

Storm Winds Strengthen Community Ties

Karen DiDonato

While the storm on July 21 produced a great amount of damage in a short period of time, the responsiveness, kindness, and humor in the Gorham community withstood the damage of the tornado.

Dani Grady, who lives near Libby and Sunset, said after the storm, "everyone started coming out of their houses, walking into the road, [and] looking around." They were unified in awe at the damage including "massive trees that were ripped up, broken in half, and thrown into other people's yards." Along with trees, most properties in the area were littered with items belonging to neighbors. Grady said: "there were trees in my front yard where I had none before. I had stuff in my yard that came from somewhere else [including] a beach ball, garden ornaments, buckets, bins, branches, branches, and more branches."

In response to the cleanup, many community members stepped forward to offer assistance. Jane Andrews, who was not at her Garden Avenue home at the time, lost nearly every tree on her property, some of which crashed onto her house, shed, and her husband's car. She said Linda and Bruce Webb and Peggy and Roger Marchand were of particular help in her absence by surveying the damage, applying a tarp to the roof, and entering the home to relocate rugs and valuables.

Andrews, whose property sustained the most damage in the neighborhood, has been able to positively work through the event by realizing how responsive and supportive people have been. She noted the contractors, insurance adjusters, clean-up crews, neighbors, and strangers have all stepped up to help. She also said the event was a learning experience about perspective. She fully realized that relationships, not possessions, are most important to her. "It could have been a lot worse," she said, and is grateful and appreciative for every-

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Above: Hidden Pines Drive and Wood Road had extensive tree damage. Fred Boyce poses with a heavily damaged tree. Left: Because tornadoes do not travel in a straight line, the map is intended for representational purposes and does not indicate a definitive path.

Tornado Wreaks Havoc on Gorham

Karen DiDonato

On Wednesday, July 21, at about 6:40 p.m., a tornado ripped through Gorham. The following day the National Weather Service (NWS) issued a public information statement that said the tornado "traveled east on a semi-continuous path through the Town of Gorham before lifting at the intersection of Route 237 and 25." The statement also said "the greatest damage was near the Gorham Savings Headquarters where maximum winds were estimated at near 90 MPH...causing the tornado to be rated an EF1 on the Enhanced Fujita Scale." The tornado was on the ground for an estimated five miles and had a maximum width of about 350 yards.

According to Warning Coordination Meteorologist John Jensenius, from the National Weather Service in Gray, in order to confirm the presence of a tornado, the NWS surveys the area for an overall pattern left by downed trees. If the trees fell from right to left, a tornado went through; whereas, if they fell in the direction of the tornado's path, it was likely caused by straight line winds of a microburst.

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moreONLINE

On October 18, 1855 the Portland Advertiser published an article about a tornado in Gorham that lifted a home off its foundation and damaged area property. The article can be viewed by searching the New York Times Article Archive (<http://query.nytimes.com/search/query?srchst=p>) using the keywords "Gorham Tornado."

Gorham Sightings



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Do you know where this photo was taken? Become part of the new visual trivia discussion on Facebook (www.facebook.com/pages/Gorham-Times/127309413977240) and see where the next "sighting" will be. The location of this sighting was identified by community members as the door to the old Grange Hall at the Centre of Movement on Main Street. Where will the next one be?

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NEWS FROM AUGUSTA

Local Lab Researches Environmental Contaminant

Rep. Jane S. Knapp

As a member of the Joint Standing Natural Resources Committee, I occasionally interact with the Board of Environmental Protection (BEP). BEP, a component of the Department of Environmental Protection, is composed of ten volunteer citizen members who are appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Legislature. The Board's stated charge is to provide "informed, independent and timely decisions on the interpretation, administration and enforcement of the laws relating to environmental protection..." (38 M.R.S.A. §341-B). Often, my interaction with the Board is through confirmation hearings held by the Joint Standing Natural Resources Committee.

One such hearing I attended this spring centered on the reappointment confirmations of BEP members Richard Gould, a former State Legislator, and of M. Wing Goodale, the Deputy Director and Senior Scientist at the BioDiversity Research Institute (BRI). At the hearing, I recalled that a citizen of Gorham, John Tewhey, had served previously as a member of BEP from June of 1995 to June of 2003, with his final three years serving as Chairman.

At the confirmation hearing I spoke with Mr. Goodale about BRI and subsequently visited the non-profit company based in Gorham. I learned that for over ten years BRI has been conducting scientific research and relating its findings to scientists, the public, and policymakers. Its expertise is widely respected among its numerous collaborators and sponsors, including state and federal organizations, other nonprofits and many higher learning institutions. BRI specializes in capturing animals to measure their exposure to environmental contaminants, most notably mercury, which is a byproduct of energy production and is frequently used in some consumer products such as lamps and thermometers.

BRI's specialization began when founder and chief scientist Dave Evers learned to safely capture loons, a task not reliably accomplished before. Because loons eat fish in their defined territories to which return each breeding season, they are excellent indicators of mercury levels where they live.

Mercury that finds its way into rivers or lakes, often due to improper waste disposal and atmospheric deposition, is eaten by fish, which in turn are eaten by birds or animals that may then be consumed by humans. The mercury gets passed along the food chain and

into some products that we eat, which may cause neurological and reproductive disorders.

This takes me to an important bill in the Natural Resources Committee: L.D. 973, "An Act To Provide for the Safe Collection and Recycling of Mercury-containing Lighting," of which I was a cosponsor. This bill required manufacturers of mercury-added lamps (light bulbs) to implement a recycling program. Why not just throw light bulbs in the trash? Energy efficient light bulbs, known as compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs), contain on average about four milligrams of mercury. If broken, these bulbs may release mercury into the environment. If the trash is incinerated, mercury may be released into the atmosphere, which may fall to the ground with precipitation, contaminating soil and surface water.

According to BRI, mercury levels are high and pervasive in the northeast. It is my hope that the Natural Resources Committee at the start of the next legislative session will take an important step toward reducing mercury pollution by refocusing its attention on this issue.

As an advocate of recycling, I urge you to take your CFLs to a store that will properly send them for recycling. To find out more ways you can help reduce the level of mercury in the environment, access the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) website to read a list of consumer products that may contain mercury, as well as a list identifying non-mercury alternatives (www.epa.gov/mercury/consumer.htm). You will also find the EPA's suggested process to dispose of products containing mercury.

To learn more about BRI's work and research programs, visit their website at www.briloon.org. I am confident you will find their work as interesting and as vital to our health and to our environment as I do.

