

**A TRIBUTE
TO JAN WILLIS**
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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.

Complying with the REAL ID Act

REP. ANDREW MCLEAN

Things are quickly picking up speed in Augusta. The Transportation Committee has held public hearings and work sessions on a number of bills, ranging from labeling signs in public right of ways to what qualifies for failure during a motor vehicle inspection. There are many more bills to come.

One bill that will be in front of the Committee in the coming weeks has to do with the National REAL ID Act. I have heard concerns from a number of Gorham residents and others from around the state about what will happen if Maine does or does not comply with this law. I have also seen misinformation circulating about the REAL ID Act. For this reason, I’ve provided some brief history on what REAL ID is, Maine’s history with REAL ID and what the upcoming bill will do if passed.

The REAL ID Act of 2005 was passed by Congress after recommendations from the 9/11 Commission. The purpose of the REAL ID Act was to create a set of universal standards for states to follow when issuing forms of identification, as there was no uniform security standard for states to follow. The 9/11 Commission’s concern was that the lack of standards was a security risk. The

intent of their recommendation was to make it more difficult for terrorists to obtain state credentials, which came from the observation that the 9/11 attackers were indeed able to get state identifications.

In 2007, Maine rejected compliance with REAL ID. Lawmakers and citizens alike had concerns about privacy intrusion and potential conflict with civil liberties. The effectiveness of REAL ID was also questioned in regards to achieving its goal of reducing security risks. Maine was able to obtain a waiver to comply with the law from the Department of Homeland Security, and until 2016 that waiver was renewed each year.

The state has been informed that the federal government would not extend the waiver for 2017, which means enforcement for non-compliance would begin. This is why the question of complying with REAL ID has become such an urgent concern. Starting on Jan. 30, 2017, federal agencies will no longer accept Maine licenses for official purposes. This includes access to military bases, nuclear power plants and other federal facilities that require an ID to enter. Starting on Jan. 22, 2018, Maine licenses will not be considered acceptable identification to board a commercial aircraft.

LD 306, An Act to Require State Compliance with Federal REAL

ID Guidelines, would direct the Secretary of State to issue driver’s licenses and non-driver identification cards that conform to REAL ID standards. If passed, this bill would repeal the current law that prohibits compliance from the state and allow the process of bringing Maine into compliance to begin. The bill will have a public hearing and considerable debate. There are legitimate issues of privacy and security on one side and issues of access and compliance on the other. These concerns are important and while the final disposition of this bill remains unknown, the Transportation Committee and the Legislature as a whole intends to find a solution to this issue this year.

If you are interested in testifying or listening to the testimony, please let me know. Hearing your thoughts on this and other issues is crucial to what we do at the State House. As always, please feel free to contact me with your questions and concerns.



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Around Town

David Cole recently presented Sharon Laflamme, the Town of Gorham Finance Director, with a 5-year service pin.

The Gorham Fire Department is asking Gorham residents for help in shoveling out fire hydrants in the community. All fire hydrants must have a three-foot area cleared around them so they can be accessed by first responders in the event of an emergency.

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Letters to the Editor

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Dear Editor,

A heartfelt THANK YOU to the Gorham residents and members of the Gorham business community who answered our call for donations during the holiday season. Your generous contributions will go a long way to helping local families in need this winter.

We would like to especially thank Hannaford for their unwavering support and their annual Helping Hands gift boxes in November and December.

This year, the Gorham community purchased and donated 445 Hannaford Helping Hands boxes to the Gorham Food Pantry. It never fails -- when we ask the Gorham community for assistance, you deliver in so many different ways. We are so fortunate and couldn’t do what we do without all your support. Thank you.

Diane O’Neill,
Gorham Food Pantry Board of Directors

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.

Grand Opening Friday, February 24th, 9-5 Walk-ins only
Open Monday-Saturday. Specializing in custom cuts, with today’s trends and yesterday’s classics.

Thanks for twelve years of patronage at Gorham Barber Shop (Buster’s on Main St).
I’ll miss my customers, but look forward to seeing you at my new location. -Melissa Feeney

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Pinochle and Jan Willis – Blessings that go Hand in Hand

JACKIE FRANCIS
Contributing Writer

It may have been close to nine years ago, when Jan Willis became my Pinochle partner. We knew each other casually from the years of our children attending Gorham schools together – we did not go to the same church, live in the same neighborhood, or travel in the same social circles but I knew Jan sold real estate and that she was a fan of the GHS musicals and easily cried tears of joy watching her daughter on the field hockey field or her son on the basketball court.

Of course, Martha Harris, (another Gorham Times alum who passed away in 2013) who was one of my formidable pinochle opponents at the time, (and who could get anybody to do anything, much like Jan), told me one Friday morning that Jan was going to become my new card partner, as Larry Kalp, who'd been my partner for a few years, decided he'd be happier to substitute when occasionally needed. Nothing personal, right Larry? Wink, wink.

Jan and I hit it off right away. We both liked to win. I'd been playing since I was nine, but Jan taught me to be a better player, which in turn, made playing more fun. Let's just put it out there – Jan counts cards. With her perfectly manicured fingers, she devised this system of keeping track of what cards were played, by tapping certain digits on the table. My game consisted of a whole lot of guessing up 'til then, but Jan taught me there was more skill involved. We had a system (no cheating involved), and it was fun. It sounds serious, but we really weren't. We laughed and talked a lot. You truly get to know people when you play cards together. In fact, when Anne Goff and Jane Charron became our new friendly card rivals a few years back, we found it necessary to add a half hour to our start time, as conversation increasingly became a fundamental part of the game.

Pinochle weekend summer retreats at the Kalp camp on Branch Pond in Ellsworth became a yearly ritual. Martha even made a trophy plaque to honor the weekend's champions. Jan's and my name didn't appear



Photo courtesy of Jackie Francis

Pinochle friends (from left to right) Jan Willis, Jackie Francis, Jane Charron and Anne Goff.

quite as often as we'd like, but we so enjoyed the camaraderie of the weekend – great food, kayaking, laughter, and of course, a few bottles of scrumptious sauvignon blanc.

Because of Pinochle, I was blessed with the friendship of a kindred spirit. We shared hours of dialogue on book club books, free therapy sessions on morning walks, and girlfriend retreats to Florida.

A friend of mine shared this poignant poem with me after Jan's passing. It would have made for great discussion on one of our walks.

Poem for the Living

When I am dead
Cry for me a little.
Think of me sometimes
But not too much.
It is not good for you
Or for your wife or your husband
Or your children
To allow your thoughts to dwell
Too long on the Dead.
Think of me now and again
As I was in life
At some moment
It is pleasant to recall.
But not for long.
Leave me in peace
As I shall leave
You, too, in peace.
While you live
Let your thoughts be with
The Living.

— Theodora Kroeber

I shall leave my beautiful friend in peace, but I shall treasure our many moments forever.



The Martha T. Harris Scholarship

The *Gorham Times* established the **Martha T. Harris Memorial Scholarship** in memory of our founding member and long-time photographer, after her untimely death in February 2013. We are accepting further donations to keep the fund solvent and to ensure we continue to honor Martha for many years to come by presenting a scholarship to a deserving Gorham High School graduate.

Please send your tax deductible donation to Gorham Times/
Martha T Harris Scholarship,
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Remembering Jan Willis

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sharing "Off the Page" reviews about her favorite books.

Karen DiDonato, past Editor, said, "I approached Jan one day via e-mail to ask if she had any interest in writing for us, and she immediately jumped in with a book review idea. She sent me several columns within a few weeks."

"Jan was always excited to share her love of books with people. With each review she sent in, she was already thinking ahead to the next. In one of

her last reviews, she chose to focus on a mystery series that would appeal to men as much as women so she could draw more people in. Her love of reading was unmatched. She leaves a big hole not only at the Gorham Times, but in the community as well," said Leslie Dupuis, Editor.

