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Town Manager Releases Proposed Budget for 2019-2020

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The proposed 2019-2020 Town of Gorham Municipal Budget was submitted to the Town Council on April 3 and can now be viewed on the Town website. The budget submission includes the property tax commitment for Cumberland County, but excludes the Gorham School Department's budget.

The proposed gross town budget is \$15,476,882 which is an increase of 4.6% from the current budget of \$14,793,013. The estimated non-property tax revenue is \$7,007,070, or a 5.3% increase. The funds needed from property taxes are \$8,308,768, or an increase of 3.6%. The estimated property tax rate needed to support this budget, based on a local assessed value of \$1,688,403,441, or \$25 million more than last year, is \$4.92. This is an increase of 9 cents, or 1.9%.

Additional information on new municipal valuation beyond \$25 million has not been collected yet; however, it is anticipated that additional value will be compiled by the Assessors in mid to late April further decreasing the overall mil rate impact.

The proposed budget is also \$3,089,770 below the Town's LD 1 property tax limit.

Key elements of the proposed budget are highlighted below:

1. Cumberland County Property Tax: Every year, the Town is obligated to collect property tax for the Cumberland County commitment. The property tax for Cumberland County increased by \$68,750, or 5.9%.

2. Addition of a Shared School Resource Officer Position with the School Department: The Gorham School Department is proposing adding an additional School Resource Officer from the Gorham Police Department for grades K-5. The Town picks up one third of the cost of this position while the Gorham School Department covers the remaining two thirds for the school year.

3. Clerk's Office/Assessing Office Staffing: During the FY19 fiscal year, the full-time administrative assistant who was split between the Clerk's Office and the Assessing Office was moved full-time to the Clerk's Office for logistical staffing reasons. The Town is currently in the hiring process for a full-time Assessing Office Administrative Assistant. The proposed budget provides for funding to cover this change with the net benefit of now having one full-time administrative assistant in each department, whereas

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Old Sigma Nu House Slated for Sober Living Facility

EDMUND RICKER
Staff Writer

Last month the property at 24 School Street, which housed the Sigma Nu fraternity house from 1978-2016, was sold to a new owner. The new owner has signed a three-year lease with Maine Reentry Services, LLC, and plans to open a "sober house" on June 1 that will house 15 former prison inmates who are trying to make the transition back to society.

Rob Korobkin, owner of Maine Reentry Services, LLC, will hire a residential manager while Sean Crothers, Business Development Director for Evergreen Recovery Healthcare, will provide off-site clinical services. Korobkin said that the new residence would be called "Courage House," and the mission is to "provide safe housing for people transitioning back to regular life and to create a home where we pro-

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Photo credit Roger Marchand

Town Council Votes Down Modular Classroom Referendum

KATHY CORBETT
Staff Writer

At its April meeting, the Gorham Town Council rejected a request from the School Committee (SC) to authorize a June referendum for funding modular classrooms at Narragansett Elementary School. Although \$1.1 million for Phase I of the project was included in the SC FY20 budget request, any capital project costing more than \$250,000 must receive a referendum vote.

All three elementary schools are currently at or over capacity. Next year Narragansett will put partitions in an existing multi-use space to create two classrooms. According to enrollment projections, during the next two years the district will gain more than 60 students at the K-5 level.

"We need to address this growth now," said Superintendent Heather Perry, "not next year or the year after or four years down the road."

The referendum would have asked voters to approve funding for a two-phase project. Phase I (shown in blue) consists of site work including cor-



Graphic courtesy of Gorham School Dept.

The above graphic details the Modular Master Plan Phasing for Narragansett School.

ridors linking modulators to the school and preparing rented modulators for four classrooms and two bathrooms in FY20. Two additional classrooms and a cafeteria were in the second phase

planned for FY21 (shown in green). The estimated funding recommended for referendum was \$1.7 million.

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It's Time to Make Prescription Medication Affordable

SEN. LINDA SANBORN

As a family physician, and now as a state senator, I hear from people all over about how expensive their prescription medication is, and how it's getting harder and harder to afford. This is especially true for the seniors in our communities. It's heartbreaking to hear about Mainers who have worked hard their whole lives but now debate skipping doses of their prescriptions, or wonder if they'll have to choose between paying for their medicine or their mortgage.

I'm happy to say I'm working with my colleagues in the Senate to help solve this problem. A few weeks ago, we introduced a package of bills that aims to take on the tangled pharmaceutical industry from several angles.

Senate President Troy Jackson, D-Allagash, has submitted two bills that would make it easier to import quality prescription drugs from Canada. We know pharmaceutical companies

sell prescription drugs there at much lower prices than what's available here; Mainers should be able to take advantage of those prices. Another bill from Jackson would create a Prescription Drug Affordability Board to help make sure companies are not price-gouging customers.

A bill from Assistant Senate Majority Leader Eloise Vitelli, D-Arrowsic, would build on a law passed last year to increase transparency in drug pricing. This bill asks pharmaceutical companies to report about drugs that saw the biggest price hike in the last year. Were they spending money on improved research and development? Or did a lot of that money just go to paying for television commercials? If your medications are getting so much harder to afford, I think you deserve to know why.

Sen. Heather Sanborn, D-Portland, who serves as chair of the Legislature's Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services Committee, has submitted a bill that would provide increased oversight and transparency for pharmacy benefit managers -- one of the many middlemen your medication has to pass through. This bill also would make sure any discounts pharmacy benefit managers receive from drug companies are shared with you, the consumer. I think that's only fair. Further, this bill came out of recommendations from the Legislature's

Health Care Task Force.

I know that this drug package is an ambitious undertaking. But we need a comprehensive approach to solve this complex problem. To help people better understand the problem, and to give you a space to talk about your own experiences, AARP Maine is hosting a series of community conversations about prescription drug prices. Locally, one of these discussions is scheduled for 10-11:30 a.m. Friday, April 19, at Scarborough Grounds in Scarborough. Another is planned for 10-11:30 a.m. Monday, April 22, at Tory Hill Cafe in Buxton. I hope you'll be able to attend.

If you can't make it to either one of these community discussions (I know we're all busy these days), I'd still like to hear from you. You can contact me about this issue, or any other, via email or call my office at the State House.



Linda Sanborn is serving her first term in the Maine Senate, representing Senate District 30, which includes Gorham, part of Buxton, and part of Scarborough. She previously served four terms in the Maine House, and practiced family medicine in Gorham for 25 years. Senator Sanborn lives in Gorham with her husband, Jeff, a Gorham native. They have three adult sons and one granddaughter. (207) 287-1515, Linda.Sanborn@Legislature.Maine.gov.

Around Town

On April 10, an unmarked phone line was accidentally cut by the municipal building near the hub for municipal phone lines resulting in a loss of phone service at the schools, town offices and public safety. The line was fixed and phone service was restored eight hours later.

Street sweeping has begun in Gorham. Visit www.gorham-me.org/home/news/2019-street-sweeping-schedule for updates.

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BUSINESS PROFILE

Lone Pine Brewing Company Opens Tasting Room



Photo courtesy of Lone Pine Brewing

Lone Pine Brewing held a soft opening on April 11 to welcome visitors to its new tasting room in the Gorham Industrial Park. Pictured (l to r) are Richard Bateman, Kevin Sullivan, co-founders John Paul and Tom Madden, and PJ Plummer.

DIANE ABRAMSON
Staff Writer

Lone Pine Brewing Company, a Maine based brewery focused on American ales and small batch specialty beers, held its public grand opening of its Gorham tasting room on April 13.

The company was started by co-founders Tom Madden and John Paul in March 2016 at Anderson Street in the East Bayside neighborhood of Portland. In April 2017, Lone Pine moved its production facility to Gorham, while maintaining the Portland location as a tasting room and experimental space.

For Madden, purchasing the turnkey space in Gorham from Sebago Brewing Company allowed Lone Pine to expand and grow their brand. We can now “focus almost exclusively on product quality and consistency. We went from 8-9 employees to 25. We just added five new tanks and can produce

around 13,000 barrels a year – almost double what we were doing before.”

