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Fatality at Rotary

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Staff Writer

Donna Stevenson, 75, of Fort Hill Road was killed on April 24 at the rotary on South Street. Stevenson was traveling southbound at a high rate of speed. Instead of following the roadway, her vehicle travelled straight through the center of the roundabout causing the vehicle to become airborne. The vehicle rolled over several times before stopping in the wetlands. She was not wearing a seatbelt and was pronounced dead at the scene.

The accident happened at about 5:24 p.m. and part of South St., as well as the bypass, was closed until 9 p.m. while police investigated the accident. This rotary has been the scene of 27 crashes since it opened in 2006. Nine of these crashes resulted in injuries. Stevenson's death is believed to be the first fatality at the site.

Burns Resigns from School Committee

KATHY CORBETT
Staff Writer

Following the April 13 School Committee meeting at which the committee voted unanimously to approve a 37.9 million dollar budget, Timothy Burns sent a letter of resignation to Chairman Darryl Wright citing his opposition to "the direction the school district is heading." At the meeting, he expressed concern over the 4.49% increase over last year's budget.

Although he wrote that his critique was of the problem-solving process and not an indictment of Superintendent Heather Perry, he accused the administration of putting forth "the most costly of considered alternatives" and making fiscal decisions "the sole responsibility of the School Committee."

He asserted that "a cooperative and collaborative relationship simply does not exist between the Town Council and the School Committee" and shows no signs of improving, something that "serves to increase the degree of difficulty related to challenges we collectively face."

Without identifying any persons or specific issues, Burns wrote that "self-serving special interest groups seek to pressure, manipulate and divide the administration and School Committee in an effort

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A Sure Sign of Spring: Gorham Farmer's Market

LESLIE DUPUIS
Editor

The Greater Gorham Farmer's Market opens this Saturday, May 6, on the green next to the library. The market runs each Saturday from 8:30 a.m. –12:30 p.m., rain or shine, and continues through October.

Vendors will be selling many items including produce, flowers, honey, eggs, baked goods, grass-fed beef, pork and lamb, goat's milk soap, and crafts. Musicians will perform throughout the season, beginning with Portland, Maine-based Brian Callaghan, a guitarist, vocalist, composer and music teacher who will be there for opening day. Two juried craft fair days are planned and the group is hopeful to have local food trucks visit on occasion.

This year's vendors are: Bamps Bees Honey, Blue Star Soap Company, Dow Farm Enterprise, Falling Star Farm, Findview Farm, Glad Harvest Farm, Gracie's Garden, MoMunch Granola, Old Wells Farm, Oscar's Farm, Pearson's Town Farm, Sweet and Savory Bake House, and Willow Dreamz.



Photo credit Roger Marchand

The Greater Gorham Farmer's Market preview was held on the lawn in front of USM's Corthell Hall on April 28. It was sponsored by the USM Student Government Association and organized by USM student Emma Donnelly. A sampling of vendors showcased their goods which will be available in Gorham every Saturday beginning May 6.

For more details and updates on upcoming events, please visit facebook.com/GreaterGorhamFarmersMarket/.

SATURDAY, MAY 13TH

Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive

National Food Drive Helps Local Community

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This year marks the 25th anniversary of the Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive, conducted annually by the National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC). The Stamp Out Hunger effort is the United States' largest single-day food drive.

Each year, on the second Saturday in May, letter carriers who volunteer additional time throughout their day will collect non-perishable food donations as they deliver mail along their routes. These donations go directly to local food pantries to help people in the community.

According to the NALC, the food drive collected a record 80 million pounds of non-perishable food last



year. Over the past 24 years, carriers have collected over one billion pounds of food. Last year in Gorham, residents generously donated just under one ton of food during the drive.

The timing of this food drive is crucial as food banks and pantries often receive the majority of their donations during the Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday seasons. By springtime, many pantries are depleted, entering the summer low on supplies at a time when many school breakfast and lunch programs are not available to children in need. With Maine ranking in the top ten list of states most profoundly impacted by food insecurity (15.8%, according to feedingamerica.org), every contribution counts.

Some of the most commonly needed items are: baked beans, boxed meals (mac & cheese, etc.), canned fruits, soups, vegetables and/or meats such as tuna, cereal, pasta, sauce, peanut butter and

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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.

The Opportunity Agenda

REP. MAUREEN TERRY

Another month has come and gone in Augusta. In my last update, I outlined why I don't believe the governor's proposed budget reflects Maine values. His big idea is more tax cuts for people who can afford to pay their fair share and cuts to education and health care. Under his plan, 80 percent of Mainers would see their taxes go up, while the top one percent would see five-digit tax cuts.

This month, I am happy to report that my colleagues and I are standing behind a budget alternative that focuses on working-class Mainers and communities. With the Opportunity Agenda, we are putting our money where our values are. We can provide the largest property tax relief program in Maine history. We can make college more affordable for Maine students. And we can support Maine's entrepreneurs as they put Mainers back to work.

And we do it all without raising taxes. Year after year, homeowners in Gorham and across the state have seen our property taxes balloon to cover the cost of education and services we rely on. Our plan would provide direct relief to property tax payers by increasing the homestead exemption to \$25,000 next year and \$30,000 in 2019, expanding the property tax fairness credit, and increasing revenue sharing to three percent.

The Opportunity Agenda also places an emphasis on education. It finally meets the state's obligation to fund 55 percent of education costs. But we also recognize that K-12 education is not enough to move our state forward. Our plan invests in early childhood education through public Pre-K and Head Start programs and it makes college more affordable by helping students refinance their college debt.

We also understand that small businesses are the backbone of

our economy. That's why our budget proposal funds programs that connect Maine businesses to the trained workers they're looking for and the grant funding they need to grow. It also includes infrastructure investments in roads, bridges and high-speed internet.

Mainers know how to roll up their sleeves and get the job done. This budget is a blueprint for how we can harness that determination to build a better future for our state.

You can take a look at how the Opportunity Agenda stacks up against the governor's proposal and against current tax law for you and your family at www.mecep.org/calculator.



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Burns Resigns from School Committee

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to have initiatives adopted that do not serve the best interests of the town and all tax payers."

When contacted about Burns' resignation, Superintendent Perry declined to comment on the letter. She said that she had enjoyed working with Mr. Burns and that "his voice and passion for supporting our strong educational system will

be sorely missed." Timothy Burns was elected to the School Committee as a write-in candidate in 2012 and was reelected to a three-year term in 2015. He said that his resignation would be effective when a willing replacement was found, or immediately if the School Committee determined it was in its best interest.

Stamp Out Hunger

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jelly. The Pantry also accepts some non-food items that may be difficult for clients to obtain, such as coffee or tea, disposable diapers, feminine hygiene products, paper towels or toilet paper, shampoo or soap, and toothbrushes and toothpaste.

This year, the NALC will be partnering with the five Gorham schools to increase participation. Each school will be holding a food drive May 8-12. The food collected at the schools will be collected by letter carriers and donated to the Gorham Food Pantry alongside the donations collected throughout the town.

Donations can always be dropped off in the plastic bin at the Pantry and the post office will also be accepting donations leading up to May 13. Please consider adding an extra can or box of food to your grocery cart this week to support the Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive.

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Around Town

The Gorham Police Dept. is reminding residents to lock vehicles and remove valuable items from cars. Recent break-ins have been reported in the area of Winslow Rd and Sebago Lake Rd. Please report any suspicious activity to the Gorham Police Department at 839-5581.

Eagle Scout, Travis Emerson, installed interpretive sign posts at the Town Monument located on the lawn area in front of the Municipal Center. The interpretation provides text information on the items that are printed on the monument so that members of the public can read the inscription on the monument.

Moody's Collision Center is a finalist for The Institute for Family-Owned Businesses' (IFOB) 18th Annual Maine Family Business Awards. The award is given to an exemplary Maine firm that demonstrates excellence in family involvement, business success, and commitment to employees, customers and community.

Street sweeping continues in Gorham. Visit <http://www.gorham-me.org/home/news/2017-street-sweeping-schedule> for the latest schedule.

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Aussie Pet Mobile

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Contributing Writer

Emmy Letourneau, of Gorham, drives a Mercedes. Unlike most luxury Mercedes, her van is equipped for the creature comforts of the four legged clients of her mobile pet grooming business, Aussie Pet Mobile. With six-foot ceilings, a full-size step-in wash basin and grooming table, air-conditioning, and a large window, the space is decidedly luxurious.

