

Upcoming Public Meetings on New Sober House

KATHY CORBETT
Staff Writer

Although the Town Council has made no decisions affecting the Courage House “sober house,” scheduled to open in early June in the old Sigma Nu fraternity house on School Street, there will be several opportunities for the public to learn more about the facility for men transitioning from prison who may be recovering from substance abuse.

The Town Council will hold a workshop with legal council on May 23 at the Municipal Center from 6-8 p.m. to discuss potential options. The public is encouraged to attend, but the workshop format does not include public comment.

On May 29, the owner of the building, Rob Korobkin of Maine Reentry Services, LLC, has scheduled a public forum to be held at First Parish Church at 6 p.m. The participants will include Korobkin and Sean Crothers, Business Development Director for Evergreen Recovery Healthcare. Crothers will be renting a room in the building where drug and alcohol councilors from his organization can meet with residents.

Also at the forum will be Courage House’s newly hired program director, Al Garcia, who has worked with the correction and parole system. Garcia will screen applicants and provide off-site management. Town officials will be present as well. The public will be invited to ask questions and make comments.

At an April 29 workshop the Town Council discussed options for regulations appropriate for community living facilities. They concluded that more research was needed before any action

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Gorham Sightings



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Do you know where in Gorham this photo was taken? Join our visual trivia discussion by entering your best guess on our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/gorhamtimes or email us at gorhamtimes@gmail.com. The photo in the April 4 issue is the emergency exit side door at Hannaford.

June Ballot to Include \$2.8 Million Referendum for Modular Classrooms

KATHY CORBETT
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On May 7, the Town Council unanimously approved a referendum question for a bond issue that will appear on the June 11 ballot. It authorizes the town to borrow and expend up to \$2,800,000 on modular classrooms, cafeteria space, and site work at Narragansett Elementary School.

This would fund Phase I of a “mid-range plan” to deal with current overcrowding and projected increases in K-5 enrollment. By adjusting attendance zones in the 2020-21 school year, between 170 and 300 additional students could be spread across the district’s three elementary schools. In 2023-24, additional classrooms could be added in Phase II at a similar cost.

According to Superintendent Heather Perry, the district’s long-range plan is to build a permanent addition onto the existing Narragansett Elementary School. She believes there would be state funding of approximately 85% of the cost, but the construction



Graphic courtesy of Heather Perry

approval process could take eight to twelve years.

The Phase I modulares would be paid for under a lease purchase plan and used at the school for ten to fifteen years. Under the current state modular reimbursement program, the state would pay approximately \$90,000 a year for the first five years of Phase I with the district paying the rest, at which time the district would own the modulares.

Site work is estimated to cost

\$2,000,000. Principal and interest for a ten-year bond is projected to be \$3,221,145, but the state reimbursement would reduce the cost by approximately \$450,000. Any monies saved could be used to pay down the bond, Perry said.

Because the project would be funded by a bond issue, the original Phase I plan was modified. It now combines elements of the original Phase I and II to provide more

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GHS Welcomes New School Resource Officer

SHERI FABER
Staff Writer
AND
GRACE FLYNN
GHS Student Intern

Following the death of Wayne “Pooch” Drown, Gorham High School’s (GHS) long-time school resource officer (SRO), Paul Dubay has stepped into that position. Pooch had planned to retire within the next year or two, and Dubay had already undergone formal training to be an SRO.

Prior to Pooch’s passing, Mike Coffin, the long-time SRO at Gorham Middle School (GMS) had been out for two months following surgery and Dubay filled in for him during that time. Coffin returned to work at GMS as he had already built relationships with the GMS



Photo credit Grace Flynn/Gorham PD (headshot)

staff and students. As a result, Dubay was able to move over to GHS almost immediately after Pooch’s untimely death.

Paul Dubay, the new Gorham High School resource officer, talks with GHS students (left to right) Hannah Gawlick, Kylie Mathieson, and Delaney Seed.

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Medicaid Expansion

REP. ANDREW MCLEAN

We're more than halfway through the legislative session in Augusta, and there's a lot to report on. Committees are still meeting, working through the remaining bills of the roughly 2,000 that were before us at the start of the session. More than 50 bills have made their way to Gov. Janet Mill's desk and have been signed into law. It is a very different atmosphere under the dome, and a lot has changed.

One major change is that Maine has expanded the MaineCare program, Maine's version of the Medicaid program, which assists low-income people in obtaining healthcare. Voters approved Medicaid expansion two years ago only to be tied up in court by the previous governor. However, Governor Mills has made it a priority to implement the law, and as of May 3, nearly 20,000 individuals were able to enroll into the program and access health insurance because of the expansion. According to the Department of Health and Human Services, 3,278 Mainers in Cumberland County now have health insurance. That means many of our neighbors can now

access the care they need and previously were unable to get.

The governor's office expects to enroll the estimated 70,000 Mainers who are now eligible through expansion into MaineCare by the end of the year. This will be no small feat, and the positive impact of Mainers having access to insurance and meeting their healthcare needs will be felt for years to come.

If you do not have health insurance and have not applied, or previously applied before expansion and were denied, you can apply at your local Department of Health and Human Services office or by calling 1-800-977-6740. You can also access the MaineCare application instructions at <https://www.benefitsapplication.com/apply/ME/MaineCare>.

If you have tried to sign up and are having any difficulties, the Department of Health and Human Services recently added additional staffers to focus solely on processing applications and staffing the call center. To speak with someone about your eligibility, please call 1-855-797-4357. If you are unable to reach someone or have additional questions, please feel welcome to call my office or send me an email.

As the legislative session approaches its end, we are dealing with many important matters. Hearing your thoughts on the remaining matters before us and other issues is crucial to what we do at the State House.

As always, please feel free to contact me with your questions and concerns. I also send out periodic e-mail updates throughout the session. If you would like to receive these updates, let me know by emailing me.



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

Around Town

Paul and Brianna Kennedy, owners of the Blue Pig, have purchased the former Centre of Movement building at 19 State Street and plan to move to that location this fall. The building is currently undergoing renovations.

Individuals and groups who would like to participate in the Memorial Day Parade on May 27 are encouraged to visit www.gorhamrec.com to register, or call 222-1630 for more details.

Town Manager Ephrem Paraschak will be meeting with State Representative Andrew McLean and the Commissioner of the Maine Department of Transportation to determine the current plans for Main Street. The project has been in the planning stages for at least four years, but due to bids being consistently hugely over budget, the work has not been done and the project scope continues to be modified.

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The Three Pine Knots

WILMA GOULD JOHNSON
Contributing Writer

If the well known saying that “A picture is worth a thousand words” is true, then this 1936 photo says it all. These musical Gorham men were known as the Three Pine Knots. No one seems to know for sure how they got that name or exactly when the group was first organized, but they stopped performing at the time WWII began.

From left to right, they are Earl Watson, (born 1888), George Mitsmenn, (born 1893) and Harry Morey (born 1883). This entertaining trio often performed at different local and town functions and did so simply for the joy of playing and sharing music and entertaining their audience.

Watson played the mandolin and

harmonica, Morey played the guitar, along with the musical saw and harmonica, and Mitsmenn played the sweet potato (ocarina, a type of small flute) and the juice harp, a small musical instrument consisting of a lyre-shaped metal frame that is held between the teeth and a projecting steel tongue that is plucked to produce a soft twanging sound.

