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Mosher Family, Long View Farm given Heritage Award

By ESTHER PELLETIER
Staff Writer

Imagine it is 1940. You are flying over the town of Gorham and, looking down, you see nearly every field touches another field. Aerial photos document that Gorham was one of the biggest dairy producers in the state at that time, says Ben Hartwell, president of the Cumberland County Farm Bureau (CCFB). CCFB is “the voice of organized agriculture” to the state legislature, testifying on behalf of members to create and support farming policy.

Sunday, July 29 was a moment to reflect on the role of farms in our community, and especially to honor the Mosher family for keeping their land in production since 1770 and available for future generations as well. A granite hitching post monument was presented as the first annual Farm Bureau Heritage Farm Award to Long View Farm at the corner of Routes 25 and 237. Hartwell described the pressures on farms to develop, starting in the 1960’s when the state assisted in land being taken out of production by offering tax incentives to farmers who would stop

farming in favor of planting red pines instead. Following this, the housing development really began in Gorham, Hartwell said, turning it into one of the 10 largest towns in the state.

Albert Earlon Mosher Jr., now 85 and the patriarch of the Mosher farm, recalled a time when “there were 11 buildings that had cows in them just on this road (Rt. 25) between Westbrook and Gorham. About four were real commercial farms and seven just had a few cows for themselves.” From 1926 to 1987 Long View Farm produced milk, first delivering bottles door-to-door and then in 1943 selling to Oakhurst Dairy in Portland.

After 50 years of milking, when getting up and down under the cows started to be rough on the knees, Mosher sold the herd and began growing corn. Al’s son, Mark Mosher, and his son, Sam Mosher, now manage the corn harvest. Mark said this year they put in about 10 varieties of sweet yellow and white, white and all yellow corn, which should be available soon at the roadside stand. In addition to corn, the Moshers hay 140 acres, continuing a tradition from back when the family sold wagonloads of loose hay to Portland for the city horse stables. “I

enjoy tractor work,” says Al Mosher, “always will probably, as long as I can climb on the back.”

Amidst applause, Al Mosher thanked everyone, saying, “It was quite a surprise and honor to be notified that we were going to be honored in this way. The whole family feels just great. And on behalf of all my ancestors, we all appreciate it.”

Mr. Hartwell concluded, “Agriculture provides the basis on which our lives depend. It is said that there is no culture without agriculture. We invite businesses, organizations and individuals to join us in preserving the lifeblood of the community. The motto of Gorham is “Come Grow With Us.” We are now at the crossroads of what this town will become.”



(Above) Al Mosher Jr. speaks about the long history at Long View Farm while standing next to the newly presented Farm Bureau Heritage Farm Award, a granite hitching post.



(Left) Ben Hartwell, president of the Cumberland County Farm Bureau speaks to the audience during an award ceremony that pays homage to the Long View Farm’s history. The farmhouse, built in the 1800’s, overlooks the now busy routes 25 and 237 that once gave way to several other local farms.

White Rock School to be Senior Housing

By SHERI FABER
Staff Writer

The town of Gorham has been considering what to do with White Rock School since it closed after the 2010-2011 school year. Because there is no public water or sewer in that area of town, possible uses for the site are limited. Originally, the Town Council was going to demolish the building and let the site remain unused, other than for recreational uses, as there are ball fields at the site that are occasionally used for public recreation. After further consideration, the town requested proposals for possible uses for the former school.

Jon Smith of Great Falls Builders submitted a proposal for creating 12 one-bedroom apartments in the original school building. The apartments will be for residents aged 55 or older. Twelve apartments are the maximum number of units that can be developed at the site due to town

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Noise Ordinance Continues to be Problematic

By GORHAM TIMES STAFF

Gorham’s Town Council determined the current Special Amusement Ordinance does not permit outdoor live music at establishments that hold liquor licenses and also have live music. There are only two locations in Gorham that meet the requirements for the Special Amusement Permit: PineCrest Inn and Spire 29.

The purpose of the ordinance, as found in the public documents of the town’s website, is “to control the issuance of special amusement permits...for music, dancing or entertainment of facilities licensed by the state to sell liquor.”

Since PineCrest has been having outdoor music for several years, the town’s Ordinance Committee attempted to address the issue by drafting a new ordinance. The town attorney confirmed to the Council that if live outdoor music was not mentioned in the ordinance, it

was not permitted. Matt Mattingly, owner of PineCrest Inn, took the position that because there was no mention of live outdoor music in the ordinance, it should be permitted.

The Council is in the process of drafting a new ordinance to address the outdoor live music issue so that PineCrest could continue to hold outdoor concerts while recognizing the rights of neighbors not to be subjected to loud music.

The new ordinance calls for a noise level standard of 60 decibels (normal conversation) at the property line, whereas the current ordinance sets the noise level at 50 decibels. Mattingly objected to the proposal and read a statement saying “Your amendments, although possibly permissible by state law, will create a de facto ban on all live music sponsored by any business holding a liquor license. And a town such as this, rich in musical heritage and tradition, will be forever affected.” He told the Council their

actions were “punitive and repugnant” and called the council “dysfunctional.”

Councilor Mike Phinney said he had communicated with Mattingly and asked him what he needed to see in the ordinance to make it work for him. It was then that Mattingly called out “liar” several times. After having been warned about speaking out from the audience, Council Chair Phil Gagnon signaled to Police Chief Ronald Shepard to remove Mattingly from the meeting. Mattingly was escorted out without incident. Gagnon noted he had warned Mattingly several times about speaking out from the audience. Former Town Clerk Brenda Caldwell noted that, to her knowledge, no one had been escorted out in the past 40 years.”

Ultimately, the Council voted (6-1 Pressey) to send the matter back to the Ordinance Committee for further evaluation.

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Businesses Need A Supportive Partner in Government

By SEN. JIM BOYLE
State Senator

As you may know, in addition to serving in the Maine Legislature, I am a small business owner, and my experience developing and building a successful business contributes to my approach in representing you.

To be successful, a business needs predictability, access to capital, a skilled workforce, and a government that is supportive of business.

While I respect the office of the governor, and I don't like to be negative, I have to say that while Governor LePage talks about supporting business, his actions during this legislative session have often been in stark contrast to his words. He has not been a supportive partner.

One of his first acts to demonstrate his commitment to being a pro-business, pro-jobs governor was to hang the "Open For Business" sign at Maine's gateway. He is known for saying, "capital goes where it's welcomed and stays where it's appreciated." He's right. But there is more to supporting business and creating jobs than hanging signs and reciting slogans.

That's evident in recent economic news. Last year, Maine was one of

only three states in the country that lost jobs, and in a recent comparison of state governors by The Pew Charitable Trust, Governor LePage was ranked as the second worst in the nation for his jobs record. You don't need to be a business owner to know that is a bad sign.

Yet instead of taking a different approach, the governor has continued to play games. His work is hurting Maine businesses, and his strategy is dampening our business climate, postponing our economic recovery, and getting in the way of Mainers returning to work.