Letourneau explained the self-contained system: There are two 65 gallon tanks which hold enough water to wash seven to 10 animals (depending on size); the soap and water are pre-mixed to conserve resources; and solar panels on the roof power lights, AC, and a shop-vac to keep things tidy between clients. All the shampoos are eco-friendly and biodegradable, and Letourneau stocks formulas for allergies, sensitive skin, or tough-to-beat odor issues.

Letourneau's enthusiasm is contagious. After years of a 9 to 5 job and grooming friends' dogs, she decided to go all-in and buy an Aussie franchise. She became a certified Aussie groomer, ordered her van, and began networking. This particular Sunday, as she does about once a month, Letourneau parked outside the Gorham Growl for nail trims and teeth brushing. She was eager to chat about everything from bathing Yorkies and Mastiffs to styling lion cuts for cats and Newfoundland blowouts - which take over an hour!

Along with boundless energy, Letourneau exudes calm for anxious pets and owners alike. Her attention to detail and extensive knowledge of breeds is impressive. Surprisingly, cats are frequent clients. Letourneau is skillful with long haired or elderly pets who struggle with matting or bathing themselves. Letourneau said, "I have three dogs of my own and know how important it is to treat each customer with care."

Aussie Pet Mobile started in Australia and has expanded worldwide. Letourneau is currently the only year-round mobile groomer in Maine. She has been operating her own franchise since January of this year, working long



Photo credit Amanda Vickerson

hours at least six days a week. She has done so well these past four months that she has been able to purchase a second van and hire another groomer who will work primarily in the Lewiston area.

"People are often unsure about this set-up, but I ask them to give it a try. If they hate it, they don't have to rebook. Almost always, they call again." Her rates are just slightly higher than a standard pet salon, but it's hard to beat convenience and one on one attention. "At a traditional salon,

you leave your dog in the morning and come back after work. They're usually in a cage all day; it's loud and stressful. I come right to your home, the 15-step spa treatment takes one to two hours, and they're done! How easy is that?"

Letourneau encourages calls for questions, pricing quotes, or booking. She is in Gorham Monday through Wednesday as well as some Saturdays. Clients can expect an appointment within two weeks of contacting her. "I love what I do, I believe in what I'm doing, and I want to do what's best for your pet."

For more information, Emmy Letourneau can be reached at (207) 689-4323, eletourneau@aussiepetmobile.com, www.petgroomingsocomaine.com, or on her Facebook page, Aussie Pet Mobile SoCo Maine.

Fundraising Effort Underway for Community Fund

KATHY CORBETT
Staff Writer

When a Gorham resident with a brain tumor had to be in Boston for treatment, the GHOPE foundation's Reed Allen Community Fund helped pay for a hotel room. When a family lost most of their belongings in a house fire, GHOPE stepped in with a donation. A young Gorham man injured in a car accident received help from GHOPE when paying for rehabilitation. The foundation made a one-time donation to the Town of Gorham for local families in need of emergency fuel assistance.

Now GHOPE itself is running out of money and needs community help. The foundation is holding a fundraiser so that the Reed Allen Community Fund can continue its mission of providing a quick financial boost to Gorham families in the aftermath of catastrophic events.

Two catastrophic events were the catalyst for the founding of GHOPE and the Reed Allen Community Fund. In 2012, fire nearly destroyed the Gorham House of Pizza (GHOP), and shortly afterward,

owner Angelo Sotiropoulos was diagnosed with cancer. "Along with the miracle at GHOP, I had the miracle of surviving cancer," Sotiropoulos said later.

Grateful to the Gorham firefighters for saving the building and for the support Gorham residents gave during its renovation and his illness, Sotiropoulos wanted to give thanks by starting a foundation honoring the memory of Gorham police officer and close friend, John Reed.

He also wanted to honor the spirit and strength of Dana Allen, a young Gorham High School graduate who died after a long battle with cancer. The organization he envisioned "could provide the love and support the community provided me." Since then, the Reed Allen Community Fund has helped dozens of Gorham residents.



Photo courtesy of GHOP Facebook page

Classic throwback T-shirts are available for purchase at GHOP to support the GHOPE foundation's Reed Allen Community Fund.

To raise the money needed to continue this work, Gorham House of Pizza purchased and donated hundreds of GHOP classic throwback T-shirts. The shirts are \$20 each and all proceeds will go to

the Reed Allen Community Fund to help families going through a crisis.

The GHOPE foundation has received financial support through fundraisers and contributions since its inception, and its Board is hoping the

T-shirt sales will help the community fund stay solvent.

T-shirts are available at Gorham House of Pizza with cash or check payable to the Reed Allen Community Fund. In addition, Gorham Savings Bank is accepting deposits to the Reed Allen Community Fund account and will give donors a receipt to pick up a T-shirt at GHOP.

THE FOUNDATION IS HOLDING A FUNDRAISER SO THAT THE REED ALLEN COMMUNITY FUND CAN CONTINUE ITS MISSION OF PROVIDING A QUICK FINANCIAL BOOST TO GORHAM FAMILIES IN THE AFTERMATH OF CATASTROPHIC EVENTS.

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May is Lyme Disease Awareness Month

CHRIS CRAWFORD
Staff Writer

By all accounts the ticks are out in force already. Before gardening, camping, hiking, or just playing outdoors, make preventing tick bites part of your plan.

Lyme disease can be a serious, life-altering illness that is caused by bacteria transmitted from the bite of a tick. Early symptoms can include a rash, fever, headaches and fatigue. If left untreated, the disease can cause joint and heart problems, chronic pain, and cognitive issues such as difficulties with concentration and memory. Early diagnosis and treatment of Lyme Disease is imperative.

It is vital for people to know how to protect themselves, their families, and their pets from this potentially dangerous disease. Most people who contract Lyme get it from nymphal ticks, the immature ones. Because nymphs are as small as poppy seeds and their bite is painless, many people do not even notice them.

Ticks are often found on the ground. Use a repellent with DEET (on skin or clothing) or permethrin (on clothing and gear). One study showed that people with permethrin-treated footwear or

clothing had 74 times the protection of those without it. When you spray your shoes or boots, do it outside in a well-ventilated area, making sure you don't breathe the vapors. Be sure to tuck pant legs into boots or socks. While outside, remain vigilant, checking periodically for ticks.

When you come in for the day, you should do two things. Run all your clothing through a hot dryer for at least 10 minutes, which will kill any live ticks that might be present in your clothing. Then, take a shower and thoroughly check your entire body. As you run soapy hands over your skin, feel for unexpected bumps, which may turn out to be embedded ticks. Pay special attention to hidden spots—behind the ears, hair line, armpits, backs of knees, groin, and belly button. Parents should thoroughly check their young children.

Whether or not you find a tick, stay alert for symptoms that could arise from a tick-borne illness. A bull's-eye rash indicates Lyme disease, but not everybody with Lyme gets one. You might have a different rash or none at all.

Ticks can carry all kinds of nasty stuff—not just Lyme disease, so stay vigilant. For more information about Lyme and other tick-borne infections, go to www.lymedisease.org.

How to Remove a Tick:

If you find a tick attached to your skin, there's no need to panic. Several tick removal devices are available on the market, but a plain set of fine-tipped tweezers will remove a tick effectively.

- Use fine-tipped tweezers to grasp the tick as close to the skin's surface as possible.
- Pull upward with steady, even pressure. Don't twist or jerk the tick; this can cause the mouth-parts to break off and remain in the skin. If this happens, remove the mouth-parts with tweezers. If you are unable to remove the mouth easily with clean tweezers, leave it alone and let the skin heal.
- After removing the tick, thoroughly clean the bite area and your hands with rubbing alcohol, an iodine scrub, or soap and water.
- Dispose of a live tick by submersing it in alcohol, placing it in a sealed bag/container, wrapping it tightly in tape, or flushing it down the toilet. Never crush a tick with your fingers.

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Text Neck

DR. ROB LAVOIE

Do you suffer from pain, discomfort, or tension in the neck and upper back? It may be the result of "Text Neck." Text Neck is a term newly coined by a doctor of chiropractic and is used to describe ailments caused by excessive neck flexion from looking down at cell phones and other devices.

