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New Sprinkler Ordinance Vote Delayed

LESLIE DUPUIS
Editor

After public comment from numerous residents, including realtors and developers, the Town Council unanimously voted to postpone the vote on the new sprinkler ordinance at its last meeting on May 1. The ordinance would require all new homes to have a sprinkler system as well as annual inspections on that system. Previously, the Town Council voted 7-0 to send the matter to the Council's Ordinance Committee and that committee voted 3-0 to support the proposal.

While representatives of the Gorham Fire Department are advocates of the ordinance as they believe it will not only save lives, but also cut down on house damage during a fire, several of those who spoke on May 1 raised concerns regarding the cost of installation and maintenance. They also felt that the ordinance needed a more thorough review before being finalized. They encouraged the Town Council to take more time to clarify the ordinance and understand the impact of the change before making a final decision.

The Town Council tabled the fire sprinkler ordinance until July or August and plans to add a workshop in June to discuss the item with Staff and Council.

FINALLY!



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GBE Announces its Business Person of the Year for 2018

KATIE SHERMAN
GBE Executive Director



Photo courtesy of Gorham Savings Bank

Becky Winslow of Gorham Savings Bank has been named the Gorham Business Exchange's Business Person of the Year for 2018. The GBE looks to honor one Gorham business person

who goes above and beyond for the Gorham community, serves as a mentor and leader, and leaves a lasting impression on all those he or she helps along the way. Winslow, Senior Vice President, Director of Retail Delivery at Gorham Savings Bank, emulates not one, but all of these qualities.

Winslow is approaching her 30th year with Gorham Savings Bank, starting first as a teller in the Gorham branch in 1988. While she spent time in various branches, she eventually made her way back to Gorham, "her home away from home," as Winslow

"BECKY HAS BEEN AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE GORHAM BUSINESS EXCHANGE SERVING IN EVERY LEADERSHIP ROLE IMAGINABLE DURING HER TIME ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS."

calls it. After working in various positions and receiving several promotions, Winslow was promoted to her current role in 2014.

A fellow banker noted that Winslow "is willing to do anything to help a business see their dreams come to light." In addition to her work at the bank, Winslow serves as the treasurer for the Reed Allen Fund, and she's on the Gorham Economic Development Corporation committee as well as the Gorham School and Business Roundtable committee. Winslow has also served on the board of directors of the Gorham Business Exchange as Treasurer, Vice President, and President.

David Willis, of Willis Real Estate, current GBE Vice President added, "Becky has been an integral part of the Gorham Business Exchange serving in every leadership role imaginable dur-

ing her time on the board of directors. She was always quick to volunteer her time and expertise to the GBE and helped us move countless initiatives forward. On behalf of the current board of directors, we are thrilled and proud to announce Becky as our 2018 Business Person of the Year."

While discussing what moves her forward, she noted it was "competition." Winslow, the youngest of eight children, said she was always competing with six older brothers. When asked her key to success, Winslow replied, "you set a goal, and achieve it, then you set another goal, and achieve it. That's just how I am put together."

Winslow will be honored as Gorham Business Exchange's 2018 Business Person of the Year on June 6 from 5:30-7:30 at Spire 29. Food will be provided by Gorham House of Pizza, and Heather Perry, Chris Record, and Tom Ellsworth will discuss the current state of affairs in Gorham. Please visit www.gorhambusiness.org to register for this free event.

Chase Custom Homes Proposing 121 New Homes on South Street

SHERI FABER
Staff Writer

The Planning Board has done a preliminary review of a proposed residential subdivision, Sawyer Estates, that will add 121 homes off of South Street. In 2003, Chase Custom Homes purchased a 41.14 acre parcel on South Street for \$850,000, as well as a 22 acre parcel on Waterhouse Road, which also sold for \$850,000. In 2005, Chase purchased an additional 42.64 acres adjacent to the 41 acre parcel for \$100,000. A portion of this parcel has wetlands which cannot be used for housing. While the two properties are adjacent to each other on the west side of the rotary, Crestwood Drive splits them in the middle. One of the parcels backs up to the Heartwood subdivision, and Chase is proposing to connect streets to that neighborhood.

Zoning rules permit 54 homes to be built on this combined property and would also require that the subdivision be connected to city water and sewer and have a pumping station. Chase Custom Homes is proposing to build an additional 67 homes on this site. These additional, or bonus units, would require that Chase Custom Homes pay the Town of Gorham \$15,000 per unit (or just over \$1,000,000) with the money being used to purchase or protect open space elsewhere in Gorham. Plans call for lots between 8,500 -15,000 sq. ft. each.

A number of issues will need resolution before the project gains approval, and it will require input from both the Department of Environmental Protection as well as the Department of Transportation.

Prom Fun

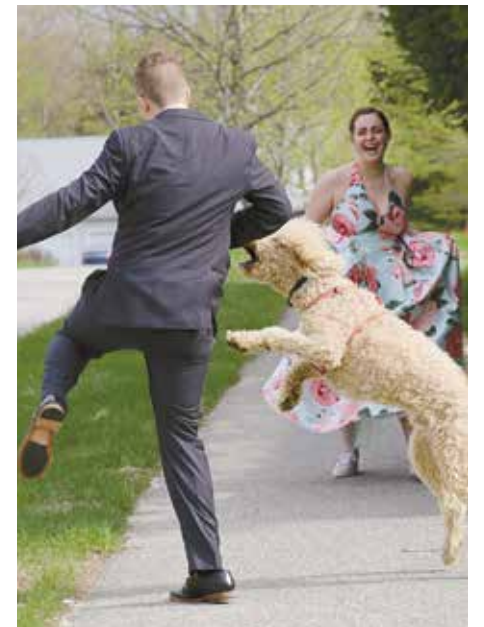


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Gorham High School held its prom on May 12 and even furry friends got caught up in the frenzy. GHS senior Karalyn Kutzer and her date Tyler Small shared a laugh as Kutzer's dog Clarence could hardly contain his excitement.

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REMEMBERING
GORDON STROUT

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Policy on News from Augusta: The Gorham Times asked our three state legislators from Senate District 30, House District 26 and House District 27 to provide us with "News from Augusta." We publish their articles on a rotating basis. The submissions are devoted to updates of legislative and administrative news, proposed and passed bills and laws, and developments and events that are of interest and have an impact to Gorham residents. The Gorham Times reserves the right to edit the submissions and it further reserves the right to reject any submission, in its sole discretion.

