

What's on Your Ballot?



KATHY CORBETT
Staff Writer

Voters living in Gorham's three wards will go to the polls on June 11 to cast ballots on the 2019-20 school budget validation and on a local referendum to fund modular classrooms at Narragansett Elementary School.

There will be no referendum vote on renovating and enlarging Gorham High School.

The Town Council unanimously voted to place the referendum on the ballot and it reads: Shall the town be authorized to borrow and expend up to \$2,800,000 to install modular classrooms/cafeteria space, including electrical, mechanical, security systems, site work and building connectors for the modular expansion at Narragansett Elementary School.

Absentee ballots are available now at the Municipal Center, but may not be returned until June 5 following the Town Council vote on the school budget. Beginning June 5, voters may also cast ballots at the Town Clerk's office during regular office hours.

Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on June 11. Residents of Ward 1-1 vote at the Middle School, Ward 1-2 residents at the Little Falls Activity Center, and those in Ward 2 at the Municipal Center.

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 May 16 issue is a whimsical stack of pots at 20 Preble St.

Honoring the Fallen on Memorial Day



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Michelle Belhumeur Named GBE 2019 Business Person of the Year

BAILEY O'BRIEN
Contributing Writer

Michelle Belhumeur, the Executive Director of Gorham House, has been named the 2019 Business Person of the Year by the Gorham Business Exchange (GBE). This distinction is awarded annually to a creative and imaginative business person who has served as a leader and mentor in the community. Belhumeur, who will celebrate her twentieth year at Gorham House in September, was nominated by businessman Shawn Moody. "Her professional career touches so many families' lives in so many positive ways," said Moody.

It seems that Belhumeur was always meant to work with the elderly. When she was in high school in Lincoln, Rhode Island helping out with church bingo, "A lady coming to bingo every Sunday night asked me if I wanted a job at the nursing home in our town, and I said, 'I'd love a job, but I'm not old enough. I'm only 15,'" Belhumeur recalled. "And she said, 'I think you're tall enough. Let's just say you're 16.' So I started in housekeeping." She worked at the nursing home for seven years, "and I've really been in this field ever since. It seems like I've almost always worked with people who are elderly, and it's just my favorite population."

After Belhumeur earned her Bachelor's degree in social work from Rhode Island College, she worked as a social worker for two nearby nursing homes and later shifted to hospice home health social work when her son, Craig, and daughter, Nicole, were



Photo courtesy of GBE

Michelle Belhumeur was presented the Business Person of the Year award on May 15 at GBE's Annual Meeting event at Spire 29. She was joined by Katie Sherman, Executive Director of GBE, and Ethan Johnson, GBE's President.

born. She and her family moved to Gorham in 1993 when her husband, Marc, was transferred to Maine for work.

"I think I applied to Gorham House when I got here, but they didn't have a job available," she said. In the meantime, she began working with orthopedic patients at the New England Rehab Clinic and then as an outpatient case manager for the elderly at Central Maine Medical Center in Lewiston. After a few years of commuting, "I was actually recruited to come to Gorham House [in 1999]," she said. "And I've been here now for 20 years."

Belhumeur, who has been the Executive Director of Gorham House since 2013, has dubbed herself "the queen of customer service," she said.

"I think the thing I'm most proud of is the customer service we provide. To me, it's the heart and soul of our business."

She leads the Gorham House's annual mandatory customer service training and is well-known around the building for her props. To emphasize her ground rule "that we don't say no to people," she brings a window to each training. "I say, 'We don't slam the window on anyone's fingers. Figure out a way to keep that window open and really try to say yes,'" she said. To demonstrate another ground rule, she brings in a packet of sugar and a packet of Sweet 'n' Low. "I don't want fake sweeteners, I want the real thing. The real sugar." In recent years,

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Responding to Tragedy with Action

SEN. LINDA SANBORN

A little more than a year ago, the deaths of 4-year-old Kendall Chick and 10-year-old Marissa Kennedy in two separate child abuse-related instances sent us all reeling. Both children had been flagged by the Maine Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Office of Child and Family Services (OCFS). We know now that both suffered sustained, brutal abuse at the hands of their caretakers, which eventually resulted in their death. The unnerving nature of what occurred and the seeming inability of the state to prevent it has spurred calls to investigate and reform OCFS.

In 2018 the Legislature's Government Oversight Committee (GOC) ordered the Office of Program Evaluation and Government Accountability (OPEGA) to survey front line workers in the OCFS to gain their perspective on conditions within the office.

When I was elected in November of 2018, I was assigned to serve on the GOC, and shortly thereafter, OPEGA released a summary of their survey and interviews to the committee. They found that OCFS was tasked with a job that was very difficult to accomplish within the bounds of a normal 40-hour workweek. Even though it was staffed by dedicated professionals who cared very much about what they do, the

office simply did not have the bandwidth to handle the volume and severity of cases they encountered.

In response, Gov. Janet Mills has proposed adding 59 caseworkers, intake workers and administrative personnel to the OCFS to reduce these burdens. The Legislature has also passed LD 821, which will require regular reporting of staffing ratios in OCFS. This new requirement will help that office stay on top of unexpected increases in workloads.

OPEGA found that there has been a marked increase in the number of child abuse cases reported in recent years. Workers noted a correlation between their caseload and the ongoing opioid crisis in Maine. In recent testimony before the GOC, DHHS Commissioner Jeanne Lambrew confirmed that OCFS has seen an uptick in cases and reinforced that increases' connection with substance use disorder.

She talked about some of the steps DHHS is taking to tackle this issue, including targeting visits from the recently reinvigorated Public Health Nursing Program to families with young children and a history of substance use; applying for federal funds to improve care for pregnant and postpartum women suffering from or at risk of substance use disorder.

Commissioner Lambrew also introduced the committee to Dr. Todd Landry, the new director of

OCFS, who previously served as the director of the Nebraska Division of Child and Family Services. Dr. Landry told us about policy changes happening within the office, including efforts to improve efficiency in reporting and increase the amount of knowledge caseworkers have about a given case by implementing background checks for individuals involved in cases. The office is also taking steps to increase the number of foster home placements available, which is a critical step to improving the child protection system.

These steps are important to addressing the system failures that led to the death of Kendall, Marissa and at least six other children with open abuse cases since 2017. Even one child death is too many, and we all must do everything we can to prevent further tragedies.

If you have questions, comments or concerns please feel free to call or email me. Remember, I work for you.



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.

Letter to the Editor

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Dear Editor,

I write to celebrate and give thanks to the Gorham community. It took a truly warm and welcoming village to make a success of my farm stand and I couldn't have done it without the help of family, friends, neighbors, and loyal customers.

The Festive Farmery and farm stand had two fun-filled, very muddy, and very productive seasons on the former Chapman land. The current owners, the Moodys, helped create

an opportunity to embrace local agriculture and business, and I was so happy to spearhead the efforts there. I felt welcomed and bolstered by the warmth and support of the community and the local food enthusiasts.

The talents of many producers, artisans and craftspeople contributed to the offerings at the farm stand and it was rewarding to grow and offer thoughtfully produced food and crafts to the Gorham community.

It was muddy and sweaty and deli-

cious and fun, and I will miss the people that made this experience so special. We grew tons of tomatoes, way too much squash, and most importantly, meaningful connections that made Gorham feel again like home.

Good luck to the future vendors in that sunny space. I hope Gorham continues to embrace local businesses and thoughtful enterprises.

