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## Memorial Day Parade Returns

Cathy Walter, Staff Writer

Photos taken by GoCAT, Memorial Day 2020

Gorham's Memorial Day Parade will be held on Monday, May 31 at 11:00 a.m., a welcome sign of a return to normal. Everyone is encouraged to participate, either as spectators or as part of the parade.

Cindy Hazleton, Director of the Gorham Recreation Department, said, "We invite neighborhoods, churches, businesses, service clubs, and sports clubs to join in the parade this year."

In order to register, call the Rec. Dept. at 222-1630.

"Give us a description of what your parade unit consists of: walkers, bicycles, floats, antique cars/trucks/tractors, business trucks, et cetera, as it helps us coordinate the line-up for the parade," she added.

So dust off that old convertible stored in the garage, polish 'er up and come cruise down Main Street. Get the grandkids to help decorate your golf cart and enter that. Rather watch a parade than be in it? Decorate the lawn chair or wear a big a hat and blow bubbles or whistles or wave flags all

along the route. Come celebrate this opportunity to return to normal and to make a joyful noise for those who have served and sacrificed for us all.

While the out-of-doors mask mandate has been lifted, the Recreation Department wants to remind everyone that it is important to be respectful of the folks around you by maintaining some social distance between family groups along the parade route as well as at the closing ceremony.

The parade will begin at Lincoln Street turning north

onto South Street then east onto Main Street and finally turning onto Johnson Road culminating at Eastern Cemetery. People are encouraged to head to the cemetery after the parade has passed by to attend the closing ceremony.

VFW Gorham Memorial Post 10879 will hold a memorial service with guest speaker Colonel Stu Pettis at the Eastern Cemetery Monument to honor fallen veterans immediately following the parade. Attendees are asked to enter via the Main Street entrance to assist traffic flow.

### Gorham's Memorial Day

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Monday, May 31st

at 11:00 a.m.



## Gorham Students on Winning Robotics Team



Photo courtesy of [www.northernforce.org](http://www.northernforce.org)

FIRST Robotics Team 172, "The Northern Force," from Gorham and Falmouth High Schools were honored with two awards in a virtual ceremony on May 11. The 2021 challenges went remote to teams around the world. Team 172, one of 79 New England teams, met the virtual challenge by winning one of 21 awards. Their "High Voltage" game design concept focused on renewable energy. They also received a third award, a "Best Time Award," in the second of four Mini-Bot Challenges judged on speed and accuracy.

Forty New England teams competed in the Innovation Challenge. Team 172's entry, "The Seeing Eye," was one of three teams that advanced to the semi-finals for achieving excellence across all required criteria. On May 17 they learned the team was selected as one of 20 teams as a finalist from the 882 teams that competed globally. The finalist round will take place in June in front of FIRST Strategic Partners and a global audience of peers and industry leaders.

Learn more about Gorham's local FIRST Robotics Team and their award at [www.northernforce.org](http://www.northernforce.org).

## Town Council Votes for Skatepark to Move Forward

Destiny Cook, Sports Editor

Skateboarding is set to make its first appearance at the Tokyo Olympics in July. The popularity of skateboarding continues to grow and many cities and towns across the state of Maine have built skateparks to accommodate skateboarders, scooters, and BMX bikers as well. Gorham would like to join them in these efforts, and the Town Council unanimously agrees.

The idea for a skatepark in Gorham has been floated around for years, until a group of community members, led by Tom Dupuis, came together to advance the idea. Dupuis said given the growing popularity of the sport, the strong community interest as well as the activity happening in surrounding communities, this is the perfect time to move the project forward. The Project Team is made up of the following community members: Tom Dupuis, Project Community Lead; Emma Christakis, Project Management; Liam Nickerson, Community and Student Advocate;



Photo submitted by Tom Dupuis

This initial concept image is meant to give the community a sense of the size and scale of the proposed skatepark and is not meant to represent a final design.

and James Rutherford, Site Selection Lead and Community Advocate.

The organizers envision a skatepark that is an inclusive place for youths and adults to exercise and enjoy the outdoors; is a perfect complement to team sports given

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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.

# Moving the Needle, Making Change

## Saving Lives, Property & Money

Rep. Kyle Bailey

Residential sprinkler systems can save lives and properties in the short-term and lower insurance premiums and public safety budgets in the long-term. That's why Gorham has an ordinance that requires them. However, installing a residential sprinkler system does increase the cost of home construction. That is why I introduced a bill, LD 1364, to study whether it would be feasible and desirable for the State of Maine to provide incentives for developers, builders and home buyers to install residential sprinklers and, if so, in what form the incentives should take, who should deliver them and how they should be advertised and delivered.

I am proud to report that the Criminal Justice and Public Safety Committee voted unanimously in favor of LD 1364 to study incentives for residential sprinkler systems. I am thankful to Rep. Newman, R-Belgrade, for helping to improve the bill and Rep. Warren, D-Hallowell, for her support.

### Giving More Voice to Young Mainers

LD 1497, "An Act To Establish the Maine Youth Impact Commission," was introduced by my colleague, Rep. Warren, before my legislative committee this session and would create a com-

mission of young people ages 15-31 to provide input in the state's policy making. As my committee began to work the bill, it became clear that there were unintended consequences and political challenges that would make passage of the bill unlikely. I felt strongly that some version of the bill needed to pass because the voices and perspectives of young Mainers are needed in government decision-making. Therefore, I worked with the bill's sponsor, stakeholders and colleagues on a bipartisan amendment that:

- Changed the "commission" to a "task force," which has fiscal and structural implications that better positioned the bill;

- Directed the task force to focus on workforce and economic development issues, rather than open-ended issue engagement and advocacy; and,

- Brought the task force within Maine Development Foundation's existing RealizeMaine program, rather than creating a new commission within the Governor's Office.

I am proud that this amendment secured majority bipartisan support among my colleagues on the Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business Committee. I am especially grateful to the Maine Development Foundation and Rep. Collamore, R-Pittsfield, for their support.

### Modernizing the Maine Legislature

Sen. Trey Stewart (R-Presque Isle) and I introduced similar bills this session calling for the creation of legislative commissions to study changes that might be made to legislative structures and processes to improve the operations of the Legislature and, in turn, generate better outcomes for the Maine people. My bill, LD 1670, was titled "Resolve, To Establish the Commission To Study and Recommend Solutions for Modernizing the Maine Legislature,"

After the State and Local Government Committee held separate public hearings on both of our bills, Sen. Stewart and I worked together on a consolidated and bipartisan proposal to advance our common objective. I am proud to report that the committee voted unanimously in favor of our joint proposal to create this commission, which will broadly examine reforms to, and restructuring of the Legislature from top to bottom to create efficiencies, promote collaboration and generate better outcomes for Mainers.



Rep. Kyle Bailey, D-Gorham, is serving his first term in the Maine House of Representatives. He serves on the Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business Committee. You can reach him at [kyle.bailey@legislature.maine.gov](mailto:kyle.bailey@legislature.maine.gov) or (207) 939-8600. For immediate assistance, please send a text message.