The End of Legislative Session

REP. ANDREW MCLEAN

While the Legislature has officially adjourned for the year, we were not able to complete all of our work and have left a number of important bills unresolved.

If you're feeling as frustrated about the situation in Augusta as I am, I want you to know that we tried to stay and finish our work. The Senate twice unanimously voted to extend session on April 18, as did every House Democratic and Independent member. Two House Republicans joined us, but that was not enough to get the two-thirds required in the House to remain in session to finish our work.

On May 2, we came back to Augusta for "Veto Day," where we were able to successfully override the Governor's objection to 11 good, bipartisan bills. We again took a vote to extend session. The vote failed in the House 82-66, with every Democratic and Independent member voting to finish our work, as well as the two House Republicans from before. The rest of the House Republican caucus voted to go home and leave the fate of important bills up in the air.

While we were unable to pass an extension, enough House Republicans

joined us and the entire Senate to keep "alive" the bills that had not received their final votes. There are just over 200 bills left to consider, and many of them sit on the Appropriations Table waiting to be combined into a single spending package.

One of those bills is the topic of my last column, a pilot project to address the transportation needs of Maine's veterans. Veterans groups and advocates, the Department of Transportation, and our committee did a lot of good work on this bill, and now all that time and effort is on the brink of being wasted.

There is also tax conformity, transportation spending, and funding for school-based health centers to vote on, to name a few. These issues are vital to Mainers from all corners of our state, and the Legislature should come back in to vote on them. If we do not come back, these bills automatically die.

I am disappointed we were not able to pass a routine five-day extension. The only way we can take up the important matters mentioned above now is by way of a special session. To call a special session requires a majority of each caucus to agree, which means a majority of Senate Republicans, Senate Democrats, House

Republicans, House Democrats and the one House Green Independent. Governor LePage could also call us back, but he has stated several times that he has no plans to do so.

Convening a special session instead of extending the regular session comes with drawbacks. A special session will cost taxpayers at least \$18,000 more each day we are in Augusta, and there is also no time limit on a special session, which is why I would have preferred to extend for five days.

I stand ready to work and finish what you sent me to Augusta to do, and while this was a frustrating end to the legislative session, I do look forward to sharing with you over the summer some of the good work we were able to accomplish in Augusta. I hope you and your family have been able to get outdoors and enjoy this beautiful spring weather. As always, please feel free to contact me with your questions and concerns.



Rep. Andrew McLean, D-Gorham, is serving his third term in the Maine House. He is House chair of the Transportation Committee and represents parts of both Gorham and Scarborough. (207) 939-8482, (800) 423-2900, andrew.mclean@legislature.maine.gov

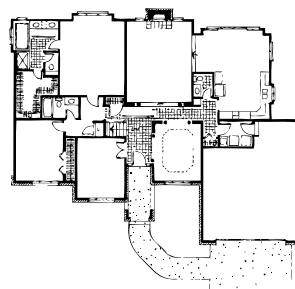
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Teaching More Than Just Martial Arts

BAILEY O'BRIEN
Contributing Writer

Twenty six years after Allan Viernes began teaching jukado classes once a week in rented office space, he and his wife, Jennifer, now run the popular Greater Portland School of Jukado in a sunny and spacious dojo of their own. Jukado, the martial art founded by Viernes' mother in 1972, is a combination of four different martial arts: kung fu, karate, judo, and aikido.

"We provide martial arts classes for kids and teens, as well as adults," said Viernes. "We have our Dragon's Club, which is our junior varsity club, and we have our Black Belt Club for more serious students seeking a black belt." In addition to these weekly classes, Viernes also offers summer karate camps and a new daily after school program for Westbrook and Gorham students. "Our goal is to produce quality martial arts students," added Viernes. "We want them to be good citizens in their community, in their schools, in their homes."

Viernes extends his philosophy of good citizenship to his after-school program. Each afternoon, after enjoying a



Photo courtesy of Allan Viernes

snack and working on homework, the students participate in that day's activity. Each week consists of two days of martial arts, two days of hip-hop dance (taught by the Dance Studio of Maine), and one day of arts and crafts. "We really encourage all after-school students to try all the activities," said Viernes, noting that some parents doubt whether their son or daughter will enjoy some of the activities. "You'd be surprised," he said.

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Remembering Gordon Strout

SAMANTHA FRANCIS-TAYLOR
(GHS '05)
Contributing Writer

Gordon Strout, a former English teacher and theatre director at Gorham High School, passed away on March 30 at the age of 70 after a brief illness. I was stunned when I learned this sad and unexpected news, as Gordon was someone who lived fully and actively. I thought he'd be driving his camper around the Midwest and Canada, scuba diving, swimming laps and sailing until he was 100. Gordon was more than a teacher to me—he was my mentor, my champion, and my friend. He inspired me to become an English teacher myself.

There's a reason why youth is referred to as the "formative years," and outside of my immediate family, Gordon was one of the first to leave an indelible mark. He influenced almost all corners of my mind, too, expanding how I saw the world and the role I was meant to play in it. He encouraged me to seize opportunity, read new novels, and embrace the future in all its beautiful complexity. I know he did this not just for me, but for hundreds—maybe even thousands—of students, who budded into thoughtful scholars and creative artists under his guiding hand.

Mr. Strout had a knack for bringing the whole community together through the magic of theatre; combined, Gordon directed me and my older sister in seventeen productions.

And he wasn't simply a thoughtful interpreter of text—he also knew how to incorporate lighting, costume, and elaborate set design in order to bring a show to life.



Photo credit Barrie Johnson/PPH

His partner-in-greatness was former GHS music teacher Darrell Morrow, another person whose footsteps I've followed. Until recently, I'd forgotten that Mr. Strout used to dress up in a tuxedo to mark these performances, a perfect symbolic gesture that illustrated his professionalism and expectations.

Today, I nostalgically recall my memories of the drama club the way a football player does about going to State: "You should have seen the shows we put on in high school!" And, really, if you did see them, you undoubtedly remember them, because they were pretty darn impressive. A handful of talented GHS graduates are now on Broadway, while dozens of us still perform and utilize the skills Mr. Strout helped foster in reimagined, yet profoundly significant ways.

In the end, however, it was not my time on stage with Gordon that

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Presumpscot Watershed Gets a (Mostly) Healthy Report Card

CHRIS CRAWFORD
Staff Writer

There is good news for people in the area who swim, boat, fish, or enjoy the Presumpscot River in many other ways. The 2017 Water Quality report shows that E. coli bacteria levels were below the state threshold at the majority of the top recreational spots along the Presumpscot River, all the way from Sebago Lake through Standish, Windham, Gorham, Westbrook, Falmouth and Portland.

