your other teammates." He spoke about the dedication of coaches and

other leaders and urged parents to, "Be supportive of your athletes and trust your coaches." Play ball!



Photo credit Jenny Popp Skolfield

Casey Skolfield hit the dirt and the plate as Jack Luciano intently positioned for the play.



Photo credit Jean Fecteau

Abby Fecteau, of the Blue Bears U10 team defends home plate in her catching debut.

Towle's Tremendous Track Teams Extend Streaks

PATRICK O'SHEA
Contributing Writer

The Women's Indoor and Outdoor track programs at the University of Southern Maine (USM) have to be one of the best kept secrets in the University's athletic department. The outdoor track program has won 18 straight New England Alliance Championships, a combination of the Little East Conference (LEC) and Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference (MASCAC). The indoor program has a streak of 17 straight titles for both the LEC and the New England Alliance.

The force behind these teams has been their coach, George Towle. Talking about the teams' success, Towle said, "We look at the conference championship as a meet where the entire team can and is expected to contribute. I think there is a certain level of pride among the team to continue to perform at a high level. We try to bring a balanced team to the meet and there have been many years when we have scored in all 19 events."

This was echoed by one of this year's team members, Lizzie O'Neal, when she said, "I think we're successful because we've worked to have a team atmosphere. As individual as a sport track is, we really work hard to support each other in different events and we go into big meets knowing that we not only

have to compete for ourselves, but for the success of the team."

Towle has been part of the USM coaching staff for 32 years. He started out as a part-time cross country coach and became a full-time coach in 1998 when the Costello Field House opened. Al Bean, the USM athletic director, and other members of the athletic staff commented on what makes Towle so successful sharing that he is a tireless advocate for kids, makes his schedule fit theirs, that he is a great recruiter and has a way of developing athletes to help them reach their potential.

O'Neal added, "George is really good at finding the strong suits in all of his athletes and making sure we're doing all that we can to reach our full potential." Every year he has athletes named to the All New England, and sometimes the national teams. Last year, one of his team members was the National Pentathlon Champion. Several members of this year's team have a good chance to advance to the NCAAs in Geneva, Ohio, on May 25-27. Bean also commented that George has been able to assemble a core of very talented assistant coaches.

Coach Towle and his athletes have developed a model for consistency and success over an extended period of time. High expectations, committed athletes, and history of success has taken the USM outdoor and indoor track teams a long way.

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We Love Gorham CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

Bush, from SouthCoast Community Church in Scarborough, selected Lewiston, Portland, and Gorham (because of his ties to the community and his love for the Gorham schools, town, and people).

Bush approached Becky Fortier, Great Falls School principal, about doing something for the school system. He told her to dream big, like handicap accessible equipment, a project close to him as he has a handicapped brother. Fortier responded very positively.

"Day in and day out I watch that we have this great and beautiful (autism) program (at Great Falls) and some days we have to schedule additional playground time for these kids to have access because it's so specialized," said Fortier. "So when Travis started talking about handicap accessible, I was thinking inclusion. How can we get all kids to just be out there enjoying it all together?"

The goal, according to Fortier, is bringing all children in the schools together to play, despite disabilities. Kathy Hamblen, special education director, Norm Justice, facilities director, and the three elementary principals met and discussed possible equipment options.

"Right away we landed on the zip line because it had the bucket seats, sensory pieces, movement, and the wow factor," said Fortier.

"Every student could access it in a way that would bring all kids enjoyment. We then tried to find something sensory – the sand pit. A wheelchair could go right up to the pit. We have those kids that need those opportunities to play." A third phase in the future would include installing sensory boards with spinners, textures, tic tac toe games, and that bring in a lot of color, play music, etc.

The group presented the cost of the equipment to Bush who then brought the idea back to Thompson. Gorham was given \$67,000 to purchase the equipment. That left Bush in charge of raising the site work money - an estimated \$50,000 according to Justice. Shaw Brothers offered to donate their equipment and materials, which brought the site work cost down to \$20,000.

With generous donations secured to make up the difference, the service project is now scheduled for June 17, a day that has been dubbed "We Love Gorham Day." Site work has already begun and Bush has ordered 1,000 t-shirts that he hopes to give out to every volunteer who comes and serves on this day.