One example of this is Statoil, an international wind industry innovator that chose Maine for a first-of-its-kind floating wind turbine project that would generate hundreds of good-paying, high-skill jobs and inject millions of dollars into Maine's economy. The potential has been compared to attracting the next Google or the next GM to Maine. But, because of last minute political hijinks by the governor, this opportunity with Statoil is hanging in the balance—and, along with it, so are hundreds of skilled, good paying jobs with StatOil and existing Maine places like BIW, and hundreds of millions of dollars in economic investment.

Statoil followed all the rules, obtaining permits and working with the Public Utilities Commission (PUC), but then in a textbook case of politics at its worst, Governor LePage changed the rules in the middle of the deal, forcing the PUC to re-open the bidding and causing Statoil to suspend its project.

That is no way to run a business, and it's no way to run a state.

Lawmakers, including the Governor, have an obligation to make sure that our state is moving in the right direction.

I am proud of the work we did in the Legislature this session to strengthen the economy, grow Maine's trained workforce, and help businesses obtain access to early seed capital. While none of these is the silver bullet to job creation and economic recovery, they are concrete steps toward lasting solutions to Maine's real economic challenges.



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around town

Carter's Green Market is now open at 12 Main St. Carter's Green Market offers fresh produce and herbs from local farms, fresh frozen meats from Findview Farms in Gorham, organic and natural supplements, snacks, artisan wine and craft beer, and fresh-baked breads. FMI, 222-0041.

Gorham's Public Works Department used a cold planer--borrowed from Westbrook--to help repair several parts of the road in the village. Maine Department of Transportation is scheduled to resurface the road in 2014. The town is also in a discussion with Portland Water District about replacing water and utility lines.

Deb Buker and Carol Robinson of Baxter Library both received their 25 years of service pins.

Gorham and Windham received a grant for \$80,000 with the two towns also contributing \$10,000 each, to make improvements to the streetscape, providing new crosswalks, planting trees, etc. Work is well under way in the Little Falls/South Windham area.

Cumberland Farms reopened on July 19 after changes to the inside of the store and the façade.



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The Pinball Wizard: John Reuter

By JACKIE FRANCIS
Staff Writer

The 7th Annual New England Pinball Championship was held over a three-day weekend in June at the Gorham home of pinball wizard, John Reuter, otherwise known as “The Ballyman.” Fifty pinball enthusiasts from all over the country met in Reuter’s garage and basement to compete for coveted trophies, plaques and cash prizes, but more importantly, they travelled to Hickory Lane in Gorham for the love of the sport and the surge of adrenaline that comes from the physical and mental game of bumpers, balls, bells and the ever-elusive high score.

Reuter has been hosting pinball tournaments in his makeshift garage-arcade for 20 years. With over 95 machines in his collection, pinball fans, fanatics and friends gather in his home several times a year to increase their ranking in the competitive world of pinball.

Reuter, who grew up in Portland, began mastering his game of pinball as a young boy in the arcades at Weirs Beach in New Hampshire near his family’s summer home. “I’d check the machines for extra balls or free games after players left their machines. That’s how I became hooked!”

In the 1980’s Reuter found it increasingly difficult to find venues in which to play and hone his skills. Pinball, a coin-operated arcade game

where players score points by shooting metal balls on an inclined playfield, was becoming obsolete. The cost to play the games was not keeping up with inflation, operators were not making money running them, and the machines required continuous maintenance. “I saw my hobby dying and I wanted to do something about it,” explains Reuter. So he started New England Pinball Club and

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Boston Pinball Association, which are basically chat groups where pinball enthusiasts meet online to chat about pinball. “I had two goals in mind,” said Reuter. “How to keep the game alive and how to continue challenging myself by meeting better players.”

He bought his first pinball machine in 1988 when the supply of old machines started to glut the market and the cost to own one became affordable. Today, Reuter counts 95 machines in his collection. “I’ve always been fascinated by toys,” says Reuter, “and I couldn’t think of a more interesting and intricate toy than a pinball machine.”

Reuter is not running a business nor is he running coin-operated tournaments. He is a collector of pinball machines who, in 1995, started hosting tournament events in his garage “for pinball nuts like me.” An entrance fee is collected to defray costs of maintenance and prize money. “There is a pinball circuit with tournaments going on all over the world, on a every weekend,” says Reuter, “but no big prize money.”

Reuter says that pinball is resurging and growing like crazy. He created a new pinball tournament called Pin-Golf, using a scoring format that allows people of all abilities to compete. He would like to see more young people playing and adds that pinball is a great hobby that can be enjoyed by people of all ages—young and old. Playing pinball requires “skill, stamina and quick reflexes that keep the player engaged.” It is not a game of chance. “It is a progressive skill,” explains Reuter. “No one can ever master the game of pinball because, hypothetically, the game never ends. Just like golf,” he says, “the better you get at it, the more fun you have playing.”

Reuter, who occasionally hosts charitable pinball events and peri-



odic “open houses,” encourages those interested in joining a pinball chat line to submit a request to his Facebook page “New England Pinball.” As one of the leading authorities of pinball in the world, Reuter is happy to share his knowledge about the game. “Pinball is a great hobby,” says Reuter, “and if you own a pinball machine, all your friends will want to come to your house!”

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Gardening Pleasures

BY LINDA TREWORGY FAATZ

Sometimes the days are not long enough to get through the list of important jobs in the garden. Projects at hand or an unexpected task can bring new excitement that brightens the day. We cut down a very old snowball bush and spontaneously created a trellis from its curving branches. It would be a waste to put them on the burn pile.

To keep the woodchuck from eating them, my liatris were dug up and planted in a big pot. Their purple blooms will complement the white and orange annuals. After deadheading the spent blooms the foliage will still look nice. Many plants work well in containers that can be moved around to provide a burst of color where needed.

It is so nice to discover new plants. This is the second year that I have planted Sunpatiens, a disease resistant, sun tolerant impatiens. One plant will fill a large barrel by the middle of the summer and will bloom prolifically until frost. This year's discovery is *Lysamachis congestiflora* "Walkabout Sunset," a sun-loving annual with the most beautiful yellow and green variegated leaves that lightly trail over the edge of a pot.

White alyssum, when started from cuttings not from seed, blooms much prettier. Ask specifically for it at the garden center. I always have at least one plant of variegated leaf scented geranium. While it does beautifully in pots, in the ground it grows over a foot tall. The leaves are stunning in arrangements and the scented geraniums also make nice houseplants in the winter.

The best discovery of this season, and a must have for all my watering needs, is the green Pocket Hose. It is strong, lightweight and retracts in seconds. It does not tangle, is easily carried anywhere and stores in a very small container. My other hoses went to recycling after I discovered the Pocket Hose.

