

## Railroad Avenue Project Gets Final Approval by Planning Board

SHERI FABER  
Staff Writer

Great Falls Construction’s plans for a five story building on Railroad Ave. across from Carter’s Auto Service was approved by the Planning Board and the Town Council on January 9. Jon Smith, owner of Great Falls Construction, expects to begin construction this spring and have the project completed in approximately 18 months.

The project calls for a bowling alley along with retail stores on the first floor. In addition, the building will house 30 studio, one, and two bedroom apartments. It will include office space (1500 to 2000 sq. ft.) on the second floor and a wine bar on the fourth and fifth floors. There will be a minimum of 153 parking spaces associated with the project which will include some indoor garage space that can be rented.

Several neighbors opposed the project anticipating a major increase in traffic passing through their neighborhoods. Smith acknowledged these concerns and said, “we did the best we could to address these issues of pedestrian safety and traffic concerns.”

Smith is pleased to already have a list of 15-20 people who are interested in the apartments. “We are very excited to move forward with this project,” he told the Gorham Times.



Drawing courtesy of Great Falls Construction

Jon and Cindy Smith presented their final plans for a five story building at 7 Railroad Avenue.

## Who’s Ready to ‘Kick Off Their Sunday Shoes and Cut Loose?’



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JOSHUA HURD  
GHS Musical Director

It’s been a long standing tradition at Gorham High School to present a musical production each year. In recent years, the school has sold out multiple weekends to shows like “West Side Story,” “Oklahoma,” “South Pacific,” “Fame!” and the list goes on. Last year, the school mounted an over-the-top production of “Thoroughly Modern Millie” featuring 35 of its students. This year will prove to be no exception to Gorham’s proud heritage of musical theater.

The year 1984 saw the release of iconic movies that included the original “Ghostbusters,” “Indiana Jones,” “Sixteen Candles,” “Purple Rain,” “Nightmare on Elm Street,” and “Revenge of the Nerds – The Never Ending Story.” But, there is one soundtrack and one dance move that defined the entire generation: “Footloose!”

This year, the production team, along with a core group of parents,

has been working hard to ensure the musical program continues at GHS. In November, the Gorham Times published an article about the overwhelming cost it takes to produce a musical, even at the high school level.

While there’s still work to be done and money to be raised, the biggest fundraising event is yet to come. On Saturday, February 4, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., the cast of “Footloose,” Pottery Barn, and the Maine Mall have joined forces for a one-of-a-kind Musical Bottle Drive.

Inside the mall, in front of Macy’s, members of the cast will be singing songs from the show, while others are collecting trash bags full of used bottles. For every trash-bag full of bottles donated, \$2.00 will be taken off the price of a ticket to the show.

Tickets will be on sale during the event, and for every full price ticket purchased, people will be entered into a raffle to win a \$100 prize from Pottery Barn.

There’s so much more to theater than performing on stage. Plans for the



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Gorham High School presents the musical “Footloose” on February 9-12 with a cast of more than 60 students. Pictured above are Connor Donnelly (hat) and Miles Obrey (who plays Ren) and left, Elizabeth Olsen, Maddie Rossignol, Shelby Leach, and Jamie Juskiewicz (who plays Ariel).

2018 production are already underway and will be announced during performances. The cast and crew could not be more grateful for all the community help and involvement.

On the weekend of February 9-12, GHS has outdone itself to prove “life ain’t passing me by.” With a cast of more than 60 students, and faculty members Rocky Myers and Amy Smith, this blockbuster movie comes to life on the high school stage. This show is not to be missed, so everyone can “kick off (their) Sunday shoes and cut loose.”

Performances are February 9-11 at 7:30 p.m. and February 11-12 at 2 p.m. All seating is general admission. Doors will open 30 minutes before performance time. Students and senior tickets are \$8 and adult tickets are \$10. If you would like to reserve tickets or FMI, call 839-5757.

## Late Night Burglary at Mr. Bagel

SHERI FABER  
Staff Writer

Early Sunday morning, January 15, someone broke two windows to gain access to Mr. Bagel, which is located at the intersection of New Portland Road and Mechanic St. The burglar broke the bathroom window, but was unable to climb through that win-

dow as it was too small. The burglar then broke a second window to the left of the back door which normally holds the air conditioner. The break-in was discovered at about 3:20 a.m. A safe and a cash register were both stolen. The thief also gained access to a second cash register.

According to Det. Sgt. Dana Thompson, there have been no other

commercial burglaries downtown in recent months. Thompson recommends several steps local business owners can take to try to prevent burglaries. These include a well lit parking lot, reporting suspicious persons and vehicles, vetting your employees carefully, and having a well positioned security camera with a time and date stamp.

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Policy on News from Augusta: The Gorham Times asked our three state legislators from Senate District 30, House District 26 and House District 27 to provide us with "News from Augusta." We publish their articles on a rotating basis. The submissions are devoted to updates of legislative and administrative news, proposed and passed bills and laws, and developments and events that are of interest and have an impact to Gorham residents. The Gorham Times reserves the right to edit the submissions and it further reserves the right to reject any submission, in its sole discretion.

Legislature to Address New Minimum Wage Law

SEN. AMY VOLK

Now that the holidays are over, it's time for the new legislature to get down to business. I am delighted to once again have the opportunity to serve the people of Cumberland and York counties in the Maine Senate. From the bottom of my heart, thank you to everyone who has supported me - and my family - along the way. Each legislature serves a two-year term which is made up of two legislative sessions. During the first session, which is the longer of the two, legislators in Augusta will address the Governor's proposed biennial budget, which will take effect on July 1, 2017, as well as over 1,800 bill proposals that have been submitted by legislators, departments and the Governor's Office. Now that the deadline for filing legislation has passed, legislative committees will begin the long bill-vetting process. I am honored to be returning to the Labor, Commerce, Research and Economic Development Committee as Chair. Over the last several years, this committee has made real progress providing meaningful reforms to help Maine businesses grow and flourish. The LCRED Committee's jurisdiction includes the Department of Labor and the Department of Economic and Community Development, which includes the Maine Office of Tourism, and the Office of Professional and Financial

Regulation, which is part of the Department of Administrative and Financial Affairs. We also have jurisdiction over Maine State Housing Authority, the Finance Authority of Maine (FAME) and the Workers' Compensation Board. This committee will be especially important this session as the legislature addresses the issue of Question 4, the new minimum wage law from last November's ballot that took effect earlier this month. This new law is threefold; it raised the minimum wage from \$7.50 to \$9.00 and will continue to raise the statewide minimum by \$1.00 each year until it reaches \$12.00 in 2020, and each year thereafter it will adjust the minimum wage according to a formula tied to the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the northeast. This law also raised the direct wage earned by tipped employees from \$3.75 to \$5.00 and will continue to raise the direct wage \$1.00 each year until tipped workers are directly paid minimum wage by their employer and any tip credit an employer may use is eliminated. In Maine, the minimum wage is also tied elsewhere in our labor law to the minimum salary an employer may pay a salaried worker who is exempt from overtime; because of the increase in the minimum wage, these workers must be paid annually at least 3,000 times the minimum wage, which is \$27,000 in 2017, rising annually to \$36,000 in 2020.

This salary, too, will be adjusted annually in relation to the CPI. Owning a restaurant is a challenging way to earn a living. The average restaurant runs on a profit margin of only three to five percent. This makes the 260% increase in front-of-the-house labor costs and 60% increase in back-of-the-house labor costs unmanageable. These numbers likely do not include the minimum salary threshold. Because of the new law, restaurants are forced to eliminate positions, reduce hours, limit wages of back-of-the-house staff and raise menu prices. The committee will take up legislation this session to potentially reinstate the tip credit, keeping the direct wage at half of the minimum wage. I will also serve as a member of the Environment and Natural Resources Committee, which is another committee that can have a great impact on the business climate in Maine. If you have any questions or comments on legislation as the session progresses, please don't hesitate to contact me at (207) 287-1505 or amy.volk@legislature.maine.gov.