## Gorham Taste Walk Returns

Maeve Terry, Assistant Editor

Gorham's annual Taste Walk will be returning this year with slight modifications to its traditional event to work in the pandemic world on June 6 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Presented by YoungLife Sebago and sponsored by Moody's Collision Centers, Gorham residents can still walk around town to support local businesses, but food sampling is not allowed due to CDC guidelines.

Maps to visit each business involved in the event will be sold at Robie Gym the day of the event. Each business will decide what happens in their shop. Once the map is completed, it can be returned to Robie Gym to enter a raffle. Prizes from the raffle will be from local businesses, including Gorham Sand and Gravel, Carter's Green Market and Karen's Ghost Kitchen.

Maps can be preordered on the Gorham Taste Walk website.

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## Upcoming Deadlines

June 10

June 24

Summer Break

July 14

GORHAM

# Taste WALK

11-2PM Sunday 6.6.21

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# Help Protect Your Family's Inheritance

Pete Watt

You might contribute to your IRA for decades to help pay for your retirement. But if you don't need all the money, you may want to leave what's left to your children or grandchildren. However, if you want to ensure they get the most from this inheritance, you'll need to do some planning.

Here's a little background: Up until a couple of years ago, when you left the proceeds of your IRA to your beneficiaries, they could choose to "stretch" required withdrawals over a long period, based on their life expectancies. These required withdrawals were generally taxable, so this "stretch IRA" allowed your beneficiaries to greatly reduce the annual taxes due, while benefiting from longer tax-deferred growth potential. And the younger the beneficiary, the longer the life expectancy and the lower the withdrawals, so this technique would have been especially valuable for your grandchildren or even great-grandchildren.

Changes in laws affecting retirement accounts have significantly limited the stretch IRA strategy. Now, most non-spouse beneficiaries must withdraw all assets from the IRA within 10 years of the IRA owner's death. The beneficiary generally does not have to take out any money during that 10-year period, but at the end of it, the entire balance must be withdrawn – and that could result in a pretty big tax bill.

The stretch IRA strategy can still be used for surviving spouses, beneficiaries who are no more than 10 years younger than the deceased IRA owner, and beneficiaries who are chronically ill or disabled. Minor children of the original account owner are also eligible for a stretch IRA – but only until they reach the age of majority, at which time the 10-year rule applies.

So, if you want to leave your IRA to family members who don't meet any of the above exceptions, what can you do?

One possibility is a Roth IRA conversion. You could convert a traditional IRA to a Roth IRA over your lifetime, so your heirs would receive the Roth IRA. They would still be required to withdraw the assets within 10 years, but unlike with a traditional IRA, Roth IRA withdrawals are generally tax-free. These conversions are taxable, so you'll want to consult your tax professional in addition to your financial advisor, to determine if this strategy can help you achieve your legacy goals.

Another option is to purchase life insurance, which can provide a specific dollar amount to your heirs or be used to help cover additional taxes. This may be especially advantageous if you are 72 or older, in good health, and taking withdrawals – technically called required minimum distributions – from your retirement accounts, such as your traditional IRA and your 401(k). If you don't really need the money, you can use these withdrawals to pay for some or all of the insurance premiums. Life insurance can't replace an IRA as a means to save for retirement, though, so you should consult with your financial advisor to make sure you are working toward all your goals.

In any case, if you have a sizable IRA or you don't need the funds that you're required to take from your retirement accounts, you may want to start thinking about what you want to do with the money. The more thorough your legacy planning, the better your chances of meeting your legacy goals.

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Pete Watt has been a Financial Advisor with Edward Jones in Gorham since 2015, building on years of experience as a self employed Insurance Agent specializing in Health, Life, Medicare, and Long Term Care insurance.

# Fire Dept. Safety Survey Program

Charles Jarrett, Gorham Fire Dept.

The Gorham Fire Department suspended their Fire Prevention Safety Program in February 2020 due to COVID-19. The Gorham Fire Department will resume the program effective June 1 as part of its overall fire prevention efforts and mission statement.

The Safety Survey Program focuses on 44 items of major concern regarding fire safety.

The program surveys businesses and commercial locations in Gorham with on duty fire and emergency medical personnel conducting the inspections. This is not a complete code compliance inspection but rather a program intended to reduce loss of life and property by identifying fire hazards and possible code violations. The results of these surveys may lead to a complete fire prevention inspection.

Questions about the program should be addressed to Fire Inspector Charles Jarrett (222-1618) or Fire Chief Ken Fickett (222-1643).

# Arrests

Windham man, 23, was arrested for OUI.

Portland man, 59, was arrested for OUI (one prior), violating conditions of release and operating a vehicle while license was suspended or revoked.

Jackie's Way man, 20, was arrested for criminal trespass, failure to stop motor vehicle and refusing to submit to arrest.

Main Street woman, 44, was arrested for domestic violence assault.

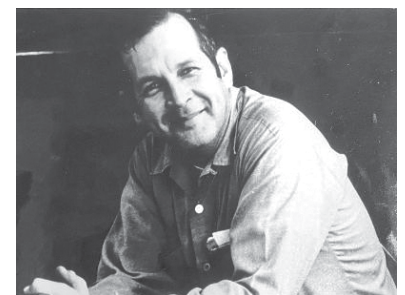
# Gorham Sightings



Photo credit Maeve Terry

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## WILLARD ELGIN PIKE 1932 – 2021



Westbrook – Willard (Willie) Pike passed away peacefully on May 15, 2021 in the apartment he shared with his wife, Ruthie, at the Avita of Stroudwater memory care facility.

Willie was born in June of 1932, the son of Alice and Elmer Pike. He grew up in Gorham, Maine with his six siblings, four older (Kenneth, Stanley, Marion, and Mary) and two younger (Earl and Carl).

After graduating from Gorham High School, Willie went on to various jobs including truck driving and machine shop foreman, and served in the US Army 1953 – 1955. He met the love of his life, Ruthie, in 1960. They had actually known each other from high school but it was later as adults that they met again and fell in love. They married and blended his daughter from a previous marriage and her two daughters from a previous marriage into a family, soon joined by two more children.

Willie built an interest in antique cars into a very successful business spanning decades. His pursuit of antique cars led to travels all over the country. Many of the cars that passed through his business ended up in countries all over the world. It was fascinating to attend the big antique car auctions with him and see cars that he had once owned and to hear the history of those cars, what collections they had been in. An excellent mechanic, Willie frequently used those skills to fix cars for people who could not afford to pay for the necessary repairs. He also was known to plow driveways free for folks who were struggling to make ends meet.

In addition to travel for business, he and Ruthie enjoyed travel for its own sake, or to visit far-flung family, even driving to Alaska when their son lived there. Bar Harbor was always a special place for them. They wintered in Arizona for a number of years and made Sun Lakes their permanent year-round residence in the mid 80's. In 2017 they moved back to Maine to be near family as they dealt with Willie's dementia diagnosis.

