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Changes to the USM Art Gallery Under Discussion



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The USM Art Gallery as it appeared on November 17, 2013. Note the five side windows.



Photo credit Roger Marchand

This photo, taken at press time, shows the side windows covered over with Tyvek, which is typically used before adding siding.

BY ROGER MARCHAND

Passing by the University of Southern Maine Art Gallery will reveal several changes to the historic building built in 1821. It is now covered in Tyvek and the siding has been removed from the building. The side windows have been removed and it appears that the windows have been covered over. USM's initial plans called for replacing the original wood clapboards with high quality vinyl siding and storing the antique windows and sashes.

The Art Gallery is on the National Historic Register, but because it is not on Maine's inventory of historic buildings, it therefore did not need approval from the State of Maine.

After numerous negative reactions to the renovation, the University temporarily halted repairs to the building and will meet with interested parties to discuss their plans and to ensure "everyone is on the same page."

State Baseball Champions!



The Gorham Cal Ripken 9-and-under all-star baseball team won the Maine State Championship July 22 in Bridgton. The team won 9 or 10 games in the double-elimination tournament and beat the undefeated Saco Valley team twice to win in the finals. The team now heads to Massachusetts on August 1st to represent Maine in the Cal Ripken Regional Tournament. Members of the team, pictured above from left to right, front row: Cole Whitehead, Jack Reidy, Noah Flynn, Cooper Whitehead, Colin Albert, Malachi Scribner and Kaden Shaw. Second row: Caden Smith, Jasper Crane, Asa Farley, Killian Kolb, Tyler Matheson and Quinn Dillon. Back row: Coaches Whitehead, Smith, Evans and Reidy.

Photo courtesy of Jen Wescott Photography

Growth in Gorham

Many subdivisions in progress and more on the way.

BY CORINNE ALTHAM
Staff Writer

Gorham is growing. With several new subdivisions coming before the Planning Board, the town is seeing substantial growth since the economic downturn of 2008.

Kasprzak Homes plans three additional phases in the Ridgefield subdivision across from USM. Gilbert Homes Inc. has four phases of houses in different stages of construction in the Stonefield neighborhoods off Harding Bridge Road.

A 23-unit subdivision is being built by Design Dwellings, Inc. on 15 acres

of land at Allen Acres, the site of the former Barrows Greenhouses, which is named after the Allen family who ran the flower business at that location for nearly half a century.

Design Dwellings received final approval from the Planning Board on July 21 for an eight-condo unit called "Snowbird" also to be built on the Allen property. Four single-family homes in sold out phase one are currently under construction. Phases two and three will begin in late July. Design Dwellings is also building phase three of the nearby Hawkes Farm subdivision, which is the former site of the Hawkes' farm stand.

"We are starting to see an increase in applications coming through the process," says Town Planner Tom Poirier. The average subdivision takes approximately one year to go from raw land to approval from the Planning Board. Poirier says in the past five years, there were perhaps one or two subdivisions awaiting approval from the planning board. "There's definitely a shift," he says.

A shift also exists in the type and size of the subdivisions being built. When the market was down, developers were focusing on building closer to

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	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
Single Family Homes	84	58	38	26	58	63	44	75	67
Condominiums	27	2	8	1	4	5	4	4	13
Commerical	24	24	19	19	14	20	38	44	43

This chart shows the number of approved housing/business units approved by the Planning Board in each year for three build categories: single family homes, condominiums, and commerical properties.

Founders' Festival

BY GORHAM TIMES STAFF

The annual Founders' Festival took place on Friday, July 25 and Saturday, July 26.

The festivities began on Friday with an audience-packed tent for the opening reception and auction. This year, the Hamblen family was honored by much applause when family members

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Motor Booty Affair played for a large crowd Friday night.

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Mainers and Their Children Deserve an Economy That Works for Everyone

BY SENATOR JIM BOYLE

Here in Maine we have a long history of bridging political divides in the hopes of improving the lives of our citizens. We all want an economy that is good for all Mainers and provides the basis for a good life for themselves and their children. Unfortunately, we're not there yet.

The Maine Children's Alliance just released the annual "Kids Count" report, which provides an overview of how Maine's children are doing in a variety of areas from their health and education to their economic well-being.

There are fewer children without health insurance, and Maine children are doing better in school: more students are graduating high school on time, more fourth graders are proficient in reading, more eighth graders are proficient in math, and more children are attending preschool—up to 46 percent.

