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## Initial GHS Renovation Estimate of \$96M Announced

KATHY CORBETT  
Staff Writer

The architectural firm of Harriman Architects and Engineers announced its initial estimate for the proposed additions and renovations to Gorham High School at a meeting of the GHS Building Committee on March 12. Superintendent Heather Perry gave assurances that the \$96,798,527 estimate will change significantly before being finalized.

"This number is way too high," she said, "and we need to find ways to get it down." She announced that the process is set up for the Building Committee to have intensive discussion over the next two months about "needs versus wants."

In addition to the Building Committee, made up of representatives from the Town Council, School Department, parents, students, and community members, Gorham residents will have opportunities to provide feedback through surveys and public meetings.

"The initial number is an estimate only," Perry said, "and is not be the final number Gorham taxpayers will be asked to support when the project is brought to referendum, hopefully this year in November."

The estimate is based on renovating the existing high school and building an additional two-story classroom wing. The new facility is projected to serve up to 1,100 students in grades 9-12. Currently, there are 868 students in a building constructed for 750 students. By 2028-29 the student population is expected to be 975.

The GHS Building Committee has identified other needs to be addressed by the project. These include the size of classrooms, programmatic needs, student safety, undersized cafeteria space, lack of parking, overused and outdated athletic fields, undersized nursing clinic space, and storage needs.

The proposed project would eliminate modular classrooms, move Adult Education from the middle school, replace some or all current building systems (heating, plumbing, electrical, etc.), reduce square foot cost of operations and maintenance, and

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## Removal of Deed Restrictions on Robie Park Concerns Neighbors

EDMUND RICKER  
Staff Writer

In the fall of 2018, restrictions that prohibit development of the parcel of land known as Robie Park were removed by the Town of Gorham. These restrictions had been in place since 1915, when the land was sold to the Town for the sum of one dollar by Percival P. Baxter. The Gorham Village Corporation oversaw Robie Park, but this entity was dissolved in the 1970's. A search of the Maine.gov website revealed no further information regarding the Gorham Village Corporation.

The process of removing the restriction was begun by previous Town Manager, David Cole, in August of 2017 when the Town believed it might need the land for future use and lifting the restrictions gave them options. Ephrem Paraschak continued this work when he assumed the role of Town Manager in September of the same year.

The Town followed the normal process to announce public hearings which usually includes running an ad in the Gorham Times. Paraschak believes an ad was run in the Gorham Times also requesting information regarding the Gorham Village Corporation or anyone with knowledge of the entity, with no



Photo credit Leslie Dupuis

The current GHS renovation proposal includes changes to the current green space at Robie Park.

resulting information.

The town attorney filed a legal action with the state, whose responsibility it is to represent defunct entities such as the Gorham Village Corporation. After public hearings were held in April 2018 and again in the fall of 2018, the deed restrictions were officially lifted.

Paraschak stated that as it is now, the restrictions have been lifted, but no official decision has been made to use the park for any other purpose. There

is a concept plan for expansion of the current high school, but the plan is only a concept and could drastically change before any final decisions have been made.

Residents living in the neighborhoods surrounding Robie Park expressed concerns about losing the green space of Robie Park, increased traffic due to the removal of the access road, and a general lack of consideration by the Town

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## Flowfold Collaborates with LL Bean on Specialized Bean Boot Product



Photos courtesy of Flowfold

The Flowfold team is shown with samples of the new L.L. Bean Boot being manufactured using the Gorham company's exclusive X-Pac sailcloth-type fabric.

JOHN ERSEK  
Staff Writer

Flowfold, a Gorham-based company which focuses on manufacturing innovative, specialized casual and outdoor gear using recycled sailcloth and other high-tech fabric has recently attained two notable achievements in its development as a new entrant in Maine's small business environment. Flowfold was founded on Peaks Island in 2010 by Charles Friedman and three friends whom he met while attending the University of Maine in Orono.

Now based in the Gorham Industrial Park after a move from Scarborough early this year, the company was honored by the U.S. Small Business Administration in late 2018 for the innovative products it had introduced up to that point, as well as its emphasis on recycling, the environment, and its commitment to manufacturing high quality, American-made products.

CEO James Morin said, "Our offices

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# Serving on the Taxation Committee

REP. MAUREEN TERRY

As April 15 approaches, most of us are thinking about our taxes. Serving on the Taxation Committee, I see how our policies on tax revenue and exemptions wind their way into the lives of Mainers every day. I see that our own natural desire to hold on to every cent we earn, shadows the needs of our state, our community's needs and some of our own needs. This is a tough balancing act, but I believe that we can position ourselves to be fair to everyone in our state from the most successful businesses to the most vulnerable among us.

With my fellow members of the Taxation Committee, we have been reviewing a wide variety of bills relating to how we fund the State's needs and who requires tax relief. These have included bills about sales tax exemptions for parent-teacher organizations, tax exemptions for those who serve, eliminating sales tax on feminine hygiene products and property tax relief for new homeowners. On the Committee, I have been working alongside my colleagues, regardless of political party, to create an equitable and solid tax base for Mainers.

As you know, high property taxes have placed a burden on a fair amount of Gorham families. Throughout my campaign for reelection last year, I heard from those families and small business owners who were struggling because of their property taxes. This issue has put a

lot of stress on our community and will continue to do so when deciding on school improvements. Because of this, bringing property tax relief to the people of Gorham remains a priority of mine.

There are currently many bills before the Legislature aimed at providing property tax relief. I am proud to be cosponsoring two of them: LD 1158, An Act To Provide Property Tax Relief, and LD 1242, An Act To Reintroduce the State Property Tax Deferral Program for Seniors. The first bill, amends the property tax fairness credit under income tax laws and changes the formula for calculating homeowner's property taxes to relate more fairly to their income. The second bill, reinstates the property tax deferral program for qualifying senior homeowners.

Given the impact of high property taxes on our community, I encourage you to track these bills on the Maine Legislature's website ([www.legislature.maine.gov](http://www.legislature.maine.gov)) and attend their public hearings. With these bills, coupled with the Governor's biannual budget transferring a larger percentage of school funding from municipalities to the State, we are making progress to bring some property tax relief to our community. However, we still have a tremendous amount of work ahead us.

While we need to ensure that we are providing tax relief where it is needed, we need to always remember what our taxes afford us to do, like pay our public school teachers,

pay for infrastructure repairs and improvements and support all law enforcement. We must also invest. We must improve broadband, invest in new business development and workforce development, to name a few, in order for our state to grow.

There are so many programs that Mainers can use for tax relief. Do you file for the Homestead exemption? How about the Sales Tax Fairness Credit? Do you qualify for Childcare Expenses Credits? CA\$H Maine can find all the credits and rebates you may qualify for. CA\$H Maine is a collaboration of organizations across the state that work together to provide free tax preparation and other financial services for Mainers who meet the income requirements. For more information about services, visit: [www.cashmaine.org](http://www.cashmaine.org).

It is an honor to continue to serve our community in Augusta. As always, I encourage my neighbors in House District 26 to contact me with their ideas, questions and concerns. The best way for me to serve our community's needs is by hearing from you.



Rep. Maureen "Mo" Terry is serving her second term in the Maine House of Representatives. She is a chef and small business owner with more than 30 years of experience in the food service industry. She serves on the Taxation Committee. (207) 712-9735, (800) 423-2900, [maureen.terry@legislature.maine.gov](mailto:maureen.terry@legislature.maine.gov).

## Around Town

Goodwill is no longer accepting donations at its Main St. location. All donations must be brought to Goodwill by the Pound in the Gorham Industrial Park.

Copper Door Salon on Mechanic Street is closing and Gorham Hair & Co., currently located next to Mr. Bagel, will move to that location.

Spaw, a dog grooming business, will move into the location next to Mr. Bagel vacated by Gorham Hair & Co.

Kristo Papalia plans to open a pizza restaurant in the former Tots for Teens site on lower Main St.

The DOT has not put the Main St. project out to bid, however, it will provide matching funds (50/50) for smaller projects, such as building sidewalks to Narragansett School.

## Robie Park CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

and the School Board for the impacts this potential change has on local property owners.

Claire Miner believes the expansion of Robie Park, which is actively used by residents, could start a trend of dedicated green space being used for expansion. She also wants to ensure that there remains a buffer between residences and any future expansion.