With gratitude,
Emily Beagle

Around Town

The Gorham School Committee will host a public forum on June 3 at 6:00 p.m. at Baxter Memorial Library for members of the public that may have questions regarding the proposed FY 20 budget or on the proposed K-5 Modular Expansion project.

Emily Beagle is closing her business, The Festive Farmery, at 140 New Portland Road. Findview Farm will take over the operation beginning in July, offering both vegetables and meats as well as items from other local farmers. Findview Farm's location at 147 Mighty Street will continue to run as usual.

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New Digs for the Blue Pig Diner



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EDMUND RICKER
Staff Writer

Paul and Brianna Kennedy opened the Blue Pig Diner at its current location, 29 School Street, in 2014. As part of the business' five-year plan, and the next step in their journey as restaurateurs, the couple wanted to own their own building. It was also important to them that the Blue Pig Diner remain in the center of Gorham. They recently made that step a reality when they purchased the building that previously housed the Center of Movement School of Performing Arts at 19 State Street.

Currently, the building is partially lifted to facilitate pouring a concrete frost wall under a part of the structure. The building has also been straightened and leveled so that once the concrete work is complete, further interior and exterior work can be performed. New plumbing, heating, and sprinkler systems will be installed to bring the building up to current codes.

Through the process, the couple is salvaging as much of the original interior as possible including the tin ceilings. They want to make sure that they maintain the quaint diner

feel even though the new space is considerably larger than their current location.

The second story will receive new paint but will remain mostly unchanged and will eventually be used as function space. Repairs and a new coat of paint to the exterior of the building are scheduled for the end of summer. Barring any construction delays, the plan is for the Blue Pig Diner to move into its new home in the fall.

The Kennedys have enjoyed learning the history of the building and have found old artifacts in the existing foundation that include horseshoes and an antique fire extinguisher. They plan to keep the same business model that has led to their success.

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BUSINESS PROFILE

SPAW, a SPA for Your Furry Friends in Gorham

CATHY WALTER
Contributing Writer

At the end of April, Elizabeth Holden, (GHS '04), opened up her owner operated shop, SPAW, at the corner of New Portland Road and Main Street next to Mr. Bagel, to do what she loves best... caring for and grooming pets.

Although this business is her first, Holden comes with plenty of previous experience including grooming school. "I've been doing this for 12 years in Falmouth and had a great mentor who not only educated me about caring for animals but their owners and the business too," she said.

The modern facility is clean and spacious and ready to handle animals of all shapes and sizes. It offers everything you would expect from a pet spa including not only grooming, teeth and nail care, but the business can even pamper your precious pet with a fancy cut and nail polish.

Holden has also been coached to watch for health indicators. "I am really looking closely at the pets in my care. I may be the first to notice a lump or bump or an issue in their ears. It's more than them just looking good," she shared.

Holden's business model is to treat every animal like her own. She strives to create a relationship not just with




Photo credit Cathy Walter

the owner but every pet who comes through her door. Her passion and attention to detail is also shown in her company logo whose unique design is proudly displayed on her door. The top of the shears are a paw print and the silhouette of her mastiff Bryna, a fond furry friend for years.

So if your schedule just doesn't leave time for that pet care you've been putting off, or you just want to give Fido a treat, give Elizabeth a call or just drop by SPAW located at 13A New Portland Rd. The shop is open 8:00 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday through Friday and weekends by appointment. Holden can be reached by call/text @ 838-7729 or by email at spawofgorham@gmail.

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MARY KROTH-BRUNET
Back in Motion

It is hard to believe that gardening season is here. We have traded bags of salt for bags of mulch, and are making elaborate plans for our flower beds. For most people, gardening is a hobby. For others, it is a complete pain, literally. Some common problems that you may have when gardening relate to three main areas: hands, knees, and low back.

Your hands are typically challenged by pulling, digging, pruning, and everyone's favorite, weeding. Your knees can often restrict your ability to squat, kneel or half kneel, especially if you have undergone a joint replacement. Your low back is affected by lifting, shoveling, bending, carrying, and twisting.

The two best ways to avoid injuries to these areas are to practice good body mechanics and to stretch and strengthen those three main areas.

To practice good body mechanics, remember to keep your body close to the task at hand. Use weight shifting through the legs to provide reach and force. Always keep your back in a neutral position and avoid twisting motions. Get your body down low in a squat, kneel, half kneel, or leaning lunge.

Here are some stretching and strengthening exercise for your low back:

Single knee to chest: Begin by lying with knees bent and feet flat on the surface. Place your hands behind your thigh on the side you wish to stretch. Pull your knee towards your chest. Alternate sides.

Double knee to chest: Lie on your back with your knees bent and your feet flat on the floor. Bring both knees up toward your chest. Place both hands around your knees and gently but firmly pull the knees as close to the chest as pain permits. Hold for 1-2 seconds, and return to starting position. Make sure you do not raise your head or straighten your legs at any point. Try to pull your knees a bit further into your chest with each repetition.

Side Lying Lumbar Spine Rotation: Lie on your side with your bottom leg straight and top leg bent. Hold your top bent leg with your bottom arm to keep the knee in bent position. Gently rotate your upper body away from the bent knee, leading with the top arm/shoulder and follow with turning the head towards your open hand.

Try these stretches and strengthening exercises for your knees:

Self-mobilization of the knee cap: Begin seated at the edge of a chair. Straighten your affected leg as much as possible and then completely relax it. Place the heel of your hand on the outside of your knee cap. Be sure your muscles are fully shut off and then pulse your hand gently pushing on the side of the knee cap. Make sure you are not just moving skin as you mobilize.

Sit to stands: Begin sitting at the edge of a stable chair. With your legs shoulder-width apart and both arms extended out in front of you, slowly come into standing position. Follow this by slowly lowering yourself back

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Nelson Preserve: Take A Walk Back In Time



Photo credit Chris Crawford

Jane Nelson family members, grandson Bruce Carver (left), and son, Lars Nelson (right) and his wife Maxine were proud to formally open Presumpscot Regional Land Trust's newest Preserve on Flaggy Meadow in Gorham. Alpacas greet folks coming to walk the Nelson Preserve Trail. They are boarders who live in the oldest barn in Gorham. The alpacas are owned by neighbors, Tom and Debbie Talbot.

CHRIS CRAWFORD
Staff Writer

The 36 acre Nelson preserve on Flaggy Meadow Road in Gorham is now officially open to the public. The land, generously given by the late Jane Nelson, is the Presumpscot Regional Land Trust's 16th public access preserve, bringing Land Trust's total to 1650 acres of preserved land.

Nelson's son, Lars, his wife Maxine and grandson, Bruce Carver, represented the family at the ceremony. Lars spoke poignantly of Jane and Clifford Nelson as preservationists who cared deeply about their land. He said that the family is thrilled that this land will be preserved for future generations and will be available for others to enjoy.

Taking a walk on this family-friendly



1.5 mile loop trail is more than a pleasant walk in the woods. It is also a walk back in time to Colonial days. The trail-head and road-side parking on Flaggy Meadow Road are adjacent to the Josiah Davis House and barn, once part of the Nelson lands, and now owned by Jane and Tom Johnson. These pre-Revolutionary War buildings date from the early 1770's when they served as a tavern for travelers on the Ossipee Trail stagecoach road to Boston. All the materials for the house and barn came from the land itself. The barn, thought to be the oldest in Gorham, is currently home to occasional alpacas, who are friendly "greeters" to those who come to walk the trail. Just be aware that alpacas do spit if they feel distressed, so it is best to keep a safe distance.