Lawmakers know preschool is critical for a child's future success and this year we passed a law to increase access to preschool programs by providing start-up funding for school districts that don't have a pre-K program but want to offer one. Currently, only 60 percent of school districts offer a public pre-K program and while pre-K

may not be for every child, no child should be denied the opportunity to attend a preschool program because of where they live.

Unfortunately, just like their parents, Maine's children are struggling economically. There are more children living in high poverty areas than before. More than one in five children lives in poverty and one in three children have parents who want to work full time, but can't find work.

When parents can't find work, it's a struggle to put food on the table. As a result, food insecurity in Maine has increased. Nearly one in four Maine children is food insecure, meaning they don't know where their next meal is coming from.

The Legislature passed two measures to address student hunger—one to increase access to summer food programs and one to create a task force to develop the best plan to reduce the number of hungry children in Maine.

But if we are really going to help children, we have to help their parents. We need to create more good-paying jobs and ensure Maine parents have the education and training they need to get those jobs.

We need an economy that works for everyone, including parents and their

children, and the economy we have right now isn't working for Maine kids.

We know Maine is in the bottom of the pack for job growth in New England, and the lack of jobs is hurting our children. We are now in the bottom half of the national rankings for children's economic well-being: we went from 20th to 29th.

Maine children deserve better, and Maine can do better.

We can and must continue to work together for the good of Maine families and their children. Just as lawmakers worked together to take positive steps to reduce student hunger and increase the availability of preschool programs, we must work together to ensure Maine parents have good-paying jobs that allow them to put food on the table and keep a roof over their children's heads.

Our children are our future and we owe it to them to ensure they have the best future possible.



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Letter to the Editor

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Dear *Gorham Times* Editor:

The *Gorham Times* recently published a letter from Lisa Becker addressing the behavior of fans, coaches and players at local youth baseball games. Because the letter mentions my name and directly quotes me, it is important to clarify what I saw along with my position on some events witnessed by Ms. Becker.

I want to thank Ms. Becker for her kind words to me, and for recognizing that teaching and practicing good sportsmanship should be a top priority for all youth sports programs in Gorham. Holding our coaches, players and fans accountable for unsportsmanlike behavior is an important part of the process of improvement.

Ms. Becker writes of bully-like behavior from coaches toward umpires. The letter implies I witnessed the behavior and that I agree with her assessment of what happened. In fact, I was present for only the final three innings of the game and I did not witness any inappropriate behavior from coaches. I approached the umpire following the game to offer encouragement because he appeared visibly upset after making some tough calls. We discussed some correct calls and others that may not have been; the point of the conversation was to express that none of the controversial calls impacted the ultimate outcome of the game. When he expressed his frustration at being yelled at, I assumed he was speaking about fans; I had not witnessed the poor behavior on the part of coaches.

I am not suggesting Ms. Becker's concerns are to be dismissed. Her letter provides an opportunity for the youth baseball board to examine its practices and expectations for behavior on the field - this is a good thing. My response is to clarify that I have seen much good from Gorham's youth baseball community, and I am fully supportive and appreciative of the work from volunteers who spend countless hours teaching our youth the game of baseball—emphasizing both skill development and character development.

Chuck Nadeau, GHS Varsity Baseball Coach

Dear *Gorham Times* Editor:

I am excited to support Andrew McLean's re-election to the Maine House of Representatives.

Andrew has been an effective advocate for Gorham families, working behind the scenes to build consensus around legislation to reduce property taxes, fix our roads and

bridges and grow our economy. Andrew cares deeply about our community, he is responsive to the concerns of his constituents and most importantly, he walks the walk when it comes to working across the aisle to get things done.

I have been particularly impressed with Andrew's vision, energy and commitment on transportation issues. After less than two years on the job, Andrew has emerged as a leader on transportation issues, organizing and leading a group of Democratic, Republican and Independent legislators and stakeholders to build consensus around solutions to fix our roads and bridges and modernize our transportation infrastructure. For those of us who are frustrated by partisan bickering, it's refreshing to be represented by Andrew, who invests significant time and energy in building relationships with his colleagues—across the aisle and ideological spectrum—and takes

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Around Town

The Town of Gorham is looking to demolish the town-owned property at 55 Morrill Avenue. The building is in poor condition and is of little value to the School Department. The preferred short-term use will be for parking. The Department will determine its ultimate use at a later date. Gorham Public Works will demolish the building later this summer.