Morey seemed to be the composer for the group, with their music being referred to as “Back Hill Country.” It was Watson who would always open the show with a funny monologue and Mitsmenn would often announce the next upcoming song, only to have them repeat the previous piece. Watson had a favorite monologue about his fictional three legged dog named Lucky and the three of them would get the audience laughing and

involved long before they began to play.

The Three Pine Knots often played for charity at several of the local organizations such as the Odd Fellows Hall, The Gorham Grange or even at the Gorham High School monthly assembly. They had been known to play, not only for charity, but for food as well, and often donated their profits to someone in need. One of their most popular appearances would be at the ice cream socials hosted by town folks. Mr. Watson’s son, Richard, can recall one of the ice cream socials being held in the barn of their family home located at 21 New Portland Road.

Mitsmenn and Watson had both worked together at the Ireson Tannery and Morey and Mitsmenn were both Gorham school custodians. Mitsmenn worked for the Gorham school system as the janitor at the Campus School (what was the Charlotte Millett School) for many years. He was well loved by the kids attending there. Morey was employed as a custodian at the college.

In addition to playing in this unique threesome, all three men were members of the Gorham, Maine Band as early as 1929. Karen Watson, granddaughter of Earl Watson, is still in possession of one of the Gorham Band uniforms that Earl Watson wore while playing with that band. Mitsmenn was also the square dance caller for events at the Scarborough

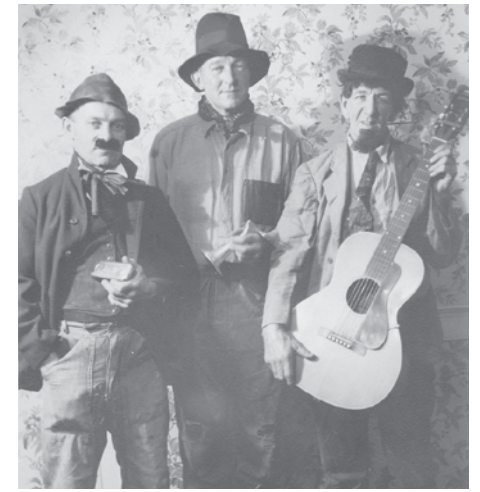


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and the Buxton Grange Halls. A newspaper clipping from 1952 tells about Friday afternoon programs he organized for the kids at the Campus School which included square dancing as a part of the activities.

It is with much appreciation and many thanks to Gordon Junkins, grandson of Harry Morey, and to Karen Watson, granddaughter of Earl Watson, for their participation and information. Special recognition goes to Richard Watson, who is the son of Earl Watson and the father of Karen. He is in his 90’s and was the person who shared much of this history of The Three Pine Knots.

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

Cleaning Up the Village



Photo credit Gorham Village Alliance

Gorham Village Alliance’s Sparkle Project was a success with more than 30 volunteers picking up trash in Gorham Village on May 5. The hardworking group, which included members of the GHS lacrosse team as well as local residents, removed almost 700 lbs. of debris from the downtown. The Gorham Village Alliance - a group of volunteers that includes business owners, residents, and town representatives - is leading the effort to revitalize Gorham’s downtown. For more information, visit their Facebook page.

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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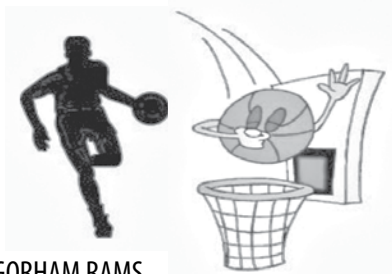
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Dandelions

LINDA TREWORGY FAATZ

Each year in late spring, just as the grass started to green, I would go to the fields with my mother and grandmother to harvest dandelion greens. We used a knife in those days to remove them from the warming ground with root intact. The timing was important as they taste best if the buds were tucked low in the plant.

Our basket had to be filled to the brim before we headed back to the house where the plants were plunged into ice cold water and washed thoroughly. For that night's meal, they were cooked with salt pork and served with vinegar. All those greens cooked down to very small servings for the adults who seemed to cherish the bitter taste, a healthy spring tonic of sorts. Every part of the plant is edible and filled with vitamins.

It is hard to trace the history of the dandelion. In the 10th century there is mention of dandelions used for medicinal purposes. The Pilgrims knew the nutritional value when they brought this prized garden plant with them from the old world. In the 1800's people would pull the grass out of their lawns to make room for dandelions. It is only in the twentieth century that the dandelion became talked about as a weed.

Leaving the dandelion to bloom can give pollinators their first tasty meal of spring. One could say it is a pollinator's best friend, a life saver for them in the spring. We ought to embrace this plant

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and temporarily mow our lawns a little higher to protect these sunny yellow blossoms, just long enough for the birds, butterflies and the hover flies to feast on the flowers. Finches and house sparrows love them, too.

Weed or prized plant the dandelion is a beneficial part of our ecology. We might reconsider the bad rap we have given this plant.



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

The Foundation of Athleticism

STAN SKOLFIELD, ATC, CSCS

I have spent over two decades working with athletes in a number of capacities: injury assessments, strength training, speed and agility development, and coaching baseball at various levels. Throughout my career, by far the most common question about athletic development I am asked by parents, coaches, and athletes is: How important is skill vs. training?

At every level of sport, there is always a skill element (hitting, dribbling, throwing, etc) and those skills must continue to improve. A coach or an instructor might say, "Hey, I really need you to work on this to do better." The athlete really wants to do the skill better, but what we do not realize is that sometimes they physically are not capable of doing it. A flexibility issue or a biomechanical problem could be holding them back. Or it might be their strength levels, their core stability, or even their balance that is the problem. It is critical that an athlete assess and develop the physical element or what I term as their "Athletic Foundation."

An athlete's athletic foundation is their speed, strength, agility, balance, flexibility, nutrition, and self-confidence. Regardless of the sport, high levels of these essential athletic components can determine levels of success in an athletic development program. When you have high levels in these areas, the skill of the sport becomes much easier. When you are in "shape," it is much easier for you to perform the activities you enjoy doing. It is much less difficult to develop skill on a strong athletic foundation than vice versa.

The problem in our country is that athletes are developed the other way around. We have a heavy focus on developing skills for sport (travel basketball, baseball, softball, lacrosse, etc.) but we don't focus enough on developing what actually makes us great athletes: our athletic foundation. Good athletes are not just good at one sport, they are good at multiple sports: Ryan Flaherty was a standout three-sport athlete (football, basketball, and baseball), Tom Brady was drafted in base-

ball and football, Russell Wilson, Deion Sanders, Abby Wambach, and the list goes on and on.

The most important advice I would give to a developing student athlete and their parents is to stress the consistency of and the commitment to training. Develop a system and then really work on the details of it. They should train at least two times a week. They really need to learn how to warm up.

Next, I would tell them to learn how to move multi-directionally (forward, backward, lateral, drop step) as efficiently and effectively as possible. Once they learn the fundamentals, they need to practice them and really make it as specific and perfect as they can. This does not mean doing a high quantity of work during the session but rather the emphasis is on high-quality work.