Willie is survived by his wife Ruthie of Westbrook, daughter Patricia Hatch of Urbana, IL, daughter Marie Pike and her husband John Manderino of Scarborough, daughter Susan Lofgren of Gorham, son John Pike and his fiancée Marian Chamberlain of Standish, daughter Katherine Pike of Berthoud, CO, grandchildren: Kristen Vreeland and husband Jake, Derek Lofgren and wife Theresa, Kari Lofgren, Adrienne Pike, Jessica DeYoung and husband Brian, Isaac Hatch and Grace Hatch; and six great grandchildren: Indra Pike, Kendra DeYoung, Kaleb Lofgren, Kaia Lofgren, Abby Lowell, and Carter Lofgren. Two brothers, Earl and Carl, survive Willie, and two sisters-in-law, Earl's wife Joyce and Stanley's wife Sue. He is predeceased by his parents, siblings Kenneth, Stanley, Marion Morton, Mary Loeffler, and in-laws John Loeffler, George Morton, Lois Pike and Phyllis Pike.

The family wants to thank the staff of Gorham House, Avita of Stroudwater, and Compassus Hospice for their dedication and compassion in providing quality care for Willie during these past four years.

As Willie wished, there will be no funeral or memorial service. For anyone wishing to honor his memory, the family suggests donating to the Alzheimer's Association or to the Greater Portland Animal Refuge League.

Please visit [www.jonesrichandbarnes.com](http://www.jonesrichandbarnes.com) to view Willie's tribute page and to sign his online guestbook.



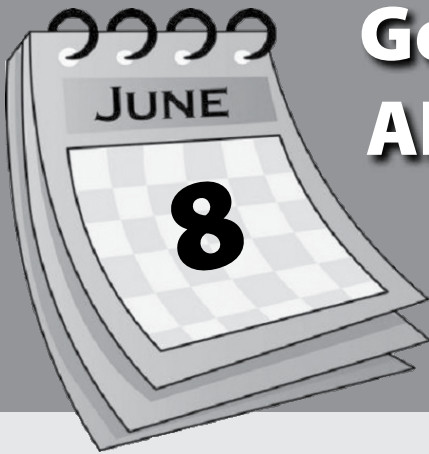
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Check out more detailed FY 22 Budget information by going to:  
[www.gorhamschools.org](http://www.gorhamschools.org)

Dear Community Members,

The proposed FY 22 budget totals \$44,568,143.00 (before council vote) and represents a 4.34% increase in expenditures over the final approved FY 21 budget of \$42,328,279. This budget requires a 5.58% increase in local appropriation, an increase of \$1.8 million over last year. Assuming General Purpose Aid (GPA) is finalized at the current level (and there is some potential movement here for the better from Gov Mills most recent proposals for state funding of schools), and the actual FY 22 property tax increases by a little over \$15 million in FY 22, the impact of this budget on the mil rate is an increase of 4.68% or \$0.59 on the mil. PLEASE KNOW THAT IF ADDITIONAL MONEY DOES COME IN FROM THE STATE, IT WILL BE USED TO REDUCE THE MIL IMPACT IMMEDIATELY.

Over the course of the budget development process, the District Leadership Team and the School Committee reduced a little over \$922,500.00 in the originally proposed budget. Additions to the budget were made in the amount of \$340,000.00 to account for our four key priorities of (1) Ensuring we are PREPARED for the already identified, and possibly yet unknown impacts of COVID 19 upon our schools, (2) Maintaining and strengthening our TECHNOLOGY infrastructure, (3) Maintaining and strengthening our CURRICULUM and SUPPORT programming for students, and (4) Addressing our overall FACILITIES needs. There are THREE key cost drivers to the proposed budget:

**Maintaining the "Status Quo"**- Just to maintain existing positions with calculated increases in health insurance and salary requirements per negotiated labor contracts we needed to increase our overall budget proposal by \$1,050,000.00

**Addressing COVID 19 Related Needs in ELL and Special Education** - With increasing numbers of students requiring these services and with the complexity of these services increasing due to the Pandemic, we had to add several positions to our budget totaling \$330,000.00 to ensure we were providing appropriate programming to qualifying students.

**Addressing COVID 19 related needs in non-instructional programs (i.e. School Nutrition, transportation, Custodial/Maintenance services, etc.).** - we have had to increase custodial services to maintain required sanitation practices and we have had to increase contracted services in transportation in order to meet current safety requirements for just 1 student per seat on a bus. Additionally we have had to contribute more local dollars to our school nutrition program due to loss in a-la-carte revenues directly related to COVID 19. Overall, we had to increase these costs by about \$210,000.00 for FY 22.

On the revenue side of the budget, our state subsidy has gone up by \$450,000.00 due mostly to increasing special education costs. As of the date of this writing, Gov. Mills is suggesting significantly increasing the state's contributions to fund public education. If these measures pass, we are positioned to potentially reduce taxpayer impact of this proposed budget to \$0.00 - but in the worst case scenario that this doesn't occur, the proposed budget would increase taxes by \$.59 on the mil. For a home valued at \$400,000 that would be an increase of \$236.00 over the year.

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

Thank you,

Heather J. Perry, Ph.D.  
Superintendent of Schools

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

- 89% of GHS seniors went on to post secondary last year even amidst the COVID 19 Pandemic!
- 228 total colleges and universities are part of our student's "Future Story Wall" at GHS.
- 94.2% graduation rate at GHS, well above the state's 86.4% average.
- 55% of GHS students participate in extra curricular activities with 45+ more clubs and activities for high school students to participate in as well.
- K-5 students continued to support their community all year long. One example, donating over 1,700 pairs of socks to our local homeless veterans!
- Over 1,600 K-5 students and 1,400 Gr. 6-12 students participated in Aspire Gorham Career orientated programs ranging from Try it Days, to field experiences to 1 on 1 career conversations with the help of local businesses!
- GMS students didn't let a little pandemic get in the way of producing virtual drama productions, sharing recorded music/choral performances, competing in Odyssey of the Mind and robotics competitions at the national level and much more!
- A focus on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion across all schools!
- Strong community connections - business roundtable, Aspire Gorham, senior internships, virtual career days, Try it Day, collaborations with USM for early college ... And So Much MORE!

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

**Thank you for your continued support of our schools!**



# School Committee Meeting 5/12/21

Kathy Corbett, Staff Writer

At the start of the May 12 regular School Committee (SC) meeting, Emily Paruk, a Gorham High School (GHS) senior, virtually shared one of the poems she recited to win the state Poetry-Out-Loud contest.

Superintendent Heather Perry announced modifications to the district masking rules. When students are outside and six feet apart they do not need to wear masks. Athletes on the field may remove their masks but must keep them on when not actively participating. Teachers are being encouraged to hold classes outside when possible.

Perry said the number of remote-learning students changed slightly from previous months at 115 elementary school students, 68 from Gorham Middle School (GMS), and 67 GHS students.

Perry said the four-day school week was going very well with the help of Gorham police and volunteers. According to one teacher, "Schools sound again like schools." Each of the SC members thanked everyone who made this possible. They also reported that meals are now being served from the new Narragansett Elementary School kitchen.

Eliza Kenigsberg, who heads the ASPIRE Gorham program, and Jan Belanger, who coordinates ASPIRE activities, presented an overview of the program that helps children toward achieving their aspirations as adults.

Kenigsberg explained that they focus on exposing elementary school children

to different jobs, helping GMS students explore career choices, and enabling GHS students to experience a variety of workplace environments.

"This support of Gorham children in becoming productive adults with meaningful goals is a community-wide effort," said Kenigsberg.