Jan will be remembered for her love for her family and friends, her trademark smile, and her commitment to Gorham. We continue to grieve the loss of our friend and contributor.

JANET "JAN" REID WILLIS

GORHAM – Janet "Jan" Reid Willis, 64, of Gorham passed away on February 5, 2017 at Maine Medical Center following a short but fierce fight with cancer.



She was born Dec. 1, 1952 in Cincinnati, OH, the daughter of the late William S. Reid and Ruth Bowman Reid. She was raised in Norristown, PA and attended University of Maine at Orono, where she met her husband of forty-three years, Paul. Jan taught English and coached field hockey in South Portland at both Memorial Middle School and the High School. During these years she helped create Stix Field Hockey Camp at University of Southern Maine, won a Class A State Championship, and created many lifelong friendships. Jan took great pride in her field hockey accomplishments, including being inducted into the Maine Field Hockey Hall of Fame in 2006, but perhaps took the most pleasure in attending more recent athletic events where she was able to watch the children of her former student-athletes play. Following her teaching career she joined the family business, Willis Real Estate, and enjoyed a thirty-year career helping people with their housing needs. She was a proud member of the Portland Board of Realtors. Jan was gifted at establishing and maintaining relationships, and it was not uncommon for her clients to turn into treasured friends. Similarly, she was a longtime member of First Parish Congregational Church in Gorham and developed innumerable friendships through her service as a deacon and on multiple committees within the church. Jan had a zest for life, whether it be walking with friends, participating in multiple book clubs, playing year-round tennis, or supporting Gorham sports teams, and she was a relentless opponent at the pinochle table. Jan loved to travel and explore new parts of the world and also felt a deep connection to the Damariscotta/Pemaquid Point area, where she relived many happy childhood memories each summer. Jan was a loving and giving woman who enjoyed talking and sharing stories with new friends and old, whether it was on her screened-in porch, at a church dinner, or on a cable car in San Francisco. She was unwavering in her commitment to writing birthday cards and thank you notes. She liked her bacon extra crispy, her M&Ms blue, and her wine white and chilled, preferably from the Marlborough region of New Zealand.

Jan is survived by her loving husband, Paul and her two greatest accomplishments, her children: David, of Gorham; and Jen Willis and wife Sarah Catlin, and Jan's greatest joy, her grandson, Will, of Bethlehem, NH; her sister Joan Hill and husband Jay of Safety Harbor, FL; her brother William Reid and wife Ruth of Temecula, CA; and her numerous beloved nieces and nephews and their children.

The family would like to thank the doctors and staff at Maine Medical Partners – Gynecological Oncology, and especially the entire team on the fifth floor of the Gibson Pavilion at Maine Med for the outstanding care that Jan received.

Those who wish may make donations in Jan's name to Baxter Memorial Library, 71 South Street, Gorham, or First Parish Congregational Church, 1 Church Street, Gorham. To express condolences or to participate in Jan's online tribute please visit www.dolbyfuneralchapels.com

Jan’s 2016 Favorites

JAN WILLIS
Contributing Writer

As I write this, it is January, that time of year when people reflect on the year past - goals accomplished, trips taken, family additions, changes in jobs, and in my case - books read! What were the top books I read in 2016? Which books do I want to strongly encourage others to read?

I recently read Will Schwalbe’s new book, “Books for Living.” Schwalbe discusses the essential nature of reading and of sharing what we read with others. He says that, “we need to read and to be readers now more than ever.” When friends see me coming, they know one of the first questions from my mouth is, “What have you been reading lately?” I am genuinely interested. I want to see if I have read the same books so we can discuss them, or if my friends have new books to recommend.

So here are my favorite reads from 2016 in no particular order. “A Little Life” by Hanya Yanagihara. This is not a book for everyone, but it is the book that moved me the most and it has stuck with me. “The Paying Guests” by Sarah Waters. This book is set in London and has to do with class as World War I ends and a mother and daughter are forced to take in “boarders,” or “paying guests,” in their genteel home in order to make ends meet.

“Caleb’s Crossing” by Geraldine Brooks. This is a novel based on the fact that a Native American was accepted and matriculated at Harvard

in the 1660’s. “Mothering Sunday” by Graham Swift. Read this in one sitting if you can. Finish it and start again! Very moving. It is another book dealing with class in England. “As Good as Gone” by Larry Watson. Parenting and/or grandparenting under difficult circumstances drives this short novel.

Books about the immigrant experience are often interesting. Try “Behold the Dreamers” by Imbolo Mbue, and “The Space Between Us” by Thrity Umrigar. I also read “The World We Found” by the same author and highly recommend it.

Also “Commonwealth” by Ann Patchett. This is definitely one of her best. Local writer Monica Wood has an outstanding new novel named, “The One in a Million Dollar Boy.” Last, but not least, “The Guest Room” by Chris Bohjalian. I wish I had bought this book and had my own copy to review. It is powerful and moving.

Enjoy Reading!



Editor’s Note: Jan’s family shared this last book review with the Gorham Times after her death. Her son, David Willis, a former Gorham Times board member as well as a part of the distribution team, said, “Thank you for giving her the opportunity to write for the Gorham Times. She loved contributing to the paper and the opportunity to have an outlet for her passion for reading.”

Take a Scenic Snowshoe or Ski on The Sebago To the Sea Trail

CHRIS CRAWFORD
Staff Writer

The Sebago to the Sea Trail (S2S) has great hiking and biking in the warm months, but the trail offers wonderful opportunities for winter activities, too. Exercise, fresh air and a little sunshine are welcome antidotes to cabin fever.

Get out and get active, but remember, safety first. Dress warmly and in layers. Bring water, a charged cell phone and other emergency supplies, and let someone know where you are going. Pets on leash

are welcome, but remember that the phrase “leave no trace” applies to your pets, too. Animal feces left in the middle of a trail is a drag. There are no restrooms on any of these trails for humans.

A printable map of the entire S2S Trail is available at <https://sebagotothesea.org/>. The trail is broken down into eight segments. Sections 1 through 4 are in or closest to Gorham.

Many people are familiar with Section 3, the paved Mountain

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Physical Therapy Before Knee Replacement Speeds Up Recovery

TED GREELEY

Undergoing a knee replacement is a positive life changing event for an individual. This decision to improve one’s quality of life will take preparation prior to surgery as well as a lot of mental and physical effort after surgical intervention to achieve the best results. Skilled outpatient physical therapy before surgery can provide many benefits such as patient education, improved range of motion, increased strength, and improved functional mobility.

Patient education prior to surgery can help decrease the patient’s anxiety and help prepare the home. The therapists can provide education about the lengths of hospital stay, rehabilitation facility stay, home health physical therapy, and outpatient physical therapy rehabilitation. Education regarding modifications to the home, such as removing throw rugs and re-routing electrical cords that lay on the floor, in order to avoid post surgical falls, is another important component.

Physical therapy intervention prior to surgery can help improve the outcome after surgery by working on the knee’s range of motion, muscle lengths, muscle extensibility, and muscular strength. There are two different types of range of motion. Passive range of motion is when an external source moves the knee without effort from the patient. Active range of motion is similar but is when the patient utilizes their own muscles to move the knee. Both are equally important to maximize prior to surgery to decrease the length of rehabilitation. Passive range of motion will be limited by the extent of structural damage to the joint, the tightness of the joint capsule, and the musculature mobility. Active range of motion is additionally limited by muscular strength.