Text Neck is a real condition with the potential to cause serious health issues. Some conditions and symptoms include muscle tension in the neck and upper to mid back, neck and upper back pain, shoulder pain, certain types of headaches, muscle spasms, and spinal misalignments. More serious conditions include degenerative disc and joint disease, nerve compression, and radiating pain and numbness into the arms. Teenagers and young adults are now showing signs of premature degenerative joint disease (DJD). DJD is a condition usually found in older adults and the elderly. It has created an entirely new area of my clinical practice and has become the focus of thousands of clinicians worldwide.

In order to diagnose, treat, and most importantly, prevent Text Neck, we need to understand the anatomy and function of the neck and backbone. The backbone, or spine, has distinct sections. The first seven vertebrae make up the neck, or cervical spine. (Some interesting trivia...all mammals, whether it is a mouse or a giraffe, have seven neck bones, except for sloths and manatees.) The mid back is called the thoracic spine. This section also includes your rib cage. The lower back is called the lumbar spine. The sacrum and coccyx make up the end of your spine and pelvis.

With proper structure and posture, your spine should be straight as a line when looking at it front to back. It is a different story when you look from the side. From this view you should have three natural curves. The neck has a curve like a banana with the convexity at the front of the neck. The mid back curves in the opposite direction and the low back has another

banana like curve. These curves are specifically designed to support the weight of our bodies. The neck supports the weight of the head. This ties into the problem with looking down at our phones.

To get a sense of this, imagine holding a bowling ball with your elbow bent, poised and ready to approach the lane to release it. Easy, right? Now just extend your elbow and forearm a little bit so the ball is further away from your body. More difficult to hold the ball? The bowling ball is your head and the forearm is your neck.


Looking down at our phones and devices reduces the natural curve in our neck which puts strain on the muscles and joints in that area. If we do this excessively, it can cause the spine to break down and for problems to occur. It is especially a problem for today's youth. In addition to reading and studying in school they are spending most of their extracurricular time looking down at devices and phones.

Smart phones and devices are not going away, so what do we do? First and most importantly, try to limit the frequency and time spent looking down at screens. If you must, raise the screen to eye level. Some patients have told me their arms get tired doing this. Try folding one arm to support the elbow of the other. Take frequent breaks and stretch your anterior neck muscles. You can do this simply by tilting your head back and to the sides until you feel a pull then hold it for a few seconds.

If your symptoms become unbearable and if you experience more serious symptoms as stated above, seek care from a qualified physician or therapist. We cannot control this world of smartphones and devices but we can control our health. Prevention is always the best medicine.



Robert Lavoie D.C. is the owner of Chiropractic Clinic of Gorham.



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Town Council Special Meeting

JACOB ADAMS
Staff Writer

The Town Council appropriated \$11,200 from the Land Acquisition Reserve Fund in order to provide funds to develop the plans for a recreation trail located between New Portland Road and Libby Avenue on Town owned land. The funds will also go toward a review appraisal of three properties for the purpose of

transferring restrictions from an old Land and Water Conservation Fund. Renee Lachapelle and Alex Kimball, representatives from Cumberland County Regional Assessing, proposed providing assessment services to the Town. The Town Council asked several questions after the presentation. Complete minutes are available on the town's website at www.gorham-me.org.

Possible Changes to Town Assessing Department

SHERI FABER
Staff Writer

With the impending retirement of long-time Gorham Assessor Mike D'Arcangelo, the Town Council is considering the option of contracting with Cumberland County for assessing services rather than replacing D'Arcangelo and his assistant, who recently resigned. Town Manager David Cole noted that it can be difficult to find qualified assessors and towns have been hiring them away from other local communities. Several communities including Falmouth, Yarmouth and Casco, are using a regional assessing service. Town Manager David Cole expects it would probably be less expensive for the Town than hiring a new assessor and an assistant assessor. The Town Council will review the situation and make the determination as to whether to hire a new assessor or to contract with Cumberland County for assessing services. The Assessing Department is responsible for assigning and updating tax values on all existing and new

tax parcels as well as doing property inspections, sales studies and providing information to realtors and others. The department also assigns addresses for new lots and subdivisions, processes all property transfers, administers tax exemption programs such as farm use, homestead, veteran and others that result in tax savings for property owners. The main value components of a given property are the square footage, quality of construction including design features such as high/cathedral ceilings, and the use of building materials such as granite. In Gorham, location has a big impact on the sale price and therefore on the tax value along with age, upkeep, neighboring properties, and room size. According to D'Arcangelo, in 2015, the Gorham Assessing Department completed a town wide revaluation using market studies and other information to reassign new tax values to all Gorham properties. This was done to more accurately reflect market values. Because of the Town's rapid growth, he believes that another revaluation should probably be done within the next two years or so.

Clerk's Corner

LAURIE NORDFORS
Town Clerk

Election Day in Gorham is June 13. The ballot will consist of a School budget question to approve the 2017/2018 School Budget, a Special Referendum question to authorize the Town to borrow and expend up to \$500,000 for the Town's share of a road project on South Street, a State Referendum question and a Portland Water District Trustee election. Remember, we now have three voting places in Gorham. Ward 1-1 is at Gorham Middle School, Weeks Road; Ward 1-2 is at Little Falls Activity Center, Acorn Street; and Ward 2 is at Shaw Gym at the Gorham Municipal Center. If you

are unsure of where to vote, please contact the Town Clerk's Office at 222-1670 or view the Voting Map online at our website. Motorcycle registrations were due in March. You can register your bike online or come into the Clerk's office with your current registration and insurance card. Fishing season opened April 1. Don't forget to get your fishing license, register your boat and get out and enjoy the beautiful spring weather!



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Photo credit Roger Marchand

A Piece of History

The 200-year-old farm house at 366 Main Street was recently dismantled board by board by Down and Back Wood Salvage Co. of Cape Elizabeth. This is the same company that took apart the old Victorian house at 96 South St. in February 2016. Ryan Deane of Down and Back Wood Salvage said that the company's focus is to provide reclaimed boards, beams and other architectural salvaged items for building projects. The Main St. lot will be used for residential/commercial purposes and the boards are being preserved by Port City Graphics which will repurpose the wood into custom laser etched signs.

January Arrests

The Gorham PD made the following arrests in January 2017:

Windham man, 38, was charged with two counts of unlawful possession of scheduled drugs.

Portland man, 20, was charged with operating a vehicle without a license and aggravated forgery.

White Birch Lane man, 30, was charged with failure to pay a fine.

Ichabod Lane man, 19, was charged with being a minor consuming liquor. Two hours later he was arrested for violating conditions of release.

Buxton man, 20, was charged with OUI.

Gray man, 37, had his probation revoked.

So. Portland man, 58, had his probation revoked and was charged with unlawful possession of scheduled drugs, operating with a suspended license and was held for his Probation Officer.

Sophie Lane man, 27, was charged with two counts of assault and reckless conduct.

Standish woman, 50, was charged with OUI.

Cape Elizabeth man, 23, was charged with violating conditions of release.

Rust Road man, 36, was charged with domestic violence assault.

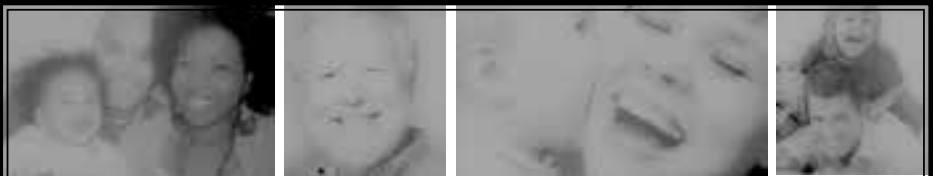
Fryeburg man, 45, was charged with violating conditions of release, two counts of violating a restraining order, four counts of failure to pay a fine, failing to provide his correct name, being a habitual motor vehicle offender and attaching false plates.

Standish man, 20, was charged with operating while license was suspended or revoked.

Westbrook man, 55, was charged with OUI.

Spiller Road man, 25 was charged with OUI.

Burnham Road man, 18, was charged with domestic violence assault and assault.



Happy Healthy Gorham

Wednesday, May 17, 7-8:30 pm
Baxter Memorial Library

Join us for the kick-off of a town-wide event to make Gorham: Maine's Happiest and Healthiest Town! Happy Healthy Gorham will be coordinating four, one week, action-packed themes, with dozens of activities each week. Activities, prizes and refreshments will be provided.

