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## Discussions Continue on Proposed GHS Renovation

KATHY CORBETT  
Staff Writer

At a March 24 public forum at Gorham High School (GHS), about 50 people listened to GHS Building Committee members give an historical overview of the project, including a discussion of the differences between the 2013 proposal and the concept plan now under consideration.

Before taking questions and comments from community members, many of whom live in the surrounding neighborhood, Darryl Wright, School Committee Chair, made clear that this is the planning stage. "The high \$97 million estimate is not what will go to voters in referendum."

To demonstrate why this plan is so much more expensive than the one discussed in 2013, Daniel Cecil from Harriman Associates, explained the earlier proposal projected a student population of 900, instead of the current 1100 projection which requires more classroom and programming space. There was no plan for renovating the existing building systems in 2013; the new plan includes upgrading all systems, moving the front offices and providing more security. Just as significant, construction materials and labor costs have increased markedly since then.

Great Falls Elementary School, built for just over \$20 million in 2010, would cost more than \$27 million to build today. He said that his \$329/square foot estimate is in line with Maine high schools currently under construction. A detailed comparison between the 2013 proposal and the concept plan currently under discussion is on the Gorham School District website under GHS Project.

Wright invited people to ask questions and voice concerns. "We need to reduce the scope and find the best balance between total project cost and meeting student needs. We want your feedback to help us develop five or six themes for ideas of how to move forward in a possible new direction," he said.

Attendees were quick to provide that feedback. Several people questioned the decision to expand on the current high school site. After a study commissioned by the Building Committee looked at constructing a new high school on a different site

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## Businesses On Display at Marketplace



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Local businesses and organizations came out for Gorham Business Exchange's 2019 Marketplace at USM on March 30. Visitors were treated to entertainment, demonstrations, live animals, food, and raffle prizes throughout the day. Shown from left to right are members of the Gorham Food Pantry board who collected donations of food and money throughout the day, Gorham Times volunteers, and the Gorham Fire Department.

## The Addams Family on Stage at GMS

BROOKE GUIMOND  
GHS Student Intern

It is finally that time of the school year when Gorham Middle School (GMS) puts on their school show. The past few years have been Disney® musicals, such as "Beauty and the Beast" and "The Little Mermaid." This year, directors Tana Krohn and Gregg Walton decided to bring a new sort of life to their stage.

The well-known television show "The Addams Family" was performed March 8-10 by many talented middle-schoolers.

Maddie Downey, an eighth-grader, starred as Wednesday and brought on the sass perfectly. She was able to show the importance of family through her character, which brightened up the show.

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All photos Brooke Guimond

Alaina Christy (playing Alice) speaks her mind at the dinner table.



Corinna Hahn as Gomez



Aidan Fortier as Fester



Nicholas Tinkham as Pugsley

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REP. ANDREW McLEAN

Have you ever moved without getting your utility deposit refund? Maybe you left a job and never collected your final paycheck or forgot about an old bank account? If so, you may be on the state's unclaimed property list.

The Maine State Treasurer's Office releases a list of the unclaimed property in the state every year. The Unclaimed Property Program includes more than \$247 million worth of Mainer's property that was unable to be returned to its rightful owner. Last year alone Mainers lost \$25 million in unclaimed property. Such property includes bank balances from old accounts, overpaid bills, uncashed checks and other assets.

The Treasurer's Office holds these assets free of charge. You can search the list for your name, a family member or your business at <http://www.maineunclaimedproperty.gov/>. Should

you find something to claim, the beginning steps can be done right from the website. If you have any trouble at all, please call the Treasurer's Office at 207-624-7470 and someone will assist you.

Many Mainers in the greater Gorham area and across the state are unaware they have unclaimed property in their name. This property should be returned to its rightful owner, so please take a moment to see if you, a family member or your business is listed.

I do urge Gorham residents and others to use caution regarding scams and unclaimed property. In past years, the State Treasurer has issued warnings of phone calls, emails and letters in the mail asking for you to pay a fee up front in order to claim your property. It is certainly worth repeating that there is no fee to claim your property.

State Treasurer Henry Beck and my fellow lawmakers may use mail as one way to notify someone that they have unclaimed property waiting for them. However, such mail from the

Treasurer's Office will be sent with an Augusta return address, utilize the official State of Maine seal and have Treasurer Beck's signature. Any web links related to the unclaimed property list will be official State of Maine websites, and you can tell if a link is official because it contains .gov.

If you think you are the target of a scam, please report this to the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division by calling 1-800-436-2131.

As always, please feel free to contact me with your questions and concerns. Hearing your thoughts on legislation and issues both in our district and across the state is crucial to what we do at the State House.



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) 939-8482, (800) 423-2900, [andrew.mclean@legislature.maine.gov](mailto:andrew.mclean@legislature.maine.gov)

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## Around Town

Susan Duchaine has purchased land near the roundabout on Rt. 114. She has not submitted a proposed subdivision or site plans to the Planning Board although she does have a sign offering lots in Lincoln Park at that location. The Town is considering rezoning that area to permit more commercial uses as identified in the Town's Comprehensive Plan.

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# McLellan House 1773

WILMA GOULD JOHNSON  
Contributing Writer

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CHRIS CRAWFORD  
Staff Writer

One of Gorham's most noted landmarks is the McLellan House located on Fort Hill Road, near the University. This home was built by Hugh and Elizabeth McLellan who were among Gorham's earliest settlers. It is known to be the first brick home in Cumberland County and among the oldest in the entire state. It was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1972. Now 245 years old, the structure is still in remarkably good condition.

The bricks were produced from a nearby clay bank along Tommy's Brook which flowed through the 200 acre plot which Hugh McLellan had purchased in 1739, before Gorham was incorporated. The McLellans had come from the north of Ireland with their first born, William. On arrival in Gorham, they lived in a deserted hunter's cabin sited nearby and then built a log cabin. During the French and Indian War, when their neighbors, the Bryant family, were massacred, the McLellans moved into the log fort on Fort Hill, which Hugh had helped to build. Their daughter Jane was born there.

Hugh McLellan became a very successful lumberman and farmer. When all of the McLellan children were grown and had moved into their own homes, Elizabeth McLellan asked that a brick home be built. It was started in 1769 and was completed in 1773.

