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Public Forum on GHS Expansion Project Draws a Crowd

DIANE ABRAMSON Staff Writer

The first community forum was held on February 4 to discuss the proposed Gorham High School Building Project. Hosted by the Gorham School Committee, the Town Council, and the GHS Building Committee, the event provided an opportunity for the public to hear an overview of the project and provide feedback.

Gorham High School was originally designed to accommodate 750 students; current enrollment tops 860 students and is projected to hit 975 by 2028-2029. There are currently six modular classrooms being used to assist with the increased growth and need for instructional space. Current classrooms fall under the Department of Education's standard recommended size of 800 square feet, with most being between 600-770 square feet. Special Education classrooms are also below the Department of Education's standard size, some with no windows.

Proposed plans for renovation and additional space include capacity for 1,100 students using Department of Education Standards. This includes increasing classroom count, eliminating modular classrooms, expanding the library, kitchen, and cafeteria, adding a second gymnasium, and creating additional art, science, chorus, health, special education, and lecture rooms.

In addition to the classrooms, Gorham High School currently struggles with inadequate and overused athletic facilities, a lack of parking, lack of functional storage, and aging mechanical, electrical and building systems.

While the decision was made to raise money for any outdoor athletic facility improvement/additions through a capital fundraising campaign, the above mentioned drivers were proposed for renovations and additions to the current Gorham High School campus.

To conclude the public forum, feedback was solicited from residents. According to Superintendent Perry, "folks seemed to genuinely support the need for the capital project overall and were not questioning the need. Instead the focus was on identifying potential issues early and brainstorming solutions."

As Dan Cecil, head architect at Harriman Associates stated, "although the plans look official,

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VIPS Celebrates Successful First Year

VIPS President

VIPS (Volunteers in Police Service) is a national program that supports local police forces. The Gorham VIPS originated with the Cumberland County Sheriff's Department. Chief Dan Jones initiated the program in Gorham on January 1, 2018.

The Gorham VIPS is a group of citizens devoted to the community and dedicated to outstanding community service. They assist the departments of support service, patrol, and detectives, as well as performing administrative tasks. They are utilized to enhance the overall efficiency of the police department, and their efforts help reduce crime and increase the services that the police department can provide to the community.

Trained volunteers assist with traffic control at accidents; special events, such as races (Beach to Beacon) and parades (Memorial Day); traffic surveys; the Yellow Dot program; Child ID Fingerprints and DNA; and offer any other assistance where and when needed. Currently the VIPS have two vehicles that are used when volunteers are on duty. Duties include property checks when residents are on vacation, wellness checks, and citizen patrol throughout the town of Gorham. VIPS are an extra set of eyes and ears for the Police Department.

In 2018, the 18 Gorham VIPS personnel logged 2,438 hours of service to the town. Given the nationally recognized average rate of pay for law



Photos courtesy of Gorham Police Dept

saved the Town of Gorham nearly \$60,000.

The group is always looking to add qualified volunteers. To become a VIPS, the first requirement is completion of the Gorham Police Citizens Academy (the next academy is scheduled to begin on March 6 at the Gorham Police Department). In addition, members earn certification in traffic control, CPR/ First Aid/AED, citizen patrol, and radio communication. Volunteers are expected to devote at least six hours of service each month with two of those hours spent attending our monthly meeting and training session.

The Gorham VIPS are a self-funded, non-profit organization and are cur-

rently fundraising for three AED (automated external defibrillator) units to have available in their patrol vehicles. The group will have a booth at Gorham Marketplace on March 30 at USM's Costello Field House. Please stop by if you would like to participate in the Yellow Dot program or have your child fingerprinted. The VIPS will also be happy to provide you with any additional information or an application to join the team.

Additional information about the VIPS and their programs can be found at www.gorhamvips.weebly.com.

Evan Chambers: Gorham's Newest Eagle Scout

GORHAM TIMES STAFF

Evan Chambers, the son of Carl and Mary Lou Chambers, recently achieved the rank of Eagle Scout. He has been in scouting in Gorham for the past 10 years. He started in first grade in Cub Scout Pack 74 and is currently part of Boy Scou Troop 817 led by Scout Master Ed

For his Eagle project, Evan acquired used bicycle donations throughout the community. With the assistance of other Boy Scouts in his troop, he inspected, repaired and distributed them to clients of the Gorham Food Pantry. He gave out a total of 28 bicycles.

Deb Tanguay, Director of the Gorham Food Pantry, said, "It was obvious Evan put a lot of time and effort into this project. Both kids



and adults in our community benefited from this thoughtful endeavor,

and it was great to see the faces on the Pantry clients when they received the bikes."

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Chambers is a junior at Gorham High School. He has taught beginner computer skills for Gorham Adult Education and also helps repair computers at the Gorham Middle School. He works part time at Standish Hardware and seasonally at Ossippee Trail Garden Center.

In his spare time, Chambers enjoys snowmobiling and mountain biking.

Gorham Sightings



Do you know where in Gorham this photo was taken? Join our visual trivia discussion by entering your best guess on our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/ gorhamtimes or email us at gorhamtimes@gmail.com. The photo in the February 7 issue is the garage bays at Station Square on Railroad Ave.

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.

A New Budget and New Vision for Maine

REP. ANDREW McLEAN

Every two years, the Constitution of the State of Maine requires the governor to submit a balanced budget to the Legislature. The budget is balanced when the projected revenue is in line with the proposed expenditures. The projected revenue used is determined by the independent and non-partisan Revenue Forecasting Committee. You are able to view their forecasts here: http://legislature. maine.gov/ofpr/revenue-forecastingcommittee/9302. The budget must be in place by the end of the fiscal year, June 30.

Since her election, Governor Mills and her staff have been assembling the budget based on these projected revenues. On February 8, the Governor released her budget to the public and presented it to the Legislature. Just last week she took the opportunity to speak to the full Legislature and the citizens of Maine about her proposal in her State of the Budget address at the State House.

Now that Governor Mills has presented her budget to the Legislature, it is our turn to get to work. Over the next four weeks, we will hold hearings on all aspects of the proposed budget. This is an opportunity for citizens who have comments or concerns about any proposal in the budget to present them to the Legislature to be considered as we finalize the budget. I welcome anyone who has thoughts about the budget to come to the State House to share them. If you

cannot make it to a public hearing, you are also welcome to email the Appropriations Committee, which is the budget-writing committee. You may also send your thoughts to me, and I will refer them to the budgetwriting committee.

This is a very important part of the process because the budget is the single largest item we deal with in the legislature. It contains the funding for the programs that Maine citizens rely on-from healthcare to infrastructure to education and much more. In the end, the budget is a policy document and a statement about our priorities as a state.

The budget itself is a two-year budget that includes \$8 billion in spending. This budget is larger than in past years because Maine's economy has improved and tax receipts are higher. This budget does not include any tax increases. Education and healthcare account for nearly two-thirds of the entire budget, while higher education, the remaining departments of state government, the judicial branch, and debt service roughly make up the remaining third.

The Highway Fund Budget, which includes all infrastructure spending for two years, and over which my committee, the Transportation Committee, has jurisdiction, is a completely separate budget. My committee will be tackling that budget in the coming weeks as well.

While there is not enough space to write about all the proposals, here are a few highlights: The Governor's budget includes funding for Medicaid expansion, which the voters

approved two years ago. The budget includes \$2 million for the Maine State Grant Program, a proposal to fund a \$40,000 minimum teacher's salary, an increase in revenue sharing between the state and municipalities to 2.5%, an increase in the level at which seniors can participate in the Drugs for the Elderly program, \$10 million for tobacco cessation programs, and \$5.5 million to combat the opioid crisis. There are many other proposals in the budget that include incentives for small businesses, increases in health services for those in need, and relief for property taxpayers.

By funding critical programs like MaineCare, we help those in need, and by increasing education funding and revenue sharing, we help to reduce the burden on property taxpayers, two very important initiatives. There is work to be done to improve this budget, but as it stands, this budget is thoughtful and lives within its means.

The budget itself is public and can be viewed here: https://www.maine. gov/budget/home. We have a considerable amount of work to do in evaluating the budget proposals, and I hope to hear from you with your thoughts and concerns on the budget or any other matter of state government.



Rep. Andrew McLean, D-Gorham, is serving his fourth term in the Maine House. He is House Chair of the Transportation Committee and represents parts of both Gorham and Scarborough. (207)

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letters to the Editor

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Dear Editor,

I find the name change of USM amusing. It seems upper management thinks changing a name changes things. It really doesn't do much at all. I know if I see a pre-owned car in a lot it is just another used car. I attended USM for a year in the seventies. It didn't have that great a reputation then.

If I can ask a question that could mean a real change for USM, what are they doing about people spending huge amounts of money on a college degree when the job outlook for those degrees is absolutely horrible? Are they working with students to inform them that their huge financial debt will not be met with a huge salary? Are they developing classes and degrees that have better career outlooks?

I think graduating students often blame just about anything else for their lack of job prospects rather than realizing the fact that they spent four expensive years training themselves in an area with virtually no real career options. It's fine if people want to just get a degree because that is their area of interest, but they should be informed of real job and career outlooks for what they are studying.

Michael Kennedy

Dear Editor,

Here is a suggestion for GHS Principal Jandreau as well as the School Committee looking into more than doubling the high school parking lot. "Don't raise the bridge, instead lower the river."

Consider parental control; do their kids "really" need to drive to school? Maximum of one car per family

drives to GHS. Seniors only, no undergrads can drive.

Seniors can carpool or share ride. Those living within one mile, walk.