Some information in this article was found at: www.briloon.org/index.php and www.epa.gov/mercury/consumer.htm



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around town

On July 21, four local massage therapists gave chair massages in exchange for charitable donations as part of "EveryBODY Deserves a Massage Week." The event was promoted by the Associated Bodywork and Massage Professionals, sponsored by Gorham Massage & Wellness, and hosted at The Gorham Grind.

Linda Morris of Gorham Massage & Wellness organized the event with the help of Carson Lynch of The Gorham Grind. Providing the all day, half-price massages along with Morris were Julie Brown of Julie Brown Wellness, Jen Leo of Gorham Massage & Wellness, and Liz Berks of the Massage Clinic of Gorham.

Many Gorham area residents enjoyed massages while supporting the Gorham Food Pantry; the Gorham Educational Foundation; and Women, Work and Community. The event raised a total of \$378. Morris said similar events will be held in the future.

Car Show Successful Despite Relocating

Karen DiDonato

The Third Annual Gorham Lions Club Car Show took place on July 24 at the Gorham Middle School. Last year the show was held at Narragansett School, but was relocated due to the ongoing construction. Norman Wedge reported that despite the move to the new location, the show was very successful and even had many repeat customers.

Admission was free to the hundreds of spectators who viewed 25 classes of cars, trucks, and motorcycles totaling 92 vehicles. Profits from the entry fees and concession stand will be used toward many Lions Club sponsored causes including proving hearing aids, glasses, and Thanksgiving food baskets for those in need.

The Lions Club is planning to hold the Fourth Annual Car Show next summer at the Gorham Middle School.

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Stone Dog Café Opens in Gorham

Sherrie Fontaine



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Jeff Graham, chef and owner, sits in the dining room of the Stone Dog Café on Narragansett Street.

Keep it simple and use only the freshest ingredients. That is the mantra of Jeff Graham, chef and owner of the Stone Dog Café, which is now open in two locations. Since 2003, customers have enjoyed fresh baked goods, breakfast and lunch at the Stone Dog Café in Windham, which was voted five stars in the Portland Press Herald. Gorham diners can now enjoy that same experience here. Located on Rt. 202 at 166 Narragansett St., just half-mile from the center of town, the newly opened café is easily accessible with plenty of off-street parking.

Jeff Graham's roots are in Gorham, having attended the local schools. His mother, for many years, operated a hair salon on South Street. It was a natural fit when Graham chose Gorham as the location his second café. With this new location, he hopes to build upon the culinary and business skills honed at the Winham café and will introduce some new ideas while staying true to his food mantra.

Graham is adamant and passionate that the food served at his restaurants are made from scratch using quality ingredients that are, when available, local to the area or to the state. The produce is delivered fresh daily, seven days a week. Nothing frozen is used. As for the preparation of the food, you will not find overuse of spices masking food flavors. Graham says when prop-

erly cooked, flavors of food should be true to themselves.

The café, formerly home to the Gorham Diner & Variety, can seat 45 inside and has picnic tables and benches for outdoor dining when weather permits. For the weekend breakfast hour you may expect a slight wait as the crowd eagerly lines up for freshly made baked goods, corned beef hash (the corned beef is made with their own special brine), lobster Benedict, and, of course, pancakes and eggs served any way you like. If you prefer lunch, you will be treated to such menu items as a quarter-pound lobster roll, salmon wraps, and juicy cheeseburgers. Everything is also available for take-out.

Currently the bakery portion of the café is only available on the weekends but will soon be expanded to daily operations. Graham will also serve fresh ice cream. Future plans include a monthly supper night, by reservations only, which will feature a specific coursed meal.

At the Stone Dog Café, as the line for breakfast indicates, both the customers and the café are winners.

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The Third Annual Taste Walk had another very successful turnout. This year there were about 300 tasters who visited various area restaurants, tasted dishes, and cast their votes for their favorites. The proceeds from the event totaled around \$1,100. The sponsors for this event were Casco Federal Credit Union, Mainely Plumbing, Sebago Brewing Company, and Mattingly for Senate Campaign.



Photos credit Abby Mattingly

The Golden Spoon winner was awarded to Lucky Thai Restaurant. They served Thai Iced Tea, Crispy Pad Thai, Spicy Pad Thai, Curry Fried Rice, Fresh Spring Rolls and Fried Dumplings. Lucky Thai was also the 2009 runner-up, and the 2008 award winner. Pictured above from left to right: Matt Mattingly, one of the event's sponsors, Anima Nikonthet, Siphon and Somkhouan Phongvichith (owners).



The Runner-Up award was presented to the University of Southern Maine. Their chefs served grilled chicken on herbed foccacia that had a lemon basil pesto mayonnaise. USM used both the lemon basil and spinach from their campus greenhouse and Backyard Beauty tomatoes from Madison, Maine. Their focus was sustainability. USM was the 2009 Golden Spoon award winner. Pictured at left: Stephanie Browne and Richard Rumney.



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A concert concluded the day with the Jerks of Grass featuring Gorham's own Carter Logan (far right).

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Fast Facts about Gorham and the State of Maine

David Cole, Town Manager

The most recent edition of *Maine Biz Magazine* provides some information regarding the Maine economy and a few facts about the Town of Gorham. Under the category "Highest Home Sales Prices by Municipality," the Town of Ogunquit has the highest median sales priced home at \$454,700. The Town of Gorham stands at 36th in the ranking with a median sales price of \$215,000. Under "Largest Public Schools Districts" ranked by the average number of resident pupils for 2009, Gorham ranks 18th in the State with 2,720 average resident pupils. Under the "Largest Individual Schools" category, Gorham High School ranks 20th

in the State with 841 students. Under "Annual Goods Exported by Maine" ranked in value of dollars, paper products are still the number one export followed by computer and electronics products second; transportation equipment third; forestry products fourth; and fresh, chilled, or frozen fish and other marine products fifth. Regarding "Taxable Sales by County", Cumberland County is the largest economic county in the State comprised of 25.4% of all taxable sales for 2009. This is more than twice as much as the next highest County, which is Penobscot, with 12.4% of the total taxable sales.



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Stepping into Summer

Christina A. Silberman, Town Clerk

Summer is here! Don't wait for the last minute to register your recreational vehicles or purchase your hunting and fishing licenses. Boat registrations, as well as registrations for ATVs and snowmobiles (but let's not think about winter yet!), can now be processed online. Hunting and fishing licenses may also be purchased online. Please visit the Town of Gorham website at www.gorham-me.org and look for the link at the bottom of the home page for Maine.gov / Maine Sporting Licenses and Registrations Online.