In Colonial days, the original land was also home to King's Pines, marked to become masts for ships in the British Navy. These majestic white pines grew from 150 to 240 feet in height, were lightweight and rot-

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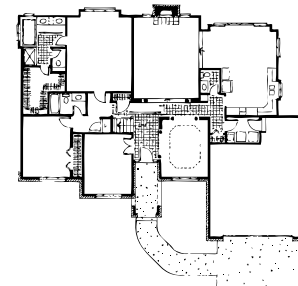
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CMP Worker Suffers Electrical Shock in Gorham

GORHAM TIMES STAFF

On May 13, a CMP subcontractor who had been doing routine maintenance on a transmission line suffered an electrical shock while working on power lines at the intersection of Mosher Road (Rt. 237) and Olde Canal Way. The worker was in

a bucket truck and Gorham Fire Chief Robert Lefebvre said he was "definitely electrocuted" adding that the worker was conscious and stable when rescue arrived.

The worker was flown by LifeFlight helicopter to Maine Medical Center. His condition was unknown. CMP is investigating the incident.

Grand Jury Indictments

APRIL-MAY 2019

Scott Biller, 62, of Gorham was indicted for violation of the sex offender registration rules.

Eric Dorf, 40, of Gorham was indicted on charges of unlawful trafficking in scheduled drugs, unlawful possession of scheduled drugs and violating conditions of release on charges brought by MDEA. He was further indicted on possession of fentanyl powder, possession of cocaine, having improper plates and violating conditions of release on charges brought by Westbrook PD.

Errol Gethers, 56, of Windham was indicted for robbery and violat-

ing conditions of release on charges brought by Gorham PD.

Nicholas Humiston, 34, of Standish was indicted for theft (priors), unlawful possession of scheduled drugs and violating conditions of release on charges brought by Gorham PD.

Jonathan Smit, 26, of Gorham was indicted for aggravated forgery on charges brought by Windham PD.

Zane Townsend, 22, of Buxton was indicted on charges of aggravated assault, domestic violence criminal threatening, and domestic violence assault on charges brought by Gorham PD.

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to a seated position by bending your hip and knees and keeping your arms extended in front of you and your back straight.

Relief for your hands:

Self Massage: Massage along and across the palm, then in small circles up and down the palm.

Wrist distraction: Place the involved wrist on the edge of a table. With your uninjured hand gently pull the wrist out away from the forearm with gentle traction. Move the wrist up and down while maintaining the traction.

Wrist extensor: Hold the arm to be stretched straight out in front of you

with the palm facing toward the floor. Grasp that hand with your other hand, and slowly bend the wrist downward so that the fingers point toward the floor.

Wrist Flexor: Hold the arm to be stretched straight out in front of you with your palm facing toward the ceiling. Grasp that hand with the other hand, and slowly bend the wrist downward so that the fingers point toward the floor.

Ball Squeezes: Begin by holding ball in hand to be exercised and elbow bent. Slowly squeeze ball in your hand using thumb and fingers to make a fist.

Belhumeur Named Business Person of the Year

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Belhumeur has begun her own part-time small business where she holds customer service trainings for other healthcare companies.

In addition to providing excellent service for her residents, Belhumeur puts an equal amount of effort into supporting her employees. "In our entry-level jobs, a lot of our employees don't have a lot of confidence. I love to push them and say, 'You have more going for you than you realize, and we're going to push you. I think you should try this job,'" she said. As a result, many of her employees, including several at the director level, began their careers with Gorham House in an entry-level position. It's rewarding, she said, to help her employees grow and realize their potential.

The nursing home industry has its share of logistical challenges, but Belhumeur has remained open-minded and optimistic. Primarily, there is the issue of staffing, the result of statewide low unemployment rates. "We're doing fine right now, but two years ago, trying to find staff was just so

hard," she said. To combat this problem, Belhumeur joined the METRO bus committee and has been working to get Gorham House a stop on the line. She's hoping access to public transportation will allow qualified candidates from Portland and Westbrook to fill future staffing needs.

Despite its difficulties, there is no doubt that Belhumeur loves her job. She finds ways to empower her residents to be as independent as possible and regularly connects employees, community members, and students with her residents. In fact, Gorham House has an in-house preschool where "the children get to know the residents as their 'grand friends,' and it's just a wonderful program. I just presented at a national conference last March about the effects of having a preschool submerged in with elders," she said. The presentation was for a TED Talk -- similar to the well-known TED Talk series but specifically for healthcare -- and can be found on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pE0OVpVR4NE>.

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resistant, which made them perfect masts for sailing ships. Carver related a touching story from his childhood, when he and the other grandkids loved to roam the land at will. If any of the grandkids would ask for their grandfather, Grandmother Jane would tell them he was out in the "cathedral" where the pines were the pillars of his church.

The trail has a slight down grade on the way in and a little climb on the way out, passing near the old quarry. It is open for hiking and biking in the warm months when edible berries can be found in season and for snowshoeing in the winter. As always, remember to leave no trace. There is no hunting allowed.

For more information about the Nelson Preserve or any of the 15 other Presumpscot Regional Land Trust Preserves, or to become a member, visit www.prlt.org.



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15 JESSICA LANE	HEATH, JEFFREY & KAREN	HOWES, REBECCA & JEFFREY	\$179,500
10 SHIRLEY LANE	WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY	WR ASSET TRUST	\$127,900
15 SANBORN STREET	ROVIN, MICHAEL & CARLY	MCADAMS, JAMES & HALEY	\$268,000
4 CLARA MAE'S WAY	DUSSAULT, NICHOLAS & ALICIA	W.W. WOOD PROPERTY LLC	\$317,500
37 TOWN COMMON	MOORE, RONALD & PAMELA	BERGERON & MICHAUD REV. TRUST	\$346,500
103 NARRAGANSETT STREET	SMITH, RACHEL & RUTTER, TIMOTHY	SILVA, SHAUNNA	\$195,750
9 CLEARVIEW DRIVE	RIZZO, SARA & SALAMONE, NICHOLAS	CORBETT, THOMAS & LAURIE	\$300,000
32 VALLEY VIEW DRIVE	MCADAMS, JAMES & HALEY	SCONTRAS, STEPHEN & VERONICA	\$387,000
22 STEPHANIE DRIVE, UNIT 9	MARTEL, CHARLOTTE	MACADAM, BRITTANY	\$242,000
9 DINGLEY SPRING ROAD	SOUTHWORTH, WILMONT JRT.	WILSON, LINDA & LIBBY, GARY	\$250,000
45 MEADOWBROOK DR. UNIT 2	LOVETT, AMANDA	LAGASSE MUCCI, NICOLE	\$235,000
108 LONGFELLOW ROAD	FLAHERTY, JOHN	ROBIE HOLDINGS, LLC	\$300,000
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126 FINN PARKER ROAD	RUIZ, MICHAEL & STRYCHARZ, JOANNA	SANDERS, JAMES	\$219,000
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SPECIAL AWARDS

Carson Battaglia, Smith College Book Award
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 Ethan Mercier, Yale Book Award
 Lydia Valentine, Bryn Mawr College President's Book Award
 Madisen Sweatt, Society of Women Engineers, Certificate of Achievement Award
 Elizabeth Blanchard, Williams College Book Award
 Paige Hume, Phi Beta Kappa Assn of Maine
 Laura Bolduc, RIT Computing Medal
 Anthony Booth, RIT Computing Medal
 Haley Burns, RIT Innovation and Creativity Award
 Henri Kuntz, RIT Innovation and Creativity Award
 Camden Sawyer, Rensselaer Medal Award
 Madison Firmin, Saint Michael's College Book Award
 Samuel Waggoner, Saint Michael's College Book Award
 Maeve Higgins, Lasell College Book Award
 Elyssa Johnson, Suffolk University Book Award