After that, comes total body strength work with weights, medicine balls or even their own body weight. More is not better. It is not about body building. It is building their body's foundation so they can better perform their sport and also reduce their risk of injury. Go ahead and attack the movements that we need with the feet on the ground and then after that follow it up with your conditioning at the end. Finally, make sure that you actively work at regeneration through good nutrition, flexibility, massage, and plenty of rest.

The stopwatch does not lie. Before skill there is athleticism -- the basis of all sports. Are you fast? Explosive? Strong? Can you move? Sport is movement, plain and simple. It does not matter if you are a point guard, goalie, a middle linebacker or a pitcher. The same physiological processes are carried out in each, resulting in movement. This is the foundation of athleticism.



Stan Skolfield is the owner of Skolfield Sports Performance, a goal based, results driven sports performance training company. He has been training, developing, and rehabilitating athletes from seven years up to the pros for over two decades.





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Town Council Meeting

JACOB ADAMS
Staff Writer

Phillip Gagnon, Gordon Farms Road, voiced his concern about an application before the Planning Board for Plowman Grady Farms subdivision.

Ingrid Semle of Gorham Residents for Responsible Growth spoke again this month regarding the Sober Living House at 24 School Street. She is concerned since learning there will be 15 occupants and only one supervisor on duty beginning June 1, 2019. She presented an Alcohol & Drug-Free Housing License Document checklist used by other towns when they have such a facility in their town. She is frustrated that surrounding businesses did not receive notice of the facility and they are learning about it after the fact.

Krista O'Sullivan, a Pharmacy Technician who sees drug abuse firsthand, believes the turnover in this sober house does not provide enough time for recovery. She also believes many of these people will be back out on the streets where drugs are readily available again.

Paula Green spoke about the social impacts the Sober Living House will have on surrounding businesses which include two daycares and a dance studio within walking distance. She expressed safety concerns for the young children and concerns about

how this facility could hurt area businesses.

Councilor Pratt expressed appreciation to Representative Andrew McLean for responding to an email he sent to all of our representatives asking for help with some research.

Councilor Wilder Cross reported that Gorham was approved to be the second Opioid Prevention Community following Falmouth.

Town Manager Paraschak reminded citizens of the following meetings:

Tuesday, May 14 at 6:30 p.m.: Joint Town Council and School Committee Workshop to discuss the proposed School budget.

Tuesday, May 28 at 6:00 p.m.: Preventing Opioid Misuse meeting - Gorham High School library

Phillip Gagnon voiced his concern for the lack of planning by the Town for the proposed modulars at Narragansett School. He feels there has been no preparation, notice or planning for them and now the School Department is rushing to get a referendum to push this through.

Janet Kuech, an Education Tech at Narragansett School, commented as well. She said there has been a long-term plan for the modular classrooms and this has been discussed at length in many meetings. She feels it is in the

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Planning Board Results

Kurt Christensen's Fort Hill Road four-lot subdivision, located off 765 Fort Hill Road, was approved.

A proposed amendment to clarify the number of lots and dwelling units allowed on a private way was sent to the Town Council with a recommendation that the amendment be adopted.

Harvey Performance's request to construct a two-phase manufacturing facility with phase I including a single story 76,887 sq. ft. building, a 1300 foot access drive and 172 parking spaces, was discussed and postponed.

Plowman Development Group, LLC's request for approval of a 16 unit condominium development (Grady Farm Subdivision), located at 136 South St., was approved.

A request by the Town for approval of a combined concessions/storage building and bathrooms at Little Falls Recreational Facility was approved.

The First Russian Baptist Church's request for a 34 x 52 garage at 211 Mosher Road was tabled.

Simona Shores Properties, LLC's request to add an additional duplex on a 35 foot extension to Simona Shores Drive was discussed and postponed.

Ralph Vance's (Harrison Lane Subdivision) request for approval of a change in ownership from Robert Hamblen to Ralph Vance Land Trust was approved.

A proposed amendment to the Middle School Facilities Impact Fee and Methodology was discussed.

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might be taken, such as placing a 180-day moratorium on group housing. However, any moratorium could be retroactive to April 29.

Federal fair-housing law protects people recovering from substance abuse from discrimination in housing. According to Maine law, community living arrangements for as many as eight people must be treated as single-family housing for purposes of zoning. Residents of boarding houses are also prohibited from discrimination. As a fraternity house, the property in question was considered a boarding house.

Rob Korobkin rents residential buildings in Sanford and Auburn to organizations who run sober houses. His company owns the house in Gorham and will be involved in running the facility, he said. According to Korobkin, Ben Potter, who has worked with people with substance abuse disorders, is living with his family in a duplex on the property and will act as on-site manager. As many as 15 released prisoners may be living at Courage House at one time.

Several Gorham residents spoke at the May 7 Town Council meeting in opposition to the location of Courage House, citing its proximity to a dance studio, day care facilities, stores and restaurants.

Garcia believes that the location is appropriate. "The village location will give residents access to bus transportation, potential jobs, and other necessary services, helping them become successful in their own recovery," he said.

Upgrade Coming for Little River Bridge

EDMUND RICKER
Staff Writer

The Little River Bridge on Route 237 in Gorham was built in 1952. It is a single span bridge with two main beams that support its load spanning 100 feet across the river at a width of 27.5 feet. It was posted early last spring with a weight limit of 38 tons when inspections revealed that the bridge had reached its useful life and needed to be replaced.

Typically bridges overseen by the Maine Department of Transportation are on a two-year inspection cycle, however, once a bridge has been identified as needing repair or replacement, the inspection cycle is shortened to every six to twelve months. Little River Bridge was added to the shorter inspection cycle once it was posted with a weight limit.

The tentative plan is to replace the Little River Bridge in 2020, with the project going out to bid this December. Construction would likely start in late spring of 2020 and the bridge would reopen in October or November of the same year. Some final grading, seeding and paving may be completed in the spring of 2021. The proposed schedule could change based on contractor availability and

permitting, but the Maine DOT would relay that information to the Town of Gorham.

A temporary roadway and bridge will be constructed on the east side of the existing bridge so that the traffic pattern can be kept as normal as possible while the project is underway.

The new Little River Bridge will be a five girder system which provides the ability to have longer and wider spans. The new bridge will be 132 feet across the river and will be 32 feet wide to better match the existing roadway. The increased span across the river is designed to open the hydraulic capacity beneath the bridge to help avoid water backup during high-water events typically experienced in spring. Water and sewer utilities will be attached to the new bridge as they are now. The gas line will remain buried under the river where it currently is, and aerial utilities will likely move to the other side of the road.

This project will be funded completely by state funds. As it was added to the work plan on a semi-emergency basis, it is unfeasible to request federal funds. Usually a project of this nature has a three-year cycle from identification of need to completion, but the new Little River Bridge should be done in about half that time.

Gorham Officer Nate Therriault Promoted to Sergeant



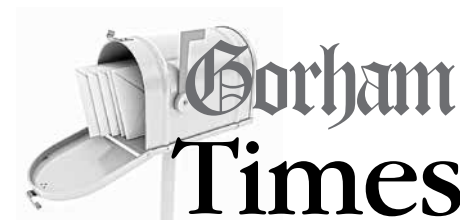
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Sgt. Nate Therriault is shown with the Gorham Police Department's K-9, Sitka.