Tuesday, June 8 was election day for the state of Maine primary and referendum election and the Gorham special Referendum and school budget validation referendum election.

The special referendum election had three questions. The first question was to authorize the town to issue a bond for \$3 million for road work and this was approved. The second question was to authorize the town to issue a bond for \$450,000 for a new heavy rescue truck and this was also approved. The third question was a non-binding advisory question to see if citizens were in favor of adding \$1 to the established property tax mil rate to

raise money that would be set aside for capital items. The majority of Gorham voters were not in favor of this.

The school budget validation referendum was to approve the 2010-2011 fiscal year Gorham school budget, which was passed. The school budget validation referendum also asked voters if they would like to continue to vote to authorize the school budget and the majority said yes.

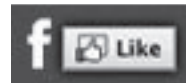
A total of 3,327 voters participated in the election with an approximate 27% turnout. Please visit the Town Clerk's section of the town website, www.gorham-me.org, and click the link for elections then scroll down for more detailed election results.

Please call 222-1670 or visit the Town Clerk's office with any questions.



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When Can You Start Tapping Into Sources of Retirement Income?

Ed Doyle

When you retire, wouldn't it be nice if all your expenses were to "retire" as well? But they won't. In fact, you'll likely need between 80 and 100 percent of your preretirement income to maintain your standard of living during retirement. You may even need more, depending on what you plan to do during your retirement years. So, well before you retire, ask yourself a couple of key questions: Where will the money come from? And when can I get at it?

Here is a look at some likely retirement income "pools" along with the rules governing withdrawals from these sources.

- **401(k) plan**—If you have a 401(k) plan at work, take full advantage of it. Your earnings have the potential to grow on a tax-deferred basis and you typically contribute pretax dollars, so the more you put in, the lower your adjusted annual taxable income. Generally, you have to be at least 59 1/2 to withdraw money from your 401(k) without incurring a penalty of ten percent of the taxable amount of your withdrawal. However, you can avoid this penalty under the following circumstances:
 1. You leave your employer when you are at least 55 or you become disabled.
 2. You take a series of equal periodic payments, made at least annually, for your life or life expectancy.
 3. You "roll over" your 401(k) withdrawals into an IRA. Of course, you may not want, or need, to tap into your 401(k) at either age 55 or 59 1/2. If that's the case, you can leave your account alone and, hopefully, watch it continue to grow. But you will have to start taking withdrawals when you reach 70 1/2 if you haven't already done so.

- **IRA**—As is the case with your 401(k), you will, in most cases, have to pay a ten percent tax penalty if you take distributions from your IRA before age 59 1/2 and you must begin taking required minimum distributions from a Traditional IRA once you reach 70 1/2. If you have a Roth IRA, you face no mandatory distribution rules, so you never have to touch the money, which means it can potentially grow tax-free for years.
- **Social Security**—You can start taking Social Security when you reach 62, but your monthly payments will only be about 70 to 75 percent (the exact amount depends on your age) of your payments if you waited until you reached "full" retirement age, which is probably 66 or 67. Social Security determines your full retirement age by your year of birth. To most effectively incorporate your 401(k) and IRA withdrawals and your Social Security payments, into your retirement income, you'll need to consult with your financial advisor. Also, to make sure you're not adversely affecting your tax situation when you start taking these withdrawals and payments, talk to your tax advisor. But don't wait until you're almost retired to start planning for it. Your decisions on when to start taking withdrawals from your various retirement accounts are usually irrevocable—so you'll want to get them right the first time.



Ed Doyle operates the Gorham branch office of Edward Jones. He is experienced in all aspects of financial planning, retirement income planning, tax-advantaged education savings plans, and more. Doyle can be reached at 839-8150.



Six Tips to a Fabulous Garden

Linda Treworgy Faatz

1 This is a wonderful time of year to start composting. You will need a compost bin or a 3-foot by 3- or 4-foot wire cage. It should be close to a water source. Layer in the "brown stuff" (dead dried plant parts, leaves, pine needles, sawdust, newspaper in any combination); "green stuff" (grass clippings, kitchen vegetable scraps, other plants); and garden soil. Garden soil is very important as it adds microorganisms that help break down the layered mixture into soil. A compost pile also needs air and water. Sprinkle each layer lightly with water. **DO NOT USE** meat, domestic pet droppings, bones, milk products, diseased plants, or oils. Stir if you want; if not it the decomposition takes longer because the smaller the pieces the faster everything decomposes. Use finished compost for healthy soil when planting.

2 Now is the time for transplanting irises. Cover rhizomes lightly

with soil. Be sure the roots are in the ground. The soil will settle to expose the rhizome. This exposure is necessary in order to have them bloom.

3 Sow seeds of forget-me-nots this month for bloom next spring. If you have them in your garden, shake off the seeds before pulling up the old plants.

4 Cut seed heads off your plants as they develop. Dry for fall arrangements. Remember that plants work hard producing seed and the strength of some plants might be compromised.

5 Each week remove faded flowers from annuals.

6 Don't let crabgrass go to seed. Each seed that falls will produce another plant next year.

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Summer SEA Tech Camp Chris Crawford



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Co-directors of the SEA Tech Camp, Bob Asselin (Windham/Raymond), Terri Dawson (Gorham) and Stacy Alvarez (Westbrook), pause for a little R & R.

More than 175 educators from the six Sebago Educational Alliance (SEA) school districts recently gathered at Gorham Middle School to participate in a week of hands-on technology training. From Moodle course-management software to digital storytelling with GarageBand to interactive whiteboards, the 42 different sessions had something for everyone. Attendees agreed this was a great opportunity to work on integrating ideas, improving technology skills, and networking with other Alliance colleagues.

According to Bob Asselin, the technology integrator for Windham Schools, this third SEA Tech Camp was bigger and better than previous efforts. He and Terri Dawson, a technology integrator from Gorham, worked together to coordinate the camp. "We wanted to offer quality professional development opportunities for SEA staff who want to explore new ways of using technology to engage students in their own learning," said Dawson.

The SEA Tech Camp sessions were open to all staff from the six SEA member school districts including Gorham, SAD 6, Scarborough, Westbrook, Windham, and Raymond. The staff members from the Poland district were also invited. With the exception of the keynote speaker, the workshop

presenters were teachers from SEA Schools.

