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# Update on the Opioid Crisis in the State

REP. ANDREW MCLEAN

Things are quickly picking up speed in Augusta. During the next two weeks, Legislative committees are scheduled to finish voting on all bills that have been referred to them and an additional session day will be added to the weekly schedule. While our regular committee work is starting to wrap up, the work of several important task forces are just getting started, including the Opioid Task Force.

With the rising spread of the opioid crisis in Maine, the 128th Legislature created the Task Force to Address the Opioid Crisis in the State to focus specifically on this issue. The main objective of the Task Force is for lawmakers and the public to report back to the State Legislature any recommendations, including legislation, that would assist with addressing the opioid crisis Maine faces.

It’s unlikely that there is anyone in Maine who is unaware of or untouched by the ever-increasing opioid crisis. Data from the “Expanded Maine Drug Death Report for 2016” shows that drug-induced deaths have

increased significantly from 2015, with a total of 376 deaths in 2016, a 38 percent increase from the previous year. Of those drug-induced deaths, 330 were the result of an overdose.

With an initial report to the Legislature due by April 30, the task force met twice last month to begin their work. To ensure the task force does not duplicate existing efforts and reports, the first two meetings were spent catching members up to speed on the different aspects of the opioid crisis.

The task force was also informed of the relevant legislation proposed this session. Legislative committees have heard or will hear roughly 56 opiate-related pieces of legislation. These proposals range from increasing law enforcement budgets for substance use prevention programs and acquiring additional drug-detecting dogs to creating a pilot program in Washington County to provide treatment and recovery services for substance use disorders. In addition to reviewing legislative efforts within the State, the task force is also tasked with reviewing the work being done in other states in order to see what has

and has not worked, or what can be improved upon.

The committee will meet again no later than December 6, 2017. At this meeting the task force will submit a final report with their findings and recommendations, including legislation for consideration during the next session.

The task force is scheduled to meet Friday, June 9 from 1-3:00 pm in room 127 of the State House. If you are interested in hearing updates from the task force, you can subscribe at the following link: <https://lists.legislature.maine.gov/sympa/info/opioid.crisis-ip>.

As the work of the Task Force continues, hearing your thoughts on these 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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## Letter to the Editor

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Dear Gorham Times,

Please go to [www.gorham-me.org](http://www.gorham-me.org) and sign up to receive email notices for new ordinances being proposed by the Planning Board and Town Council.

Why? Pretty soon, your neighborhood could go from quiet and peaceful to bordering an Agricultural Event Center holding parties, dances, and even concerts. The Planning Board is considering a zoning change that will permit a select few agricultural landowners to host up to 500 guests at 25 events per year.

This proposal will allow agricultural landowners to have these events for supplemental income so they won’t sell their land for houses. However, ownership of only 5 acres of land will qualify for an Event Center, and the owner need only show \$5000 to \$10,000 (proposed) in gross revenue, not income, from agricultural sources. Unlike other commercial businesses, the Event Center will not have to be shielded from neighbors by landscaping and events can continue until 10 pm at night.

A Gorham employee submitted this proposal and it may exempt at least one Council member from going through the very regulations that many Gorham residents have to meet for an in home business or a commercial establishment. Moreover, this proposal will open up a Pandora’s Box of potential development. One could purchase a house with a 5 acre parcel, raise hay at \$5-8 per bale, and qualify for an Event Center.

Event Centers easily generate \$5000 to \$15,000 rental per event. Plus agricultural landowners already have reduced property taxes. Ask yourself, should a select few agricultural landowners be allowed to bypass requirements that other businesses and residents have to meet under the pretense of saving green space from house lots. Taxpayers need to speak up and insist conservation easements be used to buy development rights in the rural area instead of Event Centers.

Linda Pearson  
USDA Executive Director, Retired

Dear Gorham Times,

When the Gorham Grind first opened 12 years ago no one dreamed it would have as much of an impact on the town as it did. It was a true sit down coffee shop where people go to converse and be together. The interior of the quaint little shop was neutral and calming letting the drinks and people give it flavor. Those people would come and go as they please but always came back for more. It was a popular place for us “school kids” to hang out at after school. Some of us came in years before we ever stepped onto a yellow school bus. The Gorham Grind watched me grow up, along with many of my friends, and we, along with all of the other customers have left our marks somewhere. From hot apple cider stains in the high back red chair to worn down floorboards we have all made sure that the Gorham Grind has been worn well with love.

Lydia Valentine

## Around Town

Sweet Life Ice Cream will be opening this summer in the former Sweet ’n Eats location on Gray Road near the Little Falls Recreation fields.

The new Tank 1 for Gorham Fire Department has arrived. Crews are being trained and it is being outfitted with all the necessary equipment before it goes into service.

David Cole issued a 15-year service pin to Barbara Skinner of the Planning Department, and a five-year service pin to Steven Rappold of the Police Department.

Absentee Ballots are now available in the Town Clerk’s Office for the June 13 State Referendum/Local Referendum/School Budget/Portland Water District Trustee Election.

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# Dress Your Windows in Warmth



Photo courtesy of Miriam Rubin

Volunteers assembled window inserts at a recent community build at Allagash Brewing in Portland.

AMANDA VICKERSON  
Contributing Writer

How many of us have wrestled with double-sided tape and a hairdryer, spending long hours shrink-wrapping our drafty windows before the snow flies? Too many! Enter Window Dressers, a Maine-based non-profit organization, which builds custom-fitted window inserts that fit snugly inside the window frame to block drafts, thereby saving money on heating costs.

Window Dressers has been doing this work for six years and is entirely volunteer-run. Volunteers visit homes to measure windows, then the frames are cut and assembled out of Window Dressers' home base in Rockland. In the fall, local residents hold a "Community Build" to apply foam-stripping and plastic coverings to the pre-assembled frames. So far this year, there are 19 community builds scheduled around the state.

Window Dressers is hosting a Buxton-Gorham community build at

Moody's Collision Center this fall, from November 11-19. Volunteers will work in four-hour shifts to attach and heat-shrink the plastic covering, apply the foam stripping, and bundle orders.

Miriam Rubin, co-coordinator for this local build, says, "EVERYONE is welcome to volunteer during the community build week in mid-November - no prior experience, tools, or skills are needed. All that is asked is one 4 hour shift, 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. or 1:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m." Every volunteer is invited to a lunch party between shifts.

The average price per frame is about \$25 and should last about 10 years. Fortunately, Window Dressers' partner, Sierra Club Climate Action Teams, has received a \$5,000 grant from the Horizon Foundation to provide financial assistance to many customers. Each average-sized window insert (2' x 5') can save about 10 gallons of heating oil per year, simply by reducing drafts.

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# New Yoga Studio Opens in Gorham Village



Photo credit Roger Marchand

Gorham Yoga Company held a ribbon cutting ceremony at its Main St. location on May 5 and followed it up with an Open House the next day. There was a party atmosphere as owners Jessie Dobbins (left) and Amber Wilson cut a red ribbon signifying the opening of their new downtown business.

## 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](mailto:ckck5@maine.rr.com), Kathy Corbett at [ktcorbett@aol.com](mailto:ktcorbett@aol.com) or Cindy O'Shea at [coshea2@maine.rr.com](mailto:coshea2@maine.rr.com).

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ties. Sharing the total cost are the Town of Gorham, Portland Water District and MDOT. Gorham voters approved a bond in the amount of \$600,000 for Gorham's share. Portland Water District (PWD) will contribute \$600,000 and MDOT will pick up the balance of the projected \$2.2 million total cost. The one bid received is in the \$4 million range, making it \$1.7 million over the budgeted funds.

There are a few ways to lower the cost. The present bid includes working at night. While this would be less disruptive to the traffic flow, it is more costly. The amount of night work could be minimized to reduce costs. Additionally, the Town had originally considered installing five concrete conduits with the hope of utilizing them for underground utilities in the future. The conduit option was removed and not included in the most recent bid.

Gorham's share of the project cannot be increased without another referendum. MDOT and PWD can increase their share if they choose to and the funds are available. If the project does not go forward this construction season, the hope is that new bids would go out from MDOT this December or January. Bidding projects at that time of the year usually result in lower bids.