Be sure to weed very well before you spread your choice of mulch: bark, pine needles, shavings or stone. A layer of wet newspaper underneath will kill seeds and prevent weeds from coming through. Weeds and seeds need light to germinate and somehow tenacious grass and other root-spreading weeds seem to find their way through the heaviest of mulch even if you weeded well. One broken root from invasive weeds produces more plants.

Mother robin has made a nest for the third year in the peppermint geranium on the porch. In one day

she nestled a perfect nest in the pot. Soon after, four blue eggs appeared. We have watched her sit and scold and preen. The four babies now sit with their little mouths open, waiting for worms. They take turns perched on the edge of the nest with their downy wings flapping. They will fly soon.

During the growing season, I open my garden to friends and family who come for informal visits or to book events. I am reminded how special it is to share with others the beauty and serenity of our family garden. As the steward of your backyard, cut a bouquet, invite someone over for lunch or take time to sit in solitude and enjoy what nature has wrought. The care of a garden is a physical labor as well as a labor of love. The reward is great when our garden becomes a haven for all living things.



Linda Treworgy Faatz, a passionate gardener for many years, lives in her family home at Friend's Corner and cares for the extensive Treworgy gardens. She loves to share her home and gardens through craft sales, classes and garden events.

Founder's Festival Fun

JULY 26 AND JULY 27



The Bob Charest Band entertained the crowd on the first day of the two-day event.



Bruce Roullard was the highest bidder of a Martha Harris photo at the Gorham Founders Festival live auction. The photo was taken by the late Harris from the First Parish Church Steeple. Shown with Roullard is Kathy Garrard.



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Town Council Report

BY ROBIN SOMES
Staff Writer

In an unusually lengthy meeting, the most notable item of the evening concerned amending the existing Special Amusements Ordinance for businesses with liquor licenses. Members of the public, which included local residents and business owners, approached the Council during the Public Hearing held prior to Council vote on the amendment. The existing ordinance specifies that the permits required for hosting special amusement events are for events within the restaurant structure that have a liquor license. Although the amendment would actually raise the noise level from 50 to 60 decibels, there was much apprehension about implications for businesses, such as the PineCrest Bed & Breakfast Inn, which hosts outdoor venues featuring local musicians. The existing ordinance was enacted in 1987 and last revised in 1996. The ordinance, as currently written, is worded to quell disturbances such as "riots," "tumultuous conduct" and "unnecessary noise." Unnecessary noise is described as the "making, creation, or maintenance of excessive, unusually loud noise which disturbs, annoys, injures or prejudices, or endangers the comfort, repose, health, peace, or safety of individuals of ordinary sensibilities or the public in general, or the property rights of others, and which noises affect and are a detriment to public health, comfort, convenience, safety, welfare, or the prosperity of the residents of the municipality." After deliberation, the Council voted 6-1 (Councilor John Pressey) to send the item back to the Ordinance Committee for further review. For more information, refer to page one.

Last month at the June 12 Referendum, voters approved capital expenditures of \$450,000 for the purchase of a new fire engine. At the election on November 6 of last year, voters approved capital expenditures of \$450,000 for acquisition of another fire engine, as well as \$500,000 for improvements to the Little Falls School building and recreation area, with general obligations bonds and notes to finance the costs. With these approvals by

Gorham voters, the Council subsequently voted 7-0 to appropriate \$1,400,000 to finance the costs of the fire engine and Little Falls School improvements, with funding through the issuance of general obligations bonds and/or notes of Gorham.

In other action, the Council voted:

7-0 to appropriate \$11,000 from the Contingency Account to the Town Clerk's account so the Clerk's office can be open Friday mornings, and to re-appropriate \$11,000 from the Capital Part 2 funds set aside for the White Rock School to be transferred into the Contingency Account.

7-0 to increase parking from one to two hours on the east side of School Street, from the intersection north of Main Street and State Street to better accommodate patrons of businesses in that area.

7-0 to expedite a request from Daniel Winslow and Scott Richards to rezone their property at 63 County Road from Suburban Residential Zone to a Contract Zone, and to refer the request to the Ordinance Committee for review and recommendation.

7-0 to schedule a public hearing for August 6 on recommendations from the Little Falls Recreation Area Master Plan Committee concerning future plans for the Little Falls Recreation Area, the athletic field behind Village School and a field on the Chick Property.

6-0 (Councilor Michael Phinney recused) to conditionally accept the proposal from Great Falls Builders to purchase the White Rock School property for one dollar, which includes an investment of at least \$800,000 to develop 12 one-bedroom apartment units which will be subject to property taxes. The public will have access to the existing athletic facilities. The Town Manager and Town Attorney are authorized to work out a final agreement that will bring back to the Town Council for final approval. For more information, see page one.

Due to the length of the meeting, several items were tabled for the next Town Council meeting. They adjourned at 11:12 p.m.



Chief Shepard Reports

The Grand Jury returned the following indictments in July:

Christopher Jehlicka, 34, of Gorham was indicted for reckless conduct with a weapon and possession of a scheduled drug on charges brought by Gorham Police Department.

John Rowell, 50, of Biddeford was indicted for criminal OUI and operating beyond license restriction on charges brought by Gorham Police Department.

Michael Thurston, 34, of Gorham was indicted for theft, negotiating a worthless instrument and five additional charges of theft (with priors) on charges brought by Portland Police Department.

Randy Webber, 34, of Windham was indicted for domestic violence reckless conduct and domestic violence assault on charges brought by Gorham Police Department.

McDonald's Submits New Proposal

BY SHERI FABER
Staff Writer

Several months ago McDonald's submitted a proposal for the site of the former Mobil station on Main Street. The original proposal called for vehicle access on and off Main Street, but due to the volume of traffic, that proposal was not acceptable to the town. There were also issues with the design of the building; Gorham codes call for new buildings to have a traditional village character.

The proposed design addresses the access issues, with access off Mechanic

Street and the road at the back of the Hannaford parking lot. That access design is acceptable to the Town's Planning Department. The proposed seven parking spaces on the left would not be permitted under setback rules and the town hopes to see some changes in landscaping, but Zoning Administrator David Galbraith says overall "the plan looks good as far as the access point and the overall layout." On the site plan, however, the building itself is described as a typical McDonald's building, which would have to be redesigned to meet town architectural design standards.

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codes for residential density and the lack of public water and sewer.

The town approved selling the property to Smith for one dollar and waiving the customary fees associated with development of this type. In return, Smith expects to invest \$800,000 in the property and will pay property taxes of approximately

\$12,000 a year for the facility. Smith will lease the ball fields to the town for 10 years for one dollar a year.

The town also received a proposal from Earthschool of Maine, a home school cooperative, but staff determined that Smith's proposal was best for the town.