In addition to the volunteers from Alabama, eight churches and local ministries are volunteering on this day. These partners include:

Child Evangelism Fellowship of Southern Maine, Galilee Baptist Church, LifeChurch, South Gorham Baptist Church, SouthCoast Community Church, The Navigators, The Orchard Community Church, and Young Life Gorham.

In addition to installing the playground equipment, volunteers will be working around town helping Gorham get a facelift and help any resident in need. The group is hoping to have over 500 volunteers between the Alabama church, local churches, and community members. The group is also hopeful that We Love Gorham Day will

become an annual event, focusing on a service project benefiting Gorham and its community members each year.

For anyone interested in helping, or anyone in need of help, on June 17, visit <https://we-love-gorham.square-space.com> to sign up. A volunteer will be in contact to assign projects, or volunteers can designate a project they are interested in when signing up. The event will take place from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., rain or shine. A dedication service will be held at 5 p.m. and Superintendent Perry has challenged Bush to a race down the new zip line to celebrate its completion.

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OF INTEREST

Cynthia Peters of Gorham was recently crowned Mrs. Maine at the annual Mrs. America Pageant.

The Dream Factory of Maine is sponsoring a charity golf tournament on June 2. For more information on registration and sponsorship opportunities, please contact John Martin at John@martincpa.com or 712-5350. FMI about Dream Factory of Maine, visit www.dreamfactoryincmep.org.

Attend the retirement party in honor of Fran Doucette, executive director of the Gorham Food Pantry, on May 21 from 2 to 4 p.m. at Cressey Road United Methodist Church, 81 Cressey Road, Gorham. Everyone is welcome!

Plant Sale, May 20, 9 am -12 pm, Community Arts Center, 34 School St., Gorham.

Veinte de Mayo Benefit Concert to benefit a Guatemalan student and a health clinic in Honduras. The event begins with a happy hour from 5 to 7 p.m. with appetizers and sangria, and will include a silent auction. Dean Richardson and friends will follow with a concert from 7:30 to 9 p.m. First Parish Church, Saturday, May 20 from 5 to 9:30 p.m. All are welcome. FMI, schumacher@roadrunner.com.

Celebrate and rejoice with the sounds of singing with the Gorham Community Chorus on May 21 at 3 p.m. at the McCormack Performing Arts Center, Gorham High School. Prize-winning Barbershop Quartet "Odds N' Ends" will be the special guests. There will also be a silent auction, refreshments, and scholarships to be awarded. \$5 suggested donation.

Rep. Andrew McLean and Sen. Amy Volk recently welcomed fourth-grade students from Great Falls Elementary to the State House. "It was fun to have fourth grade students, teachers and parents from Great Falls Elementary School at the State House today," said McLean. "The students asked thoughtful and engaging questions," added Volk.

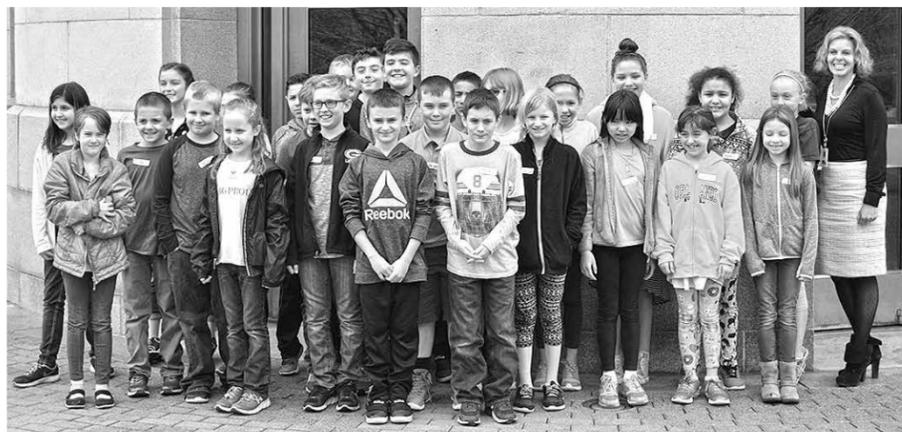


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Maker Fun Factory Vacation Bible Camp will take place June 26-30 from 8:30-11:30 a.m. at Cressey Road United Methodist Church. At Maker Fun Factory, children will discover they are created by God and built for a purpose. Open to children ages 4 through finishing fifth grade. Register at vbspro.events/p/cresseyroad. Free; donations accepted. Register now; space is limited. FMI, 839-3111.