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Around Town

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The final deadline for dog registration is February 1. State law requires that all dogs must be registered in the town the owner lives. The State-imposed late fee of \$25 goes into effect on top of the registration fee of \$6 for altered dogs and \$11 for unaltered dogs. Online processing can be done on the State of Maine website until January 31, or you can visit the Town Clerk Office during regular business hours. The Gorham Animal Control Officer will begin issuing summons for unlicensed dogs beginning February 1.

Gorham Sightings



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# Cook's Hardware Under New Ownership

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Contributing Writer

Bill and Holly Chandler are the new owners of the renamed Cook's Hardware store, Gorham Ace Hardware. The Chandlers are long-time Maine residents with ties to Gorham. Bill attended Gorham High School and Holly attended college at the University of Southern Maine. The family was drawn to Gorham because of their familiarity with the town.

The Chandlers currently own another Ace hardware store in Yarmouth. When previous owner Phil Cook was ready to retire, he offered to sell the Gorham store to the couple as they were already in the business and friends with the Cook family.

The hardware store, located at 57 Main Street, will be back under the Ace brand in a few weeks. With the exception of the name, no noticeable changes to the store are currently planned, however Ace rewards will be offered.

The Chandlers have a son and daughter who are in the hardware business as well and take pride in the family aspect.



Photo credit Leslie Dupuis

Cook's Hardware, now Gorham Ace Hardware, is owned by Bill and Holly Chandler.

Gorham Ace Hardware is open Monday-Saturday 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sunday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. You can contact the store at (207) 839-4856. Ace Hardware is a chain retailer stocking household tools, supplies and more. Many locations are family-run or independently owned.

**Coming in our next issue...  
a look back at the history of  
Cook's Hardware.**

# Remembering Bruce Avery



Photo courtesy of Casey Weed

After a performance of "Fame!" in 2010, cast members posed with Bruce Avery (far left). Photo includes Jason Badeau, Taylor Buotte, Jon Day, Carolyn Lambert, Molly Lortie, Stephanie Morin, Adam Mosey, Bailey O'Brien, Nick Reynolds, Alyssa Rojecki, Luke Tanguay, Michael Walsh, and Casey Weed.

MICHAEL LORTIE  
GHS Musical Producer

Bruce Avery passed away on December 13, 2016 at the age of 56 after a courageous battle with Multiple System Atrophy-Cerebellum. Avery had been well-known in Gorham for his work with the Gorham High School (GHS) Drama Department and with Schoolhouse Arts Center in Standish.

Avery directed eight musicals and one fall drama at GHS, as well as one musical with the students at Village Elementary School. In the process, he inspired a generation of our community to love and support theater.

He had numerous talents in directing, but perhaps his greatest strength was the ability to inspire tremendous performances by students and to instill the lifelong love of theater in all. Some of the highlights of his career in Gorham included "West Side Story," "Fame!" and "The Wizard of Oz."

During the production season of "Fame!" in 2010, the earthquake in Haiti happened and Avery and the cast organized a special performance, which raised over \$1,500 to send to a rescue organization to help people impacted by the disaster.

In working with Avery for over a decade, he was hard-working, sincere,

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# Merrifield Family Honored at the Maine Agricultural Trades Show



Photo courtesy of Maine Dept. of Agriculture

Lyle and Jo-Ann Merrifield of Gorham received the Commissioner's Distinguished Service Award on January 10 at the 76th Annual Maine Agricultural Trades Show Commissioner's Luncheon. Governor Paul R. LePage joined Commissioner Walt Whitcomb to present them with the award in recognition of their many contributions to Maine agriculture, particularly the maple syrup industry. The Merrifields own and operate Merrifield Farm and Sugar Shack in Gorham. Lyle has been President of the Maine Maple Producers Association President for the past eight years, and both he and Jo-Ann were past Presidents of the Southern Maine Maple Producers Association. The whole Merrifield family is part of the Cumberland County Farmers Club. Pictured (L to R): Molly Merrifield, Jo-Ann Merrifield, Commissioner Walt Whitcomb, Lyle Merrifield, Lexi Merrifield and Governor Paul LePage.

**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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# Dry Needling Is Effective For Treating Chronic Pain

MICHAEL SMITH, MS, PT, ATC

Although Dry Needling has been used by physicians in Maine for the treatment of muscle pain for the past couple of years, only recently has the state licensing board authorized its use by trained physical therapists. This is an important change as it is a proven treatment tool for therapists, especially for helping those with chronic pain.

Injections into irritable muscle spots were first proposed in the early 1940s, by doctors Janet Travell and David Simons, who placed various wet substances (cortisones, analgesics, etc.) into trigger points. Dr. Travell later became President John Kennedy's personal White House physician. Kennedy suffered severe back pain, resulting from a war injury. The use of needling without substances (Dry Needling) began after a 1979 study by Czech physician Karel Lewit. Since that time, medical studies have found no difference between Wet Needling and Dry Needling in the effectiveness of treatment of musculoskeletal pain.

Many people believe that the practice of Dry Needling is somehow related to Acupuncture, but they are, in fact, quite different. In Dry Needling, a hair-like dry needle is placed into the "trigger point," where a nerve enters the muscle, causing it to contract. This area is also often called the "motor point" or, in deference to

the founding physician, the "Travell" point. In many areas of the body, these trigger points can build up toxins from the constant signals of the nervous system, causing pain and tenderness. We all have these points, and often they become sore and irritated. They are often found in the upper trapezius muscles that lead from our shoulders to our neck, an area where stress is often held. Dry Needling can release the toxins and calm the muscle, making it less painful and tender.

Acupuncture, on the other hand, is a treatment perfected by the Chinese, which goes back thousands of years. The needles are much the same, but the technique is altogether different. In Acupuncture the clinician is working to improve "energy," otherwise called "Chi," by placing needles in specific areas along the meridian where energy travels. The needles are pressed to depths just under the surface of the skin. I often refer patients to Acupuncture, as it can also be effective for helping relieve chronic pain conditions.

With Dry Needling, the therapist is trying to elicit an immediate mechanical response in the muscle. The deeper the muscles, the deeper the needle must go. It is an effective technique because Dry Needling is often able to elicit a response in the muscle when other treatments are less effective.

Patients may experience a slight ache-like pain at the injection points for a couple of hours after treatment, but thereafter, most will find relief. I find that it has been an effective long-range treatment, especially for those who have experienced chronic pain in a specific area, such as tendonitis in the hip or elbow. Often, coupled with stretching and exercise, three to six Dry Needle treatments will break the chronic cycle of pain and dysfunction and keep it at bay.

Dry Needling is not indicated for every patient in every circumstance, but it is a useful new tool that is now available for use by appropriately trained physical therapists.



Mike Smith is the owner-provider at Village Physical Therapy in Gorham.

## Remembering Bruce Avery

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and committed to the students. He worked behind the scenes to help so many students – preparing college auditions, writing recommendations, and attending their performances once they went off to college.

Avery took a genuine interest in his students and their lives. He truly wanted them to be not only better actors and performers, but also to become better people. His commitment, his faith, and his friendship were valued by so many in the theater community. Avery's

expectations were high and his support tremendous.

The productions were always first rate. In thinking about Avery's influence on the Gorham community, several of his present and former students who worked with him offered some of their own reflections and memories.

Avery was a special person and talented director who touched the lives of so many in this community. He is sincerely missed by everyone associated with Gorham theater.