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The Gorham U12 Cal Ripken Baseball Team finished second in the state tournament after a 5-3 loss to Ararat in the championship game. The team finished its four-year Cal Ripken Baseball career with two state titles (U9 and U11) and two state runner-ups (U10 and U12). Playing for the team and pictured above, front row from left to right: Bat Boy Hunter Evans, Nate Burchill, Trevor Gray, Trevor Loubier, Mike Evans, Kevin Mollison, Tyler Marston and Jacob Sladen. Back Row: Assistant Coach Chris Nelson, Assistant Coach Cressey Mollison, Ben Nelson, Andrew Garcia, Brogan McDonald, Steve Klatt, Kyle King, Assistant Coach Steve Loubier and Head Coach Ronnie Gray. Missing from the photo is Bat Boy Dominic Garcia.

Maine's Second Best



The Gorham Cal Ripken U10 Baseball Team advanced all the way to the Maine state final before losing a heartbreaker to Berwick, 6-5, on July 11. Gorham rallied for two runs in the final inning from three runs down and advanced a runner on third when the final out was recorded. Overall, Gorham finished the all-star season with a record of 9-3. Playing for the team and pictured in the photo above, front row from left to right: Brady King, Mason Laskey, Garrett Smith, Jacob Polchies, Nick Williams and Joey Hansen. Middle Row: Jack Van Zandt, Grant Nadeau, Brandon Gordon, Ayden Lindsay, Bode Meader and Ryan Reno. Back Row: Assistant Coach Chuck Nadeau, Assistant Coach Frank Van Zandt, Assistant Coach Gabe Polchies and Head Coach Roger Smith.

in the Zone

State Softball Champions:

The Gorham girls' U10 Babe Ruth Softball Team won the Maine state championship during a July 10-11 tournament in Standish to qualify for the New England Regional tournament July 25-28 in Massachusetts. Watch for coverage in the next Gorham Times.

Senior Stars Close Out High School Careers for Charity: Football player Matt McKenney and cheerleader Kara Stahl, both recently-graduated GHS seniors, represented the West squad in the in the 24th annual Maine Shrine Lobster Bowl Classic July 20 at Biddeford Waterhouse Field. The high School senior all-star football game is a Kora Shrine sponsored event where the net proceeds benefit the 22 Shrine Hospitals for Children across the US, Canada, and Mexico.



Near-Record Shark Catch: Gorham residents Jason Eaton, Chris Crosby and

Anthony Alfiero landed a 10' 8" porbeagle shark weighing 485 pounds on July 14 out of Spring Point Marina in South Portland. The catch was just 10 pounds short of a Maine record.

Gorham Soccer Stars Enjoy National Success:

Several Gorham soccer players participated for club soccer teams that won the Maine Cup to qualify for the U.S. Youth Soccer Region I Championships that took place in late June in Rhode Island and featured teams from 13 northeastern U.S. states. Qualifying players included Matt Hooker, Cody Elliott and Nate Roberts from the boys' U16 Seacoast United Maine Showcase team; Emma Fergues (girls' U12 MCU Portland Phoenix Elite); Owen Tyson (boys' U13 Seacoast United Maine Showcase); Jessica Rexrode (girls' U17 Seacoast United Maine Showcase); Austin Bell, Tyler Eldridge, Kyle

Curley (boys' U17 MCU Portland Phoenix Elite); Erin Smith (girls' U18 Seacoast United Maine Showcase); and Connor Reagan (boys' U18 Seacoast United Maine Crew). Other Gorham players on teams experiencing major success include Kate Hopkins of the girls' U16 Seacoast Mariners team that won the regional U.S. Club Tournament in New York to qualify for the U.S. Club Nationals in Colorado, where the team finished third. Hopkins' team also won the Northeast Region Super Y League to qualify for the United Soccer League National Tournament December 4-9 in Florida. Cam Tracy is a member of the boys' U15 FSC Riptide Premier Soccer Team that won the championship in their age bracket at the Needham Memorial Day Soccer Tournament in Massachusetts, which attracts teams from all over the northeastern United States and Canada.

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National Turf Bowl Champion: GHS Class of 2007 graduate Evan Bradstreet, who recently graduated from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst with Bachelor's degree in Urban Forestry, was part of the UMass team that won the Collegiate Turf Bowl Competition held by the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America this past February in San Diego. 68 teams took part in the competition and, for winning, Bradstreet's team earned \$4,000 in prize money and a trip to the TPC Sawgrass National Championship professional golf tournament in Florida. Prior to the tournament, Bradstreet and his teammate assisted the grounds crew in preparing the course. Bradstreet is currently employed as an Assistant Superintendent at Redding Country Club in Redding, Connecticut.

Gorham Athletic Boosters Elect New Officers: The Gorham Athletic Boosters recently elected new officers: Lenny Holmes (President), Maria Rowe (Treasurer) and Lis Sorenson (Secretary). The organization has supported GHS athletic teams but in recent years has shrunk to a handful of people. "Our number one goal is to gain a greater presence in the sports community, and that starts with recruiting more members," Holmes said. "We have a lot of goals we want to undertake, but the only way we are going to accomplish anything is if we have people who want to get involved. We had a great turnout at our June meeting, and we hope to build on that momentum." The Boosters next meeting is open to all and takes place August 13 at 6:30 p.m. in the GHS library. Holmes

encourages anyone interested to attend or to contact him at gorhamboosters@gmail.com.

Soccer Officials Training Course:

The Western Maine Board of Soccer Officials will conduct its annual New Officials Training Course August 10 at the Gorham Recreation Department. The one-day rules clinic will be followed by several on-field training sessions with seasoned officials. There is a small fee for the course, and lunch and rule books will be provided. FMI, contact denisc@gorhamschools.com or bradfogg@maine.rr.com, or visit www.wmbaso.org/become_official.

Scholarship Golf Tournament:

The first annual Chandler L. Hamilton Scholarship Golf Tournament to benefit Gorham High School will be held at Gorham Country Club on August 12. Cost per golfer is \$65 or \$260 for a team. Includes green fees, cart, drink and snack. Sign up deadline is August 1. To sign up to play, call Rick, Gorham County Club, at 839-3490 or to sponsor a hole for \$50 or to advertise, call MJ at 839-2179 or dwayne1@maine.rr.com.

Gorham Turns Out Strong at Tri for a Cure

Twenty-four individuals and four relay teams representing Gorham were among the 1,249 women who competed July 21 in the all-women Tri for a Cure Triathlon at Southern Maine Community College in South Portland. Emily Hickey placed seventh to pace the Gorham individuals while Angela Leclerc finished third among the cancer survivor group. The relay team of Jill Sorrentino, Shan Brown and

Amanda Arsenault was the top team from Gorham with a 13th-place finish.