The bricks were laid in Flemish bond pattern on the east and north side and with a more simple design on the other two sides. According to local historian, Frances Meserve Cotton, the walls of the bottom story are said to be four brick thick and the upper story is three. The timbers of the home were hewn by Hugh and his sons and were held together by wooden pegs and hand wrought nails. A brick in between the two front windows of the second story bears the date of erection traced in soft clay by Elizabeth. There was a

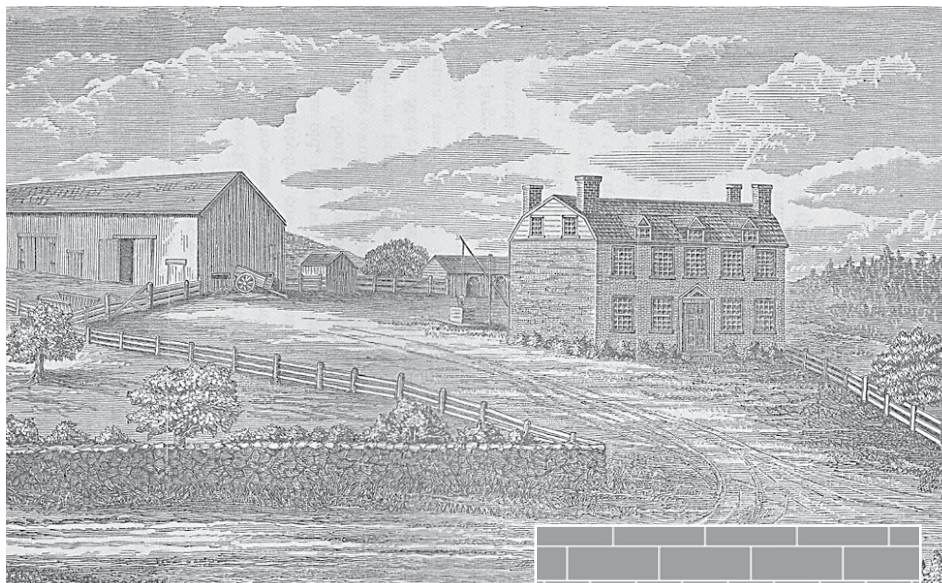


Photo courtesy of History of Gorham, ME by Hugh McLellan

The McLellan House dates back to the late 1700's. It was built using a Flemish bond pattern, shown at right, an intricate way of laying brick in which the headers (the short side of the brick) are centered over the stretchers (the long side of the brick) in courses, or rows, making for very thick walls.

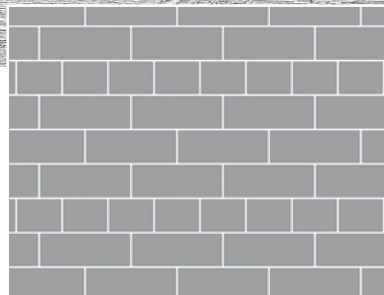


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storage area for grain and potatoes dug out in one corner of the house.

A little twist from history regarding the home tells the romantic story of their oldest daughter, Abigail. Abigail was born in 1739. She fell in love with a man with the same name of McLellan, although they were not related. They became engaged, but this engagement was not acceptable to her parents who wished her to marry James McLellan of Portland. The young couple planned an elopement. Their plan was discovered and on the night the would-be-bridgroom arrived, Abigail was not to be found. With disappointment, he threw the intended wedding ring into the yard. Abigail later became the wife of James McLellan, and together they had ten children. A century later, the ring was found in the earth beside the brick house. The inscription in the gold ring reads "You are the rose I have chose."

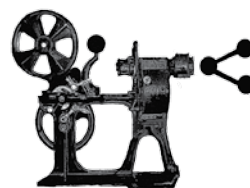
A living piece of colonial America, the McClellan house was inhabited for the next 192 years. The family was known for its staunch support of the Revolutionary War. The house was also used to school local children as

was the custom during that time. One of the later McLellans donated one acre for the Academy building, which was the nucleus of USM.

In 1965, when Martha Meserve Gould, the last descendent of the Gorham McClellans, died, her will granted Gorham State Teachers College (now USM) the first right of refusal to purchase the property.

The house became property of the University and was used as a dormitory. The building currently houses the Center for Education Policy, Applied Research, and Evaluation (CEPARE).

Anyone with a question or more information may contact Wilma Gould Johnson at iamwilma@comcast.net.



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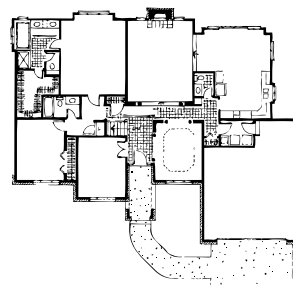
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# Welcome Lori Arsenault



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Lori Arsenault has joined the Gorham Times as the coordinator of public service announcements in the Of Interest and Calendar sections. Lori has a Bachelor of Music degree from the University of Southern Maine. She is employed as the operations and concert manager at the USM School of Music, is a music minister at St. Anne's in Gorham, and plays bass with the non-profit big band, Saco River Jazz Ensemble. Lori has lived in Gorham for 20 years and has two adult children.

The Gorham Times would like to thank Tracey Bassingthwaite for her time as Public Service Coordinator over the past year. We wish her well in her future endeavors.

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# Make Moves or Make Excuses

RACHAEL O'DONNELL

Have you ever noticed how good we are at finding reasons to NOT exercise? There is no time, I am tired, I do not have any clean gym clothes, I have not eaten all day, I can not afford the gym, I deserve some down time...and the list goes on and on. Why is it so easy to come up with excuses when it comes to exercise?

It is human nature to look for reasons that something is not our fault. Our brains automatically protect us from feeling badly. If it is not our fault, then it is easier to not beat ourselves up when we are not following through on something. So it makes us feel better in the moment, because we are able to push away the feelings of guilt about not following through. But in the long run it stops us from making changes.

So if we want to be better at making exercise a priority in our lives that we follow through on, what can we do? We can start by getting honest with ourselves and call these "reasons" what they really are, excuses. Once we have done that, we can go about the business of eliminating them one by one, and clearing a path to our goals in terms of fitness. Once we own our excuses we give ourselves the power to change. Now that we know what is stopping us, we can change it, and get out of our own way.

For example, if you keep trying to work out in the early morning, but

find yourself sleeping in and not making it to the gym. Instead of saying, "I just can't get out of bed that early," and letting the difficulty of waking up early continue to sabotage you, find another way to your goal that doesn't have the same obstacle. You might decide to work out at lunchtime or directly after work, because those options do not require you to get up early. You have just eliminated one of your excuses getting in the way of making exercise a priority.

We all struggle with getting out of our own way from time to time. If you want to make exercise a priority and are struggling, start by taking an honest look at what the excuses are that come into play when you find yourself blowing off your exercise goals. Once you own them as excuses, commit yourself to finding a way around them. For every excuse that exists, there is an alternative solution. Ask yourself, what can I do differently so this excuse no longer works for me? The fewer obstacles between you and your fitness, the more successful you have the chance to be.



Rachael O'Donnell LCSW, LADC, CF-L1 has been a Clinical Social Worker and Addictions counselor for over 15 years. She currently owns Grit & Grace CrossFit in Gorham. Her life mission is to transform people's relationship with fitness.

# Lettuce be Healthy

## Easy, Comfy Casserole

- 1 package Jimmy Dean Sausage
- 4 garlic cloves minced
- 1 onion minced
- 1 T Italian Seasoning
- Salt & pepper
- 1 large bunch Broccoli Rabe or
- 1 large bag Broccoli florets

- 1 lb box rigatoni (or any desired pasta or rice! - of your choice); cooked al dente and drained
- ½ cup shredded Asiago cheese (or adjust to your desired amount of cheese)
- 1 cup chicken broth

Sauté garlic and onion in touch of olive oil until translucent; add seasonings, salt and pepper to taste. Add sausage and brown; then add chicken broth and broccoli rabe (or broccoli florets). Cook about 5-8 minutes until vegetables soften. Add warm cooked pasta and cheese; combine gently. Place in serving casserole dish or serve directly on dinner plates. YUM! (Note: you can easily freeze this recipe).