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

McKayla Taft, Outstanding Student
 Darian Coolbroth-Strout, Most Improved
 Makenzie Huntington, Perseverance

FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENTS

Shaline Erhardt, Presentation of American Flag
 Paula Lorente Gomez, Presentation of American Flag

PERFECT ATTENDANCE

Morgan Chapman, Perfect Attendance 2018-2019
 Emily Duncan, Perfect Attendance 2018-2019
 Andrew Goschke, Perfect Attendance 2018-2019
 Nathan Ladd, Perfect Attendance 2018-2019
 Shantearra Ly, Perfect Attendance 2018-2019
 Molly Rathbun, Perfect Attendance 2018-2019
 Hunter Weeks, Perfect Attendance 2018-2019
 Megan Wentworth, Perfect Attendance 2018-2019
 Elijah Wyatt, Perfect Attendance 2018-2019
 Sydney Fox, Perfect Attendance 2017-2019
 Christopher Lewis, Perfect Attendance 2017-2019
 Charles Pierce, Perfect Attendance 2017-2019
 Benjamin Demers, Perfect Attendance 2016-2019
 Lydia McCrillis, Perfect Attendance 2015-2019

ENGLISH

Jillian Morrill, English 9
 Michelle Darling, English 9
 Andrew Farr, English 9
 Tess Libby, American Studies
 Grant Nadeau, American Literature Advanced
 Grace Flynn, American Literature Advanced
 Madison Firmin, Creative Writing

Makenzie Huntington, English 11
 Lane Charlton, English 11 Advanced
 Elyssa Johnson, AP English Language
 Darian Coolbroth-Strout, English 12
 Erin Wentworth, English 12 Advanced
 McKayla Taft, The PLUME Award
 Olivia Paruk, 4-Year English Award

ENGLISH (ELL)

Hamna Iqbal, Excellence in English Language Learning

HEALTH

Nathan Eichner, Excellence in Health
 Grace Flynn, Excellence in Health
 Peyton Morton, Excellence in Sports Medicine

MATH

Madeline Fadrigon, Excellence in Algebra 1
 Violet Wilson-Wood, Excellence in Algebra 1 Advanced
 Skylar Prince, Excellence in Geometry
 Alexandra Waterman, Excellence in Geometry Advanced
 Abigail O'Brien, Excellence in Algebra 2
 Emily Paruk, Excellence in Algebra 2 Advanced
 Paula Lorente Gomez, Excellence in Pre-Calculus
 Laura Bolduc, Excellence in Pre-Calculus Advanced
 Camden Sawyer, Excellence in Pre-Calculus Advanced
 Joshua Hayward, Excellence in Financial Algebra
 Simon Roussel, Excellence in Financial Algebra Advanced
 Maiya Christiansen-Carlson, Excellence in Calculus

Anna Rathbun, Excellence in Advanced Placement Calculus
 Maggy Aube, Excellence in Statistics
 Bruce Wyatt, Excellence in Advanced Placement Statistics
 Zakaria Lembarra, Excellence in Advanced Placement Computer Science
 Simon Roussel, 4-Year Award in Mathematics
 Aaron Jones, Math Team Top Scorer

MUSIC

Simon Roussel, John Philip Sousa Award 2019
 Erin Wentworth, John Philip Sousa Award 2019
 Isaac Martel, Louis Armstrong Jazz Award 2019
 Autumn Heil, National School Choral Award 2019
 Haley Thompson, Fred Waring Director's Award for Chorus 2019

PHYS ED

Landon Bickford, Excellence in Physical Education 1
 Anna Nelson, Excellence in Physical Education 1
 Caleb Hendrix, Excellence in Physical Education 1
 Ainsley Christianson, Excellence in Physical Education 1
 Grace Bradshaw, Excellence in Physical Education 2
 Molly Rathbun, Excellence in Physical Education 2
 Logan Butler, Excellence in Physical Education 2
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Dear Community Members,

Over the course of the budget development process, the District Leadership Team and the School Committee reduced \$650,000.00 in additional costs. We also reduced another \$500,000.00 from our originally proposed CIPS budget as a result of working with the Town Council to bond our proposed K-5 Modular expansion project at Narragansett Elementary School rather than attempt to pay for it through our general fund budget. All told then, from the beginning of the process to now, we have reduced over \$1.1 million dollars in proposals while still meeting the needs in our three priority areas of (1) Safety and security (2), addressing the needs of our growing student population and (3), addressing our facilities needs.

The current proposed budget reflects an overall expenditure increase of 5.31% (\$2,068,028.00) and would have an increase of \$.74 on the mil, well under last year's \$1.23

There are FOUR key cost drivers to the proposed budget:

Required Staffing Costs – Just over \$1 million dollars is required just to maintain current staffing and programming levels due to increases in teacher retirement costs, contractual salary increases and health insurance costs.

Increasing student populations – we have increased by 155 students since 2015 and we are scheduled to increase by another 34 students in 2018-19. Our per pupil costs are the 2nd LOWEST in Cumberland County (\$14,548.00 per student) and our per pupil valuation costs are THE LOWEST in Cumberland County at (\$586,447.00). To address increasing enrollments this year, we had to add 1 teacher at K-5, 2 full time bus drivers, 1 Van Driver, .5 Ed. Tech. III at GHS and purchase 3 additional buses.

Safety and security – This budget proposes the addition of a new communications system that would be utilized across all schools that would help provide teachers with better real time information in the event of a crisis that will help them to make more informed choices of how to respond. This budget also proposes the increase of 1 K-5 SRO that would allow us to have 1 SRO at GHS, 1 at GMS and then 1 shared position across K-5 where now we share 1 SRO across K-8 (4 schools).

Addressing unanticipated changes – the federal government has reduced our local entitlement funds for FY 20 which is forcing us to move 2 Ed. Tech. positions into the local budget at a cost of \$100,000.00 without adding any positions. In addition, the Town Council has requested we add \$150,000.00 to the budget to address an unanticipated increase in summer accruals due to a recent accounting change.

Reduced Fund Balance – Due to our fund balance having gone down the past few years, the school committee is having to reduce the amount we bring forward into FY 20 by \$250,000.00 moving from our usual \$350,000.00 to just \$100,000.00.

One piece of good news this year is that we are actually receiving almost \$700,000.00 in additional subsidy from the state due to a decreasing min. mil expectation. So, even though our property values increased by almost 2.5%, the fact that the state infused additional funds to support public education has helped us tremendously this year. Of course, the biennial budget has not yet been approved, so this could change!

With the dramatically shifting landscape at the state level, and with our continued increasing enrollments due to growth at the local level, the Gorham School Committee believes this proposed budget represents the funds necessary to continue to support the high quality educational services we strive to provide for our community's most precious resource – its children.

The Town Council will vote on June 4 to either approve the budget as is or to approve with adjustments. Please follow the results of that vote in order to help inform your vote on June 11th!

Thank you,

Heather J. Perry,
Superintendent of Schools

So What Do We Get for an Investment with Our Support of the Gorham Public Schools?