But as Principal Jandreau summed it up, "they don't want to take the bus or walk." It is hard for me to accept that two thirds of GHS seniors really need to drive to school. It's a "status" thing with them, isn't it?

Before the Town of Gorham adds GHS parking space, they should find parking for the new Gorham to Portland bus service.

David Alexander

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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Around Town

Karen Nason (GHS '82) will be opening Grand Central Wine Bar on the top two floors of Station Square at 7 Railroad Avenue. The wine bar will feature tapas and jazz music and will be designed to emulate the look of Grand Central in NYC.

Due to the current freeze/thaw weather cycle, Gorham Public Works has limited heavy loads on selected roads through May 1. For a list of affected roads, please visit https://www.gorham-me.org/.

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Vintage Entrepreneur

CHRIS CRAWFORD Staff Writer

It was challenging for Laura Lanz Frolio (GHS '04), who was among the many hundreds of thousands of young people who had the ill fortune of trying to join the work force in the midst of the Great Recession. Statistics show that from December 2007 to June 2009, the U.S. labor market lost 8.4 million jobs during what was the most dramatic employment contraction of any recession since the Great Depression in the late 1920's.

In 2008, Lanz Frolio, newly graduated with a BA degree in journalism from Ithaca College, moved to New York City and began applying for every journalism job she could find. Her other passion was fashion and clothing, and she dreamed of working at a fashion magazine. Like many other Millennials, she faced a really tough job market. She said, "I ended up working at some strange office jobs, waiting tables, and eventually working as an unpaid intern and then as a paid freelancer at a maga-

During this time, she was also indulging her passion for fashion by visiting flea markets and thrift stores, buying vintage clothing. "I bought what I thought were interesting pieces, but I never really wore them," she said.

In 2009, she set up shop on Etsy, an online marketplace for artists and crafts people begun nearby in Brooklyn, where she occasionally listed items for sale. "My business slowly grew from there, while I was freelancing in journalism or working at restaurants on the side," said Lanz Frolio. By 2014 her online shop, featuring one of a kind vintage clothing, had grown enough that she was able to make it her full-time job.

Lanz Frolio is the owner and operator of La Poubelle Vintage, a full-time, one-woman operation. Her new showroom opened in 2016 at 1002 Metropolitan Ave, Brooklyn, and is open by appointment only. She said, "I do everything from sourcing inventory (the fun part), product photography, listing items online, customer service, maintaining my social media profiles,



shipping orders, and setting up and selling at in-person events."

La Poubelle translates to 'the Trash Can,' a nod to the recycling nature of her business. She believes that her Maine roots, which shaped her as a humble and practical person, have helped her succeed in her chosen

Lanz Frolio did not intentionally set out to become an entrepreneur. The trying economic circumstances she faced after graduation led her to make some creative choices about how to earn a living. She said, "I can't say that there was ever a moment of epiphany like 'oh wow, I'd like to start my own business.' "Instead it gradually grew from what she calls a fun hobby into a full-time business over the years.

As any small business person will acknowledge, there are plenty of challenges to keep things interesting. With no business courses under her belt, Lanz Frolio has had to learn the business side of things on her own. She said, "As a small business owner, I'm overcoming obstacles every day. Whether it's balancing my budget to make sure I have enough money to buy new inventory or juggling competing tasks like finding time to clean and repair all of the clothes."

In addition, locating vintage pieces has become more challenging as demand for one of a kind pieces has increased. Lanz Frolio is very knowledgeable about vintage clothing designers and knows whose labels to be on the look out for. Her most recent challenge revolves around growing her

business in a way that makes sense for her and her customers. She said, "I've built my following by selling one-of-akind vintage pieces. It's challenging to grow when you have to source, photograph, list, and ship each unique item every time." She is brainstorming ways to expand into non-vintage items while still keeping her vintage custom-

She has fond memories of growing up in Gorham. Going to GHOP after school was a highlight, as were soccer games, Gorham Days, and trick or treating on Halloween. Lanz Frolio fondly remembers her freshman and senior AP English teacher, Mrs. Davis, as a tough teacher who "really opened my mind to great books and helped me expand my creativity in a lot of ways."

Lanz Frolio lives in up and coming Bedford Stuyvesant, Brooklyn with her boyfriend, Todd. In her spare time she loves growing veggies and herbs in her backyard and caring for many indoor plants, too. She enjoys cooking/experimenting with new foods and recipes. She explores all that New York has to offer from museums to concerts to the amazing food and restaurant scene.

Lanz Frolio is the daughter of Pam Lanz and Chuck Frolio.

You can learn more about her business from her website at www. lapoubellevintage.com/ or on Instagram @lapoubellevintage. You can also reach her directly at lapoubellevintage@gmail.com.

Meet Our Photographers

Photo courtesy of Amanda Landry

Amanda Landry and her husband built their home in Gorham 15 years ago. They have two busy teenagers and two dogs. Photography is a pas-



sion Landry pursued 4-1/2 years ago shooting families, students, sports, seniors and so much more.

She has had the privilege of being involved with many school activities including being a substitute teacher, school volunteer, coach for Gorham youth basketball for eight years, and volunteer photographer for the Gorham Times for about four years. She is also involved with many clubs and boards in the community.

Landry has a dietetic technician degree, and when not taking photos, you will find her working as a patient service representative at a doctor's office. Landry shared, "I am grateful to be able to create long lasting memories for others with the joy I have found in photography."

Roger Marchand returned to writing and taking photographs for the Gorham Times in 2014 after a nine-year hiatus while serving on the Gorham



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Wrapping Our Heads Around Concussion

ROB LAVOIE

Concussion is a serious health concern. It can affect each and every one of us, regardless if we play sports or not. Despite heightened awareness and recent advances in management of concussion, misinformation and improper treatment can still occur because the science and research behind concussion is still evolving. My goal is to clarify some key points regarding concussion and the process of healing based on current available literature.

A concussion, as defined by the 2013 British Journal of Sports Medicine, is a traumatically induced transient disturbance of brain function and involves a complex pathophysiological process. In simpler terms, this basically means that the brain itself is injured, which can affect everything from balance and motor function to thinking and emotions. These effects can be fleeting or can last days, weeks, or even months.

Concussions are caused by a blow to the head or body. Most people believe you must be hit on your head for a concussion to occur, but that is not necessarily true. An impact to the body or neck can also cause someone to be concussed. The brain itself is injured which alters its function.

The most common symptoms are headaches and dizziness. Other signs

Carol Curran, a long time Gorham resident and licensed therapist, was an early contributor to the Gorham Times. Her first article appeared in the December 1995 issue.

Reaching Out ...

Carol Curran, LCSW

The holiday season, which is now upon us, can be the most stressful time of the year. Anticipation of a loving, fun-filled holiday, as depicted on the Hallmark TV ads, just doesn't materialize. There is always too much to do and too little time.

I have found, over the years, that the key to reducing stress is to simplify what you choose to do and to take care of yourself. Take the time to evaluate what really gives you pleasure. Focus on what makes you appreciate your blessings. Don't continue a tradition that no longer bring you joy and instead stresses you. Maybe it's time to start a new tradition with your own small family rather than be stressed by the extended family's tradition.

Taking care of yourself can be as simple as lying down for 15 minutes in the middle of the day, taking a walk with your dog, or having a hot bath. The key is putting this near the top of your list, not at the bottom after you get everything else done. I schedule the time to lie down right into my calendar with my other appointments. It's important to honor time with ourselves as much as commitments to others or to work.

A licensed therapist, I look forward to hearing from you with questions or concerns, which I will answer in this column.

Send your questions to Carol Curran, c/o Gorham Times, PO Box 401, Gorham, ME 04038.

and symptoms may include neck pain, nausea, vomiting, balance issues, sensitivity to surroundings, feeling foggy, memory and concentration issues, changes in emotions, and depression. This is just a partial list. Such a wide range of symptoms is why concussions are difficult to diagnose and manage. I often get a chuckle from parents when I ask their concussed teenager if their mood has changed.

If you suspect a concussion, the first step is to receive immediate care by a qualified healthcare provider. Not all healthcare providers are qualified to manage concussions. A 2017 survey of Canadian family physicians showed that there were clear inconsistencies in recognizing concussion symptoms and care protocols. Qualified providers may include sports or team physicians and staff, trauma doctors, and trained physical therapists and chiropractors. When in doubt, ask for qualifications. Current guidelines state that concussions are no longer graded as mild, moderate, or severe. A concussion is a concussion no matter how mild or severe. If your provider says your concussion is mild, chances are they are not up to date with current management protocols.

Concussions typically are self-limiting and resolve within seven to 10 days. However, in children and adolescents it may take longer. Studies have also shown that patients with

a history of previous concussion(s), learning disabilities, and ADD/ADHD take longer to heal.

Rest is the most important treatment for a concussion. Resting the mind and body allows the brain to heal. You may sleep but prolonged periods of sleepiness or lethargy should be monitored closely. Avoid anything that excites the brain during healing such as driving, reading, cognitive thinking, viewing screens and devices, and operating machinery. If you find that a certain daily activity makes your symptoms worse, stop performing that activity. Once healed, you will want to be cleared to return to work, sports, and school by the same provider that you received care from initially.

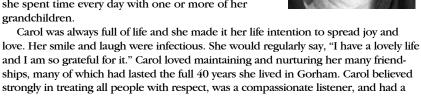
Improper management and exposure to another concussion when healing from a current concussion can produce devastating effects. This is called a Second Impact Syndrome (SIS) and may be fatal. Though rare, SIS should be a special consideration for our youth and for those who participate in direct and indirect contact



Robert Lavoie, D.C., CCSP® is the owner of Chiropractic Clinic of Gorham. A list of cited references used for this article can be obtained by contacting his office.