Muscle mobility is influenced by muscle flexibility and by muscle extensibility. Flexibility is improved with stretches held for at least 30 seconds each stretch, but the stretches should not increase pain in the joint. Muscle extensibility is the ability of the muscles to glide past one another without “sticking” together and limiting motion. Extensibility can be improved with self-massage techniques and with advanced massage techniques using beaded or foam rollers.

Strength is an important component of recovery from a knee replacement. The earlier the strengthening begins before surgery the stronger one will be after surgery, and the faster the return to ambulating with the least restrictive assistive device. The strength that must be obtained is not only the strength of the knee itself, but also the strength of hips, lower leg, abdominals, arms, and general conditioning. The hips and lower leg have musculature that plays a critical role in proper knee alignment and function, and are difficult to strengthen. Abdominal strength is critical to provide a solid base for the legs to work from because all motions are first initiated from the body’s center.

The benefits of skilled outpatient physical therapy are numerous. Seeking care prior to surgery, as well as after, will contribute to maximizing a patient’s ability to move about functionally without limitation.



Ted Greeley II, has a Doctorate in Physical Therapy from Husson University. He is a Certified Strength and Conditioning Specialist and enjoys educating and treating patients of all ages at Back in Motion Physical Therapy.

New Businesses in Gorham

been vacant for several years. Greco plans to have indoor storage in a smaller building on the property and restore the main building for auto repair and used car sales. Greco also owns a used car business in South Portland.

Tim Hill, who owns property off New Portland Road near Glidden Paving,

is adding a 2,000 sq. ft. addition to an existing building for his custom woodworking business. Hill makes corporate displays for Bed Bath and Beyond. He also plans to build a four-unit warehouse building next door to his cabinet shop.

TOWN OF GORHAM BOARD OF APPEALS
NOTICE OF MEETING MARCH 1, 2017

The Gorham Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a special meeting on Wednesday, March 1, 2017 at 6:30 pm in the Burleigh H. Loveitt Council Chambers at the Gorham Municipal Center, 75 South Street, Gorham to consider the following:

An appeal from Mr. John Papi, DBA Pinetree Disposal/TNT Trucking, on his denial of his Commercial Refuse Collector License, pursuant to the Town of Gorham’s Solid Waste, Flow Control and Hazardous Waste Ordinance (6.8.2)

An appeal from Benjamin Moody, property owner and petitioner seeking a side line setback variance on property located at 55 Briarwood Lane (Map 39 Lot 33). The subject property is located in the SR Zoning District.

TOWN OF GORHAM - NOMINATION PAPERS AVAILABLE
PORTLAND WATER DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MONDAY, March 6, 2017

The Municipal election will be held on Tuesday, June 13, 2017 for the purpose of electing:

- One (1) person for the Portland Water District Board of Trustees for a five (5) year term.

Nomination papers are available from the Town Clerk’s Office beginning on Monday March 6, 2017. Completed nomination papers must be submitted to the Town Clerk’s office no later than 1:00 p.m. on Friday, April 14, 2017.

The board is comprised of eleven members who serve staggered 5 year terms. The board generally meets twice monthly; a workshop session is held the 2nd Monday of each month, and a regular business meeting is held the 4th Monday of each month.

Trustees receive a stipend of \$100 per meeting, up to \$2400 per year.

Any registered voter of the Town of Gorham, who is interested in running for the Portland Water District Board of Trustees, must submit nomination papers with no less than 35 or more than 50 signatures of persons who are registered voters of the Town of Gorham.

Please contact the Town Clerk’s Office at 222-1670 if you have any questions.

FEBRUARY IS AMERICAN HEART MONTH

Listen to Your Heart - The Sounds of Warning Signs

Courtesy of the National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion

Heart disease is still the leading cause of death in the United States, but there are many ways to prevent and proactively treat it. With February designated as American Heart Month by the American Heart Association, it's time educate ourselves on being in tune with some silent indicators of heart disease.

Nicholas Yphantides, MD, MPH, offered some warning signs of heart disease. "The classic symptoms of a heart attack can be pretty dramatic and scary. But, sometimes, the body offers quieter clues that can indicate that something is amiss," he said.

"The challenge with most of these signs is that, because they are subtle, they could be caused by any number of things. That is why consulting with your licensed healthcare professional is so important. Asking yourself these questions can help you plan for what to discuss at your next appointment."

Do you feel tired all the time? Your energy can be low for many different reasons, but constant, extreme fatigue could be an early sign that your heart is struggling to get oxygen to your body. Dizziness, or light-headedness, during physical activity could also mean that your heart is having a hard time keeping up, and your blood pressure could be dropping as a result. While

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Take a Scenic Snowshoe or Ski

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Division Trail from Otter Ponds to Route 202 (4.5 miles, one way), which connects with the Shaw Park Loop along the scenic Presumpscot River, and with Section 4, South Windham to Westbrook, (4.8 miles along a flat rail bed) with parking at the Windham Post Office on Rt. 202. Section 4 begins across the street from the Mountain Division Trail, near the Blue Seal Feed store.

While less well-known, Sections 1 and 2 also provide great opportunities for winter activities. Section 1 begins at Sebago Lake and goes to Route 237, but you will hike it in reverse. It is owned by the Portland Water District (PWD) and is managed by Presumpscot Regional Land Trust. This 2.8 miles round trip, slightly downhill on the way in and uphill on the way out, travels through forests that include an old family cemetery on the left and further on, a beautiful beaver habitat on the right. About a mile in, a trail veers to the left leading to the shores of Sebago Lake, a stunning view of the mountains and an opportunity to do a little ice fishing, if you have a fishing license and are so inclined.

There is limited parking (three vehicles or less with all of this snow) at the end of Pond Road off Rt. 35

where you will find a PWD kiosk with a permit to fill out and put on your dashboard. There is also parking and a permit kiosk at the Portland Water District lot on Rt. 237, with a slightly longer walk across Rt. 35 and then a left to walk to the start of the trail at the end of Pond Road. Alternate parking and a slightly different hike in is located on Rt 35, on the left heading toward North Windham, at the intersections of Rt. 35 and Busque Road.

Section 2 is Route 237 to Otter Ponds (1.2 miles) which connects to Section 3, the Mountain Division Trail and also to a series of trails through Otter Ponds YMCA Camp. The Otter Ponds offer some great ice-fishing opportunities. Pond #2 and Pond #4, aka Snake Pond are well stocked with Brook Trout in the spring and fall. Catches here can taper off later in the Winter season. Remember to bring your Maine permit.

Park in the Water District lot on Rt. 237, fill out a permit at the kiosk, and walk through the woods road south toward Otter Ponds and follow the Sebago to the Sea Trail signs. Alternate parking is available at Johnson Field on Rt. 35. Look for the kiosk to fill out a PWD permit.

History Repeats Itself at GHS



Photo courtesy of Rob Roy

A picture of GHS from the school newspaper, "The Ramster," dated November 1967. As GHS teacher Rob Roy shared, "Fifty years ago we settled on a location for a new high school which is the current home of GHS. Since the original construction we have had two major additions or building projects. Fifty years later, and we are again talking about another addition or location for a new high school."

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FEBRUARY 7, 2017

Town Council Report

JACOB ADAMS
Staff Writer

Deputy Police Chief, Chris Sanborn, Lieutenant Michael Nault, Sargent Ted Hatch and Officers Paul Dubay, Todd Meslin and Alisha Smith were recently sworn in.

Cindy Hazelton, Gorham Recreation Director, discussed the benefits and concerns of utilizing the Town's Athletic Facilities for advertising.

Shawn Moody gave a presentation regarding his plans for the development of the old "racetrack" located on Rte. 202.

The Town Council approved a renewal liquor license for The Blue Pig, LLC, located at 29A School Street.

The Town Council determined that an old section of Route 25 has been abandoned pursuant to Title 23 MRSA Section 3028 and that there is no public easement.