*"Bruce Avery touched the lives of so many people in the Gorham/Standish Community. Not just the students like myself who he directly worked with and mentored, but through the hundreds of people who came to witness the magic of one of his shows. I've never met a more selfless individual who was willing to sacrifice so much of himself for the benefit of those around him. He will be remembered for the joy he spread, and hopefully, for the example he set in being kind to everyone who had the great pleasure of meeting him."* Jon Day, Class of 2010

*"Bruce once told me that he secretly sat in the back of the house and cried at every performance of 'Fame!' during the song 'These are my Children.' I think it was because he truly felt we all were his children and this was his song."* Molly Lortie, Class of 2010

*"I just remember being pushed to my full potential. Bruce was able to get me to put everything into what I was doing, even if it was just smiling on stage. When Bruce was directing he was very straightforward and honest and I think it helped everyone to push a little harder to make the show that much better."* Jamie Juskiewicz, Class of 2017

*"Bruce was a major part of my acceptance and later attendance at Emerson College, and really showed us how rewarding the arts could be. He was a tremendous person with a bigger heart, and someone who we will all miss immensely."* Carter Bowers, Class of 2012

*"I remember when I was just beginning theater classes at Schoolhouse Arts Center I took my very first acting classes with Bruce. He really knew how to bring the energy and excitement out of kids and young people."* Dorothy Stickney, Class of 2017

*"Bruce pulled me into the GHS musical program at a young age and since the opening night of 'The Music Man' I have had a passion for theater. He taught me how to act, and even though I learn more each time I step on the stage, I have not forgotten or lost what he taught me. His teaching was the foundation of my, and so many others, knowledge of the stage. I enjoyed every show that I was a part of with Mr. Avery."* Abbie vanLuling, Class of 2018



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position, it creates unnatural tension on the muscles that support the neck. That tension can lead to stress on the muscles, compression on the nerves within the cervical spine causing pain. Try these exercises.

Chin Tucks. Gently pull your chin in while keeping your eyes fixed on something in front of you. Hold for 5 seconds and perform 10-20 repetitions

Upper Trapezius Stretch. Keeping your shoulders relaxed, gently tilt your head to one side trying to touch your ear to your shoulder. Hold for 30 seconds and perform 2-3 repetitions.

If your headaches persist, schedule a free pain consultation with a physical therapist.

# Property Management: Avoid Lawsuits with Good Tenant Relationships

ETHAN JOHNSON

Managing your own investment properties or managing the properties of others can be financially rewarding. There are also a lot of potential “pit falls” (i.e. liability issues) and can be at times very stressful managing tenants. Investing the time and money required to maintain and cultivate a positive working relationship with your tenants can be the difference between amicably settling differences and a costly lawsuit. Working on the relationship also creates value by maximizing tenant cooperation with timely rent payments, property upkeep and longer lease terms. Here are a few tips to reduce your risk of having a lawsuit.

It is imperative to screen potential candidates. Conducting a background check on prospective tenants is a wise way to ensure a mutually successful experience for you and the applicant, and it is an effective risk management tool. Background checks do present some

costs, but the risk of not performing the screening on tenants could have more serious financial consequences, resulting in lost income, property damage and litigation costs. Elements of a thorough background check include criminal history, credit check, previous landlord verification, identity verification and employment verification.

Taking good care of your property by properly maintaining the premises sends a powerful message to tenants. It proves that you take your role as building manager seriously and encourages them to take

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Ethan Johnson of Chalmers Insurance has over 13 years of experience in the industry. A USM graduate, he is passionate about helping people and giving back to Gorham, where he lives with his family.

# New Officers Join Gorham Police Department



Photos courtesy of Gorham PD

Three new officers recently joined the Gorham Police Department. Pictured above (left to right) is Lt. Michael Nault, Officer Todd Meslin, Chief Dan Jones, Officer Paul Dubay, Deputy Chief Chris Sanborn, and Sgt. Ted Hatch. Officer Alisha Smith (right) is shown with Town Clerk Laurie Nordfors during her swearing in ceremony.

DEPUTY CHIEF CHRIS SANBORN  
Gorham PD

The Gorham Police Department hired three new officers since December. It had three openings due to the retirement of Officer Bob Henckel and the departure of Officer Brian Key after many years of service. A third officer, David Bruni, was reassigned to the Maine DEA leaving a position open.

Officer Todd Meslin started with the Gorham Police Department on December 12. Meslin has over 13 years of Law Enforcement



Experience with the Saint Lucie County Sheriff's Office in Florida. He has experience as a Patrol Deputy, Criminal Investigator and School Resource Officer. He holds an Associates Degree in Criminal Justice from Columbia Southern University and has advanced Law

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265 MAIN STREET	YEO, DAVID & JUDY	ROCQUE, CLIFFORD JR.	\$200,000
145 ICHABOD LANE EXT	HEATH, CHRIS & MACCONNELL, ANNE	GILBERT HOMES,	\$360,953
13 SPRUCE LANE	HALLSWORTH, CHARLOTTE	GRAHAM, ANITA	\$227,000
35 HAY FIELD DRIVE	HOYT, BRYAN & SARAH	LANGLOIS INVESTMENT	\$359,900
33 WEBSTER ROAD	KARCANES, JAMES & CHRISTINE	SLC ENTERPRISES LLC	\$202,500
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29 MAPLEWOOD DRIVE	BERTHIAUME, LAUGHN & LISA MARIE	WILSON, BLANCHE	\$260,000
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11 LAWN AVENUE	KEENE, JODIE	KING, SUSAN	\$225,000
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16 KEENE DRIVE	DELANEY, CHAD & TAMMY	SINFNO, NICHOLAS	\$371,500
4 TAMMYS WAY	SANFINO, NICHOLAS & ALEXIS	EADS, TYLER	\$440,000
306 SEBAGO LAKE ROAD	STEVENS, EMILY	CORRIVEAU, BARRY	\$183,500
30 MOUNTVIEW DRIVE	PRIEST, DAVID & HIGGINS, DEBRA	WESCOTT, SARA	\$399,900



# New Look for New Police Department Cruisers

SHERI FABER  
Staff Writer

Each year, the Gorham Police Department orders two or three new police cruisers to replace older vehicles. The older cruisers, averaging 120,000 to 130,000 miles, go to members of other Town Departments such as Code Enforcement and Public Works.

Because cruisers respond to many emergency calls and are on the roads in any kind of weather, they need to be reliable. After five or six years, they are sent to other departments where they generally get another five to six years of use. As the cars come up for replacement, they will be replaced with a newer model.

Gorham now has two of the new Ford Explorer cruisers on the road. They are all black where the previous cruisers were white. They have blue reflective tape on the door jams and throughout the vehicle to heighten visibility from all angles.

The vehicles are equipped with a night vision spotlight, which among other uses, can be used to illuminate the scene of an accident. The former light bars on top of the roof have been replaced with blue lights inside the car on top of the



Photo courtesy of Gorham PD

The Gorham Police Department has added two new Ford Explorer police cruisers with enhanced reflective tape and lights to replace older cruisers.

front window and on the front grill as well as on the corners of the vehicle.

In the old cruisers, the outside light bars often were covered with snow during the winter which reduced visibility. Additionally, the blue lights are now in the door to the trunk so when the trunk is up, the light is not blocked by the trunk as it was when the lights were on top of the car. The new cars' reflective tape on many different parts should be much more visible.

The word POLICE is on both sides of the car in very large letters in reflective paint which again should greatly increase visibility to the public.

JANUARY 9, 2017

# Planning Board Results

The Planning Board took the following actions at its last meeting:

Approved with findings of fact and conditions of approval the preliminary and final subdivision/site plan for a five story, 24,761 sq. ft. multi-use building at 7 Railroad Ave. The building will have a bowling facility with food and beverage service, first level commercial/retail space, recreation space and studio, 1 and 2 bedroom apartments with associated parking.

Approved with findings of fact and conditions of approval Normand Berube Builders' plans for a 17.67 acre, 6 lot subdivision off County Road on Shiers Meadows Drive.

Approved with findings of fact and conditions of approval James Woods' plans for a 9 lot subdivision with a public road on 14.94 acres between Files Road and Line Road.

Gave preliminary approval to John

Peter, LLC's plans for Webb Farm, a 7 lot residential subdivision on 12.14 acres off Clay Road.

Discussed Shaw Earthworks' request for a subdivision and site plan amendment to add storage, parking and additional drive areas to existing shop location at 11 Cyr Drive, New Portland Parkway subdivision.