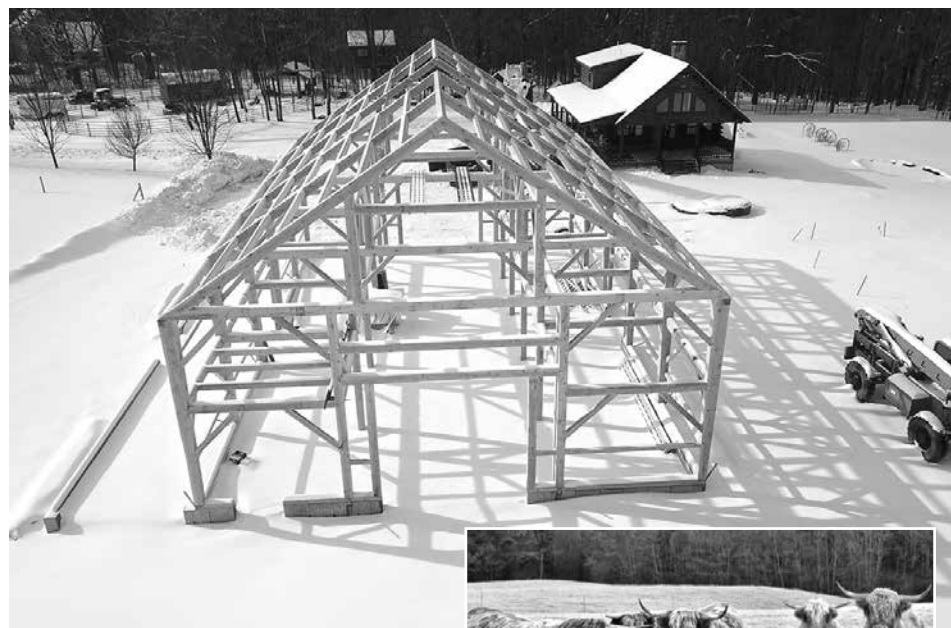
As a testament to the company’s innovation and growth, in 2018 Lone Pine was ranked fifth by the Brewers Association in their list of the 50 fastest growing small and independent craft breweries in the country. For Madden and Paul, “it’s very cool to see people so excited about the things that we are doing but there’s still a lot of work to be done.”

Lone Pine has collaborations planned in five states and three countries this year. “We want to cross markets and share what we do with other breweries. We love what we do and we want to work collectively; we are students of the craft, not competitors,” said Madden.

When asked what they expect to accomplish next, Madden simply states that their customers and fans dictate what they will do next. “We didn’t

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A Love for Classic Barns and Special Cows



Photos courtesy of Stephanie Cressey

A towering post and beam barn went up over the winter at Little River Highlands. The “historically correct” barn will house the farm’s Scotch Highland cows.



KATHY CORBETT
Staff Writer

A large new barn rises out of the late March snow and mud on Flagg Meadow Road. Nearby a small herd of long-horned cows with shaggy coats bask in the early spring sun. “I have admired classic old barns all my life,” said Stephanie Cressey, owner of Little River Highlands. To fulfill her dream, she found a builder who designs and erects new timber frame barns using traditional joinery methods and techniques.

Scott Campbell has been taking down, restoring, and reas-

sembling old post and beam barns for 20 years. This new structure is made of pine, hemlock and oak. Campbell did all the hand work in his Fryeburg shop, Maine Mountain Post and Beam.

“The frame design and joinery for the 40’ by 60’ gable entry barn are historically correct,” Cressey said. There are no metal fasteners; it was put together with pegs. Following a construction method originating in the 13th century, Campbell built with traditional English tying joints and jowl posts. It took Campbell and his crew two days to get the

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Water Quality Trends on Our Local Rivers

CHRIS CRAWFORD
Staff Writer

Each summer, volunteer citizen/scientists of The Presumpscot Regional Land Trust (PRLT) fan out along our local rivers to collect water samples which provide invaluable data about the water quality. The results for the past 10 years, both averages and trends, can be viewed on an interactive map at available at www.prlt.org/water.

There is good news and not so good news for the Presumpscot and Stroudwater Rivers. The good news is that the majority of the top recreational spots along the Presumpscot River have been generally below the state threshold and stable for E. coli bacteria levels. The concerning news is that many of the tributaries to the Presumpscot River exceeded state standards for bacteria levels the major-

ity of the time, and bacteria levels are increasing at many of these sites over the last decade. The same can be said for the Stroudwater River which was tested for the first time last year by the Land Trust, and also exceeded State Standards for bacterial levels the majority of the times it was tested.

If you are looking for an opportunity to give back to your community and to help keep our local rivers clean and healthy, the Land Trust has a job for you. About 40 Water Steward volunteers are needed for the 2019 season. These citizen/scientists will work in a small group of two or three to take water samples every other Saturday during the summer months (a total of 10 samples) along assigned spots on the Presumpscot and Stroudwater Rivers.

Training for those interested will be led by the Maine DEP on May 4 at

10:00 a.m. to noon at USM in Gorham. Volunteers do not have to be available for every sampling day. To sign up visit <https://www.prlt.org/water-stewards-sign-up>.

Rachelle Curran Apse, Executive Director of the Land Trust said, "Clean water is critical for safe recreation and for healthy wildlife. The data collection by our Water Steward volunteers provides crucial information about the health of these two very important rivers and their many tributaries. The Land Trust uses the water quality data we collect to help prioritize conservation projects and to identify potential restoration projects we can collaborate on with partners."

The Water Stewards take samples to test for E. coli bacteria (an indicator of potential fecal contamination) and dissolved oxygen (needed for most wildlife to survive in the water), two

important indicators of clean water. They also measure water temperature. Samples are tested from over 40 sites along the Presumpscot River watershed and at four sites along the Stroudwater River which flows through South Gorham.

The data is used by the State to identify rivers and streams that do not meet state standards. The State can then work with partners to develop restoration plans which address potential water quality problems in the watershed. Mary Ellen Dennis, coordinator of the state Volunteer River Monitoring Program stated, "Volunteer groups like the Presumpscot Regional Land Trust collect water quality samples from locations not regularly monitored by our staff. This allows us to have a better idea of water quality conditions for a broader geographic area."

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vide the support and accountability they need to become good citizens."

Korobkin is a member of the National Alliance for Recovery Residences whose goal is to set standards for recovery facilities. The company has a four-level system of standards. Courage House will be a Level 2 recovery residence meaning it will be a managed house but will have no clinical services in house.

Crothers is a USM graduate, a former inmate, and a recovering alcoholic. He said that Courage House will be "accountable housing." Residents will

sign an agreement to stay clean and sober, and they will be monitored and tested.

Another goal of Courage House, according to Korobkin, is to reduce the recidivism rate for people released from prison. He went on to say that within three years of release, 56% of former inmates return to prison. Korobkin spoke for himself and Crothers when saying they are grateful to those supporting this new project. He asked those who are skeptical to be patient.

Crothers said they plan to make Courage House the "nicest in the

neighborhood with some of the hardest working people in the community," and will provide opportunities for Gorham residents to meet and discuss their concerns. Korobkin stated that Sigma Nu has always been a rooming house, and it will remain a rooming house; the only difference is the inhabitants.

Several Gorham residents and nearby business owners voiced opposition at a recent Town Council meeting. Amy Valentine, Julie Mulkern, Trish Moulton and Allyson Lowell shared their concerns stating that the abutters were not notified of the decision. Additionally,

they were not happy with the lack of communication about the matter. At the same meeting, Town Councilor Chair Ben Hartwell said there were probably some restrictions the Town Council could impose, but they could not discriminate against a class of people.

Tom Poirier, Interim Zoning Administrator, and Freeman Abbott, Code Enforcement Officer, said the Town has been fielding complaints about the establishment of a sober house at that location but it is a permitted use and the Town can not prevent it from moving forward.

Happy Easter - 2019 Services

Cressey Road United Methodist Church

81 Cressey Road, Gorham
Pastor Joseph Saunders, 839-3111
Apr 14 – Palm Sunday, Palm Parade; Walk Through Holy Week (for children PS-5th grade), 10 a.m.
Apr 18 – Maundy Thursday Service, 7 p.m.
Apr 20 – Free Community Easter Egg Hunt, 10 a.m.
Apr 21 – Sunrise Service at Cressey Road Church followed by a free breakfast, 6 a.m., Easter Worship Service, 10 a.m.

First Parish Congregational Church, UCC

One Church Street, Gorham
Lead Minister Christine Dyke, 839-6751
Apr 18 – Maundy Thursday, 5:30 p.m.
Potluck followed by Stories of Good Friday
Apr 21 – Easter Sunday Easter Egg Hunt, 9:15 a.m., Easter Celebration 10 a.m.