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Gorham Grad Opens Antique Shop in Freeport

By JACKIE FRANCIS
Staff Writer

Located on Route 1 in Freeport, the Freeport Emporium, a new antique, vintage and oddities store, has recently opened for business. What was once a run-down flea market and gun shop has now been transformed into an antique hunter's paradise. Adam Tanguay, a 2004 Gorham High graduate, has realized his avocation for all things old by opening his new shop.

"It's funny how all this happened so fast," says Tanguay. While driving by a vacant barn on Route 1 in Freeport earlier this year, a "For Lease" sign nailed to the 4,000 square foot barn beckoned him to take a closer look. Within two months Tanguay was leasing the space to house his eclectic collection of timeworn classics and returned to his parents the borrowed spaces that included their attic, basement and barn. "It started out as a hobby on weekends," he says. "I'd buy stuff that would interest me—like hockey equipment—and sell it online. And from there it just grew." Now, every nook and corner of the revamped emporium holds treasures from a bygone era: his own collection as well as that of the 15 vendors who rent space from him.

"The hunt is a blast," says Tanguay. "I love getting up early and going to yard sales and auctions. I like the character of old stuff, and if it means something to me, I buy it because it all has a story. Somewhere someone saved their money at one time to buy what is now an antique refrigerator and some kid somewhere saved his pennies to buy a baseball glove. To me, that's cool."

Industrial benches, metal office chairs, advertising signs, stained glass and architectural items such as old radiators appear to have a devout following with today's antiques buyers. Tanguay believes television shows featuring the restoration, buying and selling of antiques, has produced a new generation of collectors. More people are decorating their homes with vintage furniture and whimsical finds because of the knowledge they gain



Photo credit Lisa Tanguay

Standing by the sign of his new business on Route One in Freeport is Adam Tanguay with his girlfriend Rachel Lewis.

from watching decorating networks. A chandelier lamp made of marble and crystals may be downright unattractive to some people, but in the right spot, says Tanguay, will look perfectly wonderful. Parlor stools, bait buckets, crew paddles, wooden oars and vintage art all have a place for the right person.

A new lamp, which was once a child's sled, hangs in a collection of repurposed furniture. Another vendor painstakingly packages his collection of individual vintage postcards while another clearly has a love for worn, but not worn-out, baseball paraphernalia including a 50-year old Hutch baseball glove. A dog-powered treadmill made by Vermont Farm Machine Co. that was used to power a washing machine

or cream separator sits in the front of the store as a conversation starter.

Tanguay is hoping to appeal to anyone who has an interest in castoff items. "I want this to be a store where there is something for everyone," says Tanguay. "A laid-back, fun community antique store for collectors, traders, decorators, and hobbyists." Everyone is welcome to stop in and look around and just talk. "I'm 100% content making half [the money] of what I use to make in medical sales," says Tanguay. "I'm lucky. I've made my hobby into my job."

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Rathbun Attempts Death Race, Schedules Another for 2015

By JACKIE FRANCIS
Staff Writer

As you may recall, James Rathbun, public services librarian at Baxter Memorial Library, was training to participate in the 2014 Spartan Death Race in Pittsfield, VT. The race, which was held in June, is believed to be the world's most challenging endurance race—an unbelievable 65 hours long. After 18 hours of non-stop hiking, running, dragging and lifting, Rathbun was compelled to drop out due to dehydration.

"Coming out of this experience only strengthened my resolve," says Rathbun. "It was a good experience and not a waste of time even though I knew I would not finish."

The race, which began at 9 a.m., started with 50 mandatory burpees (modified push-ups that begin in a standing position) and a two-mile run up and down a mountain. Athletes were required to haul, flip and drag large rocks sometimes three-quarters of a mile. It was during this task, says Rathbun, where he realized he had not brought enough water in his 45-pound backpack. By 3 a.m., while attempting to complete the task of sewing four yards of buckskin into wearable clothing, Rathbun, then somewhat delusional, was asked to do 500 additional burpees for not completing his task on time. It was then that he decided to take himself out of the race after only 18 hours.

Rathbun is disappointed with his results, but not discouraged. "Coming out of this experience only strengthened my resolve," says Rathbun. "It was a good experience and not a waste of time even though I knew I would not finish. In fact, I'm already registered for next year's race."



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Work Toward Your Own Financial Independence Day

BY AL TARKINSON

The Fourth of July celebration of our independence as a nation and the many liberties we enjoy has come and gone. Still, we have to keep working to earn some freedoms, such as financial freedom. But by making the right moves, you may eventually enjoy your own Financial Independence Day.