Once the project does begin, Main Street construction will begin at Gray Road through the village down to Cressey Road. The scope of the work includes rubblization which is the process of fracturing existing concrete pavement into pieces for direct overlay. PWD will replace the 100-year-old water main and storm drainage will be enhanced. This work is necessary because the original surface was a concrete slab that was breached in 1987 when a sewer line was installed and the trench where the sewer line was installed is sinking.

YOGA EXPRESSIONS

Creating Balance in Life Through Yoga

AMANDA CURTIS KEZAL

Almost everyone has heard of the many benefits of practicing yoga, such as relaxation, mental clarity, strength and flexibility. Life is busy with employment, to-do lists, appointments, family and friends—and oh yes, fun! How do we create space to breathe and de-stress when there are so many things that we want to complete in a day? When combined with a consistent yoga practice, “mini-moments” can help keep us balanced.

Have you been in line at the grocery store or bank and felt impatient? One of the assignments for my credit course at USM is to purposely choose to wait in a long line. Notice what happens. Can you consciously breathe? If you are aware of tension accumulating because you're irritated, breathe again and relax. Find your body in alignment and elongated and, then, soften into the moment. You could mentally chant the “time works for me” affirmation as well, so there is no worry to hurry. Be sure to put your phone away and be present to what is happening around you.

Do you have an important meeting or conversation that you're dwelling on? Take a moment to find a quiet place to breathe deeply, still the mind (it takes practice!), and be open to the words you need to speak. When you come from a place of calmness and insight, the words flow.

If you have ever tossed words out in anger or hurt and then regretted them, try deep breathing first. Yoga balances the emotional self and, thus, your reaction can be more kind.

While waiting for the water to boil as you prepare your tea or meal, use the time to practice a yoga posture instead of rushing to complete a task. Tree Pose is always a favorite of mine to practice at that time.

A yoga mini-moment can set the tone for your day. Notice how you wake up. For most of us it is a gasp of breath as the alarm shrieks. As you hit snooze, begin gentle yoga movements with soft breaths. Give gratitude—be thankful for what you get to do today.

Not every moment in your life should be, or could be, peaceful. These are simply yoga tips to bring

you back into balance when life challenges you.

A consistent yoga practice allows you to move from a place of balance where the challenges of life are just that—experiences that you are aware of. It doesn't set you off into a “drama” or ruin your day. It is simply a moment. The innovator in me seeks how to make yoga accessible to everyone. When you can't get to the studio to practice a long session of yoga, you can always practice at home. Designing your own practice is a great option to tailor what your needs are for the day. For your own safety and understanding, it's best to have had some time with an instructor first. Yoga is the key to creating balance in life.



Amanda Curtis Kezal, owner of Holistic Pathways, has been bringing yoga to Gorham for 20 years with her yoga fusion style. She continues innovative approaches to sharing the many benefits of yoga with others.

Child Suffers Injuries in Accident

GORHAM TIMES STAFF

Colton Stormont, 5, is recovering from an accident that occurred at his Gorham home on April 29. Gorham police said the accident happened as family members worked on a project in their driveway on Sebago Lake Road, also known as Route 237. The

boy was playing on the passenger side of the family's Jeep Liberty. Sgt. Ted Hatch said the boy got the vehicle out of park and into neutral, causing it to roll backward down the driveway.

“It appears the boy was run over by the vehicle,” Hatch said. His mother, Cassandra Stormont added, “He tried to jump out and it ran over him.”

Stormont suffered a bruised lung, fractured ribs, two broken arms, and a fractured skull. He underwent surgery on May 1 and was released from Maine Medical Center on May 8. A GoFundMe page has been established to help the Stormont family offset some of the ongoing medical costs.

Car Recalls

Approximately 104,000 recalled cars travel on Greater Portland area roads daily. Information about recalls is decentralized, unorganized, and notoriously difficult to find. In many cases, people aren't even aware that their car is in recall. This is a public concern that is dangerous not only for car owners, but for anyone else on the road. Portland area car owners can take steps to protect themselves and their families by looking up their vehicle's recall status in 4 easy steps:

- 1. Visit [www.motorsafety.org](http://www.motorsafety.org)
- 2. Enter your car's VIN (if you do not know where to find the VIN, a video on the website will help you locate it)
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# Town Council Meeting

JACOB ADAMS  
Staff Writer

Joseph Drive resident asked if the Town is responsible for picking up trash on the side of the road. Town Manager, David Cole, stated that Public Works is not responsible and that citizens should clean up in front of their own homes and property.

Darryl Wright, from the School Committee, said that June 17 is “We Love Gorham Day” at the schools. The day is used for rubbish clean up and residents are encouraged to participate at home as well.

David Cole gave an update on the status of the Main Street construction project for which the bids from DOT came in higher than budgeted. DOT needs to review bids and this will push the project later in the year and quite possibly into 2018.

The Town Council postponed the proposed moratorium of retail marijuana establishments and retail marijuana social clubs until August 1, 2017.

A request from Tim Devine, Ossipee Trail Motors, to draft a Contract Zone for 135 Dingley Springs Road, which would allow both buildings to be used as a body shop, was tabled until staff could come up with a plan. Tom Porier, Town Planner, stated that a contract zone is not compatible with the Comprehensive Plan that was updated in 2016 and that prior use was a Non-Conforming Use which was grandfathered in, however, due to the property being vacant for over a year it reverted back to the 2016 Comprehensive Plan guidelines.

The Town Council asked staff to draft an amendment of Section 2 of the Streets and Sidewalks Ordinance, which would require a permit for large events that may cause congested parking and traffic on public roads. The permit will require appropriate traffic control measures to minimize congestion and to include no-parking on one side of the road to allow room for emergency vehicles. Item will be sent to the Ordinance Committee for further clarification. (2 Yeas, 5 Nays: Benner, Shephard, Hartwell, Hager, Phinney)

A memorandum of understanding for a reciprocal borrowing agreement between Baxter Memorial Library, Scarborough Public Library Corporation, South Portland Public

Library, Thomas Memorial Library in Cape Elizabeth, and Walker Memorial Library in Westbrook was approved.

The Town Council authorized the Town Clerk to issue a warrant for the School Budget Validation/Referendum/Portland Water District Election on June 13. The polls will be open from 7:00 am-8:00 pm. The following residents were appointed for the designated voting districts: District 1-1- Susan Emerson, Warden and Laurel Smith, Ward Clerk; District 1-2 – Katherine Corbett, Warden and Marie Plummer, Ward Clerk; District 2 – Martha Towle, Warden and Nancy Kenty Ward Clerk; Central – Paula Nystrom, Warden and Teresa Sanborn, Ward Clerk.

The Registrar of Voters will be in session on: Tuesday, June 6 from 8:00 am-4:00 pm, Wednesday, June 7 from 8:00 am-4:00 pm, Thursday, June 8 from 8:00 am-7:00 pm, Friday, June 9 from 8:00 am-1:00 pm, and Monday, June 12 from 8:00 am-4:00 pm.

The Town Clerk is authorized to process absentee ballots on Tuesday, June 13, at 12:00 pm, 5:00 pm and 8:00 pm.

A deed for a parcel of land located in the Glenwater Village Subdivision was accepted for open space and trail use. Town Council also accepted an easement access for access to the open space lot.

The Town Council entered an Executive Session to discuss labor negotiations.

Complete minutes are available on the town’s website at [www.gorham-me.org](http://www.gorham-me.org).

# Town Considering New Agricultural Special Event Ordinance

SHERI FABER  
Staff Writer

At the January 2017 Town Council meeting, the council voted to forward an item to develop language for agricultural special events facilities to the Planning Board. The Planning Board and Ordinance Subcommittee have held three meetings to date to develop this ordinance.

Norman Justice, who owns approximately 100 acres on Wood Road and has been farming the land for 48 years, would like to have the option to rent out part of his property for weddings, corporate and other events providing an additional revenue stream for agricultural properties such as Justice Farm.

These special event facilities would be located on property that is being used for agriculture and the property owner would have to show at least \$10,000 of farm income in one of two years or three of five years. The owner/operator would also have to provide the Planning Office an event management plan for each event that referenced noise, lighting and traffic management.

A maximum of 25 events could be held each calendar year. The events would have to be held on lots of five or more acres that were dedicated to the special events. No portion of the event facility could be closer than 100 feet from the property line although the Planning Board may require a greater distance.

