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## High School Robotics Team Wins Regional Competition

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Zeke Lockman, Nathaniel Hankins and Sam Mellow, the drive team for Team 172, watch as "Crabby" scores a game piece in the high goal.

On Saturday, March 20, in an outstanding display of teamwork and skill, the Northern Force, FIRST Robotics Team 172, which comprises students from Gorham and Falmouth High Schools, clinched not one, but two major victories at the FIRST Robotics New England Regional Competition at the University of New Hampshire. Partnering with Team 133, "B.E.R.T." (Bonny Eagle

Robotics Team), from Bonny Eagle High School in Standish, and Team 1350, "The Rambots," from Providence, Rhode Island, the alliance was ranked 4th going into the playoffs, and were undefeated throughout the finals.

The team's accomplishments did not stop at winning the event. They also secured the Impact Award, a recognition that underscores the essence of a successful

team—innovation, organization, and gracious professionalism both in competition and within the community. This award, previously known as the Chairman's Award, highlights the team's comprehensive excellence beyond their engineering achievements. Their redemption story, from a modest performance at the Pine Tree District Event on March 15-17 to triumph at UNH, speaks volumes of their determination and growth.

This achievement has significantly boosted their ranking to 23rd among nearly 200 teams in the New England District, solidifying their position and qualifying them for the New England District Championships.

Founded in 1996 by Roger Lord, a former Gorham High School teacher, and further developed in partnership with John Kraljic of Falmouth High School in 2001, the team has enjoyed the support of professional engineers from IDEXX, local parents, and the community. Kraljic, reflecting on his two decades of coaching, says, "Robotics programs offer opportunities to students that are not found in the school curriculum. Students work alongside professionals (engineers, programmers, designers,

teachers and business people) who mentor them to design and build robots but also to build life-long skills in leadership, communication, budgeting/finance, planning and teamwork."

The team benefits from the extensive experience of Clare and Meredith Greenlaw, leaders in STEM and manufacturing, who aim to provide students with diverse role models in technology sectors. Clare, Dean of the Graduate MBA program at Southern New Hampshire University, and Meredith, Senior Planning Manager at IDEXX, both strive to prepare students for future challenges by fostering essential skills and competencies.

FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) competitions challenge students to blend creativity, technical skills, and teamwork to design, build, and program robots for competitive play under the guidance of volunteer professional mentors. It represents the pinnacle of real-world engineering experience for students, detailed further at [firstinspires.org](http://firstinspires.org).

Congratulations to Northern Force, B.E.R.T., and The Rambots for their remarkable achievements and for inspiring future generations in the fields of science and technology.

## GHS One Act Places Second in State Competition

Gorham Times Staff



Photo credit: Marti Stone

The cast and crew of Radium Girls at the State Drama Festival.

Gorham High School's production of Radium Girls placed as runner-up in the 2024 State Drama Festival, held at Camden Hills Regional High School during the stormy weekend of March 29 and 30.

Director Josie Tierney-Fife stated, "I am so proud of the cast and crew of our one act play for their work on

this production. In addition to being runners up of the 2024 State Drama Festival, congratulations to Lily Rubin, Emma Smith, and Izzy Smith for being named to the All Festival Cast. Also, Gabe Badeau and Emma Smith received a special commendation for incidental music composition."

## Ten Year Facilities Plan and Upcoming Bond Request

Gorham Times Staff (From Heather Perry's Superintendent Blog April 5)

About two years ago the Gorham School Department worked with the Town of Gorham to conduct a comprehensive facilities assessment. C.H.A. was the firm that completed the study.

Since then, the Gorham School Department has been working to address the needs outlined in this study. The voters recently approved bonds that have updated the HVAC system at GMS and are now working on upgrades to the HVAC systems at GHS. Additionally, they were able to complete the final phase of modular expansions at Narragansett Elementary School that will open up this coming fall.

According to Superintendent Heather Perry, "As we continue to use this report to guide our decision making, we will be bringing forward a request to the Town Council for a bond package that would address the next round of facilities needs in our schools. We hope to present our request to the Town Council in June in preparation for a potential referendum question on the November ballot. This is the first request of what we see as four requests that will need to occur over the next 10 plus years."

One item of concern on the upcoming list is the tennis courts at GHS. At this time, the school is unable to host matches safely on the courts because they are in such bad condition. The courts have been resurfaced many times over the years, but they are over twenty years old and resurfacing is no longer an option.

In the facilities plan, there is a proposal to move the existing tennis courts from their current location at GHS to a new location at GMS that would offer more accessibility to students and the greater public. This area was previously permitted for this exact move when the GMS was built.

Superintendent Perry continued, "Although this would take up a part of the fields that currently exist, we have worked with Gorham Recreation and others to make sure that all existing activities would still be able to occur on the same site."

Another big project listed on this first referendum request would be to start on the first phase of modular expansions at GHS. This first phase would add space to the existing cafeteria and build out an additional 7 classrooms over by

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Policy on News from Augusta: The Gorham Times asked our three state legislators from Senate District 30, House District 109 and House District 110 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.

# An Update from the Legislature's Energy Committee

Rep. Jim Boyle

Despite the condensed timeline of the Legislature's second regular session, the Energy, Utilities and Technology (EUT) Committee has accomplished quite a lot. As a group, we've prioritized passing bills out of committee that would lower costs for Maine ratepayers, increase access to reliable and affordable utilities and advance clean energy policies. As we draw closer to the end of the session, I want to discuss a few of the measures that have gone through the legislative process and signed into law.