Rachelle Curran-Apse, Executive Director of the Presumpscot Regional Land Trust, said, "Recreational use of the river has increased as our region has grown. There are now over 20 water access points for paddling the river, several swimming holes, and numerous great fishing spots." While this is good news for these top spots along the river itself, the news for many of the Presumpscot River tributaries, is less positive. Many of them exceeded the state standards for bacteria levels multiple times last summer.

The Presumpscot River watershed drains a big area. As the largest fresh water input into Casco Bay, it makes a sizable impact on the health of the bay. Clean water should not be taken for granted. Curran-Apse added, "Clean water is critical for safe recreation, for healthy wildlife habitat in



Photo credit PRLT

A group of 36 volunteer citizen scientists recently spent a morning receiving training to become Water Stewards as part of the Presumpscot Regional Land Trust program. Their job of monitoring the water quality at one of 40 specific sites along the Presumpscot River or one of its tributaries is a key to keeping the river clean and safe for humans and for wildlife.

the watershed, and for commerce in Casco Bay."

The 2017 report on the health of the river was made possible by the efforts of volunteer citizen scientists who are part of the Presumpscot Regional Land Trust's Water Steward Program. Every other Saturday from

May through September, 36 dedicated citizen scientists collected water quality samples from 35 sites along the river and its tributaries. They measured a variety of factors which contribute to a healthy waterway: the water temperature, the amount of dissolved oxygen, and the bacteria level. The data they collected is used by the State to identify rivers and streams that do not meet water quality standards and to work with partners to develop restoration plans that address potential water quality problems in the watershed.

This important function became part of the Land Trust's responsibilities when they merged last year with the Presumpscot River Watch program who had been running the program for ten years. The Water Stewards program works in collaboration with the Maine Department of Environmental Protection's Volunteer River Monitoring Program. Support is also received from the Casco Bay Estuary Partnership, the Town of Windham Watershed Protection Fund, USM's Environmental Science and Policy Department, IDEXX Laboratories, and by Land Trust Business members and Individual members.

The results from the 2017 water quality sampling season can be viewed in an interactive map with a four tier rating system for water quality throughout the watershed at www.prlt.org/water.

Local Business Awarded Grant

EDMUND RICKER
Contributing Writer

On April 18, Montalvo Corporation, located in the Gorham Industrial Park, was awarded Phase II of a National Science Foundation (NSF) Small Business Innovation Research grant for \$750,000. Montalvo is using its seventy years of experience in the manufacturing industry to develop new technology that will improve quality, reduce waste, and increase productivity and automation in composites. The company estimates that this grant could create three to ten new jobs locally and could also lead to future expansion of their current facility.

Bryon Williams, Director of Sales and Marketing, said, "On average the NSF awards Phase I grants to about 10% of applicants. Upon completion of the Phase I grant, participants are able to apply for Phase II funding, and only about 40% of those applying are successfully awarded. This grant will be used for research and development, prototype development, testing and eventual manufacturing ramp up."

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The first day will include a brief

period of classroom training and then transition to hands-on practical exercises on tactics, emergency medicine, and introducing emergency medical providers to the "warm zone." The second day, May 19, will be a full-scale active shooter training exercise beginning at 9 a.m. at Gorham High School.

The Police Department appreciates the dozens of volunteers that have agreed to participate. For questions, please contact Deputy Chief Christopher Sanborn of the Gorham Police Dept at 222-1660.

Planning Board MAY 7, 2018

CMP's request to upgrade a substation on Shaw's Mill Road was approved.

Hannaford's request to create a "Hannaford To Go" park and call pick-up area, to relocate the Clynk bottle return from inside to a free-standing redemption unit, and to replace existing signage and colors on the front of the building facade was discussed.

Maine Optometry's request for approval of an amendment to Fairview Acres subdivision for lot line revisions and addition of easements was approved.

Dale & Kim Foster's request for approval of land swaps and easements at 22 Hope Road in Sewell subdivision was approved.

BNO, LLC (Normand Berube Builders) was given prelimi-

nary approval for New Colony Settlement, a 6-lot subdivision on 18.16 acres on property between Rt. 25 and Brown Road.

Robert Hamblen's request for approval of a 6-lot subdivision, Harrison Lane, on 10.10 acres off Libby Ave. was discussed.

Bramblewood, LLC's request for a site plan amendment to Glenwater subdivision to increase the number of dwelling units from 10 to 18 in Cottage Court, located off Grove St. was discussed.

PAL, LLC plans for a 12-lot residential subdivision on 115 acres at 239 County Road was discussed.

Chase Custom Homes' proposal for Sawyer Estates, a 121-lot residential subdivision on 131.59 acres located off South St. was discussed.

Town Council MAY 1, 2018

JACOB ADAMS
Staff Writer

Jim Means thanked the Council for having the best interest of the Town but also expressed worry about the future of Gorham and the overall tax increase that is forecasted with the passing of the School Budget.

Aaron Chadbourne offered to help the Council and School Board with the budget process.

Don Sedenka commented that his real estate taxes had already gone up significantly with the re-evaluation and was concerned with the anticipated tax increase for this year.

Demetria Chadbourne urged people to get out and vote on June 12 and to voice their opinion at the upcoming School Budget meeting.

Brenda Caldwell asked Councilors to remember the elderly and low income citizens and encouraged them to cut the School Budget to reduce a tax increase.

Chairman Hartwell reported that they are planning a workshop to discuss Gorham's growth.

Chairman Wright reported that the GHS Building Committee and Athletic Capital Campaign Committee has toured two area high schools that were completely funded through local funds and will visit one more. A survey was sent to the community for feedback on the proposed project and

the results will be analyzed. Wright said the district is continuing its work to ensure that the Class of 2021 will graduate with a Proficiency Based Learning (PBL) diploma.

The Town Council voted to table the fire sprinkler ordinance until July or August and add a workshop in June to discuss the item with Staff and Council after several residents spoke out against it.

Town Manager, Ephrem Paraschak, reported that he met with Portland Water District regarding the Main Street Project and will be meeting with the DOT soon to finalize how the project will proceed. Paraschak also stated that the Senior Property Tax forms will be available on Monday July 2.

The Town Council authorized the Town Manager to enter into an agreement with the Greater Portland Transit District for pilot bus services to the Town of Gorham.