The Sebago Educational Alliance, formed in 2004, is a voluntary collaborative of six school districts. Although Gorham and other member districts were large enough to not consolidate in compliance with the State mandate, they did recognize that pooling some resources and expertise would benefit everyone. SEA districts work together to share knowledge and resources in areas such as curriculum development, assessment, and analysis; instructional practices; research and theory; alternative and unique programs; professional development; and business/financial services and operations.

SEA jointly administers a Regional Day Treatment Program housed at Little Falls School in Gorham. This program provides a range of student services intended to promote academic success, physical wellbeing, and the positive social behaviors necessary to be successful in a less restrictive setting.

SEA also sponsors a number of focus groups that meet regularly to discuss topics of mutual interest. These groups allow superintendents, principals, special education directors, technology integrators, and gifted and talented coordinators to meet with each another to share expertise and resources.

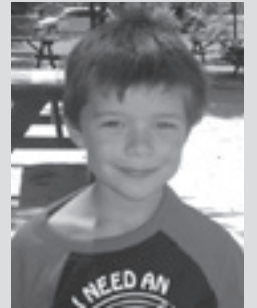
summer street beat

With the return of cool night air, we are reminded that summer is almost over and school will soon begin. Recently various Gorham children were asked two questions: 1) "What was your favorite thing you did during summer vacation?" and 2) "What are you most looking forward to when you return to school in the fall?" Their responses are below. Photography by Stacy Sallinen.



1 "My favorite thing was going to China Lake to swim, sleep, and go watertubing."

2 "Going to a new school in the fall (Village School)."
Kailyn Robie – 3rd Grade



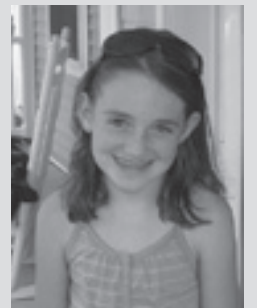
1 "Visiting a hotel in Bar Harbor."

2 "Another field day with my friends."
Noah Badeau – 1st Grade



1 "We went to Summer Slammer, our family reunion in Vermont."

2 "Doing fun things, like the water barrel game on Field Day."
Bode Coleman – 1st Grade



1 "Going to the lake with my friends to swim and jet ski."

2 "Seeing all my school friends again."
Lindsey Boylen – 5th Grade



1 "Going to Funtown Splashtown. My favorite was Portland Pirate Paradise when a bucket of water dumped onto my head."
Courtney Rent – 1st Grade



1 & 2 "Funtown!" Will said he is looking forward to coloring and going to art class with Mrs. Rimkunas and Sean can't wait to play on the playground.
Will and Sean Boylen – 1st Grade

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Disparate Lives Converge for a Common Cause

Mary Benson Emerson

Our recent storm reminded many of us in Gorham of the selflessness in others during times of need. This was apparent to such a degree at the Benson Farm that it humbled us all. It warmed our hearts, gave us courage, and helped ease the pain of the heartbreaking loss of our two Holsteins and the beautiful old barn.

For as long as I can remember, in times of tragedy there has been an incredible degree of mutual support among the Gorham farm community. I have always found this dedication truly moving; even if it means sacrificing the best hay day of the summer, the farm community has always shown up in force when needed! Despite the fact that many of these farms are now gone, this ethic spans generations. This was evident when members of many of those families were at our farm with sleeves rolled up bringing along whatever equipment they had to offer.

The strong fellowship in the local small business community became immediately obvious with offers for the use of everything from excavators to water coolers and donations of tons of food! Thursday morning and continuing all day, the donations of coffee, water, ice, pizzas, sandwiches, and sweets kept pouring in. There must have been enough to feed a small army, which is just what we had and they were all well fed and hydrated throughout the day.

Friends and neighbors appeared immediately as they heard news of the barn's collapse and the animals trapped inside. Through the whole cleanup

they helped in whatever way they could. In some cases they helped rescue animals, operated excavators and other heavy equipment at the expense of their own safety. Others loaded hay, made countless phone calls, baked cookies, and even helped with the daily farm chores.

The artists' presence is vital to every community in good times and bad. The fact that the feelings of a moment in time can be captured and expressed so perfectly through an artistic media is why art can truly define an era or culture. Some of the photographs composed after the collapse were thoughtfully created to capture not just the destruction, but also the depth of loss on so many intangible levels. Some tried to capture the magical quality in the atmosphere the day after the storm. It is a touching and amazing feeling of so many disparate lives converging for a common cause!

Acclaimed musician and fiddle champion Donald Roy, who has performed at such prestigious places as Carnegie Hall, is a fiddle maker and longtime neighbor of the farm. He is already in the process of creating a fiddle from one of the old barn's spruce beams! To hear music coming from what was once a part of the barn would be such a healing experience.

There is something wonderfully unique about the close-knit feeling of a rural community. A feeling of interdependence, while not as true today, seems to have carried on through the years. Many of us grew up together, sharing such a similar rural lifestyle that



Photo credits Mary Benson Emerson, Kati (Benson) King, Jen (Benson) Bryant

there remains a special connection. Even families who move here "from away" eventually seem to adopt the same tendencies.

Thanks to everyone, it feels as if we are all in this together! We are, aren't we?

moreONLINE

Mary Benson Emerson wrote a retrospective story about the old barn. To read this touching editorial, please go to www.gorhamtimes.com/bensonfarm.html or www.facebook.com/pages/Gorham-Times/127309413977240.

Thank You, Gorham, from the Benson Farm

The Benson family thanks our community of friends and neighbors, as well as the Gorham Fire Department, who helped in rescuing our animals from the collapsed barn and with the cleanup efforts in the days that followed.

The outpouring of community support in the form of labor, equipment and donated food made it possible for us to recover quickly and serves as a reminder to support our local businesses because they support us in so many ways.

How good and pleasant it is when brothers live together in unity! —Psalm 133:1



sports

PASSION FOR THE GAME

Gorham Baseball Stars Inducted into Maine Hall of Fame

Katie Zarrilli



Photo credit Kris Parkin

Current Gorham resident Gary Dube (left) and former Gorham resident Kevin Joyce (right) were inducted into the Maine Baseball Hall of Fame July 25 at the Holiday Inn in Portland. The photos above were taken just after each one gave his acceptance speech.

Gary Dube and Kevin Joyce both spent their childhoods on baseball fields. Any chance they could, they grabbed bats, balls and gloves, found fields, and played.