Galilee Baptist Church

317 Main Street, Gorham
Rev. Mark Labacz, 839-6985
Apr 19 – Good Friday Communion Service, 7 p.m.
Apr 21 Sunrise Service 6:30 a.m. Narragansett School, Gorham (behind the fire station)
Free Community Breakfast 7-8 a.m. at Summit Community Church, 53 County Rd (Inclement weather site for the sunrise service also at Summit Community Church)
Apr 21 – Easter Resurrection Celebration in music and art, 10:30 a.m. at 317 Main Street

Grace Bible Church

74 Deering Road, Gorham
Pastor Bob White, 839-8800.
Apr 21 – Easter Sunday Service, 10 a.m.

LifeChurch

New Portland Road, Gorham
Pastors Brian Undlin and Tom Pequinot, 839-6354
Apr 18 – 6:30 p.m.
Apr 20 – Holy Saturday Service, 5 p.m.
Apr 21 – Easter Sunday Service, 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. & 11 a.m.

Little Falls Bible Church

746 Gray Road, Gorham
Pastor Tony Vafiades, 892-4240
Apr 19 – Good Friday Service, 6 p.m.
Apr 21 – Easter Sunday Service, 9:30 a.m.

Orchard Community Church

1 North Street/Rt. 114, Gorham
Pastor Brian Ward, 210-0627
April 21 – Easter Sunday Service, 9:30 a.m.

Redeemer Lutheran Church

410 Main Street, Gorham
Rev. Timothy Sandeno, 839-7100
Apr 18 – Maundy Thursday Divine Service, noon & 7 p.m.
Apr 19 – Good Friday Chief Service, noon; Tenebrae Vespers, 7 p.m.
Apr 21 – Easter Service, 10:15 a.m.

St. Ann's Episcopal Church

40 Windham Center Road, Windham
Rev. Tim Higgins, 892-8447
Apr 18 – Maundy Thursday Seder Service with meal 5:30 p.m. and washing of the feet
Apr 19 – Good Friday Stations of the Cross, 3 p.m.; Live Stations of the Cross from 4 - 6 p.m., Service with Veneration, 7 p.m.
Apr 21 – Easter Sunday Service with full choir, 8 a.m. & 10 a.m. followed by Easter Egg Hunt for children in grades K-5.

St. Anne's Catholic Church

299 Main Street, Gorham
Pastor Louis Phillips & Rev. Steven Cartwright, 839-4857
Apr 18 – Holy Thursday, 7 p.m.
Apr 19 – Good Friday Veneration of the Cross, 7 p.m.
Apr 20 – Easter Vigil (St. Anthony's, Westbrook), 8 p.m.
Apr 21 – Easter Sunday, 8 a.m., 11 a.m., 5 p.m.

Summit Community Church

368 Gorham Rd. Scarborough
Rev. Travis Bush, 839-4434
Apr 21 – Sunrise Service 6:30 a.m. Narragansett School, Gorham (behind the fire station), Community Breakfast 7-8 a.m. at Summit's Gorham Campus at 53 County Rd.
Easter Services are 8, 9:30, and 11 a.m.
368 Gorham Rd. Scarborough

United Church of Christ at North Gorham

4 Standish Neck Road, Gorham
Associate Minister David Farrington, 892-5363
Apr 21 – Easter Sunrise Service (Atwood's Hill, 293 North Gorham Rd.), 6 a.m. followed by pancake breakfast; Easter Celebration, 9 a.m.

West Gorham Union Church

190 Ossipee Trail, Gorham
Pastor Nathan Colson, 839-5946
Apr 18 – Maundy Thursday service 6:30 p.m. at the church
Apr 21 – Easter Sunrise Service, 6 a.m. on Rust Road, Gorham
Breakfast 6:30 a.m. and Easter service, 9:30 a.m., at the church

White Rock Free Will Baptist Church

300 Sebago Lake Road, Gorham
Pastor Jonathan Marshall, 893-1919
Apr 18 – Maundy Thursday Service with Communion, 6:30 p.m.
Apr 19 – Good Friday Service, 6:30 p.m.
Apr 21 – Easter Sunrise Service, 7 a.m.; Easter Breakfast, 8 a.m.; Sunday Service, 10:45 a.m.

Spring Thinking

LINDA TREWORGY FAATZ

The time for pondering and planning is about over and the time for action is about to begin. Sometimes our dream vision might be too grand and take more time than we have or want to spend. Be realistic and choose what you dearly love about nature/gardening and feed your soul with that focus.

Gardening is all about nurturing. The care we give our plants will be revealed in their healthy growth and bloom. The labor of tenderness we bestow on our gardens and potted plants reaps much pride and satisfaction.

A plan of nutrition and care now will help to give your growing plants a happy start. My plan ongoing and through the winter months is to dissolve 1/4 cup of Epsom salts in a watering can full of water and water with that each month. The foliage of any plant stays lush and green because the magnesium in Epsom salts is a building block of chlorophyll and an essential nutrient in the photosynthesis process. Even my outside planters get a dose once in a while. Epsom salts can also be sprinkled around plants and watered into the soil.

Alfalfa meal is a special treat for many plants. The knowledgeable gardeners who have mentored me in the past used alfalfa meal as a natural fertilizer. It replenishes worn out soil. It is high in nitrogen and full of minerals to encourage microorganisms. The growth it stimulates will feed the plant roots and will help to retain moisture. Sprinkle lightly over the soil and work it in. It can also be used as a compost accelerant. Alfalfa meal can be found at most feed stores.

Baking soda will help reduce mil-

dew on your perennials. Make a paste out of baking soda and water and simply work it into the surface. A spray bottle can be used on larger perennials. Rinse with white vinegar to eliminate the white residue that baking soda leaves behind. Hydrogen peroxide is another way to kill mildew naturally. Catching it early is best. Be proactive with plants that you know will be bothered with mildew. Remember that the spores are harbored in the soil over the winter so leaf cleanup is important.

Vinegar, used full strength, will generally kill unwanted weeds. For best results, be sure to do it on a sunny day when rain is not imminent. Be careful not to get too close to the plants you want to save. It works well on paths for spot weeding.

Newspaper is a great weed barrier under mulch of your choice. A few layers will help deter potential weeds.

After each use, wipe down the blades of your sharpened tools with rubbing alcohol to help prevent potential plant diseases from spreading.

Working in the yard should be a pleasure to be enjoyed, not a chore. A lesson for us all is not to take on more than we can maintain. Small areas can be delightful. The Maine flower show reinforces the concept that a small space can be landscaped to be functional and eye-appealing. Take joy in creating your outside space.



Linda Treworgy Faatz, a passionate gardener for many years, lives in her family home at Friend's Corner and cares for the extensive Treworgy gardens. Questions and garden comments can be directed to lfaatz@maine.rr.com

Gorham Recreation Seed and Seedling Swap

GAIL PLATTS

Gorham Recreation Department

Do you buy or start seedlings for your home garden and end up with more than you need? Are you a seed-saver with more seeds than you want to plant? Bring those extra plants and seeds to the 2nd annual Gorham Recreation Seed and Seedling Swap on May 8 from 6-7 p.m.

Participation is easy. If you have seeds or seedlings to share, it is helpful if they're packaged and contained so they can be taken home easily by other swappers. Envelopes for seeds can be made from paper and tape, or seeds can be placed in resealable plastic bags. Household items such as cut-up egg cartons or yogurt containers are a reusable option for plants. Plastic SOLO cups with holes cut in the bottom work well for seedlings, too, as you can easily write the name of the plant on the container.

Please do not bring any seedlings started from seeds saved from hybrid plants. Hybrid plants are created from the pollen of two different species or varieties and plants from saved hybrid seeds hardly ever turn out to be what you hoped. Also, very old seeds usually won't grow very well - most seeds will remain viable for 2-4 years.

Please label plants and have plant description and growing instructions available on the label or as a handout. Only bring healthy plants. Take as much as you want, but only as much as you bring. Visit the Seed and Seedling Event page on Facebook to post the items you are looking for or plan to bring.

This event will be held in the Gorham Rec Multipurpose Room at 75 South St. The event is free, but registration is required. Please visit www.wgorhamrec.com or email gplatts@gorham.me.us for more information.

Lone Pine Brewing Company CONTINUED FROM PAGE 3

expect to open a tasting room in Gorham; we didn't think there would be a demand. But our fans kept on asking when we were going to open one, so we responded."

"We are really excited for people to see the tasting room," said Madden, whose father built the bar using repurposed wood from shipping pallets. "The residents of Gorham and town officials have been so welcoming and helpful during this process; we cannot

wait to really plug into the community, get to know our neighbors in the Industrial Park, and show the community what we have been doing."

Lone Pine's tasting room at 219 Anderson Street in Portland will remain open and operate business as usual.