The Town Clerk was authorized to issue the warrant for the June 12 School Budget Validation Election. Polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Town Council appointed the following people for the designated voting districts and if any of the following should fail to serve, the Town Clerk is authorized to appoint substitutes:

District 1 - 1 – Susan Emerson, Warden and Laurel Smith, Ward Clerk

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by Marisa Smith

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District 1 - 2 – Katherine Corbett, Warden and Cornelia Loughran, 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 5 - 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; Wednesday, June 6 - 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; Thursday June 7 - 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.; Friday June 8 - 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., and Monday June 11 - 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The Town Clerk is authorized to process absentee ballots on Monday, June 11, at 10:00 a.m. and on Tuesday, June 12, at 10:00 a.m., 2:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m..

The Town Council appointed Councilor Shepard to the Greater Portland Council of Government's Regional Voice Committee.

The Town Council will ask the Ordinance Committee to review the Senior Property Tax Relief Ordinance to amend the standards on eligibility. (3 yeas, 4 nays: Phillips, Shepard, Benner, Stelk)

Up to \$3,000 will be appropriated from the Contingency Account to assist in water damage mediation and mold removal at the Old Town Office on School Street.

After much discussion, the annual permit fee for a mobile vending unit was set at \$150. (6 yeas, 1 nay: Benner)

The Town Council amended the O'Shea Family Trust as requested by the O'Shea family to allow for the funding of general projects related to the Gorham School Department.

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

Village Business Burglarized

SHERI FABER
 Staff Writer



Photo courtesy of GPD

A local business was broken into on April 24 and cash was stolen. The owners requested that the name and any identifying details about the business not be mentioned. Two males entered the store during the early morning hours and were caught on surveillance cameras going into the business and stealing cash from the register at the front of the store. They then left through the rear entrance.

The lights were off in the store and the quality of the video recording was poor. Based on the videos, one of the burglars appears to be a large white male, 30-40 years old, with partial facial hair and black rimmed glasses. The second male is black, shorter with a thin build and wearing a hooded sweatshirt that partially covered his face.

Detective Steven Rappold, who is investigating the case, has spent

time trying to improve the quality of the video with the hope that clearer photos of the burglars would help to identify them. He notes there have been some commercial burglaries in other communities that may have been committed by these suspects.

If anyone has information on the Village burglary on April 24, please contact Detective Rappold of the Gorham Police Dept.

Police Note

The funeral of Corporal Eugene Cole of the Somerset County Sheriff's Office was held Monday, May 7, at the Cross Insurance Arena in Bangor with over 4,000 law enforcement officers in attendance as far away as Alaska. Corporal Cole was killed in the line of duty Wednesday, April 25. Deputy Chief Christopher Sanborn, Sergeant Sears Edwards, Officer Dean Hannon, Officer Michael Hinkley, Officer Nate Therriault and K-9 Sitka represented the Gorham Police Department at the funeral in support of Corporal Cole and his family.

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Gorham's Jalbert Earns Top Spot in Darts

DESTINY COOK
Sports Editor

Aaja Jalbert isn't your typical 8th grade girl. In her free time, she plays darts. She has been competing in tournaments like the Port City Open, Seacoast Open, Witch City Open, Sunday River Open, White Mountains and the Charlotte Open. Jalbert said, "I place well in the youth events, and recently I have been shooting in the ladies singles, making usually top 16."

Her father Aaron, who is in the top 10 of ADO (American Darts Organization) points in the U.S., introduced her to the sport when she was younger. She began to take it more seriously about a year and a half ago. Jalbert typically shoots for at least an hour a day, specifically practicing her cricket numbers and doubles. "I enjoy playing darts because it is more than just throwing at the bullseye, it's going around the board."

Jalbert attended the Youth National Championship in Charlotte, North Carolina on April 14. She shared, "In total, there were nine girls shooting to win a trip to England to shoot in the World Masters." They played against each other in a round robin tournament, and after tying for first with twelve winning legs, it was on to the finals.

"I played Cricket Wilkes, it was best of seven, and that was the most nerve racking moment of my life," she said. It was a stressful back and forth match with Wilkes winning the first leg and Jalbert winning the next three. Wilkes came back to win the next two legs. It



Photo credit Aaron Jalbert

all came down to the last leg. Wilkes "busted," meaning she reduced the score to one or went below zero to immediately end her turn. This allowed Jalbert another chance to come back:

"I WILL BE GOING TO ENGLAND IN OCTOBER TO COMPETE IN THE GIRLS YOUTH WORLD MASTERS TO TRY AND BECOME THE BEST IN THE WORLD!"

she hit a double 10 to become the Youth National Champion.

"I will be going to England in October to compete in the Girls Youth World Masters to try and

become the best in the world! I am currently first in the country, and 19th in the world!"

In order to prepare for Worlds, Jalbert shoots against her father and stepmother Melissa, who is a Maine State Champion. She said, "Sometimes you mess up, but good things come out of it, and it's fun to throw at things you wouldn't normally throw at."

McGouldrick Opens the GYBSA Season

DESTINY COOK
Sports Editor

As the opening ceremonies for GYBSA began for the 2018 season, young boys and girls gathered around to listen to the guest speaker, Gorham High School softball standout, Grace McGouldrick. McGouldrick is in her senior year playing with the Gorham Rams varsity girls' team and in the fall will be heading to the University of Maine to play softball. She said it meant a lot to her to be asked to be the guest speaker and she took it very seriously.

"Knowing that Kenny Tuttle has spoken and Shawn Moody also spoke in the past couple years, really put into perspective how serious this was, and how much of an honor it was to be chosen after those amazing people have been chosen before me."

McGouldrick has a message for the young players as they begin their season: "Just to work hard, have a good attitude, and if they are doing the best they can, being a good teammate and giving 100%, they will find success. And success finds people at different times so they just need to be patient if things just aren't working out for them right now." While it may be hard to believe, she said it took her a long time when she was their



Photo credit Amanda Landry



Photo credit Laurie Douglas

Grace McGouldrick was the guest speaker for the opening ceremonies of the GYBSA season on April 28. The softball standout is a role model for young players like Hilary Douglas.

age before things started falling into place.

The future D1 athlete is what you might call an icon with the younger softball players in Gorham. Hilary Douglas, who plays shortstop for GHOP, is one who looks up to her and appreciates

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Sports Etc.