Meghan Cushing was recently elected senator of the Assumption College (Worcester, MA) Student Government Association for the 2017-2018 academic year.

Gorham Garden Club will meet at First Parish Church, 1 Church St., on May 30 at 7 p.m. Harriet Robinson, chairman of GCGM Landscape Design School, will present a program on Mediterranean Gardens in Maine. Members of the public are welcome. FMI, 839-3630 or 839-3878.

The Town of Gorham is working to become a great place to walk and bike and needs your input. Take the survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Gorhambikepedplan>, or

attend an Audit & Workshop event. The Walking Audit & Workshop will be held on May 18 at 6 p.m. (meet at the gazebo next to Baxter Memorial Library) with the workshop starting at 7 p.m. in the Town Hall Second Floor Conference Room. The Bicycling Audit & Workshop will be held on May 22 at 6 p.m. (meet at the gazebo next to Baxter Memorial Library) with the workshop starting at 7 p.m. in the Town Hall First Floor Conference Room A. FMI, Anna Stokes (203) 271-1773 or astokes@mminc.com.



On May Day (May 1) students from the Community Arts Preschool walked to the Inn at Village Square to deliver flowers and cards they made for the residents to spread spring cheer.

Kailyn Brown, 13, of Gorham won second place in Division I at Bates College in the National Association of Teachers of Singing, Maine Chapter Competition. She is a voice student of Paul Stickney, also of Gorham. Kailyn is the daughter of David and Pamela Brown.

The Gorham Fire Department will hold an All-You-Can-Eat Benefit Pancake Breakfast on June 4 from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Fire Department, 270 Main St. All proceeds will go to Sandra Berry, the Department's administrative assistant who is currently battling cancer. \$8 adults; \$5 kids ages 5-12, Free for children under 5 years old.

Auditions: James and the Giant Peach, June 3 from 2-6:00 pm, Community Arts Center, 34 School St. Gorham. FMI & registration at <http://www.gorhamartsalliance.org/>



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Tricia Peightal of Around the World Travel in Gorham presented a gift certificate to Yvonne and Brooke Piawlock (pictured above) on May 5 on behalf of students at Sanford Jr. High School at their annual Pay It Forward Assembly. The effort was led by JMG (Jobs for Maine's Graduates) students who organized a school-wide Penny Drive Competition to grant a wish for a local family. Raising a record breaking \$4600 this year, the school recognized 9-year-old Brooke Piawlock for her kindness and generosity toward others, and will be sending her, her mother and two family friends to Disney World in Orlando, Florida.

Chip Gain, a retired Portland School System social worker, will speak at 10:30 a.m. on May 31 at the Lakes Region Senior Center on his experiences volunteering at a medical clinic in Ti Riviere, Haiti. Refreshments will be served. Little Falls Activity Center, 40 Acorn Street. FMI, Diane, 892-9529.

The Local Author Series at North Gorham Public Library, 2 Standish Neck Rd., presents Brenda Buchanan as she discusses the first in the Joe Gale series: "Quick Pivot" on May 25 at 7 p.m. Free. FMI, 892-2575 or libng@north-gorham.lib.me.us.

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.gorham-foodpantry.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

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CLOSE TO HOME

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.

All the Colors of Cuba, a photography exhibit by Pamela Davis will run on May 19 from 5 to 9 p.m., and May 20 and 21 from 1 to 4 p.m. at Saco River Theatre, 29 Salmon Falls Rd., Buxton. FMI, www.sacorivertheatre.org.

No experience is necessary for the all-ages Family Country Dance taking place on May 20 from 7:30 to 9 p.m., Saco River Theatre, 29 Salmon Falls Rd., Buxton. \$10 single; \$15 couple; \$20 family. To make reservations or FMI, 929-6472 or www.sacorivertheatre.org.

The North Congregational Church, 22 Church Hill Rd., Buxton, will hold a Bean Supper on May 20 from 5 to 6 p.m. Enjoy two kinds of beans, red hot dogs, chop suey, potato salad, coleslaw, roles, desserts, and coffee or punch. \$8. FMI, 929-5600.

The film **"Now is the Time: Healthcare for Everybody"** will be shown and discussed at the Rines Auditorium in the Portland Public Library on Monument Square in Portland on June 6 at 5:30 p.m. FMI, www.maineallcare.org.