Speakers: Glenn Cummings, President of USM
Heather Perry, Superintendent of Gorham Schools
Diane Atwood, health blogger Catching Health

Look for more events in the coming months.
Moving Naturally – September 2017; Growing Gratitude - February 2018
Kindling Kindness—March 2018; Eating Well—April 2018

Contact Kim Arena, Co-Director of Happy Healthy Gorham at health@firstparishgorham.org

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309 LIBBY AVENUE	VAIL, MATTHEW & TRACY	RYAN, GARRET	\$247,500

Gorham Country Club Prepares for the Season

HAL D'AMICO
Sports Editor

On a cold and drizzly late April afternoon, Mother Nature was keeping the golfers away. However, make no mistake, the staff at Gorham Country Club was in full swing as it prepared for another season serving the community. Matt Murphy is the new club pro. Cindy Ahlquist, who has been with the club since 2008, may be found serving golfers a hot dog or in a clubhouse office working at administrative tasks. Superintendent Sean Abbott joined the staff the same year as Ahlquist.

In the midst of our conversation, Harold Hawkes pulled up in a cart clearly outfitted for work, not a leisurely round of play. Hawkes and his wife, Kathy, have been the major shareholders since 2008, the former farmland familiar turf for Harold even prior to the club's opening in 1961. All of which adds up to—and if this meeting is any indication—lives up to, the club's website invitation and slogan, "Come see why players of all skill levels are calling us, 'Maine's Friendliest Course.'"

Words and action seem to reiterate the themes of serving the community and encouraging people of all levels to participate in the programs offered during the season. The welcome also extends to the off-season for folks to freely enjoy winter recreation on the snow-covered course with cross-country skis, sleds, snowshoes. USM hosted the 2016 Great Northeast Athletic Conference Championships at GCC, and college cross-country harriers have covered the course for invitationals. Ahlquist offered, "We want people of all ages and skill levels to come here, feel at home, and feel like they're being taken care of."

Popular annual events include the Gorham Junior Open, the Golf Scramble & Barbecue "Fore," a partnership between the Gorham Business

Exchange and the Gorham Athletic Boosters to support the Booster scholarship program, and Moody's Guns and Hoses, a Gorham police and fire department fundraiser for The Jimmy Fund.

The programs include:
The Junior League whose mission is to promote junior golf in a fun and competitive atmosphere. For ages 12-17, the nine-hole rounds meet five weeks in June and July. GCC suggests, "This league is ideal for preparing your skills for the upcoming golf season."

The Men's League is open to both members and the public, and invites all skill levels. This program has been fully booked the last three years, with about 100 golfer cap. It meets Mondays, May 8th to August 21st.

The Wednesday Men's Match Play League "is for players who enjoy match play competition and playing a friendly 9 Holes with friends," and will run May 10 through August 23.

The Women's Twilight League is growing in popularity as it encourages women to enjoy "no pressure weekly competition" as well as its socializing opportunity.

The Junior Camps, which are in partnership with the Gorham Recreation Department, are for many families, the gateway to golf for kids. The program is split into two levels, ages 7-10 and 11-15 and is held during the summer.

With members in their nineties regularly on the course, and popular programs for children and youth, the evidence supports Kathy Hawkes' comment that "GCC is a great place for people of all ages. You can play golf your entire life. And we really appreciate the people who come here."

For further information, visit the website at www.gorhamcountryclub.com or call 207-839-3490. For information or to register for the Junior Camps, refer to the Gorham Recreation Department website at www.gorham-rec.com.

GCC's New Golf Professional

HAL D'AMICO
Sports Editor

Matt Murphy is no stranger to Gorham Country Club, having spent one summer of his PGA apprenticeship there. The Club welcomes him back; this time as its golf professional. Murphy lived in Belfast, Maine until high school, when he relocated to Gardiner. As an eight-year-old, his father introduced him to golf. Murphy began spending his summers at Northport Golf Club, where, he recalled, "playing and practicing with my friends and the members who invited us to join them for a round." He attributes his passion and pursuit of a golf career to the support and encouragement he received from his parents, and the Northport staff and members.

Murphy attended the Professional Golf Management program at Ferris State College (now "University") in Michigan. Completion of the PGM is a PGA (Professional Golf Association, the primary governing body) requirement in the apprenticeship program. He moved to Florida for the next step in his PGA Apprenticeship.

He spent 16 years at the Augusta Country Club, and joked, "...the one in Maine." (For non-fans, the Augusta Country Club in Georgia is the renowned home of The Masters, one of the four major golf championships annually. The winner is awarded "the green jacket.") For the first half of that tenure, Murphy was the Assistant Golf Professional, with the last eight years spent as Head Golf Professional.

With over twenty years of experience as an instructor, Matt has supplemented his knowledge of golf from

the big retail side of the industry. He was employed by Dick's Sporting Goods as a Golf Professional, and was also in management with

Dick's. He shared, "During my tenure with Dick's Sporting Goods in Florida, I became a volunteer instructor for the 'Fairway for Warriors' program. This organization was developed to provide camaraderie for combat wounded veterans and their families through golf." He added, "The relationships I made during those lessons and tournaments was truly one of the most enriching programs I have been a part of."

Murphy enthusiastically ruminated on the reception he received since he joined the GCC staff in April. A good number of members have dropped by. His philosophy and GCC's mesh well, stressing inclusiveness and affirmation for all ages and levels of play. Murphy has seen the evidence of Gorham's commitment to golf for everyone as evidenced by the partnership with Gorham Rec., and the popularity of the Junior Open and the Junior Camps. He looks forward to meeting folks and instructing kids about what a tee is and teeing off, some of whom will likely remind him of his summer days as an eight-year-old.

Murphy lives in Gardiner with his wife, Paula, and they have an adult child, Libby.



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College Signing

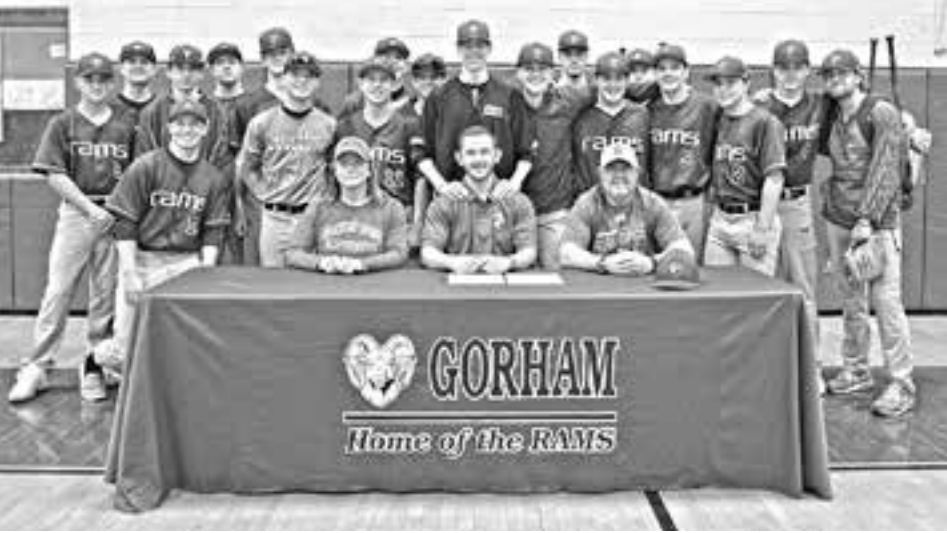


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On April 12, GHS senior Logan Drouin signed a Letter of Intent with Franklin Pierce University. He was surrounded by teammates, parents Dan Drouin and Teri Nickerson, mentors and fans in the GHS gym. The right-handed pitcher/infielder has been a Southern Maine standout, and was named to the SMAA All Conference 1st Team in 2016. Logan has also played with the Maine Lightning, a regional youth travel team program. Franklin Pierce University, located in Rindge, New Hampshire, is a member of the NCAA Division II Northeast-10 Conference, and was ranked 6th overall in the Division II East Region at press time.

In the Zone

Gorham's **Carter Landry**, senior goalie, and **Alex York**, senior attack, were both named to Maine Sunday Telegram's 15 Players to Watch list for boys' lacrosse. Landry, a returning Telegram All-State selection, had a .670 save percentage as Gorham made a

surprise run to the Class A South final. York had 104 points as a junior (62 goals, 42 assists) to set a school single-season record and earn SMAA first-team honors. He and Gorham senior midfielder **Cam Wright** are among the State's most dangerous duos.



Today is Star Wars Day

Also On This Day:
1626 Manhattan Island is sold in exchange for \$24 in cloth & buttons.