*"This support of Gorham children in becoming productive adults with meaningful goals is a community-wide effort,"*  
- Eliza Kenigsberg

Belanger described some of the activities she coordinated this past year, many virtually. Along with one-on-one coaching conversations, ASPIRE conducted 32 sessions that connected 542 students with people in a variety of careers. A partnership with USM enabled 97 GHS students to earn 300 credit hours at a tuition savings of \$86,000 Kenigsberg said. She introduced Byron Williams of Montalvo Company, who described the opportunities afforded to a GHS student who completed an internship with the company.

The SC voted (6-0, Gagnon absent): to approve four updated policies; to authorize Perry to move forward with a contract with Net Energy Billing, which

will save the district electricity costs by using CMP credits to buy solar energy; and to table a proposed adjustment to the FY22 CIPS budget until after a workshop discussion.

They also voted (6-0) to give yearly contracts to probationary teachers and to offer a continuing contract to third year teachers.

The SC voted unanimously to appoint Dr. Brian Porter assistant superintendent of Gorham Schools. Perry said that Porter, currently Village Elementary School principal, was chosen from 12 candidates by a diverse search committee. They were particularly impressed by his positive energy and passion for education during more than 30 years with the district.

As a result of a previous vote to end the current GHS alternative education program, the SC voted to eliminate the positions of two teachers and one support staff person and to terminate their contracts. They made it clear that was a decision made reluctantly, but necessary because the program is being reconstructed.

Perry presented summary data on students and staff absences from district schools in April due to COVID-19 cases and quarantine requirements. These included 254 K-5 students and 35 staff members and 383 6-12 students and 30 staff. She said that the numbers were better following the April break and that probably 90 percent of teachers are vaccinated. MaineHealth will be holding clinics for students 12 and older.

# Dr. Brian Porter to be New Assistant Superintendent

Kathy Corbett, Staff Writer

Superintendent Heather Perry announced that Dr. Brian A. Porter will serve as the new Assistant Superintendent of the Gorham School Department beginning July 1, 2021. For the past 21 years, Porter has been principal of Village Elementary School. With years of administrative experience at the middle and elementary levels, he also taught at the pre-K and eighth grade levels in Noble, Maine, and Grand Blanc, Michigan. "I am excited to begin this new chapter in my career," Porter said, "and look forward to serving the Gorham schools in a new capacity."



Photo courtesy of Brian Porter

Dr. Porter comes to his new role with both academic and practical knowledge in the field of education. He received both a Ph.D in Public Policy with a Concentration in Educational Policy and Leadership and a M.S. in Educational Leadership from the University of Southern Maine. He has a

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# GMS Teachers Receive MSTA Awards

Gorham Middle School Staff

The Maine Science Teachers Association (MSTA) recently recognized outstanding science educators in Maine in the following two categories: Philip Marcoux (for a non-formal educator) and Louis P. Lambert (a former educator).

The 2021 MSTA Philip Marcoux Award Recipient went to Terri Dawson, technology integrator, and the 2021 MSTA Louis P. Lambert Award Recipient went to Angela Gospodarek, seventh grade teacher, both educators at Gorham Middle School (GMS).

The Marcoux Award is designed to recognize non-formal science education professionals who work outside the formal classroom setting and who: make continuous and enduring contributions to science education; demonstrate capacity for creating and implementing successful science education-related activities; show creative approaches to improving student achievement in science; and make a permanent contribution to MSTA by integrating with national initiatives, promoting the science education profession, or providing training and resources to other science education professionals.

"Terri plays a central role in the GMS community," said Gospodarek. "Her contribution to the school and community is multi-faceted and impacts the daily lives of both students, educators, and community members. During the school week, you often have to check her online



Photos courtesy of Gorham Middle School

Terri Dawson (left) and Angela Gospodarek, both educators at Gorham Middle School, were recently named award recipients from Maine Science Teachers Association.

schedule to see which classroom she is presenting in."

The technology and science curriculum she has developed for specific classes includes teaching about Digital Citizenship, Digital Footprints, Fake News, iMovie, 3D Printing, Apps for Geography, programming Cue Robots to help teach genetics, Cue Curriculum for the Robotics Challenge, and she will even help teachers make Digital Breakouts for their current units.

Monthly staff meetings have a special time for Dawson to present her current "tech tips" and strategies to the faculty – always offering her assistance to follow up with anyone who has questions.

With passion and energy, Dawson runs the iTeam, an after-school

technology club, for middle school students. The list of activities the students are involved in is amazing. Students participate in activities such as Scratch coding to make video games, Edison Robots (Edware.com), Stop Motion animation, VR activities, various coding activities, and working with drones to name a few.

Dawson partners with the teachers in the alternative education program to provide high-interest, integrated science and technology instruction to at-risk students. Students have tremendous respect for her and look forward to her robotics challenges, lessons with drones, and video game design.

"Most importantly, Terri establishes very strong relationships with

students who often struggle with positive self-perception, emotional regulation, and distress tolerance," said Gospodarek. "She connects with them, makes learning relevant, is extremely compassionate, and still maintains high expectations for the technology curriculum."

Dawson empowers students to pursue their interests and showcase their knowledge by co-presenting with her at multiple events. Students have presented at 3D Print workshops, the annual MLTI Student Conference, and have presented to staff during professional development time. She assists staff with developing presentations for national conferences, boosting both their confidence and productivity.

"Terri has truly taken the role of technology integrator to a higher level. Her presence in our classrooms and her dedication to her students is truly inspirational," said Gospodarek. "We are lucky to have Terri as a member of our faculty. She is always willing to lend a hand, teach a lesson, develop an activity, encourage a student in new technology, trouble-shoot with an educator, or investigate a new technology tool."

The Lambert Award is designed to recognize a public or private school teacher who: inspires student achievement in science in a caring, compassionate manner; shows creative approaches in linking student learn-

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**Town Council Votes for Skatepark to Move Forward** CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

the sport's individual elements; and provides a safe outlet to learn risk-taking and social skills for youth. There will be no age limit for the skatepark. "We want the skatepark to appeal to a broad range of individuals from those who are just learning the sport to those who are much more advanced with their skills," Dupuis shared. The skatepark will include a mix of novice to professional features to promote a culture of inclusion, diversity and growth in skills.

The group is in the early stages of design and has consulted multiple towns who have built or are in the process of building skateparks, including South Portland, Augusta and Windham. There is also a survey (available on [www.facebook.com/GorhamSkateparkProject](http://www.facebook.com/GorhamSkateparkProject)) which is being used to get community input. It will remain open until June 30. The survey will be helpful in gathering information for the design of the specific park features, which will then be passed on to the skatepark design firm (to be hired). As this is a community skatepark, the group strongly encourages input on the design features, particularly from local skateboarders and scooter riders.

According to Dupuis, they have secured a private funding commitment up to \$250,000 with the assumption that they can structure a private/public partnership with the Town. Currently, the group is working in partnership with Town staff experts; Ephrem Paraschak, Town Manager; Tom Poirier, Director

of Community Development; Bob Burns, Director of Public Works; Cindy Hazelton, Director of Gorham Parks and Rec. Director; and Kevin Jensen, Economic Development Director. Upon completion of phase 1 and 2 of the skatepark, the proposal says to would be donated to the Town and a boosters club would be created to assist with the promotion and upkeep of the park.