GORHAM - CAROL FISHER CURRAN was born on January 23, 1950. She passed away unexpectedly from a heart attack in her sleep on February 11, 2019, just after

Carol met her husband Al on a blind date in 1970 and they enjoyed their life together for the next 49 years. They have three children - Rachelle, Sally and Nilaya - and one of Carol's greatest joys was talking regularly with her daughters. She delighted in the birth of each of her five grandchildren: Tobin, Mara, Poppy, Theo and Silvio. Carol was thrilled to see each of them becoming such unique human beings. Grandparenting together with Al had become her primary focus and she spent time every day with one or more of her



remarkable way of drawing stories out of people. Carol always made time for play with her friends and family; her favorite games were wallyball, golf and bridge. She could play card and board games for hours, and enjoyed some healthy competition. Favorite games included Bridge, Bohnanza, Pounce and Ticket to Ride.

Carol and Al loved Maine, the White Mountains, and exploring in nature. They enjoyed walking on the beach at Pine Point, cross country skiing in the Mt Washington Valley, walking on Mackworth Island, riding bikes on the Sebago to the Sea Rail Trail, swimming and kayaking at No Name Pond, and watching the sunset.

Spirituality was central in Carol's life. It was grounded in a deep belief that all things are connected in love, and this was her guiding force. Carol completed her Doctorate in Psychology. In her career as a psychotherapist, as a mother, and as a friend she was always reminding people to look inside of themselves and believe that the answers

Carol loved the arts and expressed it through gardening and painting. She created gorgeous flower gardens and painted bright watercolors of nature. She also loved playing music and taking photographs.

Carol was a voracious reader and read every book her friends gave to her (by the bagful). She shared her joy of reading with her kids and grandchildren, spending hundreds of hours reading to them. They would crawl into her lap, sometimes three at once, and all snuggle in for stories.

She will be deeply missed by all of her family including husband Al Curran, sisters Bethann Fisher and Martha Fisher of Gorham; daughter Rachelle Curran Apse, her husband, Colin Apse and their two children Tobin and Mara of Portland; daughter Sal Curran, her wife, Fabiola Ortiz Valdez and child Silvio of Syracuse, New York; daughter Nilaya Palmer, her husband, James Palmer and children Poppy and Theo of Gorham. Carol is leaving a huge hole in the hearts of all of us that loved her.

In lieu of flowers please send donations to the Sebago to the Sea Rail Trail Project at the Presumpscot Regional Land Trust, P.O. Box 33, Gorham ME 04038, one of Carol and Al's favorite bike trails. A bench will be placed along the bike trail in her honor.

GARDENING PLEASURES

The Gifts of a Winter Garden

LINDA TREWORGY FAATZ

The rays from the early sunrise catch the frost-covered heads of dried flower stocks.

The quiet morning stillness is meditative. Oak and beech leaves, uncollected from fall, rest in the crisp snow. The old bench covered with lichen holds handfuls of red Japanese maple leaves. Buds of the small Rhododendrons have been selectively nibbled by white-tailed visitors.

The garden begins to come alive. The crunch of the crust underfoot awakes a deer sleeping in the juniper cover. Insistent songs of the blue jay resound from a nearby evergreen. Light breezes send small birch twigs to the ground. The bare branches of the white birch stand out against the clear blue sky. A cardinal is perched at the very top, ready for the artist's sketch.

The subtleties of the winter garden tell a lot about the summer efforts. The tall grass heads nod in the field. Remaining seeds fly into the air ready to sprout in a new place.

Weathered split rail posts lean after a heavy snow. Dried hydrangea blossoms still hang on though laden with snow. Shriveled red berries await the hungry birds. Green moss hugs the bark on the north side of the sugar maple. Thyme and sage covered with mounds of white still hold their flavors for savory winter seasonings.

The darkened afternoon sky tells of a storm brewing. Blowing winds from the north are biting against an unprotected face. The winter birds stop their songs. Night falls and quiet returns as the snowflakes gently cover the earth with their white softness.

Our garden is a treasure in any season. Take time to be awed by winter's



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

In partnership with Triad and the Gorham Fire Department, the Lecky Brown Center is excited to announce:

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FEBRUARY 5, 2019

Town Council Meeting

JACOB ADAMS Staff Writer

Stowell Watters, President of the Greater Gorham Farmers Market, stated that he hopes to incorporate more Gorham Historical Culture into the Market. If anyone has any concerns, questions, or suggestions, his email is oldwellsfarm@gmail.com.

Jim Edwards and Jeff Bolduc, both of Solomon Drive, pointed out their concerns about the GHS expansion into Robie Park.

Councilor Phillips attended the High School Building forum and appreciated all of the public comments. She suggested that people check out the School and Town website for more information on the project.

Councilor Shepard reported that the Ordinance Committee met on January 15 and discussed impact fees and municipal road acceptances. They are still discussing these issues.

Councilor Wilder Cross reported that the Appointments Committee met last week and is in the process of filling current vacancies for varies Town Boards and Committees. She also disclosed that the NY Gorham coordinator for 2019 will be Brian Arnett and reminded people that they are always looking for volunteers to help with

Chairman Hartwell announced the resignation of long time Planning Board member Ed Zelmanow and thanked him for his many years of service to the Planning Board and the Town of Gorham.

Chairman Hartwell asked the Council if he should be recused from the voting on Sebago Brewing Company's license renewals due to a conflict of interest of his farm selling beef to the applicant. Town Council voted to allow Chairman Hartwell to vote on the below item.

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FEBRUARY 4, 2019

Planning Board Meeting

Nouria Energy Little Falls LLC's request for approval of a non-conforming sign at Lil' Mart at 688 Gray Road was tabled at applicant's request.

Plowman Development Group, LLC's request to extend Plowman Road to the 2-6 lot standard to accommodate five new units was withdrawn by the applicants.

Pheasant Knoll Contract Zone proposal to amend the agreement between Kasprzak Landholdings, Inc. and the Town of Gorham was moved to the March 4 meeting.

Avesta Housing Corporation's request for a sketch plan review of a proposal to add 27 new residences for individuals 55+ at Ridgewood in an existing but unused office space was discussed.

Real Estate Transfers August 2018

ADDRESS
452 SOUTH STREET
144 DINGLEY SPRING ROAD
331 MAIN STREET
21 DOGWOOD LANE
14 WOODSIDE DRIVE
226 HUSTON ROAD
28 SEBAGO LAKE ROAD
163 LIBBY AVE.
26 STANDISH NECK ROAD
58 EAGLE COVE ROAD
19 BEAR RUN
4 WINTERBERRY DRIVE
103 ICHABOD LANE
23 QUEEN STREET
1 NORTH GORHAM ROAD
157 SCHOOL STREET
211 SEBAGO LAKE ROAD
1 KINGFISHER COURT #52
34 FARRINGTON ROAD
235 BUCK STREET
66 SPILLER ROAD
129 SPILLER ROAD
278 FLAGGY MEADOW ROAD
153 MOSHER ROAD
37 SYDNEY'S WAY
56 OLD DYNAMITE WAY
7 MATTHEW DRIVE
177 STATE STREET
14 COTTON DRIVE
123 BUCK STREET
33 BRANDON'S WAY
7 SETTLER'S WAY
342 MAIN STREET
15 RIDGEWAY AVENUE
16 RIDGEWAY AVENUE
10 WAGNER FARM ROAD
155 MOSHER ROAD
125 WOOD ROAD
46 CUMBERLAND LANE #10
100 BARSTOW ROAD
48 HIDDEN PINES DRIVE
OLDE CANAL BUSINES PARK
22 HOPE DRIVE
DOUGLAS BROOK SUB. LOT 3

BUCK STREET

BUYER
CAVIC, ALEXIS & POLITO, BENJAMIN
NIELSEN, KAREN
MCGRANE, COURTNEY
FERRY, CHARLES
ELAWAKEEL, AHMED & IBRAHIM, SALLY
FARRELL, TYLER
ADOLF, RONALD
RBEAT, IHSAN
DIMASTRANTONIO, NICHOLAS
GRADY, JAMES
MARTEL, JAMES & KIMBERLEY
DEMARTINEZ, ANA
LEMBARA, CINFY
LANDER, STUART & DEBORAH
NHAO, SOCHAN
MOORE, THOMAS JR.
FARLEY, KAREN
DOUGHTY, ELINOR
SOULE, DONALD & CHRISTINA
HATCH, ROBERT & AMBER
USA RURAL HOUSING (FHA)
ROBERTS, CODY & CASSIDY
EHLERS, EUGENE & MARILYN
MCGUIRE, JARED & ABIGAIL
CORSINI, MITCHELL & MATER-CORSINI
HOWE, ARCHIBALD & ELIZABETH
GOLDMAN, MARYBETH
RUGANI, DINA & MONICA, PATRICK
DUNLEAVY, JOHN & GALLANT, RENEE
ROOT, MARK
BAUER, PETER & BONNIE
HOMAN, CARLYLE & THOMPSON, NANCY
ALHAMADANI, LAYTH & ALKHATTAB, NOUR
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CURTIS, ALAN
CASCELLA, ROBERT & CHERYL
RAMSAY, JAMIESON
SAVAGE, KAREN & COURNOYER, STEPHEN
BARTLETT, PATRICIA
CHERRYLAND ENTERPRISES, LLC
JUTKIEWICZ, MARK & NICOLE
LYFORD, PETER
OSMOLSKI, EDWARD JR.
RUEL CONSTRUCTION, LLC