The tasting room in Gorham, 48 Sanford Drive, Building B, will be open Thursday-Sunday from 12-8 p.m. Lone Pine can be reached at 207-536-4952 or by visiting lonepinebrewery.com.



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APRIL 2, 2019

Town Council Meeting

JACOB ADAMS
Staff Writer

Lisa Bolduc, Phil Gagnon, and Mike Lewin each expressed their concerns about Gorham's schools. They suggested building a new high school offsite and shifting the other schools around rather than expanding the current high school.

Amy Valentine, Julie Mulkern, Trish Moulton and Allyson Lowell all voiced their concerns about a new sober living facility opening at 24 School Street. The abutters were not notified of this decision and they were not happy about the lack of communication about the matter.

Councilor Wilder Cross attended the Gorham Village Alliance Workshop and was very impressed with the committee and their enthusiasm. She also attended the Greater Portland Metro Coalition meeting with one of the discussions being the need to expand public transportation routes in Gorham.

Chairman Hartwell revealed that there is a Transit App that is very helpful for citizens using the METRO system. He also apologized for not having a lot of information for the public on the Sober Living Facility opening on School Street. He assured the public that the Council will be reviewing the situ-

ation and not just ignoring their concerns.

Town Manager Paraschak reminded citizens that his door is always open for people with any concerns or issues like the School expansion project. He revealed that the FY 2020 budget is very conservative.

The Town Council appointed the following people to these committees and commissions:

Philip Gagnon: Revolving Loan Fund Committee

Charles Athanasion: Board of Assessment Review

Joshua Haiss: Conservation Commission (Associate Member)

Mary Collins' resignation from the Board of Trustees-Baxter Memorial Library was accepted as was the resignation of Jan Labrecque from the Board of Appeals and the Board of Voter Registration Appeals.

The Town Council appointed people to the following boards:

Gregory Beal: Board of Trustees-Baxter Memorial Library

Dede Perkins: Board of Appeals

Richard Davis: Board of Voter Registration Appeals

The first amendment to the ODAT and Grondin Industrial Park Municipal Development Tax Increment Financing District

and Development Program was approved. The amendments include an extension of the District term through June 30, 2034, the authorization of the Town Council to enter into additional credit enhancement agreements, and additional authorized project costs listed under the public improvements, facilities and programs section of the Development Program.

A renewal Liquor License for The Blue Pig LLC located at 29 A School Street was approved.

A renewal Liquor License and a renewal Special Amusement License for Spire 29 on the Square, LLC located at 29 School Street were approved.

A new Liquor License for Angelo's Pizza located at 474 Main Street was approved. (5 years, 1 nay: Wilder Cross)

A renewal Massage License to Heather Theriault, of Theriault Chiropractic & Massage of Gorham, was issued.

The office residential district section of the Land Use and Development Code was amended to add personal services and professional out-patient clinics as permitted uses.

The Town Council amended the Pheasant Knoll Contract Zoning Agreement between Kasprzak

Landholdings, Inc. and the Town of Gorham.

A referendum question was not authorized for the June 11, 2019 ballot. The question would ask if residents would like to expend up to \$1,800,000 to install modular classrooms/cafeteria space including electrical, mechanical, security systems, site work and building connectors for the leased modular units. (See Page 1 article.) The Town Council scheduled a Public Hearing on this for May 7, 2019. (2 yeas, 4 nays: Pratt, Shepard, Wilder Cross, Smith).

An amendment to the Land Use & Development Code was forwarded to the Planning Board for a public hearing and recommendation to adopt the amended Middle School Facilities Impact Fee & Methodology.

The Town Council forwarded a request from Avesta Housing to amend its contract zone to the Planning Board for a Public Hearing and recommendation.

A resolution opposing the proposed University of Southern Maine name change to the University of Maine at Portland will be adopted. (5 yeas, 1 nay: Hager)

The Town Council denied an application for an abatement of taxes based on poverty.

The full meeting minutes as well as full amendment details are available at www.gorham-me.org.



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Planning Board Meeting

Harvey Performance Company's request for approval to construct a two-phase manufacturing facility off Narragansett St. with Phase I consisting of a single story 76,887 sq. ft. building, 1,300 foot access drive and 172 parking spaces and Phase II consisting of an adding 30,000 sq. ft. to the building and an additional 115 parking spaces was discussed and postponed with a site walk to be scheduled.

Nouria Energy Ossipee Trail, Inc's request for approval of a lot split at 433 Ossipee Trail was approved with conditions of approval.

STJ, Inc's Little Falls condominium request for approval of four duplex condominium development of eight units with associated parking and infrastructure off Tow Path Road was discussed and postponed. A site walk was to be scheduled.

Kurt Christensen's Fort Hill Road subdivision, located off 765 Fort Hill Road, was given preliminary approval with final approval postponed to a future consent agenda.

James Dyer's request for an additional building on Firewood Lane, off Mitchell Hill Road, was discussed.

Clerk's Corner

Laurie Nordfors
Town Clerk

Happy Spring Everyone! The weather is getting better and the snow is almost gone.

Motorcycle registrations were due March 31. You can re-register your motorcycle on-line or in the Clerk's Office. You will need your old registration, current insurance card and mileage.

The second half of the 2019 Property tax bill is due on May 15. A copy of your property tax bill is available at www.gorham-me.org.

The Animal Control Officer is issuing summons for unregistered dogs.

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Election Day is June 11 and residents will vote for the 2019-2020 Gorham School Budget. Absentee ballot applications are now available at the Town Clerk's office or by calling 222-1670. Absentee ballots will be mailed to voters when they are available at the beginning of May. Due to State law, the School Budget Validation ballot can not be returned prior to June 4. Ballots returned prior to June 4 will not be counted.

Town Manager Releases Proposed Budget CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

before staffing was split and customer service suffered as a result.

4. Fire Inspector from Part Time to Full Time: Gorham continues to see rapid growth despite many growth management tools and zoning changes implemented by the Town Council. As the community grows both residentially and commercially, it has become apparent that the turnaround time for inspections and permits from the Fire Dept. is not keeping pace. Last year the Gorham Fire Department became one of the first municipal departments to be able to complete commercial plan review in house. Previously, a commercial developer would have to send their plans to Augusta and wait weeks for feedback. The same process can be completed in house now at a fraction of the time. Making the fire inspector position full-time will improve the review process, especially on commercial inspections. This position also assists with fire prevention activities.

5. Part Time Youth Services Librarian: As Gorham grows, so does the population and demand on municipal services. This has been very true in the Baxter Memorial Library with the increasing demand for youth programming. The budget proposes adding one additional twenty hour per week youth services librarian for services provided at Baxter Memorial Library for outreach to local preschools, digital advertising for youth services and additional staffing for youth based events.

6. Creation of a Municipal IT Position: In the past, the municipal departments of the Town of Gorham contracted for services with the Gorham School Department's Office

of Technology. As the IT needs of the School Dept. have grown over the last several years, its ability to provide the same services to municipal departments has been reduced. The proposed budget creates one dedicated IT position that will be staffed through municipal departments while still contracting to a limited degree with the School Dept. for shared resources that they maintain like internal computer servers, phone systems and other logistical support.

7. Recycling Costs: An additional \$42,000 has been added to the Solid Waste & Recycling budget with Public Works for the anticipated cost to dispose of recycling. Although still environmentally sound and more cost effective than solid waste, recent volatility in global recycling markets has created this additional expense to dispose of recycled goods.

8. Full Time Economic Development Position: For FY 20, the Town proposes changing the Economic Development Director position from the current part-time staffing level to full-time. Gorham has been able to obtain steady commercial growth over the years, but compared to our neighbors, we have not been as aggressive in recruiting new businesses to come to town while also addressing the needs of our existing businesses. The full-time director would report to the Director of Community Development (formally the Zoning Administrator) and work to implement the economic development vision of the Town Council.

To view the proposed budget in full, go to www.gorham-me.org. Specific inquiries may be directed the Town Manager's Office at 222-1650.

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Connecting High School Students with Elementary Schools

GRACE FLYNN
GHS Student Intern

"There was a little girl that had a French fry pencil sharpener on her desk. When I got to her and asked her what she was going to make, she said she was making an automatic French fry maker," said Riley Johnson, sophomore at Gorham High School (GHS), describing one of the fantastic inventions discussed by Village Elementary School students when she volunteered recently for the Adopt-A-Classroom program.

"There was also a little boy making a party tank that shot out balloons and streamers. I loved seeing him so excited about his invention," said Johnson.

Adopt-A-Classroom, now in its second year, connects high school students to classrooms in the Gorham elementary schools with the goal of starting discussions about future careers.