## Dress Your Windows in Warmth

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“These inserts will pay for themselves within a season or two,” says Rubin. Fellow co-organizer Terri Morin uses the inserts in her own home and rarely hears her furnace kick on anymore. Even if your windows aren’t drafty, the inserts create an insulated air space which prevents heat from escaping through the glass. Rubin stated, “These inserts are a great step towards reducing a household’s carbon footprint!”

While spring just got here and no one wants to think about snowy

nights, applications for inserts and volunteers are being accepted, and encouraged, now. Window Dressers is looking to serve about 45 community members and would like to have clients’ homes measured by July to allow time for production. Call 596-3073, go to [WindowDressers.org](http://WindowDressers.org), or email [BuxtonGorhamWindowDressers@gmail.com](mailto:BuxtonGorhamWindowDressers@gmail.com) for more information.



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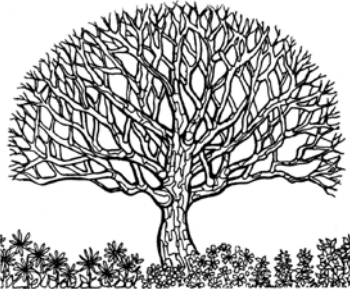
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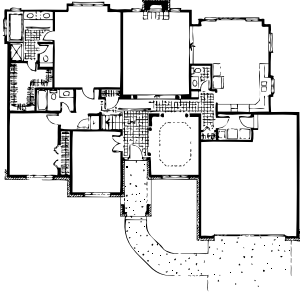
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# Falmouth-Gorham High School Robotics Team Headed to China

GORHAM TIMES STAFF

The Northern Force FIRST Robotics Team 172 from Falmouth and Gorham High Schools has been selected as one of only ten U.S. teams to participate in an inaugural US-China technology and cultural exchange this spring.

Hosted by the FIRST China Robotics Association, as part of the “Sino-US United Project,” the team of seven students and three mentors will travel to China from May 24 through June 5, joining other teams from around the world to participate in the largest FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) competition series to ever take place in Asia.

Students participating in the US-China Robotics Competition Exchange are Ivan Cadigan, Annie deCastro, Teddy Lockman (Gorham resident), Alanna Luce, Tavish McDaniel, and Julian Wiley, all from Falmouth High School, and Simeon Willey from Gorham High School. Mentors are John Kraljic, Michelle Moutinho, and Jay Crosby.

“It is an honor to be selected and such a wonderful opportunity for our students,” said John Kraljic, Robotics Coach and Falmouth High School instructor, who will accompany the students.

The Northern Force team was selected based on an application process. Of its 40 plus team members, the opportunity to go was offered to all veteran team members. From those interested, mentors selected students who have experience in several of their sub-teams (mechanical, electrical, programming, and design) and the students who are comfortable instructing others. Several

seniors from Falmouth chose not to attend because it conflicts with their high school graduation.

The team will be paired with a rookie Robotics team from Zhengzhou, a city of nine million located in east-Central China. Northern Force students will work with their Chinese partner team, sharing design, programming, and building strategies to construct a 120 pound industrial robot.

The teams will then travel to Shanghai to compete at the prestigious Shanghai Science and Technology Museum, against 200 other Robotics teams. Students will also have an opportunity to tour the region and take in local historic sites and other cultural attractions.

“It’s going to be an incredibly busy, exciting experience for all of us,” said Kraljic. “We are especially excited to be working alongside a team of Chinese students.”

While the FIRST China Robotics Association is covering the cost of all food, housing, and transportation within China, individual team members are responsible for the cost of visas, air fare, and spending money while in China. The team is holding fundraisers to offset the costs of the trip and has established a GoFundMe page to accept tax deductible donations.

FIRST was founded in 1991, to inspire young people’s interest and participation in science and technology. Now an international organization, FIRST Robotics Competition features over 500,000 participants from more than 80 countries who work during a high-adrenaline six-week season from January to March to build a robot to play a sports-style game, different every year.

MAY 10, 2017

# School Committee Meeting

KATHY CORBETT  
Staff Writer

At the May 10 regular School Committee meeting, Superintendent Heather Perry outlined the steps she is taking to inform the public about the FY18 budget that will go to voters on June 13, after Town Council approval on June 6. She is hosting informational meetings, posting a blog, and is developing a series of videos for the District website. She congratulated Gorham High School which was just named one of the top ten high schools in Maine by US News & World Report.

Diane Knott, Gifted and Talented Coordinator, presented an overview of the Student Advancement in Learning (SAIL) program that offers learning opportunities for the 3-5% of K-12 students identified as gifted in academic, visual and performing arts. Students have learning opportunities beyond the classroom that include participating in challenging group activities, as well as special instruction based on interest and need.

Knott stressed as strengths of the program the ability to monitor data for student growth and the increased participation in competitive club activities such as Robotics and Odyssey of the Mind. Increasing district enrollment, she said, presents a challenge in staffing and data maintenance to meet the 3-5% student participation desired and required by state law.

GHS principal Brian Jandreau reported on the two-day Business Tour where 18 high school teachers visited four local companies to observe the skills students would need to be successful in industrial workplaces like Pratt-Whitney, Lanco Integrated, Idexx, and Texas Instruments. Four teachers shared their impressions which included the importance of innovative think-

ing and the ability to work collectively. SC members commented on the importance of building relationships that help students envision themselves in these kinds of work environments.

The Committee received brief reports on the progress being made by four important Ad Hoc committees. Committees are studying K-5 class configuration, the GHS Facilities Capital Campaign, possible changes in start times and lengths of school days, and strategic planning. These committees will continue to provide progress updates.

The Committee approved (5-0, Phillips, Burns absent) the appointment of Ryan Watts to be GHS Assistant Principal and Phillis Worthley and Trisha Cherry as guidance counselors to replace Watts and a vacant position. SC members praised the hiring of Cherry because she has financial aid counseling experience. They also approved contracts for probationary teachers.

Superintendent Perry requested approval to hire a coach for 9th grade boys lacrosse this spring. The SC voted 4-1 to approve the position. Dennis Libby voted no because the position was not in this year’s budget and he believed the district should not add a sport out of the budget cycle. The position has been approved for next year.

The SC voted (4-1 Libby) to approve changes to the district’s grading and reporting practices. The plan involves moving gradually from the current 100 point scale to a 1-4 PBL scale based on a definition of proficiency. Although Libby approved of all other aspects of the new PBL grading scale, he objected to the process of implementation.


Committee members voted (5-0) to postpone a decision on how to allocate any funds from state subsidy that are more than what the district had expected and included in the FY18 budget.


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## School Notes

Superintendent Heather Perry’s latest blog update is focused on providing an overview of the proposed FY 18 school budget. Visit <http://gorhamsuperintendent.blogspot.com/2017/05/highlights-of-proposed-fy-18-gorham.html> for details.

## Correction

In the May 4, 2017 issue, the Mr. GHS Pageant article incorrectly identified the hosts of the event. The night was hosted by seniors Emma Smith (class president) and Molly Sposato (class secretary). We regret the error.