Here are a few moves to consider:

Set free your vision. Your first step in moving toward financial independence is to establish a vision of what this freedom might look like. Ask yourself some key questions: When do I want to retire? What do I want to do during my retirement years? How can I be confident that I won't outlive my financial resources? The answers can help you develop a clear picture of where you want to go, which will make it much easier to create a financial strategy for getting there.

Liberate your full investment capabilities. Right now, you may have good investment opportunities that you are not fully exploiting. For example, are you contributing as much as you can afford to your IRA and your 401(k) or other employer-sponsored plans? And when your income goes up, are you increasing your contributions to these accounts? Both an IRA and a 401(k) offer tax advantages and a variety of investment options, so try to get as much out of these plans as you can.

Avoid the "bondage" of a non-diversified portfolio. If you own only a few types of investments, you are restricting your opportunities—and probably taking on too much risk. If a downturn primarily affects just one or two asset classes, and most of your investment dollars are tied up in those assets, your portfolio could take a big hit. But if you "free up" your holdings by diversifying across a range of investments—stocks, bonds, government securities, certificates of

deposit and so on—you may give yourself more chances for success while reducing the effects of market volatility on your portfolio. Keep in mind, though, that diversification cannot guarantee profits or prevent losses.

Unshackle yourself from debt. It's not always easy to lower your debt burden, but it is worth the effort. The lower your monthly debt payments, the more money you will have available to invest for the future—and for your ultimate financial freedom. So look for ways to consolidate and reduce your debts.

Escape from disability and long-term care expenses. Few events can threaten your financial independence as much as a disability or the need for long-term care, such as a nursing home stay. Even a short disability and time away from work can wreak havoc on your financial situation. And an extended stay in a nursing home can be hugely expensive. In fact, the national average for a private room in a nursing home is nearly \$84,000 per year, according to a recent survey by Genworth, a financial security company. To defend yourself against the threat of disability or the expense of long-term care, you may want to consult with a financial advisor, who can recommend the appropriate protection vehicles.

The Fourth of July is a festive occasion. But you will have even more reason to celebrate once you can declare your own financial independence. So, do what it takes to speed the arrival of that day.



Al Tarkinson is a Financial Advisor with Edward Jones Investments. He has a B.S. degree in Finance with over 31 years in the financial field. His family has resided in Gorham for 27 years.

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Town Council Report

BY ROBIN SOMES
Staff Writer

In an effort to provide "an opportunity to recall elected officials but also ... to have effective government and not hold elected officials hostage every time they vote on a controversial issue," the Council voted 7-0 to approve a new ordinance for the "Recall of Elected Officials of the Town of Gorham." The new ordinance was put into effect upon the success of the vote and provides a means for Gorham voters to seek the recall of elected officials, though this does not pertain to School Board members.

The petition must contain signatures of Gorham registered voters equal to or greater than 25% of the number of votes cast in Gorham in the last gubernatorial election. In other words, if there were 1,000 votes for governor from Gorham residents, at least 250 signatures of registered Gorham voters would be required on the recall petition.

According to the ordinance, the petition must specify the name and office of the person whose removal is being sought as well as the reasoning. Reasons for removal can include "failure to appropriately carry out duties and responsibilities of the office," "engaging in conduct which brings the office into disrepute," "engaging in conduct which displays an unfitness to hold the office," or for the indictment or conviction of a felony under any state or national law, or "entry of a plea of guilty or no-contest to such an offense."

Within 10 days of receiving a completed petition, the Town Clerk is to certify all signatures and determine that the petition meets all qualifications. A certified petition will be presented to the Town Council at their next regular meeting and any officials being petitioned for removal will be notified. The Town Council will subsequently arrange for a recall election.

Similar to the petition requirement for the minimum number of signatures, "the total number of votes cast in the recall election shall be at least 25% of the number of votes cast in Gorham for and against Governor in the last gubernatorial election". There must also be at least a 65% majority in favor of the recall for someone to be removed from office.

No petition for recall shall be filed against an official with fewer than 60 days of a multiple year term remaining. If an official targeted for recall has been the subject of an unsuccessful election, no new recall petition may be filed against that official until at least 12 months have passed since the election.

An amendment to the Town Charter concerning "crime of moral turpitude" was approved by the Council with a vote of 4-3 (Benjamin Hartwell, Shonn Moulton, Suzanne Phillips). The following language comprises the amendment:

"If a member of the Town Council is convicted of a crime of moral turpitude, the Council member's office shall immediately become vacant upon conviction or a guilty plea or a plea of no contest. For the purposes of this Section, the term "crime of moral turpitude" shall include conviction of murder or a class A, B, C or D crime, while in office, or conviction of a similar crime if outside the State of Maine."