Discussed Maine Coast Kitchen's request to construct a 7,150 sq. ft. condo-plex including parking, access ways, sidewalks and landscaping on Little Wing Lane off New Portland Road.

Discussed So. Maine General Contracting's request for a site plan amendment to Pyaevna Meadows subdivision to construct a driveway off Rt. 114, independent of Pastore's Way, located at 664 Fort Hill Road.

Discussed an amendment to the Land Use and Code to allow rotating barber poles.

## New Officers Join Gorham Police Dept. CONTINUED FROM PAGE 5

Enforcement Training in Field Training Officer, L.E. Driving Instructor, Criminal Investigations & Background Investigations, Interviewing & Interrogation, Post Blast Investigations & Hazardous Materials Technician Training. Officer Meslin will be going through the waiver process with the Maine Criminal Justice Academy. He will

be a great addition to the Gorham Police Department.

Officer Paul Dubay returned to the Gorham Police Department on December 19. Dubay has over 20 years of experience as a Military Police Officer in the United States Air Force. He worked for the Gorham Police Department from August 2011 to February 2014 as a Patrol Officer. He also has two years of Law Enforcement experience with the Windham Police Department. Dubay is a fully certified full-time Law Enforcement Officer from the Maine Criminal Justice Academy. The Department is glad to have Paul returning to our agency. His experience and knowledge will be a good addition to the night shift.

Officer Alisha Smith started with the Gorham Police Department on January 9. She is coming to the Department from the Hancock County Sheriff's Department and has seven years of experience in both communications and corrections. Smith has an Associates Degree and will be attending the Maine Criminal Justice Academy in August of this year. She is very excited to begin her career in law enforcement with the Gorham Police Department.



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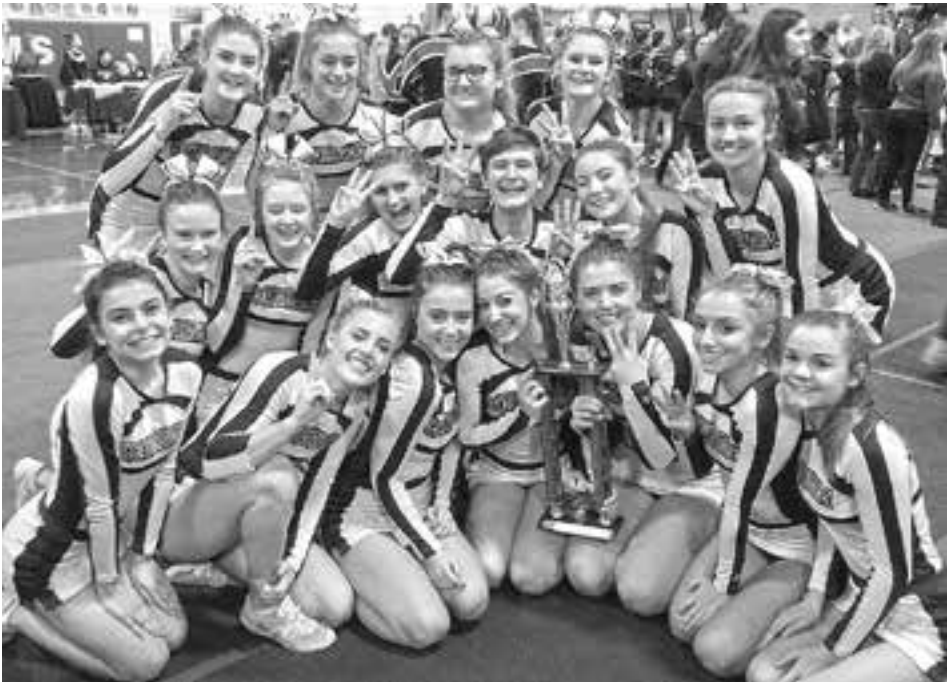


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The Gorham High School cheerleaders placed first place at the SMAA championship on January 14 at Deering High School. This is the third year in a row that the varsity squad has won the competition. The squad continues to prepare for the regional and state competition.

# Sports Etc

**Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest:** January 28, 1:00 p.m., at Shaw Gym. Registration begins at 12:45 for boys and girls ages 9-14 (must provide proof of age at sign up). Winners in best of 15 free-throw contest will advance to district competition. FMI call Mike at 839-3963.

On January 21, the **USM mens' ice hockey team** skated in Nashua, NH to a scoreless overtime draw against Daniel Webster College. This was the first scoreless OT game for the Huskies in the program's 40-year history. USM goalie Michael Royer, in his first appearance as a Huskie, claimed his first collegiate shutout.

Gorham's **Alicia Jeffords**, captain of the Maine Mayhem, is among a Mayhem contingent attending the World Women's Football Games in Orlando the week of January 21. The event includes skills development, national team trials, a women's careers in football forum (created by the NFL). The Mayhem will also be in the stands for the NFL Pro Bowl.

# In the Zone



Photo courtesy of Neile Nelson

At press time, the Gorham Lady Rams' hoops squad remained undefeated (12-0) with a 50-23 win over Deering, extending their winning streak to 33 games. As a Christmas gift to the team, the GHS coaching staff purchased tickets to a BC/Duke game on January 22 and brought both the varsity and JV teams down to Boston for the day. The team had the opportunity to eat lunch at Eagle's Deli, which was featured on the Travel Channel's Man v. Food series, and walked around the campus before the 2:00 pm tip off.

# Winter on Two Wheels: Ken O'Brien

HAL D'AMICO  
Sports Editor

If you're driving on Running Hill Road in Scarborough towards Gorham in the dark with your wipers brushing away snow and your heat cranked up, and you happen to see reflectors, lamplight, and a figure spinning pedals in a metronome rhythm ahead of you, there's a very good chance it's Gorham's Ken O'Brien in the bike saddle.

O'Brien is an electrical engineer at On Semiconductor, (formerly Fairchild Semiconductor) located in South Portland. He is one of many avid cyclists around town, some whom ride regularly with local clubs. While many people resign themselves to bikes attached to wind trainers until the first crocuses spring up, O'Brien has ridden throughout the seasons for decades.

Conversing at the Gorham Grind, it seems likely that that his double espresso is as routine as his 90 revolutions-per-minute cadence. O'Brien said, "I try to keep my cadence at 90 because it's the right amount to not collect lactic acid." He continued helpful coaching, adding, "You can go on forever. Just shift to keep it there (at 90)." Living just north of the USM campus, it's a 40 to 50-minute roundtrip commute that he has done regularly since 1999. He doesn't pedal the trip religiously, and he's no longer logging 5,000 miles per year.

O'Brien grew up in the suburbs of northern New Jersey, outside Philadelphia, and has been "riding forever, just to get around." He recalled his first "long" ride as an elementary school kid, with his older sister. "It was twenty five miles," he said, and then qualified that with, "I think I may have clocked it years later, and it might only been 18 miles but seemed like 25." When asked if he's ever been, or considered being, a competitive racer, he shook his head, and said, "I ride for the Zen part of it. It's the right combination of meditation and attention to the road that clears the head." While it is satisfying to have a positive environmental impact through riding instead of driving, the "Zen before I knew what Zen was" remains his primary motivation.

His first bike was a Schwinn with balloon tires, one gear and coaster brakes.



Photo credit Hal D'Amico

Ken O'Brien stopped to fuel up at The Gorham Grind on a recent commute.

Following college graduation, he was gifted his first drop-handle ten-speed with a Reynolds steel frame, and this frame is still his primary ride, though all the other parts have been replaced and the frame has housed numerous gearing incarnations. O'Brien's advice: "Your dollars should be focused on the wheels and tires."

He rides this road bike (has rarely been engaged in off-road activity), and he and his wife, Anne, have enjoyed their tandem touring and recreation pedaling since 1992.