## Stuffed Cabbage

- 1 head of cabbage
- 2 cups cooked rice or steamed cauliflower rice
- 1 lb ground pork
- 1 onion minced
- 3 or 4 stalks celery minced
- 2 or 3 carrots minced

- Salt and pepper to taste
- 1 tsp cayenne pepper
- 1 tsp cumin
- 1 tsp coriander
- 1 large jar Marinara Sauce

Sauté onion, celery, carrots in touch of olive oil until translucent. Add ground pork and brown. Add seasonings, salt and pepper to taste. Add cooked rice or steamed cauliflower rice, combine gently. Steam cabbage head in two inches of water to soften leaves. Separate large outside leaves on paper towels on prep board. Place large spoonful of mixture in center of single cabbage leaves and tuck over sides and roll. Place seam side down in a buttered baking dish. Pour Marinara Sauce over top; bake for 15-20 minutes in a preheated oven (350 degrees) to set flavors and finish. Enjoy!

Brought to you by Barbara T. Schneider. Questions about the recipes can be e-mailed to Barbara Schneider at [bts@maine.rr.com](mailto:bts@maine.rr.com).

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# Clearing of Chick Property Upsets Trail Users



Photo credit Kim Meggison

A before and after view of the trails on the Chick property which is being cleared to make space for a new baseball field and associated parking.

DIANE ABRAMSON  
Staff Writer

On February 5, the Town Council voted five-to-one to appropriate \$245,000 for the purposes of constructing a parking lot and 90-foot baseball field on the Chick Property behind Narragansett School as outlined in Phase I of the property's master plan.

According to former Town Councilor Michael Phinney, the master plan for the property "has been in place for many years, approved by the council and by the state DEP years ago. The master plan includes all forms of recreation including multiple athletic fields, skating areas, basketball courts, and parking." The portion of the Chick Property currently being cleared is "intended to be a new full size baseball field."

The property's master plan was approved by the Town Council on June 6, 2000 and a feasibility study was first completed by DeLuca-Hoffman Associates in June 2001. In 2008, an updated Chick Property Master Plan was adopted by the Town Council. However, in 2016, funding to construct the baseball field at Chick Property was deferred for a field at Little Falls Recreation Area, where a greater need was determined.

The funds needed to expand the supply of community-wide recreation facilities has been and will continue to come from the Recreational Facilities and Open Space Impact Fee, determined in

the Land Use and Development Code, applied to the construction of any new dwelling unit.

Town Council Chair Ben Hartwell explained, "we have had two ongoing master plans dating back many years that were created to determine how to use the recreation impact fees. One was the Little Falls Recreation Area and the other is the Chick Property Master Plan. The intent is to chip away at the master plans as funds become available. Now that Little Falls is nearing completion, we are able to start focusing on the Chick Property."

According to Town Manager Ephrem Paraschak, "the construction market is hopping now. The project may take up to a year with us completing sections as vendors, resources, and money becomes available."

The project is supposed to have minimal impact to the trail system according to Town officials. "We are working with the Conservation Committee, USM, and Gorham High School to rebuild the trailhead. Additionally, the parking lot being built will accommodate not only the fields on Chick Property, but provide parking for residents looking to use the trail system and runners using the trails for cross country," said Paraschak.

However, for Gorham resident Kim Meggison, the impact to the trail system has been anything but "minimal." Meggison sees the construction as

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# Loan Fund Program Aims To Ramp Up Activity in 2019

TOM ELLSWORTH, PRESIDENT  
Gorham Economic Development Corporation

On January 6, 2004, the Gorham Town Council approved the creation of a Revolving Loan Fund Program designed to provide financing assistance to new and existing businesses in Gorham. It also appointed the Gorham Economic Development Corporation as the program administrator — overseeing applications, approvals, closing, and ongoing servicing of the loans.

Funding of the loan program has been continuous since inception and comes primarily from property tax revenue generated in specific Tax Increment Financing ("TIF") Districts located in Gorham. Several businesses have already taken advantage of the loan program including Flagship Landscaping and Seedlings to Sunflowers Daycare. There is more than \$1,000,000 currently available to lend, and we are actively looking for applicants to get this money working in our community.

This program works slightly differently from your traditional bank loan, as it has a social component to its mission. Its purpose is to help meet the financing needs of small to medium sized businesses that create additional tax base and employment opportuni-

ties for our citizens. It is not meant to replace traditional sources of capital such as banks, but act as companion loans, filling gaps in financing needs.

Funds can be used for just about any legitimate business use, including buying and developing real estate, equipment purchases or working capital. There is no minimum loan amount but the maximum amount is \$100,000 and the business can not have more than five million in annual sales. Interest rates are determined on a case by case basis but typically competitive with current bank rates. A complete list of program criteria and an application form can be found at [www.gorhammaine.org/incentives/guidelines](http://www.gorhammaine.org/incentives/guidelines).

Once an application has been received and deemed to meet eligibility, it is reviewed by the Revolving Loan Fund Committee. This committee is made up of seven Gorham residents appointed by the Town Council. Applicants are given the opportunity to make a presentation to explain their project to the committee during the review process.

If you are a small business owner and would like to learn more about this program, please contact the Gorham Economic Development Corporation at 854-5077 or [gedc@gwi.net](mailto:gedc@gwi.net).

## Planning Board MARCH 18, 2019

Simona Shores' request for approval to add one additional duplex and a 35 foot extension to Simona Shores Drive was discussed.


A proposed amendment to regulate the growing of personal, adult use marijuana was discussed and

moved to the Ordinance Committee for review and recommendations.

A proposed amendment to clarify the number of lots and dwelling units on a private way was discussed and moved to the Ordinance Committee for review and recommendations.

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# Arrests NOV - DEC. 2018

Windham man, 37, was arrested for OUI.

Portland woman, 22, was arrested for OUI.

Windham man, 35, was arrested for violating conditions of release.

Westbrook woman, 21, was arrested for domestic violence reckless conduct and domestic violence assault.

New Portland Road man, 45, was arrested for violating conditions of release and violating a protection order.

Portland man, 61, was arrested for OUI.

Buxton man, 34, was arrested for domestic violence assault.

Main St. man, 47, was held for probation.

Tucker Drive man, 39, was held for violating conditions of release.

Brownfield woman, 39, was held for another agency.

Weeks Road man, 37, was held for probation.

California man, 34, was arrested for OUI.

Scarborough man, 39, was arrested for OUI and failure to report a motor vehicle accident.

Murray Drive man, 32, was arrested for OUI.

Portland man, 25, was arrested for operating after registration was suspended, failing to report an accident and operating a vehicle without a license.

Windham man, 44, was arrested for OUI.

So. Portland man, 44, was arrested for refusing to submit to arrest, falsifying physical evidence and probation

revocation.

Huston Road woman, 34, was arrested for failure to appear.

Middle Jam Road man, 42, was arrested for OUI, failure to report an accident, violating conditions of release and operating a vehicle without a license.

Porter man, 57, was arrested for falsifying physical evidence and OUI (1 prior).

Tink Drive man, 27, was held for probation.

So. Portland man, 23, was arrested for domestic violence assault.

Casco man, 43, was arrested for obstructing report of a crime, domestic violence assault and criminal mischief.

Standish woman, 29, was arrested for OUI (1 prior).

Parker Hill Road man, 51, was arrested for OUI.