The group is grateful for the community support. There are many hardworking people behind the scenes getting work done. The Gorham Conservation Commission, Gorham Village Alliance, Gorham Business Exchange, Gorham Economic Development Corporation, Gorham Outdoors and Gorham Sand & Gravel have all endorsed the idea of a skatepark as well. As one might expect, there is overwhelming interest amongst the Gorham student population with eight of ten students responding to their survey as "very" or "extremely" excited about having a town skatepark.

While the location has not been chosen yet, a few sites given due diligence include Narragansett Elementary School, Robie Park, Gorham Middle School, and Little Falls Recreation area. Narragansett had the highest rating for the criteria the group is looking for to build the park. Superintendent Heather Perry said the Gorham School Department is fully supportive of the construction of a skatepark in the community. "We believe such a park would be a positive addition to the



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already excellent recreational opportunities our community and schools offer to our youth and young adults." Perry feels the skatepark would encourage youth and young adults in the Gorham community to safely gather, to be physically active.

With approximately \$175,000 needed, Dupuis said, "We anticipate doing a fundraising campaign to raise the balance needed to complete phases one and two of the skatepark." The first two phases of the proposed project call for a 7,500-square-foot park that would be eventually expanded to 10,000 square feet.

For more about the skatepark or how to help, visit their Facebook page or email them at [gorhamskatepark@gmail.com](mailto:gorhamskatepark@gmail.com) for more information.

Liam Nickerson, the Community and Student Advocate for the group shared, "Personally, I think a skatepark would benefit Gorham greatly, as it would provide a safe place for skateboarders, scooters, and bikers to do what they love, and to feel like they belong, bringing the community closer together. I love the idea of a new park to share with new skaters and see the individuality and uniqueness each one brings into our community."

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# GHS Hockey Player on the Way to Nationals

Aislyn McLean, GHS Student Intern

This past year has been a year like no other for sports across the world. COVID-19 has canceled games, practices, scrimmages, and more. Maine's lockdown was very challenging for young athletes, as many had never experienced a break in their athletics for that long. Things are looking up, however, for hockey player Emerson Homa. The Gorham High School athlete just recently played at the National Hockey Tournament in Colorado.

It all started while Homa was skating here in Gorham at Narragansett School. She was six years old at the time, and a natural on the ice. Her parents encouraged her to start playing hockey the following winter, which is exactly what she did. Emerson has been playing for eight years now. She played for Southern Maine Youth Hockey Association (SMYHA) from mites to bantams. This included travel, house, co-ed, and all-girls teams. Homa has also played locally for Gorham Middle School, and now Gorham High School. The ninth grader currently plays for the Casco Bay Mariners Girls Tier II u16 team, where she plays both wing and center.

When asked about her favorite memories of the sport, Homa replied, "One of my favorite memories from hockey is from when I was really young. Our

coaches would bring us Munchkins before practices and games that were really early in the morning." She went on to say that winning her last high school game this season was great as well, as she and her teammates beat a team to which they had previously lost.

Nationals took place in Denver, Colorado this year, they were sponsored by USA Hockey; teams from all over the country competed. In order to participate, Homa and her Casco Bay teammates first had to advance through multiple rounds of regional competition. Her team won the Maine State Championship, which guaranteed the girls a spot in the New England Regional Tournament. There they played teams from Connecticut, Vermont, and New Hampshire, all of which they won. Her all-girls team made it to the semifinals in Colorado. They unfortunately lost in a sudden death overtime, with a score of 2-1. Homa and her team placed fifth in the tournament, however, displaying an exceptional amount of hard work and dedication.

"Playing at nationals was the most outstanding experience. It was incredible to compete against girls from all over the country. I felt like it was a great experience and I hope we get a chance to compete again next year," said Homa.

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# Captured Moments: from Light to Paint

Chris Crawford, Staff Writer

## Art Show at Station Square by artist, Jim Kucheman

The larger group of paintings can be seen from 1 to 10 p.m. in the ground floor lobby area. Additional paintings can be seen in the Wine Bar during its open hours of Thursday through Saturday 5 to 10 p.m. An artist reception will be held on Friday May 28, 6 to 9 p.m.



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Jim Kucheman works on a large canvas he hopes to finish in time for his show in Gorham.



Husband and wife team Jim Kucheman and Glenys Sayward are well-matched. Jim is an introverted, talented, hard-working artist and extrovert Glenys has a well-trained, critical eye plus years of experience in marketing and sales in art and handcrafted furniture. Their interests and skills complement each

other as they work to prepare a Pop-Up Show of 40 of Jim's acrylic paintings to be held in the Station Square lobby entrance and Grand Central Wine Bar at 7 Railroad Avenue in Gorham from May 27 to the 29.

The weekend art show offers a special opportunity for Jim to intro-

duce himself and his work to his home community with "direct from the artist" pricing, ranging from \$275-300 for smaller work, up to \$3000 for large pieces) A digital show preview can be found at [www.brightsideviews.com](http://www.brightsideviews.com) (See Sidebar)

The show will be memorable for a number of reasons, first and foremost because of Jim's talent (he has won many awards) and secondly because of Glenys' thoughtful curation. Jim paints what inspires him, mostly landscapes from his favorite locations in Maine and also from their travels in France. His

paintings are intimate, welcoming and vibrant, featuring locations that hold meaning for him. "I like to try to capture the sense of a place," he said. The viewer can feel that connection. Jim skillfully captures mood and light, creating a beautiful moment in time. He modestly believes that "if the subject is good, the painting almost paints itself!"

They say that timing is everything. Another reason the show will be memorable is that, with the exception of brief periods early in his

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# Robie Park Gets a Spruce Up

Cathy Walter, Staff Writer



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GVA Volunteers L-R: Kelly Dearborn, Kathy Kigin, Kathy Garrard

The park at Robie Gym recently got a much-needed makeover. New park benches have been installed along South Street and picnic tables and trash receptacles have been added on the lawn. The garden at the corner of Preble Street was given a radical clearing, uncovering a beautiful Japanese Maple that had been overshadowed for years. This previously underutilized area is now a lovely place to sit and watch passersby, do homework, or have a picnic.

Although the Gorham Parks and Recreation Department oversees the space, the Gorham Village Alliance (GVA) created the vision and took the initiative to spruce up this corner of town. The GVA is a non-profit started three years ago by a group of volunteers from all walks of life whose mission is to revitalize Gorham. They work closely with the town and other organizations to identify opportunities for improvement and also to dig in and make their ideas come to fruition.



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GVA President Kathy Garrard

On a hot day in May, as temperatures were edging towards 80 degrees, the GVA Design Committee Volunteers: Josh Haiss, Kathy Kigin, Laci Hoskins, Joey Smith, Kelly Dearborn and Tina Ruel were wrapping up the project by literally digging in, doing the final weeding of the garden and prepping it for new perennials for all to enjoy.