SHERI FABER
Staff Writer

Nate Therriault joined the Gorham Police Department as a patrol officer in 2014. He has since been certified as a Field Training Officer, a MARC Instructor (mechanics of arrest, restraint and control), and is the Department's canine officer. He is also a "proud member" of the Gorham Honor Guard.

Therriault hails from North Baldwin and attended Sacopee Valley High School. He graduated from the University of Maine at Farmington with a degree in Mental Health Rehabilitation. He is married with two sons and calls his family "truly amazing." His interests include hunting, fishing, athletics, snowmobiling and ATV's.



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School Committee

KATHY CORBETT
Staff Writer

At the last regular meeting of the School Committee (SC), members recognized Teacher Appreciation Week by thanking district teachers and ed techs for their work with Gorham students. The SC student representatives spoke about end of school activities at the high school and members reported attending school programs such as Adopt a Classroom and Career Day.

Volunteers also received recognition when Kelly Reed, who along with Tracey Bassingthwaite coordinates the district's volunteer program, made a presentation to the committee. Gorham has 900 active volunteers who gave 20,000 hours to more than 20 opportunities working with teachers and students. There are 43 volunteers involved with the Backpack Program alone. Volunteers must attend an orientation before they begin working with students. Each year they are required to register in accordance with the district policy.

Superintendent Heather Perry called attention to several bills before the Maine Legislature, including one that would permit students to use sunscreen in schools, a policy that she said would be a challenge to implement. She said that the Town Council

will vote on the School Budget on June 4, but that the state budget is still under discussion.

During reports of Standing and Special committees, Darryl Wright reported that the Gorham High School Building Committee is waiting for estimates for various components of the concept building plan.

Action on unfinished business included voting on changes to three policies. The Transportation Policy was revised to make pick-up rules clearer and was passed (4-2, Wright, Schools. Benson absent). Wright and Anne Schools were opposed because no provision was made in the policy for split families. The Tobacco Policy was updated and revised, including prohibiting the use of vape products. That and the updated Wellness Policy passed unanimously.

In others business, the SC voted 6-0 to approve moving a list of probationary teachers to the next step, to approve the negotiated contract with the Gorham Teachers Association (GTA), add language in the budget proposal related to receiving additional state monies, and hire Shellie Pride as Director of Adult Education, as well as hiring Special Education teachers Rosemarie Dyer, Kim Walker, and Amy Spagnoli. None of these are new positions.

School Notes

Gorham Adult Education will host it's 10th annual Student Art Show & Reception on Friday, May 17, from 6-7 p.m. at Baxter Memorial Library.

Gorham High School's JMG Organization is funding The Wayne "Pooch" Drown Scholarship by hosting a Chili-Chowder Cookoff on Saturday, May 18, from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Members of the community can submit chilis or chowders, and everyone in attendance of the event is free to try as many chilis and chowders they'd like.

Proceeds from admission, raffle entrances, and donation boxes will be donated directly to the Pooch scholarship, which seeks to help further the career or education of high school seniors who've overcome adversity. If you have any questions, or would like to submit a dish for the event, contact either Ryan Chicoine at ryan.chicoine@gorhamschools.org, Elyse McDougal at elyse.mcdougal@gorhamschools.org, Tylor Summerson at tylor.summerson@gorhamschools.org, or Jove Bissonnette at fictionaljove@gmail.com.

Honor Roll Correction

Due to an error in a gradebook posting, a student was unintentionally left off the Gorham High School Third Quarter Honor Rolls 2018-19. GHS regrets the error.

Grade 9 - High Honors
Julia Ordway

If you have school news or an event you would like to share, email SchoolnewsGT@gmail.com

Referendum for Modular Classrooms

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classroom space. From the outside, Phase I, shown above in blue, looks like two buildings: one a classroom wing and one a cafeteria wing. Four modulars are combined to form the classroom wing which includes six new classrooms, restrooms, and a utility room.


Two 2.5 modulars are combined to form the cafeteria wing. The green area is the Phase II classroom wing with eight classrooms. The orange space would be added only if more classrooms were needed.


Alluding to the new modern appearance of modulars, Norm Justice, Facilities and Transportation Director, said, "They will not look at all like the the old portables we remember."

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Students Compete in Odyssey of the Mind Tournaments

DIANE KNOTT

Odyssey of the Mind Coordinator

Students from all over Maine traveled to Biddeford on April 6 to compete in the Odyssey of the Mind (OM) State Tournament. With 62 students participating on ten teams, Gorham Schools were well represented during regional competitions in March.

Five of these teams advanced to compete at the state level with Gorham earning five trophies at the state competition: two first place, two second place, and one third place. The four teams earning first or second place were invited to attend this year's World Finals at Michigan State University, however, none of the teams elected to attend this year.

Odyssey of the Mind is an international problem-solving program designed to challenge students to think creatively. Choosing from a variety of problems including technical, vehicle, classical, and performance categories, students are encouraged to think 'outside the box' and work together on a team.

The Great Falls Performance Team (Photo 1) delighted the audience with their colorful costumes and entertaining card game story portraying 'Opposites Distract,' winning first place in Div. I. The team was coached by Bethany Emerson and Matt Paul.

The Vehicle Team from Great Falls (Photo 2) also won first place in Div.

I with their well-rehearsed car assembly skills and nautical themed story in 'OMER to the Rescue.' The team was coached by Bethany Emerson, Matt Bourgoin, and Gary Logan.

Two Div. III teams from Gorham High School (GHS) earned second place. The Vehicle Team (Photo 3) entertained the audience with a tale from the Wild West and was coached by Beth Wilkins. The Classics Team (Photo 4) created a time traveling tale of invention featuring Leonardo da Vinci and was coached by Sara Castonguay.

The Village School Technical Team (Photo 5) earned third place in Div. I with entertaining devices, including a zip line escape by a 'flying pig' character that stole the show. The team was coached by Jamie Racine.

Two other Gorham teams participating this year were: the Gorham Middle School Classics Team (Photo 6), coached by Jennifer Dubail, and the Narragansett Vehicle Team (Photo 7), coached by Alison McNally and Amanda Simcock.

In addition, three K-2 teams attended the non-competitive primary event for younger Odyssey students. They were: The Village Primary Team (Photo 8), coached by Julie Springer, the Narragansett Primary Team (Photo 9), coached by Kelsey Kaufman and Katie Norton, and the Great Falls Primary Team (Photo 10), coached by Christine and Daniel Emerson.



Photo credit Diane Knott

PHOTO #1: First Place Performance Team, Div. I, Great Falls (left to right) Front: Eleanor Morgan, Terra Rioux, and Bella Davis; Back: Gretchen Paul, Laurel Emerson, Sawyer vonderHaar, and Patricia Waters.



Photo credit Diane Knott

PHOTO #2: First Place Vehicle Team, Div. I, Great Falls (left to right) Front: Zachary Bourgoin, Jack Feldhaus, Abe Palme, Oliver Emerson, and Grant Emerson; Back: Brayden Logan and Sam Joy.



Photo credit Diane Knott

PHOTO #3: Second Place Vehicle Team, Div. III, GHS (left to right) Front: Kieran Wilkins and William Stein; Back: Megan Wentworth, Jude Huckaby, Andrew Goschke, and Campbell Fowler.