Limington man, 29, was arrested for OUI, violating conditions of release and assault.

Steep Falls woman, 38, was arrested for OUI (2 priors) and endangering the welfare of a child.

Limington woman, 41, was arrested for eluding an officer.

Old Orchard Beach man, 23, was arrested for OUI.

Leah Lane man, 43, was arrested for disorderly conduct and assault.

Ossipee Trail man, 45, was arrested for violating conditions of release.

Standish man, 27, was arrested for OUI.

Connecticut man, 20, was arrested for illegal transportation of liquor by a minor, operating a vehicle without a license and OUI.

## Discussions Continue on GHS Renovations CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

as well as swapping buildings with the Gorham Middle School, it was determined that both options would be more expensive than renovating and expanding the existing building.

Residents expressed opposition to using part of Robie Park for the proposed building expansion and new tennis courts. The park "would need to be clear cut and regraded. It would be drastic," said Jeff Bolduc.

"People use that park," said Amanda Vickerson. "Lack of green space is a problem in Gorham."

Mike Chabot, who believes the lifting of the deed restriction on the park had not been properly addressed, said that abutters received no notice about changes. "If it is legal, it is not right."

Chabot believes that traffic is a major concern for people living in the area "who can't get in or out with buses coming and going." Jean Fickett, a school bus driver, agreed, "More building means more kids. There is traffic chaos now."

"How could you address a major event at this location?" questioned Lynn O'Leary. "How could emergency vehicles get in?"

Others felt that increasing parking spaces and removing the Access Road, as indicated in the concept plan, would only make a bad situation worse. "Consider not taking out Access Road," Claire Minor suggested. "This is a massive problem."

"There is just too much traffic and not enough parking," said Jim Edwards. "Why not move the athletic fields to GMS?"

In response, Cecil said, "the public will have input in solving the traffic problem." Brian Jandreau, GHS principal, explained that parking is needed for teachers, staff, and senior students who are encouraged to work in the community. He also feels that keeping the athletic fields close to the school encourages community.

Gorham resident Jim Means asked, "why are we trying to shoe-horn a big project into a small site?" He also questioned the need for a 100% expansion for 30% projected growth as suggested by the concept plan. He argued that even a \$50 million dollar project would mean more than \$600 more in taxes on a \$250,000 house. "The town and the schools need a strategic plan," he said.

The need for more strategic planning and more time to consider various options were issues many raised. They felt the School Committee and the Town Council were not working

together on a strategy for dealing with population growth and funding for capital improvements. People are concerned that unlimited growth will continue to create more problems for taxpayers and they want to see some specific plans for dealing with it.

"Development has run this town," said resident Phillip Smith. "Why is there open-ended development?" He asked about a possible moratorium on development. Noah Minor, a former Town Council member, suggested impact fees as one way to help manage growth. He asked about possible state funding.

Several people felt that Town Council members and the Town Manager should have been present, citing questions that could not be answered without their input.

Wright said that the Town Council and the School Committee are in a conversation about the community's long-term building needs, but there is no possibility of state funding for this project. Town Council vice-chair Suzanne Phillips, who was in attendance, said that the council is discussing impact fees.

Wright emphasized again that the concept plan and its estimated cost is the start of a process. The Building Committee is looking at many options. There will be more opportunities for community members to ask questions and make suggestions.

Some people expressed concern that there is not enough publicity about public meetings and projects under consideration by the town and the school district. They would like to see more effort to reach residents who are not directly involved with the schools.

No decision has been made about a referendum question in November. Everyone involved will be working to reevaluate the scope of the project based on feedback and the fact that costs must be realistic. "If we can't meet the needs of the students, or if we can't get the cost down, we might not do it," Wright said.

The public is encouraged to go to the Gorham School District website and review the information under the GHS Project link. The next Building Committee meeting will take place on April 11 at 6 p.m. on the second floor of the Municipal Center.

The public is welcome to attend the meeting, but there will not be a time for public comment. Residents can speak with Building Committee members after.



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## Clearing of Chick Property CONTINUED FROM PAGE 5

“unnecessarily disrupting habitats and ecosystems. There are other options on town properties that could have been explored for a baseball field. Great Falls School has a lot of flat, open space and ample parking. Ball fields are important. Open space and trail systems are important to maintain. But most important is for our town to move forward in a mindful, sustainable manner. Between the Chick Property de-forestation and the removal of the deed restriction on Robie Park, it is clear that the current Council supports building projects but not protection of green space.”

Additionally, Meggison believes the master plan is outdated. “Did anyone study the foot traffic that frequents the trail system each day, including the entry point? I have lived on neighboring Bouchard Drive for eight years and have used the trail system year-round. Throughout the year, I meet people walking dogs or simply enjoying the trails. You can find boot prints in the mud and paths made by skis and snow-

shoes. Did anyone actually tally the population this green space has served each day before destroying a portion of it?”

Theresa Connolly is concerned about potential safety issues “in the parking lot at Narragansett and the lack of sidewalks connecting the current parking areas.”

Town Manager Paraschak confirmed that the new project will include a continuation of the sidewalk along Chick Drive to Route 202. “I am not sure at what phase that will occur, but our goal is to have safe walkways along Chick Drive.”

This project has been a “goal of the town for a very long time and we want to create an area that is beneficial for everyone,” said Paraschak. However, some still believe this project is just another example of the town’s “uncontrolled growth.” For Meggison, that includes the Town Council considering how its “decisions and policies impact not only Gorham today, but Gorham for our grandchildren.”



Photo credit Roger Marchand

## 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](http://www.facebook.com/gorhamtimes) or email us at [gorhamtimes@gmail.com](mailto:gorhamtimes@gmail.com). The photo in the February 21 issue is the brick house on the corner of Wilson Rd. and North Gorham Rd. (Rt. 237), also known as Golden Glow Farm according to several readers.

## SCHOOL

# School Note

The Class of 2022 will be hosting a Scavenger Hunt/Amazing Race fundraiser on Friday, April 5, from 6-7:30 p.m. at Gorham High School. Tickets are \$5 per student and \$10 per adult. Teams may have up to five people and are encouraged to sign up ahead of time. If interested in registering a team, email [neile.nelson@gorhamschools.org](mailto:neile.nelson@gorhamschools.org).

Ten young musicians from Gorham will be among the 136 performers in the USM Youth Ensembles Spring Instrumental Concert on Monday, April 8, at Merrill Auditorium at 7 p.m. Gorham students are: Patrick Cyr, trumpet; Elizabeth Geraghty, violin; Rosemary Geraghty, violin; Ethan Ho, violin; Erin Lawrence, violin; Simeon Pillsbury, viola; Emily Paruk, trombone; Olivia Paruk, percussion; Simon Roussel, trumpet; and Erin Wentworth, flute/piccolo. Suggested donation at the door, online or by phone is \$8 adults, and \$5 students, seniors, USM employees and alumni. FMI: [usm.maine.edu/music/boxoffice](http://usm.maine.edu/music/boxoffice), or 780-5555.

# GHS Student Wins Statewide Recognition for Art

ERIN WENTWORTH  
GHS Student Intern

Gorham High School (GHS) senior Autumn Heil has been a lover of art for many years. Her passion and talent has recently led to her receiving three Scholastic Art and Writing awards, which was part of a state and nationwide competition, and she won second place as part of another art contest, the Arts and Craftsmen Show.