The Town Council approved a Subordination Agreement on behalf of JCS3, LLC, to allow JCS3, LLC to refinance their project at 10 North Gorham Road, known as Perennial Place, to subordinate the first refusal rights to Kennebunk Savings Bank, but retaining first refusal rights in all other respects.

Up to \$800 will be appropriated from the Contingency Account to pay for American flags and to have the Lions Club annually install them in

Gorham.

The Town Council accepted a proposal from Normandeau Associates to conduct an environmental assessment on three properties as part of the federal requirements for transferring property restrictions that resulted when the Town obtained several Land & Water Conservation Fund grants from the National Park Services back in the 1970's. The Town Council will appropriate \$30,000 from the Land Acquisition Reserve Fund to pay for the environmental assessment.

The Administrative Consent Agreement with the State of Maine Department of Environmental Protection was approved by the Town Council. This agreement will resolve issues the Town had with fully implementing and enforcing the requirements of a Permit for the discharge of storm water under the Maine Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Program. The Town Council also endorsed the Supplemental Environmental Project proposed by the Presumpscot Regional Land Trust to be funded and further endorsed the funding of other supplemental environmental projects to the fullest extent allowed. The Town Council appropriated \$15,000 from the Waste Water Holding Tank

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**Attention GORHAM BUSINESS EXCHANGE Vendors:**
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10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
USM Costello Field House

Reserve your booth now!
www.GorhamBusiness.org/marketplace
or call Katie Sherman at 892-5515 FMI.



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project and \$10,500 from Little Falls Wood Clearing Account for the civil monetary penalty.

A design for the Public Safety Complex sign was approved by the Town Council. (6 yeas, 1 nay: Smith)

A proposal to amend Chapter 1, Section 14, Office Residential District (B) Permitted Uses of the Land Use and Development Code was referred to the Planning Board for their Public hearing and recommendation. The amendment will add a new paragraph 5: Retail Sales having a gross floor area of less than 4,000 sf and amending paragraph (F) Performance Standards

by adding a new paragraph 13: All Principal building and structures for non-residential purposes shall be of a traditional New England Village design to be compatible with the predominant scale and character of the existing Gorham Village architecture.

The Town Council endorsed an application to Portland Area Comprehensive Transportation System to link traffic signals on Main Street and redesign the intersection at Main Street and New Portland Road.

Complete minutes are available on the town's website at www.gorham-me.org.

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Planning Board Results

The Board recommended to the Town Council that the Land Use and Development Code be amended to allow rotating barber poles.

Design Dwellings, Inc.'s request for approval to amend Snowbird Condominiums to add three new units with approximately 1.07 acres on property located off Connor Drive in Allen Acres Subdivision off Main Street, was postponed pending responses to remaining issues and finalizing revisions to the plans.

Susan Duchaine, Inc.'s request for approval of Ward Hill

Condominiums, a 14-unit condominium project on property located at 346 Main Street, was given preliminary approval with findings of fact as written by the Town Planner.

Gregory and Angela Fall's request for approval to complete the lower level of the building at 380 Main Street for additional office space, located at the corner of Main Street and Libby Avenue, was approved with findings of fact and conditions of approval as written by the Town Planner and amended by the Planning Board.

Grand Jury

The Grand Jury returned the following indictments in February 2017:

Gorham man, 28, was indicted for possession of heroin and use of drug paraphernalia on charges brought by the Portland PD.

Rangeley man, 49, was indicted for reckless conduct with a dangerous weapon, three counts of leaving the scene of an accident with

property damage, three counts of criminal mischief, reckless conduct with a dangerous weapon and aggravated criminal OUI on charges brought by Gorham PD.

Windham man, 46, was indicted for aggravated operating after habitual offender revocation, criminal OUI and criminal trespassing on charges brought by Gorham PD.

October Arrests

The Gorham Police Department made the following arrests in October:

Ash Drive woman, 27, was held for another agency for failure to appear.

Buxton man, 29, was arrested for failing to stop for an officer.

Main Street man, 29, was arrested for unlawful possession of a scheduled drug.

Sanborn Street man, 23, was arrested for failure to appear.

Standish man 25, was arrested for OUI (1 prior).

Portland woman, 33, was arrested for OUI.

Windham woman, 31, was arrested for OUI.

Massachusetts man, 20, was arrested for operating a vehicle without a license,

refusing to submit to arrest, criminal trespass, OUI, and failure to stop for an officer.

Portland man, 36, was arrested for violating an order of protection.

Ichabod Lane man, 19, was arrested for OUI, operating a vehicle without a license and displaying a suspended or fraudulent license.

Westbrook woman, 22, was arrested for OUI.

Westbrook man, 22, was arrested for violating conditions of release and unlawful possession of heroin (priors).

Windham man, 24, was arrested for four counts of burglary to a motor vehicle, two counts of unlawful possession of scheduled drugs, four counts of theft by unauthorized taking and stealing drugs.

Celebrating Harry Potter in Style



Photo credit Roger Marchand

On February 2, Baxter Memorial Library held the Hogwarts Library Ball which celebrated the magical world of Harry Potter. Approximately 140 people attended the event which had Harry Potter themed crafts, trivia, refreshments and dancing. Many came in their favorite wizard or party attire. There were prizes for the winners of the trivia contest and attendees were treated to a snake-themed cake, made by Library Director James Rathbun, and "butter beer" to wash it all down. Pictured (l to r) are Public Services Librarian Julia Hoisington, Library Director James Rathbun, Administrative Assistant Tara Brown, and Youth Services Librarian Heidi Whelan.

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Laura Bolduc
Anthony Booth
Haley Burns
Brandon Chhoeung
Kaitlyn Crockett
Madison Firmin
Erin Hume
Paige Hume
Noah Jalbert
Elyssa Johnson
Aaron Jones
Henri Kuntz
Lucas LaMontagne
Ethan Mercier
Peyton Morton
MacAllister Moss
Cameron Myles
Jillian Nichols
Abigail O'Brien
Samuel Orlando
Marin Perry
Chloe Russell
Camden Sawyer
Veronica Steiner
Madisen Sweatt
Andrew Tinkham
Samuel Waggoner

Grade 9 – Honors

Ethan Allen
Grace Andrews
Joshua Ball
Patrick Bishop
Jordan Bretton
Westley Brinegar
Jessica Burgess
Lucia Burke
Emma Callahan
Margaret Caruso
Evan Chambers
Lane Charlton
Vicky Chen
Colby Christakis
Gisele Cologna
Julie Cooper
Emily Crepeau
Garrett Devoe

Lauren DiDonato
Faith Dillon
Mackenzie Dix
Meredith Donisi
Connor Donnelly
Mia Donnelly
Ryan Doughty
Lydia Drew
Jeremy Duncan
Molly Eaton
Raechel Edwards
Isabelle Emerson
Tyler Farris
Sawyer Gagnon
Kevin Goodnow
Meghan Gray
Lauren Green
Bryce Gurney
Kyle Hamblen
Jacqueline Hamilton
Joseph Hansen
Maeve Higgins
Ashleigh Hotham
Charles Hubbard
Makenzie Huntington
Nolan Irish
Katarina Jenkins
Cortnie Jones
Brady King
Iris Kitchen
Cassandra Kovacs
Brittney Landry
Emma Linkiewicz
Haley Lowell
Travis Matheson
Nolan McCullough
Abigail Miller
Caralin Mills
Sophia Minchev
Anna Nault
Lindsey Nygren
Kyle Ouillette
Samuel Paulin
Cole Perreault
Ava Pitman
Lauren Preis
Ryan Reno
Andrew Rent
Seth Richardson
Margaret Rimkunas