This dedication paid off decades later. After outstanding baseball careers, current Gorham resident Dube, 43, and former resident Joyce, 54, were among 13 inducted into the Maine Baseball Hall of Fame on July 25 at the Holiday Inn in Portland. Both were proud to be part of the ceremony.

Dube grew up in Biddeford as a Little League standout. He led Biddeford High School, under coach Ron Cote, to its first state championship in 1984. "I had great coaches, like Ron Cote," Dube said. "They taught me how to compete, persevere, and win."

Starting at second base for the University of Maine at Orono, Dube led his team to championships and the College World Series. "Scoring was my strength," Dube said. "I got on base one way or another and always found home plate."

Dube then played semi-professional ball in Southern Maine in the Twilight League. His team won three championships, and he was named the league's most valuable player in 1996. Dube later served as a league coach and then league president for three years.

Living in Gorham since 1991, Dube is the director of sales at Tyler Technologies. He and his wife Candice recently celebrated their 21st wedding anniversary, and they have two toddlers: Andre, 3, and Antoine, 1.

Joyce grew up in Portland playing catcher in Little League. He attributes much of his success to his Little League coach Lou Tripaldi, who died of cancer at 35. "He was the top coach around," Joyce said. "Everybody knew him."

An All-Telegram League all-star at Cheverus High School, Joyce was captain and Most Valuable Player his senior year. He was captain of the University of Southern Maine team for three years and earned an all-conference selection. After three years of American Legion Baseball, he played ten years in the Twilight League. "My strength was my game knowledge," Joyce said. "I was like another coach on the field."

Joyce has also coached baseball and began an umpiring career in 1983 that has led him all over the country at the high school, college, and professional levels. One favorite memory is a 2006 professional (Class A) Lansing Lugnuts game in Michigan managed by his brother Ken Joyce. The umpire got hurt and Kevin was thrilled to umpire for his brother's team.

A charter member of the Maine Collegiate Baseball Umpires Association, Joyce is also the rules interpreter for the Western Maine Board of Baseball Umpires. "I've won championships and I've umpired major games," Joyce said. "But the friends I've made throughout the years mean the most to me."

Joyce lived in Gorham for three years and now lives in Standish. He is the manager of Espo's Restaurant in Portland. His wife Patty teaches at Gorham Middle School while his son Kyle, 23, is a Gorham High graduate and his son Brendon, 17, will be a senior on the baseball team next spring.

For today's young baseball generation, Joyce gives this advice: "Kids today don't play enough. If they're not at practice or a game, they're not playing. We played every day. You have to. If your arm is sore, keep throwing."

Gorham Youth Baseball Team Wins State Championship

Gorham Times Staff



Photo credit: Gorham Times Staff

Maine State Champions: The Gorham U9 Cal Ripken baseball team captured the State title July 12 with a win over Skowhegan. Playing for the team and pictured above, from left to right, front row: Kevin Mollison. Second row: Simon Roussel, Ben Nelson, Bat Boy Brady King, Trevor Loubier, Trevor Gray, Jayden Gaudreau, Jacob Yahm. Third row: Ryan Norris, Kyle King, Stephen Klatt, Brogan MacDonald. Back row: Manager Tim King, Coach Steve Loubier, and Coach Ron Gray. The team is competing in the New England championships the weekend of August 7 in Massachusetts.

The Gorham U9 Cal Ripken baseball team is heading to the New England Regional Tournament after winning the Maine State Championship July 12 by defeating Skowhegan, 13-3, in Sabattus.

Gorham opened the double elimination tournament against Skowhegan as well with an extra-inning, 5-4 win led by pitcher Kyle King, who struck out 14 batters. Gorham then defeated Andy Valley West, 12-6, behind the pitching of Ben Nelson. Gorham won its third game against Gardiner, 14-1, with Stephen Klatt leading the way from the mound. In the final versus Skowhegan, Gorham completed its undefeated tournament run with many players making

key contributions. Ryan Norris and Kevin Mollison made excellent catches in the outfield while Ben Nelson, Trevor Loubier, and Trevor Gray all made outstanding plays in the infield. Key offensive performers included Jayden Gaudreau, Brogan MacDonald, Simon Roussel, and Jacob Yahm.

To qualify for the State Tournament, Gorham won a preliminary tournament in Mechanic Falls July 7-8 that included Andy Valley East, Andy Valley West, Brunswick, and Sebago/Long Lake teams. The team will travel to Turner Falls in Massachusetts to compete in the New England Regional Tournament, which begins August 7.

Gorham High School Fall Pre-Season Kick-Off Dates

Eight of the GHS fall sports teams begin pre-season practices August 16 while the Cheering team begins August 23. Start times and locations are listed below:

Field Hockey at GHS, 8:00 a.m.
 Girls' Soccer at GMS, 7:30 a.m.
 Boys' Soccer at GHS, 8:00 a.m.
 Football at GHS, 5:00 p.m.
 Golf at Gorham Country Club, 9:00 a.m.
 Boys' Cross Country at GHS 8:00 a.m.
 Girls' Cross Country at GHS, 8:00 a.m.
 Volleyball at GHS, 9:00 a.m.
 Cheering (Aug 23) at GHS, 5:00 p.m.

For the regular season schedules of all GHS sports, visit www.digitalsports.com

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Gorham Triathlon: The Gorham Track & Field and Cross Country Boosters along with the Gorham Recreation Department will host a triathlon August 15 at 9am at Shaw Park. The competition consists of a seven-mile bicycle race, a 3.5 mile run, and a 1.3 mile kayak/canoe race. Registration fee is \$10. To register, or for more information, visit www.gorhamrec.com or call 222-1630.

Help Start GHS Swim Team: A group of parents is raising money to fund a swimming team at GHS. As part of their efforts, the group is inviting residents to come to Gorham House of Pizza for either lunch or dinner to eat in or take out on August 5. When placing an

order, tell the cashier to credit the receipt to the Gorham Swim Boosters, and the program will then receive a donation from Gorham House of Pizza.

Two Trips To The Red Sox: The Gorham Recreation Department has tickets available for two trips to Red Sox games at Fenway Park in Boston: August 19, 7:10 p.m. against the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim; and September 5, 1:35 p.m. against the Chicago White Sox. The cost for each trip is \$75.00 per person and includes transportation and admission to the game. To sign up or for more information, call 222-1630.

in the Zone

Top Five Swimmer: Gorham's Bill Enck finished fifth among 192 swimmers in the Cyrus Hagge/YMCA Peaks to Portland Swim July 24 with a time of 46:33. Nick Daly of Cape Elizabeth won the race with a time of 45:22.