High school students volunteer for the program and attend a training prior to their first trip to an elementary school. At the training, students are split into groups based on their assigned grade level and practice reading the picture book they'll later read in the classroom.

Students then travel to an elementary school, currently either Great Falls or Village, to read their picture book to a classroom and engage in an activ-



Photo credit Grace Flynn

Gorham High School junior Tyler Rollins volunteered at a Great Falls classroom during an Adopt-A-Classroom visit on February 13.

ity with the class that relates to the story. Each book varies by grade level; teachers at the elementary schools specifically selected the books for the Adopt-A-Classroom program and its goals.

Planning for the program started in the fall of 2017 according to Gorham High School principal Brian Jandreau. It began with a MELMAC (Maine Educational Loan Marketing Corporation) grant awarded to the high school six years ago and its "whole purpose was looking at

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Gorham Gathers to Support the Reed Family

MICHELLE CARLSON
Kenny Strong Committee Member

In March, Gorham community members came together because a little boy named Kenny Reed is fighting for his life. Bright and energetic Kenny Reed, a nine-year-old third grader from Narragansett Elementary School, found a lump in his throat during a pre-Christmas vacation to Disney World. By January, he was diagnosed with Rhabdomyosarcoma, a rare but aggressive form of childhood cancer.

This form of cancer is so rare only 250 children are diagnosed with it annually in the U.S. By February, Reed started chemotherapy treatments at the Barbara Bush Children's Hospital in Portland and is scheduled to add six weeks of radiation treatment at Mass General in Boston.

Faced with the feelings of "what if it were my child?" fellow moms from the third-grade class at Narragansett needed to do something for the family. After hearing about the extensive treatment Reed would undergo, what started as a T-shirt fundraiser grew to include a family-focused fundraising event.

On March 31, The Kenny Reed, Our Superhero Fundraiser was held at the Gorham Sports Center and an estimated 600 people came to support and encourage Reed and his family. Cancer survivors, young and old, came to share their love for the family through stories



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Kenny Reed, third-grader at Narragansett, has a rare form of cancer and the Gorham community rallied to help Reed and his family recently at The Kenny Reed, Our Superhero Fundraiser.

of hope and resiliency. Donated auction and raffle items were plentiful and bidders were generous with Reed in mind.

For those who attended the event, they may have come expecting to see a frail, ill little guy and parents who were distraught or discouraged looking at the battle ahead of them, but instead, Reed was seen throughout the event running and playing with his many friends, making it clear to everyone that this kid is a fighter.

Although the family has medical insurance, parts of treatment are currently being denied or held for further processing to determine coverage for certain procedures, tests, or treatments. The Kenny

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Reed, Our Superhero fundraising event raised enough to cover their expenses associated with the lengthy seven-week stay in Boston during radiation treatment, and some of their medical expenses.

With the additional support of area businesses, friends, and the Reed Allen Community Fund the hope is to cover more treatment expenses. Benefits from the community coming together have far exceeded the monetary ones, however.

Matt Reed, Kenny's father, shared that although the cancer diagnosis was devastating to their family, making it hard to be brave or even get out of bed some days, the support and love they have felt from this community has been awesome and energizing.

"I cannot imagine living in a better community or town," was a common statement heard during the event. For two hours, members of the community paused their own lives and answered the call to support another in need.

To continue to show the Reed family love, letters of emotional support can be sent to The Reed Family, 1 Emerson Place, Apt 3-O, Boston MA 02114. If you would like to make a donation of financial support, please email michelleinmancarlson@yahoo.com for more information.

APRIL 10, 2019

School Committee Meeting

KATHY CORBETT
Staff Writer

At the last regular meeting, the School Committee (SC) voted (6-1, Benson) to submit a \$41,010,533 Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 budget to the Town Council (TC) for approval. This represents an increase of \$2,068,028 or 5.31% in expenditures over last year and, if approved, would result in an approximate mil rate increase of 79 cents per \$1000 assessed valuation. This equates to an increase of approximately \$198 on a home valued at \$250,000.

An increase in the state subsidy and no increase in health insurance premiums resulted in more funds being available, but increased enrollments in the elementary schools drove the need for more teachers and support staff.

Initially the budget included \$1.2 million in the Capital Improvement Budget (CIPS) for Phase I of the modular project at Narragansett Elementary School, but when the Town Council denied a request for a referendum on that expenditure (See article on Page 1), that funding request was removed and some projects that had been postponed were restored so the CIPS budget is now \$690,000.

The SC will hold a joint meeting with the Town Council (TC) on May 14 and the TC budget vote is scheduled for June 8. The budget as approved by the TC will come before the voters on June 11.

Following the vote, SC members spoke about the budget process and shared the reasoning behind their votes. All expressed appreciation for the work of the district teachers and leadership team in submitting their requests and in participating in discussions. Everyone agreed that increasing enrollment is impacting the decision process.

Kate Livingston said that not cutting programs and staff meant that expenditures such as updating computers had to be postponed, but that was best for students. Both Jennifer Whitehead and Anne Schools emphasized the importance of retaining "great teachers and support staff," as well as maintaining near optimal class sizes.

Kyle Currier said that "everything can't be a priority," but agreed that class size is important because teachers need to be able to have a relationship with each student.

Bill Benson, who did not vote for the budget, said that it was not "frivolous," but that he believed a student increase of 1.5% does not justify a 5% budget increase.

Chairman Darryl Wright said he supported the process and work that went into the budget, but he wrestled with his decision to support it. "These are legitimate needs," he said, "but a 6.6% increase in the mil rate is a lot." Concerned about the overall amount of the budget, he said, "It is never going to get easier."

At the start of the meeting, in the time for public comment, James Fowler spoke to the SC about a number of issues, including questioning the need for an additional school resource officer, the need to expand elementary schools, and concerns about the new GHS grading system.

Bill Benson encouraged everyone with concerns to attend committee workshops where many of these issues are discussed. As chair of the Vocational Education subcommittee, he also spoke about the importance of the programs offered in Westbrook. There is a shortage of qualified teachers which discourages students from taking advantage of these opportunities.

Superintendent Heather Perry gave an update on legislation under discussion in Augusta, including the bill to deny vaccination exclusions for religious and philosophical reasons.

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School Notes

The Gorham High School Band received a Gold Rating at the annual Maine Band Director's Association (MBDA) Concert Band Festival at Scarborough High School on April 3-4.

Still have questions about the GHS building project and where things stand? Visit www.gorhamschools.org and click on "GHS Building Project Link" at the top of the page.

Superintendent Heather Perry has posted a new Blog Update focused on letting parents know what the current proposed FY 20 budget looks like. For details, visit: <https://gorhamsuperintendent.blogspot.com/>.

GHS English teacher David Patterson will be doing a reading at Baxter Memorial Library on April 23 at 6:30 p.m. of his new novel "Soon the Light Will Be Perfect." He has invited GHS students Olivia Paruk, Autumn Heil, and Maddie Firmin to read their poetry at the event to highlight the writing community as a whole.

Narragansett School's sixth annual 5K race will be held May 5. To register online for the event or find out more information, visit www.runinarace.com. Paper registration can be picked up at Narragansett School. 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.

Congratulations to Maxwell Souza and Anthony Harkins who were selected to be published in the Telling Room's annual anthology. Every year, The Telling Room publishes an anthology of student work based on themes that came out of Telling Room programs. This book will be launched on May 23, at BIG NIGHT, the giant community celebration of Telling Room programs at the Westbrook Performing Arts Center. Friends and family are welcome/encouraged to attend.

FIRST Robotics Team 172 Northern Force, composed of students from Gorham and Falmouth High Schools, competed on April 6-7 at the 2019 Pine Tree District FIRST Robotics Competition, Deep Space, at the Lewiston Colisee and made it to the Semifinals. GHS was represented by Owen Begley, Nathan Ladd, and Hunter Pellerin at the competition. The team was awarded the highly coveted Image Award for its space suit costumes, machine appearance, spaceship, and for having the most awesome team spirit out of 32 highly motivated and competitive teams.

Connecting HS Students with Elementary Schools

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increasing aspirations for high school students," said Jandreau.

The high school used the money to fund college tours and financial aid information nights, however GHS felt it could do more to boost high school students' aspirations.

Looking for ways to inspire students at much younger ages, GHS started an event four years ago called the senior walk, which takes graduating seniors in their caps and gowns on a celebratory tour of each school in the district. In the years following, the GHS administration and guidance office have worked with the rest of the school district to find new ways to foster ambition in Gorham students.