The project was completed just in time for the GVA sponsored art fair Art on South which will be held on June 5th, followed by a Gorham Lions Club sponsored craft fair on June 26th. To learn more about the GVA, check them out on Facebook. Future scheduled events can be found on Gorham Rec's website <https://www.gorhamrec.com/info/default.aspx>



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# New Christian Services Moving into Gorham

John Ersek, Staff Writer

Officials of Summit Community Church, Great Falls Construction, the Gorham Planning Board, and the Sebago Technics architectural firm have been continuing to discuss Summit's plan to build a large, new community church building near the intersection of Cressey Road and Narragansett Street (Route 202), which would be situated across Cressey Road from the Masonic Temple. These discussions have included a presentation at the April 14 Planning Board meeting.

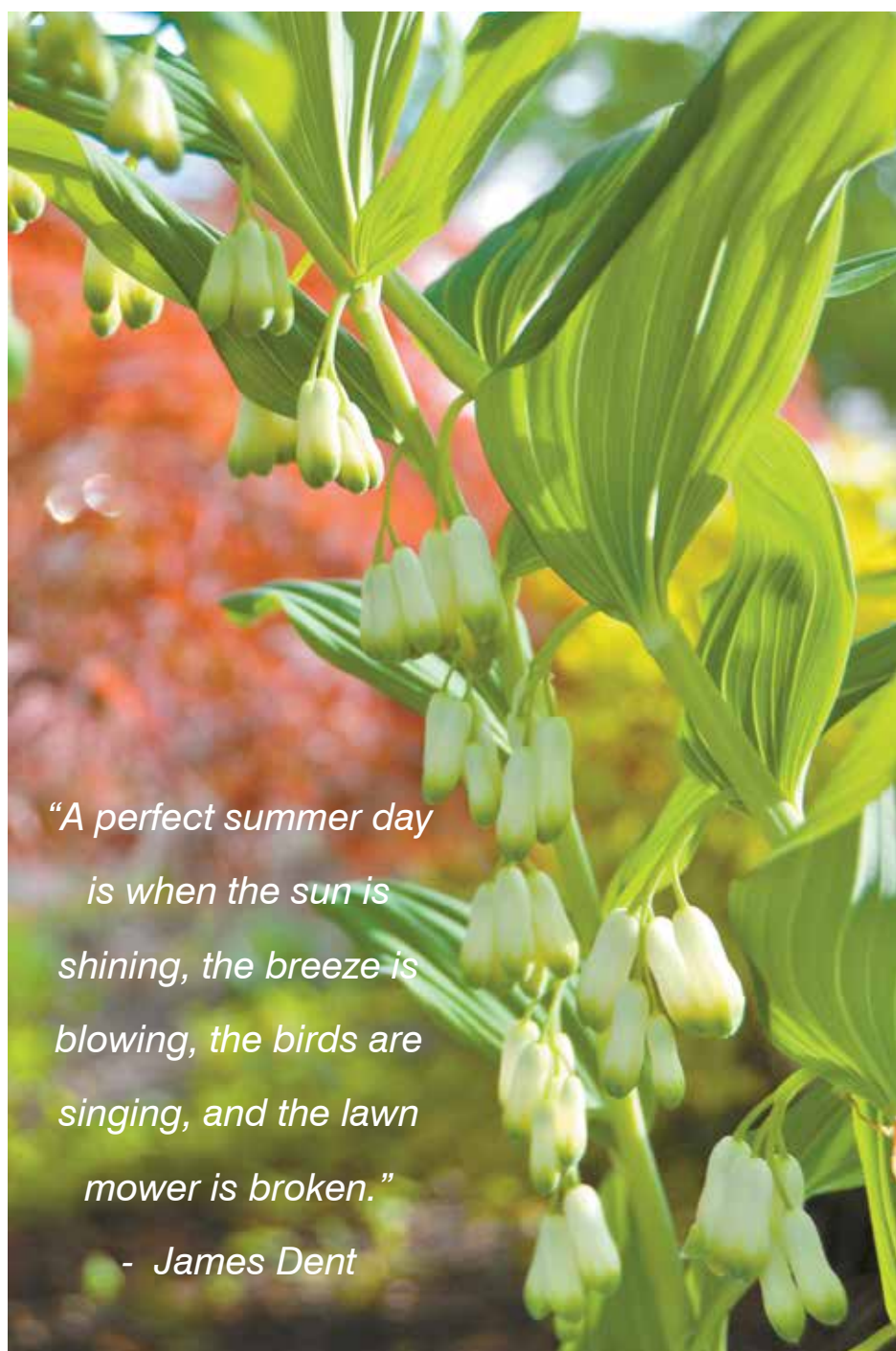
Recently the church and the construction company announced they have scaled back the size of the project somewhat. The footprint of the planned building has been reduced from 28,000 square feet to 22,750 square feet, the size of the parking lot has also been reduced, with spaces planned for 127 vehicles instead of 400 vehicles. The church is still planning to construct a mixed-use community church building, including space for a dual-purpose sanctuary/gymnasium, a publicly-available basketball court, and facilities for a community daycare center which could accommodate as many as 40 to 50 children. The church's new building will be constructed on a 14-acre site which the church is purchasing from Moody's Co-Workers.

One of the issues discussed between the church and the planning board is whether the church will need to construct a sidewalk along the entire length of the property's frontage on Cressey

Road. The church leaders have stated they believe this to be an unnecessary and excessive expenditure. Other issues are the location of the parking lot, and the question of how close the front of the building should be in relation to the intersection of Narragansett Street and Cressey Road.

Summit Community Church was founded in 2018 as the result of a merger between the South Gorham Baptist Church and SouthCoast Community Church of Scarborough. From 2018 through 2020, Summit held its services at their facility on Gorham Road in Scarborough, while maintaining ownership of the former Baptist Church building on County Road. Recently, Summit sold their Scarborough land and facilities to the Second Presbyterian Church of Portland, which then moved all its programs to the property in Scarborough. At the same time, Summit moved its programs to the basement of its location at 53 County Road in Gorham. Summit leased the rest of the County Road building to Center Point Church, which now holds its services upstairs in the sanctuary.

The Summit Church plans to continue meeting in the basement of its County Road location until its new building on Cressey Road has been completed. So far, Summit has not announced the estimated cost of building its new facility in Gorham. Summit Church has also not announced a start date for its construction project.



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## Dr. Brian Porter to be New Assistant Superintendent

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In making the announcement, Perry said, "Porter has the ability to build and sustain positive relationships that create strong cultures and bring people together." She added that he has a "high

degree of energy and enthusiasm" and that he focuses "on strong collaboration to problem solve and get things done."

Porter is looking forward to partnering with Superintendent Perry "to lead our district in providing the best education possible for our students."

## GMS Teachers Receive MSTA Awards

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ing to the Science Content Standards of the Maine State Learning Results and Maine's Curriculum Framework for Mathematics and Science; and makes continuous and enduring contributions to science education by integrating with local and state initiatives, promoting science education, and providing training or resources to other science teachers.

"Angela is an integral part of the amazing GMS community and can always be counted on no matter how busy she is," said Dawson. "Teaching is clearly her passion and the opportunities she provides for her students are nothing short of amazing."

Gospodarek is one of those teachers who is willing to improve her practice by trying new things with excitement and passion. When things don't go exactly as the lesson was planned, she always has a plan B and rarely misses a beat. She's quick on her feet and isn't afraid to show students the power of Fail vs Sail (First Attempt in Learning vs Subsequent Attempts in Learning).