Gorham Country Club is hosting the 2nd Annual Narragansett Wheelman Golf Scramble and BBQ on June 8 at 1 p.m. to benefit the MS Society. Gorham-based Team Tom will participate in memory of Tom Brown, a husband, father and friend, who died of MS in 2006. 18 Holes Scramble Format w/cart, 4-person teams, \$90 per player, \$350/foursome. For more information, to register, organize a foursome or sponsor a hole, please contact Mike Wing, 207-329-1080 or wing317@aol.com or Steve Smith, 617-699-5479.

Danielle Eid recently played in her second varsity game for Kents Hill. She had a two run single and a grand slam. Danielle is the daughter of David and Lisa Eid of Gorham.



McGouldrick Opens the GYBSA Season

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her knowledge of softball. “She is always positive and demonstrates that it’s ok to make a mistake as long as you learn and grow from it!” Douglas said McGouldrick is very approachable and kind, and she sees what the girls do and works with them individually to get better.

McGouldrick has many great memories of her time in GYBSA. “Playing little league was so fun. So many of my friends were on my team so from the very beginning we were like a big family.” In those years her team ended up winning the championship game two years in a row, they went to states one of those years as well as regionals the year they won states. While her team had a lot of success she said, “I just remember having so much fun and acting so crazy and silly with all my friends who I am still really close with today!”

As McGouldrick finishes her career as a Gorham Ram, her final words to the girls who come after her are that of a seasoned athlete. “They just need to remember that they need to believe in themselves and have patience. Keep working hard and sooner or later they will start to get recognized for their amazing efforts.” She also said the moments go by fast, so enjoy them!

School Committee

MAY 9, 2018

KATHY CORBETT,
Staff Writer

At the last regular School Committee (SC) meeting, Superintendent Heather Perry reported that the Legislature will probably hold a special session at which they will set the subsidy amounts for schools, enabling the district to finalize the subsidy amount for FY 19. In a later action, the SC voted unanimously that any appropriated monies beyond that already reflected in the budget will be used to reduce property taxes. However, this is not expected to be much, if any, additional monies.

Perry has placed a copy of the letter sent to the Town Council in support of the budget on the district website, as well as the schedule for a series of meetings with community groups to answer questions about the budget. The SC will present the budget to the Town Council on May 15.

Terri Dawson, Technology Integrator, and seven students from the GMS I-Team gave a presentation of the innovative projects they have developed during the school year. The group, open to all middle school students, meets every Monday afternoon. Students demonstrated coding projects that ranged from stop-motion automation to 3-D printing.

Dr. Don Kennedy of NESDEC (New England Development Council), a firm contracted by the School Committee to make school enrollment projections, gave an interim report. The firm, which has done projections for more than 400 districts, bases its findings largely

on demographic information and enrollment history. Using primarily Gorham birth rate data and figures for new construction, the consultants believe that K-12 enrollments are likely to maintain a strong pace of growth. Even if growth slows some in the early 2020s, they project an increase of 466 students by 2027-28, which they consider to be a conservative estimate.

The committee voted to adopt a new transportation policy beginning in the next school year. In summary, the policy states that students may be assigned two pick-up locations in the morning and two afternoon drop-off locations. These locations must be either a residence, certified daycare, or the Gorham Rec. after-school program. Locations remain in place for the entire school year; there can be no daily changes. Requests for changes can only be considered if they are in effect for the remainder of the year.

During the public comment time before the meeting, Trish Moulton, owner of Dance Studio of Maine, asked the committee to reconsider the policy of only permitting certified daycares as drop-off locations. Dennis Libby, chair of the Policy Committee, emphasized that the policy changes were initiated for safety reasons, not to save money. Kate Livingston commented that the new policy would be less restrictive than those of neighboring districts. The policy was approved as presented (6-1, Wright abstaining due to potential conflict of interest).

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South Bristol's renowned Jump Rope Club, the Spindrifters, put on an energetic performance at Narragansett last month. The school-wide assembly was geared toward getting students excited for their upcoming jump-a-thon, Jump Rope for Heart. Eleven members of the Spindrifters performed increasingly difficult tricks with jump ropes including handstands, high kicks, pushups, and jumping with up to three ropes at once coming from different directions. The Spindrifters were created by Liz Giles-Brown, the PE teacher for South Bristol and Southport Elementary Schools, more than 15 years ago. Pictured in the back row (left to right): Janice Olson (assistant coach), Liz Giles-Brown (PE teacher), Aidan Bryant, Avery Redonnett, Payson Kayler, Reed Gulden, Sage Kosky, and Angela Farrin (assistant coach); front row (left to right): Grace Bryant, Amelia Rice, Allyson Poole, Porter Brewer, Gavin White, and Natalie Kayler.

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. Of interest 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.

School Notes

Starting in the 2018-2019 school year, all students entering, advancing, or transferring into seventh grade and twelfth grade in Maine public and private schools must have proof that they have the age appropriate meningococcal vaccines (MCV4) serogroups A, C, W, and Y. One dose of MCV4 is required for all students entering seventh grade. Two doses of MCV4 are required for students entering twelfth grade, with a minimum of eight weeks between dose one and dose two. If the first dose of MCV4 was administered on or after the sixteenth birthday, a second dose is not required. If a student entering twelfth grade is 15 years of age or younger, only one dose is required. Parents are encouraged to make an appointment for their incoming seventh and twelfth grade children to get a meningococcal vaccination as soon as possible. Children will need proof of this vaccination in order to attend a Maine public or private school this fall.

The Gorham Schools will be hosting a series of public informational sessions on PBL, or Proficiently Based Learning. The K-5 Parent Forum will be held May 23 at 6 p.m. at Village Elementary School Library. The 6-8 Parent Forum will be held May 30 at 7 p.m. at GMS Library. The 9-12 Parent Forum will be held June 4 at 7 p.m. at GHS Library. There is also a "Dunk and Discuss" chat with Superintendent Perry. She will meet interested folks at Aroma Joe's on May 14, May 23, and May 29 at 7:30 a.m.

Art Educator of the Year



Photo courtesy of Amy Cousins

On April 27, Gorham Middle School art teacher Amy Cousins was honored as the 2018 Middle Level Art Educator of the Year by the Maine Art Education Association. Cousins is seen by her colleagues and students as an amazing teacher who has been connected to the Association for many years, helping "to build art standards and tools for teachers to use to evaluate student's art at all grade levels for the state of Maine," said fellow teacher Colleen Tims. In addition to this, Cousins has helped at the Maine College of Art in their teacher education program, mentoring other teachers and helping to develop the program.