WING, TIMOTHY & SRA

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TAINTOR, ELIZABETH	\$326,000
FRICK, JENNIFER	\$200,000
GERAGHTY, ROBERT & AURORA	\$218,000
BRAMBLEWOOD, LLC	\$339,900
ENGLISH, LARILEE	\$258,000
BELL-PATTERSON, AMANDA	\$227,500
HILLS, NATHAN & MEGAN	\$220,000
BAKER, SHAWN & LAUREN	\$265,000
MULCAHY, NATHANIAL & MICHELLE	\$270,000
PANICO, FRED & PANICO-DYKE, MYRNA	\$40,000
KLYUCHKA, SERGIEY & IRYNA	\$340,000
GERON, AMY	\$240,000
SAM STRUMPH BUILDERS, LLC	\$359,000
KASERMAN, KEVIN & DENISE	\$420,000
GHERARDI, BRENDA	\$167,000
WOODBURY, PETER & TAMMY	\$230,000
DOUGHTY, CHARLES & TONYA	\$171,800
GIFFORD, FREDERICK & PENDLETON	\$338,500
ROSARIO, ARNOLD JR. & TAMARA	\$230,000
BEAR, ADAM & MARYANNE	\$450,000
USA RURAL HOUSING (FHA)	\$176,535
MILLER, NATHANIEL & SARA	
DOUGHTY, JENNIFER	\$265,000
ROBERTS, BEN & LISA	\$402,000
LANE, RYAN & AMANDA	\$220,000
HIGGINS BUILDERS, INC.	\$470,000
	\$95,000
MICKFORD, TODD & CAROLYN	\$319,000
VEAZIE, KATIE & CHRISTOPHER	\$320,000
NORMAND BERUBE BUILDERS, INC.	\$407,500
EMERSON, DANILE	\$278,000
SMITH, FREDERIC & SKILLIN-SMITH	\$405,000
TOWER, DAVID	\$465,000
DUCHAINE, JOSEPH	\$265,000
US ROF III LEGAL TRUST	\$170,000
MACKIE, RUSSELL	\$204,000
ALLEN, DANIEL & SEANA	\$289,970
KYAJOHNIAN, LINDSAY & FRANCOI	\$221,500
FROST, CHRISTOPHER & JENNIFER	\$262,000
BENNETT, ELIZABETH	\$235,000
HSBC BANK USA,NA	\$135,000
PRESCOTT, AMY	\$300,000
GRONDIN PROPERTIES, LLC	\$223,414
FOSTER, DALE & KIMBERLY	\$325,000
LBMP, LLC	\$75,000
ESTATE OF JOHN PHINNEY	\$75,000

Arrests: September - October 2018

Cape Neddick woman, 41, was arrested for refusing to submit to arrest and for disorderly conduct.

Gray woman, 47, was arrested for criminal mischief and domestic violence assault.

Straw Road man, 44, was arrested for violating a protective order.

Transient man, 37, was arrested for criminal trespass and criminal threatening with a dangerous weapon.

Portland man, 30, was arrested for violating conditions of release and domestic violence terrorizing.

Standish man, 26, was arrested for

Naples woman, 35, was arrested for

Green Trees Drive woman, 32, was arrested for OUI.

Portland man, 24, was arrested for criminal threatening, theft by unauthorized taking and burglary of a motor vehicle.

Westbrook man, 22, was arrested for OUI.

Windham woman, 45, was arrested for violating conditions of release. possession of a suspended driver's license and failure to appear.

Sebago Lake Road man, 37, was arrested for OUI.

Sanborn St. woman, 28, was arrested for failure to appear

Cumberland woman, 47, was arrested for OUI and endangering the welfare of a child.

Raymond man, 21, was arrested for furnishing liquor to minors and for

furnishing a place for minors to consume liquor.

Buck Street woman, 53, was arrested for domestic violence assault.

Springvale man, 40, was arrested for violating a protection from abuse

Pine Street man, 24, was arrested for domestic violence assault.

Grav man, 25, was arrested for OUI. Weeks Road man, 36, was arrested for OUI (drugs or combo) one prior. and was arrested again four days later for violating conditions of release.

Auburn man, 39, was arrested for terrorizing.

Patrick Drive man, 29, was arrested for failing to register vehicle, failure to appear, and operating while license was suspended or revoked.

South St. man, 53, was arrested for failure to appear.

Patrick Drive woman, 27, was arrested for failure to appear.

Buxton man, 25, was arrested for

Brownfield man, 31, was arrested for OUI.

Main St. woman, 41, was arrested for theft by unauthorized taking.

Patrick Drive man, 29, was arrested for attaching false plates, operating while license was suspended or revoked, failure to appear and violating conditions of release.

New Portland Road man, 45, was arrested for violating conditions of release.

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Public Forum CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

the project is still a work in process and just pencil on paper. The committee's goal at this juncture is to present the plans, answer questions from the community, get input, and modify the plans to satisfy all needs."

Three major themes or areas of concern arose from the forum. The first focused on traffic flow as a result of the proposed elimination of Access Road and potential safety concerns related to increased traffic.

The second major area of concern, according to Perry, was doubt that the proposed additions would give the high school enough room to grow. "The underlying sentiment was that folks felt as though growth is going to continue in Gorham and people do not want us to plan for a building, spend the money getting it built, and then be out of space again before the life of the bond is up."

Lastly, residents questioned whether the new building will be con-

structed with a focus on the community. The community is being asked to invest a significant amount of money into this project and residents want to be ensured access as well.

For Superintendent Perry and the Gorham High School Building Committee, the forum presented the public with an opportunity to express concerns and provide potential solutions. Both Perry and the GHS Building Committee will continue to share their progress and garner feedback from the community.

The next steps for the project include a thought exchange community survey, continuous adjustments to the project based on feedback through the spring, and a proposed recommended final project to the School Committee in July 2019.

To watch a full video of the public forum, visit https://vimeo. com/316131745.

Arrests Continued From Page 5

North Gorham Road woman, 42, was arrested for theft by unauthorized

Windham man, 28, was arrested for burglary.

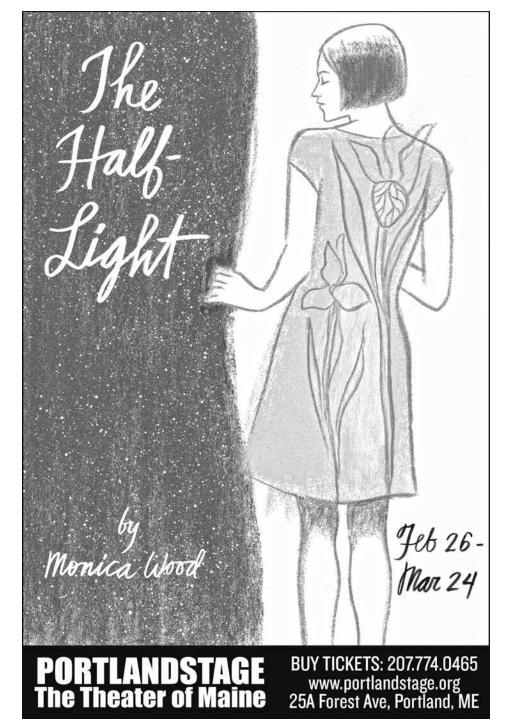
Elm St. man, 58, was arrested for unlawful possession of scheduled drugs and disorderly conduct.

Tucker Drive man, 39, was arrested for domestic violence assault.

Copperhead Road man, 28, was arrested for domestic violence criminal threatening, domestic violence assault and obstructing report of a

Gray Road man, 26, was arrested for OUI and violating conditions of release.

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Town Council Meeting CONTINUED FROM PAGE 5

The Town Council approved a renewal liquor license and a renewal Special Amusement License for Sebago Brewing Company, located at 616 Main Street.

A new Massage License was approved for Walter Raymond Selens, doing business at Gorham Muscular Therapy, 230 Main Street.

The Cumberland County Soil and Water District's plan to use grant funding to enhance community green spaces at the Little Falls Activity Center and Phinney Park was approved.

The Town Council approved a plan by the Gorham Conservation Commission to build a community bicycle pump track off of Weeks Road.

The Ordinance Committee was asked to review adding requirements to the Land Use & Development Code requiring that taxes be paid before the issuance of permits and bring back its recommendations to the Town Council.

A proposal to amend the Land Use & Development Code to increase the number of lots and dwelling units allowed on a private way was forwarded to the Planning Board for a Public Hearing and their recommendations. The full proposal can be found at www.gorham-me.org.

The Town Council forwarded a proposal to amend the Land Use & Development Code to allow for Personal Services and Professional Out-Patient Clinics in the Office Residential Zone, to the Planning Board for a Public Hearing and their recommendation. The full proposal can be found at www.gorham-me.org.

The Town Council endorsed the Community Development Block Grant Applications for improvements to the Little Falls Recreation Fieldhouse and sidewalks on Mosher Road and Acorn Street in Little Falls.

The amount of \$245,000 was appropriated for the purpose of constructing a parking lot and baseball field on the Chick Property as outlined in Phase 1 of the property's master plan. (6 yeas, 1 nay: Smith)

The Town Council denied an application for an abatement of taxes based on poverty. (6 yeas, 1 nay: Hartwell)

The full meeting minutes are available at www.gorham-me.org.

Meet Our Photographers CONTINUED FROM PAGE 3

School Committee. He previously volunteered for the paper from fall 2000 to November 2004. He retired after 53 years as a teacher and school administrator. He is proud to say that during his time as an educator he had the pleasure of teaching students from kindergarten through graduate school. He was also an administrator in both public and private schools.