- 92% of GHS seniors went on to post secondary last year.
- We have the 2nd highest graduation rate in all of Cumberland County, second only to Cumberland (RSU 51) at 96%.
- 220 total colleges and universities are part of our student's "Future Story Wall" at GHS.
- Almost 60% of GHS students participate in athletics. We also offer 45 clubs at GHS so all told, almost 80% of GHS students participate in after school activities with too many accolades to list!
- K-5 students raised over \$7,000.00 for the American Heart Association this year and donated almost \$2,500.00 pairs of socks to those in need through their "Soctober" fundraising. OUR STUDENTS CARE!
- Almost 1,000 Adult Volunteers working in our schools for over 20,000 hours this year!
- Strong community connections – Business Round Table, Aspire Gorham Steering Committee, senior internships, junior job shadows, career days, STEAM nights, collaborations with Gorham House, USM, and others, participation in United Way Day of Service and so much more!

We have excellent, caring students in Gorham who LIVE our Code of Conduct and understand the importance of respect, honesty, courage, compassion and responsibility! That's no accident! That's a successful whole-community endeavor!

Thank you for your continued support of our schools!



Special School Committee Meeting

New GMS Principal Hired; Adjustment to GHS Grading System

KATHY CORBETT
Staff Writer

At a special meeting on May 22, the School Committee (SC) voted unanimously to hire Quinton Donahue as the principal of Gorham Middle School. Donahue will replace Bob Riley, who retires this year. Selected from more than 20 applicants, Donahue was one of two recommended for the position by the hiring committee. Superintendent Heather Perry and Assistant Superintendent Chris Record chose to nominate Donahue who Perry described as “passionate about his work and focused on middle school learners.”

Donahue has a B.S. in Math Education and a M.S. and Ph.D in Educational Leadership from the University of Maine. He taught high school math from 2004 to 2014. For the past five years he was principal of Mt. View Middle School (RSU 3).

In other business, Superintendent Perry reported on the work of the Grading and Reporting Committee. Beginning in the 2019-20 school year, grades for K-8 students will continue to be on the 1-4 scale. Students in 9-12 will receive all grades on a numeric 50-100 scale that is aligned to the collegiate scale and to the

district’s standards and performance indicators.

“Now that the School Committee has discussed and is in full support of this grading adjustment, next steps are first to communicate the proposed changes more clearly to the staff and then to students and parents in preparation for the start of the next school year,” said Perry. Details will be made public with full explanation beginning in mid-June. A Grading Guild is also being developed for distribution.

SC members Jennifer Whitehouse and Kyle Currier reported on the work of the World Languages Committee. The committee is recommending starting languages in the eighth grade for the first year of implementation and in grades 3-5 for the second year.

Teachers from each of the district schools gave short presentations showcasing how they use technology in their daily instruction. This was the first of three presentations on technology to the SC that will culminate next school year in a technology plan which focuses on specific goals for its use and how the goals will be measured and accomplished.

The SC also voted (7-0) to hire Jessica Shaw as a special education teacher at GMS.

Gorham Robotics Represents at Worlds in Detroit



Photo credit John Kraljic

In April, FIRST Robotics teams from around the world met in Detroit for the World Championships. Representing Maine were: Team 133 - BERT (Bonny Eagle Robotics Team), Team 172 - the Northern Force from Falmouth and Gorham High Schools (Gorham students: Owen Begley, Ben Fecteau, Nathan Ladd, and Hunter Pellerin), and Team 5687 - the Outliers from Baxter Academy. At the end of the qualification matches, the Northern Force and BERT were ranked 8th and 11th on one playing field and the Outliers were ranked 10th on their field. The Northern Force team made it to the finals and won the Spirit Award for their astronaut suits and helmets, pit setup, and enthusiasm at the event. This year’s theme was DEEP SPACE. James Lockman (Gorham, Team 172) was recognized as the volunteer of the year for all that he does to support robotics education in New England.

School Notes

The Gorham School Committee will hold a public forum on Monday, June 3, at 6 p.m. at the Baxter Public Library to discuss the proposed FY 20 school budget and proposed K-5 modular expansion project questions on the upcoming June 11 referendum. Any interested taxpayer from Gorham is welcome to attend.

Superintendent Heather Perry has published a new blog post regarding information on the proposed K-5 modular expansion, which is what the referendum question on the June ballot deals with. Please note that the June referendum does not include the GHS building project.

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 kcorbett@aol.com or Cindy O’Shea at coshea2@maine.rr.com.



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Gorhtopia: The Way Life Should be in 2049



Photo credits Mary Ridge

Students in Mary Ridge's seventh grade social studies classes recently celebrated their big Gorhtopia reveal on May 13. The well-attended event showcased projects designed to connect the classroom to real life. As juniopreneurs, the students self-selected businesses that would create the futuristic community, Gorhtopia, where an optimal quality of life would be achieved. The experience encouraged them to think creatively, conduct research, brainstorm, problem-solve, think critically, and become better problem-solvers. The class' partnership with Junior Achievement and Gorham Savings Bank throughout the year enabled students to gain a greater appreciation for the importance of financial literacy and connecting to real life. Students demonstrated an extraordinary assortment of construction with creativity, innovation, and collaboration (for those working with a partner). Students pictured with their projects are: (top left l to r) Noah Kennedy, Nathan Berquist, and Tristan Smith; (bottom left) Lauren Pierce; and (bottom right l to r) Brooke Farquhar and Claire Boudreau. The project top right was created by Caroline Morrell and Julie Wareham.





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Talented Artists



Photo credit Sarah Dolley

The Gorham High School art department of Chris Crosby and Sarah Dolley would like to recognize their students for being selected to compete in the annual Gorham Women's Club Art Show. Pictured (left to right) Front row: Casey Kovacs, Molly Eaton, Michelle Darling, and Abby Ouellette; Back row: Evelyn Kitchen, Ivan Jonk, Grace DiPhillippo, and Grace Terry.



Photo credit Autumn Heil Photo credit Angelana Darling

Missing are Autumn Heil and Angelana Darling (artwork pictured separately). Darling placed first in the local show and second in the District show; Heil placed second in the local show, first in the District show and second in the State show; Ouellette placed fourth in the local show and third in the District show; and DiPhillippo placed third in the local show.

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SCIENCE

Drew Baber, Excellence in Earth Space Science
 Anna Nelson, Excellence in Earth Space Science
 Andrew Farr, Excellence in Earth Space Science
 Erin Castonguay, Excellence in Earth Space Science
 Caitlin Randall, Excellence in Biology
 Logan Butler, Excellence in Biology
 Emily Paruk, Excellence in Advanced Biology
 Ethan White, Excellence in Advanced Placement Biology
 Sara Slager, Excellence in Advanced Placement Biology
 Maiya Christiansen-Carlson, Excellence in Marine Science
 Garrett Devoe, Excellence in Chemistry
 Madisen Sweatt, Excellence in Chemistry I Advanced
 Simon Roussel, Excellence in Chemistry II/ Advanced Placement Chemistry
 Brinn Hall, Excellence in Physics
 Maggy Aube, Excellence in Physics
 Paula Lorente Gomez, Excellence in Advanced Physics
 McKayla Taft, Excellence in General Physics
 Adam Ouellette, Excellence in General Physics
 Katherine O'Donnell, Excellence in Advanced Placement Environmental Science
 Maiya Christiansen-Carlson, Excellence in Anatomy and Physiology
 Anna Rathbun, 4-Year Outstanding Achievement in Science

SOCIAL STUDIES

Megan Wentworth, World History 1
 Phoebe Richards, World History 1
 Clara Shvets, World History 1