“I’ve been doing art since I was very little,” said Heil. “I was always encouraged to explore art, whether drawings, paintings, or

sculptures. My first art started out with animals, little stick figure cats and dinosaurs, and after years of practice and persistence I have developed my skills to what I create today.”

A lot of Heil’s art is based around nature and human interaction and awareness of nature.

“Since a young age, I have always been interested in the environment and have a deep passion for animals,” said Heil. “Everything from cicadas, to ravens, to maple trees allow such unique ways of explor-

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**SCHOOL**

**The Addams Family on Stage at GMS** CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

Morticia was played by eighth-grader Madison Woodcock. She impressed the audience with her outstanding performance of holding a straight face despite the non-stop humor throughout the production. Her elegance required her to learn the tango with her partner, eighth-grader Corinna Hahn, who played Gomez.

"That was definitely the hardest part," Woodcock said.

Wednesday's love interest, Lucas, played by eighth-grader, Maddy Lapierre, said her favorite part was to see the growth between all the cast members.

"Everyone was nervous in the

beginning but became very courageous during the end," said Lapierre.

Other roles were played by Aidan Fortier as the hilarious Fester, Nicholas Tinkham as the rugged Pugsley, Maeve Donnelly as the crazy Grandma, Bode Bragdon in his 12" platform shoes as Lurch, Alaina Christy as the wild Alice, and Sarah Rathbun as the loving Mal.

The cast worked hard over the past three months to put the musical together and their hard work showed on stage. Krohn and Walton had fun watching the actors break loose on stage. "The Addams Family" was the perfect fit for Gorham's middle school talent.



The cast of The Addams Family



Bode Bragdon stays steady on his feet as Lurch.



Downey and Tinkham play around with a new contraption.



Sarah Rathbun (left) as Mal



Madison Woodcock (left) as Morticia

**One Act Goes to States**



Photo credit Marti Stone Photography

The cast and crew of Gorham High School's short drama "Antigone Now," by Melissa Cooper, had an amazing time at the MPA State Drama Festival on March 22 and 23 in Camden. Seniors Isaac Martel and Emily Paruk were recognized for excellence in acting by being named to the All Festival Cast, Martel and Olivia Paruk were recognized for choral arrangement, and the full cast was recognized for Excellent Choral Ensemble.

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GHS senior Autumn Heil recently won a Gold Award for her artwork "Three Ancient Totems" (right) and a Silver Award and Honorable mention for "We All Sink Together" (above).



Photo credit Angela DiPhillippo

ing life, and I love being part of that."

Heil submitted multiple pieces to the Scholastic Art and Writing Awards, three of which received awards and nominations. "Three Ancient Totems," a sculpture of totems wrapped with natural items and twine, won a Gold Award and is an American Visionary Nominee.

Her portfolio was a second submission, titled "In This Life," containing seven different pieces created through many media and skills.

"It represents the different ways animals, people, and plants connect and affect their surroundings as they move through life and eventually pass away," said Heil. The portfolio also received a Gold Award.

Her third piece to win an award was a mixed media piece titled "We All Sink Together." The media included acrylics, watercolor, ink, and collage.

"This work shows the struggle that all organisms are facing in the Arctic due to global warming," said Heil. "The main image depicts a swimming polar bear, and it is clear that it is struggling to stay afloat, both physically and metaphorically."

This is one of Heil's favorite pieces and won a Silver Award for the Scholastic Awards. It also won Honorable mention for the Congressional Art Awards and will be displayed at the State House for

a year beginning in August.

Heil has submitted art to these competitions in the past, and her results have improved every year. During her freshman year, she submitted poetry to the writing portion of the Scholastic Awards, and won Gold, Silver, and Honorable mentions. Last year, she won an Honorable mention for an art piece. She also submitted work to the Arts and Craftsmen competition last year and won first place.

"Art offers such an open outlet to explore and pass insight to others about your passions," Heil stated. "Art is anything you want it to be and thus my life echoes this. I have the confidence to wear what I want, to love what I want, and to freely share my passions. I encourage others to look at life this way."

Outside of visual art, Heil has always had an interest in nature, music, and pop culture. She is a current member of the GHS Chamber Singers, and plays steel drums, upright bass, and ukulele. After high school, she will be continuing fine arts and environmental science, the two fields she is most passionate about.

# Narragansett's Annual 5K



Photo credit Katie Gasbarrone

Last year, Narragansett's annual 5K race raised \$1,900, and this year they are hoping to raise at least \$2,000.

**KATIE GASBARRONE**  
Event Coordinator

Narragansett School's sixth annual 5K race will be held May 5. This race has been a significant PIE fundraiser and healthy family event for the school for the past five years, raising money for updates to Narragansett's technology, indoor and outdoor recess equipment, and the district's band program.

This year, the school will continue its efforts in raising funds to be used for educational resources and different enrichment programs for students.

Sponsors so far this year are: Moody's Collision, Village Physical Therapy, Shaw Brothers, GHOP, Po-Go Realty, Greater Portland School of

Jukado, and Nappi Distributors.

To register online for the event or to find out more information, visit [www.runinarace.com](http://www.runinarace.com). A paper registration can be picked up at Narragansett School.

Race day schedule: 8 a.m. registration and bib pick up; 8:30 a.m. fun run; 9 a.m. 1-mile race; 9:30 a.m. 5K race; and award ceremony and prizes to follow. Additionally, there will be face painting, a bounce house, and refreshments.

The fun run is free and designed for children in second grade and younger; the 1-mile race is \$8 and the 5K is \$15. Race day registration is \$12 for 1-mile and \$25 for 5K. No t-shirts available after April 25.



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# Robotics Team Ready to Compete in Final Event



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Team 172, also known as The Northern Force, is a FIRST™ robotics team from Gorham and Falmouth High Schools. Students on the team traveled to Bridgewater, MA for their first competition of the year, titled Destination: Deep Space, on the weekend of March 9. Not only did they compete to become the 10th place team out of 38, but Team 172 also was the captain of the 6th place alliance in the elimination rounds. Additionally, the students returned with the Judges' "Spirit of Design" award that commends the team for its unique efforts in spreading spirit during the competition. On April 5 and 6, Team 172 is heading to its third and final district event at the Androscoggin Colisée in Lewiston, looking to qualify for the District Championships. GHS is represented by Owen Begley, Ben Fecteau, Nathan Ladd, and Hunter Pellerin.

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# GMS Sixth Grade Honors and Band Chorus

TRACY WILLIAMSON  
GMS Music/Chorus Teacher

The top sixth grade musicians from Gorham, Cape Elizabeth, South Portland, Scarborough, Westbrook, Sacopee Valley, and Bonny Eagle came together for the annual District 1 6th Grade Honors Chorus and Band Festival in Scarborough on March 9.

Gorham Middle School band students Alicia Terry, Cecelia Delloso, Samuel Merrow, Luciana Orlando, and Logan Walsh were nominated to perform in the Honors Band under

the direction of Matt Lagarde.

The Honors Chorus, directed by Jesse Wakeman, included 6th grade students Abigail Chamberlin, Raiyah Babinsky, Makayla Edwards, Amanda Morin, Benjamin Walsh, Payson Plummer, Faith Lara, Anastasia Dolley, Elizabeth Bennett, and Anaiah Brown.