About two years ago, the Adopt-A-Classroom program was created to help realize this goal. GHS counselors Betsy Anastasoff and Kate Stevens worked with Great Falls principal Becky Fortier to bring the program to Great Falls as a pilot project last year. The program was a big success, with both GHS students and Great Falls students eager to participate again. So far this year, high schoolers have made two trips to Great Falls and one trip to Village School, with at least one more trip for each school planned.

When asked why this program is valuable to Gorham's school community, Anastasoff said, "Often times adults are talking at kids and they sort of take what we say but they also sort of tune us out. But when they see a really cool high school student come in, they want to be that student."

SPORTS

In the Zone

Holmes Gives Back to Gorham Sports: Maine Gatorade Player of the Year, Mackenzie Holmes, was awarded \$1000 to donate to a charity of her choice. Holmes chose to give back to her community and donated to the Gorham Unified Basketball Program.


Track Highlights: Congratulations to GHS's Kate Tugman, Evelyn Kitchen and Andrew Farr for being named to the MTCCCA (Maine Track and Cross-Country Coaches Association) All State Indoor Track and Field team. Tugman was a first team selection while Kitchen and Farr were both second team selections.


Sports Etc.

Annual Run to Honor Wayne "Pooch" Drown: This year's Gorham Standish Lions Club 5K/10K Run, the 11th annual, will honor Wayne "Pooch" Drown, who passed away on March 3, 2019. The proceeds from the race will be donated to Special Olympics, an organization near and dear to Pooch. The race will be held on May 4 at 9 am at the Gorham Recreation Department on Ballfield Rd. To pre-register, visit www.running4free.com. \$25/ adults and \$10/students.


GHS GRAD NEWS: If you, or your son or daughter is a GHS graduate, we would like to share your achievements in the Gorham Times Of Interest section or in a Where Are They Now feature. Submissions should include the year of GHS graduation and should be no longer than 75 words. Contact Chris Crawford at ckck5@maine.rr.com, Kathy Corbett at ktcorbett@aol.com or Cindy O'Shea at coshea2@maine.rr.com.

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Spring Sports Preview

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BASEBALL:

Returning Senior Leaders: Trevor Gray (1B), Trevor Loubier (3B), Joey Curesky (P, SS), Jacob Sladen (P, IF, OF). New Players to Watch: Sean Boylen (Freshman; C), Kyle Skolfield (Freshman; P, OF), Bode Meader (Sophomore; IF), Aaron Mains (Junior; DH, IF). Veterans ready to emerge: Zach Green (Senior; P, OF), Jacob Polchies (Junior; OF), Peter Richards (Junior; P), Brandon Cummings (Senior; IF)

The team is also excited to welcome some former Ram baseball players back to the program including Kevin Mollison (Senior; OF), Bryce Womack (Senior; P, IF), and Aaron Goschke (Senior; P, OF).

Coach Chuck Nadeau shared, "As the defending Southern Maine Class A Champion, we return just two regular players from last year's lineup: Trevor Gray and Trevor Loubier. Although rebuilding a lineup, we do have some talented and experienced pitchers in Sladen, Curesky and Green. The return of Goschke, after three seasons of high school baseball in Texas, is a big boost to our program." Nadeau expects Skolfield will be a major contributor on the mound as well.

Although it may be one of the more inexperienced teams the Rams have

had in several seasons, Nadeau said that this team will grow quickly and look to be a factor in the tournament in June, and added, "Coach Polchies, Coach Morin and myself are incredibly excited to work with this high-character group."

SOFTBALL:

Coach Renee Whipkey shared, "Gorham softball is excited to get this season started. Although we lost five starting seniors from last year's team, including Gatorade Player of the year Grace McGouldrick (GHS '18), we have a lot of young talent."

Returning sophomores Tatyanna Biamby, Molly Murray, and Morgan Roast will play a big part in both the Lady Rams' offensive and defensive game. Junior Kiana Tracey, who hit five home runs last year, and senior Emma Shields will also be key parts to the middle of the line-up.

"We face some of the toughest SMAA opponents early in the season, seeing Scarborough, Massabesic, and Noble in three of our first four games," Whipkey said. The girls hope to be competitive against each team they play, and look forward to working together for a successful season.

BOYS' LACROSSE:

Last season Gorham repeated as Regional Semifinalists. Looking to improve on their final 6-8 record of last

year, the Rams are lead by co-captains (for the second year) Jake Dupuis and Ben Nault. They look to impart both poise and higher expectations to the big group of underclassmen joining them this year.

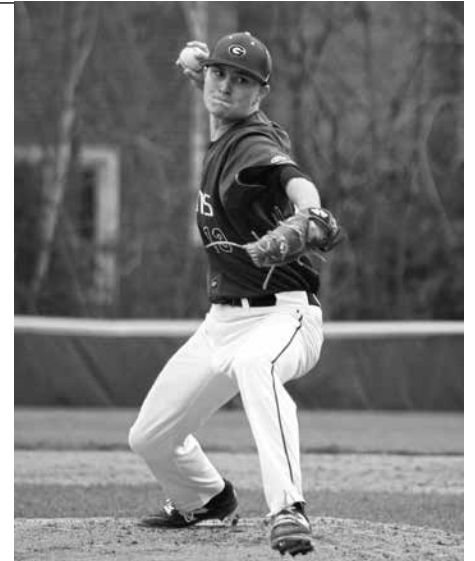
Coach Clayton Jones said, "The strength looks to be the attack, where three seniors: Dupuis, Connor Dougherty, and Dominic Lorello bring experience and unique skill sets.

The defensive end of the field will be anchored by two senior goalies: Giuseppe Brown and Joe Hepler. The two split time last year and both have looked strong in the preseason. "The rest of the defense will need to develop quickly, where a mix of experience and athleticism will have to come together quickly," Jones said.

"Junior Cole Perrault is the only returning starter, so every week of experience will count for this unit. The mid-field could develop quickly with senior leadership from Nault, and Cooper Lyons, while several younger players vie for playing time," added Jones.

The Rams open against stiff competition, starting with Thornton Academy and Falmouth in the first week of the season. Mid-season will see a rivalry game with Scarborough, a win last year for the Rams. Finally, late season tests against South Portland and neighboring Windham should help propel Gorham toward the playoffs.

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Spring Sports Preview

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"Last year was clearly a transition year for Gorham, and this group of Rams seems poised to forge a path deeper into the post season," said Jones.

GIRLS' LACROSSE:

Last season the Lady Rams finished with a record of 4-8 and a playoff loss at South Portland. Coach Mary Guimond said, "Though we graduated nine seniors, we have a solid group returning and a motivated and hard-working group of underclassmen that will keep them honest."

In speaking about key returning players, Guimond said, "Senior captains Hallie Shiers, Sarah Walker, and Hailey Morrill along with junior captain Carson Battaglia bring a solid work ethic to the program. Goalie Paige Hume, along with defenders Sarah Walker and Kacie Walton, will be our rocks out back as we work to fill the holes left by our graduating low defenders. Peyton Morton, Shiers, and Battaglia provide excellent two-way play, and we will look to attackers like Morrill, Faith Dillon, Jill Nichols, and Haley Lowell to run a balanced offense," Coach Guimond said.

Key matchups are against Marshwood, Massabesic, and Thornton Academy. The team will focus on tightening up its defense first, but really hope to find some offensive sparks and find ways to finish on attack.



BOYS' TRACK:

Last year the boys track team took 8th place at the SMAA Championship. This year Gorham will be working hard to be competitive during the regular season. "We graduated some quality competitors, but have some underclassmen who could help us out in big meets. I am looking forward to watching the new faces make progress this season," Coach Jason Tanguay said.

Key Athletes to watch: Seniors Simon Roussel (jumps) and Dylan Lamont (racewalk); Juniors: Ryan Farr (sprints) and Andrew Tinkham (distance); Sophomores: Ryan Gendron (jumps) and Reed Henderson (distance); Freshmen: Andrew Farr (sprints) and Calvin Cummings (distance).

GIRLS' TRACK:

Last year the Lady Rams took 2nd place in the SMAA and 3rd place in State Class A.

Coach John Caterina said, "Gorham will be among the top teams in the SMAA and Class A again this spring. A strong freshmen class will help offset the graduation of several key scorers from last year's team." Evelyn and Iris



Kitchen, Kate Tugman, Lauren Barden and Stef Meacham return as big meet scorers, while Alyvia Caruso, Sydney Connolly, Emma Green and Maddie Michaud all proved to be capable scorers after a successful indoor season.