Lydia Drew, World History 2
 Gabrielle LaBarge, American Studies
 Autumn Heil, Holocaust
 Alice Riiska, Philosophy, Forensics & Law
 Brian Bunker, Russia & Global Issues
 Samuel Waggoner, AP Modern European History
 Anthony Booth, AP Modern European History
 Madisen Sweatt, AP Psychology
 Grace Flynn, AP US History
 Bruce Wyatt, 4-Year Social Studies Award

TECHNOLOGY

Elyssa Johnson, Excellence in Technology
 Madeline Berry, Excellence in Technology
 Anna Rathbun, Excellence in Technology
 Nolan McCullough, Excellence in Technology
 Benjamin Johnson, Excellence in Technology through Unselfish Acts of Helping Others

WORLD LANGUAGES

Clara Shvets, Excellence in French 1
 MacKenna Homa, Excellence in French 2
 Angelana Darling, Excellence in French 3
 Spencer Keating, Excellence in French 4
 Bryce Gunn, Excellence in Spanish 1
 Campbell Fowler, Excellence in Spanish 2
 Haley Lowell, Excellence in Spanish 3
 Alice Riiska, Excellence in Spanish 4
 Maiya Christiansen-Carlson, Special Recognition in Spanish
 Lauren Bachner, Excellence in Mandarin 1
 Sophia Kaufman, Excellence in Mandarin 2
 Ethan Allen, Excellence in Mandarin 3
 Jeremy Harris, Excellence in Mandarin 4

SOCIEDAD HONORARIA HISPÁNICA

Maggy Aube
 Courtney Brent
 Maiya Christiansen-Carlson
 Caroline Dowdle
 Joshua Hayward

Kasey Jiang
 Kate Larkin
 Lydia McCrillis
 Libby Mitchell
 Grace Perron
 Anna Rathbun
 Alice Riiska
 Colette Romatis
 Leah Scontras
 Hallie Shiers
 Sara Slager
 Sarah Walker
 Brooke Woodbury
 Samuel Pocock
 Gabriella Gagne

SOCIÉTÉ HONORAIRE DE FRANÇAIS

Aaliyah Biambly
 Angelana Darling
 Riley Ferrigan
 Spencer Keating
 Abigail Leonard
 Matilda McColl
 Benjamin Nault
 Katherine O'Donnell
 Samantha Rockwell
 Bruce Wyatt

NATIONAL CHINESE HONOR SOCIETY

Jacob Benson
 Brinn Hall
 Jeremy Harris
 Kathryn Nason
 Olivia Paruk

NATIONAL TECHNICAL HONOR SOCIETY

Julia Downey
 Autumn Heil

It's All About the Steel



Photo credit Marybeth Nichols

The 29th annual New England Steel Band Festival was held on May 5 at Shaw Gymnasium. The huge event was hosted by the Gorham Community Arts Center and the Gorham Schools Steel Bands. Seventeen middle school, high school, and community steel bands from all across New England attended the showcase festival, including the three steel bands from Gorham Schools. Each band performed three songs and Gorham High School student Sierra Cummings did a fabulous job as MC during the event. Gorham steel band parents generously provided all of the food and volunteer help throughout the day to help make the festival possible. This is the third time since 2012 that Gorham has hosted this festival. All proceeds benefit the Gorham Schools Steel Bands. Pictured (left to right) Back: GMS music teacher Tracy Williamson, Emily Fadrigon, Finn Henderson, Brooklyn Sandstrom, Madison Tibbals, and Abby Chamberlin. Front (left to right): Celia Roy, Brooke Kazimer, and Alicia Terry.

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Who Doesn't Love A Goat?



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Members of the Gorham Fire Department enjoyed visiting with Frank and Julie DeFrancesco, and their goats, from Bending Birch Farm, during the eighth annual career fair at Great Falls School. The staff is so appreciative of the 30 presenters who shared their passion and experience with their students.

Exploring Career Options with JMG



Photo credit Lisa Gardner

On May 21, AT&T hosted an onsite tour of a working cell tower at the Westbrook Switching station to give local Jobs in Maine Graduates (JMG) high school students a rare, behind-the-scenes peek at the world of cellular communications. Students toured the station and tower, and then had a chance to interact with hands-on technology and learn about the wide variety of careers available at AT&T, including those in high-tech, engineering, sales, government relations, and public safety. They also got some hands-on experience with Virtual Reality headsets, which simulated what it looks like to text and drive. The experience was very powerful for the kids. JMG serves over 9,000 students, collaborating with public schools and private businesses to ensure all Maine youth have the confidence, skills and credentials for successful careers. FMI, visit www.jmg.org.

GHS Club Supports Relay for Life



NEILE NELSON
Gorham Interact Club Advisor

Over 100 members of the Gorham High School Interact Club participated in the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on May 5 at Gorham High School.

According to its website, Relay For Life is the signature fundraiser for the American Cancer Society. Volunteers give of their time and effort because they believe it's time to take action against cancer.

The Gorham Interact Club chose to get involved in the Relay for life to remember loved ones lost, honor survivors of all cancers, and raise money to help the American Cancer Society make a global impact on cancer.

To conclude the evening, a Survivor's Lap was held, honoring nine survivors and their families and caregivers as luminaria bags and Interact Club members lined the entire track.

To kick off this lap, GHS graduate, Kenny Tuttle, who was unable to be at the event personally, sent a beautifully written letter to be read prior to the lap. In his letter, he shared the following:



Photos courtesy of Gorham Interact Club

Members of Gorham High School's Interact Club were joined by members of the community for a Survivor's Lap to cap off their Relay for Life fundraiser.

"Be grateful for all of it. Every breath we take, our family, our friends, our education, food, water, good health. The list goes on but these are so many of the items we take for granted sometimes. Appreciate what you have in this world, and give back to the community and help those who are less fortunate."

Together, as a group, the Gorham Interact Club raised \$6,234 to aid in this worthwhile cause. In between the walking and running, much eating, spikeball, Kanjam, dancing, and lots of laughing, the students and adults enjoyed a great time together for a great cause.

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Saying Thank You with Art



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Retiring Adult Education Director Kate Rotroff was presented with a painting of a cardinal done by Gorham artist and teacher Maddie Lou Chaplin as part of the Adult Education Art Open House on May 17.

For homeowners paying off mortgages, home equity lines of credit or refinancing, be sure to verify that your financial institution records a discharge in the registry of deeds. It is common for mortgages to be paid in full but never properly discharged which creates a title defect.

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SPORTS

Gorham Athletes Sign On at Division II Schools



Photo credit Amanda Landry



Photo credit Jason Tanguay

Caelyn Smith is joined by family for her signing while Tom Nelson is shown with his friends and teammates.

DESTINY COOK
Sports Editor

Thomas Nelson and Caelyn Smith recently signed letters of intent to compete for Division II schools.

Nelson, the son of Matt and Neile Nelson, will be heading to Saint Anselm in Grafton, NH this fall as a member of the Hawks Cross Country team. He is currently undecided on his major.

Smith, the daughter of Lee and Sue Smith, will be joining the Setters Swim Team at Pace University in New York, New York this fall. She plans to study nursing with a career goal of becoming a traveling nurse so she can experience new things and visit different places.

In the Zone

Congratulations to Aaron Goschke who was recognized by the Portland Press Herald Varsity Maine Awards for his performance during a recent 4-0 win against Kennebunk. Goschke pitched six innings of the four-hit shutout ballgame, striking out 10. He had three hits of his own, including two doubles and two RBIs.