GHS Summer All-Stars: Recently-graduated GHS seniors Jon Day (football) and Hannah Prince (field hockey) both participated in high school all-star games on July 24. Day opened the scoring for the West squad with a seven-yard touchdown run in the Maine Shrine Lobster Bowl Classic in Biddeford. Prince participated for the West squad in the McNally Senior All-Star game in Waterville.

Soccer Players Help Special Olympics Maine: Two coaches and four players represented Gorham in 20th Annual Invitational All-Star Soccer Tournament August 3 at South Portland High School. The event raised funds for Special Olympics

Maine and featured boys' and girls' all-star teams from the Southwestern Maine Activities Association (Class A) that played against all-stars from the Western Maine Conference (Class B). In the girls' game, GHS girls' head soccer coach Jeanne Zarilli coached her daughter Kristi Zarilli as well as Lauren Chouinard. In the boys' game, GHS head coach Tim King coached Colin Lubelczyk and Greg Gagne.

Gorham Represented Well in Tennis Tournament: Several Gorham residents participated in the Betty Blakeman Tennis Tournament that took place at Yarmouth High School July 18-19, including Steve Buxton, Nicole Bergeron, Hannah Shorty, Natalie Egbert, Julia Parmakian, Aaron Bergeron and Kiet Thai. Egbert advanced to the semifinals in the women's doubles division while Shorty advanced to the quarterfinals of the women's singles division.

National Racewalk Champion



Photo credit Kirsten Scribner

GHS student-athlete Katie Flanders won the 3000-meter racewalk July 28 at the USA Track & Field Junior Olympic National Championships in Sacramento, California. Her time of 16:16.48 was 48 seconds ahead of the second-place finisher. Flanders, who will be a junior this fall, is pictured above receiving her first-place medal.

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Gorham Times Celebrates at Annual Party



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Gorham Times staff, board of directors, contributors, and their family members enjoyed the annual summer party held on July 13 at the Treworgy camp on Sebago Lake. The party was held in appreciation of those involved with the publication. Back row: Bill Jenks, writer; Ed Feibel, board member; Bob Gould, board member; Maynard Charron, founder and board president; Bill Ambrose, writer. Middle row: Sheri Faber, news writer; Jeannine Owens, publisher; Karen DiDonato, editor; Sherrie Fontaine, writer; Jeff Pike, sports editor and distribution; Sandra Wilson, business manager; Hannah Sirois, board member; Chris Kimball, distribution. Front row: Paul Neal, office; Barbara Neal, office; Stacey Sallinen, school coordinator; Julie Burnheimer, distribution; Linda Morris, writer; Linda Faatz, writer; Martha Harris, photographer

Swimming Twins



Photo credit Marcel Desrosiers

Twin sisters **Kristen and Katelyn Desrosiers of Gorham** were among of the top finishers at the Cyrus Hagge/YMCA Peaks-to-Portland Swim on July 24. Kristen (second from right) was the top female finisher and seventh-best overall among 192 swimmers with a time of 48:03. Katelyn (left) finished third in the female division and 17th overall with a time of 50:03. Both swimmers are 2009 graduates of McAuley High School and currently swim for the women's swim team at Holy Cross where Katelyn has set three school records. The swimmers are pictured above with their kayakers, Laura Lazenby and Jake Wilson, who accompanied them during the swim.

Gorham Places Third in Baseball Tournament



Photo credit Cheryl Thompson

The **Gorham 12-and-under baseball team** finished third among 14 teams in the Larry Carter Invitational Baseball Tournament in South Paris, July 8-12. Gorham won three of its first four games before being eliminated by Sebago/Long Lake in the semifinals. Playing for the team and pictured above, from left to right, first row: Patrick Lynch, Ben Thompson, Joey Gallant, Will Hepler and Mike Corkum. Second row: Jamie Frager, Chris Beland, Matt Gaudette, Taylor Turpin, Matt Rex, Matt Beahm and Calvin Riiska. Back Row: Coaches Bruce Hepler, Phil Thompson, David Gallant and Scott Riiska.

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Gorham Softball Champs



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The **Casco Federal Credit Union girls' softball team** captured the Gorham Youth Softball Championship with 13-8 and 10-3 wins over Gorham House of Pizza in the league finals. The team was led in the finals by the strong pitching of Julia Gaudette and Abby Hamilton and finished the season with an overall record of 13-0-1. Playing for the team and pictured above, from left to right, first row: Taila Wintle, Emily Murray, Erica Thibeault and Abbie Flint. Second row: Renee Deering, Julia Gaudette, Abby Hamilton, Megan Hanley, Emily Lewis and Erin Estes. Back row: Coaches Karen Gaudette, Greg Hamilton and Dana Hanley. Missing from picture is Vanessa Berrill.

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The PoGo Realty team won a hard-fought championship game, 5-4, against a determined All State Insurance squad, June 19 at Shaw Park to take the Gorham Minor League Baseball Championship. Trailing 4-1, PoGo Realty rallied for four runs in its final at bat as Brandon Pierson's two-out single scored Andrew Garcia to win the game. Cody Swift pitched three innings for the win and Ben Adams chipped-in with a scoreless inning of work to aid in the victory. Playing for the team and pictured above, front row from left to right: Nick Pierson, Nick Caiazza, Drew Meader, Ben Adams, Andrew Garcia and Griffin Lord. Second row: Brandon Pierson, Garrett Babineau, Cody Swift, Dane Heckathorn, Zach Green and William Burns. Back row: Coaches Dan Heckathorn, Dave Green and John Adams. Missing from the photo is coach and score keeper Emily Babineau.

Storm Winds FROM PAGE 1

one she met as a result of the storm. This experience has allowed many area residents to become friendly with neighbors with whom they did not previously know. Grady noted that neighbors, including her, worked through the intense emotions caused by the storm by talking to each other and sharing stories. She commiserated using humor with her neighbors, who said they were grilling hamburgers just before the storm. After going inside briefly they returned to find the tornado had removed the top of the grill and swallowed their burgers. She also spoke of a new resident, a woodchuck, which, she said, must have rode in on the winds of the storm. Grady talked fondly of her neighborhood and town by saying, "I love Gorham because it is a real community." The tornado might have torn a path throughout town, but it did not divide the community.