Jim Edwards, a resident of Gorham since 1999, feels like the removal of deed restrictions goes against the spirit of the original intent of the land being donated to the Town. Edwards shared a copy of the original deed with the Gorham Times and pointed out that the words "solely for PARK PURPOSES" were underlined for emphasis. While Edwards has a child in the Gorham schools and realizes there are needs for future expansion

of the high school, he does not feel like the Town and School Board are taking the neighbors into consideration.

He reiterated that the neighboring residents would like to keep as much green space as possible and minimize the negative affects of any high school expansion. He also mentioned a slippery slope where using a little portion of Robie Park for the high school expansion could easily turn into a lot. He acknowledged that adjustments had already been made to the high school concept plan to include removal of parking along Ball Park Road, which had initially raised tremendous concern with neighbors.

This is certain to be an item of interest to all Gorham residents for the foreseeable future and one that could have lasting impacts for years to come.

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# CBD American Shaman



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Owners Wayne and Deb Werts sell high quality CBD products at their new store on Elm Street.

DIANE ABRAMSON  
Staff Writer

CBD American Shaman, located at 18 Elm Street Unit 2, is now open for business. CBD American Shaman is a nationwide company with over 300 locations, the Gorham store being the first in Maine. The company prides itself on producing and selling high quality CBD products which are gluten free, organic, non-GMO, and with no heavy metals or insecticides.

Cannabidiol (CBD) is a natural, non-intoxicating constituent of hemp oil with low levels of THC and is legal in all 50 states. According to Wayne Werts, owner of CBD American Shaman in Gorham, CBD is effective against a multitude of diseases and is known to help relieve a wide-range of medical problems including pain, anxiety, and inflammation. CBD products include body lotion, tinctures, capsules, edibles, topical serums, concentrates, and creams.

Although CBD American Shaman is a business looking to sell product, for Werts, his goal is to educate the public and his consumers on what CBD is. The marijuana plant is made up of two parts – CBD and THC (tetrahydrocannabinol). THC is responsible for the euphoric, psychoactive or 'high' feeling users experience. CBD products contain little to no THC, thereby eliminating any feelings of sedation or intoxication.

"CBD is a safe, legal product, and we have received feedback from numerous customers that is has

helped relieve pain, anxiety, inflammation, and countless other health problems," said Werts.

According to Werts, what sets CBD American Shaman apart from other CBD retailers is that the franchise uses nanotechnology to refine hemp oil, bringing it back to its most bio-active and natural state. "This process makes hemp oil concentrate much more potent, making our products faster and more efficiently absorbed by the body," he added.

Werts, his wife Deb, and their two partners chose Gorham for their store's site due to the location, accessibility, and receptiveness of the town. "The Code Enforcement Officer, Fire Marshall, and Planning Board made our move into Gorham seamless. They were extremely accommodating and helpful. Likewise, the residents and small-business owners of Gorham have been welcoming and open to our business. We've found that the residents want to understand and learn about our business and CBD. We are not a dispensary, and people recognize that."

As a former firefighter and paramedic, Werts is giving back by providing a 10% discount on all purchases by veterans, fire, police, and EMS personnel with identification.

The store is open Tuesday-Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, visit [www.cbdsouthernmaine.com](http://www.cbdsouthernmaine.com). Wayne can be reached at 207-222-0067 or by emailing [wayne@cbdsouthernmaine.com](mailto:wayne@cbdsouthernmaine.com).

# Gorham Grad Bringing a Bit of NYC to Town

DIANE ABRAMSON  
Staff Writer

Born and raised in Gorham, singer and business owner Karen Nason is excited to be returning home...and in a big way. She will be opening Grand Central Wine Bar at 7 Railroad Avenue in the new Station Square building.

"I graduated from Gorham High School, started my first business at age 16 delivering Broadway Birthday grams, and was a famous singer throughout the state. I love Maine and am excited to be coming back."

Nason, who moved to New York City at the age of 21, is designing her bar to be reminiscent of Grand Central Station with gold hues, teal green ceilings, and a baby grand piano. "I began my career in New York City as a singer at the famed Elaine's bar and restaurant on the Upper East Side. Owner Elaine Kaufman was like a second mother to me."

In returning to Gorham, she said, "I want to create a space where USM students, local musicians, and artists can display their talent. I want to give back and help others as Elaine helped me when I was first starting out – I want to be the Elaine of Maine."

While in New York City, Nason opened a plant store called the "King and I" and soon became known as the 'plant lady to the stars' catering to such names as Johnny Depp, David Bowie, and Peter Gabriel. When high rent costs crept into her New York neighborhood, Nason moved to Hoboken, New Jersey where she continued her entrepreneurial endeavors opening Hoboken Hothouse, combination plant shop,



Photo courtesy of Karen Nason

Karen Nason, right, is shown with Amanda Ramsdell of Gorham Savings Bank.

café, and jazz club. Eventually, "I ended up running for mayor in Hoboken. I knew I wasn't going to win but I wanted to bring attention to the lack of arts and culture in the area."

Now, Nason will be bestowing her years of business ownership experience, talent, and radiant personality upon Gorham when Grand Central Wine Bar opens this summer. "I am not here to compete with other bars. I want to work with other small business owners, give back to the community, and create a place where you can have a great glass of wine, enjoy some charcuterie, and take pleasure in talented artists."

Grand Central Wine Bar will be opening soon – spiral staircase, beautiful palms, and Grand Central clock included.



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# Health Insurance and Confusion

MIKE SMITH

Medical insurance is confusing for many of us on the provider side and even more confusing for consumers. Most peoples' medical plans renew every January. Whether you work for yourself and are buying your own individual plan, or work for a private or publicly traded company, your deductibles reset to zero. So if your deductible is \$3000, then you have to spend that amount out of your own pocket for most services before your insurance will begin to pay a percentage of cost. That percentage may only be 70-80% until you meet your maximum out of pocket expense, which could be another \$3000. Then your insurance plan will pay 100% to the providers.

Some people may also have co-pays per visit to specific providers and/or co-insurance, which is a percentage of payment per visit to a provider. This can be very confusing. In addition, as the New Year begins, subtle policy changes in your coverage may be made which may be missed because we do not read the fine print. We often take for granted that we are "covered" for any medical problem but that is not always true.

Most providers will try to verify a person's benefits. This courtesy is done to protect both the consumer and provider. However, whether the

information is coming from a representative on the phone or is web based, it may not always be timely or accurate, which can be frustrating for both parties. Speaking to a representative of your insurance carrier prior

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FOR PATIENTS WHO MAY NEED AN ELECTIVE SURGERY SUCH AS A KNEE REPLACEMENT OR ROTATOR CUFF REPAIR, I SUGGEST THAT IF POSSIBLE, THEY NOT WAIT UNTIL THE END OF THE YEAR. IF THEY WAIT TOO LONG AND NEED ANCILLARY SERVICES LIKE THERAPY FOR THEIR RECOVERY, THEY MAY HAVE TO PAY MORE OUT OF POCKET WHEN THE NEW YEAR RESETS THEIR DEDUCTIBLE.

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to using your coverage for anything beyond a visit to the family doctor or an emergency room is recommended. If you work for a company, the HR person can often walk someone through their benefits.

A representative from a national insurance carrier spoke years ago at a symposium for healthcare providers. He was bombarded with questions and complaints about policy coverages. Some of the complaints were warranted, but he made one very

valid point. He explained that most consumers know more about their auto coverage than their medical coverage. For the most part, medical insurance benefits have become much more diverse and confusing. There are sometimes too many choices available for the consumer within the company's coverage. To complicate matters, no one can predict their healthcare needs for the coming year, especially if you have children.

For patients who may need an elective surgery such as a knee replacement or rotator cuff repair, I suggest that if possible, they not wait until the end of the year. If they wait too long and need ancillary services like therapy for their recovery, they may have to pay more out of pocket when the new year resets their deductible.

These comments mostly pertain to commercial insurance. Medicare advantage and supplement plans are managed differently. Once someone is eligible for Medicare at age 65, they have to choose a plan that will cover the 20% that the federal government does not cover, a so-called "Gap Plan." The two options are a "supplemental" plan that has monthly premiums with small deductibles and minimal copays, and "Advantage" plans that are much cheaper in terms of premiums but copays can be very high when accessing specialists. Also, once a Medicare eligible person chooses their plan, they have a three-year period as a trial. At that point they can keep the plan or choose the alternate one. However, once they make the decision at the three-year mark they cannot switch back. It is a difficult choice, again because predicting one's health care needs looking forward is nearly impossible.