After a full day of rehearsals, the Honors Chorus and Band performed a concert for the public that afternoon. The annual festival is a wonderful opportunity for Gorham students to learn and grow as musicians.



Photo credit Tracy Williamson

The Honors Chorus (pictured l to r) Front Row: Amanda Morin, Raiyah Babinsky, Anastasia Dolley, Makayla Edwards, and Anaiah Brown. Back Row: Payson Plummer, Faith Lara, Abigail Chamberlin, Elizabeth Bennett, and Benjamin Walsh.



District 1 6th Grade Honors Band (pictured l to r): Lucy Orlando, Cecelia Delloso, Alicia Terry, Samuel Merrow, and Logan Walsh.

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# GMS Chorus and Band Honors Festival

TRACY WILLIAMSON  
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The annual Southern Maine Middle School Honors Festival took place on March 1 and March 2 at Westbrook Middle School. Seventh and eighth grade band and chorus students from Gorham, Westbrook, Cape Elizabeth, South Portland, Bonny Eagle, Thornton Academy, Lake Region, Scarborough, Noble, and Massabesic Middle Schools came together to rehearse and perform a concert for the public.

Five Gorham band students: seventh-grader Dylan Bauer and eighth graders Patrick Cyr, Eden Johnson, Morgan Cole, and Kevin Luo auditioned for and were accepted to the festival and had the opportunity to work with guest conductor Marisa Weinstein.

The Honors Chorus, directed by Dennis Boyd, included 14 Gorham chorus students: seventh-graders Elsie Bradshaw, Elizabeth Douglass, Kira Keniston, Brady Mercier, Amy Morin, Alex Robbins, and Lily Rubin and eighth-graders Avery Andrews, Emelia Bailey, Maeve Donnelly, Madeline Downey, Bruce Hodgkin, Sarah Rathbun, and Amy Thompson.

Eden Johnson had a featured flute solo in the band and Maddie Downey had a featured solo in the chorus performance.

The students had a great time meeting and working with other musicians from across Southern Maine throughout the weekend while strengthening their musical skills through this amazing opportunity.



Photo credit Dan Laciato

Honors Chorus for 7th and 8th Grade (pictured left to right) Front Row: Bruce Hodgkin, Alex Robbins, Avery Andrews, Elizabeth Douglass, and Maeve Donnelly; Middle Row: Amy Morin, Brady Mercier, Emelia Bailey, and Amy Thompson; and Back Row: Kira Keniston, Madeline Downey, Elsie Bradshaw, Sarah Rathbun, and Lily Rubin.



Honors Band for 7th and 8th Grade (pictured left to right): Kevin Luo, Patrick Cyr, Dylan Bauer, Eden Johnson, and Morgan Cole.

## SPORTS

### In the Zone

Congratulations to Gorham's **Quinn Dillon** for being the 2019 Maine Red Claws Hot Shot State Champion in the 13-15 age bracket with a score of 136 points. Hot Shot involves shooting from five "hot spots" marked on one end of the basketball court. The competition tests each contestant's speed, shooting, dribbling and rebounding ability.





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**Emily Esposito** (GHS '17) played in her first WNIT (Women's National Invitation Tournament) scoring 27 points against Old Dominion on 10-of-21 shooting, including 7-of-14 from three-point range, all career highs, to lead the Wildcats to a second round matchup on the road against West Virginia. The Wildcats fell to the Mountaineers 61-57 with Esposito contributing 10 points.

The following GHS Varsity hockey players were recognized at the year-end SMAA Class B South Awards Banquet: Senior All-Star Team: **Nick Gray, Trevor Gray, and Tanner Garand**. Rookie Player of the Month (January): **Nolan Gava**; Rookie Player of the Month (March): **Aidan Enck**; SMAA All-Star All-Rookie Team (Goaltender): **Caleb Waterman**; SMAA All-Star Team (Alternate - Forward): **Cole Perreault**

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# Win Win For All at GMS Basketball Fundraiser

DESTINY COOK  
Sports Editor

It was nothing short of exciting at the Annual Eight Grade players vs. teachers basketball game at GMS on March 6. Typically played during a school day, this year, the game was moved to the evening and incorporated a fundraiser for two local organizations.

Music from the 80's filled the gym and the stands were packed full of parents and friends cheering on their favorite players. Each quarter alternated between the boys and the girls.

As the first quarter started, it was the eighth grade boys against teachers. Teacher Gregg Morton has been playing in this game for 11 years. The male teachers strategy, he jokingly shared, was to "pass the ball to me as much as possible."

Morton said of the past games, "Kids had posters, drawings of teachers, and absolutely went crazy whenever teachers made good plays, like three pointers, crazy dribble moves, or put back tip ins." While Morton said he said he doesn't like to be a ball hog, the teachers stuck with their game plan in the first quarter and got out to a 22-12 lead.

GMS counselor Heather Richards said the ladies' game plan was "...no one gets hurt and have fun!" It was her first year playing in the game and she said, "It was nice to have so many students and families come out to support the causes that we're fundraising for."

Teacher Mary Guimond, who has participated in the event for five years shared, "We all do what we can for only playing once a year, and try not to hurt ourselves too badly. I grew up playing ice hockey, definitely not basketball, and have a newfound respect for the game after seeing these kids in action and attempting to play against them."

In the second quarter, the eighth grade girls came out aggressive with quick shots by Kaci Mollison, Elizabeth Ruane, and Elizabeth Willette, and pulled within one point with a score of 25-24.

The third quarter started with intensity for both the teachers and the boys. Thom Courtney, GMS Guidance Counselor, came out to score first. The boys held their own and kept the game close with shots



Photo credit Kristin Mollison



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A large crowd came out to support the GMS eighth grade teams during their annual basketball match up against the teachers. The event doubled as a successful fundraiser led by GMS seventh grader Brady Mercier (pictured right).

Mercier had been hospitalized many times at a young age for surgeries and procedures, his mother Noelle Mercier shared. Among them, he has had open heart surgery and blood transfusions. According to Mercier, both Make-A-Wish and Barbara Bush Children's Hospital are very near and dear to his heart.

Regarding the time he spent at Barbara Bush, he said, "The people were really nice, compassionate, and polite." He hopes the money he raised can help them to purchase new equipment. And when it comes to Make-A-Wish, he was the recipient of a "wish" in October of 2017 when he went to Disney World and met many of his favorite characters. His favorite part, though? "Riding first on the rides," he said. When the Disney employees saw him, they moved him right up to the front of the line.

Mercier's mom said Brady has volunteered during the summer helping to get things for other children's "wishes". He wanted to do something to give back and Tom Smith, GMS Assistant Principal, suggested a fundraiser/silent auction the same evening as the eighth grade



Photo credit Destiny Cook

vs. teachers game as it provided "a greater chance of a bigger crowd," she said.

"I've been helping him while he's been in school; other than that, it has definitely been a community effort," she added.

With the generous donations from local business and friends, Mercier raised \$1211 to split between the two organizations. To learn more about Barbara Bush Children's Hospital and the Make-A-Wish Foundation, visit [mainehealth.org/barbara-bush-childrens-hospital](http://mainehealth.org/barbara-bush-childrens-hospital) and [wish.org](http://wish.org).