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Grade 9 – High Honors

Carson Battaglia  
Elizabeth Blanchard  
Laura Bolduc  
Anthony Booth  
Haley Burns  
Emily Crepeau  
Madison Firmin  
Maeve Higgins  
Paige Hume  
Elyssa Johnson  
Aaron Jones  
Iris Kitchen  
Lucas LaMontagne  
Nolan McCullough  
Ethan Mercier  
Abigail Miller  
Peyton Morton  
Abigail O'Brien  
Ava Pitman  
Lauren Preis  
Andrew Rent  
Gianna Romatis  
Camden Sawyer  
Ursula Steiner  
Veronica Steiner  
Madisen Sweatt  
Andrew Tinkham  
Katrina Tugman  
Samuel Waggoner  
Quinn Young

Grade 9 – Honors

Ethan Allen  
Grace Andrews  
Daniel Bachner  
Celia Begonia  
Patrick Bishop  
Jordan Bretton  
Westley Brinegar  
Neila Cairnduff  
Evan Chambers  
Lane Charlton  
Vicky Chen

Colby Christakis  
Rachel Collomy  
Kasey Cummings  
Garrett Devoe  
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Faith Dillon  
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Ryan Doughty  
Lydia Drew  
Molly Eaton  
Tyler Farris  
Sawyer Gagnon  
Ryan Gaudreau  
Lauren Green  
Jacqueline Hamilton  
Joseph Hansen  
Makenzie Huntington  
Nolan Irish  
Katarina Jenkins  
Cortnie Jones  
Cassandra Kovacs  
Henri Kuntz  
Haley Lowell  
Aaron Mains  
Caralin Mills  
Cameron Myles  
Anna Nault  
Jillian Nichols  
Lindsey Nygren  
Samuel Orlando  
Kyle Ouillette  
Marin Perry  
Meghan Reidy  
Ryan Reno  
Peter Richards  
Seth Richardson  
Margaret Rimkunas  
Tyler Rollins  
Angela Sauvageau  
Kendall Smith  
Gage Stuart  
Julia Sturgis  
Luke Tarbox

Lydia Valentine  
Alana Weed  
Jade Wu

Grade 10 – High Honors

Fatima Batool  
Kyren Bettencourt  
Maiya Christiansen-Carlson  
Brittany Desjardin  
Caroline Dowdle  
Jeremy Harris  
Joshua Hayward  
Spencer Keating  
Abigail Leonard  
Lila Lovley  
Matilda McColl  
Lydia McCrillis  
Libby Mitchell  
Katherine O'Donnell  
Olivia Paruk  
Anna Rathbun  
Simon Roussel  
Callie Russell  
Hallie Shiers  
Sara Slager  
Sarah Stevens  
Sarah Walker  
Erin Wentworth  
Brooke Woodbury  
Bruce Wyatt

Grade 10 – Honors

Isis Adams  
Maggy Aube  
Aaliyah Biamby  
Peter Blake  
Peter Boswell  
William Burns  
Mackenzie Buteau  
Caitlin Chasse  
Alexa Corey  
Connor Coro  
Isabel Courtney  
Brandon Cummings

Gavin Cupps  
Albert Del Tarre Trias  
Ryan DeSanctis  
Julia Downey  
Molly Duff  
Mercy Dunn  
Riley Ferrigan  
Emma Forgues  
Gabriella Gagne  
Avery Germond  
Trevor Gray  
Zachary Green  
Brinn Hall  
Autumn Heil  
Mackenzie Holmes  
Emaly Howard  
Isabella Jones  
Elisabeth King  
Evelyn Kitchen  
Libby Knudsen  
Isabelle Kolb  
Kate Larkin  
Joshua Laughlin  
Ella LeBlanc  
Thomas Light  
Griffin Lord  
Rowan McDaniel  
Drew Meader  
Harris Milliken  
Hailey Morrill  
Gretchen Muehle  
Margaret Munkacsi  
Benjamin Nault  
Thomas Nelson  
Rose O'Brien  
Samuel Pocock  
Alice Riiska  
Samantha Robichaud  
Samantha Rockwell  
Colette Romatis  
Leah Scontras  
Emma Shields  
Jacob Sladen  
Katelyn Smith

Mariah Stout  
Ian Stultz  
Logan Swift  
McKayla Taft  
Grace Terry  
Haley Thompson  
Payton Thorp  
Brenden Waterman  
Ethan White  
Melanie Wright  
Mackenzie Young

Grade 11 – High Honors

Caitlyn Beaulieu  
Emily Chapin  
Bennett Donohue  
Aaron Farr  
Meadow Fortier  
Garrett Higgins  
Stephen Klatt  
Kaitlyn Jodoin  
Sydney Levesque  
Grace Libby  
Hannah Libby  
Zachery McGouldrick  
Camryn Morton  
Emelia Nejezchleba  
Benjamin Nelson  
Alexander Ousback  
Madeline Rossignol  
Jonathan Scribner  
Anna Slager  
Abigail vanLuling

Grade 11 – Honors

Asal Bahmani  
Clayton Bassingthwaite  
Conor Battaglia  
Jessica Bennett  
Vanessa Berrill  
William Blanchard  
Lindsey Boylen  
Nathan Brown  
Marisa Collins  
Courtney Cushing

Claudia Daigle  
David Drew  
Vy Duong  
Benjamin Eichner  
Emily Emmons  
Lyndsey Estes  
Alexis Fotter  
Olivia Garand  
Kate Gilbert  
Brooke Greateorex  
Andrew Harjula  
Maxwell Harvey  
Saoirse Herlihy  
Madison Hinchey  
Virginia Hugo-Vidal  
Sarah Johnson  
Phoebe Johnston  
Ryan Kaczmarek  
Stephen Klatt  
Karalyn Kutzer  
Samantha Langevin  
Sierra Lumbert  
Chase Messer  
Emily Murray  
Sarah Nugent  
Amelia Pappalardo  
Deidra Perreault  
Kali Perry  
Sean Pocock  
Brittney Reed  
Lydia Roberge  
Lucas Roop  
Bridget Rossignol  
Michelle Rowe  
Clara Santos  
Isabella Sawyer  
Asma Sayed  
Josephine Smith  
Owen Smith III  
Isabella Solari  
Kayla Stickney  
Stefan Street  
Vanessa Therrien  
Christopher Tucker

Simeon Willey  
Rosemary Wood  
Jacob Yahm

Grade 12 – High Honors

Kelly Aube  
Sally Aube  
Delaney Burns  
Kathryn Christianson  
Haylee Dahlborg  
Bligh Godin  
Emily Hayward  
Sophia Hendrix  
Whitney King  
Ethan Orach  
Kyle Peoples  
Lauren Poirier  
Samuel Roussel  
Raymond St. Cyr  
Cameron Stevens  
Alexandra Stresser  
Blake Wallace

Grade 12 – Honors

Anne Acker-Wolfhagen  
Mary Adams  
Elsa Alexandrin  
Jordan Allen  
Katherine Andrews  
Avery Arena  
Trystan Bates  
Katherine Bennett  
Andrew Brown  
Tess Buzzell  
Lindsey Caron  
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Kara Ellsmore  
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Carli Labrecque  
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Narissa Libby  
Samantha Low  
Kaylea Lundin  
Thomas Macomber  
Samuel Martel  
Thomas Matthews  
Fiona Nee  
Taylor Nygren  
Emily O'Donnell  
Miles Obrey  
Padraic Owens  
Athena Pappalardo  
Haley Poitras  
Brady Rioux  
Julia Roy  
Emma Smith  
Molly Sposato  
Samuella Spurr  
Karen Stemmm  
Benjamin Swift  
Amanda Thompson  
JennaMarie Webster  
Dylan Weeks  
Tiril Wiig  
Heather Woodbury  
Emily Yager  
Alex York

# Gorham Middle School Third Quarter Honor Rolls 2016-17

Grade 6 – High Honors

Benjamin Allison  
Julia Altham  
Hayden Anderson  
Julia Bell  
Ava Bryant  
Christian Butler  
Lexi Caron  
Hannah Caron  
Miranda Chasse  
Faith Connolly  
Jasper Crane  
Rachel Cummings  
Annie Cunningham  
Patrick Cyr  
Angela Dellasala  
Jonah Doucette  
Madeline Downey  
Owen Dugas  
Noah Flynn  
Tedi Gould  
Marin Graham  
Graham Henderson  
Jude Huckaby  
Aryahna Hulit  
Braeden Johnson  
Eden Johnson  
Grace Johnson  
Samantha Kovacs  
Erin Lawrence  
Kevin Luo  
Trevin Macomber  
Sofia Mankin  
Kate Martin  
Kaci Mollison  
Isabella O'Brien  
Lucas Ouillette  
Claudia Peterson  
Sarah Rathbun  
Tyler Reynolds  
Lauren Rioux  
Abigail Rosingana  
Brady Smith  
Ryker Spear  
Alexandra Sutton  
Rylee Tenuta  
Wyatt Thomas  
Madison Toronto  
Kieran Wilkins  
Elizabeth Willette  
Hailee Willey  
Peter Wu