1878 Phonograph is played for the first time at the Grand Opera House.

1964 Soap operas "Another World" and "As the World Turns" premiere.

Gorham Athletic Boosters Electing Board of Directors

GORHAM TIMES STAFF

On May 8, the Boosters will hold their annual election for positions within the Board of Directors at the GHS library from 6:30-8:00 pm. The organization is a non-profit 501 (c) (3) and a separate entity from the Gorham school Department. Although a separate organization, the purpose of the Boosters is to help raise funds to support Gorham High School's Athletic programs and the student athletes to help meet the needs beyond the school department's annual budgeted amount. The work is done by a group of volunteers within the community and mostly made up of the parents of high school students. The group meets monthly and has three major fundraisers throughout the school year.

The following positions are open for nomination: Vice President, Concessions Manager and Treasurer. Other positions to be voted

on are Secretary, President, Team Liaison Coordinator, Members at Large. Fundraising & Communications are shared duties of all Board Members. For more information on the positions, visit www.gorhamathleticboosters.org/index.html.

For consideration of any of these positions, please submit a "letter of interest" to the President of the Boosters, Kelley Burghardt, via email at kellezyb985@gmail.com or send to Gorham High School, c/o Gorham Athletic Boosters, 41 Morrill Ave., Gorham, ME 04038.

The election of Board members will be held at the end of the monthly meeting on May 8. The announcement of the Board of Directors for the 2017-2018 school year will be during the June meeting and they begin their role on July 1, 2017. Please consider the opportunity to be involved with the work of the Boosters.

Sports, Etc.

Local runners took to the Gorham roads for two events in April, as the thermometer finally began to offer spring readings:

Gorham Lions Club 5k and 10k: On April 15, the weekend reprieve from the tax man gave last-minute filers the time to put in a few miles in this event co-hosted by the Gorham Recreation Department. Laurie Gaudreau (York) broke the tape in 21:01. Gorham finishers in the 5k were: **James Beardsley** (2nd overall, 1st in M40-49, 21:11); **Nicole Cyr** (3rd, 1st F30-39, 23:35); **Steve Chabot** (4th , 1st M30-39, 23:42); **Doug Pobgee** (5th , 1st M60-69, 24:11); **Sierra Lumbert** (6th, 1st F15-19, 26:02); **Taylor Ernest** (12th, 1st U14, 41:11); **Donna Kennie** (15th, 1st 70-79, 57:49); **Dee Nicely** (16th, 58:23); **Gail Platts** (17th, 58:24). In the 10k, Biddeford's Sam Mills came to town and took gold in 39:50.

Gorham 4-Miler: On April 23rd, runners earned their GHOP pizza to celebrate a

morning calorie burner. South Portland's Scott McGann won with a swift 24:36. Gorham runners included **Doug Pobgee**, who won the M60-69 division (8th overall, 32:56) and **Diane Bell**, who took the F60-69 (14th overall, 36:25). Other Gorham runners were: **Steve Chabot** (9th place, 32:59); **Linda Whitten** (13th, 36:22); **Pam Baldwin** (16th, 38:12) and **Connie Poulin** (23rd, 58:53).

College Swimming: Wheaton College (MA) sophomore **Timmer Sposato** (GHS '15), son of Lisa and Tim Sposato, was named to the 2016-17 NEWMAC Men's Swimming & Diving Academic All-Conference Team. Honorees must have a minimum cumulative 3.5 GPA after the 2016 fall semester, achieved 2nd year academic status, and been a member of the varsity team for the entire season. At the NEWMAC Championships Feb. 16-19, Sposato placed 10th in the 1650 Freestyle, and 4th in the 800 Freestyle relay.

Share your SPORTS NEWS with Hal D'Amico at gtsportseditor@gmail.com

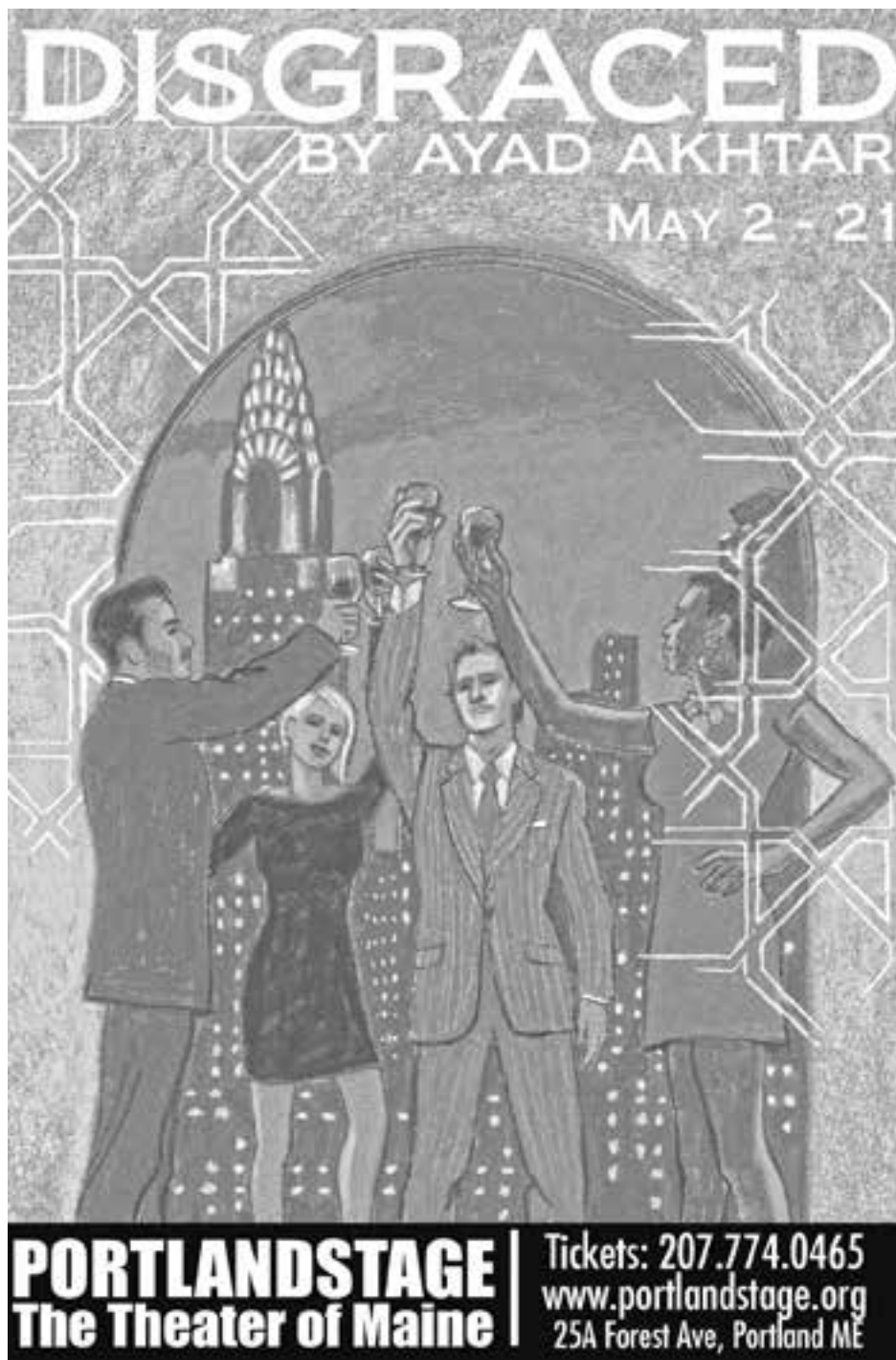
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Mr. GHS Pageant: A Night to Remember



Photo credit Amanda Landry

The participants of the 2017 Mr. GHS pageant stand on stage in their formal attire at the end of the show. Pictured (left to right) are Brandon Desjardin, Jackson Fotter, Padraic Owens, Cameron Wright, Jason Komulainen, Logan Drouin, Miles Obrey, Alex York, Carter Landry, Nikolas Briggs, and Adam Peterson.

ABBIE VANLULING
GHS Intern

The second the lights came up on the annual Mr. GHS Pageant at Gorham High School, the audience knew the night would be one to remember.

Accompanied by applause and laughter, the 11 high school senior boys performed a group dance number in matching outfits before jumping off of the stage and running out of the auditorium. From there, each of the boys participated in numerous portions of the pageant, hosted by seniors Emma Smith and Narissa Libby.