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GHS Student Council Gives Back to the Community



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Members of the Gorham High School Student Council.

ERIN WENTWORTH
GHS Student Intern

Throughout the current school year, the Gorham High School (GHS) Student Council reached out to the school and town community, providing for people's needs and interests.

After the GHS Winter Ball in January, the Council donated \$450 to Gorham's new Backpack program, which sends students in need home with food over weekends and vacations. The Student Council also helped organize blood drives throughout the year,

which helps not just Gorham but surrounding areas. The group holds two every school year, generally in October and March. The last blood drive was on March 19, and fifteen pints of blood were donated. This is enough to possibly save 45 lives.

On May 4, the Council organized a community building event for the high school. It was originally planned to take place on an early release day in March as tribute to the Parkland shooting, but was postponed due to a snow day. The event was based around building

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Thumbs Up!



Photo credit Meg Oliver

Maine Author Emily Coye recently visited Great Falls Elementary for the day, sharing her story about acceptance and positivity at a full school assembly and with small groups of students. Coye's book "Thumbs Up For All" is based on a real lobster Emily caught while lobstering with her father. The lobster had what at first seemed like a deformity. He had an extra appendage pointing straight up from his claw like a thumb, making the lobster appear to be giving a cheery, constant thumbs-up. They released the lobster back into the ocean to continue spreading his happy message and Coye based her first book on the lobster's life on the ocean floor. The visit and copies of "Thumbs up for All" for each classroom and the school library were paid for by a generous grant from the Gorham Educational Foundation. Pictured are Cindra Simpson and Emily Coye in the back row. Middle row (left to right): Wyatt Walker, Kloud Hamlin, Ella Todd, Chloe Hatch, Addison Moller, Garrett Butler, Hunter Dube, PJ Hanken, and Lia Collins. Front row (left to right): Jasper Lafortune, Alyn Pearis, Sophie Norwood, Michelle Shaw, Charlotte Spiller, and Julia Gordon.

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Remembering Strout

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I will most remember. It's the time I spent as a junior in his classroom sharing our "Author of the Week" facts and reading Macbeth aloud. It's my first trip to Europe which Gordon orchestrated, taking students to see the Globe Theatre and the Canterbury Cathedral. It was during this time abroad, away from all that was familiar, that I learned more about Gordon as a whole person—about his time in the Caribbean, his triplet grandsons, and that Court and Spark was his favorite Joni Mitchell album. I will cherish these memories forever.

After graduating from GHS, I went on to earn degrees in literature from Bowdoin College and the University of Edinburgh. I have been teaching English at Brunswick High School since 2011. None of this would have happened without Mr. Strout.

So, to those of you reading this, thank you. Thank you for taking time to remember a remarkable man—a prince of Maine, a real king of New England. I will be forever grateful for the lessons Gordon taught me, the lessons he's still teaching me. And I will miss him for all my days to come.

GHS Student Council Gives Back to the Community

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positive energy in the school in an effort to improve students' morale and bring awareness to the tragedy in Florida.

The event included activities such as making friendship bracelets, listening to poetry, voter registration, and more. The day ended with a Unified basketball game, which the entire school was able to attend in the gym. The event was overall a success and had a positive response from students and faculty alike.

To end the year, the Council elected its new officers for the upcoming school year. Kyren Bettencourt (current junior) will be president, Olivia Paruk (current junior) will be vice president, Maeve Higgins (current sophomore) will be secretary, and Erin Wentworth (current junior) will be treasurer.

Student Council will also be putting on a final dance for the freshmen and sophomores on June 1 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. and will continue to strive to give back to the school and community next year.

School Committee Meeting

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In other business, the SC voted (7-0) to approve the GHS Building Programatic Needs Document. This gives the GHS Building committee and architects permission to continue the planning process. Darryl Wright made it clear that passage of this document in no way binds the SC as it is not a vote on any concepts or plans. During the public comment time, Jim Means had asked the committee to consider some virtual education classes as a way to limit the number of students that would be in the building at any one time, thereby reducing renovation costs.

The SC voted (7-0) to allow Superintendent Perry to move forward on a five-year MELMAC grant that would fund a cooperative program with community organizations and businesses to prepare students for transitions, ranging from beginning kindergarten to work and educational opportunities following GHS graduation. This pilot program would be fully funded by the grant.

By unanimous vote, the committee approved extending contracts to a list of probationary teachers and to hire Kim Walker as Special Education teacher and Carlie Geiger as Speech/Language Pathologist.



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The West Gorham Union Church is having its annual plant and bake sale on Saturday, May 19, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Plants, crafts and baked items available. Rada knives also on sale. 190 Ossipee Trail. FMI judiestevens366@gmail.com

Presumpscot Regional Land Trust is holding a five-mile round trip guided bicycle tour along the Sebago to the Sea Trail on Saturday, May 19, 1-4 p.m. The tour destination will be Orchard Ridge Farm, a family owned farm along the trail. The farm owners will give a guided farm tour and provide tastings of their local foods from their market. RSVP required at www.prlt.org as space is limited.

Harmony Masonic Lodge is hosting the Woodchoppers degree on May 19 beginning with lunch at noon and degree at 1 p.m. at Harmony Lodge, 33 Cressey Road, Gorham. Tickets are \$10 for children and women, \$30 for men taking the degree (lunch included). For more information and tickets, contact Wor. Justin St. Germain at 808-9991 or pick them up the day of the event. Please wear comfortable clothes and shoes to the event. Open to the public but any male over the age of 16 who has not taken the degree before, must take the degree if attending.

Join the Gorham Community Chorus for a concert celebrating their 25th season, including a performance by their special guests, The Gorham Elementary School Chorus, on May 20

at Gorham High School's McCormack Performing Arts Center, 3 p.m. Scholarships will be presented to Gorham music students, and there will be refreshments and a silent auction. A suggested donation of \$5 is appreciated. Find us on Facebook @gorhamcommunitychorus.

The Gorham Lions will meet on Tuesday, May 22, at 6:30 p.m. at the Public Works cafeteria off Huston Road, 6:30 p.m. Regular dinner meetings are the 2nd and 4th Tuesday each month. New Members always welcome. FMI 929-9182.

The Maine Senate confirmed Gorham resident Lea-Anne Sutton as a District Court Judge on April 13 and she was sworn in by Governor LePage on May 2.