The Council subsequently voted 4-3 (Hartwell, Moulton, Phillips) to approve a referendum for November 4, 2014 to ask voters to amend the Town Charter with the language specified above. The ballot will state, "A majority of the Town Council recommended a yes vote." A Public Hearing providing information on the proposed amendment is slated for September 2 prior to the referendum.

The Council voted 5-2 (Suzanne Phillips, Benjamin Hartwell) to approve amending the Special Amusement Ordinance to allow special amusements to be held outdoors as well as to relax the existing sound provisions. The amendment applies to "all events at all facilities licensed by the State to sell liquor, regardless of whether liquor is served at any specific event," but does not apply to "off-premise catering services who have a license from the State of Maine and for catering at planned events or gatherings."

The approved amendment specifies that for residential areas, sound levels are restricted to 70 A-weighted decibels (dBA) from 8 a.m. to midnight, and 50 dBA from midnight to 8 a.m. For Industrial/Commercial areas, sound levels are restricted to 70 dBA from 8 a.m. to midnight and 60 dBA from midnight to 8 a.m.

Complete minutes of the meeting, including details of the reported ordinances, are available at: www.gorham-me.org.

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the village on smaller lots with public services. Subdivisions approved in the last few years were considered clustering, overlay development where small lots are balanced with increased green space in the subdivision (i.e. Wagner Farms). "As we correct, subdivisions are pushing out the outskirts," continues Poirier. Developments currently in the planning process are more expensive, larger lots outside the downtown village area.

Construction increases may be a result of low inventory of desirable existing homes in town. "Home sales are strong, especially more expensive homes," says realtor David Willis of Willis Real Estate, who went on to say, "We are seeing a healthy gain." When a well-priced house hits the market now, owners are receiving multiple offers within 24 hours. Peter Mason of PoGo Realty of Gorham agrees. "There's great activity right now, especially compared to years past. Location, amenities and especially schools contribute to it."

Residential real estate is not the only development happening in town; several commercial projects are in progress or planned for construction this year. The three million dollar Martin's Point medical facility is still under construction on Route 25. Cumberland Farms is nearing completion of its

new convenience store/gas station at the Mercy Crossing site on Route 114. Anderson Equipment will build its sixth Maine location off Route 25 in the old Plan-It Recycling location. In addition, new office space will go up on the corner of Libby Avenue and Route 25 adjacent to the Gorham Flag Center.

Approved before the downturn, but deferred because of the lack of buyers for the speculated properties, The Crossing at Tannery Brook off Route 202 near the village has had three phases of construction approved.

"Our school system, recreation department and our people, are the big selling points in Gorham," says Willis. "It gives me confidence in where the market is going to know that builders see an opportunity to come into Gorham."

Bob Georgitis, project manager of Kasprzak Homes, cautions anyone who thinks we are out of the woods just yet. "People transitioning to condominium life can't get the price they want right now for their existing homes." He cites price inflation of construction materials and the Gorham sprinkler ordinance for the increased cost of construction. "Every year when the snow melts, I get optimistic, but now my optimism has waned."

Public Safety Building Project Discussed by Town Council

BY ROGER MARCHAND

The Gorham Town Council held a workshop on July 27th to discuss the Public Safety Building, and a possible referendum vote on the project in November. The new plan calls for having the Public Safety Building remain in the village and expand-

ing the present location at 270 Main Street. The cost is estimated at 4.9 million dollars, which is down 1.4 million dollars from the Public Safety Building project at Little Falls that was rejected in referendum last year. The Council will take a formal vote on moving forward to referendum at their August 5th regular meeting.

Phinney Street Extension Documents Questioned for Forgery

BY ROGER MARCHAND

Legal woes have not yet been fully settled on Phinney Street Extension. Some property owners, with the support of Town Councilor Ben Hartwell, are pursuing whether or not the signature in a 2002 eminent domain seizure document was forged. The Maine Attorney General's office

stated it would not deal with the case but Councilor Hartwell is asking the Town Council to spend up to \$2,500 for a forensic lab test to determine whether the document was actually signed in 2002 or if a forged signature was added in 2012. The Town Council will again discuss the testing at its August 5th regular meeting.