The first portion was casual dress and personal trivia-type questions. Detailing their looks upon entering the stage, the boys described their outfits as what “my mom picked out,” or even just “the first thing I grabbed.”

The participants were each asked two questions, which ranged from which famous person are you most like, to picking a new national holiday, to what three things would you bring with you on a deserted island? To that question, contestant Padraic Owens responded, “My ipod...some wet wipes...and a car door, because when it gets hot, you can just roll the window down!”

After answering questions and displaying their casual wear, the boys took to the talent portion. Miles Obrey began

by singing a beautiful rendition of “Corner of the Sky” from the musical “Pippin” to tumultuous applause, and the singing and dancing continued with performances by Padraic Owens, Alex York, Brandon Desjardin, Adam Peterson, and Nik Briggs.

The final talent performance was an audience favorite as Jackson Fotter, Cameron Wright, Logan Drouin, Jason Komulainen, and Carter Landry took to the stage to perform as the U.S. National Synchronized Swimming Team. Their hilarious act, consisting of acrobatics, diving, and even a shark attack, had the audience in stitches and was the perfect way to conclude the talent portion.

The pageant concluded with the formal dress segment, each contestant accompanied across the stage by his mother. After deliberation, the five judges: Assistant Principal Ryan Watts, Superintendent Heather Perry, teachers Rob Roy and Ellen Connell, and former Miss Maine Victoria Reynolds, announced the winners.

Padraic Owens finished in third place, Jason Komulainen in second, and Miles Obrey took first place. Each of the participants wowed the audience throughout the night. It will be difficult to top, perhaps, that is, until next year’s senior boys take to the stage.

Gorham’s Got Plenty of Talent

MATT MURRAY
GHS Vocal Music Teacher

The sixth annual Gorham’s Got Talent, hosted by the GHS Class of 2019, was held on March 31 at Gorham Middle School. A capacity crowd was on hand to watch 40 Gorham students from grades 3-12 perform in 32 acts of singing, dancing, acting, and comedy.

Sixth grader Emelia Bailey was the \$100 first-place winner of the event singing “Wishing You Were Somehow Here Again” from the Broadway musical “Phantom of the Opera.”

In a very close competition, there was a three-way tie for second place

between seventh grader Annikka Mocchiola, singing “Naughty,” from the musical “Matilda,” eleventh grader Kali Perry, singing Jason Mraz’s “I’m Yours,” with friend Paul Hunt, and ninth grader Julie Cooper, singing and playing ukelele for Grace Vanderwaal’s “I Don’t Know My Name.”

Upon further deliberation by the judges, second place (\$75) was awarded to Annikka Mocchiola and third place (\$50) was awarded to Kali Perry. Seventh grader Ethan Ho was the People’s Choice winner, singing Whitney Houston’s “I Have Nothing.”

Attendance Matters



Photo credit Cynthia Remick

Narragansett Elementary School held Attendance Luncheons for K-2 students who have demonstrated regular school attendance. Each Narragansett student who met the attendance target for the second trimester (missing only 0-2 days of school from November through March) was invited to have lunch with the principal on the stage. In total, 140 students (59 percent) achieved this attendance goal. The special principal luncheons were spread out across 14 lunch periods, with 10 students invited to each. Students pictured include: Lindsey Farquhar, Maia Downing, Elise Touch, Zach Carlson, Carter McGonagle, William Hjort, Angelo Quantrano, Avery Johnson, Rose Nichols and Julia Giguere.

School Notes

All five Gorham schools will be holding a **food drive** during the week of May 8-12 leading up to the National Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive on May 13. The food collected at the schools will be collected by their letter carriers and donated to the Gorham Food Pantry alongside the donations collected throughout the town.

The link to the **budget summary** information for the proposed FY 18 School Budget approved unanimously by the School Committee is http://www.gorhamschools.org/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=456522&type=d&pREC_ID=1150991.

Committee Working on Possible Later Start Times

CHRIS RECORD
Assistant Superintendent of Gorham Schools

The Gorham School Day Committee began its work this past February and has held three meetings so far. It is comprised of students, staff, parents, school administration, and a School Committee (SC) member.

The purpose of this committee is to study Gorham’s existing school day in terms of length and start times in order to consider if our current approach is what is best for our children and optimal for teaching and learning.

In order to accomplish this, the committee is examining current adolescent sleep research, sending out surveys to students and parents, considering what other schools in Maine

and the nation are doing, and also analyzing the pluses and minuses of any possible change to the length of the school day and/or the start times.

This includes consideration of the strengths and limitations of our current model and the ramifications for any change. The findings of the committee will be presented in a written recommendation to the Gorham SC outlining the strengths and limitations of our current school day and suggestions (if we determine this is the way to go) for how we might increase the length of our school day and/or alter our start times.

In the fall, there will be opportunities for public engagement in this important decision-making process. The committee is taking a deliberative approach and truly aims to make informed recommendations to the SC around the beginning of 2018.

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.

Send School News to
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Gorham Interact Club Participates in Relay for Life



Photo courtesy of GHS Interact Club

Pictured are members of Gorham High School's Interact Club that recently participated in the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life event. Front row (left to right): Josh Ball, Sam Pocock, Bruce Wyatt, Thomas Nelson, Sarah Walker, Isabelle Solari, Alex Ousbeck, Asal Bahmani, and Samuel Waggoner. Back row (left to right): Neile Nelson (club advisor), Ben Donahue, Sean Pocock, Grace McGouldrick, Ben Nelson, Aaron Farr, Jon Scribner, Jessica Duseault, Garrett Higgins, Nora Susi, Zach McGouldrick, Michelle Rowe, Abigail vanLuling, Camryn Morton, Brittney Landry, Karalyn Kutzer, Abigail O'Brien, Hailey Morrill, Sarah Stevens, and Ryan Farr.

GORHAM TIMES STAFF

On April 8, 28 members of the Gorham High School (GHS) Interact Club participated from 6 p.m. until 6 a.m. in the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life event at the University of New England.

Relay for Life is the signature fundraiser for the American Cancer Society. It is staffed and coordinated by volunteers in more than 5,200 communities and 27 countries. Volunteers give of their time and effort because they believe it's time to take action against cancer.

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

Together, as a group, the Club

raised \$3,125 to aid in this worthwhile cause. This amount earned the team the "Highest Earning Team" award that night. The Gorham group was also, by far, the largest and most energetic team at the event, also earning the "Most Engaged Team" award.

At the event itself, the premise is that at least one of the 28 participating Interact members was walking or running the track at all times throughout the entire 12 hour event. In between the walking and running, hours of eating, singing, dancing, card playing, and telling stories took place so that all students and adults alike enjoyed a great time together for a great cause.


The Club, school, and town is very proud of its members and this event they chose to participate in. It was truly a memorable and rewarding experience. One that these students will not soon forget.

GMS Jazz Band Superior



Photo credit Kim Mathieu

Congratulations to the Gorham Middle School Jazz Band for receiving a Superior Rating of 89 at a recent State Middle School Jazz Festival in Madawaska, receiving a Bronze award. One more point would have earned them a Silver. Kevin Wu, Peter Cyr, Sam D'Amico, Emily Paruk, and Quentin Riiska received 1's for their solos, making the eight hour round trip by bus worthwhile. Pictured are the members of the GMS jazz band: rhythm: Kevin Luo, Colby Leavitt, Megan Wentworth, and Donovan Landry; saxophone: Klarha Cajuste, Shannon Randall, Caitlin Randall, Ambrosia Moore, Alexandra Light, Katherine Downey, Luke Adams, Caroline Bishop, and Emma Mullin; trumpets: Emma Poitras, Sam D'Amico, Quentin Riiska, Anya Mazaris-Atkinson, Lilith Price, Patrick Cyr, Peter Wu; trombones: Phoebe Johnson, Abby Ouellette, Tabby Cummings, Molly Rathbun, MacKenna Homa, and Emily Paruk.



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The Results are In



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Narragansett School students recently cast their votes on Chickadee Award book titles and the ballots have been counted. Ninety-nine percent of the grade K-3 population cast their votes and the Chickadee Award nominee “Hippos are Huge,” by Jonathan London and Matthew True-man, received 33 of 149 total ballots and is the winner of Narragansett School only. The official Chickadee Award winner, determined by votes cast by K-3 students across the state of Maine, will be announced soon. Fifty-two percent of the grade 4-5 population read at least three Maine State Book Award (MSBA) titles and the MSBA Award nominee “Took,” by Mary Downing Hahn, received 8 of 40 total ballots and is the winner of Narragansett School only. The official MSBA Award winner, determined by votes cast by students in grades 4/5-8 across Maine, will be announced soon. Thank you staff and students for inspiring readers, for reading, for sharing excitement for the stories read and casting ballots for a favorite among the so many choices of great books. Pictured is Kindergarten Sarina Alden casting her vote.