As health care consumers, we have to be diligent and understand our medical benefits so we are not blindsided by big payments and large bills.



Mike Smith is a physical therapist and athletic trainer and owner of Village Physical Therapy on Main Street in Gorham.

expand parking.

Daniel Cecil of Harriman, who gave the presentation, said his firm will begin by going over the estimator's numbers to see if they can reduce some estimated costs. Over the next several months they will be working with the Building Committee to seek "alternative ways to achieve goals that save money."

Cecil noted that construction costs are rising, driven by an extremely competitive market, increasing supply costs, and difficulty recruiting skilled workers. This not only affects new construction but also renovations because "existing systems such as those for air quality are out-of-date and will need to be upgraded." According to Norm Justice, Gorham Schools' Facilities and Transportation Director, there could be millions of dollars in deferred renewal of systems alone.

The Committee is looking at proposed site plans with cost breakdowns by building areas. The estimated cost for the building and pad is \$77,460,231 which comes to \$263 per square foot, which Cecil said was in line with similar projects. Other estimated costs of about \$18,500,000 would be for items such as moveable equipment, technology, administrative costs, fees, services, and reserves. Some of these estimated expenses are based on a percentage and could be less, in part because some furnishings from the existing building will be retained.

A separate committee, the Athletic Capital Campaign Committee (ACCC), is working to raise funds for new and improved athletic facilities. These costs are estimated to be about \$10,000,000 and are not included in this estimate.

Further information including documents that support the estimate and site maps are available from the Gorham High School Building Project link on the Gorham School District website.

There was a joint Town Council and School Committee meeting on Tuesday, March 19, which was open to the public but there was no time slated for public comment. A Community Forum is planned for March 26 at 6 p.m. at Gorham High School. This will provide an opportunity for residents to ask questions and express opinions about the project.

The Building Committee will meet on April 11 and April 25 and, as Perry said, will work diligently to find ways to reduce overall anticipated costs "while still meeting the long-term educational needs of students for the next 20+ years."

As one committee member put it, "We need to find that sweet spot between what our community will support and the educational needs of our students."

*The Gorham Times is aware that residents have many questions and concerns about the building project estimate. We will continue to research and address them in the next issue.*

*There will be a public forum on March 26 at 6 p.m. at Gorham High School.*

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# Town Council Meeting

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Staff Writer

Councilor Shepard reported that the Ordinance committee met and discussed impact fees, municipal road acceptances and an invasive plant species ordinance. They are still discussing these issues and waiting for input from the Planning Board.

Councilor Wilder Cross reported that the Appointments Committee met several times and filled all vacancies for various Town Boards and Committees.

Town Manager Paraschak reported that there will be a second Planning Board meeting on March 18. He also mentioned that the Gorham Marketplace will be held at USM on March 30 and invited all to attend. Paraschak reminded residents of the road postings throughout the town and asked all heavy trucks to abide by the closings.

The Town Council repealed the Town of Gorham's Coin Operated Amusement Device Ordinance last updated June 3, 1997.

Liquor License renewals were issued to Gorham Country Club, located at 93 McLellan Road, and to MK Kitchen, LLC, located at 2 School Street.

The Town Council issued Massage Licenses to the following:

Christina M. Downs and Audrey Austin of 510 Main Street Group

Chelsea Jackson, Christeen Christensen, and Cheron Pillsbury of Theriault Chiropractic & Massage of Gorham

Natalie Poulin of Skin & Body of Gorham

Elizabeth Berks of Liz Berks Massage Therapist

The resignation of Ed Zelmanow from the Planning Board was accepted

and is to be effective immediately. The Town Council expressed its appreciation for his service on the Planning Board and to the community.

The following appointments to various Town Boards and Committees as recommended by the Appointments Committee as follows:

Planning Board: George Fox, Scott Firmin, Molly Butler Baily, Jim Anderson (term expires 2021)

GEDC: Brenda Caldwell, Arthur Handman, Brian Rancourt

Board of Appeals: Charles Haws, Christine Hume, Craig Sterling

Fair Hearing Board: Johanna Hanselman, Charles Athansion

Conservation Commission: Rob Lavoie, William Moreno, Thomas Mazza

Board of Voter Registration Appeals: Sharon Grant, Joseph Grumbach

Board of Trustees Baxter Memorial Library: David Arthur Fogg, Gerry Day, Barbara McLean

Historic Preservation Commission: Michael Towle, Marylee Dodge

Board of Assessment Review: Kathy Feldman

Revolving Loan Fund Committee: Brenda Caldwell (term expires 2020), Brian Rancourt, (term expires 2020), Dan Nichols (term expires 2020), Rebecca Winslow (term expires 2021), Edward Doyle (term expires 2021), Jeremy Hanken (term expires 2022), April Edwards (term expires 2022)

The Town Council instructed staff to standardize the appointment process of all Council appointed boards and committees to align to the first regular meeting in April each year. Staff must also provide information on available trainings and Freedom of Access laws to committee members.

The full meeting minutes are available at [www.gorham-me.org](http://www.gorham-me.org).

# Marketplace 2019

GORHAM TIMES STAFF

Each spring, GBE holds its Marketplace at USM's Costello Field House. The event draws thousands of shoppers who come to see goods and services offered by member businesses. This year, the 22nd Annual Marketplace will be held on March 30 from 10 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The mission of Marketplace is to showcase quality products and services available in Gorham. The event will include a food court, farmer's market, entertainment, live demonstrations, and children's activities including a visit by Slugger the Sea Dog.

Shoppers can sample food from area eateries, enjoy local talent, sign up for vendors' prizes, and have a chance to win cash prizes. Admission is free and a shuttle bus will be available between parking lots.

The Gorham Food Pantry will also have a table where food and cash donations can be dropped off. The following items are currently needed: dry cereal/flavored oatmeal, canned plain tomato sauce, cream soups, toothbrushes, toothpaste, liquid dish detergent, jelly (squeeze is best), kid's snacks, bottled fruit juices, snack sized fruit juices, canned pears or peaches, and boxed potato mixes.

For more information, visit [www.gorhambusiness.org](http://www.gorhambusiness.org).

MARCH 4, 2019

# Planning Board Meeting

Pheasant Knoll's proposal to amend Pheasant Knoll Contract Zoning Agreement between Kasprzak Landholdings, Inc. and the Town of Gorham was recommended to the Town Council for adoption.

A proposed amendment to Chapter 1, Section 1-14, Office Residential District, to allow personal services and professional out-patient clinics in the Office Residential zone was recommended to the Town Council for adoption.

Nouria Energy Little Falls LLC's request for approval of a nonconforming sign at the Lil' Mart at 688 Gray Road was approved.

Plowman Development Group, LLC's request for approval of a 16-unit condominium development (Grady Farm Subdivision) located at 136 South Street was given preliminary approval with conditions of approval.

Kasprzak Landholdings, Inc.'s request

for approval for 60 duplex condominium units was given preliminary approval (Pheasant Knoll Condominiums Subdivision Phases 4-6 -Stonefield, Windswept and Winding Ridge Condominiums at Pheasant Knoll).

S.B. Enterprises' request for approval of Phase 2 of the Tannery Brook subdivision by extending Tannery Brook Road to access 14 new single family lots, served by municipal water and individual subsurface sewage disposal systems, was approved.

Simona Shores Properties, LLC's request for approval to add one additional duplex and a 35-foot extension to Simona Shores Drive was continued to March 18 meeting due to observance of 10:00 o'clock rule.

A proposed amendment to regulate the growing of personal adult-use marijuana was continued to March 18 meeting due to observance of 10:00 o'clock rule.

## Seeking Distribution Volunteer

The *Gorham Times* is seeking a volunteer to distribute papers to 10 locations along Route 25 west of the village, beginning at Edgewood Animal Hospital and ending at Gorham Auto Care. Time commitment is less than one hour every other week.

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## Flowfold Collaborates with LL Bean CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

in Scarborough weren't optimized for manufacturing and our R&D needs. In the beginning, we weren't specifically looking to buy in Gorham. The building itself wasn't ideal for our brand. It was designed for small offices and cold storage so it was a little dark and dusty. We worked with Maine Manufacturing Extension partnership to optimize our floor layout and created a new lean manufacturing system based on Japanese Kanban (Just in Time) principles. All said, we couldn't be happier about being in Gorham and will be staying here for the long haul."