Every year, we hear from Mainers who are struggling to keep their homes heated during the winter. Many people are having a hard time keeping up with their monthly bills, and those who cannot afford to pay risk having their heat shut off. To combat this, the EUT Committee and the Legislature enacted LD 1962, which will require the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) to adopt rules prohibiting electric and gas utility companies from shutting off services during extreme weather conditions, such as freezing temperatures or sweltering heat and humidity. This resolve will direct the PUC to establish safeguards to protect those who are unable to pay a small amount on their monthly bill from having their electric or gas utilities shut off when they need them the most.

Another measure that the EUT Committee supported is LD 2067, which will establish a commission to assess the effectiveness of the arrearage management program (AMP). This program helps ratepayers manage and pay off debt incurred from utility costs by providing low-income customers with a one-time payment opportunity to climb out of debt while maintaining essential electrical services. The commission will seek to ensure that the program works as it should and look for ways to improve its service to benefit all ratepayers. Data, including the number of participants who complete or fail to complete the program, will be compiled into a report that will be presented to the EUT Committee for review in September 2027.

And finally, the state has pledged to double Maine's clean energy production by 2030, but to achieve this goal we must ensure that it is financially accessible so that folks from a variety of socio-economic backgrounds are able to utilize it. To expand access to clean energy, the committee successfully advocated for the passage of LD 2099, which will allow the state to leverage federal dollars through the Solar For All program to reduce the power costs for all Mainers by prioritizing the development of cost-effective solar facilities and energy storage systems. Lowering energy costs will significantly

alleviate financial burdens for low-income households, enabling them to benefit more fully from the state's clean energy initiatives. By passing legislation that promotes equity in clean energy, we are one step closer to ensuring that Maine reaches its overall energy and sustainability goals.

By the time this piece is published, there will only be a few days left before the Legislature adjourns for the year on April 17. This is my final term in the Legislature, which makes me particularly reflective as we near the end of session. It is bittersweet to know that my time here will be coming to a close at the end of November, but I am proud of the work that my committee has done, and the laws that we have enacted to improve the lives of Mainers across the state.



Rep. Jim Boyle, D-Gorham, is serving his second term in the Maine House of Representatives and previously served two years in the Maine State

Senate. He is a member of the Energy, Utilities and Technology Committee. Contact him at [Jim.Boyle@legislature.maine.gov](mailto:Jim.Boyle@legislature.maine.gov).

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To the Editor,

Vote Seven Siegel for State House!

Gorham is a wonderful place to raise a family. My wife grew up here and we are truly grateful to raise our son here. I have found great value in serving our community on the Town Council, and I have learned much in my first few months on the job. Gorham faces many challenges, but these challenges also present opportunities for us to continue building a more livable community that works for all of us. Most of Gorham's challenges involve market forces extending far beyond our town's borders, and that is why we need strong representation at the State House in Augusta.

Gorham needs a voice in Augusta that understands our challenges at the municipal level. These first few months on the Town Council have been an eye-opening experience for me: while most of us have opinions on how the town could or should be doing things better, fewer have a full grasp of what a town council can and can't do, the dynamics of municipal finances, how state laws impact municipal efforts, or how to actually go about implementing improvements upon which we can agree to address.

This is why I enthusiastically endorse Seven Siegel for State House. Seven has demonstrated the capacity to thoroughly study an issue and make well-informed recommendations on the best path forward to benefit Gorham residents. Having served on both our Planning Board and Town Council, Seven has lived the chal-

lenges currently facing Gorham. I am confident that he will serve our town well in Augusta.

Lou Simms, Gorham

To the Editor:

Recently, a young woman knocked at the door requesting our vote for her candidacy as State Representative in Gorham District 109. Ellie Sato asked our opinions on issues and listened to the concerns of two senior Gorham citizens. She explained that working two jobs to make ends meet has made her sensitive to concerns of expanded tax burdens.

She hopes to offset the burden of property taxes, protect and expand access to health care services, address the effects of the climate crisis by building on land conservation efforts, and continue to fully fund public education at 55%. She supports policies that address Maine's on-going housing crisis, safeguard access to affordable abortion care, and fund legal services that support survivors of sexual and domestic violence.

Ellie's outstanding quality in my eye is that she listened more than she talked. I have since seen her at several Town meetings including issues of new housing projects and the School Board.

I hope you will join me in voting for Ellie Sato in the June 11th Democratic Primary for State Representative District 109 in Gorham.

Sincerely,

Barbara L. Guimond, Gorham

## Ten Year Facilities Plan

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where the existing modular classrooms are. This would allow Adult Education to move from GMS to add additional classroom capacity at GMS as well. There would be three planned phases of modular expansion at GHS that could be developed as a mid-range solution to our current long-term facilities needs.

The ten-year plan is available for review (available at the link [https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1O0pMVHyGFuXmYYRvqta0yy\\_bWgqvoNecI4-O9SGB2o/edit#gid=115515822](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1O0pMVHyGFuXmYYRvqta0yy_bWgqvoNecI4-O9SGB2o/edit#gid=115515822)) and community members are encouraged to reach out to Superintendent Perry with questions. As we get closer to a potential referendum, much more information will be forthcoming.

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# No Love for Gorham's Tennis Courts

Kelli Deveaux, Staff Writer

Gorham's largest publicly available tennis courts have fallen into disrepair and are deemed too dangerous for use during competitive play.

The four courts, located behind the stadium at Gorham High School, were first built in 1995. The courts sit nestled amongst the trees, whose roots expand and shift with Maine's variable weather conditions. This has eroded the substructure on which the tennis courts sit and has forced the high school and USM tennis teams to scrap their use for any home meets.

Nearly 30 years old, the courts are due to be replaced. According to Kevin Cornish, co-owner of Maine Tennis and Track in Windham, the average expectancy of courts is about 20-25 years.