Photo credit Rebecca Ambrose

PHOTO #4: Second Place Classic Team, Div. III, GHS (left to right) Front: Erin Castonguay, Noah Badeau, Ethan Castonguay, Brandon Sadowski, Clara Shvets, and Sawyer Haines.

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PHOTO #5: Third Place Tech Team, Div. I, Village (left to right): Ryan Wheeler, Camden Curtis, Sawyer Wheaton, Tucker Curtis, Nara Holland, and Hailey Racine.



Photo credit Jennifer Dubail

PHOTO #6: Classics Team, Div. II, GMS (left to right) Front: Winnie Dubail, Lucy Dubail, and Libby Springer; Back: Sofia Andrade, Amelia Olaru, and Lily Beardsley.



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PHOTO #7: Vehicle Team, Div. I, Narragansett (left to right) Front: Tessa McNally, Elise Touch, Grace Amadon, and Nikolai Wilkins; Back: Jocelyn Clark and Addyson Simcock.



Photo credit Diane Knott

PHOTO #8: Primary Team, Village (left to right): Sam Springer, Aidan Beardsley, Jack Edwards, Noah Delaney, and Emma Howe.



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PHOTO #9: Primary Team, Narragansett (left to right): Coach Kelsey Kaufman, Fern Kaufman, Liam Norton, Robert Brockman, Chris Amason, Tyler Sampietro, Michael Brockman, and Coach Katie Norton.



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PHOTO #10: Primary Team, Great Falls (left to right): Cecelia Lewin, Charlie Littlefield, Travis Neily, Nina Joy, Amelia Palme, Nora Littlefield, and Benjamin Emerson.

Choral Students Work with Renowned Conductors

TRACY WILLIAMSON
Village and Great Falls Music Teacher

On April 27, some of Gorham's elementary and middle school music students were offered an amazing opportunity to work with two nationally renowned conductors and some of the top singers from Maine.

The Maine American Choral Directors Association Middle and Elementary School All State Festival took place at Gorham High School (GHS) this year with over 200 students from 30 schools across the state participating.

Henry Leck, prolific choral composer and director of the Indianapolis Children's Choir came to conduct the Elementary School All-State Chorus and the esteemed Dr. Jessica Napoles, from the University of North Texas, conducted the Middle School Chorus.

Gorham had eight middle school students participating in the choirs: Emelia Bailey, Alex Robbins, Dylan Bauer, Madeline Downey, Whitney Randall, Eden Johnson, Abby Fiore, and Madeleine LaPierre.

The elementary schools sent 14 students: Lily Beardsley, Taylor Tenuta, Dalton Cole, Sydney Nauman, Lily White, Olivia Kennedy, Elsie Moreno, Brodie Berlinger, Charlotte Wallace, Vincent Kane, Lorisette Matta, Lola Vance, Izzy Phinney, and Zachary Bourgoin.

This was the first time the festival was hosted at GHS and it would not have come together without the help



Photo credits Camille Saucier

Twenty-two Gorham students had the opportunity to work with nationally renowned conductors at The Maine American Choral Directors Association Middle and Elementary School All State Festival. Pictured (left) is Dr. Jessica Napoles working with the middle school All-State Chorus and Henry Leck working with the elementary school All-State Chorus.

of Dr. Nicolas Dosman and the USM music education students as well as Gorham's amazing music parents and community.

It was a wonderful day of creating fun, top-notch music and a once-in-a-lifetime experience to work with incredible conductors and Maine's talented young singers.

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Pete Walker: the Original “Voice of Gorham” Sports

DESTINY COOK
Sports Editor

Gorham has a long history of volunteers in the sports programs. Beginning in the 1970's, Pete Walker became the original “Voice of Gorham” and was an avid coach and referee. Walker's daughter, Erin Spiller said, “My father has lived in the town of Gorham for all of his life, and we have spent our lives watching him at pretty much every ball field.”

Walker was recently diagnosed with an aggressive illness. With his faith, family and friends behind him, he is determined to fight the illness, and the Gorham Recreation Department is holding a softball tournament fundraiser on June 1-2 at Robie Field in support of him. Teams and individuals are encouraged to participate.

Walker spent over 32 years driving a tractor trailer truck for Shaws; choosing the night shift so he could spend his afternoons coaching. Gorham Recreation Director, Cindy Hazelton, who has known Walker since 1991, said, “All those nights he was driving gave him time to think about how to make recreation activities and youth sports better for all the kids in Gorham. I would often come into the office and have a voice mail from Pete on my phone.” She said he was always thinking of how to make the Gorham community better.

Walker is proud of his years as a

truck driver. He said he could not have done it without the support of his high school sweetheart and wife of over 40 years Kathy, as well as his children Erin, Brett and Robbie. In those years, he logged over three million accident free miles. Spiller said of her dad, “He would drive his tractor trailer truck all night long, come home and get a few hours of sleep, then you would find him on the fields.”

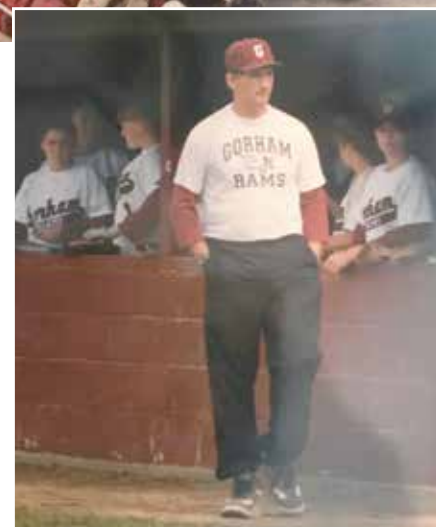
Hazelton remembers Walker as a youth coach long before he had his own kids. She said, “Pete is the guy in town that would never let a single kid not be involved, regardless of their ability to play.” Walker led by example with positive encouragement and sportsmanship. Spiller shared, “I guess the thing I'd say most about my Dad is that for him it was about more than just the game, he taught kids how to be a winner on and off the field. He taught kids about life; you work hard, you respect each other, you respect yourself, but more importantly just have fun.”

When it came to being the original “Voice of Gorham,” Hazelton said Pete would run the camera himself. He would call the commentary of multiple sports and deliver them to be replayed on GOCAT. He started out as the voice for the JV and Varsity Basketball teams when his own children were just toddlers. Spiller remembers walking into the high school with her dad and looking for



her Uncle Nick, Walker's brother, who would help him film the games. As the years went on, Pete would film his children's games as well. He now has five grandchildren (Michael, Lukas, Wyatt, Colton and Emma) who look forward to having him as their coach one day.

Spiller said much of her childhood was spent with her younger brothers following their dad around and learning to play sports. She said, “Dad never missed a field hockey game and I played better because of it. He



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Special Olympians Enjoy Their Big Day

DESTINY COOK
Sports Editor

Over 700 Maine Special Olympians participated in the Special Olympics Cumberland County Area Track and Field Meet held at Bonny Eagle Middle and High School on April 26. According to Lisa Shiers, Gorham Special Olympics Track and Field Coach, there were about 20 volunteers and over 45 Gorham athletes who participated at the Special Olympic event.