Saco River Theatre Classical Music Series presents Musicians from Traveling Sounds by Noree Performing Arts at The Old White Church, 15 Salmon Falls Road (next to the theater), on May 27 from 7:30 to 9 p.m. \$20 adults; \$18 seniors and students. To make reservations or FMI, 929-6472 or www.sacorivertheatre.org.

The Fiddlehead School of Arts and Sciences will hold its third annual Giant Tag Sale to benefit the school on May 21 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the school at 25 Shaker Road in Gray. Anyone wishing to rent a space to sell their own goods is required to register in advance and pay for their space at the time of registration. Community members can rent a space for \$30. Spaces are 8.5 feet by 15 feet and can accommodate one 8-foot table per space. Vendors may bring their own table; tables will not be provided. Vendor space is limited. Rain date will be June 4. FMI, Elizabeth Paine, 838-6686 or fiddleheadpto@gmail.com.

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 now by calling Linda Hopkins at 440-8714.

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A DANGEROUS RESCUE ATTEMPT

Caller asked police to check on two juvenile females in the road on Main St. They were located and told officers they saw a frog in the road and were trying to save it. They were advised that they should not be doing that.

Gray Road caller wanted more patrols in the area in reference to kids running around unsupervised.

Suspicious person on Millet Drive was waiting for his teenage daughter who came out as officer arrived. She had been getting her hair done.

Vehicle off the road on the bypass belonged to a driver who had not been paying attention and had gotten stuck on top of a snow bank.

South St. caller reported someone had opened a bank account in his name.

Female from Wilmer's Way came in to remove a trespass notice she had against her ex-husband. The order had already expired.

Officer observed a disabled vehicle parked on the shoulder of County Road. Passenger became ill and they needed to pull over. They did not need assistance.

College students were hanging out at the park on Fort Hill Road. They were asked to move along.

Lincoln Street male reported a fraudulent call from a person from Publisher's Clearing House. No personal information was given.

Person called in to report that a vehicle going from mailbox to mailbox on Flaggy Meadow Road. It was around the time that the paper is delivered and officer suggested

this to the person. Person responded it had never occurred to them.

Checked on a vehicle (and operator) parked on Wilson Road that was running with its lights on. Operator stated that she was talking on the phone and was fine. She did not sit in her driveway as the dogs would bark like crazy.

Longfellow Road caller reported hearing gunshots in the area behind the house but when officers arrived, they did not hear anything.

White Birch Lane caller reported traffic lights not cycling correctly. Area was checked and they were working fine. (Personal note: lights at intersection of Mechanic and New Portland Road and Main St. are almost never working properly.)

Caller reported a suspicious vehicle on Huston Road. Vehicle pulled over so female could vomit.

Parties on Flaggy Meadow Road were separated after they had been involved in a verbal argument over jump starting a vehicle.

Maple Ridge caller was upset that the clerk at the store refused to sell her tobacco products because her friend, who was present at the time of the transaction, was unable to produce an ID. It was explained to the complainant that the clerk has the ability to refuse service and she responded by hanging up the phone.

Gorham- Phyllis Tapley Harmon, 100, passed away in Scarborough on Thursday, May 4, 2017. The daughter of Frank and Harriet (Townsend) Tapley, she was born at home in Gorham on October 10, 1916. She lived in Gorham her entire life. As a child, she attended Elmwood school which is now the Lion's Club building on South St. She graduated from Gorham High School in 1934. One of her fondest memories was delivering hay into Portland by horse and wagon with her older brother Howard. In 1940, Phyllis married Ralph Harmon, and they settled on Mitchell Hill Rd in South Gorham to raise their children. She lived in the same house until just days before her death. In the 1950's Phyllis and Ralph purchased a camp on Harmon's Beach at Sebago Lake, where she enjoyed many summers with her family. In an article published by the Gorham Times for her 100th birthday Phyllis was quoted as saying "I've always lived here. I'm happy right here in Gorham. I don't care to live anywhere else. I just love Gorham."