Jackson Robbins
Tyler Rollins
Gianna Romatis
Angela Sauvageau
Zachary Shaw
Benjamin Smith
Kendall Smith
Ursula Steiner
Javin Stickney
Julia Sturgis
Kiana Tracey
Sarah Tuttle
Lydia Valentine
Isabella VanZandt
Isabelle Wareham
Alana Weed
Jade Wu
Quinn Young

Grade 10 – High Honors

Kyren Bettencourt
Brandon Cummings
Emma Forgues
Jeremy Harris
Ella LeBlanc
Lila Lovley
Matilda McColl
Libby Mitchell
Trent McLellan
Olivia Paruk
Anna Rathbun
Simon Roussel
Leah Scontras
Katelyn Smith
Sarah Stevens
Haley Thompson
Sarah Walker
Erin Wentworth
Bruce Wyatt

Grade 10 – Honors

Maggy Aube
Fatima Batool
Lexa Bibeau
Kevin Blake
Lauren Preis
William Burns
Caaitlin Chasse
Maiya Christiansen-Carlson
Alexa Corey

Tyler Cormier
Isabel Courtney
Gavin Cupps
Albert Del Tarre Tria
Ryan DeSanctis
Brittany Desjardin
Julia Downey
Jacob Dupuis
Riley Ferrigan
Gabriella Gagne
Avery Germond
Kaitlyn Jodoin
Caroline Gross
Brinn Hall
Joshua Hayward
Autumn Heil
Riley Jerome
Spencer Keating
Elisabeth King
Isabelle Kolb
Kate Larkin
Abigail Leonard
Thomas Light
Thomas Locke
Griffin Lord
Kathryn Lundin
Cooper Lyons
Lydia McCrillis
Trent McLellan
Gavin Mercier
Harris Milliken
Hailey Morrill
Gretchen Muehle
Margaret Munkacsi
Kathryn Nason
Benjamin Nault
Jordan Perkins
Samuel Pocock
Alice Riiska
Samantha Rockwell
Colette Romatis
Callie Russell
Jacob Sladen
Sara Slager
Cameron St. Cyr
Mariah Stout
Ian Stultz
Payton Thorpe
Quentin Volpe
Ethan White

Bryce Womack
Brooke Woodbury
Mackenzie Young

Grade 11 – High Honors

Caitlyn Beaulieu
Emily Chapin
Bennett Donohue
Aaron Farr
Kate Gilbert
Garrett Higgins
Kaitlyn Jodoin
Sydney Levesque
Grace Libby
Hannah Libby
Sierra Lambert
Emelia Nejezchleba
Benjamin Nelson
Alexander Ousback
Jonathan Scribner
Anna Slager
Josephine Smith
Isabella Solari
Abigail vanLuling

Grade 11 – Honors

Asal Bahmani
Clayton Bassingthwaite
Conor Battaglia
Jessica Bennett
Vanessa Berrill
Lindsey Boylen
Nathan Brown
Nolan Brown
Isabelle Burke
Marisa Collins
Courtney Cushing
Claudia Daigle
Michaela Desrosier
David Drew
Vy Duong
Holden Edwards
Benjamin Eichner
Lyndsey Estes
Jacob Estey
Meadow Fortier
Alexis Fotter
Olivia Garand
Emily Goriss
Brooke Greatorex

Andrew Harjula
Shayla Harris
Maxwell Harvey
Saoirse Herlihy
Madison Hinchner
Phoebe Johnston
Kyle King
Stephen Klatt
Eduard Klyuchka
Karalyn Kutzer
Noah Lambert
Samantha Langevin
Shelby Leach
Zachery McGouldrick
Chase Messer
Madison Mitchell
Carlos Monsen
Camryn Morton
Emily Murray
Jack Niles
Elizabeth Olsen
Deidra Perreault
Kali Perry
Sean Pocock
Hunter Poitras
Megan Polchies
Emily Prindle
Brittney Reed
Lucas Roop
Bridget Rossignol
Madeline Rossignol
Michelle Rowe
Clara Santos
Sarah Shields
Owen Smith III
Kayla Stickney
Stefan Street
Nora Susi
Christopher Tucker
Claire Valentine
Breana Verrill
Rylie Wareham
Lily Whitten
Simeon Willey
Rosemary Wood
Madison Young

Grade 12 – High Honors

Anne Acker-Wolfhagen
Mary Adams

Avery Arena
Delaney Burns
Kathryn Christianson
Haylee Dahlborg
Abigail Flint
Emily Hayward
Thomas Macomber
Thomas Matthews
Clemence Nennen
Kyle Peoples
Samuel Roussel
Emma Smith
Blake Wallace
Emily Yager

Grade 12 – Honors

Elsa Alexandrin
Jordan Allen
Katherine Andrews
Kelly Aube
Sally Aube
Georgia Baber
Trystan Bates
Katherine Bennett
Hannah Benson
James Benson
David Blattstein
Andrew Brown
Tess Buzzell
Lindsey Caron
Jamie Carter
Nariah Cavarretta
Dennis Cloutier
Cameron Coro
Nathaniel Cupka
Kristen Curley
Jordan Currier
Brandon Desjardin
Kara Doane
Alyssa Dolley
Kara Ellsmore
Travis Emerson
Emily Esposito
Erin Esty
Jordyn Falagarario
Ryan Firmin
Joseph Fisette
Jackson Fotter
Bennett Gasowski
Lucas Gironda

Sean Glasgow
Bligh Godin
Brooke Hall
Grant Hamblen
Ryan Hamblen
Rhannon Hatch
Sophia Hendrix
Cameron Holmes
Tyler Houston
Madeline Joyal-Myers
Jamie Juskievicz
Anne Kelly
Whitney King
Diana Kolb
Jason Komulainen
Carli Labrecque
Eric Lane
Justin Laughlin
Hannah LeBlanc
Narissa Libby
Samantha Low
Keegan Luce
Kaylea Lundin
Samuel Martel
Fiona Nee
Bryan Nelson
Emily O'Donnell
Miles Obrey
Ethan Orach
Athena Pappalardo
Audrey Perreault
Meghan Perrin
Tyler Richman
Brady Rioux
Julia Roy
Caroline Smith
Molly Sposato
Raymond St. Cyr
Karen Stemm
Cameron Stevens
Alexandra Stresser
Connor Sweatt
Hallie Thomas
Amanda Thompson
Lily Towle
JennaMarie Webster
Dylan Weeks
Tiril Wiig
Heather Woodbury
Marc Yankowsky
Alex York

Gorham Middle School Second Quarter Honor Rolls 2016-17

Grade 6 – High Honors

Julia Altham
Hayden Anderson
Olivia Bryant
Christian Butler
Lexi Caron
Hannah Caron
Faith Connolly
Jasper Crane
Rachel Cummings
Annie Cunningham
Patrick Cyr
Angela Dellasala
Jonah Doucette
Noah Flynn
Tedi Gould
Kyra Hamblen
Josephine James
Braeden Johnson
Grace Johnson
Eden Johnson
Samantha Kovacs
Alexis Landry
Samuel Larkin
Erin Lawrence
Jacob Lehmann
Trevin Macomber
Sofia Mankin
Kaci Mollison
Isabella O'Brien
Hannah O'Reilly
Claudia Peterson
Tyler Reynolds
David Russo
Brady Smith
Alexandra Sutton
Madison Toronto
Kieran Wilkins
Hailee Willey
Peter Wu

Grade 6 – Honors

Waeil Ahmed
Brady Alexander
Benjamin Allison
Avery Andrews
Anthony Arsenaault
Emelia Bailey
Hayden Battaglia
Lucien Beardsley
Julia Bell
Ella Bethany
Ava Bryant
Kiarha Cajuste
Ryley Cash
Miranda Chasse
Junbei Chen