The athletes competed in a one-third-mile swim in Portland Harbor, a 15-mile bike ride through South Portland and a three-mile run to Bug Light and back. In its sixth year, the Tri for a Cure event was expected to raise more than \$1 million for the Maine Cancer Foundation. Following are the results of the Gorham participants:

Individuals

Place	Name	Time	Place	Name	Time
7	Emily Hickey	1:22:25	299	Leah Sturm	1:46:52
63	Anne Lapierre	1:31:26	324	Kristen Lehmann	1:48:21
76	Stacy Sallinen	1:32:56	330	Kerry Herlihy	1:48:53
84	Holly Braley	1:33:44	408	Denise Blain	1:54:50
102	Angela Leclerc	1:35:00	428	Tina Bellino	1:57:01
128	Kim Turner	1:37:02	433	Sharen Deering	1:57:24
146	Kelly Allen	1:38:06	502	Janet Davis	2:05:44
196	Elin Brown	1:40:57	533	Sue Durst	2:11:37
247	Karen Gaudette	1:43:15	579	Terryln Gagnon	2:28:56
260	Kiersten Turner	1:43:46	583	Michaelina Birrell	2:36:12
262	Lori Towle	1:44:07	584	June Thompson	2:36:13
282	Sherrie Foisy	1:45:00	603	Kathryn Laustsen	3:14:32

Relay Teams

Place	Name	Time
13	Sorre-Brown-Arse (Jill Sorrentino, Shan Brown, Amanda Arsenault)	1:32:29
63	The Village People, Representing Gorham Village School (Beth Kellogg, Marcia Smith, Susan Adams-Thompson)	1:44:53
111	Sister Swifts (Kristine Folan, Molly Folan, Shannon Folan)	1:53:53
185	Lisa's Team (Rebecca Auger, Lisa Farrar)	2:10:34

Graduating GHS Seniors Playing Sports in College

Kyle Curley	USM	Soccer/Tennis
Connor Reagan	Bridgton Academy	Soccer
Chris Hardy	Gordon College	Soccer
Mike Caron	St. Joseph's College of Maine	Golf
Nathan Roop	Maine Maritime	Golf
Kristen Ross	Binghamton University	Basketball
Lexi Merrifield	Thomas College	Basketball
Lindsey Thomsen	Wheaton College	Swimming
Ryan Sullivan	St. Joseph's College of Maine	Basketball
Dan Holmes	Lasell College	Basketball
Marissa Roberts	UMaine-Orono	Skiing/Lacrosse
Cam Willette	Ithaca College	Track & Field
Spence Cowand	Bridgton Academy	Hockey
Blake Babineau	Bridgton Academy	Hockey
Lindsay Chapman	Husson College	Volleyball
Erin Smith	Lasell College	Soccer
Libby Andreasen	Mount Ida College	Soccer
Sarah Fogg	Anna Maria College	Soccer
Nick Lewis	Husson College	Football
Jennifer Pinkelman	UMaine-Farmington	Cheerleading
McKenzie Close	USM	Cheerleading
Patty Smith	Franklin and Marshall College	Field Hockey/Softball
Gabby Martell	Thomas College	Field Hockey
Jackson Marshall	Florida Southern College	Lacrosse
Abby Hodgkins	UMaine-Orono	Lacrosse
Shannon Folan	Plymouth State	Lacrosse
Damon Wallace	USM	Baseball
Alex Yankowsky	UMaine-Farmington	Baseball
Matt Petty	USM	Lacrosse
Caleb Dolloff	USM	Lacrosse

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Ditch the Car for Tar, (Climate) Summer in Maine

BY SYDNEY BUTLER
Intern

Climate Summer, an organization dedicated to promoting education and fostering social movement about the use of fossil has returned to Maine. This year's team, composed of college students and graduates, is biking through the state to spread awareness about the environmental impact of tar sands. Tar sands are believed to be an extremely toxic form of oil with an incredibly thick consistency. These factors necessitate higher pressures and large amounts of chemicals to pipe the oil. Furthermore, in the event of a spill, this thickness would cause the oil to sink, making it difficult to clean.

The issue is of particular importance in Maine, whose Portland-Montreal Pipeline is being considered to transport tar sands. The 63-year-old line passes through the Sebago Lake Watershed—the drinking water supply for 15% of Maine's population—and could potentially endanger parts of Portland and Casco Bay.

The Climate Summer Maine team began their journey through the state



on June 7. When asked about the most memorable moment of the trip thus far, Media Coordinator Garrett Blad recalls the team's appearance at Portland's First Friday Art Walk on July 5. When passersby stopped to talk and ask questions about the cause, Blad said the team "felt as if we were making a change. For the first time we were making a difference and helping to inform and inspire people."

The team stayed at Gorham's First Parish Congregational Church during the week of July 8 to canvass the Windham area before the July 20 Sebago Lake Flotilla to Keep New England Tar Sands Free. They will bike as far as Belfast before looping back to Cape Cod in mid-August, reuniting with the other teams at the Cape Wind offshore wind farm to conclude their campaign.

GHS Students Become Published Storytellers Through the Telling Room

BY MEGAN BENNETT
Intern

Three students from Gorham High School had the honor of being published by The Telling Room, a non-profit writing center in Portland, in the 2012-2013 writing contest. Emerson Fox, Jordanne Mercier, and Hannah Tarbox, currently in ninth grade, were included in the anthology, "Illumination: A Young People's Encyclopedia of Wonder in Stories and Poems." The book is a combined work of poetry inspired by the organization's contest theme, "Objects of Wonder," and was recently put up for sale online or at Longfellow Books in Portland. As a result, three students saw their dreams come true as their work was published right before their eyes.

Mrs. Stein, their English teacher at Gorham High School, who helped them achieve this dream said, "The Telling Room is an incredible non-profit organization of writers, editors and storymakers who are dedicated to encouraging young adult voices," replied Stein. When asked why she felt

it was important for students to pursue a project like this: "The staff and volunteers believe we all have stories to share. They have, over the years, taught many of my disbelieving students that they, in fact, are writers. Because of my belief in the good the Telling Room can do for my kids, I always require them to enter the writing contest every year. I believe giving students a chance to write for a captive audience and experience writing for the real world gives them even more permission to be brave."

When asked what it felt like to have his or her work published, each student was proud to say how excited they were to find out that they were officially published authors. Fox said, "I was pretty surprised that my work would be published because I would never expect any of my



Jordanne Mercier, Hannah Tarbox, and Emerson Fox, ninth grade students at Gorham High School, proudly show off their published book, "Illumination: A Young People's Encyclopedia of Wonder in Stories and Poems."

writing to be published. It is special to be recognized for my writing."

Mercier replied, "I was shocked at first, really. I wasn't aware of the book that was being published so I had no idea I had a chance to be published. Once I got past the initial disbelief, I was so excited. It still makes me grin to be able to say I'm

officially a published author. It's so cool to think that other people are reading my writing and that I was chosen from a lot of people to be one of the few to receive the honor of being published."

And finally, Tarbox said, "I was so amazed when I saw the email saying that I was published. I actually thought that Molly's email was spam, at first, and I feel bad about that. The header was "Hi Hannah!" like an advertisement, so I was apprehensive. My English teacher didn't tell me that I could be chosen for the book, so if I had not been curious that Friday afternoon by my stove, I would never have known that I would be in a book."

For more information about the Telling Room or their book, visit <http://www.tellingroom.org>.