As far as safety goes, O'Brien wore his first helmet in 1982. He shares the statistic that "falls outnumber moving car involvement," and that his only vehicular incident was many years ago while living in Pennsylvania, and occurred at a stoplight, when he was barely bumper tapped by the car behind him, with no injury. He urged that cyclists follow the rules of the road as if driving a car. He shared, "Prepare for left turns early and integrate into sensible rules of traffic," and to be looking at the terrain ahead, "don't pay too much attention to the cars, and prepare early on for road obstacles." Appropriate apparel and other gear is obviously important, especially riding in winter conditions and often darkness.

So, while many Gorham folks will wait for those first crocuses, Ken organizes the Casco Bay Bicycle Club's Gorham rides. The club is open to riders of any level and winter rides leave from the University of Southern Maine fieldhouse.

For further information regarding

the club or the Gorham rides, visit [casco baybicycleclub.org](http://casco baybicycleclub.org) or call O'Brien at 207-415-0364.

Other local clubs include the Narragansett Wheelmen (Facebook page: Narragansett Wheelmen) and NEMBA (New England Mountain Bike Association, Greater Portland Chapter), [www.nemba.org](http://www.nemba.org).

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The Gorham Times has tickets to Gorham High School’s upcoming production of “Footloose” on February 9-12 and we would love to share them with our loyal readers. If you think you know the answer to any of the following questions, please send an email to the Gorham Times (gorhamtimes@gmail.com) with your best guess. Be sure to indicate which numbered question you are answering. We will have a drawing on Friday, February 3, to pick from the winning entries. Winners will be posted on our Facebook page. Also look on our Facebook page each day leading up to the show’s opening night for more chances to win tickets.

Questions courtesy of Abbie vanLuling,  
GHS Student Intern

1. Who plays Ren in the 1984 production of “Footloose?”
2. When going before the city council, what famous piece of literature does Ren use to show why dancing should be legal?
3. Where do Ren and Ethel McCormick move from in “Footloose?”
4. Why does Reverend Shaw, Ariel’s father, illegalize dancing in the story “Footloose?”
5. What color is Ren’s car in the 1984 production of “Footloose?”
6. In the 1984 production of “Footloose,” how does Ariel play “chicken” with a train?
7. What is the name of the fictional town where “Footloose” takes place?
8. In the 1984 production of “Footloose,” how does Ren respond when Ariel asks him: “Do you wanna kiss me?”
9. In the 1984 production of “Footloose,” where does Ren have his famous dancing scene?
10. At the end of “Footloose,” for the final dance scene at prom, what does Ren yell upon entering?
11. Which character, in all productions of “Footloose,” can’t dance?
12. In “Footloose,” who do Ren and his mother Ethel live with?

GORHAM DINING SERVICES SERIES:  
PART 5 – GORHAM HIGH SCHOOL

Feeding the Future



Photo courtesy of GHS Dining Services

GORHAM HIGH SCHOOL DINING  
SERVICES STAFF

Laura Scaplen has settled in as the new dining services manager at Gorham High School (GHS) and is surrounded by a terrific group of very talented culinarians who all love to cook and create great food. All are enjoying the beautifully remodeled cafeteria and the restaurant-style setting.

When serving high school students, it is always a challenge to fill them up. GHS offers a healthy and nutritious breakfast and lunch every day. Our quality meals exceed nutrient standards set forth by the USDA guidelines.

A student breakfast meal is \$1.25, which includes entrée, fruit, and milk or juice. A student value lunch meal is \$3.00, which includes entrée, fruit, vegetable, and choice of milk or juice.

The food service team at GHS has put together menus that allow the students to customize their meal, by offering a variety of sides and toppings. We have been experimenting with dif-

ferent food preparation methods and ingredients to bring color, texture, and adventure to meals.

We are also introducing an array of healthy options. This encourages students to try something new to enhance their dining experience. Our most popular offerings include: a full salad bar, deli bar, pasta bar, taco bar, macaroni and cheese bar, and à la carte grab ‘n go food items that can be selected as separate items, rather than part of a set meal.

We have been offering Asian, Italian and Mexican dishes, and hearty, home-style meals with all the fixings. During the winter, we will concentrate on comfort foods, such as soups, roasted chicken, pork, turkey, meatloaf, and all of the sides that accompany these hearty, cold weather meals.

At GHS, our food service team never looks at our work as a job, but a way to serve the school community and families. We are building a great food service team and looking forward to growing and feeding our future.

Snack Shack  
Now Available  
After School

GORHAM TIMES STAFF

On December 5, the GHS food service team began utilizing the concession space near the GHS auditorium, and has been drawing students in during lunch times to enjoy shorter lines and the same great food.

The snack shack is also open after school from 2-2:30 p.m. for those students who need a snack, sandwich, or beverage to get through the rest of their busy day.

This idea originated from GHS teacher Mrs. Debra Roy and junior Sarah Johnson. They presented their idea to the school council, and food director Michael Sanborn worked with them to see it through.

Laura Scaplen, GHS’ new dining services manager, operates the snack shack. Students are able to use their school dining pin number and can choose from items they would find usually find at lunch, such as snacks or harder items like roll-up sandwiches.

The idea is that some students eat lunch mid-morning and by 2 p.m. they are starving and may not have a snack with them. This helps those students get through any after school activity they may have before they go home.

New Equestrian Club at GMS



Photo courtesy of Stephanie Keene

Gorham Middle School now has an Equestrian Club. The first year will include riding, education, projects, and adventure. Students will learn that some horses will test, some will teach, and some will bring out the best in a rider. The club meets every Wednesday at Hearts & Horses Farms in Buxton from 2 to 6 p.m. and there is still an opportunity to join. Pictured (left to right) is: Front Row: Sophie Sawyer, president; Middle Row: Shannon Randall, Anika Edgar, Hannah Smith, and Sarah Rathbun; Back Row: Jordan Willis, Kylie Mathison, Ella MacDonald, Madison Philbrick, Maddie Hatch, and club director Stephanie Keene.

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# Village School Student Granted A Wish

COLE ALLEN AND LILY RUBIN  
*Village Fifth Grade Students*

Seven-year-old Peyton Richter loves art, dancing at the Dance Studio of Maine in Gorham, and has been suffering from daily seizures since she was three-years-old.

This has been hard for Richter, a second grader in Mrs. Carlson's classroom, and nerve wracking for her family. She had two surgeries this past August on the brain tumor that is causing the seizures in hopes that the seizures will stop. She was in the hospital for 21 days in Boston, Massachusetts.

After the surgeries, she started taking medication and will need to take it for a whole year to see if it will stop the seizures. Richter is excited that she might have a chance to be cured of the seizures once and for all.

Her brother Jackson, a fourth grader in Mrs. Reynolds' classroom, is afraid that she might still have seizures. He is very supportive of his sis-

ter, but worries she might have seizures again.

On December 17, Richter went on the Make-A-Wish boat in the Casco Bay Parade of Lights. Make-A-Wish is an organization that grants the wishes of kids who have been diagnosed with life threatening medical issues. She helped the captain on the boat and found out that her wish was granted...a family trip to Hawaii.

Richter picked a trip to Hawaii because she wants to swim with the dolphins and turtles. Jackson is looking forward to going on a volcano and just being with his sister to support her.

"I really liked the boat," said Richter. "I want to thank the Make-A-Wish Foundation and my parents and I love my brother."



Photo credit Cole Allen

# Madison Prize Essay Contest Winners



Photo credit Bob Riley

The winners of the fourth annual Madison Prize Essay Contest were announced during an assembly on December 22 at Gorham Middle School. The Madison Prize for Written Excellence encourages thought and reflection on the topics presented and offers students the opportunity to express themselves through the submission of original essays. Contestants completed and submitted the entry form, along with an original work of authorship responsive to this year's competition question: Is There a Conflict between Liberty and the Common Good? Essays had to be between 300 and 400 words in length and were open to any student in grades 6-8 living in Gorham. Essays were judged on knowledge, clarity of ideas, and persuasiveness/presentation. First prize was awarded to Hannah Douglas (\$250); first runner-up was Garrett Smith (\$100); and second runner-up was Samuel Pritchard (\$100). Pictured (l to r) are Ali House, Chair of the Gorham Republican Committee, Senator Amy Volk, Hannah Douglas, Garrett Smith, Samuel Pritchard and Jim Means, Vice Chair of the Gorham Republican Committee.