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The **Casco Bay Youth Conservation Corps members** descended onto 28 streets in Gorham on June 29, sporting spray paint, orange vests and stencils. They were assisting with a water quality education campaign for the Town of Gorham and the Cumberland County Soil and Water Conservation District. "Don't Dump Protect Your Water," was stenciled on approximately 250 storm drains on public and private streets around Routes 25 & 202 in Gorham. This project aims to make people aware that storm drains are not connected to a public sewer and anything that flows into them will not be treated; it drains directly into local streams. FMI regarding storm water issues in the Town of Gorham, call Bob Burns at the Public Works Department, 892-9062 or Jami Fitch at the Soil and Water Conservation District at 892-4700.

dean's list

Nicole Belhumeur (GHS '09) was named to the University of Rhode Island Spring 2010 Dean's List.

Caitlin Caldwell was named to the Castleton State College Dean's list for the Spring 2010 semester. She is a sociology major.

The following students have been named to the University of Maine at Farmington Dean's List for the Spring 2010 semester: **Cynthia Bastarache, Andrew Dean, Cameron Fecteau, Rachel Lamblin, Timothy Millett, Joshua Tanguay, Katie Vanderburgh.**

graduations

Matthew Caldwell (GHS '06) graduated from Hartwick College with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Geology. He is the son of Dawn and Steve Caldwell.

of interest

Laura Willett (GHS '06) was accepted into the Peace Corps where she will begin pre-service training as an Environmental Educator Peace Corps Volunteer in El Salvador. Willett graduated in 2010 from American University with a degree in



Schoolhouse Arts Center's Teen Shakespeare Workshop students will present Hamlet from August 13-15.

Performing from Gorham are Jason Badeau (pictured above), Lindsey Charlton, Cole Cross, Katelyn DiLorenzo, Nathaniel Dombek, Stephanie Farrington (pictured above), Gabrielle Libby, Kristin Nelson, Alyssa Rojecki, Molly Stewart, and Rachael Stewart. Performances will be at 7:30 p.m. on August 13 & 14 and 2:00 p.m. on August 15. Call 642-3743 for reservations or buy tickets on-line at www.schoolhousearts.org.

International Relations. She is the daughter of Jane Knapp and Dan Willett.

Rebecca Muller (GHS '06) joined Teach for America and will teach in Southern Louisiana this fall. She is a 2010 graduate of Colby College.

The Pinecrest Bed & Breakfast Inn (91 South St) will host BLUES, BREWS AND BBQ's featuring blues guitarist Jon Shain on Sunday, Aug. 15 from 3-5 p.m. on the side lawn of the inn. Free concert; Food and drink additional. Parking behind library. FMI, 839-5843 or email at matt@pinecrestmaine.com.

Wellness Walking Team meets every Tuesday and Thursday in the parking lot of 8 Elm Street (Chiropractic and Massage Clinic of Gorham). Walk for your health! 6-7 p.m. Free. FMI, dpierce@gorhamchiro.com or call Diane at 839-6800

Gorham Community Access Television (GOCAT) in association with the Gorham School Department recently completed their second season of "School Talk" with Superintendent Ted Sharp as host. Each Friday segment features different guests and topics related to the education system. On Aug. 6, guest Norman Justice will talk about School Facilities & Transportation – Impressions & Perceptions; Aug. 13, Katie Hawes will talk about Instructional Support Services; and finally on Aug. 20, Jim Hager will discuss the challenges of Building a School Budget. "School Talk" will be aired on Channel 3 at 10 a.m. and Channel 2 at 8 p.m. Each show will play for the entire week at the designated time.

Great Falls Construction To Build Housing For Westbrook Seniors

Susan Eldridge, *Westbrook Housing Deputy Director*

Great Falls Construction, Gorham, has been selected as the general contractor for Westbrook's newest affordable housing community for senior citizens.

Spring Crossing, a 34-unit senior community along the banks of the Presumpscot River, is the latest project of Westbrook Housing, Westbrook Development Corporation, and Spring Crossing Associates Limited Partnership.

Located at 19 Ash Street, the \$3.3 million facility is expected to be completed by late spring 2011, according to John Gallagher, executive director of Westbrook Housing and president of Westbrook Development Corporation. Gallagher says the construction will have a far-reaching local impact. Some 25 sub-contractors are expected to be utilized and the project should create about 100-plus jobs. Construction payroll, he estimates, will top total \$1 million.



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Critters, Let's Go!

Stacy Sallinen

Over seventy children recently participated in First Parish Congregational Church's Critter Camp, a vacation Bible school with an outdoor twist. Under the direction of Allie Rimkunas, a local artist and art teacher, children were encouraged to use their imagination while exploring nature and being active outside.

To prepare for the camp, an outdoor space was created behind First Parish Congregational Church. In conjunction with Earth Day, many hours were spent removing trash from the area. Seating was created from fallen trees and walking trails were cleared.

Critter Camp followed the theme from the book, "All Things Bright and Beautiful", by Ashley Bryan. The book is based on the hymn of the same name. Each day, a biblical passage tied in with the planned activities and chorus of the hymn.

During the week of July 5, children explored the outdoors with short nature hikes; carefully examined homes of little critters including ants, worms, and salamanders; built fairy houses; created eco-art; explored the stream behind the Church; and used local clay for crafts. Children also learned about caring for the earth by examining what was out of place in the environment and using recyclable materials.

One of the days was spent in the Treworgy garden where children explored with a treasure hunt. The treasures, which were people from the community, were hidden around the garden. Each child was provided with a list of unique facts and had to figure out which fact corresponded to which person. For example, they had to identify the person whose chickens laid green eggs.

Most days, Rimkunas read a story to campers. One of the selected books was "Westlandia", written by Paul Fleischman and illustrated by local artist Kevin Hawkes. "It's a story about a boy who uses his imagination to create



Photo Credit Martha Harris

While exploring the Treworgy Garden, Critter Campers and volunteers had an opportunity to learn about different treasures or people from within the community. Pictured are Nicholas Phinney, Matthew Phinney, Micheala Williams, Sadie Dyer, Hannah Southard, Tom Nelson, and Emily Southard.

his own culture in his backyard. We did a similar thing by building our own 'Crittlerlandia' in our outdoor sanctuary. Kids found all sorts of items from nature and crafted sculptures, lean-tos and fairy houses. The little kids really loved it," said Tim O'Neill, a Critter Camp councilor.

In an effort to raise awareness for all creatures and critters, Critter Camp collected and donated over \$200 to Olivia's Fund to help care for animals endangered by the oil spill in the Gulf.