Community Partners



Photo credit Stacey Sawyer

Plants blooming with snow right outside the window? Homes for furry friends in the midst of a snow storm? These projects for students in first and second grade were possible due to Great Falls School’s community partners. Gorham Ace Hardware donated soil and seeds. Students were amazed at how the seeds sprouted and sought out the light from their grow lights. Bird houses were put together with materials donated by Phinney Lumber. Some students had never used a hammer or screwdriver before. With determination, bird houses were assembled and painted. Without the help of community partners it could never have happened. Pictured are (back row left to right): Noah Lewellen, Abe Palme, and teacher Allie Rimkunas; (front row): Jack Feldhaus and Lucy Mason.

Meet Gorham’s Crossing Guards

KRISTA NADEAU
Contributing Writer

You see them in the morning; you see them in the afternoon. You see them waving, talking, and smiling. They are the people who help you and your children safely across the street. Meet two of Gorham’s trusted adults - our crossing guards.

Pam Tiffany, a Gorham resident, can be seen helping kids safely across the intersection of Lincoln and Robie Street, located at Village Elementary, and has been there for five years. She takes her job as a crossing guard seriously. “I love my kids and it’s my job to keep them safe,” she said. She added that she loves that some of the families in the area treat her like she’s their children’s grandmother.

You may recognize Tiffany from some previously held positions in Gorham. She worked at Cook’s Hardware and was also the owner of Personally Yours, an embroidery shop that was located in town. She is also a member of the Gorham Women’s Club. In her spare time, Tiffany enjoys doing hands-on projects like yard work or using power tools.

Steve Kelly, also a Gorham resident, has been helping adults and children cross busy South Street for nearly ten years. He’s hard to miss in his neon vest, his stop sign in hand, and the warm and welcoming smile on his face.

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Steve Kelly, top photo, stands with Amanda Noble and her son Zachariah Noble of Gorham in front of the crosswalk on South Street. Pam Tiffany, above, is pictured at the four-way intersection at Village School.

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COMMUNITY

GRADUATIONS

Ryan Gilbert, GHS '13, graduated in December 2016 from UMass Amherst with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Sport Management. Gilbert is now employed as a graduate assistant in the Athletic Academics Dept. of The University of Missouri, where he is also pursuing his Master's Degree in Education.

Meaghan Gilbert, GHS '13, graduated in May 2016 from Allegheny College, Meadville, PA. Gilbert graduated magna cum laude, earning a Bachelor of Science Degree in Neuroscience with a minor in Dance and Movement Studies, and is applying to several physician assistant schools. Ryan and Meaghan are the children of David and Kathryn Gilbert of Gorham.

Amy Sara McCarty, GHS '13, graduated magna cum laude in December 2016 from St. Thomas University, Fredericton, New Brunswick and from GoJet Airlines Training Center on March 31. McCarty is employed by GoJet Airlines (a feeder line for Delta) and is based in Detroit, MI. She is the daughter of Tim and Lori McCarty; granddaughter of Richard and Edie Mason.

DEAN'S LIST

Cassidy Landry, Johnson & Wales University, Providence, RI

OF INTEREST

Michael Lubelczyk (GHS '13), Hamilton College, was awarded the Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship to Germany.



Julie Abbot (holding the award above) was recognized as Volunteer of the Year at the Governor's Awards for Service and Volunteerism on Monday, April 24, at the State House in Augusta. Abbott has volunteered in Catholic Charities Maine's Parish Social Ministry program for five years operating the emergency assistance hotline, Relief and Hope.

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

VNA Home Health Hospice and Westbrook-Warren Congregational Church are co-sponsoring a six-week grief support group from May 10 to June 14. Learn about grief, share experiences, and practice healthy coping techniques. The group will meet every Wednesday from 2 to 3:30 p.m. for six weeks. Free, but reserve your spot now by calling Linda Hopkins at 440-8714.

Mikayla Libby Gilbert was recently initiated into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi at the University of Southern Maine.

Maeve Fitzgerald Terry (GHS '16) was recently welcomed into The National Society of Collegiate Scholars.

Robert Pellerin (GHS '16) was inducted into the Alpha Lambda Delta honor society at Becker College, Worcester, MA.

The Dream Factory of Maine, an all-volunteer organization that grants the dreams of seriously and chronically ill children, is sponsoring a charity golf tournament on June 2. For more information on registration and sponsorship opportunities, please contact John Martin at John@martincpa.com or 712-5350. FMI about Dream Factory of Maine, visit www.dreamfactoryincmep.org.

The West Gorham Union Church, 190 Ossipee Trail (Rte. 25) will hold its annual plant and bake sale on Saturday, May 20 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Plants, shrubs, home made goodies including cookies, muffins, pies, etc., as well as Rada knives. FMI, 839-5946.

Gorham's Police Chief Daniel Jones will be the guest speaker at the Lakes Region Senior Center, Little Falls Activity Center, 40 Acorn Street, on Monday, May 8 at 10:30 a.m. One of the topics will be fraud. Free with a potluck dish, or \$5 if you prefer not to cook. A non-perishable contribution to a local food pantry will be appreciated. FMI, Blanche, 892-5604.

AARP Smart Driving Course for drivers over 50 will be held on May 19 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Lakes Region Senior Center, Little Falls Activity Center, 40 Acorn Street, Gorham. Refresh your driving skills and your knowledge of rules and hazards of the road. Information will include

effects of medication on driving, proper use of anti-lock brakes, and handling roundabouts. This is an approved motor vehicle accident prevention course. After successfully completing the course, Maine law requires automobile insurers to provide a discount. \$15 for AARP members; \$20 for non-members. FMI, Cheryl, 892-9879.

Happy Healthy Gorham Kick Off, Wednesday, May 17, 7:00 pm at Baxter Memorial Library. This is a town wide event to make Gorham Maine's Happiest Healthiest town. Activities, prizes and refreshments will be offered. Contact Kim Arena, Co-Director of Happy Healthy Gorham at health@firstparishgorham.org.

Attend the retirement party in honor of Fran Doucette, Executive Director of the Gorham Food Pantry. Sunday, May 21 from 2-4 p.m. at Cressey Road United Methodist Church, 81 Cressey Road, Gorham. Everyone is welcome!

Volunteers are needed to help keep the Presumpscot River healthy. Volunteers collect water samples to help keep the rivers in our region clean. Volunteer efforts will build on over twenty years of work by the Presumpscot River Watch (now a program of our land trust) collecting data on temperature, dissolved oxygen, and bacteria throughout the Presumpscot River watershed. These are all key indicators of the health of aquatic ecosystems for both animals and humans. Training is Saturday May 6. To sign up, visit www.prlt.org.

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.

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.

The Happy Hooper's Tap Dancers of Centre of Movement School of Performing Arts will be performing "The Souls of Our Feet" at 6:55 p.m. on Friday, May 5 at the McCormack Performing Arts Center, 41 Morrill Ave. A silent auction beings at 5:45 p.m. \$10/\$8 seniors and children.

USM EVENTS

The USM Concert Band spring concert conducted by Trae Blanco will feature a special guest artist in residence, Jim Bonney, a BAFTA award-winning composer, sound designer, and guitarist. Saturday, May 6 at 8 p.m., McCormack Performing Arts Center, 41 Morrill Ave. \$8 adults, \$5 seniors, students, USM employees and alumni. Purchase tickets online or at the door.

The USM Youth Ensembles choral ensembles will present their spring concert on Thursday, May 4 at 7 p.m. at Corthell Concert Hall on the Gorham campus. \$8 adults/\$5 for students, seniors, USM employees and alumni. Purchase tickets at www.usm.maine.edu/music/boxoffice or 780-5555.

CLOSE TO HOME

Scarborough Free Baptist Church, 55 Mussey Rd., will hold a homemade bean supper on May 6 from 4 to 6 p.m. Two kinds of beans and hot dogs, chop suey, cole slaw, biscuits, brown bread and dessert. Half of the proceeds will go to the Youth Group trip to Kentucky. FMI, 423-5851.