Over the years, the school department has hired firms like Maine Tennis and Track to attend to the cracks created by the naturally shifting substructure, at a cost of roughly \$40 thousand dollars each time. The last time the courts were patched was 2018.

In 2019, a proposed renovation including the courts was scrapped due to concerns over costs and increasing taxes. In spring 2022, a project that included new courts was proposed by the school department but rejected by the town council. The school department had earmarked funds to patch the courts in their capital improvements line of the 2023 budget, but when the budget wasn't approved until late August, contracting with a firm was paused. Once the budget was approved, there were no firms in New England with availability to do any repair work before winter.

Gorham boasts a vibrant youth tennis program, both for Gorham Parks and Recreation, and the middle and high schools. While Parks and Rec attracts as many as 50 children during their summer tennis camps, the middle school tennis program typically attracts 30-40 kids annually. The high school has one of the largest programs in the Southern Maine Activities Association, with 40-60 students participating in the spring athletic season.

The high school athletes will use the courts this season for practice, and Parks and Rec will use temporary patching to safely offer their summer tennis camps, but Gorham Athletic Director Tim Spear has moved all matches to opponents' courts and USM's indoor courts. The USM tennis teams have also abandoned use of the courts.

According to Spear, the tennis courts, along with the track, which is also in dire need of repairs, are by far the most publicly used school facility spaces, especially during the summer. The school department has even installed lights on the courts, maintaining and paying to power them, because of their heavy use at night by community members. Because of their location on the school grounds, access is more limited during the school day, due to school safety protocols that limit visitors to campus when school is in session.

The school department will be asking this fall for community support of a bond package that will include the needed construction of six new courts at the Multipurpose Fields at the middle school, along with other projects, as part of their 10-year comprehensive facilities plan. The United States Tennis Association recommends that a community of Gorham's size have at least 12 courts dedicated to the sport. These will be the only courts in Gorham that are dedicated to tennis and not other racquet sports, such as the wildly popular game of Pickleball, for which there are multiple courts in Gorham.

The courts were included in the original site plan for the middle school. The location will ensure access for the general public during school hours. Six courts are needed for hosting tournaments, and for all five matches during varsity and collegiate competition to be played at the same time.

The oversized multipurpose field would still be accessible to school, parks and recreation, and club sports programs.

The School Committee will be presenting their proposed bond referendum to the Town Council, who will then be weighing in on the plan in the coming months.

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# Grumpy Old Men

Bruce Webb, Contributing Writer

The stereotype of the grumpy old man is well ingrained in our culture. Examples include Muppets (Statler and Waldorf) movie stars (Clint Eastwood in Gran Torino) and Ebenezer Scrooge in the Christmas Carol - all irascible, crotchety old coots who are angry at the world.

Now in my 80s, believe me, there is a lot for us old guys to be grumpy about. QR codes seem to be ubiquitous but what are they and what do they mean? Does anyone really know why we need usernames and verification codes? Don't get me started on passwords and password managers that never seem to work and that send you to customer service.

Customer service is a misnomer and really gets us old guys riled up. There is no hope of talking to a real person about poor service without first listening to a rock music track, a never-ending list of options (press 14 for frustrated) before the line goes dead. Creative messages range from the unserious "Incontinence hotline - please hold" to the absurd "your call is very important to us." Really.

Social media is something to scrupulously avoid. No one needs to know what you had for lunch or to watch your cat doing silly tricks. This can be a real time suck with little discernible benefit to me - but I can understand the appeal to others.

Amidst all these irritants, the news is awash with reports of how men in retirement become socially isolated as they shed their central roles as procreators and breadwinners. Women tend to fare better with socializing given their superior communication and verbal skills. Men seem drawn to competition and conflict, but these behaviors don't prepare them well when those activities are no longer available or physically possible.

Is social isolation among retired men attributable to loss of identity, changing roles, and our tendency to avoid change?

Research verifies the difficulty that men have in making friends once they reach their late 50's and early 60's. These challenges coincide with diminished capacities in strength, cognition, and memory common in aging. If this sounds familiar, one option is to create a group of colleagues with common experience to look at the problem.

In Gorham, a group of 6 to 8 retired men meet monthly to share experiences, have a meal, discuss a book, listen to a speaker and discuss strategies to cope with aging. It is a relief to know that others are on the same journey, facing similar challenges, and to realize that you are not alone on this expedition.

Meetings are not characterized by woofing and whining about health issues or the dreaded "organ recital" so common to older folks. There are basic ground rules: confidentiality must be observed with no sharing outside the group, meetings are scheduled for once or twice a month, leadership roles are shared, and we abide by a statement of purpose that keeps us on track. Still in a formative stage, rules are made as needed.

After nearly a year, some benefits are being experienced. We enjoy each other's company and learn a lot about how to adapt to future events, both expected and unexpected. We don't anticipate that a monthly get together with friends will magically resolve all questions about this new landscape, but we might learn something about ourselves and how peers are adapting to a changing world.



Bruce Webb has been a Gorham resident for 40 years. He was a home energy auditor and is involved in environmental activism.

# Car Care

Doug Carter, Contributing Writer

It wasn't much of a winter. Spring on the other hand has been a doozy and summer will be here before you know it. Fuel manufacturers will be switching to summer blend gasoline soon. Summer blends cost more to make so expect the price per gallon to increase.

Manufacturers change to summer blend gasoline as a way to reduce evaporation when temperatures rise. Summer fuel has environmental benefits, including: less evaporation, better fuel economy, and less pollution into the atmosphere.

Summer is also the time for car travel. Whether it's up to camp or across the country, it's best to look the car over before you go. First, start under the hood by looking at the engine air filter, check the engine oil level, and the washer fluid.