Alaina Christy
Ryan Collier
Amelia Connor-McCoy
Ryan Cooper
Makenna Delaney
Quinn Dillon
Devin Dobson-Jacques
Maeve Donnelly
Madeline Downey
Katherine Dugal
Owen Dugas
Holly Dupra
Annika Edgar
Julia Edgar
Sadie Fiore
Abby Fiore
John Frank
Ty Gammon
Andrew Gaudreau
Brooke Gerry
Brooke Gordon
Marin Graham
Alexander Griffin
Corinna Hahn
Owen Harmon
Matthew Harmon
Graham Henderson
Olivia Hopkins
Jude Huckaby
Aryahna Hulit
Lucy Hyde
Kelsey Jalbert
Jada Kennie
Ella Kitchen
Kevin Luo
Savannah Lyon
Kate Martin
Griffin Mocciola
Ella Novak
Lucas Ouillette
Cameron Parker
Kate Pelletier
Nicholas Phinney
Oasim Rabbani
Jayden Racine
Sarah Rathbun
John Reidy
Lauren Rioux
Keira Rosario
Abigail Rosingana
Chloe Ruane
Lillian Ruane
Emma Sands
Kate Sands
Christopher Sargent
Andrew Scribner
Cody Sellick

Eli Sjostedt
Joshua Sparrow
Trent Stevens
Damien Taylor
Rylee Tenuta
Wyatt Thomas
Megan Wentworth
Elizabeth Willette
Annika Woodcock
Wyatt Woodsum
Delaney Wright
Lillian Zidle

Grade 7 – High Honors

Colin Albert
Drew Baber
Lauren Bachner
Noah Badeau
Curan Bassingthwaite
Gavin Begonia
Mallorie Bergquist
Landon Bickford
Brylee Bishop
Caroline Bishop
Allison Bishop
Robert Boylen
Connor Callahan
Erin Castonguay
Morgan Chapman
Nathan Chase
Ainsley Christianson
Kayleigh Cloutier
Sydney Connolly
Hunter Connors
Nathan Corey
Calvin Cummings
Kaitlyn Cushing
Samuel D'Amico
Mary DeWitt
Alden Dimick
Nathan Doane
Katherine Dupuis
Hailey Edwards
Abigail Emerson
Asa Farley
Andrew Farr
Samuel Farr
Annie Frey
Elizabeth Frey
Charles Gay
Ainsley Gray
Rachel Gross
Bryce Gunn
Sydney Haskell
Madisson Hatch
Ethan Ho
Kiara Hodge

Abigail Houpp
Julia Kratzer
Stephanie Labrie
Kyle Landry
Alexandra Light
Elisabeth Loranger
Ian Luciano
Bryce Lumbert
Annika Mankin
Mikayla Martorano
Anya Mazaris-Atkinson
Madison Michaud
Sophia Michaud
Andrea Mitchell
Annikka Mocciola
Dylan Morrell
Isabella Morrell
Emma Mullin
Alexandra Myles
Anna Nelson
Cassara Novak
Julia Ordway
Cheyanne Osmond
Hunter Pellerin
Albert Plummer
Phoebe Richards
Quentin Riiska
Brandon Sadowski
Brady Sawyer
Thaddeus Shain
Devan Sherry
Benjamin Shields
Clara Shvets
John Sutton
Nicole Walker
Caleb Waterman
Alexandra Waterman
Megan Wentworth
Quentin Wise
Elijah Wyatt
Megan Young

Grade 7 – Honors

George Allison
Natalya Asali
Ryan Bechtel
Trevor Bennett
Gisele Berry
Sean Boylen
Aaja Breton-Jalbert
Alyvia Caruso
Bode Coleman
Kiah Curtis
Sadie Cyr
Nolan Davis
Izabella Densmore
Aiden Dever

Tessa Dol
Quinn Doyle
Sarah Duff
Sadie Dyer
Morgan Edenbach
Madeline Fadrigon
Olivia Falagarario
Emily Feagans
Carl Feagans
Benjamin Fecteau
Kassidy French
Joleen Gima
Jacob Graham
Riley Grant
Kylie Green
Riley Griffin
Brooke Guimond
Caleb Hendrix
Kylee Keene
Killian Kolb
Gannon Kuntz
Nathan Ladd
Mason Landre
Ava Lever
Keagan Lindsay
Shantearra Ly
Paige Marchand
Zackary Mays
Owen McCaffrey
Jaekup McCluskey
Colin McDonald
Ella McDonald
Daniel McKeage
Aidan Meredith
Macen Mitchell
Ambrosia Moore
Jillian Morrill
Liam Moss
Anya Nagle
Abigail Ouellette
Hunter Pelletier
Grace Perreault
Ellie Perry
William Perry
Madison Philbrick
Nelly Popov
Luc Puglionesi
Casey Rancourt
Shannon Randall
Courtney Rent
Tristan Rideout
McKenna Roberts
Maksim Roewer
Emily Roy
Evan Russo
Thomas Sallinen
Arzou Sayed

Kaden Shaw
Kyle Skolfield
Jackson Smith
Hannah Spickel
William Stein
Emma Stevens
Makayla Summerson
William Thompson
Ashley Thurston
Nola True
Colby Tucker
Sarah Valeriani
Izzabella Verrill
Brandon Verrill
Asa Wareham
Bradley Weed
Jacob Weisman
Emily Wilcox
Leah Woodbury

Grade 8 – High Honors

Madeline Berry
Jordan Blakeslee
Grace Bradshaw
Anneka Bryant
Beck Carrier
Lily Courtney
Noah Cupps
Ava Dolley
Katherine Downey
Emily Duncan
Julia Edwards
Nathan Eichner
Danielle Eid
Grace Flynn
Grace Forgues
Campbell Fowler
Sydney Fox
Reed Henderson
MacKenna Homa
Richard Jiang
Riley A Johnson
Riley E Johnson
Sophia Kaufman
Evan Koinig
Amelia Kratzer
Ryan Kratzer
Joshua Labrie
Mason Laskey
Shannon Lawrence
Maya Lee
Zakaria Lembarra
Mikayla Leskowsky
Tess Libby
Kylie Mathieson
Olivia Michaud
Molly Murray

Adele Nadeau
Alexis Ordway
Emily Paruk
Alice Peterson
Matthew Phinney
Skylar Prince
Cassidy Rioux
Hailey Rupp
Sophia Sawyer
Delaney Seed
Kilee Sherry
Nathaniel Smith
Cody Smith
Alison Walker
Bailey Wentworth
Marissa Wilson

Grade 8 – Honors

Luke Adams
Reighley Adams
Griffin Banks
Denisha Beeler
Aidan Bell
Tatyanna Biamby
Jaela Boucher
Madison Brown
Logan Butler
Sophia Buzzell
Austin Christy
Ryan Coyne
Haley Crosby
Samantha Cummings
Sierra Cummings
Tabetha Cummings
Kelly Curran
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Abigail Decrow
Hayden Desmond
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Anthony Dugan
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Vinh Duong
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Lydia Gaudreau
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Catherine Higgins
Sia Hyson
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Leah James
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Benjamin Johnson
Dahlia Jordan
Yelyzaveta Klishch
Isabelle Kovacs
Katherine Kutzer
Gabrielle LaBarge
Donovan Landry
Sadie LaPierre
Kylea Laughlin
Alexander Leary
Nevin Libby
Ayden Lindsay
Griffin Loranger
Natetra Ly
Andrew MacFeat
Joshua Martin
Bode Meader
Kaylyn Migliorini
Oliver Milliken
Gwendolyn Miramontes
Nevaeh Moore
Claire Munkacsi
Ryan Murray
Grant Nadeau
Emmeline Nelson
Liam Nickerson
Ian Obrey
Jarrett Oceguera
Brooke Phillips
Daniel Popov
Samuel Pritchard
Caitlin Randall
Molly Rathbun
Braedyn Richardson
Morgan Roast
Devin Robichaud
Garrett Rodgers
Sophiah Rodrigue
Anthony Romero
Erin Sands
Garrett Smith
Hannah Smith
Michaela Taiani
Madigan Thibodeau
Madisun Tryon
Benjamin Tukey
Julia Yager
Wesley Young

GHS' One Act Play Explores What Comes Next after Death



Poster designed by Claire Valentine

Gorham High School's one act play, "Tracks," explores the story of ten strangers after their death.