## JANUARY 11, 2017 School Committee Meeting

KATHY CORBETT  
*Staff Writer*

At the School Committee meeting on January 11, Superintendent Heather Perry presented a brief overview of issues impacting education that the State Legislature is discussing related to Governor Paul LePage's proposed two-year budget.


She also reported on the Committee's activities on the federal Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), which include developing measures of accountability and definitions of subject matter proficiency. School Committee members thanked faculty and parents of district schools who had organized "Pizza Pie" meetings that enabled committee members to interact with them in an informal setting.

Kate Rotroff, director of Gorham Adult Education, presented an update on implementation of the federal Workplace Investment and Opportunities Act (WIOA), which funds

Adult Education and Family Literacy programs. The program's current focus is on getting more Americans working quickly and connecting them to good jobs. An emphasis on partnerships has resulted in Gorham consulting with the Coastal Counties Workforce Development Board to identify growing career opportunities in the region.

With this information, the district is better able to teach skills useful for career choices. Currently, Rotroff's program works closely with Gorham House to place certified nursing assistants (CNAs) who are completing required course work. They are now working on a pre-CNA program for ESL students with Gorham House that gives students an opportunity to improve their English, become familiar with medical terminology, and learn workplace culture. Rotroff praised Gorham House for its commitment to the program and its goals.

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# One School, One Book at Great Falls

ANNA SEDENKA  
Fourth Grade Teacher

During the month of January, Great Falls Elementary School participated in their second One School, One Book project. This means that all classrooms read the same story throughout the month.

The reason the school decided to start this project last year is because “the benefits of reading aloud are remarkable – studies have shown that reading to children helps them to listen better and longer, build bigger vocabularies, understand concepts better, feel positive about books, learning and more. When an entire school reads the same book, the buzz and excitement around the book being read increases these benefits and there is the added joy of building community in the school family,” according to the website readtothem.org.

The project was a huge success last year and staff and students were even more excited about it this year. The book chosen this year was “Because of Winn-Dixie” by Kate DiCamillo.

The book was kept a secret from students up until the big reveal assembly on the day before the holiday break. The week leading up to the assembly the students were given daily hints about the title of the book and were able to enter their guesses into a prize drawing. Names were randomly picked and one student from each grade received either a copy of the movie or a Winn-Dixie poster.



Photo credit Anna Sedenka

Great Falls Elementary School participated in a One School, One Book project during the month of January. This year’s chosen book, “Because of Winn-Dixie,” by Kate DiCamillo, was a huge success with every student receiving their own copy. Parent volunteer Tiffaney Cupps created the bulletin board.

The assembly was a huge success, with students wildly cheering for “Because of Winn-Dixie” once it was revealed. New this year, the school was able to raise enough money to purchase a copy of the book for every student in the school. The students were so excited when we uncovered all 500 plus copies of the book and shared with them that they would all be receiving their own copy once they returned from the holiday break.

Books were handed out after break and teachers started reading the book aloud to their classrooms. Classroom teachers will be reading the book aloud to their students up until the end of January. Throughout the read aloud, there will be weekly trivia questions and

students can participate in a weekly raffle for other book related prizes.

There will also be a chance for students to create their own artwork related to the book. Some of the students’ artwork will be displayed in the showcase located between the cafeteria and the gym. Parents and family members are encouraged to talk to their child about the book, or better yet, read it with him/her.

Great Falls would like to thank the following sponsors who made it possible to purchase a book for every student: The Gorham Education Foundation, Norway Savings Bank, The Rotary Club of Westbrook-Gorham, and Gorham Savings Bank.

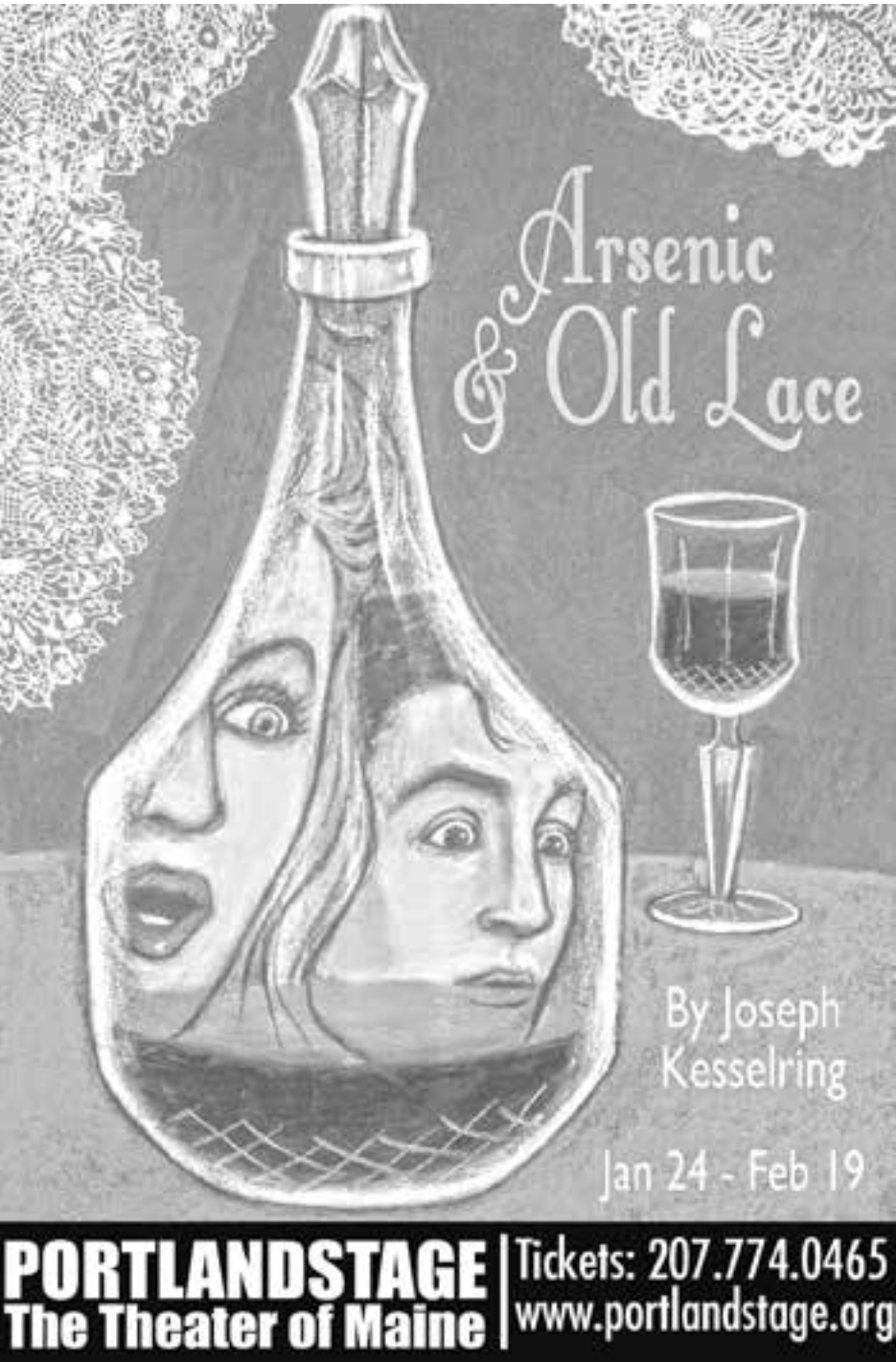
## School Committee Meeting

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Assistant Superintendent Chris Record gave an overview of assessment data generated from a number of nationally-normed testing instruments used by the district to evaluate student progress. These include: short STAR tests in reading and math given two or three times a year depending on grade level; SAT and MEA tests; and advanced placement (AP) course exams.