The Telling Room is an incredible non-profit organization of writers, editors and storymakers who are dedicated to encouraging young adult voices.

school notes

Superintendent Ted Sharp posted a statement on the Gorham Schools website in response to Governor LePage's criticism that several high schools have denied students access to military recruiters. Sharp assured that this is not the case at Gorham High School, and referred to a policy that has been in place for at least ten years.

In his statement, Sharp wrote, "We would not ever deny military recruiters to meet with students at GHS any more than we would deny college representatives from meeting with our students. We do require that all recruiters and college representatives meet only with those students who, knowing those representatives will be at the school on a certain date and time, express an interest in meeting with said representative(s). This is protocol has been in place for well over a decade and it is solely to limit intrusions in the teaching and learning process."

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Congratulations, Gorham School Department Retirees

COMPILED BY STACY SALLINEN
Staff Writer

At the close of the 2012-2013 school year, the Gorham School Department said farewell to four teachers.

Cheryl Gagnon

Cheryl Gagnon retired from her position as a second grade teacher at Narragansett School after thirty-five years of service in Gorham. She began her career as an education technician at Little Falls School, followed by long-term substitute teaching at Village School and then as a second grade teacher at Millett School. When Narragansett School opened its doors, Gagnon primarily taught second and third grade in various combinations, including traditional, multi-age, and looping classrooms. She left the classroom for five years to become the lead math teacher at Narragansett and White Rock Schools, but later returned to the second grade classroom at Narragansett.

Gagnon enjoyed getting to know families, and watching students and their siblings through the years. She especially enjoyed having former students visit. She disliked keeping up with the swinging educational pendulum.

During her retirement, Gagnon plans to spend time with family and friends, travel, and play golf.



Cheryl Gagnon



Susan McCarthy



Susan Sedenka



Susan Small

Susan McCarthy

After twenty-five years of teaching in Gorham, Susan McCarthy retired from her position as a numeracy specialist for grades six through twelve, a position she has held for the past two years. She taught eighth grade at Shaw School for eleven years before teaching Algebra 1, Algebra 2, Precalculus and Math 4 at Gorham High School. McCarthy also served as the team leader for the math department for the past eight years. Prior to teaching in Gorham, McCarthy spent one year teaching at Merrimack High School, three years at Lynnfield Middle School, and two years at Oak Grove Coburn.

McCarthy said the rewarding part of her job has been helping her students learn to make good decisions. She enjoyed explaining the math pro-

cess through models, diagrams, and graphs—whatever it took to help the student's light bulb illuminate with their "aha" moments.

McCarthy found it challenging to return to work after being home for nine years with her children. Getting her heart back in the game and dealing with over a hundred eighth graders every day was a struggle during the first year. However, she's glad she stuck with it because she has thoroughly enjoyed her students and met many terrific professionals over her career.

A memorable moment for McCarthy took place during the 2006-07 school year, when two students approached her to be the advisor of a new club,

Students Taking Action Today (STAT). These students recruited other members to make blankets for children at Maine Medical Center, sold pins to raise funds to support breast cancer research, and raised money for Save Darfur Coalition.

Other career highlights included watching her eighth grade students run a school store and donate over \$3,000 to the school after she introduced them to business math. Additionally, her high school math students created an online used bookstore. Profits were donated to several local charities, including the Barbara Bush Childrens' Hospital; the Dawn York Memorial scholarship; senior

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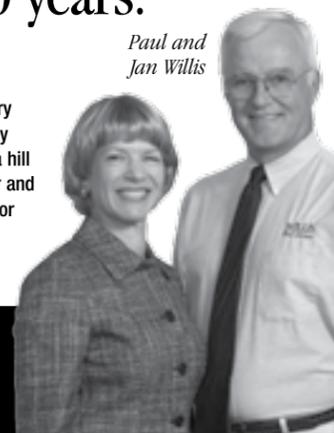
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class fun; and other charities of their choice. Students also donated their artwork and crafts to raise money for the Bill Bennett Scholarship through the Bennett Art Auction.

During her retirement, McCarthy plans to spend more time with her grandchildren, tutor struggling students, paint and resume gardening.

Susan Sedenka

After twenty-seven years of service, Susan Sedenka retired from her position as a high school literacy specialist. Her career began with teaching Early Kindergarten at the Gorham Cooperative Preschool. While working in Gorham Schools, Sedenka held a variety of roles, starting at Narragansett School where she taught Early Kindergarten; first, second and third grades; multiage classrooms; and Title I Reading. She also served as Teacher Scholar for three years. At Gorham High School, Sedenka taught English 11 Advanced, Freshmen Focus, and Sophomore Strategies.

Additionally, Sedenka was the Director of Teacher Education and Instruction in which she was responsible for providing new teachers with mentors; training for mentors and substitute teachers; and oversight of the elementary interns from the University of Southern Maine. Sedenka also held the role of ESL coordinator for a few years; served as an adjunct instructor for USM; and taught K-8 Reading Methods and other graduate level courses in literacy.

Working with students was the most rewarding part of Sedenka's job, especially the self-proclaimed "non-readers" whom later discovered the joy found in books.

The most challenging aspect of teaching has been trying to meet the diverse needs of students.

Sedenka said it would be difficult to choose one memorable moment, but can speak to the overwhelming support she has felt in Gorham. It was not always easy to live and teach in the same community, but she felt loved and appreciated. She enjoys bumping

into current and former students and their families, and sharing their successes and growth.

During her retirement, Sedenka is looking forward to spending more time with family and with her granddaughter who lives nearby. She also hopes to take some courses that have nothing to do with teaching, learn to play the piano, travel with her husband, and volunteer in the community. Of course, she will continue to indulge her passion—reading!

Susan Small

Susan Small retired after teaching third and fourth grades in Gorham for the past twenty-five years. Prior to working in Gorham, Small taught fourth grade in Chicago and Madawaska. She also tutored students in Madawaska for seven years while she was at home raising her children, Jeff and Kari.

The favorite part of teaching for Small has been seeing the enthusiasm and love of learning in her students. She has many fond memories of seeing her students produce wonderful projects and become successful in areas in which they had previously struggled.

Small would like to thank all her present and former students, as well as parents who have been so supportive of education. She said she was fortunate to have many parent volunteers who took the time to help in so many ways in her classroom. She'll miss her many teaching colleagues, who have helped to make this job both rewarding and enjoyable, and shared many laughs with them along the way.

During retirement, Small plans to continue tutoring students because she loves teaching and finds the individual growth of a student to be very rewarding. She is looking forward to traveling with her husband, Steve, reading great books, exercising, relaxing, and connecting with more family and friends. Small would like to extend her thanks to everyone in the community who has supported her during her teaching career. It's been a great run!