Grade 6 – Honors

Waeil Ahmed  
Brady Alexander

Avery Andrews  
Anthony Arsenaull  
Emelia Bailey  
Owen Ballard  
Hayden Battaglia  
Lucien Beardsley  
William Benson  
Cole Bishop  
Olivia Bryant  
Ainsley Cajuste  
Zackary Chapman  
Junbei Chen  
Morgan Cole  
Ryan Collier  
Amelia Connor-McCoy  
Ian Connors  
Ryan Cooper  
Joseph Cowan  
Makenna Delaney  
Zoe Diffin  
Quinn Dillon  
Maeve Donnelly  
Annika Edgar  
Sadie Fiore  
Abby Fiore  
Rylan Flagg  
Paige Fowler  
John Frank  
Nash Gagnon  
Ty Gammon  
Andrew Gaudreau  
Brooke Gerry  
Kathryn Gooch  
Brooke Gordon  
Corinna Hahn  
Kyra Hamblen  
Owen Harmon  
Rose Hepler  
Bruce Hodgkin  
Olivia Hopkins  
Mason Hoyt  
Lucy Hyde  
Kelsey Jalbert  
Josephine James  
Shaun Kemp  
Jada Kenne  
Ella Kitchen  
Alexis Landry  
Nolan Landry  
Madeleine LaPierre  
Samuel Larkin  
Jacob Lehmann  
Savannah Lyon  
Brady Marquis  
Griffin Mocchiola  
Madison Morton

Samuel Munkacsi  
Ella Novak  
Hannah O'Reilly  
Jacob Parker  
Mikaela Pellerin  
Kate Pelletier  
Nicholas Phinney  
Qasim Rabbani  
Jayden Racine  
John Reidy  
Keira Rosario  
Chloe Ruane  
Lillian Ruane  
David Russo  
Emma Sands  
Kate Sands  
Christopher Sargent  
Andrew Scribner  
Malachi Scribner  
Cody Sellick  
Audrey Shaw  
Eli Sjostedt  
Trent Stevens  
Paige Wentworth  
Wyatt Woodsum  
Delaney Wright  
Lillian Zidle

Grade 7 – High Honors

Colin Albert  
George Allison  
Natalya Asali  
Drew Baber  
Noah Badeau  
Curan Bassingthwaite  
Gavin Begonia  
Mallorie Bergquist  
Landon Bickford  
Allison Bishop  
Brylee Bishop  
Connor Callahan  
Erin Castonguay  
Morgan Chapman  
Ainsley Christianson  
Kayleigh Cloutier  
Sydney Connolly  
Hunter Connors  
Nathan Corey  
Calvin Cummings  
Kaitlyn Cushing  
Samuel D'Amico  
Aiden Dever  
Mary DeWitt  
Katherine Dupuis  
Morgan Edenbach  
Hailey Edwards

Zachary Emmons  
Madeline Fadrigon  
Asa Farley  
Andrew Farr  
Samuel Farr  
Kassidy French  
Annie Frey  
Charles Gay  
Riley Grant  
Ainsley Gray  
Kylie Green  
Rachel Gross  
Bryce Gunn  
Sydney Haskell  
Madisson Hatch  
Ethan Ho  
Kiara Hodge  
Julia Kratzer  
Stephanie Labrie  
Alexandra Light  
Elisabeth Loranger  
Ian Luciano  
Bryce Lumbert  
Paige Marchand  
Anya Mazaris-Atkinson  
Ella McDonald  
Madison Michaud  
Andrea Mitchell  
Dylan Morrell  
Isabella Morrell  
Emma Mullin  
Alexandra Myles  
Anna Nelson  
Cassara Novak  
Julia Ordway  
Ellie Perry  
Courtney Rent  
Phoebe Richards  
Vanessa Russell  
Arzou Sayed  
Devan Sherry  
Benjamin Shields  
Clara Shvets  
Brandon Verrill  
Nicole Walker  
Alexandra Waterman  
Megan Wentworth  
Quentin Wise  
Elijah Wyatt  
Megan Young

Grade 7 – Honors

Lauren Bachner  
Ryan Bechtel  
Gisele Berry  
Caroline Bishop  
Robert Boylen

Sean Boylen  
Aaja Breton-Jalbert  
Nikita Butenko  
Nathan Chase  
Bode Coleman  
Kiah Curtis  
Sadie Cyr  
Izabella Densmore  
Alden Dimick  
Nathan Doane  
Quinn Doyle  
Sarah Duff  
Sadie Dyer  
Abigail Emerson  
Olivia Falagario  
Emily Feagans  
Benjamin Fecteau  
Elizabeth Frey  
Joleen Gima  
Luke Goodwin  
Brooke Guimond  
Abigail Houpp  
Alex Humiston  
Joshua Knight  
Killian Kolb  
Gannon Kuntz  
Kyle Landry  
Ava Lever  
Keagan Lindsay  
Shantearra Ly  
Annika Mankin  
Antonia Mariani  
Mikayla Martorano  
Owen McCaffrey  
Colin McDonald  
Daniel McKeage  
Shawn McKeage  
Aidan Meredith  
Sophia Michaud  
Annika Mocchiola  
Ambrosia Moore  
Calli Moore  
Jillian Morrill  
Liam Moss  
Anyia Nagle  
Abigail Ouellette  
Jenna Parker  
Hunter Pellerin  
Hunter Pelletier  
Grace Perreault  
William Perry  
Madison Philbrick  
Albert Plummer  
Anna Provost  
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Shannon Randall  
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Tristan Rideout  
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McKenna Roberts  
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Ashley Thurston  
Nola True  
Colby Tucker  
Sarah Valeriani  
Izzabella Verrill  
Aza Wareham  
Caleb Waterman  
Emily Wilcox

Grade 8 – High Honors

Aidan Bell  
Tatyanna Biamby  
Jaela Boucher  
Grace Bradshaw  
Annika Bryant  
Logan Butler  
Beck Carrier  
Lily Courtney  
Noah Cupps  
Hayden Desmond  
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Maya Lee  
Tess Libby  
Kylie Mathieson  
Bode Meader  
Jaden Munroe  
Molly Murray  
Adele Nadeau  
Grant Nadeau  
Emily Paruk  
Alice Peterson  
Samuel Pritchard  
Caitlin Randall  
Molly Rathbun  
Cassidy Rioux  
Morgan Roast  
Devin Robichaud  
Sophiah Rodrigue  
Erin Sands  
Sophia Sawyer  
Delaney Seed  
Kilee Sherry  
Nathaniel Smith  
Alison Walker  
Marissa Wilson  
Julia Yager

Grade 8 – Honors

Luke Adams  
Reighley Adams  
Dawson Allen  
Griffin Banks  
Denisha Beeler  
Madeline Berry  
Jesiah Bickford  
Corey Blake  
Jordan Blakeslee  
Jaela Boucher  
Elijah Bullard  
Sophia Buzzell  
Samantha Cummings  
Sierra Cummings  
Tabetha Cummings  
Noah Cupps  
Kelly Curran  
Michael Darasz  
Garrett Davis  
Abigail Decrow  
Kirsten Drew  
Anthony Dugan

Alexandra Ferrigan  
Paige Fogg  
Lauren Fotter  
Victoria Frager  
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Mikayla Leskowsky  
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# Tee Off for Multiple Sclerosis

HAL D'AMICO  
Sports Editor

If you are gripping a golf club on Friday, June 2, at 1:00, and you are at Gorham Country Club, you will be participating in a fun event to raise funds and awareness for multiple sclerosis (MS). The Narragansett Wheelmen, a Gorham based cycling club, has organized its first Narragansett Wheelmen Golf Scramble: A Fundraiser for MS.

Scramble format is, as defined by the Professional Golf Association, a popular form of team play in which the team members pick the ball in the best position and everyone plays from that spot. In other words, a fun and less intimidating way for players of varied levels to move more quickly through the course.

Among the teams of four teeing off in the shotgun start — meaning teams will tee off from all holes along the course, rather than lining up at the first hole — will be novice golfers Darcie and Margaret (Mags) Brown, the daughter and surviving spouse, respectively, of Tom Brown, who passed away in 2006 after being diagnosed with MS in 1997. It is his story, and Darcie Brown's founding of "Team Tom" through soliciting participation in the 2010 MS Walk that has served as an inspiring catalyst for the Narragansett Wheelmen, the Gorham

community and well beyond.