Flowfold's line of rugged, lightweight products include specialized wallets, ultralight backpacks, tote bags, duffle bags, dog collars, and dog leashes. Altogether, the company, which currently employs eight full time employees in Gorham, has about thirty product lines. Approximately 35 to 40 percent of the company's fabrics are made from recycled sailcloth. The rest is sourced from a contract manufacturer in Connecticut. All of Flowfold's products are made by hand.

On March 3, Flowfold was chosen as one of the three finalists in the annual Greenlight Maine "pitch-off" competition. This year's live pitch-off will take place on Saturday, March 23, at the University of Maine's Hauck Auditorium in Orono. The winning company will receive a \$100,000 cash prize and will be featured the following day on Greenlight Maine's regular Sunday morning television show.

Another significant achievement for Flowfold took place on February

28, when L.L. Bean, who had been selling a number of Flowfold's other products since 2015, announced that it would be partnering with Flowfold to create and sell a specialized version of Bean's signature Bean Boot. This is the first co-branded Bean Boot since the company's founder, Leon Leonwood Bean, began making and selling the Maine Hunting Shoe in 1912.

The new line of co-branded Bean Boots utilizes Flowfold's exclusive X-Pac sailcloth-type fabric, which has specialized water resistant, lightweight properties. The line also features different styles and colors, compared to L.L. Bean's more traditional Bean Boots.

In a recent press release, Tom Armstrong, L.L. Bean's chief merchandising officer said, "L.L. Bean Boots remain highly relevant today because of how innovative they were when L.L. first designed them. We're always proud to continue that legacy of innovation with products designed for everyone to enjoy the outdoors, and the collaboration is an exciting new step for both Bean Boots and our partnership with Flowfold."

Morin commented, "We've brought together innovation and tradition in one of the outdoor industry's most iconic products. These boots look and feel like no other Bean Boot, and yet they're authentic to both brands. Collaborations like this are exactly what our industry needs to stay fresh, and we are humbled to be part of the design history of this globally recognized footwear."

## Celebrate Spring with Baxter Memorial Library's Offerings

BAXTER MEMORIAL LIBRARY STAFF

The Youth Services Department is happy to announce our Let's Move in Libraries Collection. This new collection features backpacks available for checkout that contain all the essentials to do yoga at home, go bird watching, or train your dog. Let's Move in Libraries is a national project that focuses on supporting health and wellness with physical activity. Heidi Whelan, our Youth Services Librarian, serves on their advisory board and has worked to incorporate movement into Baxter Memorial Library's discovery times and other programs.

Did you know that reading to animals can boost reading skills while also helping with emotional and social skills? With that in mind, we've added some furry library volunteers during the school year. First is the aptly named Baxter, a three year old standard poodle and certified therapy dog. Baxter visits the library on the first and third Tuesday of each month. We also have a rotating roster of animals from the Animal Refuge League of Greater Portland (ARLGP) who visit us once a month. ARLGP has brought a rabbit, a ferret, and a dog so far. We can't wait to see what they bring next! Call or visit the Children's Room for details and to schedule reading time with our furry friends.

Do you have plans for your Gorham



Photo courtesy Baxter Memorial Library

Let's Move backpacks are now available for checkout at the library.

School Early Release days? Drop them and visit the library instead! Every early release day we will be holding a program for ages 7-12 from 1:30-2:30 p.m. This year our programs will focus on STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math) projects.

Is there anything new for adults? Of course. Adult Services now has its own Graphic Novels collection and is purchasing more; suggestions are welcome. We've also added a jigsaw puzzle swap. You can now bring your old puzzles into the library and swap them for different ones.

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# Gorham Village Alliance Holds Community Workshop

ROGER MARCHAND  
Contributing Writer

Over ninety community members attended the Gorham Village Alliance (GVA) community vision workshop on March 11. Committee members Kathy Garrard and Dede Perkins explained that the vision and goals presented were based on town-wide surveys that were completed over a time period of close to a year. There were a total of 917 completed surveys, of which 95% of the responders stated that they lived in the greater village area.

The meeting was facilitated by Shanna Cox, a consultant from Project Tipping Point. She shared the results of the community surveys, the new GVA logo, and the vision of the GVA. She also explained that the GVA is officially a Downtown Network Community overseen by the Maine Downtown Center which will provide resources, training, and ideas to create a more vibrant and economically viable Gorham Village.

Based on the surveys, the top three suggestions for improvement to the village center besides shops, restaurants, and events were pedestrian pathways, flowers/landscaping, and green spaces. The surveys also indicated that residents believe attractive architecture is important for the downtown to thrive.

The main way people said they wanted to get around the village is on foot.

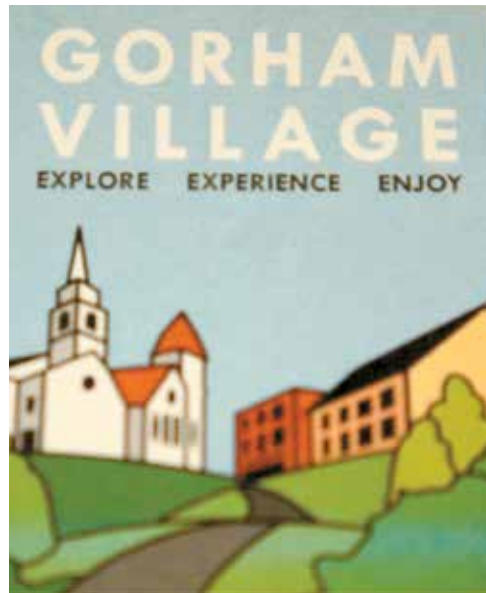


Photo credit Roger Marchand

The Gorham Village Alliance introduced a new logo at its recent Vision for the Village workshop (top left). Nearly 100 community members attended the meeting which was led by the Gorham Village Alliance Committee (bottom left - from l to r): Bruce Roullard, Dawna Lamson, David Willis, Shanna Cox (Project Tipping Point), Kathy Garrard, Joan Hopkins, Maureen Terry, Jessica Szafranski, and Dede Perkins. GVA members not shown: Sarah Jackson, Trish Moulton, and Dan Nichols.

On the other hand, it was clear that most people would need to drive into the village for activities so parking needs to be available. The report proposed two transformational strategies: creating engaging experiences on a regular basis, and developing safe, accessible, and pleasing ways to move around the village.

After the presentation, those in attendance were asked to break up into small groups and discuss different aspects of the report in order to incorporate their ideas and input on how to meet the goals and vision of making Gorham Village more vibrant, dynamic, and pedestrian friendly.

## Maine Maple Sunday on Tap This Weekend



Photo courtesy of James Lockman/Merrifield Farm

Zeke Lockman, of The Lockman Place, and Merrifield Farm are all stocked up for Maine Maple Sunday. Mark your calendars for Maine Maple Sunday on March 24. An annual celebration of the coming of spring, Maine Maple Sunday is a long standing tradition where Maine's maple producers open their doors for a day of educational demonstrations, Sugarbush tours, fun family activities and samplings of syrup and other great maple products.

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# Community Fundraiser to Help Student in Need - Kenny Strong

MICHELLE CARLSON  
Kenny Strong Committee Member

Gorham has been known to be a town full of politically-charged discussions, passionate clashes over school budgets, and lively banter about town growth. But, as often as our residents don't see eye-to-eye, they certainly prove to have one another's backs in times of trouble.

When a small group of parents from Narragansett heard that their karate-loving, lego-building, friend-to-everyone, third-grader, Kenny Reed, was seriously ill, they took the call to action.

Within a couple of weeks of the family receiving a diagnosis of Rhabdomyosarcoma, a very rare and aggressive form of childhood cancer, this group of parents started discussing how they could help.

"Kenny is going to kick cancer's butt and we are going to help him," said Crystal Shorey, who wrote in one of the groups' first Facebook discussions.

As news spread, family friends found their way to the Kenny Strong Facebook Group. To show support for the Reeds, t-shirts and bracelets were designed and sold and meals started to be delivered to the family.

Although chemotherapy has been



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The Reed family on a recent trip to Walt Disney World®. Pictured (left to right) are: Matt and Laura Reed, along with their children Kenny, Matt Jr., and Megan.

daunting and draining for Reed's nine-year-old body, it is only a portion of the treatment he will need to battle his disease. Reed and his family will be required to remain in Boston while he is closely monitored by doctors during the six weeks of radiation treatment that will be added to his current chemotherapy.