The True Meaning of Sportsmanship

During the winter track season, Andrew Farr suffered a hamstring injury. After two months of rehab, he came back hoping to qualify for states. Unfortunately during a qualifying race, he re-injured the hamstring. Rather than celebrate his own victory, Isaac Ofeilu, a junior for Thornton Academy's track team, immediately went to Farr to give him a motivational talk. An incredible show of support for a rival and the mark of a true sportsman.



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GHS Spring Sports Update

COMPILED BY DESTINY COOK
Sports Editor

Despite the rainy start to spring, GHS sports teams have been making the best of their seasons with most gearing up for the playoffs.

BOYS BASEBALL:

The boys baseball team enters the final week of the regular season with a record of five wins and eight losses. The Rams are ranked 6th in the most recent Heal Point standings.

Coach Chuck Nadeau shared, "Pitching has been key thus far for the Rams. Led by senior Aaron Goschke and 9th grade rookie Kyle Skofield, the Rams have posted a team ERA of 1.56 through 13 games." Skofield leads the ERA ranks with a sub 1.00 ERA of 0.875 in a team-leading 32 innings of work. Goschke has been strong in both starting and relief rolls with 43 strike outs in 26 innings of work; he has 4 saves in 4 opportunities so far this season.

Offensively, the Rams have been led by Trevor Gray (.263 BA, 5 RBI), Aaron Goschke (.308 BA) and Bode Meader (nine runs scored). The playoff hopes of the Rams will rely largely on some improved offensive production throughout the roster.

GIRLS SOFTBALL:

Coach Renee Whipkey shared that currently Gorham Softball is 5-9. With only two regular season games left, both are important for ensuring a spot in the playoffs.

Whipkey said, "About halfway through our regular season, our number one pitcher (Tatyanna Biamby) got injured, which meant two freshmen (Ambrosia Moore and Riley Grant) had to rise to the challenge, getting a lot of varsity innings on the mound in a very offensively-strong league."

Coach Whipkey said the offense is starting to heat up with Kiana Tracey batting .400 for the season and Morgan Roast and Emma Shields batting .563 and .471 respectively in the last five games. With Biamby back in the line up batting .379 for the season, the hope is the bats continue to come alive just in time for playoffs.

BOYS TRACK:

Coach Jason Tanguay said a few of the boys distance runners are finding their stride as the regular season closes. Tom Nelson, Reed Henderson and Calvin Cummings all were able to cross the finish line in under five minutes in the 1600 meter run which were personal records for each of them and qualified them for the SMAA Championship.

"The highlight from our recent Cumberland County Championship was the performance of sophomore, Ryan Gendron, in the high jump. He cleared 6 feet 2 inches to tie the school record," Tanguay said.

GIRLS TRACK:

Coach John Caterina said the girls track and field is unbeaten through three regular season meets. The team

competed in the SMAA Championship Meet on Saturday, May 25, at Falmouth and will go on to the Class A State Championship Meet in Lewiston on June 1.

BOYS TENNIS:

Coach Aaron Landry said his team is five and five with two matches left. With playoffs set to begin, the team's performance in the last two matches against South Portland and Windham will likely determine what position they enter the playoffs.

GIRLS TENNIS:

Coach Nicole Bergeron shared this has been a bit of a unique season for her team. With an injury to her number one singles player, her team had to step up and fill the slot. While she said it was a challenge, the girls rose to the occasion and Coach Bergeron is pleased with how they came together.

"They're competitors who don't give up and who continue to improve," Bergeron said.

The team's record so far is four and four, with five matches left to play. Bergeron said she believes the girls are in shape to make playoffs.

BOYS LACROSSE:

Coach Clayton Jones said, "After starting the season with losses to state powerhouses Thornton and Falmouth, the Rams have reeled off seven straight wins, including victories over York and Scarborough." The team experienced a tough loss

to South Portland on Senior Night, May 24.

Captains Jake Dupuis and Ben Nault have led a steadily improving squad that will contend in the post-season. Seniors Connor Dougherty and Dupuis led the attack while Will Dipietrantonio and Cooper Lyons have brought some younger midfielders into the fold.

The defense is anchored by stand-out goalie Giuseppe Brown, with the trio of Cole Perrault, Ryan Gaudreau, and Josh Hayward coming together to form a formidable bulwark in front of him.

Serious tests remain as Gorham will close out the season with two road games against Windham and Kennebunk.

GIRLS LACROSSE:

Coach Mary Guimond said her team is currently 9-1 on the season and have two big games left to go. The girls are hoping to be competitive in the playoffs this year, relying on senior leadership in Hallie Shiers, Hailey Morrill, and Sarah Walker. All three have been outstanding this season.

Guimond said, "We have depth on our bench, our scoring has been spread out this season with multiple players in the double-digits for points." Junior Carson Battaglia has been a key part of the offense and defense, and fellow juniors Faith Dillon and Jillian Nichols, along with freshman Mary Dewitt, have been sparks on attack.

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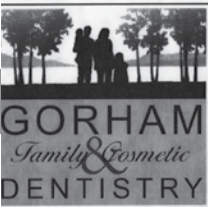
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OF INTEREST

Hannaford Supermarket in Gorham donated \$2,500 to Gorham Schools Backpack Program and \$2,500 to Helping Paws. "In addition to recognizing the great work Helping Paws is doing by connecting community members with homeless animals, we'd like to applaud the Gorham Schools Backpack Program for providing students with staple food items to get them through the week," said Kacey Pike, Gorham store manager.

USM Army ROTC recently celebrated three new 2nd Lieutenants in the US Army. Shown (left to right) are **Mikaela Shields**, **Megan Bennett** (GHS '18, former Gorham Times intern), and **Hayley Merrill**.



The White Rock Friendship Club is having an indoor yard sale and bake sale on Saturday, June 1, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the White Rock Community Building, 34 Wilson Road in Gorham. Proceeds benefit the Club's High School Scholarship. Learn more about the White Rock Friendship Club on Facebook.

As part of the Gorham Grown Community Agriculture Program, volunteers are needed for the construction of two Food Forests. One forest will be built at the Little Falls Activity Center on June 2 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. and another at Phinney Park on June 8 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Volunteers are needed at both events and will be supplied with everything they need including drinks and lunch. For more information, call 892-4700 or 222-1630.

The Gorham Historical Society hosts Kelly Dearborn in a presentation of the Society's "Archive Collection: new additions/donations and unidentified photos" on Monday, June 10, at 6:30 p.m. at the Gorham Municipal Center. FMI Suzie Phillips, 892-9847.

Visit Baxter Memorial Library to read to an animal from the Animal Refuge League of Greater Portland (dog, cat or critter!). This program will give less confident readers the chance to practice reading with an attentive (and furry) listener. It will also give shelter animals a field trip and the opportunity to meet lots of new people. For readers in grades K-6. How it works: children will sign up for a 15-minute time slot to read to the participating ARLGP animal. Stop by the library or call 222-1190 to sign your child up for a spot.

The 54th Annual Summer Concert Tour of The Wesley Bell Ringers of Christ United Methodist Church will present a concert on Friday, June 14, at 7:30 p.m. at Cressey Road United Methodist Church, 81 Cressey Road. The Wesley Bell Ringers are one of the premiere youth handbell choirs in the United States and the tour will feature 16 ringers playing more than 150 handbells and handchimes. Admission is free, and a free will offering will be taken.

The Gorham Lions Club meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of every month. From May until Fall, the meetings are held at Old Elmwood School House on South Street (Rte. 114), and for the winter return to the Huston Road location. Their mission is "to encourage

service-minded people to serve their community without personal financial reward, and to encourage efficiency and promote high ethical standards in commerce, industry, professions, public works, and private endeavors." Meetings are held at 6:30 p.m. New members always welcome. FMI, 929-9182.