Key Athletes to watch are Seniors: Lauren Barden (PV/hurdles), Avery Germond (sprints), Kasey Jiang (hurdles) and Evelyn Kitchen (throws/jumps); Juniors: Iris Kitchen (mid-distance), Stef Meacham (racewalk), Abby O'Brien (jumps/throws), Kate Tugman (distance), and Lydia Valentine (racewalk); Sophomores: Olivia Michaud (sprints) and Nevaeh Moore (sprints); Freshmen: Alyvia Caruso (jumps/hurdles), Sydney Connolly (sprints), Emma Green (HJ), and Maddie Michaud (sprints).

BOYS' TENNIS:

Coach Adam Landry shared the boys have a young team and hope to build on success from last season when they lost in the Southern Maine Semifinal to Falmouth. Key players returning are Seniors: Jayden Gaudreau and Sam Pocock; Juniors: Andrew Rent and Brady King; Sophomores: Andrew Brent and Dom Garcia; Freshman: Will Boylen.

GIRLS' TENNIS:

With a record of 11-2 last season, Coach Nicole Bergeron said, "We're all very excited to start a new season with both familiar and new faces. Many of the girls will get a chance to grow into their new positions on the ladder. We're looking forward to a solid and successful season."

The player strengths for the ladies are the following: #1 singles player, Jocelyn Bolt, with last year's impressive 11-2 record, is on deck and hungry for the season to start. The ladies have a strong doubles team consisting of Haley Burns and Izzy Kolb. They are ready to go and hoping to at least repeat last year's record of only one loss.

The Lady Rams have experience on their side with key players returning in seniors Gabby Gagne, Grace Terry, Isabelle Kolb, Maggie Munkacsi, and Sarah Baxter, along with Bolt, Hannah Dimick and Maddie Firmin.

Key matchups will be against Scarborough and Thornton Academy who are always important challenges. "We should have a successful season as players step up in their positions on the ladder," Bergeron said.

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A Love for Classic Barns and Special Cows CONTINUED FROM PAGE 3

structure up using a crane from Shaw Brothers. Dennis Nickerson, of Affordable Builders in Gorham, is doing the finishing.

Topped by a cupola, the barn is scheduled to be completed by summer and eventually will house a shop, craft room, and hay loft. There will be a side entry for Cressey's Scotch Highland cows, although, she explained, even in winter they prefer to be outside.

Nearly as rare in southern Maine as a new post and beam barn, Highland cows were first imported to the United States from Scotland in the 1920s. Today, there are 17 farms listed in the Maine Highland Cattle Association. Cressey bought six heifers in 2017; six have been born since. Her one bull is registered.

Highlands are prized for their ability to withstand cold weather. Their colorful shaggy appearance comes from two coats of hair; one keeps out the rain and snow, the other keeps the cow warm. They can be auburn, white, black, or beige. Although Highlands average a hefty 1,600 pounds, they are known

for being docile, calm, and not easily stressed.

Beef from Highlands is lean, high in protein and low in fat. Cressey brushes her cows and calls them by name, but she intends to sell some to help finance the farm. "Our cows are like pets and we treat them the best we know how while they are here," Cressey said as she gave one a carrot. She has sold two already. "It was an easy choice," she said. "The ones we are not able to brush or work with go; the one that breaks through a fence goes."

Stephanie Cressey manages Cressey Apartments for her grandfather, but she makes time for her cows, other farm animals, a garden, and nature photography. "The farm," she said, "is run by myself and my partner of 12 years, Greg Keene."

Little River Highlands is not yet open for business but Cressey hopes to be by this fall. "We always welcome visitors to see the cows," she said, "and to see the new barn, although once it is covered all the beauty will be on the inside."

TC Votes Down Modular Classroom Referendum CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

Perry hopes that a joint meeting on April 29 between the SC and the Town Council (TC), which voted 4-2 against a referendum, will result in a plan for going forward.

Some TC members had questioned the cost for a temporary solution to the problem of inadequate space. Perry said that the plan "all along has been for these modular spaces to last us between 10 and 15 years."

In the next Department of Education application cycle, the district will apply for state funding to enlarge Narragansett, a centrally located school with enough land for expansion. Even if funded, it would "likely be seven years out and that is if everything works out perfectly," Perry said.

TC members also asked if it would be more cost effective to purchase the modulars rather than rent them. Councilor Lee Pratt said he was not against modulars but against leasing them, particularly as so much would be invested in making them ready for occupancy. "I would like to own them as a town," he said, "so they can be moved to address future overcrowding."

Under the present plan, the district would be able to purchase them for "fair market price" at the end of the rental period. Rental costs would be included in the yearly operational budget. It would cost \$860,000 to purchase all modulars needed for both Phase I and II. Perry said they would be discussing going forward with a bond project at the April 29 meeting. "That would allow us to purchase the modular spaces rather than lease them," she said.

If the decision is made to propose a \$2.6 million bond issue which includes \$1.8 million for site work and the cost of the modulars, a bond referendum question could still be on the June ballot. If passed, the district would begin the competitive bidding process this summer.

Whatever decision is made by the SC and the TC, voters will be asked to approve funding for classroom space. Even if the rapid growth in Gorham slows down, major investment will still be needed because many of the children who will fill those classrooms are already here.

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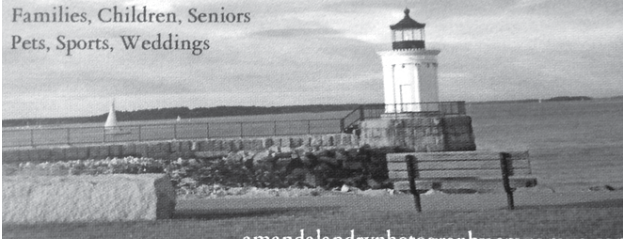


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OF INTEREST

Judy Boulet, International Northeast Regional Vice President of Alpha Delta Kappa, spoke at Maine ADK's annual state meeting in April. Boulet shared her experience traveling to earthquake- and hurricane-ravaged Haiti to provide much-needed school supplies and instruction to Imagine Missions, a school housing many orphans. The four local chapters of Alpha Delta Kappa raised over \$200 for the mission. Pictured (l to r) Susan Morneault, Anne Sullivan, Jackie Leeper, Judy Boulet, Barbara Caiazzo, and Anne Tewhey. The group will hold a "Meet and Greet" social on Tuesday, April 23, at 6 p.m. FMI, jleeper1@maine.rr.com.



The Atlantic Dance Arts Performance Team performed at the Elite Dance Challenge in Westbrook on March 29-31. The team won many Top Ten placements, Special Awards, Miss Jr. and Miss Sr. EDC, Overall Senior Duet/Trio, and the overall Student Choreography award. The team will compete at one more regional competition before traveling to NYC for Nationals in July.

Baxter Memorial Library presents The Poetry of Stillness Workshop, a nature-inspired present tense poetry activity with Maine poet Sarah Carlson, on Thursday, April 18, from 4-5 p.m., followed by a poetry reading and author talk from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

On April 23 at 6:30 p.m., Baxter Memorial Library hosts Gorham High School English teacher Dave Patterson reading from his debut novel, "Soon the Light Will Be Perfect," which chronicles the journey of two brothers on the cusp of adulthood, a town battered by poverty and a family at a breaking point. Three GHS students will also read their poetry at this event.

Aiden Fortier, a seventh grade student at Gorham Middle School, has been selected to be a part of the documentary "Why Dance 2019" featuring seven male dancers from across the country as they share their stories of why they love to dance. Filming began last week at the Dance Studio of Maine.



There will be a public meeting on May 2 at 6 p.m. at the Gorham Municipal Center to discuss the improvement of the Little River Bridge.

Cressey Road United Methodist Church will hold a two-day Rummage & Perennial Sale on Friday, May 3, from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. and Sat, May 4, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Clothes, dishes, books, furniture, toys, perennials and more. "Fill a grocery bag for a dollar" on May 4 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Refreshments served. Donations accepted on the Tues, Wed, and Thurs the week of the sale from 9 a.m.-7 p.m.

Paul Muehle, of Gorham, Maintenance Manager at the New England Rehabilitation Hospital of Portland, received the Leadership Award, given to a member of the hospital's leadership team who has made significant contributions during the prior year, decided by a vote of all employees of the hospital.



The Presumpscot Regional Land Trust volunteer Water Stewards training led by the Maine DEP will be held on Saturday, May 4, from 10 a.m.-noon at USM in Gorham. Volunteers collect water samples and data every other Saturday morning from mid-May through mid-September. Water Stewards work on teams, so you don't need to be available for every sampling day. Registration is required at <https://www.prlt.org/water-stewards-sign-up>.