The Kenny Strong Committee realized they needed to think bigger than the initial t-shirt fundraiser. Their mission was to alleviate as many stressors on the family as possible, so Matt and Laura Reed could focus solely on their son. And with that, the "Our Superhero, Kenny Family Fun Fundraiser" event was born.

The fun-for-the-whole-family fundraiser will be held on March 31 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. at the Gorham Sports Center. While the children are working their wiggles out in the multiple bounce houses, testing their luck at four corners, their skill at corn hole and their agility with Ninja Frisbee, parents will be able to bid on hundreds of silent auction items donated by our generous community businesses, residents, and those from surrounding towns.

Auction items include camping trips, lawn treatments, hoverboards, gift cards towards body art, bowling packages, gym memberships, spa days, sports tickets, and home goods. And there will be plenty of other opportunities to win through multiple raffles and a 50/50 drawing.

Aimee Sargent voiced a shared feeling by the Kenny Strong Committee members, "I'm overwhelmed right now with the generosity of our community. It is said that it takes a village to raise

## Correction

Several Gorham High School seniors who are taking a college level Spanish course at the University of Southern Maine were omitted from the Second Quarter Honor Roll for 2018/19 in error due to USM's reporting by semester versus quarter. The following students should have been included:

### Grade 12 – High Honors

Melanie Wright

### Grade 12 – Honors

Courtney Brent  
Gabriella Gagne  
Kate Larkin  
Katelyn Smith

## School Notes

The Gorham High School (GHS) Music Department will be hosting a one-day Mattress Fundraiser this Sunday, March 24, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For one day only, GHS will be transformed into a mattress showroom. There will be 25 different mattress styles on display in all sizes in styles for customers to try, priced below retail. Adjustable power bases, premium pillows, bed frames, and mattress protectors will be available as well. Brands like Simmons Beautyrest come with full factory warranties, are made to order, and will be available 2-3 weeks after the fundraiser. Delivery is available. For information about the sale, go to <http://bit.ly/beds4gorham-music>, email [mlogue@customfundraisingsolutions.com](mailto:mlogue@customfundraisingsolutions.com) or call (207) 899-7533.

Superintendent Heather Perry posted her latest blog focused on announcing an upcoming parent event that will be geared towards parents of GMS students, but will also be open to all parents in the Gorham community, as well as updates on FY 20 budget development processes and updates on the GHS project work. Visit her blog at: <https://gorhamsuperintendent.blogspot.com/>.

a child. As mothers of young children, and as residents of Gorham, we could not be prouder of our village and its dedication to saving one of our children."

All proceeds from the event will go directly to the Reed family to help cover the costs of treatment and travel expenses associated with Reed's cancer treatment. To purchase Kenny Strong t-shirts or bracelets or to make contributions, visit <https://kenny-strong.cheddarup.com>.

If anyone is interested in volunteering at the event or would like to donate an auction item, please email [Michelleinmancarlson@yahoo.com](mailto:Michelleinmancarlson@yahoo.com).



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# School Budget Under Discussion

KATHY CORBETT  
Staff Writer

At its March 11 workshop, the Gorham School Committee (SC) continued discussion of the proposed F20 budget. There will be additional workshops on March 25 and April 1 at 7 p.m. in the Municipal Building. The meetings will be open to the public, but there will be no opportunity for comment. The public will be able to comment at the April 10 regular SC meeting. The committee will vote on the budget in April and send it to the Town Council for approval. A final budget will go before Gorham voters on June 4.

Superintendent Heather Perry submitted a budget of \$39,750,528 in February that was developed according to guidelines set by the School Department. Those guidelines stipulated that the budget was to reflect an increase in operation expenditures of no more than 2.75% over the FY19 budget. This involved a modest increase in expenditures for capital improvements (CIPS) and a 2.5% increase in operating costs which includes negotiated salary increases. The budget increase for F20 could only be about \$1M over F19.

To meet this target, the budget given to the SC eliminated six elementary

school teaching positions and one at Gorham Middle School (GMS), as well as some support staff. Reductions proposed also included eliminating seventh grade athletics.

In addition to setting a specific guideline for the budget proposal, the SC invited the district leadership team to join in workshop discussions and to provide answers to questions from committee members. Elementary school principals have encouraged SC members to reconsider eliminating teaching positions that would result in larger classes and have presented evidence highlighting not only an increase in students but also the greater number of students with special needs. The SC is also reevaluating eliminating the seventh grade athletic program. These discussions will continue until the final vote is taken in April.

As it is not yet known what the final figures will be for the FY20 state subsidy, the SC is using FY19 figures. The "Portland Press Herald," however, has published proposed figures that indicate Gorham, which saw a decrease last year, will see an increase of \$630,000 in its subsidy this year.

The proposed budget given to the SC in February can be found by clicking on About Us and the School Committee link on the Gorham School District website.

MARCH 13, 2019

# School Committee Meeting

KATHY CORBETT  
Staff Writer

Given the opportunity for public comment at the last regular meeting of the School Committee (SC), parents and second grade students from Narragansett Elementary School urged committee members to approve three third grade classes next year, instead of two now in the proposed budget, as a means to avoid class sizes of 26 students. Following the public comments, SC members encouraged anyone interested in communicating about the FY20 budget to email them with their concerns.

Ava Pitman, student SC member, gave an overview of activities at GHS. Superintendent Heather Perry announced the dates of upcoming budget workshops which include March 25 and April 1 as needed. She congratulated GMS Principal Bob Riley on his retirement at the end of the school year and thanked him for his service to the district. She congratulated Allie Rimkunas (GF) and Amy Cousins (GMS) for being selected as Art Educators of the year.

SC Chairman Darryl Wright, who also congratulated Riley, thanked the Gorham Police and Fire Departments as well as everyone who attended the memorial for Officer "Pooch" Drown. He announced that the Thought Exchange, which was used to solicit

ideas and opinions about the high school building project, had received more than 1,100 responses before it ended earlier this month. He reminded people that community input is an important part of the decision-making process.

Gifted & Talented Coordinator Diane Knott, who gave a short overview of the program, introduced several of her Great Falls students. As participants in Odyssey of the Mind and the STEM vehicle competitions, they expressed what being in the Student Advancement in Learning (SAIL) program meant to them. Students work together without adults on projects designed to encourage creative thinking and collaboration.

Tim Spear, Athletic Director, introduced five members of the Unified Basketball Team. He reported that more than 300 GHS students participate in athletics every season and that almost 60% of the student body are active in a program that costs only 2% of the budget. He highlighted the teams and student athletes from this past school year.

Special Education was the subject of Kathy Hamblen's overview. As Director of Special Services, she introduced Nicole Poole, her new assistant director, who is a special education strategist. With the increase in stu-

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# One Act Takes Gold



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Gorham High School's production of Melissa Cooper's short drama "Antigone Now" travelled to Caribou to perform at the regional Maine State Drama Festival on March 9. Drama Fest offers theater students from around the state the opportunity to connect, see each other's One Act productions, and get feedback from judges. The cast and crew of "Antigone Now" were thrilled to take first place at the Caribou festival, and will be proceeding to the state festival in Camden on March 22 and 23. Isaac Martel and Julia Ordway were recognized for excellence in acting by being named to the All Festival Cast; Olivia Paruk and Isabella VanZandt received commendation for hair and makeup; Isaac Martel and Olivia Paruk received commendation for Choral Arrangement; and the full cast was recognized for Excellent Ensemble. Pictured (left to right) Front Row: Orion Bissonnette, Lauren Preis, Isabella VanZandt, Olivia Paruk, Isaac Martel, Mason Hawkes, and Andrew Goschke; Middle Row: Emily Paruk, Caroline Dowdle, Annikka Mocchiola, and McKayla Taft; and Back Row: Sebastian Corbett (face hidden), Kathryn Morin, Lane Charlton, Julia Ordway, Shaline Erhardt, Sophie Lachance, Meghan Reidy, and Sierra Cummings.