AP exams were given to 225 students and they received grades of 3.0 or above on 60 percent of them. Although test results throughout the district are above the national and state averages, it is difficult to assess long-term trends because some have not been administered very long. Committee members suggested that comparisons between Gorham scores and those in the regional 10 district school pool might aid in evaluating the results. Record also stated that Gorham does not want to be known just for test scores, but for well-rounded students.

The Committee voted (6-0, Burns absent) to appoint Josephine Smith, a Gorham High School junior, as the second student representative to the Committee. They voted (6-0) to table action on appointing an assistant swimming coach until the next meeting.



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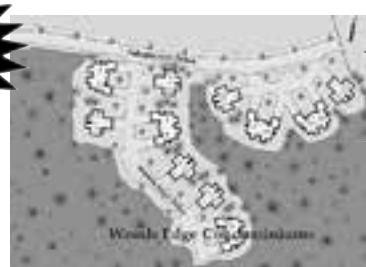
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OF INTEREST

**Join Presumpscot Regional Land Trust for a family-friendly Snowshoe Story Walk** at our Hawkes Preserve on Saturday, February 11, at 10 a.m. This program will be a fun introduction to snowshoeing with games and forest exploration. Snowshoes will be provided for all who attend. Snowshoeing recommended for kids four years old and older. Marion Doyle of WinterKids will lead the program. Free, but space is limited. RSVP required at <https://www.prlt.org/links/>.

**Gorham Garden Club** will meet on Tuesday, January 31, at 7 p.m. at First Parish Church, 1 Church St. Jim Masse of Estabrook’s Nursery will speak about fall plants. The public is welcome.

**A seniors-only six-week Hand-building Ceramics course** is being offered at Lakes Region Senior Center, 40 Acorn St. starting Monday, February 27, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. \$15 material fee. Space is limited. FMI, 892-5604.

**To learn about joining the Town of Gorham Fire/Police**, attend the next company meeting at Central Station (270 Main Street) on Thursday, February 2, at 6:30 pm.

**Four-and-a-half year old Jackson Proctor** recently found a snake in his yard. His great grandfather, Gorham resident John Hoskin, reassured him that it was not Wessie, the infamous snake of Westbrook, but rather a rare find from Goodwill by the Pound.



**After performing for the past eight months in the Broadway revival production of “Fiddler on the Roof”, Andrew Wojtal** has been cast in the national tour of Broadway’s “Hamilton”. After rehearsing in New York, the show will move to San Francisco for a late March opening of its already sold out five-month run. From there, the show will go to Los Angeles where it will run through December 2017. Additional cities have been announced for 2018. Andrew is the son of Ann Withington and Michael Wojtal of Gorham and the brother of Emma Wojtal of New York City.

**Maine Author Event:** Kevin Mannix & Linda Rota, authors of *Weathering Shame*, will be at Baxter Memorial Library on Tuesday, January 31, at 6:30 p.m. Coauthors Mannix and Rota share their stories of struggling with stigma and shame from childhood traumas. As adults, they had both come to recognize that those experiences had influenced their own behaviors and choices. In recognizing and coming to terms with past traumas, they had gained a greater understanding of their lives and developed a deeper sense of self. Snow date: Tuesday, February 7, at 6:30 p.m. FMI, 222-1190.

**Volunteers are needed to fill existing and upcoming vacancies on all Town Boards and Committees.** The current vacancies include: Planning Board, Gorham Economic Development Corporation, Board of Appeals, Fair Hearing Board, Board of Assessment Review, Conservation Commission, Board of Voter Registration Appeals, Board of Trustees – Baxter Memorial Library, Historic Preservation Committee. FMI, [www.gorham-me.org](http://www.gorham-me.org), 222-1671, [lnordfors@gorham.me.us](mailto:lnordfors@gorham.me.us), or visit the Town Clerk’s Office.

**Crime Prevention Expert Michael Mercer** of Michael Mercer Consulting in Windham spoke in Gorham at a recent meeting of the Maine Beta chapter of Alpha Delta Kappa, an international organization for teachers. During his talk, Mercer shared numerous ways in which one can be proactive to avoid becoming a victim of a crime. The thrust of Mercer’s presentation focused on situational awareness.



**There will be a Bean Supper at White Rock Community Clubhouse**, 34 Wilson Rd., on Saturday, Feb. 4, from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Homemade kidney and pea beans, hot dogs, cole slaw, potato salad, macaroni and cheese, biscuits, and homemade pies. \$8/4.

**Accounting and consulting firm Baker Newman Noyes recently announced Matthew Prunier, CPA**, as one of two new principals effective January 1, 2017.



ON-GOING EVENTS

**The Gorham Food Pantry**, located at 299-B Main St. (parking lot of St. Anne’s Catholic Church), is open every Thursday morning from 9 to 11 a.m. and the second and fourth Wednesday of every month from 6 to 7 p.m. Free for Gorham residents in need. FMI, 222-4351 or visit [www.gorhamfoodpantry.org](http://www.gorhamfoodpantry.org).

**The Lakes Region Senior Center**, located at the Little Falls Activity Center, 40 Acorn Street, is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Join them daily for coffee, tea and socializing. Ongoing daily activities include Mahjong on Mondays - beginners welcome. FMI, Diane 892-9529; Tuesday crafts and card games. FMI, Avis 892-0298; The Memoir Writing Group meets the second and fourth Wednesday of the month. FMI, David 892-5604; Thursday Table Games at 10 a.m. and Friday Art Workshop at 9 a.m. FMI, 892-0299.

**The Gorham Medical Closet** located at the Municipal Center, 75 South St., is free and available to Gorham residents in need of portable wheelchairs, hospital beds, shower seats, commodes, walkers, canes and more. FMI, call 839-4579, 839-3630, 839-2484 or 839-3859.

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# A Harrowing Journey

JAN WILLIS  
Contributing Writer

“The German Girl” is a debut novel written by Armando Lucas Correa. Correa is the editor for People en Espanol, the top-selling Hispanic magazine in the United States. His novel is based on events that really happened. In 1939, the transatlantic liner Saint Louis left Hamburg for Havana, Cuba with 900 passengers on board. Most of them were German-Jewish refugees. They had landing permits issued by Manuel Benitez, the director of the Cuban Department of Immigration. Many of the refugees also had visas to enter the United States. They were going to stay in Cuba until the US was ready for them. The projected stay in Cuba was one month to several years.

When the ship arrived in Havana, only four Cubans and two non-Jewish Spaniards were allowed to leave the ship along with twenty-two refugees who had obtained landing permits from the Cuban state department prior to the ones issued by Benitez.

The novel follows two storylines. The first is that of Hannah, a young girl of privilege living in Berlin in 1939. She and her parents board the Saint Louis to avoid the persecution they anticipate if they stay in Germany. The second storyline belongs to Anna, a young girl growing up in New York City in 2014. Anna was named for Hannah, a great aunt who raised Anna’s dad in Cuba. Anna and her mother do not know much about this history, partly because Anna’s dad died before she was born. When Hannah reaches out to them, Anna and her mother travel to Cuba for a meeting and the entire story is revealed.

As a student of English and history, I was amazed to find another real life storyline that I did not know. The plot is riveting and the writing is engaging. In an effort to avoid “spoilers,” I am not going into plot details. Read this book. You won’t be disappointed.



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## UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

Tannery Brook caller reported having heard noises that sounded like something landing on the roof at 11:40 p.m. the previous night.

Narragansett St. neighbors were having a dispute over a tree that fell down during a storm. They were advised it was a civil issue. They called police again saying they were at an impasse with neither agreeing to clean up the tree debris.

Flaggy Meadow Road caller reported her soon to be ex-husband had removed funds from their joint account. She was advised it was a civil issue.

Suspicious person on Fort Hill Road was leaving after looking at at the Northern Lights with his son who had wanted to see them.

Officer issued a speeding ticket to driver doing 90 on the bypass.

Officer stopped vehicle for running a red light turning from School St. on to Main St. Driver was summonsed for operation without a license, illegal transportation of liquor by a minor and illegal possession of marijuana.