GORHAM SIGHTINGS



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Dog Days of Summer: Too Hot for Spot

By KAREN DiDONATO
Editor

Leaving your dog unattended in a parked car while you pick up a few things at the store is not only a bad idea, it could also get you arrested. According to the Maine Cruelty to Animals statute, it is illegal to confine "an animal in a building, enclosure, car, boat, vehicle or vessel of any kind when extreme heat or extreme cold will be harmful to its health."

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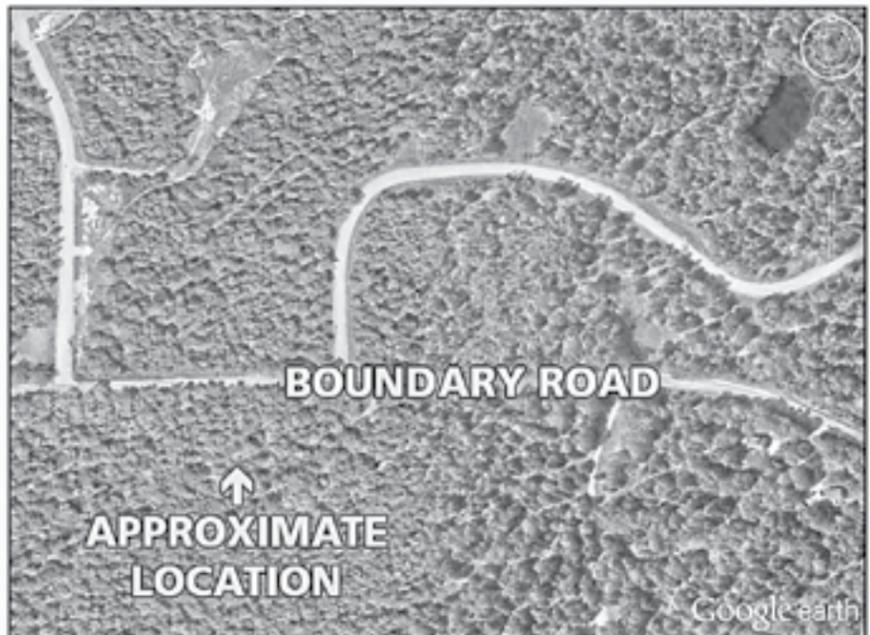


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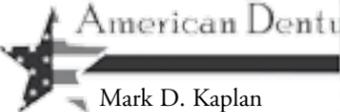
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GRADUATIONS

Meghan Clements (GHS '05), pictured on right, graduated with a Masters as a Nurse Practitioner from Simmons College of Boston. She has accepted a position with North Shore Physicians Group and currently lives in Danvers, MA.



Maureen Clements (GHS '11) graduated Cum Laude from Johnson and Wales University with an Associates in Culinary Arts and will continue in the Baccalaureate program for Nutrition.

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ENGAGEMENTS

Peter and Fran Gleason are pleased to announce the engagement of their son, Benjamin Gleason of Gorham, to Lauren Stokes, daughter of Barry and Caroline Stokes, of Jefferson Township, NJ. Gleason is a Licensed Landscape Architect for Activitas in Dedham, MA, and Stokes is the New England Account Executive for Hanjin Shipping. The couple resides in Weymouth, MA. A September 2014 wedding is planned.



OF INTEREST

Elle Spurr (GHS '17) and Sydney Coolong (GHS '17) were winners in the junior division category at the 36th Annual Maine Student Film and Video Festival in Waterville on July 20 for their short film "Whispers." Both students worked on the film at the New England Film Academy last summer.

Reverend Timothy Sandeno has been installed as the new pastor at Redeemer Lutheran Church, located at 410 Main Street in Gorham. Rev. Sandeno is a graduate of the Lutheran Seminary in Fort Wayne and the United States Naval Academy. A special service with festivities will be held on Sunday, Aug. 18, 4 p.m. at the church. FMI, call Tom DiPasqua 883-2730.

The Montalvo Corporation of Gorham, international specialists in industrial web control systems, has named Robin G. Goodwin, pictured on right, as Chief Operating Officer. Goodwin previously served as executive vice president for global manufacturing for Fairchild Semiconductor.



Markie Clements (GHS '07), will begin his Masters in Athletic Administration at Springfield College this fall. He will be a Graduate Assistant with the football program.

Saint Joseph's College will offer two babysitter training certification classes for children ages 11 to 15 on Sunday, Aug. 4, and Sunday, Sept. 15 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The cost is \$75. FMI, 893-6615.

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Under the direction of Benjamin Potvin, the Gorham Community Summer Theater Program presents Disney's "Aladdin, Jr.," Friday, Aug. 2 at 6:30 p.m. and Saturday, Aug. 3 at 1 p.m. at the Gorham Middle School Auditorium. \$5/\$3.

The West Gorham Union Church, 190 Ossipee Trail, will hold their Annual Blueberry Gala on Saturday, Aug. 10 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. A silent auction, yard sale, quilt raffle, crafts, luncheon and blueberry bake sale will be included in the days events. All are welcome!

Richard and Jean Foley of Gorham hosted a Jack & Jill Baby Shower for their daughter Dr. Meghann (Foley) Dombroski (GHS '02) and her husband Capt. Aaron Dombroski. The baby's gender was revealed when a sealed box containing pink balloons was opened. Taylor Dombroski is expected the first of September.

Gorham Cadette Girl Scout Troop 2322 (pictured below) visited the Ronald McDonald House on Brackett Street in Portland to be guest chefs for the night. The Girl Scouts also pitched in and worked on maintenance and cleaning jobs at the House. Back row: Margaret Caruso, Estelle Ballard, Grace Andrews, Ashleigh Hotham, Kaitlyn Crockett. Front Row: Maggie Rimkunas, Haley Caron, Laura Bolduc, Ava Pitman, Lindsey Nygren. Leaders not pictured: Marybeth Pitman, Victoria Caron and Betsy Nygren.



ON-GOING EVENTS

The Lakes Region Senior Center, 40 Acorn St., Gorham, offers a variety of daily activities and drop-in classes for seniors. Stop in for morning coffee or play pickleball, poker, bingo or cribbage. Join in on exercise, watch a movie or learn to knit. FMI, 274-3537.

The Southern Maine Agency on Aging will hold office hours every Thursday from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at St. Anne's Catholic Church in Gorham to help seniors with questions regarding Medicare benefits, prescription drug programs, property tax and rent rebates and more. FMI, call SMAA at 396-6500.

CLOSE TO HOME

Schoolhouse Arts Center will present The Comedy of Errors by William Shakespeare Aug. 16-18. Tickets \$10/\$8. FMI, 642-3743.

One of the most entertaining Creole Zydeco bands will be playing at the Saco River Theater, 29 Salmon Falls, Bar Mills, Aug. 8-10 at 7:30 p.m. Special guest Jennifer Porter. Tickets \$25/\$22. For reservations call 929-6472.