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# Basketball Champs



The Gorham Rec recently crowned its 5th/6th grade basketball champs. For the girls, the yellow team came out on top. Pictured (l to r): Bottom row: Winnie Moreland, Mackenzie Foley, Rylyn McInnis, Ruby Couture, and Amanda Nicholson. Top row: Coach Mike McInnis, Vicki Sands, Lyndy Moreland, Kailynn Herrick, Sofia Andrade, Emily Beal, and Coach Joe Herrick.

On the boys' side, the orange team persevered to take the trophy. Pictured (l to r) Bottom row: Luke Boudreau, Preston Zwart, William Johnson, Nickolas Henderson, and Liam O'Hara. Top row: Griffin Johnson, Andre Dube, Anthony Dicenso, Danny Lewis, and Coach Sam Johnson.



## Sports Etc.

Assumption College Athletics has announced that **Meghan Cushing** (GHS '18) has earned a spot on the 2019 Assumption Women's Lacrosse team and will compete during the Greyhounds' spring season.

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### OF INTEREST



Six students from Gorham schools participated in the Safe Passage education service program in Guatemala City and La Antigua for a week in March. Pictured on a hike of Volcano Pacaya are Ty Gammon, Grant Nadeau, Adele Nadeau, Anna Nelson, Ryan Reno and Jordan Bretton with their group leaders.

**Cecely Conrad (left)**, an English Language Learner teacher, grades K-5 in Gorham, and **Jacquie Lortie**, an English Language volunteer tutor with Gorham Adult Education, spoke recently at a meeting of the Maine Beta Chapter of Alpha Delta Kappa. Both speakers shared the methods they use to assist with English Language learning and emphasized the challenges of learning a new language. The April meeting of the Maine Beta chapter of Alpha Delta Kappa will be a "Meet 'n' Greet" for current and/or recently retired area teachers interested in learning more about our international honorary organization. FMI, contact Jackie Leeper at 838-8027.



**The Gorham Historical Society provides programs and resources for the community to access the Society's information and archives.** On Monday, April 8, at 6:30 p.m. Speaker Brenda Caldwell will give a talk on the "History of Gorham Cemeteries" at the Gorham Municipal Center. FMI Suzie Phillips, president, 892-9847.

**Gorham Lions meetings are on Tuesdays, April 9 and 23, at 6:30 p.m.** at the Gorham Dept. of Public Works Cafeteria off Huston Road. New members always welcome. FMI, 929-9182.



**The Gorham Women's Club presented 20 new Dr. Seuss books to the Baxter Memorial Library** that were not already in the library's collection. Preschoolers got a first look as Gorham Women's Club member Nancy Kenty looked on.

**The North Gorham Public Library hosts a presentation of Brunswick author James Horner and his new novel, "Victoria Falls" on Thursday, April 11, at 7 p.m.** Copies of the book will be available for sale and signing. Registration is not required.

**North Gorham Public Library will hold an Open House on Saturday, April 13, from 10 a.m.-1 p.m.** as part of National Library Week, a time to celebrate our nation's libraries and library workers, and to promote library use and support. The public is invited and refreshments will be served.

**Get outdoors to welcome spring with the Presumpscot Regional Land Trust and Trout Unlimited at their Intro to Fly Fishing event on Saturday, April 20, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.** The

group will meet at Cummings Preserve, a scenic stretch of the Presumpscot just south of the Dundee Dam, where a variety of trout habitats representative of the region are on display. This event will be led by Evelyn King, founder of the Maine Women's Flyfishers group. It will cover basic gear, safety, techniques, and popular fishing spots in the region. FMI, [www.prrt.org](http://www.prrt.org).

### 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.

**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 1 p.m.; Tuesday - Originals from 10 a.m., coffee/conversation/speaker; Thursday (2nd and 4th of each month) - Church Street Writers Group 10:30 a.m.; and Friday - ARTrageous Seniors art class 10 a.m. FMI: 839-6751.

**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, Sue Chesler-Doherty, 272-3095; 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 Workshops at 9 a.m. FMI 892-0299.

**The Lakes Region Senior Center will hold a Pizza Party Luncheon on Monday, April 8.** Pizza, ice cream and soft drinks. Please bring a favorite joke or limerick to share with the group, and an item for the Food Pantry. \$5 admission.

### COMMUNITY SUPPERS

**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.

**St. Anne's will hold a Baked Haddock Dinner on April 5 and April 12 from 5-6:30** at St. Anne's Parish Hall, 299 Main Street. \$9/\$5 children ages 6-12/5 and under free. Kids meals, gluten free and take out options available. FMI, call 839-4857.

**West Gorham Union Church will hold a public supper at 190 Ossipee Trail on Saturday, April 6.** Ticket sales start at 4 p.m., serving starts at 5. Adults \$8, Children under 12, \$3.

**A bean supper will be held at White Rock Community Clubhouse, 34 Wilson Rd. from 4:30 to 6 p.m.** on Apr 6. Adults: \$9/Children under 12: \$4. FMI, [whiterockcommunityclub@gmail.com](mailto:whiterockcommunityclub@gmail.com).

### ON-GOING

**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.gorham-foodpantry.org](http://www.gorham-foodpantry.org).

**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, please leave a message.

### USM NOTES

**The USM Office of Admissions Gorham campus tours are open to the public and happen every Monday and Wednesday at 9:30 a.m.** FMI, contact Julia Gurney at 780-5946 or [julia.gurney@maine.edu](mailto:julia.gurney@maine.edu).

**"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.

**A Musical Theatre Studio Recital featuring the students of Ed Reichert will be held on Saturday, April 6, at 5 p.m.** in Corthell Concert Hall. Student recitals are free and open to the public, and subject to change without notice. FMI: [usm.maine.edu/music/events](http://usm.maine.edu/music/events), or 780-5555.

**In USM Opera Workshop performance, "P.S. Bernstein," Malinda Haslett, director, takes you on a ride through time and space as we celebrate Leonard Bernstein's Centennial anniversary.** Corthell Concert Hall, USM Gorham campus, Saturday, April 13, at 2 p.m. and Sunday, April 14, at 5 p.m. Tickets: \$8 for adults, \$5 for students, seniors and USM alumni. Tickets: [usm.maine.edu/music/boxoffice](http://usm.maine.edu/music/boxoffice), or 780-5555.

**The 42nd Annual Honors Recital features performers selected by audition, in recognition of excellence in undergraduate solo performance, on April 13 at 8 p.m.** Corthell Concert Hall, USM Gorham Campus. Admission is free; reservations are recommended. FMI:[usm.maine.edu/music/boxoffice](http://usm.maine.edu/music/boxoffice), or 780-5555.

**The USM Jazz Ensemble under the direction of Christopher Oberholtzer performs its spring big band concert on Tuesday, April 16, at 7:30 p.m.** in Corthell Concert Hall, on the USM Gorham campus. Tickets: \$8 for adults, \$5 for students, seniors and USM alumni. [usm.maine.edu/music/boxoffice](http://usm.maine.edu/music/boxoffice), or 207-780-5555.