Attorney Britton Ryan Garon from the Maine Center for Elder Law will present an overview of the necessary estate planning documents everyone should have on Wednesday, May 23, at 10 a.m. at Lakes Region Senior Center, 40 Acorn St in Gorham. Her discussion will include wills, trusts, powers of attorney and advance health care directives. Britton will also answer general questions on planning for long-term care and Medicaid eligibility. FMI tday1@maine.rr.com

Paul Doucette of Gorham was presented with the Award of Excellence for Genealogical Service by the Maine Genealogical Society at a MGS Workshop on April 21 in Augusta. Doucette has served as President of the Greater Portland Genealogy Chapter of the Maine Genealogical Society, as well as Program Chair for the Maine Genealogical Society. He is a member of the Greater Portland Genealogy Chapter, the Maine Genealogical Society and the New Hampshire Genealogical Society as well as other genealogical organizations. Doucette is pictured with Carol P. McCoy, President of the Maine Genealogical Society.



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 Chris Burton  Julie Chandler  Paul Farley  Becky Gallant  Mike Griffin  Jane Mason  Jeff Mason  Peter Mason  Mike Rand <p>Realtors® Helping You Buy or Sell Real Estate!</p> 	<p>SOLD</p>  <p>150 Wakefield \$112,000 - 1BR Hollis Ranch in need of major renovations. Nice 4 acre lot. Condition of systems is unknown. Sold as a short sale.</p>	<p>NEW LISTING</p>  <p>GORHAM \$294,500 - Cape style home w/ a huge 36x48 garage/barn on 1.38 ac. 3BR, 2ba, newly upgraded kitchen, entryway w/ built-ins, daylight bsmt & spacious deck.</p>	<p>UNDER CONTRACT</p>  <p>GORHAM \$319,900 - You'll love the location of this home close to downtown Gorham. Features 3BR, 1.5baths, 2car garage all on 1.05 acres on public water.</p>	<p>NEW LISTING</p>  <p>PORTLAND \$229,900 - This ranch offers 2BR, 1ba & 1car garage! Sunlit floor plan with hardwood floors, updated bathroom, rear deck & quiet location on a small circle.</p>
	<p>NEW LISTING</p>  <p>PORTLAND \$249,900 - Features 823sqft w/ granite kitchen, 1BR w/walk-in closet, 1 ba, in-unit washer/dryer, living room w/cathedral ceilings & wood floors throughout.</p>	<p>SOLD</p>  <p>409 Gorham Rd \$99,000 - Short sale in Scarborough. Convenient location for this 2BR home with 1016sf & 1.13 acres. A great project for affordable living.</p>	<p>UNDER CONTRACT</p>  <p>S. PORTLAND \$219,900 - Property has good bones, needs total rehab. Front foyer leads you to a solid wide staircase to the second floor. Great backyard area.</p>	<p>NEW LISTING</p>  <p>GORHAM \$64,900 - Private setting is this newer 2014 Colony Beacon 14'x68' home with 3BR/1ba. A porch with metal roof, storage shed and paved drive.</p>
	<p>NEW LISTING</p>  <p>GORHAM \$299,900 - Desirable 3BR, 1.5 ba cape w/ 2car garage on 1.57 acres. Features cherry kitchen, w/SS appliances, HW flrs, gorgeous 4 season room & patio area.</p>	<p>NEW LISTING</p>  <p>WELD \$324,500 - Year round cottage on Webb Lake. Open concept with sleeping loft. Spacious deck, garage/workshop & boathouse. Comes completely furnished.</p>	<p>NEW LISTING</p>  <p>GORHAM \$229,500 - This cottage style ranch is in N. Gorham on a dead-end. One flr living w/ nice added bonus space in the walkout daylight bsmt. Offers 3BR & 2 ba all on 1.97 acres.</p>	<p>UNDER CONTRACT</p>  <p>GORHAM \$412,000 - Custom cape offering over 2500sqft of living space with 4BR, 2.5ba, oversized 2 car garage on 1.98 acres on the Gorham/Scarborough line.</p>

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North Street Cemetery Gleams

CHRIS CRAWFORD
Staff Writer



Photo credit Chris Crawford

The Town of Gorham hired Tom Simpson to clean the stones in North Street Cemetery this spring. Although not the same headstone, the before and after photos show a dramatic result.

Anyone who travels Route 114 near Phinney Lumber Company on a regular basis can be excused for doing a double take as they drive past North Street Cemetery. Many of the monuments are bright and clean again, thanks to Tom Simpson, of Collette Monuments Inc., who has been cleaning the stones there with dramatic results. If cleanliness is next to Godliness, then the folks who are buried there are being well cared for and can certainly rest in peace. This is part of regular cemetery maintenance by the Town of Gorham.

With Memorial Day approaching, here is some advice for people who might be tending a family plot. Collette Monuments, a family owned business for three generations, says that if you want to clean up a stone marker, remember that granite and marble are very porous natural stones. They will absorb any solution applied to their surfaces, which could easily leave an unwanted stain. They recommend washing the surface of your monuments once every five years or more, using water only and a very soft bristle brush or white cloth rag. Never use wire brushes or any metal instrument in cleaning stone. Q-tips, a spray bottle and rubber gloves are handy, too.

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An annual plant, gardening gadgets and book sale will be held at North Gorham Public Library, 2 Standish Neck Rd. on Saturday, June 2, from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. FMI 892-2575.

The PRLT will hold a Spring Run Fish Migration Walk on Saturday, June 2, from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. Mill Brook Preserve, Westbrook. Join the group to learn about and see up-close the incredible migration of thousands of alewives up Mill Brook on their way to Highland Lake while also hiking on the beautiful Mill Brook Preserve trails. This two hour event will be led by a local alewife expert. Free, but registration is required due to limited space. To register or FMI go to <https://www.prlt.org/events/>.

West Gorham Union Church, 190 Ossipee Trail, will be having a public supper on Saturday, June 2. Serving starts at 5 p.m. Ticket sales start at 4 p.m. Adults \$8 and children under 12, \$3. Beans, chicken pie, clam casserole, chop souy, mac and cheese, BBQ hot dogs, jello salads, coleslaw, delicious homemade pies, coffee and punch. FMI judiestevens366@gmail.com.

SENIOR PROGRAMS
The Town of Gorham Senior Mealsite hosts lunch every Wednesday at St. Anne's Church. Social time 11:30 a.m., meal is served at 12:00 p.m. Suggested donation \$4. Volunteers are also needed to help in the kitchen. FMI 222-1630.