He and his wife Peggy have lived in the same house in Gorham for 42 years. Both of his children graduated from the Gorham High School and currently live in Maine after years of studying and working in other parts of the country and overseas.

Photography is a passion for him and has become an integral part of his life. He has taken pictures since his parents

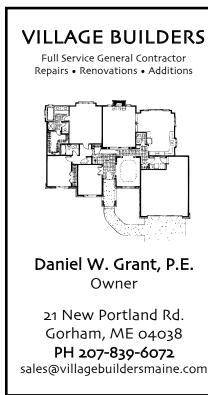
initially gave him a Donald Duck camera when he was eight years old. When he finally had more time to himself, he decided to use the camera as an active way of viewing the world around him. He now keeps his camera with him at all times. He looks for color and shadows and how light plays on objects. Reflections, and how they interact with objects, continue to intrigue him.

He's excited about doing photography for the Gorham Times and is constantly taking pictures around town with the hope that they will be useful for publication. Looking for that place that no one seems to pay attention to, or is just not usually noticed, is what he's looking for as a focus for the Gorham Sightings feature of the paper.

Thank you Amanda and Roger!

No winter lasts forever; no spring skips its turn.

- HAL BORLAND





Gorham High School Second Quarter Honor Rolls 2018-19

Reed Henderson

MacKenna Homa

Amalia Ionta

Grade 9 - High Honors Drew Baber Gisele Berry Erin Castonguay Kayleigh Cloutier Sydney Connolly Michelle Darling Katherine Dupuis Hailev Edwards Madeline Fadrigon Andrew Farr Annie Frey Bryce Gunn Madisson Hatch Kiara Hodge Abigail Houp Stephanie Labrie Flisabeth Loranger Andrea Mitchell Emma Mullin Anna Nelson Julia Ordway Phoebe Richards Benjamin Shields Clara Shvets Alexandra Waterman Megan Wentworth Megan Young

Grade 9 - Honors Colin Albert George Allison Natalya Asali Lauren Bachner Noah Badeau **Brett Barney** Curan Bassingthwaite Rvan Bechtel Owen Begley Mallorie Bergquist-Guimond Landon Bickford Allison Bishop Brylee Bishop Caroline Bishop Robert Boylen

Kiely Burns Connor Callahan Morgan Chapman Nathan Chase Ainsley Christianson **Hunter Connors** Calvin Cummings Kaitlyn Cushing Sadie Cvr Aiden Dever Mary DeWitt Nathan Doane Quinn Dovle Sarah Duff Sadie Dyer Abigail Emerson **Zachary Emmons** Olivia Falagario Asa Farley Samuel Farr Jillian Feyler Breshia Flett Elizabeth Frey Nikolas Gagne Maya Garand Charles Gav Riley Grant Kylie Green Riley Griffin Rachel Gross **Brooke Guimond** Sydney Haskell Ethan Ho Josiah Irish Gannon Kuntz Kyle Landry Alexandra Light Bryce Lumbert Annika Mankin Paige Marchand Anya Mazaris-Atkinson Daniel McKeage

Dylan Morrell Isabella Morrell Jillian Morrill Alexandra Myles Anya Nagle Abigail Ouellette Hunter Pellerin Grace Perreault Ellie Perry William Perry Madison Philbrick Albert Plummer Abrahim Rabbani Shannon Randall Courtney Rent Quentin Riiska Vanessa Russell Evan Russo Brandon Sadowski Thomas Sallinen **Brady Sawyer** Arzou Sayed Thaddeus Shain Kyle Skolfield Hannah Spickel Emma Stevens John Sutton Jacob Tatom William Thompson Colby Tucker Sarah Valeriani **Brandon Verrill** Dylan VonderHaar Nicole Walker Morgan Walton

Grade 10 - High Honors Ava Dollev Paige Fogg Sydney Fox

Caleb Waterman **Emily Wilcox**

Quentin Wise

Elijah Wyatt

Violet Wilson-Wood

Riley Johnson Paula Lorente Gomez **Emily Paruk** Molly Rathbun

Erin Sands Grade 10 - Honors Luke Adams Dawson Allen Aidan Bell Gianna Bent Madeline Berry Corev Blake Jordan Blakeslee Grace Bradshaw Anneka Bryant Elijah Bullard Logan Butler Carrier Beck Lily Courtney River Cummings Sierra Cummings Kelly Curran Michael Darasz Abigail Decrow Hayden Desmond Robert Dowdle Katherine Downey Emily Duncan Vinh Duong Julia Edwards Nathan Eichner Aidan Enck Grace Flynn **Gracie Forgues** Campbell Fowler Sophie Gagne Lvdia Gaudreau Nolan Gava Mary Gawlick Stephen Graham Steacy Hakizimana Gregory Hannaford Devyn Harrington

Henry Jensen Richard Jiang Benjamin Johnson Sophia Kaufman Evan Koenia Isabelle Koyacs Ryan Kratzer Katherine Kutzer Gabrielle LaBarge Joshua Labrie Sophie Lachance Mason Laskey Shannon Lawrence Maya Lee Zakaria Lembarra Nevin Libby Tess Libby Griffin Loranger Natetra Ly Kylie Mathieson **Bode Meader** Olivia Michaud Kaylyn Migliorini Oliver Milliken Kayleigh Mitchell Kathrvn Morin Molly Murray Adele Nadeau Grant Nadeau Liam Nickerson Bradley Parker Alice Peterson Brooke Phillips Matthew Phinney Alexander Pierson Daniel Ponov Samuel Pritchard Caitlin Randall Cassidy Rioux Morgan Roast Eva Rodrigue Trevton Rosario

Sophia Sawyer **Delaney Seed** Cody Smith Madigan Thibodeau Madisun Tryon Alison Walker **Bailey Wentworth** Marissa Wilson Wesley Young

Grade 11 - High Honors Lane Charlton Madison Firmin Maeve Higgins Paige Hume Elyssa Johnson Aaron Jones Abigail O'Brien Madisen Sweatt Samuel Waggoner

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Ryan Gaudreau Lauren Green Bryce Gurney Jacqueline Hamilton Ashleigh Hotham Charles Hubbard Erin Hume Nolan Irish Sebastien Irish Noah Jalbert Katarina Jenkins Cortnie Jones Sarah Juskiewicz Henri Kuntz Lucas LaMontagne Brittney Landry Haley Lowell Anika Malia Nolan McCullough Fthan Mercier Abigail Miller Peyton Morton MacAllister Moss Jillian Nichols Samuel Orlando Aidan Owens Emma Owens Cole Perreault Marin Perry Mea Perry Ava Pitman Lauren Preis Ryan Reno

Lydia Drew

Molly Eaton

Isabelle Emerson

Shaline Erhardt

Domingo Tipaz Ramirez Kiana Tracey Lydia Valentine Isabella VanZandt Alana Weed Monica Willey Mackenzie Yaskula Jacob Zelmanow

Grade 12 - High Honors Kyren Bettencourt Maiya Christiansen-Carlson Angelana Darling Brinn Hall Autumn Heil Matilda McColl Lydia McCrillis Libby Mitchell Katherine O'Donnell Anna Rathbun Samantha Robichaud Simon Roussel Leah Scontras Sarah Stevens Erin Wentworth **Brooke Woodbury Bruce Wyatt**

Grade 12 - Honors Isis Adams Maggy Aube Aaliyah Biamby Brian Bunker Mackenzie Buteau Caitlin Chasse **Brandon Cummings** Joseph Curesky Rvan DeSanctis Brittany Desjardin Grace DiPhilippo Caroline Dowdle Jacob Dupuis Rilev Ferrigan Avery Germond Jeremy Harris

Klarha Cajuste

Hannah Caron

Miranda Chasse

Mackenzie Holmes Kasey Jiang Isabella Jones Spencer Keating Evelyn Kitchen Libby Knudsen Isabelle Kolb Ella LeBlanc Griffin Lord Hannah Lowell Preston Mahaney Isaac Martel Drew Meader Harris Milliken Hailey Morrill Thomas Nelson Grace Perron Samuel Pocock Alice Riiska Samantha Rockwell Callie Russell Emma Shields Hallie Shiers Jacob Sladen Sara Slager Caelyn Smith Elizabeth St. Ours Mariah Stout Ian Stultz Logan Swift McKayla Taft Grace Terry Haley Thompson Sarah Walker Ethan White Bryce Womack Mackenzie Young

Joshua Hayward

Gorham Middle School Second Quarter Honor Rolls 2018-19 James McColl

Grade 6 – High Honors Sofia Andrade Emily Beal Abigail Chamberlin Ashley Connolly Patrick Downey Cameron Gasbarrone **Bailey Hatch** Kailynn Herrick Sophie Kaczmarek Lucas LeGage Chafek Matta Natalie Miner Timothy Nagle Payson Plummer Julia Reed Victoria Sands **Brooklyn Sandstrom** Vanessa Walker

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Isabelle Cooke John Copperbera Katelyn Cyr Cecelia Dellosso Riley Dever Anastasia Dollev Gwyneth Dubail Lucia Dubail Andre Dube Holden Edenbach Gabrielle Evans Emily Fadrigon **Brent Files** Mason Finck Aryana Flett Piper Forgues Hadley Foster Lauren Fredette Griffin Gammon Meghan Gendron Layla Gillihan Ella Goff Ava Googins Kyle Green Ethan Heady Finn Henderson Ellery Herrick

Aidan Meredith

Sophia Michaud

Ambrosia Moore

Violet James Griffin Johnson William Johnson Kuba Kaczmarek Jack Karlonas Brooke Kazimer