While you're looking around under the hood, inspect for signs of rodent intrusion. Rodents like to make homes in the warm engine compartment. They can wreak havoc, chewing on wire harnesses and other components that can lead to a lot of trouble.

If the vehicle has a dip stick for the transmission you can check it also. It is a little trickier than the engine oil. The vehicle should be driven first to get the transmission fluid up to temperature before checking the level, and it should not be overfilled. Too much fluid can be as bad as too little. There are also different types of fluid, so make sure you use the correct fluid for the vehicle. Most of today's transmissions do not have dip sticks and the fluid has to be checked by a qualified technician. Generally speaking, if there are no transmission fluid leaks the fluid level should be okay.

Check tire pressure. Consult the tire information sticker on the driver's door jamb for tire size and the pressure for the front and rear tires. Sometimes they are different. Inspect to see if the tire tread is evenly worn across the road contact

surface or if they are worn on the inside or outside edge. Wear bars run across the tire tread, so if the tread is flush with these bars the tire is worn out and should be replaced. Hydroplaning in a rainstorm is just as dangerous as a snow-covered road.

Inside the vehicle, inspect the cabin air filter, usually behind the glove box. Some of these filters are easy to access, others not so much.

Next check the pressure on the spare tire. Can you access it? If it's on a hoist under the vehicle, lower it to make sure the hoist is functioning correctly. Make sure you have the tool kit and jack to change the tire. Even if you call roadside assistance, it's easier to have your tire changed on the spot rather than having to be towed to a garage for repair.

Most spare tires are space saver donuts, which look very different from the tires on the vehicle. They also have large warnings on them not to exceed 50 MPH or use for more than 100 miles. I would not push these limits too much. A donut spare will not perform as well in an emergency situation as stopping and handling performance are drastically reduced.

If all this pre-trip inspection is overwhelming, take the vehicle to your local shop. A little expense is worth the peace of mind. Other than snacks and a planned route, you should be good to go. Have a happy and safe summer.



Doug Carter is the owner of Carter's Auto Service, Inc. He's been in the auto service business since graduating from Gorham High School in 1981.



# Eclipse Draws Community

Photos and Article by Cathy Walter, Contributing Writer

A group of over a hundred people from 8 months to 80 years old gathered at Baxter Library's solar eclipse viewing event on April 8th at 3 p.m. where free glasses were distributed to all. And what a day for viewing.

After back-to-back spring snowstorms, leaving many residents without power for days, Gorham lucked into a beautiful, cloudless day that reached 63 degrees allowing folks to don shorts and sandals for the first time this year. Children were running, playing and climbing trees obviously enjoying the event. Many people who came experimented with pinhole cameras, colanders and other ways of checking out the eclipse safely.

At approximately 3:30, the peak of the eclipse, it got dark enough for the automatic lights on the town offices building to come on. Because Gorham was not in

the direct path, a small sliver of the sun still shown in the sky like a big golden smile. Many in attendance expressed surprise that, with so much of the sun covered, it was still so bright outside which shows just how powerful those sun rays are.

As the moon and sun continued their journeys across the sky and that smile got bigger and bigger the crowd began to disperse. But there were many die-hards still there at 4 p.m. gazing in wonder and pondering the amazing coincidence that the paths of our sun and moon take to create a once in a lifetime spectacle like this.



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Kelly Meslin, Office Manager, Department of Public Works

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**GORHAM - JANICE MAE SMITH SHANE EDWARDS**

Janice was born in her grandparent's home in West Buxton, Maine, to Stella Hanson Smith and Philip Smith on Sunday, November 2, 1930. After her father's passing, when Janice was 5, she moved to Portland, and was raised by her aunt and uncle; Marjorie Hanson Shane and Lafayette Shane, who raised Janice as their own daughter.



Janice graduated from Deering High School class of 1947, and Maine General Hospital School of Nursing class of 51B, receiving her RN degree. Janice married her childhood friend and love, Allison Edwards, in 1952. They were a team in life, building a family and renovating their homes together, enjoying the hard, but rewarding work.

Jan was part of the Gorham community after moving to Gorham in 1962. She was a member of the Gorham Health Council, which assisted with health screenings and flu clinics for many years. She participated in several community groups like Gorham Women's club, for 50 years. She also spent many years serving the community while assisting with voting at the polls.

Janice and Al spent many years traveling after retirement. They traveled the world together, enjoying place in Africa, Europe, Asia, Australia and others. Family was very important to Janice. She loved spending time with her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. Holidays were usually at Mom and Dad's house where everyone could gather together.

After Al's passing, Janice moved to The Park Danforth, and enjoyed reconnecting with several of her Deering High and Maine General Hospital classmates, who also lived there. Janice was predeceased by her husband Al, of 62 years, in 2014. Previously by her parents, her brother Fred Smith, and sister Marita Smith Howe, half-brothers, Amos Boyden, and Steve Boyden.

Janice leaves her children: Pamela Edwards, Lisa Kelton and husband Terry, Marcia Hogan and husband Steven, and Jonathan Edwards. Grandchildren: Richard Lewis and his wife Helen, and children: Allison and Logan; Inga Jones and daughter Josie DeVore; Justin Lumiere and wife Christi; Margaret Lyons and her husband Kevin, and children: Indiana and Finnick; Abby Hogan, Samuel Hogan, Shane Edwards, and William Edwards.

There will be a private service with immediate family, at a later date. The family wishes to express much appreciation to the staff at The Park Danforth for their kindness, humor, and caring. Memorial Donations can be made to the Maine State Society for the Protection of Animals of Windham Mailing Address: PO Box 10 S. Windham, ME 04082 info@msspa.org

To express condolences or to participate in Janice's online tribute, please visit [www.dolbyblaissege.com](http://www.dolbyblaissege.com).