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Odyssey of the Mind

BY EMILY LEWIS
GHS Intern

The Gorham Middle School Odyssey of the Mind Team, Division II competed at the Odyssey of the Mind World Finals in Michigan this past May. There were 1,600 teams competing in total with 10 different countries represented. The GMS team began practicing in October for states, which were held in March at Sanford High School. They placed second overall and qualified for the world finals, which are always held in the United States. At finals, the team placed 32nd out of 40, but were competing more for the experience and chance to meet people from around the world. A unique part of the world finals was that teams exchange pins that represent the places from which they came. Maine handed out lobsters and moose and received pins



from Chinese, Canadian and other US teams, just to name a few. Some members from GMS exchanged pins with a team from Newtown, CT, which meant a lot after the recent shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary School.

The members who attended included: (from left to right) Trevor Gava, Andrew Sharp, Thomas Nelson, Kyren Bettencourt, and Isabelle Kolb. Missing from picture was William Zidel and Jacob Dupis. The coaches were Beverly Gava and Angie Muhs.

YourSpace Improves Energy Efficiency While Eyeing Expansion

BY EMILY DELUCA
Intern

Many among the Gorham population have been to the YourSpace Sports and Recreation Complex, some on a regular basis. The indoor facility is used continuously throughout all four seasons, and those who regularly attend events have visibly seen the changes the facility has undergone over the years.

However, most of us don't get to see what's going on behind the scenes and the numerous changes currently in motion. Board member Adam Sturtevant has seen those developments first-hand and is looking ahead: "The future is bright as we continue to grow our programs and events."

The YourSpace board is currently in the midst of upgrading the facility's overall energy efficiency with the help of a \$15,000 grant from Tom's of Maine. So far, many improvements have been made, including an upgrade to the heating system to increase efficiency. The facility has also transitioned to a dry sprinkler system to reduce heat during cold nights, and natural gas usage has been reduced by approximately 60,000 gallons per year due to insulating the field house. Efficiency Maine aided in upgrading the lighting and, as a result, costs have been reduced while the lighting has been enhanced.

One of the biggest changes to YourSpace is the recent hiring of a

new General Manager, Dan Soule of South Portland. He currently coaches the Gorham High School boys' varsity lacrosse team.

"Dan has a great deal of experience with local youth sports, having also coached freshman football at Cheverus and middle school basketball," Sturtevant added. He's also currently teaching in Special Ed."

The newly-elected president of the board is Ben Smith of Gorham.

YourSpace has also added two new board members, John Burghardt and Tyler Maroon. Upcoming events include is a barbeque on September 21. "The barbecue is a great event for the family with games, food, and music for the whole family,"

Sturtevant said.

Down the road, the adult and youth leagues' activity levels within YourSpace look promising, and the board hopes to add more recreational programs. The board is also hopeful about expanding the field house to make the field bigger for lacrosse, soccer, and football. It also expects to create outdoor fields that can be used year round. "We are excited about our future and thrilled with the ongoing support of the community," said Sturtevant.

The new plans for YourSpace are just getting started. It will be exciting for the regular YourSpace goers to watch as the facility stretches its potential!



No Time Like the Present

North Gorham Road caller requested a call from an officer regarding a truck that was stolen four years ago.

Gray Road caller reported that their friend, who lives in the area, texted caller to say they were going to run away.

Daniel Street caller reported they came home to find an adult woman in the home. Woman was threatening caller's 13 year old.

Brookwood Drive caller received a letter from the bank stating they had enrolled in online banking but caller denied having done so.

Fort Hill Road caller reported a suspicious vehicle in the area. Operator reported they got better cell service there.

Solomon Drive caller reported that a large cat walked across their driveway and appeared to be lost.

Finn Parker Road caller reported that their front door had been broken down.

Wood Road caller reported their door was pried open.

South Street caller reported they were nearly rear-ended by another vehicle when they slowed because of a vehicle backing out of a driveway. Operator of the vehicle that almost rear-ended them got out holding a crowbar-like object and started challenging them.

Robie Street caller reported two suspicious juveniles ran into the field when caller shined the flashlight on them.

Fort Hill Road caller reported people out front trying to solicit money from passing cars.

Timber Ridge Road man was arrested for OUI and criminal speeding (30+ mph over limit).

Ossipee Trail man was arrested for OUI.

Alexander Drive caller advised they had an unknown wild animal living in their shed and wanted to know how to get rid of it.

Fort Hill Road caller reported seeing a male and female with a motorcycle and the male was

holding a cardboard sign that read "need help."

Evergreen Drive caller reported unknown persons were tapping the Freon line on caller's central air conditioner and huffing it.

Caller reported that a suspicious male subject had been in the bank parking lot for almost three hours.

Tink Drive caller reported two females in the roadway fighting.

Narragansett Street caller stated a vehicle pulled into their neighbor's home and two males walked back and forth from the house to their car. Subjects had stopped by to feed the animals and tidy up the house.

Winslow Road caller stated their mailbox was broken into, all their bills ripped up, and a birthday card was opened and money was taken.

Starlit Way caller requested a call about some trouble they thought they were going to have with a neighbor about planting some trees on the property line.

Veranda Drive caller reported two baby raccoons sitting on their porch.

Tow Path Road caller reported someone damaged their mailbox, tore up the mail inside, and threw their recycling bin into the backyard.

Pompeo Drive caller and their spouse got into a verbal argument. When caller went for a walk, spouse locked the door.

Caller reported a dog left unattended in a hot car. Dog owner was issued a written warning for animal cruelty.

Starlit Way caller reported that earlier that morning a male subject was sitting on the porch across the street in a rocking chair and appeared to be holding a rifle of some sort.

Phinney Street woman was arrested for domestic violence assault and violating conditions of release.

CALENDAR

FRIDAY, AUG. 2

- Peg's Itsy Bitsy Store, Gorham House, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. FMI, 839-5757
- Friday Crafternoon sketching Baxter Museum, 1:30 p.m., Baxter Memorial Library.

SATURDAY, AUG. 3

- Greater Gorham Farmer's Market, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Next to Baxter Memorial Library.

MONDAY, AUG. 5

- Evening Story Time, Songs and Crafts, 6 p.m., Baxter Memorial Library.

TUESDAY, AUG. 6

- Gorham Cancer Prayer and Support Group, 6 p.m., Cressey Road United Methodist Church. All are welcome. FMI, 321-1390 or 839-3111.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 7

- Popsicles on the Patio, 1:30 p.m., Baxter Memorial Library.

THURSDAY, AUG. 8

- Painting in the Park, 10-11:30 a.m., Baxter Library. Bring a picnic lunch to enjoy with friends while your masterpiece dries.

FRIDAY, AUG. 9

- Friday Crafternoon Zentangle, 1:30 p.m., Baxter Memorial Library.

SATURDAY, AUG. 10

- Greater Gorham Farmer's Market, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Next to Baxter Memorial Library.

TUESDAY, AUG. 13

- Teddy Bear's Picnic, 11 a.m., Bring your favorite stuffy and a picnic to listen to stories on the lawn beside the library.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 14

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