Kathryn LaPierre

Faith Lara Jeffrey Legere II Adam Lembarra Benjamin Mason Jack Mazaris-Atkinson Kavla McLean Emma Miramontes Elizabeth Morey Amanda Morin Ryan Morrill Wyatt Nadeau Jamie Nelson Amelia Olaru Sofie Olsen Olivia Price Claire Rancourt Hailev Rickett Sarah Rosingana Celia Roy Evelyn Rush Sarah Sanborn Juliet Sargent **Rhys Saunders** Ella Senatore Jacob Shvets Casev Skolfield Aidan Smith Alison Smith Natalie Smith Owen Spera Reis Stamaris Brooke Stevens Lily Stone Payton Thibodeau

Madison Tibbals Lilv Tukev Ethan Verrill Eliot Verry-Gardella Elijah Whitehead Logan Wilson Alauna Worden

Hannah Heady

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Macey Brenner Amber Bretton Luke Burns Ethan Castonguay Gage Cathcart Andria Cloutier Dakoda Coyne **Dylan Cummings** Rita Cummings Kalin Curtis Thomas Curtis Alexis Deschaine Sophia DiPhilippo Isaac Dobson Hilary Douglas Anna Dumais Sophia Fates Abigail Fecteau Nolan Feyler Lydia Fluet Jayden Forgitano Summer Gammon Addison Harjula **Emerson Homa** Jesse James Anthony Jordan Kira Keniston Trevor Krouse Jackson Landry Ashton Leclerc Aidan Lee Mervk I ewellen Ezekiel Lockman

Aislyn McLean Gabriel Michaud Lillian Miner Mia Mitchell Amy Morin Jackson Morrell Kaitlyn Nichols Lillianna Noel Riley Ottoson Samuel Parenteau Haden Pelletier Paige Perreault Simeon Pillsbury Alicia Poschke Alec Pouliot Makavla Quintal Zoie Rand Christian Randall Marissa Reno Lily Rubin Jeremiah Rutinwa Logan Sargent Caden Smith Cole Smith Tristan Smith Kyleigh Staples Jonathan Stein Madison Stewart Courtney Taft Brooklyn Tarbox Hannah Trojano Logan Vail Noah Vaughn

Sean Verrill Reilly Walsh Makenna Wheeler Samantha Whidden Cole Whitehead Anna Yahwak Izak Young

Andrew Rent

Peter Richards

Seth Richardson

Margaret Rimkunas

Jackson Robbins

Gianna Romatis

Camden Sawver

Kendall Smith

Grade 8 - High Honors Hayden Anderson Julia Bell Lexi Caron Faith Connolly **Rachel Cummings** Patrick Cyr Zoe Diffin Abby Fiore Tedi Gould Jude Huckaby Grace Johnson Elizabeth Keil Erin Lawrence Madyson Quimby Sarah Rathbur Cody Sellick Brady Smith Rylee Tenuta

Grade 8 - Honors Avery Andrews Emelia Bailey Ryleigh Beltran Olivia Bryant Christian Butler

Bode Coleman Ryan Cooper Jasper Crane Annie Cunningham Angela Dellasala Quinn Dillon Maeve Donnelly Jonah Doucette Madeline Downey Owen Dugas Rylan Flagg Noah Flynn John Frank Tv Gammon Brooke Gordon Kyra Hamhlen Owen Harmon Josephine James Braeden Johnson Eden Johnson Ella Kitchen Samantha Kovacs Quinn Lachance Alexis Landry Madeleine LaPierre Samuel Larkin Jacob Lehmann Kevin Luo Aedan MacDougall

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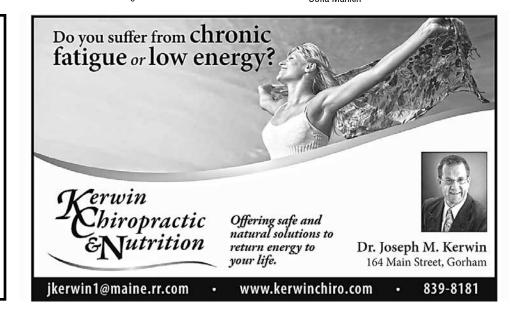
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GMS Welcomes The Addams Family to its Stage

TANA KROHN GMS Musical Co-Director

"When you're an Addams, you do what Addams' always do!" sing over 50 Gorham Middle School (GMS) students in the opening number of "The Addams Family Young@Part®."

Along with another dozen tech crew members, GMS students have been working hard to prepare for the school's annual musical production, to be presented in March.

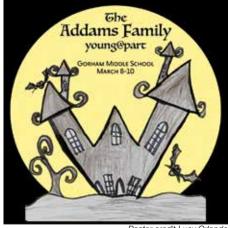
"The Addams Family," a musical comedy with music and lyrics by Andrew Lippa, book by Marshall Brickman and Rick Elice, and adaptation by Marc Tuminelli, is indeed based on the well-known Addams

Family cartoon characters created by Charles Addams.

Gomez, Morticia, Wednesday, Pugsley, Uncle Fester, Lurch, and Grandma fill the stage with their unusual personalities in a show that captures the family in the midst of their macabre world, while thoroughly emphasizing the strong family values that they maintain.

The scene is set as Wednesday Addams, that irresistible bundle of malice, has grown up and found love. The family is ripe for conflict as soon as Wednesday invites her young man from Ohio, Lucas Beineke, and his parents, to dinner. Two different worlds are about to collide.

Will love triumph, or will every-



The winning design for Gorham Middle School's poster graphic contest, sketched by sixth grader Lucy Orlando.

one go home vaguely depressed? Audiences young and old are sure to be entertained by this comical, bizarre, and strangely authentic account of evolving relationships.

Performances of "The Addams Family Young@Part®" will be held at the GMS auditorium on Friday, March 8, and Saturday, March 9, at 7 p.m., and Sunday, March 10, at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$5 at the door.

"The Addams Family Young@ Part®" is presented through special arrangement with and all authorized performance materials are supplied by Theatrical Rights Worldwide, 1180 Avenue of the Americas, Suite 640, New York, NY 10036, (866) 378-9758, www.theatricalrights.com.

GHS Promises Compelling One Act Production

LYDIA VALENTINE GHS Student Intern

Spring time is just around the corner and for the Thespian Society at Gorham High School (GHS) that also means the annual One Act Theater Festival.

"Antigone Now," is this year's production, a modern adaptation of Sophocles' Antigone, 2,500 years later.

The story starts at the end of a devastating war. A woman, Antigone, played by sophomore Emily Paruk, is stuck with two dead brothers. One is honored while the other is disrespected so she puts her life on the line to honor the disrespected.

Senior Isaac Martel plays Creon the King and freshman Julia Ordway plays Antigone's sister, Ismene. The show is directed by GHS teacher Josie Tiernev-Fife.

Along with shows in Gorham, the cast and crew will also perform at the One Act Festival in Caribou, Maine on March 9. At the festival, they have a set amount of time to put up the set, perform, and take the set back down.

They are judged on several aspects but Tierney-Fife said, "It's more than a competition, it is art and subjective. The point is to create a really beautiful piece of work and experience others."

The judges will view a total of 12 other productions from schools Gorham rarely interacts with.

"We go to the festival and see the shows that other schools have been working on for months and you get to enjoy the work that each other do," said Tiernev-Fife." Most of the other students are from Northern Maine and we don't really get up there that often."

The cast and crew encourage people to come and enjoy the show.

"The story of Antigone, and the decisions that she makes and the reactions of her sister and uncle are really compelling and emotional and intense and I think it's a show that makes you think," said Tierney-Fife.

Show times at GHS are Friday, March 1, at 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, March 2, at 7:30 p.m.; and Sunday, March 3, at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$5 for students (the show does feature some mature content) and \$10 for adults.



Gorham High School's One Act cast. Pictured (I to r) are: Front row: Katie Morin, Lauren Preis, Annikka Mocciola, Emily Paruk and Caroline Dowdle. Middle row: Andrew Goschke, Olivia Paruk, and Isaac Martel. Back row: Isabelle Van Zandt, Meghan Reidy, Lanie Charlton, Mason Hawkes, and Julia Ordway.





Gorham High School Launches **Career Speaker Series**



Gorham Police Chief Daniel Jones talks with students at Gorham High School about careers in law enforcement.

Maureen O'Brien Aspire Gorbam Project Manager

Career talks are now a regular part of the day at Gorham High School (GHS), with professionals in careers ranging from nursing to law enforcement meeting with small groups of students to talk about their experiences, backgrounds, and the decisions that led them to their current jobs.

Community and career coordinator Eliza Kenigsberg arranges the visits, based on information she gathers from students about their aspirations and career interests.

"Asking the question is as important as their answer," said Kenigsberg. "It starts the process of thinking, and it's empowering to be asked what you want to do with your life."

The goal is not to force students to make a choice, but to encourage them to consider the possibilities. Juniors Talia Catoggio and Kate Tugman are open to all sorts of options.

"I either want to be a journalist, a profiler in the FBI, and/or a professional runner," Tugman said.

Catoggio's list is even longer. "I'd love working as a veterinarian or anything with animals. I've considered work in law and law enforcement. I like the idea of being a physical therapist or sports trainer. Once or twice I've entertained the idea of becoming a dermatologist," she said.

Many students are considering areas of interest, but haven't homed in on

possible careers.

"I'm not really sure what I want to do. I like art, science...maybe education," was the response from junior Haley Burns.

Gorham Business-School Roundtable member Becky Winslow knows it's not unusual for students to be stressed about figuring out their futures.

"When I talk with students, I let them know it's okay if you don't know what you want to be when you grow up," said Winslow, who is a senior vice president at Gorham Savings Bank.