# It's All in the Writing



Photo credit Jim Means

The Gorham Republican Committee announced the winners of its James Madison Excellence in Writing awards at the February School Committee meeting. Gorham Middle School (GMS) eighth-grader Trent Stevens won first place and was awarded \$250. Runners up Brady Smith and Grace Johnson (pictured above with GMS principal Bob Riley), also eighth-graders, each earned \$100. This was the sixth annual competition and is open to all students at GMS, home schools, or private schools. Alison House, Gorham Republican Committee Chair, explained that interested students investigate a question, formulate their opinion, and express their thoughts in essay format. "It gives students an opportunity to explore a topic about America not commonly addressed in today's classrooms and then demonstrate their critical thinking and writing skills," said House.

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## Maine Maple Sunday CONTINUED FROM PAGE 7

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**The Lockman Place**, 274 N Gorham Rd  
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**Some sugarhouses offer events on both Saturday and Sunday, so be sure to check the details for the spot you're planning to visit. For a complete listing of sugarhouses, their locations, activities and schedules, visit [www.mainemapleproducers.com](http://www.mainemapleproducers.com).**

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# Winter Sports Wrap Up

COMPILED BY DESTINY COOK  
Sports Editor

## BOYS' BASKETBALL

Mark Karter, coach of the Gorham Boys Basketball said the team enjoyed a very good season. They completed a tough schedule with an 11-7 record. Karter said, "Every game was a competitive event with Gorham scoring signature wins over Portland, Scarborough, Oxford Hills, and Thornton Academy."

The boys lost a tough home play-off game against Scarborough in the quarterfinals with a final score of 59-54 to end their season. Tyler Haines capped his high school career by being selected MVP of the team and recording All Conference honorable mention status. Grant Nadeau had a breakout season for Gorham and was selected All Conference Rookie of the Year. Bode Meader had a successful sophomore year and was selected to the All Conference Rookie Team. Thomas Nelson, Jordan Bretton, Nick Strout and Ryan Reno all played well for the Rams throughout the season, and the underclassmen are looking to work hard in the off season to come back stronger next year.

## GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Led by Coach Laughn Berthume the team finished with a record of 13-7. They went in as the 3rd seed in AA South and won a quarterfinal game over Sanford (6th seed) by 56-37. The team lost in the semi-final game to Scarborough, who went on to win the AA South Title.

During the season, Mackenzie Holmes (SR) set many records. Her single season records were the following: 595 points (senior year), 333 rebounds (senior year), and 112 blocked shots (junior year). Holmes' career records were 1745 points, 1018 rebounds, and 365 blocked shots. Holmes was the SMAA Player of the Year, SMAA All Defensive Team and a Miss Maine Basketball Finalist. She won Maine Gatorade Player of the Year (see page 13) and was a McDonald's All American Nominee. As a Maine McDonald's All Star, she competed in the All Star game on Saturday, March 9.

## BOYS' HOCKEY

Coach John Portwine said the boys made it to the Regional semifinals this year. "We set out to make it to this round when the season began so our goal was met," he said. Portwine said there were missed opportunities in the regular season which put them up against a great Greely team, but overall, he was pleased by the team's success.

The boys finished the season with an 11-9 record, and over half of their losses were by just one goal. Three seniors, Tanner Garand, Trevor Gray, and Nick Gray, made the Senior All Star team. Freshman goalie Caleb Waterman was named to the All Rookie Team and junior forward Cole Perreault was named All Conference.

"A great group of ten seniors will be leaving us so next season there will be a lot of opportunities for younger players," Portwine said.

## BOYS' TRACK

The Gorham boys had a successful season. Coach Jason Tanguay said the team finished with 12 wins and 16 losses in the SMAA during the regular season. At the SMAA Championship meet on February 9, the boys finished in 7th and at the Class A State Meet on February 18, Gorham finished a respectable 9, only 10 points from 4th place.

Two of the boys qualified to compete at the New England Regional Championship meet in Boston on March 2: Andrew Farr in the 55 dash and Ryan Gendron in the high jump.

A few new records were set by Gorham boys during this past season: Ryan Gendron set both a league and school record in the Jr High Jump; Andrew Farr set both a league and school record in the Jr 55 and the Jr 200. Both athletes were named All Conference.

Andrew Farr was named SMAA Outstanding Performer of the Junior Division. He competed in the New Balance Nationals on March 8 in the 400 but suffered a hamstring injury and was unable to compete in the 60.

## GIRLS' TRACK

The Gorham girls also had a very successful season. Coach John Caterina (Coach of the Year) said the team finished second in the SMAA for the regular season with only two losses. At the SMAA Championship meet on February

9, the lady Rams held the lead until the last relay. They finished only two points behind Thornton Academy as league runner-up.

"At the Class A State Meet on February 19, Gorham had a couple of tough breaks go against them but finished a respectable 7th, only 8 points away from 2nd place," Caterina said.

Seven girls qualified to compete at the New England Regional Championship meet in Boston on March 2. Caterina said the highlight of the meet for Gorham was Kate Tugman's 3rd place finish in the 2 mile, the best girl's finish in an indoor New England meet in school history.

Several new records were set by Gorham girls during this past season: Sydney Connolly, Alyvia Caruso, Maddie Michaud and Nevaeh Moore in the Jr Relay; Sydney Connolly, Alyvia Caruso, Avery Germond, and Kate Tugman in the Sprint Medley Relay; Alyvia Caruso in the Jr Long Jump; Evelyn Kitchen in the Sr Long Jump, Sr High Jump and Pentathlon; Emma Green in the Jr High Jump; Sydney Connolly in the 55; and Kate Tugman in the 2 mile.

Girls named to All Conference: Sydney Connolly, Alyvia Caruso, Maddie Michaud, Nevaeh Moore, Emma Green, Evelyn Kitchen, and Kate Tugman. Kate Tugman was named SMAA Outstanding Distance Runner as well as SMAA Championship Meet Performer of the Meet.

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# GHS Winter Sports Awards

The following student-athletes were honored at the annual GHS Winter Sports Banquet on February 27:

## ALL-ACADEMIC SENIORS (93.0 or better)

**Girls' Indoor Track:** Avery Germond, Evelyn Kitchen, Hailey Morrill and Alice Riiska  
**Boys' Indoor Track:** Simon Roussel  
**Cheerleading:** Haley Thompson  
**Girls' Basketball:** Mackenzie Holmes, Brittany Desjardin, Sarah Walker, Brooke Woodbury, and Courtney Brent  
**Boys' Basketball:** Thomas Nelson  
**Girls' Ice Hockey:** Anna Rathbun  
**Boys' Ice Hockey:** Benjamin Nault  
**Girls' Swimming:** Kasey Jiang and Grace Terry

## SMAA ALL CONFERENCE ALL-STARS

**Girls' Basketball:** MacKenzie Holmes - 1st Team, SMAA Player of the Year, All-Defensive Team  
**Boys' Basketball:** Tyler Haines - Honorable Mention; Grant Nadeau - Honorable Mention, SMAA Rookie of the Year; Bode Meader - All Rookie Team  
**Girls' Indoor Track:** Kate Tugman - SMAA Champion 1 Mile & 2 Mile Relay, 2nd Team Sr. 800, 3rd Team 600; Evelyn Kitchen-Sr. Long Jump, Sr. High Jump, Sr. Triple Jump; Emma Green - Jr. High Jump; Sydney Connolly-Jr. 55, Jr. 200, Jr. Relay; Alyvia Caruso - Jr. Long Jump, Jr. Relay; Maddie Michaud - Jr. Relay; Neveah Moore - Jr. Relay; John Caterina - SMAA Coach of the Year  
**Boys' Indoor Track:** Andrew Farr - SMAA Champion, Jr. 55, Jr. 200, Jr. 400; Ryan Gendron - SMAA Champion Jr. High Jump  
**Cheerleading:** All Conference - Elizabeth Lorange, Caralin Mills and Samantha Cummings; Honorable Mention - Tessa Doll and Cassidy Rioux.