Students from Great Falls, Narragansett, Gorham Middle and High School participated in the fun filled day. Each athlete competed in one running event, the softball throw and the standing long jump. In addition to those events, the Olympians also took part in many other fun activities including a visit with Slugger from the Sea Dogs, Crusher from the Red Claws, a bubble tent and bounce houses.

Eric Lelansky, a Unified Basketball coach and teacher from Gorham High School, shared, "The weather wasn't great, but we made the best of it. We had four athletes from the high school that participated."

Lelansky asked some of the students what their favorite part of the day was: Barney, Jensen and Gagne all agreed that the Softball



Photos credit Lisa Curley

Special Olympians and volunteers gathered during the Olympics at Bonny Eagle. Pictured (left to right) Front row: River Cummings, Brice Lyon, Niko Gagne, Preston Mahaney, Henry Jensen, and Grant Mahaney. Back row: Abraham Rabbani, Sara Bolt and Brett Barney.

Throw was fun. Cummings liked running fast, and Mahaney said, "Just chilling."

Though the weather was gloomy, it certainly didn't affect the athletes, coaches and volunteers' sunny dispositions. Shiers shared a good time was had by all on the day of competing, cheering on their teammates and receiving their ribbons.

In the Zone



Aja Breton-Jalbert, a freshman at GHS, was recently crowned the National Dart Champion at the ADO (American Darts Organization) National Youth Championship in Cleveland, Ohio. Jalbert has now won back to back championships after playing darts for only 2 1/2 years. Aja will be heading to England in October to compete in the World Masters Competition, where last year she placed 9th out of 39 competitors.

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would always tell us its not whether you win or lose, its how you play the game and carry your head high no mater what. I learned how to play fair and hard but most importantly I learned about life."

She also spoke of her parents' relationship with admiration. She said, "I've never seen anyone as devoted as my father is to my mother. They are an inspiration to the entire family." Her parents eloped at the age of 20 (which had to have been at least a little scary for their Dad because their mother has seven brothers). Walker knew nothing about construction but he built the home he would share with his wife and children. "They literally built their lives together with their own hands," Spiller said.

Pete was a coach of many different teams over the years, including the GHS Varsity Softball team. Most recently he coached his grandson Wyatt's (Brett's son) youth baseball team. For over 30 years he officiated many different sports including soccer, field hockey and basketball. He was a member of the Gorham Recreation Department Advisory Board which was a position appointed by the Town Council. Hazelton also shared, "Pete was the driving force behind the renovation and addition of the brick dug-outs, concession stand, storage area and press box at Robie Field in the late 1990's."

For his years of dedication to volunteerism in his community, Pete was

honored with the Citizen Volunteer of the Year award from the Maine Recreation and Parks Association in 2004. The criteria for the award embodies what Pete put into the Gorham community during his years as a coach, commentator and referee: Contributes to the well-being of recreation within the State of Maine; A community volunteer who supports the development and creation of recreation programs, facilities or services; Is not a paid employee of a department; Length of involvement at the local, multi-town, or state level; Diversity of involvement, contributions, and achievements; Letters of support from the community; Civic involvement; and Moral character.

There is still space to sign up as a team or to sign up as an individual to be put on a team for the softball tournament fundraiser on June 1-2. There will be a limit of 10 teams. Concessions and will available at the tournament as well as a 50/50 Raffle and a silent auction including gift cards to local businesses, a charcoal smoker, and sheet rock and sealcoating donations. For more information on the tournament rules or to register, visit www.gorhamrec.com.

Town Council Meeting CONTINUED FROM PAGE 5

Town's best interest to move forward with the modular classrooms to relieve the overcrowding as these students make the transition to the Middle School and then on to the proposed High School renovations.

A referendum to authorize the Town to borrow and expend up to \$2,800,000 on modular classrooms, cafeteria space and other related work at Narragansett Elementary School was approved by Town Council.

2019 School Budget Validation Election Info: Polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

The following people have been named as Clerks and Ward Clerks:

District 1-1 — Susan Emerson, Warden and Laurel Smith, Ward Clerk
District 1-2 — Katherine Corbett, Warden and Cornelia Loughran, Ward Clerk

District 2 — Martha Towle, Warden and Nancy Kenty, Ward Clerk

Central — Paula Nystrom, Warden and Teresa Sanborn, Ward Clerk

The Registrar of Voters be in session during the following dates and times:

June 4 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.,
June 5 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.,
June 6 from 8:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.,
June 7 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., and
June 10 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The Town Clerk will be authorized to process absentee ballots on June 11 at 10:00 a.m., 2:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.

The Town Council approved the transfer of \$1,132.75 to the Town of Gorham that was seized in a criminal case.

Councilor Phillips was appointed to chair the Founder's Festival Committee.

The Town Council forwarded an amendment to the Land Use & Development Code to the Ordinance Committee for its review. This amendment will allow mobile vending units to be at the Farmer's Markets.

Two people from the Greater Gorham Farmers Market spoke in favor of food trucks being allowed at the Farmers Markets and possibly Gazebo Music Nights.

Five hundred dollars (\$500) from the contingency account will be appropriated to purchase a town sponsorship to encourage Municipal Officials and Staff to attend the next "Build Maine Conference."

The Town Council forwarded an amendment for the Senior Property Tax Assistance Ordinance to the Ordinance Committee for its review and recommendation.

The Town Manager was authorized to extend the term of the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Gorham-Windham Professional Firefighters Association through June 30, 2019, subject to the terms of the Extension of Collective Bargaining Agreement.

School Resource Officer Wayne "Pooch" Drown will be posthumously nominated for the Spirit of America Award, in recognition of his outstanding service and dedication to the citizens and students of the Town of Gorham.



Chris Burton



Julie Chandler



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GHS Welcomes New School Resource Officer CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

Police Chief Dan Jones considers the position of SRO to be the hardest one in the Police Department with “very different expectations from all those a SRO serves: the schools, parents, students, and the Police Department,” said Jones. “It’s quite difficult to meet all expectations and to keep everyone happy.”

The Town has budgeted for a third SRO for the elementary schools. Coffin now has responsibility for the middle and elementary schools but there has not been enough time for him to build meaningful relationships with students and staff at all four schools. If the new position is approved, Coffin will work exclusively at the middle school and the new SRO will work at the three elementary schools. The school department pays two thirds of the cost of an SRO.

“Dubay is so well-suited to be a mentor, teacher, and, of course, a police officer but is also someone who has a sliding scale of what kids need,” said Jones.

Gorham High School principal Brian Jandreau regards the role of an SRO as multi-faceted. While part of a SRO’s job is to protect the school’s students and staff, “most of the time the SRO is working with students who are having a tough time in life,” said Jandreau. “The SRO helps guide students to make good decisions, the same way a counselor or

administrator does.”

Jandreau expressed admiration at Officer Dubay’s desire to serve the community, specifically students and staff. “Growing up in Gorham and graduating from GHS (’81), he has deep ties to this community and knows so many people, just as Pooch did,” said Jandreau.

Officer Dubay officially began work at GHS at the end of April. The following is a short Q&A with him focusing mainly on his work as an SRO.

What was your work experience prior to working at GHS?

I was assigned to road patrol at Gorham PD since 2010. Prior to that, I had served in the Air Force for 29 plus years.

What does an average day as an SRO at GHS look like?