# Planning Board Results

Sheri Faber, Staff Writer

A proposed amendment to the Land Use and Development Code to allow for unit bonuses for affordable housing in the Town's Growth Areas as required by LD 2003 was discussed and a proposed amendment to the Land Use and Development Code with map was sent to the Town Council with a recommendation for approval. Voted 6-1 (Benson)

Proposed amendment to the Land Use and Development Code to remain in compliance with the National Flood Plain Insurance Program was discussed and moved, with final edits, to the Town Council with a recommendation for approval. Voted 7-0.

A proposed amendment to the Land Use and Development Code to rezone lots on Preble Street from UR to OR was sent to the next Planning Board Workshop pending staff review. Voted 7-0.

Gary and Megan Jordan's request for approval to construct 12 single family house lots with two additional lots that will support up to 4 units each on Waterhouse Road was discussed and granted preliminary subdivision approval. Voted 6-1 (Hager)

A request for approval to construct a 6-lot single family subdivision was discussed and moved to grant waivers for hydrogeological surveys and Class A soil survey. Voted 7-0.

# Steering Committee Begins New Economic Development Plan

Kelli Deveaux, Staff Writer

The Town of Gorham's Department of Community Development has taken the first of many steps toward a new comprehensive plan by releasing a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the creation of a strategic plan for economic development in the community.

The Department created, and the Town Council approved at their March 12 meeting, a steering committee, whose first task is to review the proposals received in response to the RFP, and then propose to the Town Council which firm should be awarded the months-long project of gathering, analyzing, and synthesizing information into an actionable plan for Gorham.

The nine-person steering committee consists of a diverse and representative group of resident stakeholders, and includes members of the Gorham Village Alliance, the Gorham Economic Development Corporation (GEDC), the planning board, the town council, as well as Gorham business owners. David Willis, Willis Real Estate/ Gorham Village Alliance; Nancy Ames, Sullivan House Bakery; Tim Haines, Sebago Brewing Company; Joe Capozza, Capozza Floor Covering Center; David Walsh, Planning Board; Lou Simms and Phil Gagnon, Town Council; Todd Chase and Dan Nichols, GEDC, have all agreed to lend their expertise to the process, and to ensure that a viable and strong economic development plan is created. All the committee members are Gorham residents.

After their inaugural meeting March 28, Steering Committee member David Willis shared his initial thoughts of the committee and their task. "From my perspective this is an exciting committee to be a part of!" He added, "As Gorham continues to face challenges with rising property taxes, it's never been more important to have a well thought out plan in place for economic development. My hope is this work will provide a playbook for our town to continue to drive our business

sector growth in a smart and strategic way."

Kevin Jensen, Gorham Economic Development director, is facilitating the process with the steering committee. "We feel we have assembled an all-star group of highly talented and well-respected people to represent the community throughout this process," said Jensen. "I look forward to their invaluable insights and stewardship, and I'm confident the plan will serve as an important resource as work begins on updating the Town's comprehensive plan."

Funding for an economic development strategic plan was included as part of Gorham's FY24 municipal budget, which was approved by the Town Council in May 2023. A total of \$70,000 has been allocated to hire a firm that will be responsible for conducting a market analysis and local asset assessment, along with creating a list of recommendations for implementation through an action plan.

According to the RFP that was released in Fall 2023, "The Plan will identify key drivers and emerging issues facing Gorham's economy and serve as a playbook with actionable items and policies for Town staff, elected officials, and community leaders. The goal is to establish a benchmark of findings and data from which a plan to create and maintain a strong, vibrant local economy can be formed and implemented."

Seven proposals from firms with national experience were received in response to the RFP. The Steering Committee has begun their review and rating of the proposals and will meet with finalists in the coming weeks to then recommend the firm best suited to serve Gorham's needs.

Jensen says the process will include public engagement at several points along the way and is specifically included as an expectation in the RFP. A final document will also be presented and will need to be approved by the Town Council.



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# Narragansett School Students Participate in Kids Connect

Erin Eppler, Narragansett Principal



Photo credit: Stephanie O'Donnell, Teacher, Narragansett School

Narragansett students use a 3-D printer to create earrings during a session of Kids Connect. Kids Connect clubs meet before school and are facilitated by volunteers. Students can choose from options such as Lego Club, Breakfast Club, Chess Club, and Coloring Club. Students facing the camera: Rachel, Ryleigh and Quinn



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# "The Prom" Reviewed: USM Musical Provides Entertainment, Laughs, and an Empowering Message

John Ersek, Staff Writer



Photo credit: Michael Kmack

Karoline Brechter and Emma Hall having a tender moment in "Dance With You".



Photo credit: Michael Kmack

(l to r) Gabriel Paulin, Taylor Ciotti, Lily Taylor, & Will Searway leading the company in the show stopping gospel infused number "Love Thy Neighbor"

Anyone who attends an upcoming performance of the USM spring musical "The Prom" will not be disappointed (performances continue from Wednesday, April 10 through Sunday, April 14).

Audience members who attended the first three shows this past weekend were impressed with many aspects of the student actors' performances. The high quality of the dancing, singing, and acting was apparent throughout the course of the show. The choreography especially stood out, as it included many complex dance numbers which the actors needed to precisely dance in rapid succession.

Most of the actors also sang, performing numerous solos and ensemble songs while also making what seemed like an impossible number of quick costume changes. Overall, the high level of the performances was close to what would be seen at many professional summer theaters, such as the

Ogunquit Playhouse, and the Maine State Music Theater in Brunswick.