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## CALENDAR

### THURSDAY, APRIL 4

Baxter Memorial Library:

- 9:30 – 9:50 a.m., Baby Discovery Time (birth-18mo)
- 10 a.m., Book Club discussion of Good and Mad: The Revolutionary Power of Women's Anger
- 10 – 10:30 a.m., Toddler Discovery Time (18-36mo)
- 2:30 – 4:30 p.m., Sewing Club

### FRIDAY, APRIL 5

- USM School of Music, "Among Friends, Music for Winds and Strings" Concert, Corthell Hall, USM Gorham, 8 p.m.

### SATURDAY, APRIL 6

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

### SUNDAY, APRIL 7

- Musical Theatre Studio Recital, Corthell Hall, USM Gorham, 5 p.m.

### MONDAY, APRIL 8

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

### TUESDAY, APRIL 9

Baxter Memorial Library:

- 9:30 – 10:15 a.m. Preschool discovery Time (3-5yrs)
- 3 – 6 pm. Peep Diorama Workshop

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10

- 3:30 – 4:30 p.m. Read to Animals with the Animal Refuge League of Greater Portland, Baxter Library

### THURSDAY, APRIL 11

Baxter Memorial Library:

- 9:30 – 9:50 a.m. Baby Discovery Time (birth-19mo)
- 10 – 10:30 a.m. Toddler Discovery Time (18-36mo)
- 2:30 – 4:30 p.m., Sewing Club
- North Gorham Public Library, James Horner Book Signing "Victoria Falls," 7 p.m.

### SATURDAY, APRIL 13

- 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. Legislative Office Hours (Gorham Delegation), Baxter Library
- 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. Lego Club, Baxter Library
- 10 a.m. Gorham Cooperative Preschool Free Community Easter Egg Hunt and Open House, 28 Ball Park Road.
- North Gorham Public Library Open House, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.
- USM Opera Workshop, "P.S. Bernstein," Corthell Concert Hall, USM Gorham, 2 p.m.
- 42nd Annual Honors Recital, Corthell Concert Hall, USM Gorham, 8 p.m.

### SUNDAY APRIL 14

- USM Opera Workshop, "P.S. Bernstein," Corthell Concert Hall, USM Gorham, 5 p.m.

### MONDAY, APRIL 15

- Baxter Memorial Library closed for Patriots' Day

### TUESDAY, APRIL 16

Baxter Memorial Library:

- 10 a.m. No-sew rag doll workshop
- 3:30 – 4:30 p.m. Baxter Digs Reading

### TUESDAY, APRIL 16

- USM Jazz Ensemble, Corthell Concert Hall, USM Gorham, 7:30 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17

- 10 – 11:45 a.m. Spring into Yoga and Mindfulness, Baxter Library

### THURSDAY, APRIL 18

Baxter Memorial Library:

- 10 a.m. Book Club discussion of The Lightkeepers
- 10 – 11 a.m. Words, Words, Words.
- 4 – 5 p.m. Poetry Workshop with Sarah Carlson
- 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. Author Event with Poet Sarah Carlson

### THURSDAY, APRIL 18 ~ MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICES

- Maundy Thursday Divine Service, 12 & 7 p.m. Redeemer Lutheran Church, 410 Main Street
- Maundy Thursday Seder Service with meal 5:30 p.m. and washing of the feet, St. Ann's Episcopal Church, Windham
- Maundy Thursday Service, 6:30 p.m., LifeChurch, New Portland Road
- Maundy Thursday, Potluck 5:30 p.m. followed by Stories of Good Friday. First Parish Congregational Church, UCC, One Church Street
- Maundy Thursday service 6:30 p.m., West Gorham Union Church, 190 Ossipee Trail
- Maundy Thursday Service with Communion, 6:30 p.m., White Rock Free Will Baptist Church, 300 Sebago Lake Road
- Maundy Thursday Service, 7 p.m., Cressey Road United Methodist Church, 81 Cressey Road
- Holy Thursday, 7 p.m., St. Anne's Catholic Church, 299 Main Street

A complete listing of Easter services for the area churches will appear in the April 18 issue of the Gorham Times.



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## BREAK-UP GONE BAD

**Tow Path Road caller reported his ex-girlfriend was freaking out and had smashed some of his stuff. Both were warned for disorderly conduct and told to call back if things got out of control again.**

Man reported suspicious business propositions. Caller claimed to be his landlord and owner of property on Canal St. Caller was badgering him to send in the money for the first month's rent. Phone number on lease had a 312 area code. Caller wanted police to be aware of the situation.

Officers located man fleeing from Holiday Lane in Standish and held him for Cumberland County Sheriff's Office.

Caller reported two males on Stephen Ward Drive had pulled into a construction site looking around with flashlights. Man said it was his father's house and he was checking up on it. Officer called homeowner and confirmed that this was the truth.

Highland Avenue caller reported a car alarm going off. Officer located the vehicle and knocked on the door to the house. Woman was okay but had no idea why alarm had gone off about 10 minutes earlier. Another officer responded and removed a fuse from the horn and it stopped. Owner was advised to take vehicle to a mechanic to get it fixed.

Finn Parker Road caller reported neighbor's chickens had been in his yard. Owner of chickens had already talked to neighbor to

smooth things over and will do his best to keep chickens in his yard in the future.

Officer checked on vehicle on Water St. with its rear hatch open. Homeowner said hatch would often just do that. He was all set.

Officer checked on man on Gray Road who was walking to work from South Street as his license was suspended.

Gray Road homeowner was concerned about a possible confrontation with a worker they had fired that day and what might happen when he came to get his equipment. Officer suggested they should put his equipment outside to expedite his leaving without incident.

Caller reported a commercial vehicle was parked in an odd location at the end of Wolf River Run. Vehicle was parked on a private way so no action was taken.

New Portland Road caller reported they had towed a vehicle and owner had removed it without paying for the tow. Officer contacted registered owner who said he would go pay his bill.

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# Taking the Plunge

LISA BIRD,  
*Special Olympics Maine*

Five Gorham High School Varsity hockey players braved the icy waters of Maranacook Lake in Winthrop on March 16 to help raise money and awareness for Unified Sports in Maine, more specifically in Gorham. The Third Annual Big Chill Plunge is an event where middle school and high school kids come together to support Unified Champion schools.

The Gorham team, comprised of senior Tyler Weeks along with juniors Jonah Bird, Aidan Owens, Camden Sawyer and Peter Richards was organized by Bird who is a member of the State Unified Champion Schools Student Council. The team raised close to \$600 and Richards was the top fundraising student this year. Part of the

money raised by the Gorham athletes will go directly back to Unified sports at GHS, which is now in its second year of Unified Basketball.

Bird, who is a long-time volunteer for Special Olympics, believes that Unified Sports are important for all schools. "Every school should offer Unified Sports. I had a great time playing Unified football and floor hockey. The athletes are great and make it a lot of fun. Our school has a Unified Basketball team and we just really wanted to be able to support them," Bird said.

The five Gorham boys not only took the plunge but arrived hours early, as they have each year, to help set up, decorate, and prepare for the plunge. The team hopes to have more Gorham students join them next year. For more information, or to get involved with this event, visit [www.somaine.org](http://www.somaine.org).



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GHS hockey players Peter Richards (left) and Tyler Weeks jumped into a hole in the ice during the Big Chill Plunge.



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