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. A Gorham Chamber Singers Reunion Facebook page has been created for CS Alum to reconnect. For more information, please contact Ruth Nicholson Jinnno at rejinno@gmail.com.

Cressey Road United Methodist Church's Vacation Bible School will be held June 24-28 from 8:30-11:30 a.m. Fun crafts and gizmos, team-building games, catchy songs, and more. Roar is open to all children ages 4-finishing 5th grade. This is a free event. Register online at <https://vbspro.events/p/crumc2019>.

COMMUNITY SUPPERS

CORRECTION: The next Baked Bean Supper at the White Rock Community Clubhouse will be on September 7, not June 1 as previously published. Watch for details in August.

A public supper will be held at West Gorham Union Church at 190 Ossipee Trail on Saturday June 1. 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.

SENIOR PROGRAMS

Join the Lakes Region Senior Center on Monday, June 10, at 10 a.m. to witness a demo of drones and learn how they are used by the Windham Police Department. Officers Jason Burke and Jay Gallant will explain how the department uses drones to help solve cases and to find missing people. Bring a folding chair to sit in outside or in our gym. A light lunch of sandwiches, chips, drinks and dessert will be served.

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. (June 5: Abyssinian Meeting House/History and Preservation & June 12: Bob Gendreau/Guitar folk music); Thursdays - Church Street Writers @ 10:30am (Life Stories/Spouses and Partners); Fridays - ARTrageous Seniors @ 10 a.m. (June will feature Needle and Wet Wool Felting) FMI: Lisa Becker, 835-9379 or leckybrowncenter@gmail.com.

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.

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

Summer Session at USM runs from May 20–August 14 (starting dates vary). Browse the course offerings at usm.maine.edu/courses.

The Southworth Planetarium on the Portland Campus presents several shows almost daily, including: Astronomy: 3000 Years of Stargazing, a new astronomical history program; Dinosaurs at Dusk!; Natural Selection; IBEX Full Dome Show, an Omni-dome show about the Interstellar Boundary Explorer; Expedition Reef; Dawn of the Space Age; Touching the Edge of the Universe; Two Small Pieces of Glass; The Little Star That Could. Find the complete schedule at usm.maine.edu/planet/events, or FMI contact edward.gleason@maine.edu, 780-4249.

Transfer Tuesdays continue every week through July 30, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Students interested in transferring to USM are welcome to get an in-person admission decision during a 30-minute interview with a counselor on any USM campus, Gorham, Portland, or Lewiston. Call 780-5670 to schedule an appointment.

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TERRIBLE TWOS

North Gorham Road caller reported child abuse or neglect. Two year old was tired and did not want to get into car seat. Everything was fine.

Caller said that a number of student vehicles in the parking lot had vulgar bumper stickers. Officer found only one such sticker. He called student who said a friend had put it on his car without his permission.

A vehicle which had been abandoned in the travel lane in the rotary was towed.

Officer responded to Leaha Lane for a complaint of loud music. Officer could hear the music and people attempting to sing karaoke. People were told to quiet down.

Following a call from a neighbor, a Plummer Road woman was advised to pick up after dog and not to let her dog use neighbor's property for a bathroom. Caller advised she was moving soon.

Vehicle drove by officer going really slowly with its four way lights on. Officer stopped vehicle. Driver said he was having vehicle issues and was trying to limp the vehicle to his home.

Man on Chick Drive flagged down an officer and was very upset about logging being done on Chick property. He wanted to know what was happening and thought it was dangerous. Officer advised him to call the Town if he needed information as officer had none.

Officer tried to serve a protective order at an address on McClellan Road. Subject was not there as he was still in jail.

Officer checked on vehicle parked behind Sawyer's on Gray Road. It was a mother of two who was changing a diaper.

Officer made contact with a man who appeared to be homeless and living out

of truck in a parking lot on County Road. Officer suggested he move along. Man said he had permission to stay there overnight. There were no signs prohibiting overnight parking so officer left.

Suspicious vehicle in parking lot at Burger King was an employee eating dinner in his car.

Two women parked on the side of Ossipee Trail were arguing. They were moved along.

Officer found a woman asleep in a vehicle at the Park and Ride on South St. She had left home after an argument with her mother about rent. She did not have anyplace else to go so was sleeping in her car. Officer told her not to make a habit of this.

Officer advised a mother and daughter of the process for a male who had lied about his age in order to meet daughter. Neither wanted further contact with him.

Sebago Lake Road caller complained about noise from neighbor's children. She was advised to work it out with the landlord.

Truck going door to door on Little River Drive was located and issued a citation for having an expired registration and warned for going door to door without a permit.

Transients hanging out on South Street had been told leave as owner didn't want them coming back. They left the area.

Huston Road caller reported school buses turning around in his driveway causing damage to his property. He did not know where the buses were from. Officer told him extra attention would be paid to the area.

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White Rock Friendship Club Indoor Yard Sale, 34 Wilson Road, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.
 West Gorham Union Church Public Supper, 190 Ossipee Trail. Tickets 4 p.m, serving starts at 5 p.m.

MONDAY, JUNE 3

Gorham Schools Public Forum, Baxter Memorial Library, 6-7 p.m.
 Town of Gorham Planning Board Meeting, Burleigh Loveitt Council Chambers, 7-9 p.m.

TUESDAY, JUNE 4

Regular Town Council Meeting, Burleigh Loveitt Council Chambers, 6:30 p.m.

MONDAY, JUNE 10

Gorham Historical Society, "Archive Collection" with Kelly Dearborn, Gorham Municipal Ctr, 6:30 p.m.
 Lakes Region Senior Center, Presentation on drones, 10 a.m.

TUESDAY, JUNE 11

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

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12

Baxter Memorial Library, Read to Animals with ARLGP, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, JUNE 14

The Wesley Bell Ringers from Salt Lake City at Cressey Road United Methodist Church, 7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, JUNE 18

Baxter Memorial Library
 • 2-6 p.m., "Spring into Summer" event hosted by the Friends of Baxter Memorial Library. (Rain date June 19)
 • 2-6 p.m. "Let's Move" Youth Summer Reading Program

THURSDAY, JUNE 20

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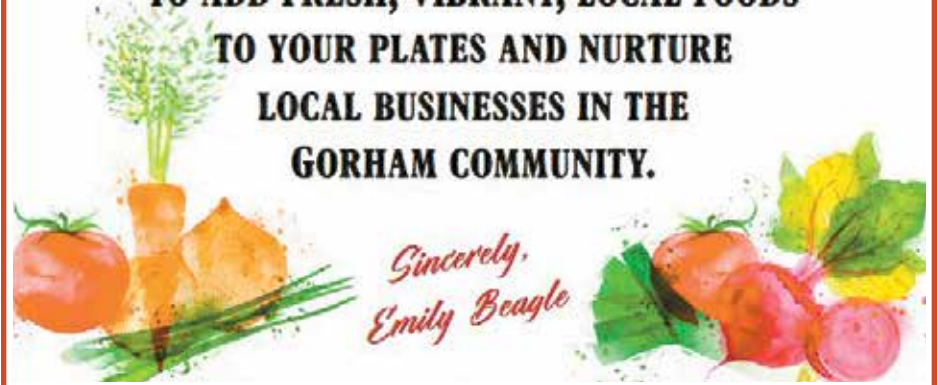


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