After responding to a disturbance in progress, man was charged with domestic violence assault and domestic violence criminal threatening.

Alarm went off at Daniel St. residence. It was a stick-on alarm and had just fallen off the window.

Officer checked on subjects sleeping in a vehicle on Green Trees Drive. Vehicle had problems and they were waiting for a call. Officer put water in the vehicle since it had overheated and they left.

Officer responded to a report of an non-permitted burn on Woodland Road. He advised resident that he could not burn household trash and that he needed a permit for any burn.

Vehicle with New Jersey plates doing 62 in a 45 mph zone was stopped for speeding. He was charged with operating after suspension, attaching false plates and having a headlight out.

Officer checked on a male and female who allegedly had yelled obscenities at woman on Huston Road. They told officer they were walking home to Windham.

Officer stopped a commercial vehicle on Gray Road after it crossed the fog line on the side of the road. Driver was issued a summons for possession of scheduled drugs.

Sebago Lake Road caller reported pizza and tomatoes had been thrown at her house. There was no permanent damage.

Simona Shores Drive caller reported a truck had driven up and down the road. It was parked at the end of the road with its hood up, waiting for a wrecker.

Woman’s tire fell off while she was driving down Dow Road. She had very minor damage. Officer put tire back on and saw her safely home.

Bradford Drive caller had captured a chipmunk in her garage and wanted it removed. Officer relocated the chipmunk.

Suspicious person on Barstow Road had gotten home from work early to clean his house for a family dinner. TV was on very loud and he agreed to turn it down.

Rust Road caller advised he was sleeping when someone woke him up and assaulted him.

Chestnut Circle caller had questions about his late father’s estate. He was advised to contact a lawyer.

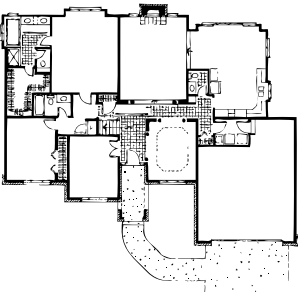
Officer came upon a vehicle out in the sod field on Ward’s Hill Road. Mother thanked officer multiple times for caring enough about her daughter’s safety to contact her.

Dingley Spring Road caller reported juveniles waiting for the bus were trying to pull up his stop sign.

Plummer Road woman was on Facebook and got a message that she had won money from Publisher’s Clearing House. She was asked to provide personal information and realized it was a scam. She stopped all contact with other person who then sent her a message that ISIS would be at her house at midnight.

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CALENDAR

THURSDAY, JAN. 26

- After School Board Games with Crossroads Games: Games will be provided or bring your favorite. North Gorham Public Library, 2 Standish Neck Road, 3-4:30 p.m. Free. FMI, 892-2575 or libng@north-gorham.lib.me.us.
- Baby & Me (birth-18 months), 9:30-9:50 a.m., Baxter Memorial Library. FMI, 222-1190.
- Sewing Group, 2:30-4:30 p.m., Baxter Memorial Library. FMI, 222-1190.

TUESDAY, JAN. 31

- Preschool Story Time (ages 3-5), 9:30-10:15 a.m., Baxter Memorial Library. FMI, 222-1190.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 1

- Story Time, birth-3 years old, 10-10:30 a.m., North Gorham Public Library.
- Town of Gorham Senior Lunch Program, St. Anne's Church, Gorham. Opens at 11 a.m. Lunch served promptly at 12 p.m. \$4. FMI, 839-4857.
- Toddler Story Time (18-36 months), 10-10:30 a.m., Baxter Memorial Library. FMI, 222-1190.

THURSDAY, FEB. 2

- Groundhog Day
- Baby & Me (birth-18 months), 9:30-9:50 a.m., Baxter Memorial Library. FMI, 222-1190.
- Toddler Story Time (18-36 months), 10-10:30 a.m., Baxter Memorial Library. FMI, 222-1190.
- Sewing Group, 2:30-4:30 p.m., Baxter Memorial Library. FMI, 222-1190.
- Hogwarts Library Ball: Explore the magical world of Harry Potter. Come dressed in wizarding costume or party attire. All ages. 6-7:30 p.m., Baxter Memorial Library. FMI, 222-1190.

SATURDAY, FEB. 4

- Bean Supper at White Rock Community Clubhouse, 34 Wilson Road, 4:30 – 6 p.m. Homemade kidney and pea beans, hot dogs, cole slaw, potato salad, macaroni and cheese, homemade biscuits, and homemade pies. \$8/\$4. FMI, whiterockcommunityclub@gmail.com.
- Take Your Child to the Library Day, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Baxter Memorial Library. FMI, 222-1190.

TUESDAY, FEB. 7

- Gorham House Itsy Bitsy store, 1:30-3:30 p.m., Gorham House lobby, 50 New Portland Rd. FMI, 839-5757.
- The Gorham Cancer Prayer and Support Group meets the first Tuesday of every month at 6 p.m. at the Cressey Road United Methodist Church. All are welcome. FMI, 321-1390 or 839-3111.
- Preschool Story Time (ages 3-5), 9:30-10:15 a.m., Baxter Memorial Library. FMI, 222-1190.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 8

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- Toddler Story Time (18-36 months), 10-10:30 a.m., Baxter Memorial Library. FMI, 222-1190.

THURSDAY, FEB. 9

- Baby & Me (birth-18 months), 9:30-9:50 a.m., Baxter Memorial Library. FMI, 222-1190.
- Toddler Story Time (18-36 months), 10-10:30 a.m., Baxter Memorial Library. FMI, 222-1190.
- Sewing Group, 2:30-4:30 p.m., Baxter Memorial Library. FMI, 222-1190.

Of Interest

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Friday, February 3, at 8 p.m. Corthell Concert Hall, USM Gorham Campus. \$15 adult, \$10 seniors, USM employees and alumni, \$5 students. FMI, 780-5555.

CLOSE TO HOME

**Haddock Supper Buffet, Saturday, Jan. 28,** at 5 p.m. at Living Waters Church, 197 Parker Farm Rd. (intersection of Rtes. 112 & 22 by Plummer's Market). Buffet dinner featuring baked haddock, including veggies, desserts, & beverages. Suggested donation: \$8 per person, \$4 children, \$20 for a family.

**Classes begin February 23 for Portland History Docents,** a 10-week training program for people who wish to volunteer at one of several historic sites, including Victoria Mansion, Greater Portland Landmarks, Maine Historical Society and more. FMI, portlandhistorydocents.org.

**Windham Center Stage Theater (WCST) will hold auditions for "High School Musical"** directed by Mary Wassick on February 4 and 11 from 4 to 6 p.m. at WCST in the Windham Town Hall, 8 School Rd. Available are male and female roles for teens to early 20's, with 1 male adult and 1 female adult role. Come prepared to sing 16 bars of an upbeat musical theater song and bring your sheet music. Callbacks will be held on February 14 from 6-9 p.m. at the Windham Middle School. Show dates will be May 26 and 27 and June 2 and 3. FMI, windhamtheater.org, windhamcenterstagetheater@gmail.com.

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pride in the condition of their rented space. Better, it could bolster relationships and lessen the probability that they will take legal action in the event of an incident or dispute. Take these measures to be prepared for maintenance issues. Establish a procedure for dealing with maintenance requests that guarantees prompt service to tenant requests and maintenance issues. Create, clearly communicate and promptly enforce policies regarding shared spaces.

Consider installing security. Although you may not be expected to guarantee the safety of tenants, visitors and guests, you must exercise reasonable care to protect them from foreseeable events. What's more, security measures make tenants feel safe, strengthening your relationship with them and lowering

the likelihood of a lawsuit. They can also potentially lower your insurance premiums.

Focus on customer service. Taking extra steps to make tenants feel welcome helps to create a cooperative relationship that is unlikely to end in legal litigation. Small gestures, such as prompt, polite responses to requests, support during moves, and clearly outlined policies and swift enforcement for all tenants can dramatically improve the relationship you have with tenants.

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