Although involved in the cause, neither Wheelmen Mike Wing nor Steve Smith knew Tom Brown. It was Tom's story and Darcie's tenacious and infectious spiritedness as a teen in the Gorham schools spreading through word and action the MS Society and it's fundraising/awareness walks that got the Wheelmen involved, as they began to participate in the Bike for MS, a series of regional opportunities to ride for awareness and dollars.

Smith shared that, "The Narragansett Wheelmen and Team Tom want to express thanks to the Gorham community and the many businesses supporting this cause." Wing said Brown is a "kid that loves love" and reiterated her positive outlook, as well as the inspiration that comes from seeing people with MS actively participating in walks and rides, and invoked the image of riders on tandem bikes as they fought the disease. Darcie Brown (GHS '15)



Photo credit Margaret Brown

Darcie Brown, far left, stands with several Wheelmen during a past "Team Tom" Bike for MS event.

just completed her sophomore year at American University, and continues to work summers at the Maine MS Society office, which she's done since the end of her high school junior year. She also works in the Society's Washington, DC office, averaging 15 hours per week during the academic year.

Team Tom now includes American University students, who participate in the DC area MS Walk, as well as Team Tom representation at MS events in a few other northeastern cities. Brown told a reporter that, "Each year more local businesses support Team Tom." She's added, "I


really want to thank Steve [Smith] and Mr. Wing for all they've done for me and Team Tom." She credits the Narragansett Wheelmen's business networking as a vital contributor to Team Tom's success.

MS is an unpredictable, often disabling disease of the central nervous system that disrupts the flow of information within the brain, and between the brain and body. The cause of MS is still unknown — scientists believe the disease is triggered by as-yet-unidentified environmental factor in a person who is genetically predisposed to respond. The progress, severity and specific symptoms of MS in any one person cannot yet be predicted. Most people with MS are diagnosed between the ages of 20 and 50, with at least two to three times more women than men being diagnosed with the disease.


Brown said Team Tom recently surpassed the \$60,000 fundraising mark. Wing said that as of May 11, approximately 20 teams were registered, with 12 hole sponsors committed for this Narragansett Wheelmen event for Team Tom to benefit MS. Registration for the June 2 event runs through May 26. The entry fee includes 18 holes of golf, cart, snacks, prizes, and dinner. For further information or to register, contact Gorham Country Club at 839-3490.

Are you a Gorham resident actively and regularly participating in action or less conventional endurance sports? Do you skydive, parasail, surf, run ultra marathons, cyclocross, get on the starting line at orienteering races, etc ... and more? Do you know a Gorham athlete or group you think fits this broad category? Contact Hal D'Amico, Sports Editor at gtsportseditor@gmail.com.

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# GYBSA Opening Day

HAL D'AMICO  
*Sports Editor*

The Gorham Youth Baseball and Softball Association (GYBSA) held Opening Day ceremonies, along with a full game schedule on Saturday, April 29. The distinct sounds of balls meeting bats and leather gloves took over Village Fields on a breezy, overcast day offering pleasant temperatures as hundreds of players, volunteers, and supporters were in attendance. Prior to play, Al Garcia, GYBSA Board Member, gave opening remarks, and introduced a steady stream of teams by team name, and also recognized 2016 All Stars, District and State Champion teams.

With the field full of players, many of them aligned around the border to assist holding up an American flag big enough to canopy a significant portion of the infield, Gorham's Katie Stoddard sang the National Anthem. A drone, provided pro bono by Xtreme Aerial View and equipped with cameras, whirled overhead.

Gorham's Shawn Moody was the keynote speaker, first rallying the players and fans with words about Gorham as a uniquely special home, followed by leading a few alternating player and crowd participatory cheers. He concluded his remarks by emphasizing sportsmanship and character for players and everyone involved, stating players should, "Play hard, work hard and support your other teammates." He spoke about the dedication of coaches and

other leaders and urged parents to, "Be supportive of your athletes and trust your coaches." Play ball!



Photo credit Jenny Popp Skolfield

Casey Skolfield hit the dirt and the plate as Jack Luciano intently positioned for the play.



Photo credit Jean Fecteau

Abby Fecteau, of the Blue Bears U10 team defends home plate in her catching debut.

# Towle's Tremendous Track Teams Extend Streaks

PATRICK O'SHEA  
*Contributing Writer*

The Women's Indoor and Outdoor track programs at the University of Southern Maine (USM) have to be one of the best kept secrets in the University's athletic department. The outdoor track program has won 18 straight New England Alliance Championships, a combination of the Little East Conference (LEC) and Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference (MASCAC). The indoor program has a streak of 17 straight titles for both the LEC and the New England Alliance.

The force behind these teams has been their coach, George Towle. Talking about the teams' success, Towle said, "We look at the conference championship as a meet where the entire team can and is expected to contribute. I think there is a certain level of pride among the team to continue to perform at a high level. We try to bring a balanced team to the meet and there have been many years when we have scored in all 19 events."

This was echoed by one of this year's team members, Lizzie O'Neal, when she said, "I think we're successful because we've worked to have a team atmosphere. As individual as a sport track is, we really work hard to support each other in different events and we go into big meets knowing that we not only

have to compete for ourselves, but for the success of the team."

Towle has been part of the USM coaching staff for 32 years. He started out as a part-time cross country coach and became a full-time coach in 1998 when the Costello Field House opened. Al Bean, the USM athletic director, and other members of the athletic staff commented on what makes Towle so successful sharing that he is a tireless advocate for kids, makes his schedule fit theirs, that he is a great recruiter and has a way of developing athletes to help them reach their potential.

O'Neal added, "George is really good at finding the strong suits in all of his athletes and making sure we're doing all that we can to reach our full potential." Every year he has athletes named to the All New England, and sometimes the national teams. Last year, one of his team members was the National Pentathlon Champion. Several members of this year's team have a good chance to advance to the NCAAs in Geneva, Ohio, on May 25-27. Bean also commented that George has been able to assemble a core of very talented assistant coaches.

Coach Towle and his athletes have developed a model for consistency and success over an extended period of time. High expectations, committed athletes, and history of success has taken the USM outdoor and indoor track teams a long way.

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**We Love Gorham** CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

Bush, from SouthCoast Community Church in Scarborough, selected Lewiston, Portland, and Gorham (because of his ties to the community and his love for the Gorham schools, town, and people).

Bush approached Becky Fortier, Great Falls School principal, about doing something for the school system. He told her to dream big, like handicap accessible equipment, a project close to him as he has a handicapped brother. Fortier responded very positively.

“Day in and day out I watch that we have this great and beautiful (autism) program (at Great Falls) and some days we have to schedule additional playground time for these kids to have access because it’s so specialized,” said Fortier. “So when Travis started talking about handicap accessible, I was thinking inclusion. How can we get all kids to just be out there enjoying it all together?”

The goal, according to Fortier, is bringing all children in the schools together to play, despite disabilities. Kathy Hamblen, special education director, Norm Justice, facilities director, and the three elementary principals met and discussed possible equipment options.

“Right away we landed on the zip line because it had the bucket seats, sensory pieces, movement, and the wow factor,” said Fortier.

“Every student could access it in a way that would bring all kids enjoyment. We then tried to find something sensory – the sand pit. A wheelchair could go right up to the pit. We have those kids that need those opportunities to play.” A third phase in the future would include installing sensory boards with spinners, textures, tic tac toe games, and that bring in a lot of color, play music, etc.

The group presented the cost of the equipment to Bush who then brought the idea back to Thompson. Gorham was given \$67,000 to purchase the equipment. That left Bush in charge of raising the site work money - an estimated \$50,000 according to Justice. Shaw Brothers offered to donate their equipment and materials, which brought the site work cost down to \$20,000.

With generous donations secured to make up the difference, the service project is now scheduled for June 17, a day that has been dubbed “We Love Gorham Day.” Site work has already begun and Bush has ordered 1,000 t-shirts that he hopes to give out to every volunteer who comes and serves on this day.

In addition to the volunteers from Alabama, eight churches and local ministries are volunteering on this day. These partners include:

Child Evangelism Fellowship of Southern Maine, Galilee Baptist Church, LifeChurch, South Gorham Baptist Church, SouthCoast Community Church, The Navigators, The Orchard Community Church, and Young Life Gorham.