More than 400 GHS students have completed interest inventories and, in many cases, had follow-up conversations with Kenigsberg. She works to match students with career exploration experiences both in and out of school.

"There is a natural match," Kenigsberg said at the February roundtable meeting. "Community members are eager to be involved and students are similarly eager to figure out what their future is going to look like. It's a natural opportunity to create that con-

The work is part of Aspire Gorham, a community-wide initiative designed to encourage students to think not just about what they want to be when they grow up, but what kind of life they want to live.

Interested in learning more about how you can help Gorham students identify and develop their aspirations? Contact Eliza Kenigsberg at eliza.kenigsberg@gorhamschools.org.



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Representatives from Gorham Middle School's student council made blankets recently for the Barbara Bush Hospital.

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Tom Corbett Staff Writer

Starting this fall, Gorham students will stay in school up to 20 minutes longer each day. At its February 13 meeting, the School Committee (SC) voted unanimously to add 20 minutes to the K-5 school day and 10 minutes for grades 6 through 12.

Members of the Committee stressed that their intent is not to necessarily increase "math class by five minutes," but rather make it easier for students to get through their busy school days. School administrators will have the flexibility to use these minutes as they see fit, perhaps by providing more time for 10th graders to get to their next class or extending playground time for 3rd graders.

These added minutes will also keep Gorham more in line with the length of school days at neighboring districts. The SC meeting started with wellreceived civic lessons from three middle school students who wrote the top essays entered in the James Madison Excellence in Writing Award, an annual competition sponsored by the Gorham Republican Party.

Two students, Grace Johnson and Grady Smith, read their essays explaining whether they would have voted in

favor of ratifying the U.S. Constitution back in 1787. The winning essay by Trent Stevens was read by Principal Bob Riley, since Stevens wasn't able to be there. All three would have voted to ratify, although Johnson would have voted no if it didn't include the first 10 amendments, also known as the Bill of Rights.

The meeting concluded with an overview of the Adult Education Program, now in the second year of its partnership with Westbrook. Kate Rotroff, who will soon be retiring as director of the program, noted that while Gorham and Westbrook have unique strengths and serve different populations, the collaboration makes both programs stronger.

She also introduced Jeremy Kendall, who was recently hired in September as the Career Technical Education Coordinator. Kendall noted that he has "hit the ground running" and has been flooded with requests from area businesses to start training programs that address the "trades crises."

He's already working with Genesis Healthcare to grow a CNA program, and will soon be offering a medical technician training programs in collaboration with Intermed P.A. Trucking and auto mechanic certification programs are coming soon as well.

SPORTS

Gorham Residents Savor Super Bowl LIII Experience

DESTINY COOK Sports Editor

Greg Ruda and his son Spencer are no strangers to big games. They went to Game Six of the NBA Finals in 2008 and have been to multiple AFC Championship games. They were very impressed with this year's Superbowl host city of Atlanta, GA sharing that everything was walkable and centralized. "The most exciting thing we did in Atlanta was go to the Patriots pep rally. We got to see Robert Kraft cheer with the fans before the game and see old Patriots legends like Richard Seymour," said Greg Ruda.

BOTH MEN SHARED THAT IT FELT LIKE A PATRIOTS HOME GAME WITH THE RATIO OF PATRIOTS FANS TO RAMS FANS APPROXIMATELY 80/20. IN A SEA OF PATRIOTS FANS CHEERING ON THEIR TEAM, BOTH SHARED MEMORABLE EXPERIENCES WITH THEIR SONS.

While the halftime show was disappointing to him, Greg shared that the special effects were cool. "The Mercedes Benz Stadium was probably the most modern stadium we have ever been to. More impressive than the Cowboys'," Ruda said.

For Tim O'Neill Sr., attending the Super Bowl during the New England Patriots/Tom Brady era has been one of his "bucket list" items. He was particularly excited because he got to experience it with his sons, Timmy Jr. and Henry. Timmy was able to attend the Super Bowl in Houston (Patriots vs. Atlanta) with a college friend, so he has already seen one exciting win.

O'Neill said they stayed with family in Atlanta so that improved their experience with an "insiders view of the city." He added, "We went to a number of NFL sponsored events on Saturday and couldn't believe what a tremendous job the NFL does for the fans. All the NFL events had past stars like Michael Vick, Deion Branch and Kurt Warner taking part."





For two lucky Gorham families, seeing Tom Brady and the New England Patriots capture their sixth Lombardi Trophy since 2002 was the experience of a lifetime. (Top photo L-R) Greg and Spencer Ruda. (Bottom photo L-R) Tim O'Neill Sr., Timmy O'Neill Jr., and Henry O'Neill.

Both men agreed that it felt like a Patriots home game with the ratio of Patriots fans to Rams fans approximately 80/20. In a sea of Patriots fans cheering on their team, both fathers and sons shared memorable experiences. Finally, after an exciting fourth quarter, they all were thrilled to be in attendance to see Tom Brady earn the sixth Super Bowl ring of his career with a 13-3 win over the Rams. As TB12 says, "We're still here!"

School Notes

Gorham will host a parent information meeting night for incoming Kindergarten student's parents held at the child's neighborhood school on Tuesday, March 5 at 5:30 p.m. for all three elementary schools: Great Falls, Narragansett, and Village. Visit www.gorhamschools.org and click on the school and pre-register using the Kindergarten registration link. Contact any of the elementary schools with any questions.

Evan Morrill and Mason Guimond were named Students of the Quarter at PATHS. Morrill studies food service and Guimond studies manufacturing technology.

KATHLEEN 'KAT' ANN RISEMAN, GORHAM

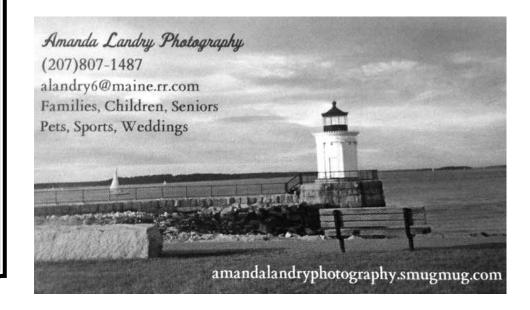
Kathleen 'Kat" Ann Riseman, 71, passed away suddenly on February 5, 2019 at Maine Medical Center. Daughter to Catherine (Delvo) and John J. Lucy, she was born in New Rockford, North Dakota, on June 16, 1947.

Kat's creativity, adventuresome spirit, and seemingly bottomless generosity afforded her an abundance of life experiences with a wide circle of friends and family. She grew up in Fargo, ND and



pursued higher education at NDSU. On summer break, Kat followed the 'Call of the West' to Colorado for a summer job working at a dude ranch—an experience that forever instilled in her a love of Western landscapes and culture. Yet, it is the East Coast that beckoned her to move, leaving Fargo for Boston in the early 70s. This stepping stone paved her way to southern Maine where she resided for the past forty years. Kat was successful in her careers as co-owner of the Village Tie-up in Harrison, marketing and resource director for UNUM and various regional non-profits, and later as copy editor at Tyler Tech, from which she retired in 2013. Laughing, traveling, reading, gardening, spending time with friends, and sailing—a pursuit in which Kat met her second husband Jim Skinner—were some of her favorite pastimes. Whether it be the holidays or the long summer weekends at the lake, in the kitchen or in the barn, 'Mama' Kat especially loved sharing moments with her children and grandchildren. Kat was happiest when the entire family gathered, and just like every phone call, she never wanted these nights to end. Her spirit lives on in our memories, and her presence will be sorely missed.

In addition to her parents, Kat was preceded in death by her only sibling Joan (Lucy, Foy) Nelson. Living loved ones include husband Jim Skinner; daughters Alexis (Riseman) Bergman with spouse Beth (Eisenberg) Bergman; Sasha Riseman; sons Ben Riseman with spouse Rebecca (Golden) and Max Riseman with spouse Mandie (Lasselle); grandchildren Rex Riseman, Linden and Aliza Riseman, Liam Doherty, Kai Bergman; nieces Jodi (Foy) Buchan and Juli Foy.



Jiang Contributes to Record Breaking Swim Season

DESTINY COOK Sports Editor

The Gorham Varsity Swim team is having an exceptional, record breaking year. With one week to go in the season, multiple records have been broken (some more than once) according to coach Adam Cyr. Senior diver Kasey Jiang, Gorham's first ever diver, has helped contribute on many levels.

Jiang joined the swim team as a freshman. "As a swimmer, I compete in most sprinting events and my best strokes are butterfly and freestyle," she said. From the beginning, Jiang had an interest in diving but never expressed it to Cyr. It wasn't until last year that diving became an option for Gorham swimmers, and Jiang took the opportunity to try it out. Jiang was the only diver from Gorham competing last year. Now in her second year of diving, Jiang has become an integral part of the team.

Speaking of her initial training with her diving coach, Jen Zwarts, of Westbrook, Jiang said, "She trained me, and within two weeks of practice, I was competing at my first meet." She caught on fast and as the weeks went on and the Southwestern swim meet approached, her goal was to qualify for States. It was her last possible chance to do so and she succeeded. In her first year, she placed 10th in the State meet.

This year, Jiang used her experience to help guide her two other diving teammates while continuing to break multiple records throughout the season. Cyr said Kasey's impact on the team has been huge both long and short term.

Cyr shared, "Just in her two years of diving she has scored a bunch of points for us that previously weren't available." Jiang helped the team to its second straight third place finish last year at the conference championship, as well as tying for the team's highest ever finish at the State Championship meet.