AVERY ARENA
GHS Student Intern

Gorham High School will soon be performing its annual one act play. This year's play, "Tracks," is the story of ten strangers who meet in a subway station only to learn that they are each recently deceased. The strangers are representative of different walks of life – from a nun to a professor to high schoolers who all lived their lives and met their ends in very different ways.

The cast members are Elsa Alexandrin, Georgia Baber, Hannah Benson, Quintessa Bissonette, Sawyer Hanscome, Mason Hawkes, Sophie Hendrix, Joy Lamont, Isaac Martel, and Kayley Mason. Bridget Daigle and Virginia Hugo-Vidal are stage managers and teacher Josie Tierney-Fife directs. Additionally, there have been several community volunteers who have helped with the show, including set builder Chris Hourcle, who has previously worked with Portland Stage.

The drama club at GHS puts on three performances a year; each one giving students a different avenue to experience theater. The final performance of the year, the one act, is designed to be a more intimate and personal approach. This year's play has only ten cast

members and a crew of about 12.

"When you are working with your friends it makes acting so much more fun and it makes it even more exciting on opening night," said senior Hannah Benson.

The cast and crew have been preparing for their performance since December. This performance focuses on character development, and Tierney-Fife noted the difficulties that come with playing roles diverse in both age and background that high school students may have had little to no personal experience with.

The group will be competing at Oxford Hills Comprehensive School on March 11, at which time, the Class A and Class B performances will be chosen to represent the region at the statewide festival. Each performance group must be able to set up and take down everything within five minutes, and is limited to 45 minutes on stage.

Prior to the regional festival, there will be two performances held at GHS on March 3 and 4 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$5 for students and \$8 for adults.

Everyone has worked hard to put on a great show so come out and support these GHS thespians.

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GMS Goes Under the Sea for Production of "The Little Mermaid Jr."

MEGHAN ROUNDS
GMS Sixth Grade Teacher

The Gorham Middle School Drama Club would like to invite everyone to join them for its production of "The Little Mermaid Jr.," presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI).

With a book by Doug Wright, music by Alan Menken, and lyrics by Howard Ashman and Glenn Slater, "The Little Mermaid Jr." play is based on the Hans Christian Anderson story and Disney film, with music adapted and arranged by David Weinstein. Tana Krohn and Greg Walton are the GMS musical directors.

Ariel (played by Kate Dupuis)



Photo credit Tana Krohn

Gorham Middle School's production of "The Little Mermaid Jr." will be held March 10-12. Pictured (left to right) are Emily Paruk (Ursula), Kate Dupuis (Ariel), Julia Yager (Scuttle), and Sierra Cummings (Sebastian).

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FEB. 8, 2017 School Committee Meeting

TOM CORBETT
Contributing Writer

February's School Committee meeting began with song and dance as members watched a video clip of Gorham High School's high energy production of "Footloose." Chairman Darryl Wright noted that the many underclassmen on the stage bodes well for the future of theater at the school.

The meeting then got down to business with Superintendent Heather Perry outlining the lengthy and unpredictable budgeting process that only just began with the Governor's recent budget proposal. It will be many months before there are firm state funding numbers, but the very real possibility exists for a reduction of state support.

Perry also announced that Gorham will pursue a Department of Education grant opportunity supporting efforts to create efficiencies made possible by schools working together. The schools' efforts to work with RSU 14 and USM may be a good fit for that grant.

Perry ended her report by noting that the district added two new

substitute bus drivers with CPL licenses, but emphasized that more bus drivers are needed.

The remainder of the meeting focused on the K-5 Alternative Education Program that started in 2015. The program targets struggling K-5 students, many of whom don't qualify for Special Education services and are still a few years away from possibly receiving support through the alternative education programs in place at the secondary level.

Last spring, the Committee unanimously approved expanding the program from its initial home base at Narragansett to assign a specialized Alternative Education education technician position at each of the three K-5 schools. This person works under the direction of the school's social worker, all of whom work as a team with teachers and administrators at each school.

The district's three K-5 principals: Becky Fortier, Great Falls; Cynthia Remick, Narragansett, and Brian Porter, Village Elementary, gave a positive

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North Yarmouth Academy First Semester Honor Rolls 2016-17

Grade 5 – Highest Honors
Owen Cook

Grade 8 – Highest Honors
Nathan Cook
Tellie Stamaris

School Notes

The Gorham School Department was awarded \$500 from the Harvard Pilgrim Health Care Foundation's Community Spirit 9/11 Mini-Grant program. Nicole Fairweather, an employee of Harvard Pilgrim Health Care, nominated the school for the award. Funds will be used to support field trips, guest speakers and performances, and the purchase of classroom supplies.

Gorham Schools launched a new website on Feb. 1. Some new features include: a focus on students with each page having pictures of students doing what they do so well – enjoying learning, up-to-date news and announcements for the district and each school, similar templates for each page so that navigation is easier across all schools and program pages, and links to Gorham's social media sites (district and school Facebook and Twitter pages, as well as Instagram accounts). Superintendent Heather Perry would like to know what students, parents, staff, and community members think by having them reach out to building and program level leaders, to her directly at heather.perry@gorhamschools.org or to the technology director, Dennis Crowe at dennis.crowe@gorhamschools.org.

School Committee

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report on the progress of this program. After some initial adjustments, the team approach is working well, providing what all three feel are excellent, personalized and holistic support services for eight to nine students at each school.

These numbers are always changing as students transition in and out of the program, prompting board members to repeatedly ask whether the program can adjust to these fluctuations and accommodate spikes in demand. The principals replied that they felt the current staffing, especially with the team approach, is adequate, even though Narragansett, with its smaller overall staffing, sometimes feels stretched. However, even Principal Remick felt they were "light years ahead" of where they were last year.

SPORTS

GHS Girls' Basketball Ready for Playoffs

HAL D'AMICO
Sports Editor

The Lady Rams basketball team ran the table on the regular season, finishing 18-0. Having earned the #1 seed in Class AA South heading into the postseason, the team had a first round bye and, as of press time, was scheduled to play in a semifinal matchup on February 21 against Maine Girls Academy.

The Rams' powerhouse offense includes veteran standouts Emily Esposito and Mackenzie Holmes. They are joined in the starting lineup by Kaylea Lundin, Kristen Curley, and Michelle Rowe. Head Coach Laughn Berthiaume said, "Curley continues to be a three-point threat," and commented on Lundin's 13-point, 10-rebound game performance over Thornton Academy on January 31 as the squad prepared for another championship opportunity.



Photo credit Lisa Curley

The GHS girls' basketball team celebrated Senior Night on February 8 at their final home game of the season. Pictured (l to r) is Coach Laughn Berthiaume with seniors Emily Esposito, Kaylea Lundin and Kristen Curley.

Indoor Track Recap

COMPILED BY HAL D'AMICO
Sports Editor

Coaches John Caterina's and Jason Tanguay's boys and girls squads ran, jumped, and threw to successes on the indoor circuit. These include the USM Relays on January 2, when the boys Sprint Medley Relay team sped to a 3:50 finish, which is Maine's 2017 best, as well as a number of top-10 finishes at the SMAA Southwesterns Championships on February 4.