In addition to installing the playground equipment, volunteers will be working around town helping Gorham get a facelift and help any resident in need. The group is hoping to have over 500 volunteers between the Alabama church, local churches, and community members. The group is also hopeful that We Love Gorham Day will

become an annual event, focusing on a service project benefiting Gorham and its community members each year.

For anyone interested in helping, or anyone in need of help, on June 17, visit <https://we-love-gorham.square-space.com> to sign up. A volunteer will be in contact to assign projects, or volunteers can designate a project they are interested in when signing up. The event will take place from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., rain or shine. A dedication service will be held at 5 p.m. and Superintendent Perry has challenged Bush to a race down the new zip line to celebrate its completion.

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OF INTEREST

Cynthia Peters of Gorham was recently crowned Mrs. Maine at the annual Mrs. America Pageant.

The Dream Factory of Maine 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.dreamfactoryincnep.org.

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

Plant Sale, May 20, 9 am -12 pm, Community Arts Center, 34 School St., Gorham.

Veinte de Mayo Benefit Concert to benefit a Guatemalan student and a health clinic in Honduras. The event begins with a happy hour from 5 to 7 p.m. with appetizers and sangria, and will include a silent auction. Dean Richardson and friends will follow with a concert from 7:30 to 9 p.m. First Parish Church, Saturday, May 20 from 5 to 9:30 p.m. All are welcome. FMI, schumacher@roadrunner.com.

Celebrate and rejoice with the sounds of singing with the Gorham Community Chorus on May 21 at 3 p.m. at the McCormack Performing Arts Center, Gorham High School. Prize-winning Barbershop Quartet "Odds N' Ends" will be the special guests. There will also be a silent auction, refreshments, and scholarships to be awarded. \$5 suggested donation.

Rep. Andrew McLean and Sen. Amy Volk recently welcomed fourth-grade students from Great Falls Elementary to the State House. "It was fun to have fourth grade students, teachers and parents from Great Falls Elementary School at the State House today," said McLean. "The students asked thoughtful and engaging questions," added Volk.



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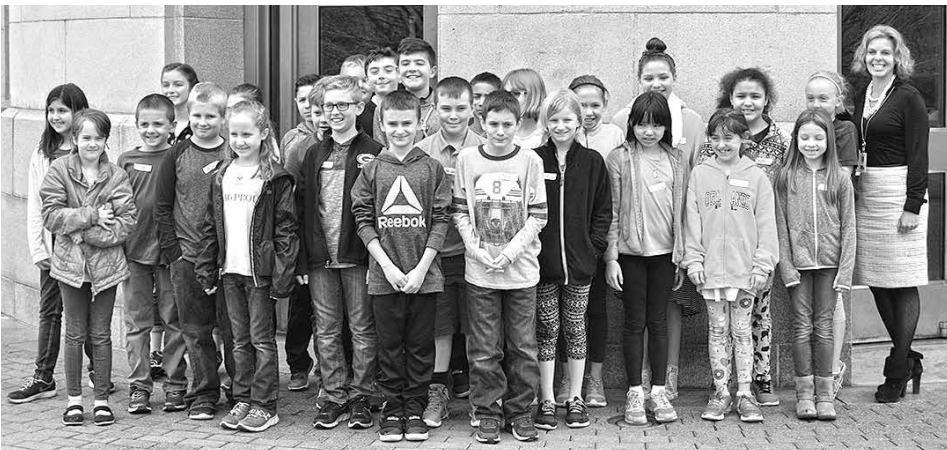


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Maker Fun Factory Vacation Bible Camp will take place June 26-30 from 8:30-11:30 a.m. at Cressey Road United Methodist Church. At Maker Fun Factory, children will discover they are created by God and built for a purpose. Open to children ages 4 through finishing fifth grade. Register at vbspro.events/p/cresseyroad. Free; donations accepted. Register now; space is limited. FMI, 839-3111.

Meghan Cushing was recently elected senator of the Assumption College (Worcester, MA) Student Government Association for the 2017-2018 academic year.

Gorham Garden Club will meet at First Parish Church, 1 Church St., on May 30 at 7 p.m. Harriet Robinson, chairman of GCGM Landscape Design School, will present a program on Mediterranean Gardens in Maine. Members of the public are welcome. FMI, 839-3630 or 839-3878.

The Town of Gorham is working to become a great place to walk and bike and needs your input. Take the survey at https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Gorhambikepedplan, or

attend an Audit & Workshop event. The Walking Audit & Workshop will be held on May 18 at 6 p.m. (meet at the gazebo next to Baxter Memorial Library) with the workshop starting at 7 p.m. in the Town Hall Second Floor Conference Room. The Bicycling Audit & Workshop will be held on May 22 at 6 p.m. (meet at the gazebo next to Baxter Memorial Library) with the workshop starting at 7 p.m. in the Town Hall First Floor Conference Room A. FMI, Anna Stokes (203) 271-1773 or astokes@mminc.com.



On May Day (May 1) students from the Community Arts Preschool walked to the Inn at Village Square to deliver flowers and cards they made for the residents to spread spring cheer.

Kailyn Brown, 13, of Gorham won second place in Division I at Bates College in the National Association of Teachers of Singing, Maine Chapter Competition. She is a voice student of Paul Stickney, also of Gorham. Kailyn is the daughter of David and Pamela Brown.

The Gorham Fire Department will hold an All-You-Can-Eat Benefit Pancake Breakfast on June 4 from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Fire Department, 270 Main St. All proceeds will go to Sandra Berry, the Department's administrative assistant who is currently battling cancer. \$8 adults; \$5 kids ages 5-12, Free for children under 5 years old.

Auditions: James and the Giant Peach, June 3 from 2-6:00 pm, Community Arts Center, 34 School St. Gorham. FMI & registration at http://www.gorhamartsalliance.org/



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Tricia Peightal of Around the World Travel in Gorham presented a gift certificate to Yvonne and Brooke Piawlock (pictured above) on May 5 on behalf of students at Sanford Jr. High School at their annual Pay It Forward Assembly. The effort was led by JMG (Jobs for Maine's Graduates) students who organized a school-wide Penny Drive Competition to grant a wish for a local family. Raising a record breaking \$4600 this year, the school recognized 9-year-old Brooke Piawlock for her kindness and generosity toward others, and will be sending her, her mother and two family friends to Disney World in Orlando, Florida.

Chip Cain, a retired Portland School System social worker, will speak at 10:30 a.m. on May 31 at the Lakes Region Senior Center on his experiences volunteering at a medical clinic in Ti Riviere, Haiti. Refreshments will be served. Little Falls Activity Center, 40 Acorn Street. FMI, Diane, 892-9529.

The Local Author Series at North Gorham Public Library, 2 Standish Neck Rd., presents Brenda Buchanan as she discusses the first in the Joe Gale series: "Quick Pivot" on May 25 at 7 p.m. Free. FMI, 892-2575 or libng@north-gorham.lib.me.us.

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.gorham-foodpantry.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

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CLOSE TO HOME

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.

**All the Colors of Cuba, a photography exhibit by Pamela Davis** will run on May 19 from 5 to 9 p.m., and May 20 and 21 from 1 to 4 p.m. at Saco River Theatre, 29 Salmon Falls Rd., Buxton. FMI, [www.sacorivertheatre.org](http://www.sacorivertheatre.org).

**No experience is necessary for the all-ages Family Country Dance taking place on May 20** from 7:30 to 9 p.m., Saco River Theatre, 29 Salmon Falls Rd., Buxton. \$10 single; \$15 couple; \$20 family. To make reservations or FMI, 929-6472 or [www.sacorivertheatre.org](http://www.sacorivertheatre.org).

**The North Congregational Church, 22 Church Hill Rd., Buxton, will hold a Bean Supper on May 20** from 5 to 6 p.m. Enjoy two kinds of beans, red hot dogs, chop suey, potato salad, coleslaw, roles, desserts, and coffee or punch. \$8. FMI, 929-5600.

The film **“Now is the Time: Healthcare for Everybody”** will be shown and discussed at the Rines Auditorium in the Portland Public Library on Monument Square in Portland on June 6 at 5:30 p.m. FMI, [www.maineallcare.org](http://www.maineallcare.org).