Besides the very entertaining singing and dancing, accompanied by the fast-paced comic dialogue, "The Prom" is also a musical with a positive and heart-warming message of love, acceptance, and empowerment. It tells the story of what happens when four Broadway actors (and their publicist) travel to a small town in Indiana to support a young woman, whose high school has canceled its senior prom because of her plans to bring her lesbian girlfriend to the dance as her date. The locals and the Broadway outsiders all learn important lessons from their unexpected encounters.

Although the eventual happy ending is not a surprise, there are still enough unexpected plot twists to hold the audience's interest before the satisfying conclusion, which includes a rousing singing and dancing finale.

# Paula D. Hodgdon USM Women's Sports Trailblazer

Katie Brown, Sports Editor



Photo credit: University of Southern Maine Athletics  
Senior Night '19 Recipient of the Paula D. Hodgdon Leadership Award



Photo credit: University of Southern Maine Athletics  
Coach with her players in the 1990s

Longtime coach, athletic director and professor of many years at USM, Paula D Hodgdon was recently inducted into the Maine Field Hockey Hall of Fame. Becky Manson, GHS Varsity Coach and V.P. of Maine Field Hockey Association recently recapped her career at the Hall of Fame induction.

In 1967 Coach Hodgdon became an associate professor of physical education at Gorham State Teacher's College. She was an integral part of not only developing the

field hockey program but established and coached many of the Huskies' women's athletic programs including women's basketball, skiing, and lacrosse. As the first field hockey head coach at USM for 31 years from 1967 to 1997 she amassed a record of 213-173-57 and had 12 NCAA or ECAC tournament appearances. In 1986 her team won the ECAC Division III New England Championship and in 1987 her team earned a berth to the NCAA Division III Final Four which

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# College Baseball Summer League in Maine is Expanding

Katie Brown, Sports Editor

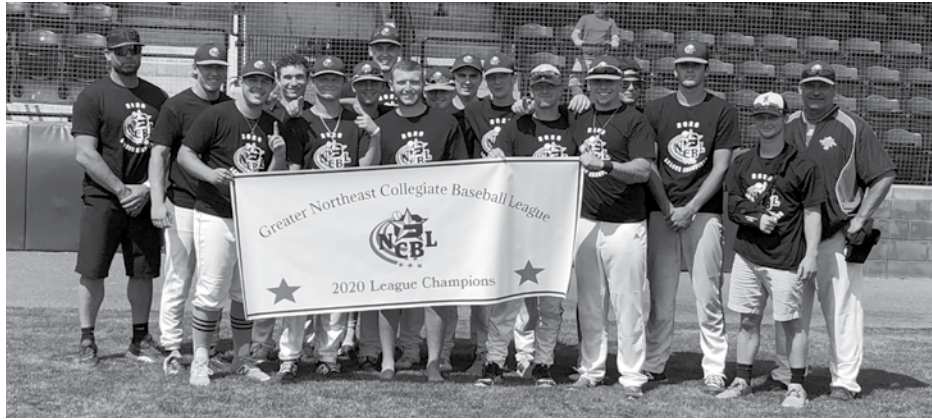


Photo credit: Katie Brown

GNCBL League Championship team at Goodall Field 2020

The Greater Northeast Collegiate Baseball League established in 2017, by Coach Max Salevsky, was recently acquired by a larger baseball league conglomerate, The Players League from North Carolina.

According to Lexie Allerd, Director of Marketing for TPL, The Players League is an umbrella organization for collegiate baseball leagues. The Greater Northeast Collegiate Baseball League will be their very first expansion (of several) from the state of North Carolina. The TPL has already revamped the existing GNCBL logo and updated the website and social media platforms to reflect the change. The Players League will also be expanding into Virginia, Texas, and Florida in the year of 2025 in addition to New England.

What does this mean for college baseball players in Maine who play at the collegiate level in the summer? GNCBL will be adding 4 brand new teams this year and adding 4 new venue locations in Bangor,

Augusta, Gorham and Old Orchard Beach. Since GNCBL began, 7 years ago, players have traveled to various venues from the Oxford Hills Region to Goodall Park in Sanford, to Saint Joseph's College of Maine to Old Orchard Beach, with The Ballpark (OOB) location being the only venue to offer amenities. According to Max Salevsky, founder of GNCBL, with this expansion, the goal is to field more teams with a 30-game schedule this summer. Salevsky concluded "our vision for summer collegiate baseball is to expand on the already established player friendly atmosphere and make the merger the best that it can be for the players." Salevsky will continue to assume the role as commissioner of the GNCBL. Salevsky also coached the Nor'easters who won back-to-back titles in the 2018 & 2019 summer seasons.

Allerd added, "The leadership at TPL plans to take their proven structure and strategy from North Carolina and adopt

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was the first sports team at USM to do so.

Over her career Coach Hodgdon coached 12 regional all-Americans and 6 national all-Americans and 19 of her former USM field hockey players have been inducted into the Husky Hall of Fame.

In the early 1980's she started Styx camp, an overnight camp at USM that drew in many Maine field hockey players who wanted to get better at their game and bond with teammates. This camp grew to over 300 campers within the 20 years of its existence.

After her retirement, the original grass field "Bailey Field" was renamed the Paula Hodgdon Field in 1998.

The Dr. Paula D. Hodgdon Leadership Award was created and honors one junior or senior female student-athlete

from a women's team at USM who is loyal, dedicated and has demonstrated leadership qualities in the classroom, on the field, and within the community.

She was inducted into the Husky Hall of Fame in 1998 and to the National Field Hockey Coaches Association HOF in 2014.