Join a confidential family support group through NAMI Maine for family members, friends and individuals affected by mental illness challenges. The group meets every second and fourth Monday of the month from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Massabesic Lions Club, 813 Main St., Waterboro. FMI, Call or text Dan, 298-0664.

From widely acclaimed Maine lesbian feminist playwright Carolyn Gage comes the explosive feminist classic about teenage, runaway, lesbian Joan of Arc, returning from the dead to share with contemporary audiences her harrowing experiences and passionate, radical perspective. "The Second Coming of Joan of Arc" will be shown on Saturday, May 13 from 7:30 to 9 p.m. \$20/\$18. Reserve tickets at 929-6472 or www.sacrivertheatre.org.

Schoolhouse Arts Center, 16 Richville Road, Standish, presents Neil Simon's "Plaza Suite" from April 21 to May 7 on Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. \$14/12. FMI, www.schoolhousearts.org, schoolhousearts@gmail.com.

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Meet Gorham's Crossing Guards

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Kelly worked for the Social Security Department for thirty-one years. He also worked with seniors through Home Instead before finding his place as a crossing guard in the Gorham community. Kelly really enjoys what he does.

"I enjoy seeing the transformation that takes place through the high school years. Some kids are so shy as freshman but by the time they are seniors they are very outgoing," he said. Gorham resident Amanda Noble added, "There is a trust that happens

between us and the crossing guards. Our kids know that these adults are safe, which is very important."

Kelly is a native Mainer, and confessed that he is a Yankees and New York Giants fan...but we won't hold that against him.

Our community would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Pam Tiffany and Steve Kelly for being trusted adults who are always there to greet kids and adults with a friendly smile as they ensure our safety crossing the Gorham roads.

Gorham Sightings



Photo credit Roger Marchand

Do you know where in Gorham this photo was taken? Join our visual trivia discussion by entering your best guess on our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/gorhamtimes or email us at gorhamtimes@gmail.com. The photo in the April 20, 2017 edition is the cupola on the gray house on the corner of South and Robie Street.



PET TIPS 101

Elm St. woman was wondering what to feed a rabbit and was told she could give it hay.

Officer checked on a vehicle on New Portland Road. Occupants advised they had parked to look at the stars.

Suspicious person on Huston Road was performing vehicle maintenance on snow plows.

Caller advised to register with donotcall.gov after a call from someone with a foreign accent.

Man hitchhiking from Little Falls to Westbrook was given a ride to the Westbrook line.

Shaw's Mill Road caller heard a dull banging noise during the night and didn't know where it was coming from. It had been going on for several days, off and on. He was told to call when the noise was on.

Officer spoke with a woman on Bartlett Road who had been involved in a disturbance in a vehicle. She did not want any assistance and was extremely vocal about it. She then left walking towards Westbrook.

Numerous people around town were advised that their vehicles had to be moved so Gorham Public Works could plow and that if they didn't move their vehicles, they would be towed. Some people were less than happy to have move their vehicles but they did it.

Suspicious person on Ossipee Trail was soliciting people to buy granite rocks from

him. He was moved along. Officer advised a man target shooting in his backyard on North St. that he needed to move further back into the woods and use a backdrop.

Officer slowed down during a bad snow storm for a man walking on Mosher Road. Man ran over to cruiser. He had lost a windshield wiper and looking for it. He found it while talking to officer, put it on and went on his way.

Several vehicles were stuck on Fort Hill Road near Annie's Way. Road had not yet plowed. Officer helped push several vehicles by hand and shut down Fort Hill Road northbound from Dingley Spring Road until Public Works could get there to plow.

Suspicious person on Gray Road was plow driver getting some rest as he had been up all night plowing snow.

Dingley Spring Road man told officer he did not know he had to register his dog in Gorham. He was advised it is a state law to register dogs. He told officer he would get license.

Caller from Madison had given money and other objects to a subject and had never been paid back. He was advised this was a civil issue.

Dingley Spring Road caller had questions about neighbors shooting behind their house. He was told to call when it was happening, not the day after.

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THURSDAY, MAY 4

- Baby & Me (Birth-18 months), 9:30-9:50 a.m., Baxter Memorial Library, 71 South St., 222-1190.
- Toddler Story Time (18-36 months), 10-10:30 a.m., Baxter Memorial Library, 71 South St., 222-1190.
- Sewing Group, 2:30-4:30 p.m., Baxter Memorial Library, 71 South St., 222-1190.

FRIDAY, MAY 5

- Sensory Friendly Story Time, 10-11 a.m., Baxter Memorial Library, 71 South St., 222-1190.
- Train Days (children & adults welcome), 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Baxter Memorial Library, 71 South St., 222-1190.
- Friends of Baxter Memorial Library Spring Book Sale, 9 a.m.-6 p.m., Gorham Rec. Department. All proceeds benefit the activities of the Friends of Baxter Memorial Library. FMI, 222-1190.
- Blood Drive sponsored by Baxter Memorial Library in memory of Pamela Turner, 1-6 p.m., Shaw Gym, 75 South St. FMI, 222-1190.

SATURDAY, MAY 6

- Opening Day, Greater Gorham Farmer’s Market, 8:30 a.m.-12 p.m., 71 South Street (Public park adjacent to Baxter Memorial Library). May through October.
- Bean Supper, White Rock Community Clubhouse, 34 Wilson Rd., 4:30-6 p.m. \$8/\$4.
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MONDAY, MAY 8

- Gorham’s Police Chief Daniel Jones will speak at the Lakes Region Senior Center, Little Falls Activity Center, 40 Acorn Street, at 10:30 a.m. Free with a potluck dish, or \$5 if you prefer not to cook. A non-perishable contribution to a local food pantry will be appreciated. FMI, Blanche, 892-5604.

TUESDAY, MAY 9

- Gorham Lions meeting, Old Elmwood School House on South Street (Rte. 114), 6:30 p.m. New members always welcome. FMI, 298-9182.
- Preschool Story Time (ages 3-5), 9:30-10:15 a.m., Baxter Memorial Library, 71 South St., 222-1190.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 10

- Story Time, birth-3 years old, 10-10:30 a.m., North Gorham Public Library. FMI, 892-2575.
- 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.
- Six-week grief support group sponsored by VNA Home Health Hospice and Westbrook-Warren Congregational Church, 810 Main St, Westbrook, 2-3:30 p.m. Learn about grief, share experiences, and practice healthy coping techniques. Free, but reserve your spot with Linda Hopkins at 440-8714.
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THURSDAY, MAY 11

- 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.
- Gorham Memorial Post 10879, Veterans of Foreign Wars meets in the Gorham Fire Department training room, 270 Main St. at 7 p.m. All interested veterans are welcome.
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SATURDAY, MAY 13

- Greater Gorham Farmer’s Market, 8:30 a.m.-12 p.m., 71 South Street (Public park adjacent to Baxter Memorial Library). May through October.
- North Gorham Chess Club, North Gorham Public Library, 2 Standish Neck Road, Gorham, 10:15- 11:30 a.m. Drop-in sessions open to players of all ages and skill levels. FMI, libng@north-gorham.lib.me.us or 892-2575.
- Lego Club, 10 a.m.-12 p.m., Baxter Memorial Library, 71 South St., 222-1190.

SUNDAY, MAY 14

- Happy Mother’s Day

TUESDAY, MAY 16

- Gorham House Itsy Bitsy store, 1:30-3:30 p.m., Gorham House lobby, 50 New Portland Rd. FMI, 839-5757.
- Preschool Story Time (ages 3-5), 9:30-10:15 a.m., Baxter Memorial Library, 71 South St., 222-1190.
- ‘Tween Scene (ages 8-13), 12:30-1:30 p.m., Baxter Memorial Library, 71 South St., 222-1190.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 17

- Story Time, birth-3 years old, 10-10:30 a.m., North Gorham Public Library. FMI, 892-2575.
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Community Comes out Strong for Gorham Cares Event

Over 250 people attended the Gorham Cares benefit on Saturday, April 15, at USM. Gorham Cares is a new community-led organization formed to help Gorham families who have suffered a tragic situation and are in need of support or financial assistance. The two benefit events held for the Piawlock and Cox families raised several thousands of dollars. Al Garcia, community organizer, said, "Once again, Gorham comes through. It's comforting to live in such a great place where people are willing to help other members of the community - even people they don't know personally." Pictured above are many of the friends and volunteers who made the family event at USM a success.

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