Gospodarek frequently demonstrates the power of community outreach by bringing in experts in the field of science for her students to learn from like Mr. Drew and his exotic ani-

mals, Portland Water, and a multitude of others. She has her students run and maintain an aquaponics unit that provides food for the classroom mascot Sally the tortoise.

"She willingly and bravely tries new technologies like 3D printing," said Dawson. "When her aquaponics unit fill pipe failed, she asked students to design and 3D print a new fill pipe. After nine iterations of the pipe and a lot of encouragement, the aquaponics tank works perfectly."

She received a grant from the Maine Botanical Gardens and The Theodore Roosevelt Foundation. The Maine Botanical Gardens designed a new program to get kids outside and into the natural world - inspired by "Becoming Teddy Roosevelt." The Lunder New Naturalists Program had nine middle schools involved, from Sanford to Fort Fairfield, with teachers using the story of Teddy Roosevelt and his visits to Maine as an introduction to biodiversity and conservation.

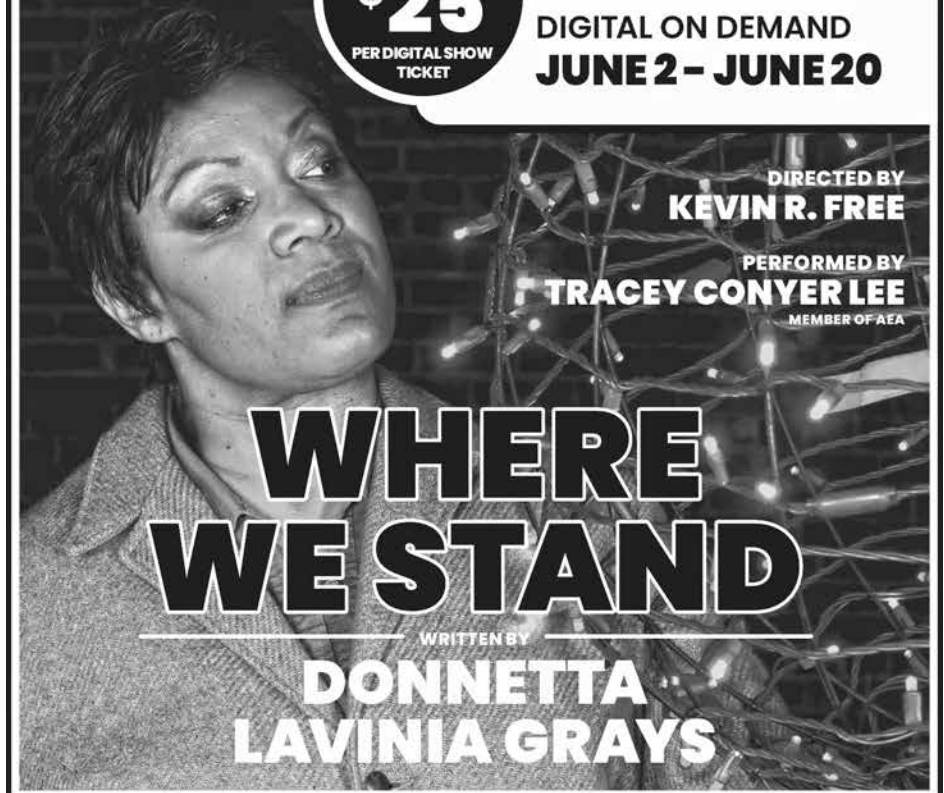
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career while teaching art courses at the University of Maine at Fort Kent and at the University of Southern Maine in Gorham, the bulk of Jim's working life was spent in a 30 year partial-hiatus from painting. During that time he worked as a postal carrier in Portland and Westbrook. His retirement in 2014 has provided the time Jim needs to reengage with his painting. He said, "The goal of a successful artist is to produce consistently and at a high level. For that you need time for practice, experimentation and refinement."

The timing is good for Glenys, too, having retired in 2019 from her sales career at the Thos. Moser Handcrafted furniture, she now has the time to fill the key role of business/marketing manager, art critic and chief-encourager of Jim's art. She also uses her skills as a part-time sales subcontractor at Village Builders in Gorham. Glenys said, "My goal is to help make Jim's art more available to the public and to match his work with buyers who want a quality, colorful painting that can transmit a desired feeling or memory in their home. If a painting's influence can be felt as happiness, awe, or contentment from a glance across the room, and the size of the piece works well in the space, that is perfect."

Good timing played a role earlier in their lives, too, when they met while attending graduate art programs at the University of Georgia; he in a Masters of Fine Arts program for drawing and painting and she in a self-designed Master of Education

program for Arts Administration. They sat across from each other in a life drawing class. When their sight lines aligned, they took notice of each other instead of the model between them, and made a connection. When Jim offered a bit of storage space in his studio, Glenys accepted and that was the beginning of their partnership. Glenys had already completed a Masters of Education degree in Student Personnel in Higher Education and wanted to find work in Maine, where she wondered if she could put down roots on family-owned land in Union, a place connected to her Sayward ancestry. Roots seemed to have appeal for Jim, who grew up on several U. S. Air Force bases. When Glenys accepted a job at the University of Maine in Fort Kent in 1979, Jim decided to give Maine a try as well.

Over 30 years ago they made Gorham their home when they moved to the Dingley Spring area. Their son, Bryan Kucheman (GHS '12) has a degree in History from University of Southern Maine. Now in their retirement, Jim and Glenys are enjoying the ability to connect more frequently with people in the Gorham community.

Jim and Glenys can be reached at [glenysjim@gmail.com](mailto:glenysjim@gmail.com) or by calling glenys at 207-756-2309

## The Alewives are Running



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The largest fish migration from Casco Bay has begun. From now until mid-June, thousands of alewife fish will make their annual, 11 mile swim from pool to pool, up Mill Brook Preserve. In 2019, 70,000 fish travelled this route to spawn in Highland Lake. The young alewives swim back to the ocean in late summer. Adult alewives make this journey about three or four times in their life.

Before you go view this incredible wildlife phenomenon...For the health and safety of the fish, the viewing pools have been roped off. Please, do not cross the ropes. The ropes will better support the extremely difficult migration for these alewife fish and have been added to help ensure all people and pets stay out of the water, stop soil eroding into the stream, and make it clear fishing and collecting fish is not allowed.

To find a trail map and more info about the alewife run, visit the Presumpscot Regional Land Trust website at [www.prlt.org](http://www.prlt.org)

Parking is limited, so plan accordingly and please be respectful of nearby neighbors' properties.