Phyllis was predeceased by her husband Ralph, and her siblings. She is survived by her son David Harmon and his wife Rosamond, of Rockwood, her daughter Karen Dyer and her husband Ronald of Gorham, her grandchildren, Darcy and James Dyer, Garrett and Ross Harmon, and Wanda Maddox Thompson. There will be a private family graveside service at a later date. Arrangements are under the care of Dolby Funeral Chapel, Gorham. In lieu of flowers her family requests donations be made to Gosnell Memorial Hospice House, 11 Hunnewell Road Scarborough, ME 04074. Please visit www.dolbyfuneralchapels.com to view Phyllis' online tribute page and to sign her guestbook.

CALENDAR

SATURDAY, MAY 20

- Greater Gorham Farmer's Market, 8:30 a.m.-12 p.m., 71 South Street (Public park adjacent to Baxter Memorial Library). May through October.
- Veinte de Mayo Benefit Concert, 5-7 p.m., First Parish Church, 1 Church St. FMI, schumacher@roadrunner.com.

SUNDAY, MAY 21

- Retirement party in honor of Fran Doucette, executive director of the Gorham Food Pantry, 2-4 p.m. at Cressey Road United Methodist Church, 81 Cressey Road, Gorham. Everyone is welcome.
- Gorham Community Chorus Annual Spring Concert, McCormack Performing Arts Center, Gorham High School, 3 p.m. FMI, gorhamcommunitychorus@gmail.com.

TUESDAY, MAY 23

- Gorham Lions meeting, Old Elmwood School House on South Street (Rte. 114), 6:30 p.m. New members always welcome. FMI, 298-9182.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24

- 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, MAY 25

- 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.

SATURDAY, MAY 27

- Greater Gorham Farmer's Market, 8:30 a.m.-12 p.m., 71 South Street (Public park adjacent to Baxter Memorial Library). May through October.

MONDAY, MAY 29

- 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, MAY 30

- Gorham Garden Club, First Parish Church, 1 Church St., 7 p.m. Harriet Robinson, chairman of GCGM Landscape Design School, will present a program on Mediterranean Gardens in Maine. Members of the public are welcome. FMI, 839-3630 or 839-3878.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 31

- 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.
- Retired social worker Chip Cain will speak about his experiences volunteering in Haiti. Lakes Region Senior center, Little Falls Activity Center, 40 Acorn Street, at 10:30. FMI, Diane, 892-9529.

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The Gorham Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a regular meeting on Thursday, May 18, 2017 at 6:30 pm in the Burleigh Lovett Council Chambers at 75 South Street, Gorham to consider the following:

Acceptance of the April 20, 2017 meeting minutes as printed and distributed.

Appeal #17-06 Enlargement or Replacement of Non-Conforming Use or Structure. Joseph Wyman, property owner and petitioner of Wyman's Auto is seeking to enlarge a non-conforming use. The property is located at 201 New Portland Road (Map 28 Lot 10) which is in the Suburban Residential Zoning District.

Appeal #17-07 Conversion of Non-Conforming Use To Another Non-Conforming Use. Ron Greco/KR Commercial Properties LLC, the applicant is seeking a conversion of a legally existing non-conforming use. The subject property is located at 346 South Street (Map 23 Lot 16 - Building #2) which is in the Rural Zoning District.

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May 2017

Gorham will hold its Memorial Day Parade on May 29 at 11 a.m.



Heather Shields to speak at Brown Bag Lunch at Baxter Library

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Friday, May 19 at 12:15 p.m.
Baxter Memorial Library
in the Schneider Room

Heather Shields is an expert in helping seniors stay driving safely for as long as possible. She is also able to recognize when it is time to retire from driving. She works very closely with seniors, their family members, and healthcare providers, to help people remain independent in their communities.



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Earth Day Clean-up



Photo credit Angela Gospodarek

Mrs. Gospodarek's seventh grade classes picked up trash around the school in celebration of Earth Day. The total collected was 184 pounds of trash. Pictured is one of the four classes that participated. Back row (left to right): Charlie Gay, Amber Saleme, Caleb Hendrix, Landon Bickford, Nate Corey, Caleb Waterman, Jacob Graham, Tommy Sallinen, and Nikita Butenko. Front row (left to right): Shawn McKeage, Kam Dupra, Jakob Leavitt, Sadie Scholl, Alyvia Caruso, Caroline Bishop, Maddie Hatch, Sadie Dyer, Allie Myles, Sadie Cyr, Allie Light, Mary DeWitt, and Devan Sherry.



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