Former player of Hodgdon and veteran coach of USM field hockey, Bonny Brown-Denico cited, "Coach Hodgdon's induction into the Maine Field Hockey Coaches Association Hall of Fame is well overdue. She was inducted into the National Field Hockey Coaches Association many years ago. She started the field hockey program at USM and coached it for thirty-one seasons. She coached other sports at USM as well as being the Athletic Director and Professor of Education."

Brown-Denico added, "Paula was and is an amazing woman, wise and strong beyond her years. A great leader, role model and mentor. She was always confident and easy to talk with. Paula is very humble and was a workhorse, going above and beyond for everything. The TrailblazHer Walk that is being held in her honor is outstanding. Paula has done so much to bring athletic opportunities to women at USM. Doc Costello was also one of the great supporters of women's athletics who supported Coach Hodgdon's efforts, so we owe a great deal to him as well. I strongly believe that without Paula's strong will in fighting for the rights of women in athletics, that the current opportunities for girls and women in Maine would look very different. She truly was a trailblazer."

The First annual Paula D. Hodgdon Walk will be held on April 20. Participants will walk a mile-and-a-half route through USM's Gorham and surrounding neighborhoods. The proceeds will go to support Husky women's athletics.

it through the GNCBL in Maine. To them, this means focusing on a top-notch player and fan experience with a hyper-local focus." Allerd concluded, "The League plans to be player friendly by providing luxury gear and equipment, team transportation, post-game meals, and more to the GNCBL players. The GNCBL will feature the best local talent in Maine. The TPL also plans to completely reinvent the fan experience and will shift their focus to providing a fun and exciting family environment with games and entertainment, higher competition, and food and beverage at every location."

Through these combined efforts the goal is to change the way the players are valued and bring more excitement to the game of college baseball in the Northeast. New teams will be released in the very near future. The new locations and revamps will surely be a hit with fans and families who support college baseball teams and athletes in Maine.

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Living Waters Church Haddock Supper Buffet, Saturday, April 27 at 5 p.m., \$10 adult, \$5 child, \$20 family. Take out containers are optional. Hand sanitizer is available, facemasks optio

### SENIOR NOTES

Senior Meal Site takes place weekly on Wednesdays at 12 p.m., St. Anne's Church, 299 Main St. Social time begins at 11:30 a.m. Suggested donation is \$4. Meal site is closed if school is closed or delayed due to such reasons as weather. For updates on the meal and dates open/closed, visit <https://gorhamrec.com> or call (207) 222-1635.

The Lecky Brown Senior Center, on the 3rd floor of First Parish Church, is open and welcomes the public. Join the group on Mondays at 10 a.m. for cribbage/board games. Join the weekly guest speaker program, "the Originals," on Wednesdays at 10 a.m. with a different speaker each week. Upcoming speakers include Gorham Schools ESL, Malaga Island, wild Maine Turkeys, Gorham's Civil War Monument, Transatlantic Telegraph Cable, Maps & Genealogical research, Maine Women Photographers, S. African Safari, Carol Bailey String Band, etc. FMI: contact Lisa Becker at [Leckybrowncenter@gmail.com](mailto:Leckybrowncenter@gmail.com).

### LIBRARY NEWS

The North Gorham Public Library has a weekly All Ages Children's Story Time at 10:30-11:30 a.m. every Wednesday. April's display case has vintage and unusual salt and pepper shaker sets, and the yarn exchange continues. All are invited to our Open House, April 13th, 1-3 More info on Facebook. Library hours are Monday 3 to 6 p.m.; Tuesday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Wednesday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., and 4 to 7 p.m.; Closed Thursday and Friday; Saturday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.; closed Sunday. FMI: (207) 892-2575 or (207) 642-2327.

Baxter Memorial Library continues a full schedule of family events such as Baby Discovery Time, Toddler Discovery Time, Sewing Club, LEGO Club, Family Discovery Time, Dogs Dig Reading. Discover them all. On Thursday, April 18 at 6 p.m. authors Cheryl Gillespie and Lisa Beecher hold a conversation on Mental Health. On Thursday, April 25 at 6 p.m., former president of the Maine Music Educators Association, Ed Judd, will discuss his book, "A View from the Podium." Find the full schedule of library events in this issue's calendar and learn more at <https://baxterlibrary.org>.

### UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MAINE NOTES


The end of every semester at USM is alive with activity. It is the culmination of a semester of hard work, learning and productivity, clearly seen in sports and the arts, but certainly not lost on all other disciplines. Visit the USM calendar for upcoming events in sports and the arts, and various other ways to connect. Visit USM Event Search: <https://usm.maine.edu/events>


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# CALENDAR

## GORHAM COMMUNITY EVENTS

**Saturday, April 13**  
North Gorham Public Library Open House, 1 - 3 p.m.  
Highland Lake Grange in Westbrook, drive through, Roasted Turkey Dinner, 4 - 6 p.m.  
Buxton Center Baptist Church Baked Bean Supper, Saturday, April 13 from 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.

**Monday, April 15**  
Lecky Brown Senior Center Cribbage/Board Games, First Parish Church, 10 a.m.

**Wednesday, April 17**  
Lecky Brown Center guest speaker program, 10 a.m.  
North Gorham Public Library All Ages Story Time, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.  
Senior Meal Site, St. Anne's Church, Social 11:30 a.m., Lunch at Noon, suggested \$4.

**Thursday, April 18**  
Baxter Memorial Library Author Talk Cheryl Gillespie and Lisa Beecher, Mental Health Discussion, 6 p.m.