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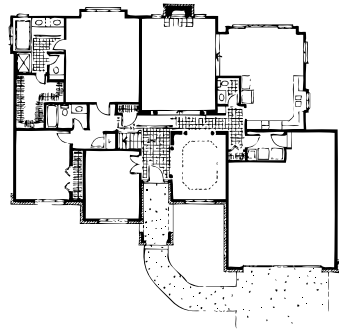
Pursuant to MRSA, Title 21A, Sec 101, you are hereby notified that the Registrar for the Town of Gorham, Maine will hold the following office hours for the purpose of registering voters and making corrections to the voter list:

Tuesday and Wednesday, June 1st and 2nd, 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., Thursday, June 3rd, 8:00 a.m.-6:30 p.m., Friday, June 4th, 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., and Monday, June 7th 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

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### GRADUATIONS

**Trenton Bassingthwaite**, Bachelor's Degree, Assumption University, Worcester, Massachusetts

**Joseph Gramuglia**, Bachelor of Arts in History, University of Maryland Global Campus, Adelphi, Maryland

### DEAN'S LIST

**Ethan DeBaker**, Southern New Hampshire University, Manchester, New Hampshire  
**Kyle Ouellette**, Springfield College, Springfield, Massachusetts

### OF INTEREST

**For over 25 years, the Gorham Food Pantry has served the needs of the hungry in Gorham.** The Pantry was founded and is sustained by the efforts of many local churches, schools, businesses, generous donors and hundreds of active volunteers. Thanks to all who help to support the Pantry. Pantry hours are Thursday mornings from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Located at 299-B Main Street next to St. Anne's Church. 222-4351, gorhamfoodpantry.org.

**Gorham Lions announce two accomplishments and happenings in June:** Gorham Lions increase Gorham High School graduates' college scholarship awards by 56 percent, raising both the amount per graduate and the number of deserving students. At the Gorham High School Awards Night celebration on June 2, the Gorham Lions will award five graduates \$500 each, totaling \$2500. On June 26, the Gorham Lions will stage its inaugural Craft Fair, to be held on the Robie Gym lawn. All table rental receipts are pledged to vision and senior assistance, GHS scholarships, and to the Gorham Food Pantry.

**Veterans of Foreign Wars, Gorham Memorial Post 10879** will meet on June 8 at 5:30 pm in the Fire Department Training Room, 270 Main St. If you are interested in attending the meeting or in more information about the VFW, please contact the Post at vfwpost10879@gmail.com.

**The Gorham Medical Closet** will be opening soon and is looking for volunteers. The closet will again be free and available to Gorham residents in need of wheelchairs, shower seats, commodes, walkers, canes, crutches and more. Hours are by appointment only with a volunteer. Would you consider being one of those volunteers? If so, contact Patrick O'Shea at poshea@maine.rr.com.

**The Gorham Lions' next meeting is Tuesday, June 8** at the Old Elmwood Schoolhouse. Regular meetings are the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. New members are always welcome. FMI 929-9182.

### PUBLIC SUPPERS

**Living Waters Church on Parker Farm Road in Buxton will hold a Haddock Buffet Supper on Saturday, May 29 at 5 p.m.** Suggested donation: \$8 Adult, \$4 Child, \$20 Family. Takeout option is available. Social distancing, masks and hand sanitizer protocols in effect.

### LIBRARY NEWS

**The North Gorham Public Library**, serving Gorham and Standish since 1897, is located next to the fire barn at the corner of Standish Neck Road and North Gorham Road. The library serves the surrounding community with a focus on fiction for adults and children, although most any book is available through inter-library loan. The library has Wi-Fi service and computers for patron use. The library is open on Wednesday evenings and Saturday mornings. Home Delivery and contact less parking lot pickup is also available. Visit on the web at north-gorham.lib.me.us.

**Baxter Memorial Library** presents an assortment of summer activities for individuals and families, including Discovery Times for toddlers and preschool children, STEAM activities for K-5, and more. Visit baxterlibrary.org to see the events calendar. Also coming up in June is the start of H.E.A.L. (Healthy Eating, Active Living), which includes Baxter's Youth Summer Reading and Discover Program, an eight-week whirlwind of activities, reading and prizes, with a theme of healthy eating. Signup events will take place on June 11 and June 18, where you can pick up your game sheet. Parents and children two years old and younger can also participate with the Wee Readers program that incorporates early literacy activities to do with children. Complete the activities and win a board book! On Mondays, June 21 through August 9 there will be a story time for families with little ones. The adult summer reading program runs alongside the youth program, and also offers rewards for time spent reading.

### USM NOTES

**It's not too late to take a summer college course at USM.** Visit usm.maine.edu/summer for all the details. And for youth, there's a variety of summer camps taking registrations now, each one of them planning a safe environment for camps such as athletics sports camps and clinics (usm.maine.edu/athletics), music and theatre (usm.maine.edu/music/summercamps), robotics, and Upward Bound. These intensive learning experiences are a proven skill-builder for the campers to ready them for greater progress when they return to school in the fall. And, they're fun!

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**JUST TAKING A NAP... ZZZ**

Officer went to Main Street residence for a welfare check. Man was located in his apartment where he had fallen asleep.

Officer went to Rocky Dundee Road in Buxton to assist Buxton PD with a "yelling match". Nothing was physical. Parties agreed not to fight in front of their daughter.

Black Brook Road caller reported a delayed suspicious event. A large Chevy truck, with black tinted windows, parked at the neighbor's home across the street. The truck had been there two hours earlier but was no longer there.

Shad Gully Road caller complained about loud music coming from a garden on the street. Officer contacted the neighbor who apologized and immediately turned off the music.

Officer stopped to check on a vehicle on the side of Fort Hill Road. People were advised they were fine; they were getting newspapers out of the trunk.

Caller was trying to get in touch with someone who lived in Gorham, but he did not have her address. Officer called the woman and gave her man's contact information so she could contact him if she wished.

Parker Hill Road caller wanted information about calling in a noise complaint and what time was too early to do so when the noise occurred at night.

Cressey Road caller was upset due to the Internet being out and did not understand why. Officer advised it was a nationwide outage and would be restored soon.

Caller reported someone nodding off and slumped over the steering wheel in a Main St. parking lot. Due to the person's erratic and unstable demeanor, the officer did not think she was safe to drive and gave her the option of letting him park the vehicle in a parking lot and letting her sleep there for the night. She agreed and he dropped her off in the parking lot.

Caller was concerned about two individuals sitting in a truck outside a business. Caller thought they were casing the business. Officer contacted the individual who said they had just gotten off work and bought something. Officer talked to clerk who said the two parties were regulars.

A couple on Huston Road were having a verbal argument. The woman tripped and fell. Male had left on foot and was not located. Female refused medical treatment and refused to cooperate with officers. There were no signs of physical abuse.

Caller was concerned with vehicles parked on both sides of Geranium Drive to access the field.

**CALENDAR**

**THURSDAY, MAY 27**

Baxter Memorial Library, Toddler Discovery Time on Facebook (18mos-3yrs) 9:30 a.m.

**SATURDAY, MAY 29**

Living Waters Church, Haddock Buffet Supper, 5 p.m., \$8/\$4/\$20. Parker Farm Road, Buxton.

**MONDAY, MAY 31**

Annual Memorial Day Parade & Eastern Cemetery Ceremony - parade starts at 11 a.m.

**SUNDAY, JUNE 6TH**

Gorham Taste Walk, Start at Robie Gym, 11am-2pm

**TUESDAY, JUNE 8**

Gorham Lions regular meeting, 6:30 p.m. Old Elmwood Schoolhouse Veterans of Foreign Wars, regular meeting, 5:30 p.m., Fire Dept. Training Room

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