PUBLIC SUPPERS

A public supper will be held at West Gorham Union Church at 190 Ossipee Trail on

Saturday, May 4. Ticket sales start at 4 p.m., Serving starts at 5. Beans, hot dogs, chicken pie, American chop suey, casseroles, homemade pies coffee and punch. Adults/\$8, Children under 12/\$3.

The White Rock Community Clubhouse, 34 Wilson Rd., will hold a Bean Supper from 4:30-6 p.m. on May 4. 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.

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 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 Hand chimes @ 1 p.m.; Wednesdays Originals @ 10 a.m. (April 24: Ken O'Brien/Biking in Portugal, May 1: Oscar Mokeme/Museum of African Culture); Thursdays Church Street Writers @ 10:30 a.m. - Obituary writing Workshop; Fridays ARTrageous Seniors @ 10 a.m. (April 19 & 26 - Meet at Gorham Arts Alliance for bowl throwing/pottery wheels). FMI: Lisa Becker, 835-9379 or leckybrowncenter@gmail.com.

The Gorham Medical Loan Closet located in the Rec. Dept. building loans freely to any Gorham citizen who is in need of medical items such as wheelchairs, commodes, walkers, etc. The closet is running low on many of the necessary medical loan items and would like to ask Gorham residents to return any items they are not using by calling 839-3859 or 839-2484. If anyone has any medical items they might like to donate, please call us. Due to lack of space, hospital beds are not accepted. FMI 839-3859, 839-2484, 329-4976, 632-2178, 839-3494, 839-3630. Hours are by appointment only. Leave a message and a volunteer will return the call.

USM NOTES

Athletics is an important and exciting part of student life at the University of Southern Maine. 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. FMI, visit the schedule at usm.maine.edu/athletics/events.

Visiting artists, Transient Canvas, perform new music for bass clarinet and marimba that challenges expectations with an evening concert at 7:30 p.m. on April 18 in Corthell Hall featuring electro-acoustic music, \$15 adults, \$10 seniors, USM employees and alumni, and \$5 students. The duo will also give a free master class at 11 a.m. on the same day, featuring USM student performers.

Dr. Malinda Haslett, Director of Voice Studies, will offer a voice master class on April 19 from 3-5 p.m. in Corthell Hall. Free and open to the public.

Vocal Jazz Ensemble directed by Taylor O'Donnell performs its spring concert on April 23 at 7:30. Tickets are \$8 and \$5.

A Composers Showcase will be held on April 27, presenting a concert of original student works, and the Chamber Music Awards Concert is on April 28, featuring student performers selected by audition. Admission is free to both events.

USM Department of Theatre presents the last show of the 2018-2019 season, "The Foreigner," by Larry Shue. Inspired and hilarious, this wildly comic depiction of our own absurdities may prove a cathartic reminder of the better aspects of our humanity. The show opens on Friday, April 19, at 7:30 p.m., with nine performances through Sunday, April 28. Tickets range from \$8-\$16.

On May 2, the Department of Theatre Showcase highlights the current work and creative ideas of students and faculty in a relaxed format. Free. FMI: Theatre Box Office at 780-5151, or online at usm.maine.edu/theatre.

The current exhibition at the USM Art Gallery on the Gorham campus is a collection of engaging thesis exhibits by Senior Seminar students through May 1, with an opening reception on Thursday, April 18, from 6-8 p.m., and opening remarks at 6:15 p.m. FMI, 780-5008.

FMI ON THE ABOVE USM MUSIC EVENTS, VISIT USM.MAINE.EDU/MUSIC/EVENTS OR CALL 780-5555.

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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.

The Gorham Lions Club meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of every month through the Fall at the Old Elmwood Schoolhouse on South Street (Rte. 114). Meetings are held at 6:30 p.m. New members always welcome. FMI, 929-9182.

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Shaw's Mill Road caller reported she had been notified by her bank of unauthorized charges on her account. Bank was taking care of charges and caller sustained no financial loss.

State St. caller reported getting a call from his great grandson who was in jail and needed him to send \$8,400. He did not send the money or provide any information to the caller and ended the call. He was told to simply hang up if he received any further calls.

Officer responded to a report of a family fight on Ossipee Trail. There was no assault but the male had an outstanding warrant and was arrested.

Tow Path Road caller reported her ex-boyfriend had stolen her snowmobile which was registered to her and she was the only owner. Officers located ex-boyfriend and he agreed to return the snowmobile.

Notta Lane caller had questions about issues he and his wife were having about property they share. He was advised this was a civil matter but if it became frequent and severe he could call back.

Man wanted to know what to do with ex-girlfriend's property at his house. He was advised to make every attempt to contact her to have items removed before disposing of them.

Officer explained to a Ridgeway Ave. man how to properly deal with a neighbor so that he and his girlfriend did not run afoul of the law.

Suspicious person on Narragansett St. was a realtor taking pictures of houses.

Officer checked on a vehicle pulled over on the side of Mosher Road. Driver had pulled over to text.

New Portland Road man reported a Department of Motor Vehicle investigator was trying to make contact regarding a problem with the title to his vehicle. He was concerned investigator was not really from the DMV. He was advised to call DMV to confirm the information.

Officer checked on a vehicle parked at Fort Hill Park after dark. It was a AAA worker waiting for a call. He was told as long as he was respectful to the park, he could remain there.

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- Book Club discussion of "The Lightkeepers" by Abby Geni, 10 a.m., Baxter Memorial Library
- Words Words Words: using words to create poems, art and games (ages 7-12), 10-11:30 a.m., Baxter Memorial Library
- The Poetry of Stillness Workshop with Sarah Carlson, 4-5 p.m., Baxter Memorial Library
- Author event with poet Sarah Carlson, 6:30-7:30 p.m., Baxter Memorial Library

FRIDAY, APRIL 19

- Soap Making Workshop (all ages), 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Baxter Memorial Library

SATURDAY, APRIL 20

- Greater Gorham Farmer's Market, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Gorham Rec.

MONDAY, APRIL 22

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

TUESDAY, APRIL 23

- Preschool Discovery Time (3-5yrs), 9:30-10:15 a.m., Baxter Memorial Library
- Author event with GHS English teacher Dave Patterson, 6:30 p.m., Baxter Memorial Library
- Alpha Delta Kappa "Meet and Greet" social, 6 p.m., Gorham Savings Bank Operational Center
- Gorham Lions Club Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Old Elmwood Schoolhouse, Rt. 114

THURSDAY, APRIL 25

- Baby Discovery Time (birth-18mo), 9:30-9:50 a.m., Baxter Memorial Library
- Toddler Discovery Time (18-36mo), 10-10:30 a.m., Baxter Memorial Library
- Sewing Club, 2:30-4:30 p.m., Baxter Memorial Library

MONDAY, APRIL 29

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

TUESDAY, APRIL 30

- Preschool Discovery Time (3-5yrs), 9:30-10:15 a.m., Baxter Memorial Library
- Gorham Garden Club Meeting, 7 p.m., First Parish Church

THURSDAY, MAY 2

- Rummage Sale, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Cressey Road United Methodist Church,
- Baby Discovery Time (birth-18mo), 9:30-9:50 a.m., Baxter Memorial Library
- Book Club discussion of "Becoming" by Michelle Obama, 10 a.m., Baxter Memorial Library
- Toddler discovery Time (18-36mo), 10-10:30 a.m., Baxter Memorial Library
- Sewing Club, 2:30-4:30 p.m., Baxter Memorial Library

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House is a Pee Wee Champ

DESTINY COOK
Sports Editor

Eight-year-old Joel House of Gorham recently took the top prize at the Maine State Pee Wee Wrestling Championship in Noble. He also took first place at the Marshwood New England Classic at Cross Arena.

House began doing Jiu Jitsu, a Japanese system of unarmed combat and physical training, a few years ago but started wrestling about a year ago. He went to New England's last year and upon losing his first two matches, he was eliminated but not discouraged.

Joel's parents, Luke and Alison House, thought that sending him to bigger competitions would help him to develop his skills. Alison shared that Joel loves training at Recon in Portland and said he learns a lot from the professional MMA fighters and trainers there.

"Joel also loves watching his teammates wrestle and looks up to the older kids. He has certain kids he follows," she said.

According to his mother, House is very motivated and enjoys learning from his mistakes. She said he watches his own videos over and over again and is very intuitive and observant. He does his research to get better by searching college videos to study. With ambition such as this, House looks to only get better as he moves up in weight class and age.



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