**Friday, April 19**  
The Originals present "A Murder is Announced" April 19, 20, 25, 26, 27 at 7:30, and April 21 and 28 at 2:30 pm. Tickets \$15. <https://www.sacorivertheatre.org>

**Saturday, April 20**  
Gorham Rec's Bicycle Safety Rodeo, Gorham Middle School parking lot, 1 - 3 p.m.

**Monday, April 22**  
Lecky Brown Senior Center Cribbage/Board Games, First Parish Church, 10 a.m.

**Wednesday, April 24**  
Senior Meal Site, St. Anne's Church, Social 11:30 a.m., Lunch at Noon, suggested \$4  
Lecky Brown Center guest speaker program, 10 a.m.

## UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MAINE - ATHLETICS HOME GAMES

**April 11** Baseball vs. Babson College, 3:30 p.m.  
**April 11** Softball vs. Husson University, 4 p.m., 6 p.m.  
**April 13** Men's Lacrosse vs. Vermont State University Castleton, 12 p.m.  
**April 13** Baseball vs. Eastern Connecticut State, 12 p.m., 3 p.m.  
**April 13** Softball vs Vermont State University Castleton, 1 p.m., 3 p.m.  
**April 13** Women's Lacrosse vs. UMass Dartmouth, 3 p.m.  
**April 16** Men's Tennis vs Salem State University Waynflete Tennis Complex - Portland, 3:30 p.m.  
**April 16** Women's Lacrosse vs. Plymouth State University, 4 p.m.  
**April 16** Baseball vs. Bowdoin College, 7 p.m.  
**April 17** Baseball vs. Endicott College, 3:30 p.m.  
**April 17** Men's Lacrosse vs. UMass Boston, 4 p.m.  
**April 18** Men's Tennis vs. Thomas College Waynflete Tennis Complex - Portland, 4 p.m.  
**April 20** Men's Tennis vs. Vermont State University Castleton Waynflete Tennis Complex, 12 p.m.  
**April 20** Baseball vs. Keene State, 12pm, 3pm  
**April 20** Softball vs. Rhode Island College, 1 p.m., 3 p.m.  
**April 20** Men's Lacrosse vs. Eastern Connecticut State, 1 p.m.  
**April 23** Softball vs. Plymouth State University, 4 p.m., 6 p.m.  
**April 24** Baseball vs. Bates College, 3:30 p.m.

## UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MAINE - ART, THEATRE, MUSIC

**April 11** Art Gallery, Bachelor of Arts Exhibition Opening Reception, 6 - 8 p.m.  
**April 11** Musical Theatre "The Prom." Russell Hall, 7 p.m.  
**April 12** Musical Theatre "The Prom." Russell Hall, 10 a.m. and 7 p.m.  
**April 13** OSOM Concert Band at McCormack Performing Arts Center, 2 p.m.  
**April 13** Musical Theatre "The Prom." Russell Hall, 7 p.m.  
**April 14** Musical Theatre "The Prom." Russell Hall, 2 p.m.  
**April 14** OSOM Opera Theatre Spring Performance, 5 p.m.  
**April 16** OSOM Opera Theatre Spring Performance, 7:30 p.m.  
**April 18** OSOM Jazz Ensemble Concert directed by Aaron Henry, 7:30 p.m.  
**April 20** OSOM Composers Ensemble directed by Daniel Sonenberg, 7:30 p.m.  
**April 24** OSOM Bella Voce Chorale and Chamber Singers, 7:30 p.m.  
USM Art Gallery: <https://usm.maine.edu/art>  
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Officer assisted Buxton PD with keeping the peace at the scene of an OUI arrest.

Robie Street caller reported a suspicious person in the area. Police did not find anyone as there had been a 15-minute delay before Police were called.

Main Street caller was attempting to contact someone to report that he was very ill and wanted the information passed onto others as well. Officer located the person and passed on the message.

Officer located the owner of a vehicle parked on School Street and told her about the overnight parking ban. He asked her to come out and move her car and she did.

Officer responded to a domestic verbal argument on Finn Parker Road.

Three females in a vehicle on Fort Hill Road were advised they could stay for a bit but to move along after that.

Gorham Middle School caller reported a dog at large in the bus loop. It was trying to get into the garden area at the side of the school. Officer located the dog digging into the mulch at the base of the area. Officer fed her snacks but could not catch her. The owner came out a little later but initially was not able to catch her either. He did finally catch the dog and secured her in the school.

Caller complained about people shooting up past Dundee Park, as the noise was bothering her animals. Area was not an official shooting range, deep in the woods, well over the required 100+ yards, away from any residences and not a restricted firearms area. A single target with several holes was still standing but there was no sign of a shooter.

Officer assisted the Cumberland County Sheriff's office with searching a female subject. Officer did not find anything suspicious on her person.


Man turned over a loose dog found near Antonio's Pizza to the Gorham PD. Owner showed up and took the dog saying they were out rabbit hunting and both their dogs took off and the owner lost track of them. They were returned to their owner.

Dundee Road caller again reported shooting



by Dundee Dam. Officer advised her he had checked the area the day before and that it was safe for shooting as targets were facing away from Access Road or any residences and well over 100 yards away. The area is not marked as firearms restricted. Woman understood the reasoning but still expressed annoyance that it has been happening for the 20 years she has lived on Dundee Road.

Libby Avenue caller reported a vehicle sitting in the road outside his house. The car left but he got the license. It turned out to be his neighbor. He called because they drove off when he went outside and he wasn't sure it was them.

Caller was a passenger in a vehicle that was stopped by an officer who asked for his license as a form of identification. Officer told him he could not be in possession of the license as it was suspended and Officer took the license. Passenger was told to contact the Bureau of Motor Vehicles to see what he could do to speed up the return of his license.



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