The average day of an SRO is anything but average. We may see a wide variety of challenges from day-to-day ranging from mentoring students, assisting staff, guest speaking during classes, attending meetings, and on rare occasions, processing juvenile crimes.

Could you discuss some unique challenges that you face as an SRO?

One of the most unique challenges

SROs face today is navigating social media and the impact it brings to school-related issues. Often, we see disputes that originate away from school hours but carry over into the halls and classrooms of our schools. With so many social media applications on the market it can be a challenge to keep up with the wide variety of terms, uses, and lingo associated with them. Another challenge is knowing when to “change hats” from law enforcement officer to mentor to counselor and sometimes to just a friend. Every student has his/her own unique personality requiring unique approaches from a position of cop, counselor, or coach. The challenges we face help us grow personally and professionally giving students a better resource to rely on.

What do you find most fulfilling about being an SRO at GHS?

I find the friendly relationships and universal acceptance among the staff, teachers, and students to be the most fulfilling of all experiences here.

What are your hobbies or interests outside of work?

I enjoy skiing, hiking, motorcycling, and boating in my off-duty time.

Lions Club Honors Pooch with Annual 5K

COMPILED BY DESTINY COOK
Sports Editor

The sun was shining for 11th Annual Gorham Lions Club 5K/10K race which was held on Saturday May 4. This year, the race was held in honor of Wayne “Pooch” Drown and the proceeds will be donated to Special Olympics, an organization near and dear to Pooch.

Gorham residents from all age groups took part in the race. Notably, Travis Matheson, 17, took first place overall in the 5K. Age group winners from Gorham for the 5K are as follows: Courtney Burns (Female Age 20-29) and Lisa Burns (Female Age 50-59). Tyler Matheson (Male Age 1-14), Michael Matheson (Male Age 50-59), and Mike Towle (Male Age 70-99).

The 10K Overall Male Winner was Joe Britton. Age Group winners are as follows: Margaret Crider (Female Age 30-39), Linda Whitten (Female Age 60-69) and Bruce Hepler (Male Age Group 50-59).

5K results: Travis Matheson 20:59, Mike Towle 23:46, Tyler Matheson 25m 41s, Michael Matheson 25m 43s 0ms, Harvey Crider 29m 4s 0ms, Harrison Crider 29m 18s, Matt Nelson 30m 24s 0ms, James Stone 33m 4s 0ms, Olivia Mason 36m 37s, Kate Mason 36m 39s, Lisa Burns 37m 58s, Courtney Burns 38m 14s 0ms, Abigail Fecteau 41m, Claire Rancourt 41m 3s 0ms, Laura Lossie 41m 5s 0ms.
10K results: Margaret Crider 52m 40s 0ms, Joe Britton 53m 41s 0ms, Bruce Hepler 57m 33s, Linda Whitten 58m 10s 0ms, Jennifer Barrows 1:03:44.000.

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OF INTEREST

Senator Linda Sanborn, D-Gorham, welcomed Tyler O'Sullivan, D.O. to the Maine Senate as the Doctor of the Day on April 30. Launched in 1997, the Doctor of the Day program brings volunteers to the State House to provide medical assistance in the event of a medical emergency. The program is operated with the cooperation and support of a number of organizations including the Maine Medical Association and the Maine Osteopathic Association. Sen. Sanborn is a retired physician who practiced family medicine in Gorham for 25 years.



Margaret Solomon Gunn of Gorham recently won 2nd place in Wall Quilts: Movable Machine Quilted with her quilt "My Secret Garden" at AQSQuiltWeek in Spring Paducah, KY. The event featured nearly 700 quilts from 44 states and 16 countries.

The West Gorham Union Church is having its annual plant and bake sale on Saturday, May 18, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at 190 Ossipee Trail (Route 25). Plants, baked items and spring crafts too. FMI, Judie Stevens judiestevens366@gmail.com.

Lakes Region Senior Center at 40 Acorn Street is hosting a presentation by the Cumberland County Soil and Water Conservation District on May 22 at 10 a.m. Jenna Martyn-Fisher and Damon Yakovleff will provide an update on the Community Agriculture Grant Funded Project for 2019 (see Page 1 of Gorham Times dated 5/2/19 for more details). There will be planting on June 2 at Little Falls Activity Center and LRSC has a special plot that will be maintained by interested members. Light refreshments will be served and the public is welcome. FMI, call 839-3859 or 892-5604.

Two Guided Alewife walks will be held on Saturday, June 1, at 10:00 a.m. An hour-long family friendly guided walk to the fish viewing pool will include a nature scavenger hunt and last about one hour. A two-hour guided walk will stop at scenic vistas and the fish pool, and also discuss the natural history of other wildlife in the area. The programs are free, but space is limited. Registration is required at <https://www.prlt.org/event-sign-up-alewives>.

The Baxter Museum, boyhood home of James Phinney Baxter, is open for visitors on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. or by appointment during June, July and August. The museum has artifacts from Gorham residents and pieces from the Baxter family. Admission is free but donations are welcome. FMI, 839-3878.

The Gorham High School Chamber Singers' reunion will take place on June 20-22 at GHS. The reunion will encompass all years under the direction of Chris Peterson, Darrell Morrow, and Matthew Murray. The event will be capped off by an alumni concert. More details to follow. A Gorham Chamber Singers Reunion Facebook page has been created for CS Alum to reconnect. For more information, please contact Ruth Nicholson Jinnio at rejinno@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.gorhamfood-pantry.org.

Gorham Lions meeting, Old Elmwood School House on South Street (Rte. 114), Regular dinner meetings are the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month 6:30 p.m. New members always welcome. FMI, 929-9182.

PUBLIC SUPPERS

North Gorham UCC Church, 2 Standish Neck Road, will hold

a Bean-Hole Supper on May 18 and each third Saturday of the month through October from 4:30-6 p.m. Adults \$9/Children \$4.

White Rock Community Clubhouse, 34 Wilson Rd., will hold a Bean Supper on Saturday, June 1, from 4:30-6 p.m. Homemade kidney and pea beans, hot dogs, cole slaw, potato salad, macaroni and cheese, homemade biscuits, as well as homemade pies for dessert. Adults: \$8/Children under 12: \$4. FMI, whiterockcommunityclub@gmail.com.

West Gorham Union Church is having a public supper on Saturday, June 1 from 5-6 p.m., 190 Ossipee Trail (Route 25). Ticket sales start at 4 p.m. Beans, BBQ hot dogs, chop suey, salads, homemade pies, coffee, and punch and more. Adult \$8/children under 12/\$3.

SENIOR PROGRAMS

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 Lecky Brown Center for Seniors, located on the 3rd floor at First Parish Church, 1 Church St., is offering weekly events as follows: Wednesdays Originals @ 10 a.m. (May 22: Andrew McLearn/Travels to Iceland & May 29: PawPrints at Hospice of Southern Maine); Thursdays Church Street Writers is on hiatus until June 6; Fridays ARTrageous Seniors @ 10 a.m. (May will feature Book & Paper Arts; quilling, decoupage, card making, etc). FMI: Lisa Becker, 835-9379 or leckybrowncenter@gmail.com.

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 222-1630.