**Alpine Skiing:** Estelle Ballard - All Conference  
**Boys' Ice Hockey:** Cole Perreault - All Conference  
**Girls' Ice Hockey:** Isis Adams - All Conference  
**Wrestling:** Henri Kuntz, 2nd Team

## RAM AWARDS

**Girls' Ice Hockey:** Most Valuable Player - Isis Adams; Coach's Award - Mackenzie Buteau, Anna Rathbun and CC Cochrane.  
**Alpine Ski Team:** Leadership Award - Jacob Polchies; Coach's Award - Sarah Baxter; Ram Award - Nolan McCullough.  
**Girls' Basketball:** Wayne "Pooch" Drown Award - Brooke Woodbury; Coach's Award - Brittany Desjardin; Most Valuable Player - Mackenzie Holmes.  
**Boys' Basketball:** Most Valuable Player - Tyler Haines; Most Improved Player - Grant Nadeau and Ryan Reno; Best Defensive Player - Jordan Bretton; Rookie Award - Henry O'Neill; Ram Pride Award - Thomas Nelson; Coach's Award - Drew Meader.  
**Boys' Indoor Track:** Rise to the Challenge - Landon Bickford; Coach's Award - Ryan Farr; Outstanding Performer - Andrew Farr.  
**Girls' Indoor Track:** Coach's Award - Avery Germond; Outstanding Performer (Track Events) - Kate Tugman; Outstanding Performer (Field Events) - Evelyn Kitchen.  
**Boys' Swimming:** Most Valuable Swimmer - Evan Russo; Dedication Award - Cody Smith; Ram Award - Patrick Bishop.  
**Girls' Swimming:** Most Valuable Swimmer - Caelyn Smith; Dedication Award - Kasey Jiang; Coach's Award - Grace Terry.  
**Cheerleading:** Coach's Award - Caralin Mills; Outstanding Rookie - Haley Thompson; Most Improved Award - Paula Lorente Gomez.  
**Boys' Ice Hockey:** Coach's Award - Trevor Gray; Comeback Player of the Year - Nick Gray; Most Improved Player - Aiden Owens

## Winter Sports Wrap Up CONTINUED FROM PAGE 11

Kate Tugman and Evelyn Kitchen competed in the New Balance Nationals on March 8-10 in New York.

## SWIMMING

Coach Adam Cyr said, "The boys and girls swim teams finished off their seasons in spectacular fashion. Both teams had team best finishes at the Southwesterns Conference Championship meets in both finish and points."

The girls finished 2nd with 220 points and the boys finished in 5th with 107 points. There were three school records broken and one record was tied.

"At the boys' State meet, we swam very well," Cyr said. The boys finished with 45 points (compared to two points last year) and they nearly broke two school records. Their hard work in the last year paid off as they continue to grow.

The girls' meet was very successful with six top eight finishes as well as three more scoring races in the top 16. Three school records were broken at the State swim meet and the team finished with a team best 6th place with a team best 141 points.

Caelyn Smith was nominated for Conference Girls Swimmer of the Year and Coach Cyr was nominated for both boys and girls Conference Coach of the Year.

## SKI TEAM

Coach Sean Munkacsi shared that the girls team finished 3rd in SMAAs while the boys finished 4th. There

were many accomplishments for individual athletes. The following qualified for States (Shawnee): Jacob Polchies, Sam Cousins, Dan Popov, and Jack Cunningham for the boys. For the girls: Maggie Munkacsi, Sarah Baxter, Claire Munkacsi, and Estelle Ballard, who was also named All Conference.

The top finishers at States were Jacob Polchies - 33rd in Slalom; Claire Munkacsi - 14th in Slalom; and Estelle Ballard - 15th in Slalom.

Munkacsi said, "All of the racers improved throughout the season on very challenging, icy courses."

Munkacsi would like to thank to Shawnee Peak for doing an outstanding job providing great conditions and courses. He also wanted to thank Kenny Fickett, who assumed the role of assistant coach/bus driver/motivational speaker.

*Girls' Hockey, Cheering and Wrestling - Updates unavailable as of deadline.*

If you have sports news or an event you would like to share, email [gtimesports@gmail.com](mailto:gtimesports@gmail.com)



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# Holmes Named Gatorade Maine Basketball Player of the Year

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Gorham Lady Ram's standout Mackenzie Holmes capped her senior year with the honor of being named Gatorade Maine Girls Basketball Player of the Year. The award, which recognizes not only outstanding athletic excellence, but also high standards of academic achievement and exemplary character demonstrated on and off the field, distinguishes Holmes as Maine's best high school girls basketball player.

Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Girls Basketball Player of the Year award to be announced in March, Holmes joins an elite alumni association of state award-winners in 12 sports.

The 6-foot-2 senior center led the Rams to a 13-7 record and the Class AA regional semifinals this past season. Holmes averaged 30.1 points, 16.7 rebounds, 3.9 blocks and 2.3 steals per game, and converted 63.1 percent of her field goal attempts.

The three time Southwestern Maine Activities Association Player of the Year, she is also a three-time All-State honoree and is ranked as the nation's No. 53 recruit in the Class of 2019 by ESPN.

Holmes maintained an A average in the classroom and has volunteered locally on behalf of Ronald McDonald House Charities and youth basketball programs. She will attend Indiana University this fall.

## Library Offerings CONTINUED FROM PAGE 6

March begins our annual series of adult author events. First up is Brian Daniels on March 21, who will read from his new book *It Seemed Like a Compliment to Me* and sing songs as his alter ego, Average Joe. In April, we'll host a poetry workshop and reading with Maine author Sarah Carlson and have Gorham High School English teacher Dave Patterson stop by to read from his debut novel *Soon the Light will be Perfect*.

Finally, April brings back our Peep diorama art show. Adults, kids and businesses/organizations are all invited show off their creativity by entering a diorama. We'll get things started with a couple of workshops, the first of which is on April 3, from 3-6 p.m. Materials (including Peeps) will be provided; just bring a shoebox if you can.

For more in-depth program information and additional workshop dates, please visit our website at [www.baxter-library.org](http://www.baxter-library.org).

## School Committee CONTINUED FROM PAGE 9


dents eligible for the department's services, Poole is handling much of the mounting paperwork that has limited the time counselors have to work with students, teachers, and parents. Hamblen also discussed her work to provide job support for students in vocational rehabilitation programs.

Dan Cecil from Harriman Architects and Engineers gave essentially the same presentation to the School Committee as he had to the GHS Building Committee on March 12. (See Page 1) He explained what was covered by the estimate for renovation and expansion of the high school and outlined the process for moving from the first draft to a final design for a less costly project.

The School Committee voted to unanimously approve schedule B coaching hires for spring and to rehire all school principals and assistant principals, a vote required by state law.

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### OF INTEREST

Timmer Sposato of Gorham was awarded Academic All-Conference for swimming by maintaining a GPS of 3.5 or higher at Wheaton College, Norton, MA.

Officer Mark Sanborn visited Girl Scout Troop 618 at its first cookie booth of the season hosted at Aroma Joe's Coffee on March 9. Pictured L-R: Briar Cormier, Abby Gow, Lauren Drenski, Officer Sanborn, Rhiannon Boissoneault, and Sabrina Bowler.



A METRO Public Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 26, from 5-7:30 p.m. in the Conference

Room at the Gorham Municipal Center, 75 South Street, Suite 1. All are welcome to join in a discussion and share feedback regarding METRO's proposed fare pricing changes and to review new automatic fare pricing options.

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

The St. Anne's Council of the Knights of Columbus will be holding a Baked Haddock Dinner on March 29, April 5 and April 12 from 5-6:30 at St. Anne's Parish Hall, 299 Main Street, Gorham. Baked haddock, mashed potatoes, peas, coleslaw, dinner roll, beverage and dessert. \$9/\$5 children ages 6-12/5 and under free. Kids meals, gluten free and take out options available. FMI, call 839-4857.

Cressey Road Church will host a Fundraising Dinner, Silent Auction & Mountain Music to benefit the Appalachia Service Project Youth Mission Trip on Saturday, March 30, at 5:30 p.m. Enjoy a BBQ Chicken Dinner with traditional Appalachian foods. Gluten free option available. Tickets are \$15 for individuals or 2 for \$25. Children under 10 are \$10. Tickets available at [www.cresseyrdumc.org/asp-dinner](http://www.cresseyrdumc.org/asp-dinner). FMI: 839-3111.

The West Gorham Union Church is hosting a Bluegrass concert with Erica Brown & the Bluegrass Connection on Sunday, March 31, at 2 p.m. The concert will benefit the church's Lift Project to make Fellowship Hall handicapped accessible. Tickets: \$15 in advance/\$20 at the door. Advance tickets available at West Gorham Union Church, 190 Ossipee Trail, on Sundays between 9-11:30 a.m.

The North Gorham Writers' Group will read their original poetry and prose on Tuesday, April 2, at 7 p.m. The free event will be held in the Cairn Community Room of the United Church of Christ, North Gorham, at the intersection of Standish Neck and North Gorham roads. Following the reading, refreshments will be served. FMI, contact Mary Snell at 892-9831 or Linda Strout at 892-4327.