Lakes Region Senior Center, located at the Little Falls Activity Center, 40 Acorn St. 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 last Wednesday of the month. FMI, David 892-9604; Thursday Table games at 10 a.m. and Friday Art Workshop at 9 a.m. FMI 892-0299.

The Lecky Brown Center for Seniors, located on the 3rd floor at First Parish Church, 1 Church St., is offering weekly events as follows: Monday - Hand Chimes Group from 2-3 p.m. Tuesday- Originals from 10-11:30 a.m., Coffee/conversation/speaker, Thursday 2nd & 4th of May - Church Street Writers Group from 2-3 p.m., and Friday - ARTrageous Seniors art class from 10-11:30 a.m. FMI 839-6751.

The Gorham Medical Closet located at the Municipal Center 75 South St is free and available to Gorham residents in need of portable wheelchairs, shower seats, commodes, walkers, canes and more. FMI 839-3859, 329-4976, 632-2178, 839-3630, 839-2484, 839-3228, 839-6682, or 839-3494, 839-6450.

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 9-11 a.m. and the second and fourth Wednesday of every month from 6-7 p.m. Free for Gorham residents in need. FMI 222-4351 or visit www.gorhamfoodpantry.org.

Gorham Cancer Prayer and Support Group meets the first Tuesday of every month at the Cressey Road United Methodist Church, 81 Cressey Rd. from 6-7:30 p.m. This monthly non-denominational event is a prayer and support group for anyone dealing with cancer including patients and caregivers.

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THE CLAWS COME OUT

Autumn Brook Way caller reported cat had clawed him and took off under the bed after he had tried to put the cat in a carrier for a trip to the vet. Officer provided cat treats to caller as a means of luring the cat out from under the bed.

Caller reported a tractor trailer was all over the road on Rt. 202. Officer stopped truck near Little River and operator told officer he was near the middle of the road to avoid the soft shoulder. He also had an eye that kept oozing and he had to keep wiping it. He was not impaired.

Annie's Way caller had questions about a protection from abuse order against him as the plaintiff had continued to contact him outside the rules of the order. Caller was told to stick to the instructions of the order.

Suspicious person at Cumberland Farms was waiting for his mother.

Wrecker operator left a vehicle purchased for salvage at the wrong place. Gorham Auto took it to the right address.

Caller had left her vehicle at Carters but forgot to lock the doors. She asked police if they could lock the doors so her new GPS did not get stolen. GPS was still in car and officers locked the doors.

Vehicle was parked at a garage with its lights on. Man had left his car there after it had broken down and been towed to garage. He borrowed a friend's car that started shaking so he drove back to the lot to have it checked out and was getting ready to leave.

Officer responded to a call on Ossipee Trail. She showed the officer a problem with her rear door. She was advised to call her landlord, not the police.

Narragansett St. woman answered her door to a salesman selling candles. Then she saw a Facebook notice of a man selling door to door in an aggressive manner. Officer asked if the man was aggressive and she said no.

Main St. caller believed there was a skunk in his basement. Officer suggested he call the landlord, advising caller that skunk removal was not his area of expertise.

Suspicious vehicle at the end of Olde Canal Way had parked there to go snow shoeing and to walk his dog.

Officer responded to a disturbance. Parties were advised it was a civil matter but they needed to finish up and leave so it didn't turn into a criminal matter.

Vehicle passed another vehicle which was pulling over on Fort Hill Road. First vehicle then noticed emergency lights and began to slow down to pull over and in the slippery conditions slid off the road. Vehicle was gone when another officer came out to assist.

Warning was issued for unnecessary use of horn.

Officer checked on two male pedestrians who were reported as suspicious in nature due to an incident the previous evening in this neighborhood. These men were not involved in that incident and continued on their way.

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CALENDAR

THURSDAY MAY 17

- Baby and Me (birth to 18 mos) 9:30-9:50 a.m. Baxter Memorial Library
- Toddler Time (18-36 mos) 10-10:30 a.m. Baxter Memorial Library

SATURDAY MAY 19

- Plant and bake sale, West Gorham Union Church, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Bean-Hole Bean Supper, 4:30-6 p.m., UCC at North Gorham, 4 Standish Neck Rd.

TUESDAY MAY 22

- Preschool Story Time (ages 3-5) 9:30-10:15 a.m. Baxter Memorial Library

WEDNESDAY MAY 23

- Story Time, birth-3 years old, 10-10:30 a.m., North Gorham Public Library, 2 Standish Neck Rd. FMI, 892-2575.
- Toddler Time (18-36 mos) 10-10:30 a.m. Baxter Memorial Library

THURSDAY MAY 24

- Baby and Me (birth to 18 mos) 9:30-9:50 a.m. Baxter Memorial Library
- Toddler Time (18-36 mos) 10-10:30 a.m. Baxter Memorial Library

MONDAY MAY 28

- Memorial Day Parade, 11 a.m.

TUESDAY MAY 29

- Preschool Story Time (ages 3-5) 9:30-10:15 a.m. Baxter Memorial Library

WEDNESDAY MAY 30

- Toddler Time (18-36 mos) 10-10:30 a.m. Baxter Memorial Library
- Story Time, birth-3 years old, 10-10:30 a.m., North Gorham Public Library, 2 Standish Neck Rd.

THURSDAY MAY 31

- Baby and Me (birth to 18 mos) 9:30-9:50 a.m. Baxter Memorial Library
- Toddler Time (18-36 mos) 10-10:30 a.m. Baxter Memorial Library

GBE Spotlight CONTINUED FROM PAGE 3

"It's amazing because when these kids try new things, it opens up their eyes. We hope this carries over into their time at school."

To ensure that his students can enjoy a supportive environment, Viernes' dojo is a bully-free zone. If one of his students is accused of bullying, "We take immediate action." This policy is a reaction to his belief that today's rates of bullying are unacceptable, but it is also in part a reflection of his own experience with judo. "I first got into martial arts because I was a severe stutterer. On a scale of 1 to 10, I was an 11," he shared. "I used to play around a lot in school. I was made fun of for my stutter, and I was embarrassed by it, so I diverted the attention. Martial arts helped me overcome that."

Viernes, now stutter-free, also teaches two self-defense courses at USM and is an active member of Gorham's community. "My mom always gave back to the community, and she instilled those values in me," he said. He offers a judo program through Gorham Parks and Recreation, runs the Martial Arts Club at USM, and is involved in many of the town's boards, organizations, and events. "Our roots are really deep in Gorham."

For more information about the Greater Portland School of Judo, call 854-9408 or stop by their dojo located at 821 Main Street in Westbrook.

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