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

USM NOTES

The Office of Admissions continues its information sessions and 75-minute guided walking tours of the Gorham campus with a student guide. The public is welcome to join these tours as a way of getting to know the Gorham campus. Similar tours are offered or available on the Portland and Lewiston/Auburn campuses of USM. Admissions also offers sessions on Tuesdays especially for students interested in transferring to USM. For any of these opportunities, contact the Office of Admissions at admitusm@maine.edu, 780-5670.



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CALENDAR

THURSDAY, MAY 16

Baxter Memorial Library

- 9:30-9:50 a.m., Baby Discovery Time (birth-18mo)
- 10:00-10:30 a.m., Toddler Discovery Time (18-36mo)

Gorham Food Pantry, 9-11 a.m. St. Anne's Catholic Church.

Lakes Region Senior Center, Table Games, 10 a.m.

USM Gorham Campus Tour and Information Session, 9:30 a.m.

FRIDAY, MAY 17

Lakes Region Senior Center, Art Workshop, 9 a.m. 40 Acorn St.

Lecky Brown Senior Center ARTrageous Seniors art class, 10-11:30 a.m. First Parish Church

Gorham Adult Education Student Art Show, 6-7 p.m., Baxter Memorial Library

SATURDAY, MAY 18

West Gorham Union Church plant and bake sale, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. 190 Ossipee Trail

North Gorham UCC Church Bean-Hole Supper, 4:30-6 p.m. 2 Standish Neck Road

MONDAY, MAY 20

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

Lakes Region Senior Center, Mahjong, beginners welcome. 40 Acorn St.

TUESDAY, MAY 21

Baxter Memorial Library

- 9:30 a.m.-10:15 a.m., Preschool Discovery Time (3-5yrs)
- 3:30-4:30 p.m., Baxter Digs Reading. Call 222-1190 to schedule.

Lecky Brown Center Originals, 10-11:30 a.m., First Parish Church

Lakes Region Senior Center crafts and card games, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., 40 Acorn Street

USM Transfer Tuesday for students interested in transferring to USM. 780-5670

WEDNESDAY, MAY 22

Lakes Region Senior Center Presentation by Jenna Martyn-Fisher and Damon Yakovleff for

Cumberland County Soil and Water Conservation District, 10 a.m., 40 Acorn St.

THURSDAY, MAY 23

Baxter Memorial Library

- 9:30-9:50 a.m., Baby Discovery Time (birth-18mo)
- 10:00-10:30 a.m., Toddler Discovery Time (18-36mo)

Gorham Food Pantry, 9-11 a.m. St. Anne's Catholic Church

Lakes Region Senior Center, Table Games, 10 a.m., 40 Acorn St.

FRIDAY, MAY 24

Lakes Region Senior Center, Art Workshop, 9 a.m. 40 Acorn St.

Lecky Brown Senior Center ARTrageous Seniors art class, 10-11:30 a.m. First Parish Church

MONDAY, MAY 27

Baxter Memorial Library Closed - MEMORIAL DAY

TUESDAY, MAY 28

Paddling Southern Maine Book Talk, 6:30 p.m., Baxter Memorial Library

Lions Club Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Old Elmwood School House, South Street

USM Transfer Tuesday for students interested in transferring to USM. 780-5670

WEDNESDAY, MAY 29

Gorham Food Pantry, 6-7 p.m. St. Anne's Catholic Church.

MORE INFORMATION ABOUT SOME OF THESE EVENTS CAN BE FOUND IN THE OF INTEREST SECTION.

Of Interest CONTINUED FROM PAGE 14

The Southworth Planetarium on the Portland campus offers interesting shows daily right through the end of July. Visit usm.maine.edu/planet for information. Did you know that there are only four planetariums in Maine, and Gorham is less than 30 minutes from one of them? Admission to matinee shows is only \$5.50 for adults, \$5 for children and seniors. USM students, faculty and staff are free. Admission to evening shows is \$6.50 adults, \$6 children and seniors, USM free. Admission to lectures is by donation. Courses are also offered for \$60, \$40 for USM students, faculty, staff, and planetarium members.

The School of Music is holding auditions for the USM Youth Ensembles the week of May 20. Visit usm.maine.edu/music/youth for information. The School has two important concerts at McCormack Performing Arts Center this summer. After a solid week of intensive music study, the Southern Maine Music Academy will present its final concert at 2 p.m. on Saturday, July 13. The Southern Maine Junior Music Academy will offer a similar concert at 2 p.m. on Saturday, July 27. Both concerts are free and open to the public. Contact the Music Box Office at 780-5555 for more information. There are still a few openings in the music and theatre summer camps this summer. Registration is required for a confirmed spot.

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BURNING RUBBER

Officer observed a lot of smoke while on South St. He drove through the smoke and could smell burning tires. He talked to several kids who said they had not been spinning their tires but there were rubber chunks in the fender of one of the cars. Officer ran their IDs and licenses and released them. They admitted to burning out and officer issued tickets for unnecessary noise and inadequate tires. Youth told officer he knew they shouldn't have done it and appreciated just getting traffic tickets.

Unknown caller wanted to report an unlicensed driver on Main St.

Burnham Road caller reported people at a neighbor's house. Neighbor was gone for the winter. Officer talked to man who was renting the garage and was there with his mechanic to look at a truck.

Caller reported a suspicious vehicle on Gray Road circling the neighborhood. Vehicle was located near caller's residence and female operator said she knew homeowner but he didn't know she was coming to visit. Caller admitted knowing female but asked that she be told to leave. Message was delivered and female said she was going home.

Two people in a vehicle at the Little River Preserve parking lot at 11 p.m. were male

and female USM students who had wanted to get off campus to talk. They were moved along.

Dogwood Lane caller reported a male had been contacting her all day. A trespass order was still in effect. She was concerned he might show up.

Primrose Lane caller wanted neighbor to turn down music. This has been an ongoing issue. Neighbor turned it down.

Man, currently homeless, was staying in his vehicle on Hurricane Road. He was leaving for work shortly and agreed to move his vehicle if officer came back.

Main St. caller reported male had taken bottles from their recycling.

Caller was upset following an argument with her teenager about the teen not helping around the house and not following instructions. She was referred to resources that could assist her.

North Gorham Road caller was concerned about a bull that did not have shelter as it was cold out. Officer advised shelter was out back and not visible from the road and added that bull had plenty of food and heated water.

Officer advised Forest Circle caller that he could not give her the specifics of a case as the person who had been charged was an adult and needed to give permission.

Little River Drive caller was advised that Gorham House did not have to allow her to chat with a resident as there was trespass paperwork.

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Pitching the Perfect Game



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On May 1, School Street Pub defeated Family Fun Pools 10-0 in a Gorham Little League Minor division game at Little Falls baseball field which was decided in four innings. (Little League games are usually six innings but due to the score being 10 runs or more, this game was ended after the 4th.) Nine-year-old Owen Beaumont pitched all four innings for School Street throwing only 44 pitches in total. He did not allow any walks, any hits or anyone to reach base. Two batters from Family Fun Pools did hit balls to the School Street third basemen and first basemen but both were outs with exceptional plays. By not allowing any hits, walks, runs or anyone to reach base, Owen's pitching performance is considered a perfect game which is a rare achievement at any level but especially in Little League as the pitchers don't always have the best control of where the ball is going due to their age level and development.

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