In the spring of 2009, First Parish received a mini-grant from 5-2-1-0 Let's Go!, an initiative to promote healthy lifestyle choices with physical activity and healthy eating within the church. Funds were used to purchase items to be used as rewards instead of

food. Examples included a Nintendo Wii, Dance Praise, Veggie Tales Dance games, board games, paint and ball for foursquare, and a hot-air popcorn maker for making healthier snacks.

The outdoor sanctuary was created to promote physical activity and to

generate more awareness of the hidden beauty and life in downtown Gorham. First Parish plans to continue the efforts of Critter Camp by holding some of their Sunday School classes in the outdoor sanctuary.



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Tornado FROM PAGE 1

Jensenius said EF1 tornadoes mainly cause damage to trees and property. "The biggest concern for tornadoes in the State of Maine is falling trees," said Jensenius who went on to say that while tornadoes in Maine cause a great deal of winds and damage, deaths mainly occur from falling trees. There were no confirmed human deaths from the storm, but two cows lost their lives at Benson Farm after being crushed by the badly damaged barn.

There were reports of two cars damaged by fallen trees, multiple homes with minor fallen-tree-related damage, and several downed power lines. The NWS reported notable damage along Finn Parker and Wood Roads, Lovers Lane, Kimball Road, Wentworth Drive, Lawn Avenue, Libby Road, as well as Route 237.

Gail Rice, spokesperson for CMP, reported the main power-related problem in Gorham was tree and pole damage. She said, "the outages [in Gorham] peaked on Wednesday evening around 10 p.m. with 865 customer accounts out." Rice said efforts to restore power to Gorham were completed by 7:30 p.m. on July 22.

The average yearly number of tornadoes in the state of Maine is two. As of August of this year Maine has had five confirmed tornadoes.

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Caller reported suspicious activity in the area. Subject was using wireless Internet.

Narragansett Street caller reported a strange male who showed up at their house and stated he was interested in a car they had for sale. He asked for them by name. Caller thought this was odd.

Pleasant Street caller advised that their 14-year-old had played the "Choking Game" with an 11-year-old neighbor putting a choke hold on him until he had passed out. Caller would like an officer to speak to both boys as to the seriousness of this game.

County Road caller reported two peacocks were out in the road. Owner had been unable to catch them.

Hannah Drive caller returned home from work to find a dead bird placed between their front doors. Caller believed it stemmed from ongoing harassment from a neighbor.

Mighty Street caller reported a large turtle in the road. Caller was concerned for the safety of the kids in the neighborhood.

Caller reported there was a snapping turtle in the road on Canal and Acorn. She tried to get it out of the road, but needed assistance. She parked in front of the turtle so no one would hit it.

Mountview Drive caller requested to speak with an officer regarding strange phone calls they had been receiving

from an unknown company. They were concerned, as they have been scammed before.

An 85-year-old Patio Park woman reported to have been attacked by her husband.

Caller reported a peacock in the middle of County Road.

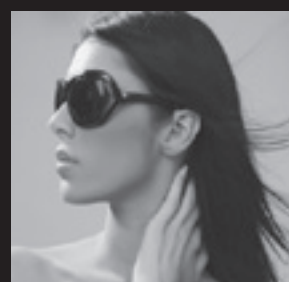
Sebago Lake Road caller reported that while driving they beeped at their neighbor to say hello and the vehicle in front of caller held up a semi-automatic weapon

and proceeded to go through the motions of cocking the weapon.

Mosher Road caller requested to speak with an officer regarding items that had been left in caller's garage for three years. Caller wanted items removed.

Shaw's Mill Road caller reported their dog, which had been missing for a few days, returned home with what they presumed to be rabies. Caller locked animal in a room. Officer believed the dog appeared to just be injured.

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FRIDAY, AUG. 6

• GOCAT "School Talk" Series: School Facilities & Transportation – Impressions & Perceptions with Norm Justice, Ch. 3 at 10 a.m. & Ch. 2 at 8 p.m.

SATURDAY, AUG. 7

• Cowboy & Cowgirl Story Time at Baxter Library, 9:30 a.m. FMI, 839-5031.

TUESDAY, AUG. 10

• Flip Flop Fancy, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Baxter Library. Materials supplied except flip-flops. FMI, 839-5031.

• Wellness Walking Team meets every Tuesday and Thursday in the parking lot of 8 Elm Street (Chiropractic and Massage Clinic of Gorham). Walk for your health! 6-7 p.m. Free. FMI, dpierce@gorhamchiro.com or 839-6800

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 11

• Bubble Day, 1-4 p.m., Baxter Library. All sorts of bubble makers on the patio!

THURSDAY, AUG 12

• Scrapbooking, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Baxter Library. Bring scrapbook and photographs, all other materials will be supplied. FMI, 839-5031.

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FRIDAY, AUG. 13

• GOCAT "School Talk" Series: Instructional Support Services with Katie Hawes, Ch. 3 at 10 a.m. & Ch. 2 at 8 p.m.

SATURDAY, AUG. 14

• Dragon Story Time, 9:30 a.m., Baxter Library. FMI, 839-5031.

The Gorham Ecumenical Food Pantry is open every Thurs. at St. Anne's Church from 9-11 a.m. and the second Wednesday of each month from 5:30-7 p.m. Open to anyone in need of food from Gorham. Located in the building behind St. Anne's Church.

• West Gorham Union Church Annual Blueberry Gala, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Blueberry everything, lunch and silent auction.

SUNDAY, AUG. 15

• BLUES, BREWS AND BBQ, 3-5 p.m., side lawn of the Pinecrest Bed & Breakfast, blues guitarist Jon Shain. Free concert; Food and drink additional. Parking behind library. FMI, 839-5843 or email at matt@pinecrestmaine.com.

TUESDAY, AUG. 17

• Teddy Bear's Picnic, 11 a.m., Baxter Library. Bring your picnic lunch to the park or on rainy days, inside the library.

• Camp Baxter, 5:30-6:30 p.m., Join Spirit Dove and her guitar, for camping stories and songs. FMI, 839-5031.

• GHS Project Graduation 2011 Committee Meeting, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Gorham Rec. Center Multipurpose Room. FMI, 233-2373 or 893-1751. All are welcome.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 18

• Popsicles on the Patio, 1 p.m., Baxter Library. Stories and a pop!

THURSDAY, AUG. 19

• Painting, Pastels & Picnic in the Park, 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. Bring a lunch. FMI, 839-5031.

• Kiwanis Club Lunch Meeting, Pinecrest Bed & Breakfast, 12-1 p.m. FMI, 839-8944.

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