Cyr said, "More importantly, in the long term, she has started a program that will always be giving Gorham the advantage over teams without [diving] and putting us in the conversation each year at our conference championships. It just shows that one person stepping up for something they are passionate about can lead to others having the same possibility," he said.

Overall, both boys and girls swim-





Kasey Jiang has added many points during her diving career, helping the girls' swim team achieve higher standings. Caelyn (KK) Smith twice broke the record in the 200 Individual Medley as well as being part of record breaking relay teams this season.

ming have seen success this season. For the boys' team, Evan Russo broke the record twice in the 100 breaststroke and is looking to do it again at

The girls' team has broken multiple records this season as well. Caelyn Smith has broken the 200 IM twice while Jiang has consistently broken records in diving. The 200 Medley Relay team of Caelyn Smith, Caroline Bishop, Ava Pitman, and Laura Bolduc has broken the record twice and the 400 Free Relay team of Laura Bolduc, Allison Bishop, Ava Pitman, and Caelyn Smith tied the record this season.

Unified Basketball: Fun For Players and Fans

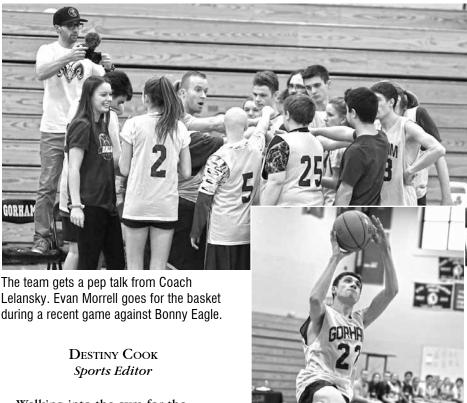


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Walking into the gym for the Gorham Unified Basketball game against Bonny Eagle on February 6, the stands were full of fans from both sides. As the players took the floor for warm ups, there were high fives and hugs among the players and cheers from the stands. There was an undeniable energy from the crowd.

Last year, GHS seniors Courtney Brent and Tom Nelson approached **Community Based Education** Teacher, Eric Lelansky, and Athletic Director, Tim Spear, with the idea of starting a team in Gorham. They had heard about the Unified program's success in other schools and wanted to bring it to Gorham.

A unified team allows student athletes with developmental disabilities to experience what it's like to play alongside non-varsity partners without developmental disabilities. Coach Eric Lelansky said, "The kids on the team seem to really enjoy the opportunity to compete and be part of the camaraderie that comes along with being part of a team."

Brent said, "Ever since Tom and I created the Unified team at GHS, I've grown relationships with people that I never would have expected to. I've gained an awareness of other people's situations and I'm so grateful for that. I'm lucky to have gotten the

opportunity to be a part of a team as special as this one."

Nelson added, "I was excited to help get the Unified program established because it's important to give these athletes a chance to show their skills on the court and to create friendships within our community. I've watched the players grow both on and off the court. Watching them grow in their confidence and their game is definitely the most rewarding experience. I am very thankful to have met such awesome people."

Returning student athletes, Evan Morrell, Brian Edwards, Andrea Thibeault and River Cummings all had a passion for the game before having the opportunity to play in the Unified League, each bringing their own style and tenacity to the team. New players this year include Niko Gagne, Brice Lyon, and Michaela

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Knights of Columbus Free Throw Competition Results



The Gorham Knights of Columbus held their annual basketball free throw event on January 12 at Shaw Gym. The competition is open to boys and girls ages 9-14. Winners of the local competition advance to the State Tournament to be held in Orono on March 9. Ben Michaud of the Gorham KOC is pictured with the winners (left to right): Antoine Dube (age 9), Jack Cyr (age 10), and Garrett Poulin (age 11).

USM Huskies Celebrate Connection with the Town



The University of Southern Maine and the Town of Gorham have a longstanding partnership of programs and outreach. On February 6, USM and the Huskies Athletic Department held "Gorham Night," one of the many events held to honor the connection between the University and the Town of Gorham. Above, members of the Gorham Rec Dept. 3rd and 4th grade girls' basketball program were welcomed onto the court during the evening.

Unified Basketball

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As the lone senior student athlete, Evan Morrell took the floor for the first time during the game, cooly went down the court, and made his first shot of the game for three points. According to Morrell, that's one of his favorite things, and the crowd went wild.

"Evan is definitely one of the leaders of our team. He is extremely enthusiastic and always looks for ways to improve and help the team," Lelansky said. He also shared that Evan's passion and intensity for the game is fun to watch.

Morrell has enjoyed his time on the Unified Basketball team; he is also manager for the girls' varsity basketball team. He shared, "I will miss being on the court with my team and all the laughs." He said he will also miss meeting new friends from other schools.

After graduation, Morrell looks forward to continuing his work at Gorham House Nursing Home and possibly working at Job Corps or in the cafeteria at Maine Medical Center

While one of its leaders will move on, the Unified team will continue to grow and new leaders will emerge. "The Unified team has positively impacted the entire culture at GHS. The athletes are constantly receiving positive feedback and attention during the school day and it has really made them feel great," said Lelansky.

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OF INTEREST

The White Rock Community Clubhouse, 34 Wilson Rd., will hold a Bean Supper on Saturday, March 2, from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Homemade kidney and pea beans, hot dogs, coleslaw, potato salad, macaroni and cheese, homemade biscuits, as well as homemade pies for dessert. Adults: \$8/Children under 12: \$4. FMI, whiterockcommunityclub@gmail.com.

The Gorham Lions Club will meet on Tuesday, Feb. 26, at 6:30 p.m., Old Elmwood School House on South Street (Rte. 114). New members always welcome. FMI, 929-9182.

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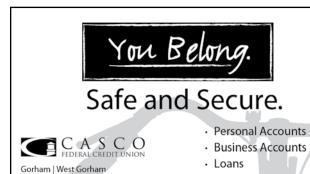
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First Parish Church, 1 Church Street, will hold a Chicken Pie Supper on Saturday, March **2**, from 5-6:30 p.m. \$10 adults/ \$5 children under 12. FMI 839-6751.

Kathy Baxter of Gorham served as guest speaker at the February meeting of the Maine Beta chapter of Alpha Delta Kappa, an international altruistic organization for teachers and retired teachers. Baxter, representing the Southern Maine Agency on Aging, shared the many services available for the aging and those who are caregivers for the aging. The Agency, located on Rte. 1 in Scarborough, welcomes inquiries at 1-800-427-7411.



SENIOR PROGRAMS

Senior Meal Site will be held on Wednesdays at 12 p.m., St. Anne's Church, 299 Main St. Cost is \$4. Volunteers are needed to assist in meal prep and clean up. FMI call 839-4857 or 222-1630.

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

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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.

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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.

USM NOTES

The University of Southern Maine Art Galleries will present the creative work of 20 art faculty members with an open reception on March 3 from 5-7 p.m. The exhibit will feature a variety of media including photography, drawing, painting, sculpture, ceramics, installation and digital art. FMI call 780-5008 or visit cms.usm.maine.edu/gallery.

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Faculty Concert Series, Anastasia Antonacos, piano: Celebrating Chamber Music Within Our Communities. March 2 at 8 p.m. Corthell Concert Hall, USM Gorham Campus. \$15/adults, \$10/seniors, \$5/students, USM employees and alumni. FMI usm.maine.edu/music/theatre.



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Longfellow Road man had jammed a finger earlier in the evening and was in pain. He spoke with an officer who told him not to call 911 again.

Simona Shores Drive caller reported criminal mischief. Officer saw several kids playing in a tree fort behind the houses but did not observe any criminal activity.

State St. caller reported harassment. Officer advised if he continued to contact/harass the other party, a harassment order would be issued.

Rust Road caller reported gunfire down the road. Caller knew they hunted and did not want area checked but wanted gunfire to be noted.

Officer responded to Maple Ridge Road for report of barking dogs. There was an electric fence to keep dogs in yard but it does not stop them from barking. Officer was unable to contact dog owners.

Suspicious person on Longfellow Road had parked to wait for a call from ex-boyfriend. She had just been through a hard break-up and needed to get away from home while she took the call. She appeared to be very upset and her eyes were red from crying. She continued on her way.

Ridgefield Drive caller received a call from someone claiming to be from Publisher's Clearing House saying she had won a prize and needed to provide her credit card information to secure the prize. Caller hung up and did not provide any information.

Officer saw a vehicle backed up to the snowblowers at Gorham Hardware. Vehicle belonged to a worker closing up the store and talking to the store owner.

Woman on County Road was walking to the bus stop with her luggage. Officer escorted her to Main St. to the Concord Trailways bus stop.

Bouchard Drive caller requested a temporary inspection permit allowing him to drive his vehicle to the inspection station. Permit was issued.

Caller reported a disabled truck on South St. The truck was not disabled but rather could not fit into driveway. Driver made a turn and was able to make the delivery.

Beverly Lane caller reported a bat loose in her house. When officer arrived, she did not know where bat was. She was told to call the warden service if she saw it again.

Suspicious person on Main St. was a man waiting for his wife.

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- Yoga Frog and Mindful Monkeys 10-10:30 a.m. (ages 3-7) 10:30-11 a.m. (ages 8-12) **Baxter Memorial Library**
- Ice Castles 6-6:45 p.m. Baxter Memorial Library

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 22

Pom-Pom Pals (all ages) 10 a.m.-1 p.m Baxter Memorial Library

MONDAY FEBRUARY 25

• Toddler Discovery Time (18-36 mos), 10-10:30 a.m. Baxter Memorial Library

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 26

Preschool Discovery Time (3-5 yrs), 9:30 -10:15 a.m. Baxter Memorial Library

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 28

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