Boys: 4 x 800m relay, 2nd place (8:31); Wil Rossignol, 9th place, 600m (1:22); Ethan Orach, 3rd place, 800m (2:03); David Drew, 8th place, 55m dash (6.91); Alex Ousbach, 8th place, 800m (2:08); James Benson, 9th place, Long Jump (18-09.00); Jason Catoggio, 5th place, Pole Vault (11-00.00); Stefan Street, 6th place, Pole Vault (11-00.00); James Benson, 5th place, Triple Jump (40-07.25).

Girls: 4 x 800m relay, 1st place (10:06:18); Anna Slager, 3rd place, 2



Photo credit Kristin Young

Anna Slager is congratulated by Coach Tanguay after taking first place in the one mile on February 4.

Mile (11:53); Iris Kitchen, 4th place, 2 Mile (11:59); Kate Tugman, 6th place, 2 Mile (12:26); Iris Kitchen, 4th place, 800m (2:29); Evelyn Kitchen, 8th place, Long Jump, (15-06.00); Anna Slager, 1st place, 1 Mile (5:27); Evelyn Kitchen, 9th place, Shot Put (30-10.00); Evelyn Kitchen, 6th place, Triple Jump (32-11.00); Sarah Lorello, 7th place, Triple Jump (32-07.25).

The Maine State meet was held on Monday, February 20, at USM.

GHS Boys' Basketball Pulls Off Upset

JOHN CURLEY
Contributing Writer

The #6 GHS boys' basketball team used a smothering array of zone defenses to earn a 42-31 quarterfinal victory over #3 Sanford at the Portland Expo on February 16. Down 17-9 early in the 2nd quarter, the Rams went on a 19-0 run over the next 12 minutes to take a 28-17 lead and never looked back. The run was ignited by huge Nick Strout and Cameron Holmes 3-pointers and finished by an old-fashioned Cam Wright 3-point play. Jackson Fotter and Cameron Holmes led all scorers with 11 and 10 points respectively. Gorham took the hardwood again at the Cross Insurance Arena in the Class AA South semifinals against #2 Thornton Academy on February 21.


In the Zone

Cheering: Coach Julie Dvilinsky's preseason goals were, "To win the SMAA Conference for the third year in a row. Place top-3 at Regionals and hopefully return to New England for 2017." SMAA Conference Win, Check. Regionals, Check-plus with a first place win over consistent contender Marshwood. New England, Check, as the squad finished a strong third behind perennial powerhouse Lewiston and Brewer at the Class A Maine State Championships held on February 11 in Augusta. The New England Cheering Championships will be held on March 25 in Providence, RI.

Skiing: Three GHS skiers raced to top-10 finishes at the SMAA Alpine Championships held on February 10 at Shawnee Peak. **Owen Smith** placed third in the Giant Slalom and fourth in the Slalom. **Estelle Ballard** finished sixth in the slalom and **Emily O'Donnell** took ninth in that event.


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SPORTS

GHS Swimming Wrap Up



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The GHS girls' swim team placed third at the Southwestern championship meet on February 11 at Cape Elizabeth High School. Eight swimmers qualified in individual events and advanced to the State meet held at Bowdoin College on Feb. 21: seniors Delaney Burns (captain), Molly Sposato (captain), Narissa Libby, Hannah LeBlanc, Alyssa Dolley; junior Sierra Lumbert, sophomore KK Smith, and freshman Laura Bolduc. While the boys' team did not advance, members Ben Clark, Max Harvey, Sam Martel and Patrick Bishop all had strong performances during the season.

GMS Musical Production CONTINUED FROM PAGE 8

longs to experience life on land, but is forbidden this experience by her father, King Triton (played by Sadie Dyer). When she strikes a deal with the evil Ursula (played by Emily Paruk), she learns that Ursula has bigger plans than just assisting the young mermaid in walking with the humans.

Shows will be held on Friday, March 10, and Saturday, March 11, at 7 p.m. in the GMS Auditorium. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. A matinee showing will be held on Sunday, March 12, at 2 p.m., with doors opening at 1:30 p.m. Tickets are \$5 at the door or call 222-1220 to reserve tickets in advance.

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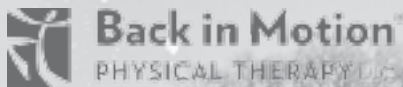
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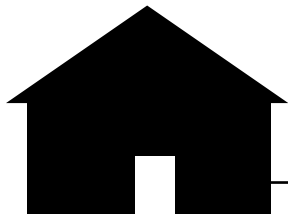
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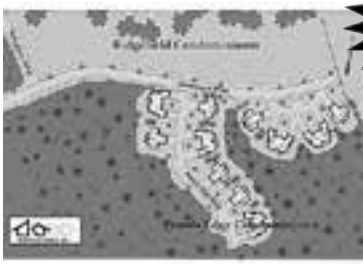


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Gorham Garden Club will meet on Tuesday, February 28, at 7 p.m. at the First Parish Church, 1 Church Street. The program will be “Growing Dahlias” presented by Suzanne Bushnell, GCFM President, and Judith Stallworth, GCFN Treasurer. Free and open to the public. FMI, 839-3878 or 839-3630.

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Buck’s Naked BBQ in Windham will host the Arctic Spirits Ice Bar on February 25 from 5 to 10 p.m. to raise money for Camp Sunshine, a cost-free, year-round retreat in Casco, Maine for children with life-threatening illnesses and their families. Tickets available at Metayer Family Eye Care, Windham Adult Ed, Freedom Day Spa, Microtel Inn, Mechanics Savings Bank or the Gorham Savings Bank. \$25 per person/\$40 per couple, or, if purchased at the door, \$30 per person/\$50 per couple.

Digging Up Maine: Forts from 1700’s Part 1, by Leith Smith, Maine head Archaeologist, February 25 at 9:30 a.m. at Windham Public Library, Windham Center Rd., by the Windham Historical Society. FMI, 650-7484.

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Good Bye February, and Good Riddance

GORHAM TIMES STAFF

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Before Julius Caesar’s calendar reform of 45 BC, February was the only month with an even number of days (28). All the rest had 29 or 31.

The month is named after

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FRIDAY, FEB. 24

- Last day of Winter Vacation, Gorham Schools

MONDAY, FEB. 27

- The Gorham Republican Committee meets every fourth Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. All registered Republicans are welcome. FMI, 415-2673.

TUESDAY, FEB. 28

- 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.
- Preschool Story Time (ages 3-5), 9:30-10:15 a.m., Baxter Memorial Library, 222-1190.
- Growing Dahlias, presented by Suzanne Bushnell and Judith Stallworth, Gorham Garden Club, 7 p.m., First Parish Church, 1 Church Street. Free and open to the public. FMI, 839-3878 or 839-3630.
- Gorham Lions meeting, Gorham Dept. of Public Works Cafeteria off Huston Road, 6:30 p.m. New members always welcome. FMI, 298-9182.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 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, 222-1190.

THURSDAY, MARCH 2

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

SATURDAY, MARCH 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.
- Engineering Expo, Field House, USM Gorham Campus, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. \$2 suggested donation.

TUESDAY, MARCH 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.
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THURSDAY, MARCH 9

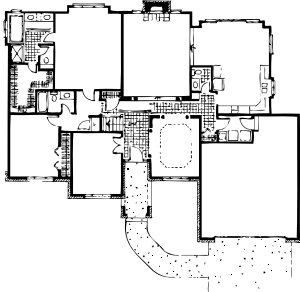
- Baby & Me (birth-18 months), 9:30-9:50 p.m., Baxter Memorial Library, 222-1190.
- Toddler Story Time (18-36 months), 10-10:30 p.m., Baxter Memorial Library, 222-1190.
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