The White Rock Community Clubhouse will hold a Bean Supper on Saturday, April 6, from 4:30 to 6 p.m. at 34 Wilson Rd. Homemade kidney and pea beans, hot dogs, cole slaw, potato salad, macaroni and cheese, homemade biscuits, as well as homemade pies for dessert. Adults: \$9/Children under 12: \$4. FMI, [whiterockcommunityclub@gmail.com](mailto:whiterockcommunityclub@gmail.com).

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

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### SENIOR PROGRAMS

Senior Meal Site is 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.

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: Tuesdays Handchimes 1 p.m.; Wednesdays Originals 10 a.m.; Thursdays Church Street Writers 10:30 a.m. - Obituary writing Workshop; Fridays ARTrageous Seniors 10 a.m. FMI: Lisa Becker, 835-9379.

Join the Lecky Brown Center on Thursday, March 21, at 10 a.m. for Let's Talk, with Bill Jenks. Discussion topic varies each month. FMI: Lisa Becker, 835-9379.

The Gorham Medical Closet located at the Municipal Center 75 South St. is free and available to Gorham residents in need of wheelchairs, shower seats, commodes, walkers, canes, crutches and more. FMI 839-3859, 839-2484, 329-4976, 632-2178, 839-3494, 839-3630. Hours are by appointment only with one of the volunteers. If you don't reach a volunteer, leave a message and they will return your call.

### 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](http://www.gorhamfoodpantry.org).

### USM NOTES

Come see approximately forty lively student art works juried by three local arts professionals. USM Art Gallery, Gorham through March 31. Selected works from the Student Juried Exhibition will be on display in the AREA Gallery in Portland, April 4-26.

Members of the USM Chamber Singers perform a concert at First Parish Church on Saturday, March 23, at 7:30 p.m. to raise money for a trip to Vietnam for an international choral competition. The concert will have a variety of styles – classical, jazz, folk and choral. \$15 suggested donation at the door.

The USM Chamber Singers, under the direction of conductor Nicolás Alberto Dosman, will perform their annual spring concert on Tuesday, March 26, at 7:30 p.m. at Williston-Immanuel United Church, 156 High Street, Portland. \$12/\$15 suggested donation. FMI: [usm.maine.edu/music/boxoffice](http://usm.maine.edu/music/boxoffice), 780-5555.

Under the direction of conductor Robert Lehmann, the Southern Maine Symphony Orchestra will hold a spring concert on Thursday, March 28, at 7:30 p.m. featuring USM faculty member Malinda Haslett, soprano, singing the famous Bachianas Brasileiras No. 5. Westbrook Performing Arts Center, 471 Stroudwater St. \$8 adults, \$5 students, seniors and USM employees. FMI: [usm.maine.edu/music/boxoffice](http://usm.maine.edu/music/boxoffice), 780-5555.

The USM Concert Band will present Applause for Paws, a concert of music inspired by our companion animals, led by conductor Jackie Townsend on Sunday, March 31, at 2:00 p.m. McCormack Performing Arts Center, Gorham High School. \$8 adults, \$5 students, seniors and USM employees. Donations benefit the Animal Refuge League. FMI: [usm.maine.edu/music/boxoffice](http://usm.maine.edu/music/boxoffice), 780-5555.

Among Friends: Music for Strings and Winds will be held on April 5 at 8:00 p.m. at Corthell Concert Hall, Gorham Campus. \$15 adult, \$10 seniors, USM employees and alumni, \$5 students. FMI: [usm.maine.edu/music/boxoffice](http://usm.maine.edu/music/boxoffice), 780-5555.

Athletics is an important and exciting part of student life at USM. Whether you're a participant or a spectator, USM teams provide plenty of fun and action for everyone involved. USM sponsors 22 intercollegiate sports; 11 for women, 10 for men and one co-ed offering (golf). Admission is charged for some games during the regular season. For more information, visit the events schedule at [usm.maine.edu/athletics/events](http://usm.maine.edu/athletics/events).

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The Senior Meal Site, sponsored by the Town of Gorham, is looking for volunteers to assist in cooking hot meals served at 12:00 noon on Wednesdays from September to June. You don't have to commit to every Wednesday, we can work out a schedule that works for you. FMI call Cindy at Gorham Recreation Department at 222-1634 or drop by the Gorham Recreation office.

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### TIME FOR A REALTOR?

**Female had listed her house on Craigslist. Someone had lowered the price of the house and she was getting calls for it. She was told to call Craigslist.**

Woman wanted male to stop calling her about a computer he had left in a truck he returned. Woman gave computer to police and man picked it up at the station.

Meadowbrook Drive caller was involved in a verbal argument with her adult son about his girlfriend staying at the house for a few days. Officer spoke with parties and son and girlfriend left for the night.

Suspicious people on Waterhouse Road were delivering phonebooks.

Suspicious person at So. Gorham Crossing had stopped to smoke as he could not smoke at home.

Goodall Road caller was upset over someone smoking marijuana and did not like it. He was told it is legal to smoke it in your own home.

Suspicious person on South St. was library cleaning staff taking a nap in a vehicle.

Two cars were parked next to each other in a parking lot and both were running. Parties

were both in one car eating burgers and waiting for the other car to heat up.

Assistant Manager at an Ossipee Trail business reported a woman had been harassing an employee. Manager was told she could tell the woman to leave if she caused problems in the future.

George Street caller reported someone was in his neighbor's house and no one was supposed to be there. He saw flashlights and someone running around. Owner was contacted and said someone could be staying there. Individual in the house had permission to be there.

Motor vehicle burglaries were reported on Green, Lombard, Narragansett, Water Streets and Village Woods.

Officer dropped off a live trap to Roger's Way. Healthy looking fox had been seen going through resident's trash and his dogs had chased it away. Fox also went after neighbor's chickens and ducks.

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## CALENDAR

### THURSDAY MARCH 21

- 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
- Book Club Discussion of "How to be a Good Creature: A Memoir of Thirteen Animals," 10 a.m. Baxter Memorial Library
- Sewing Club (age 7 & up), 2:30-4:30 p.m. Baxter Memorial Library
- Author Talk with Average Joe, "It Seemed Like a Compliment to Me," 6-7 p.m. Baxter Memorial Library

### SATURDAY MARCH 23

- Greater Gorham Farmers Market, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Gorham Recreation Department

### MONDAY MARCH 25

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

### TUESDAY MARCH 26

- Preschool Discovery Time (3-5 yrs), 9:30-10:15 a.m. Baxter Memorial Library
- Garden Club Meeting, Organic Pest Control, 7 p.m. First Parish Church
- GHS Building Project Public Forum, 6 p.m., Gorham High School

### THURSDAY MARCH 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
- Sewing Club (age 7 & up), 2:30-4:30 p.m. Baxter Memorial Library

### SATURDAY MARCH 30

- Greater Gorham Farmers Market, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Gorham Recreation Department

### TUESDAY APRIL 2

- Preschool Discovery Time (3-5 yrs), 9:30-10:15 a.m. Baxter Memorial Library
- Baxter Digs Reading, 3:30-4:30 p.m. Baxter Memorial Library

### WEDNESDAY APRIL 3

- Peep Diorama Workshop, 3-6 p.m. Baxter Memorial Library

### THURSDAY APRIL 4

- 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
- Book Club Discussion of "Good and Mad: The Revolutionary Power of Women's Anger," 10 a.m. Baxter Memorial Library
- Sewing Club (age 7 & up), 2:30-4:30 p.m. Baxter Memorial Library

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- 10 AM – WELCOME & OPENING REMARKS | ETHAN JOHNSON, GBE PRESIDENT
- 10:10 AM – AIRBAG DEPLOYMENT #1 | MOODY'S COLLISION CENTER
- 10:15 AM – STEEL BAND PERFORMANCE | GORHAM MIDDLE SCHOOL
- 11 AM – CHEERING DEMONSTRATION | ELITE ALL STARS
- 12 PM – JUKADO DEMONSTRATION | GREATER PORTLAND SCHOOL OF JUKADO
- 1:45 PM – K9 DEMONSTRATION | GORHAM PD K9 UNIT
- 2 PM – AIRBAG DEPLOYMENT #2 | MOODY'S COLLISION CENTER