**Saco River Theatre Classical Music Series presents Musicians from Traveling Sounds by Noree Performing Arts** at The Old White Church, 15 Salmon Falls Road (next to the theater), on May 27 from 7:30 to 9 p.m. \$20 adults; \$18 seniors and students. To make reservations or FMI, 929-6472 or [www.sacorivertheatre.org](http://www.sacorivertheatre.org).

**The Fiddlehead School of Arts and Sciences will hold its third annual Giant Tag Sale to benefit the school on May 21 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.** at the school at 25 Shaker Road in Gray. Anyone wishing to rent a space to sell their own goods is required to register in advance and pay for their space at the time of registration. Community members can rent a space for \$30. Spaces are 8.5 feet by 15 feet and can accommodate one 8-foot table per space. Vendors may bring their own table; tables will not be provided. Vendor space is limited. Rain date will be June 4. FMI, Elizabeth Paine, 838-6686 or [fiddleheadpto@gmail.com](mailto:fiddleheadpto@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.

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A DANGEROUS RESCUE ATTEMPT

Caller asked police to check on two juvenile females in the road on Main St. They were located and told officers they saw a frog in the road and were trying to save it. They were advised that they should not be doing that.

Gray Road caller wanted more patrols in the area in reference to kids running around unsupervised.

Suspicious person on Millet Drive was waiting for his teenage daughter who came out as officer arrived. She had been getting her hair done.

Vehicle off the road on the bypass belonged to a driver who had not been paying attention and had gotten stuck on top of a snow bank.

South St. caller reported someone had opened a bank account in his name.

Female from Wilmer’s Way came in to remove a trespass notice she had against her ex-husband. The order had already expired.

Officer observed a disabled vehicle parked on the shoulder of County Road. Passenger became ill and they needed to pull over. They did not need assistance.

College students were hanging out at the park on Fort Hill Road. They were asked to move along.

Lincoln Street male reported a fraudulent call from a person from Publisher’s Clearing House. No personal information was given.

Person called in to report that a vehicle going from mailbox to mailbox on Flaggy Meadow Road. It was around the time that the paper is delivered and officer suggested

this to the person. Person responded it had never occurred to them.

Checked on a vehicle (and operator) parked on Wilson Road that was running with its lights on. Operator stated that she was talking on the phone and was fine. She did not sit in her driveway as the dogs would bark like crazy.

Longfellow Road caller reported hearing gunshots in the area behind the house but when officers arrived, they did not hear anything.

White Birch Lane caller reported traffic lights not cycling correctly. Area was checked and they were working fine. (Personal note: lights at intersection of Mechanic and New Portland Road and Main St. are almost never working properly.)

Caller reported a suspicious vehicle on Huston Road. Vehicle pulled over so female could vomit.

Parties on Flaggy Meadow Road were separated after they had been involved in a verbal argument over jump starting a vehicle.

Maple Ridge caller was upset that the clerk at the store refused to sell her tobacco products because her friend, who was present at the time of the transaction, was unable to produce an ID. It was explained to the complainant that the clerk has the ability to refuse service and she responded by hanging up the phone.

**Gorham- Phyllis Tapley Harmon, 100,** passed away in Scarborough on Thursday, May 4, 2017. The daughter of Frank and Harriet (Townsend) Tapley, she was born at home in Gorham on October 10, 1916. She lived in Gorham her entire life. As a child, she attended Elmwood school which is now the Lion’s Club building on South St. She graduated from Gorham High School in 1934. One of her fondest memories was delivering hay into Portland by horse and wagon with her older brother Howard. In 1940, Phyllis married Ralph Harmon, and they settled on Mitchell Hill Rd in South Gorham to raise their children. She lived in the same house until just days before her death. In the 1950’s Phyllis and Ralph purchased a camp on Harmon’s Beach at Sebago Lake, where she enjoyed many summers with her family. In an article published by the Gorham Times for her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday Phyllis was quoted as saying “I’ve always lived here. I’m happy right here in Gorham. I don’t care to live anywhere else. I just love Gorham.”



Phyllis was predeceased by her husband Ralph, and her siblings. She is survived by her son David Harmon and his wife Rosamond, of Rockwood, her daughter Karen Dyer and her husband Ronald of Gorham, her grandchildren, Darcy and James Dyer, Garrett and Ross Harmon, and Wanda Maddox Thompson. There will be a private family graveside service at a later date. Arrangements are under the care of Dolby Funeral Chapel, Gorham. In lieu of flowers her family requests donations be made to Gosnell Memorial Hospice House, 11 Hunnewell Road Scarborough, ME 04074. Please visit [www.dolbyfuneralchapels.com](http://www.dolbyfuneralchapels.com) to view Phyllis’ online tribute page and to sign her guestbook.



CALENDAR

SATURDAY, MAY 20

- 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.
- Veinte de Mayo Benefit Concert, 5-7 p.m., First Parish Church, 1 Church St. FMI, schumacher@roadrunner.com.

SUNDAY, MAY 21

- Retirement party in honor of Fran Doucette, executive director of the Gorham Food Pantry, 2-4 p.m. at Cressey Road United Methodist Church, 81 Cressey Road, Gorham. Everyone is welcome.
- Gorham Community Chorus Annual Spring Concert, McCormack Performing Arts Center, Gorham High School, 3 p.m. FMI, gorhamcommunitychorus@gmail.com.

TUESDAY, MAY 23

- Gorham Lions meeting, Old Elmwood School House on South Street (Rte. 114), 6:30 p.m. New members always welcome. FMI, 298-9182.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24

- 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.

THURSDAY, MAY 25

- 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.

SATURDAY, MAY 27

- 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.

MONDAY, MAY 29

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

TUESDAY, MAY 30

- Gorham Garden Club, First Parish Church, 1 Church St., 7 p.m. Harriet Robinson, chairman of GCGM Landscape Design School, will present a program on Mediterranean Gardens in Maine. Members of the public are welcome. FMI, 839-3630 or 839-3878.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 31

- 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.
- Retired social worker Chip Cain will speak about his experiences volunteering in Haiti. Lakes Region Senior center, Little Falls Activity Center, 40 Acorn Street, at 10:30. FMI, Diane, 892-9529.

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NOTICE OF MEETING MAY 18, 2017

The Gorham Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a regular meeting on Thursday, May 18, 2017 at 6:30 pm in the Burleigh Lovett Council Chambers at 75 South Street, Gorham to consider the following:

Acceptance of the April 20, 2017 meeting minutes as printed and distributed.

**Appeal #17 - 06** Enlargement or Replacement of Non-Conforming Use or Structure. Joseph Wyman, property owner and petitioner of Wyman's Auto is seeking to enlarge a non-conforming use. The property is located at 201 New Portland Road (Map 28 Lot 10) which is in the Suburban Residential Zoning District.

**Appeal #17-07** Conversion of Non-Conforming Use To Another Non-Conforming Use. Ron Greco/KR Commercial Properties LLC, the applicant is seeking a conversion of a legally existing non-conforming use. The subject property is located at 346 South Street (Map 23 Lot 16 – Building #2) which is in the Rural Zoning District.

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May 2017



**Gorham will hold its Memorial Day Parade  
on May 29 at 11 a.m.**



**Heather Shields to speak at  
Brown Bag Lunch at Baxter Library**

**“Gracefully Driving While Aging”  
Friday, May 19 at 12:15 p.m.  
Baxter Memorial Library  
in the Schneider Room**

Heather Shields is an expert in helping seniors stay driving safely for as long as possible. She is also able to recognize when it is time to retire from driving. She works very closely with seniors, their family members, and healthcare providers, to help people remain independent in their communities.



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**Earth Day Clean-up**



Photo credit Angela Gospodarek

Mrs. Gospodarek’s seventh grade classes picked up trash around the school in celebration of Earth Day. The total collected was 184 pounds of trash. Pictured is one of the four classes that participated. Back row (left to right): Charlie Gay, Amber Saleme, Caleb Hendrix, Landon Bickford, Nate Corey, Caleb Waterman, Jacob Graham, Tommy Sallinen, and Nikita Butenko. Front row (left to right): Shawn McKeage, Kam Dupra, Jakob Leavitt, Sadie Scholl, Alyvia Caruso, Caroline Bishop, Maddie Hatch, Sadie Dyer, Allie Myles, Sadie Cyr, Allie Light, Mary DeWitt, and Devan Sherry.



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