Real Estate Transfers February 2014

Location	Buyer	Seller	Price
41 Hackmatack Way	Cronan, Nicholas & Alyson	Sierra Construction Inc.	\$340,500
10 Hawkes Way	Dibiase, Dawn & Edward	Oxley, Joshua E	\$235,000
270 County Road	Donnelly, Michael & Deborah	Gray, Mary E	\$247,000
253 Huston Road	Glaude, Michael	Morequity	\$127,050
15 Laceys Way	Gravier Homes LLC	Risbara Brothers Construction Company Inc.	\$97,400
69 Brookwood Drive	Gray, Andrew	Hammond, Jeremy	\$240,000
60 County Road	Lemery, Sara	Nadeau, Joseph R Sr.	\$174,987
114 Johnson Road	McLean, Andrew & Bailey, Kyle	Gaudreau, Shawn L	\$215,000
106 Shaws Mill Road	Philbrook, Dawn	Thibeau, Dennis L	\$122,000
9 Bramblewood Lane	Tielinen, Corey Kevin	Bramblewood LLC	\$303,103
126 Shaws Mill Road	Townsend, Elizabeth	Shaw, Kenneth J	\$145,000



Chief Shepard Reports

The Grand Jury returned the following indictments in July:

- Adam Bray, 24, of Gorham was indicted for reckless conduct, leaving the scene of an accident and aggravated criminal OUI on charges brought by Gorham Police Department.
- Arthur Gallant, 48, of Gorham was indicted for criminal OUI, operating after suspension and operating beyond license restriction on charges brought by Scarborough Police Department.
- Paul Morris, 33, of Gorham was indicted for unlawful sexual contact, unlawful sexual touching and tampering with a witness on charges brought by Gorham Police Department.
- Corey Paradise, 31, of Gorham was indicted for eluding, reckless conduct, driving to endanger, operating after suspension and

violating conditions of release on charges brought by Portland Police Department.

• Brittany Marie Parker, 25, of Gorham was indicted for possession of scheduled drugs on charges brought by MDEA and Westbrook Police Department.

There have been a number of car burglaries in Gorham with all of the items being stolen from unlocked vehicles. Residents are urged to lock their cars.

If you are going out of town, notify the Gorham Police Department and officers will check your home while the residents are away.

Maine Citizens Against Handgun Violence have donated trigger locks to police departments across the state. The locks are free to gun owners who request them. Pick them up at the Gorham Police Department during regular business hours.

Dias Sentenced for Sex Trafficking

BY SHERI FABER
Staff Writer

Tamika Dias pled guilty to two counts of misdemeanor sex trafficking/promotion of prostitution and was sentenced to 364 days in jail with all but eight months suspended. Misdemeanors carry a sentence of less than a year in jail. Dias also pled guilty to multiple counts of theft of credit card numbers and was sentenced to three months on that charge as well as three and a half months for misdemeanor misuse of a public benefit instrument (EBT card). All sentences are to be served

concurrently. Felony charges of aggravated sex trafficking were dismissed. Dias had forced two 19-year-old young women to have sex for money with 15 men and one woman. Dias also admitted to taking photos of the young women and paying to post ads on Backpage.com, knowing it was a site for prostitutes. Her brother, Klein Fernandez, is serving a five-year sentence for felony aggravated assault for attacking a woman with a knife. He was also charged with two counts of sex trafficking. Dias's boyfriend, Jeremy Seeley, is awaiting sentencing for his role in the sex trafficking.

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Founders' Festival CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

were asked to stand after a brief history presented by Suzie Phillips. Calvin Hamblen was offered with the flag that had been flying all day Friday on Fort Hill. Former council chairman Philip Gagnon Jr. presented the incorporation plaque to town councilors Michael Phinney, Sherrie Benner, Bruce Roullard, and Suzie Phillips. This year marks 250 years since the town was incorporated. Ending the evening was Motor Booty Affair who played to a large dancing crowd.

Saturday kicked off with a 5K-road race and a pancake breakfast. Participants enjoyed Melon Maine-ia, a melon carving contest, melon bowling and melon horseshoes presented by Camp Susan Curtis volunteers and members of the Knights of Columbus. There were a variety of vendors and booths from arts and crafts to a dunk tank. There were rides, artwork by local artists, children's music, and even



Photo credit Suzie Phillips

Gorham coaches, firefighters, and two town councilors took turns on Saturday in the dunk tank sponsored by Redeemer Lutheran Church. Pictured are some of the Cal Ripken state champion team taking shots at Town Councilor Ben Hartwell.

a mind reader. The evening ended with clear skies for the fireworks.

Westbrook/Gorham Community Chamber hosted this event and looks forward to next year.

Irving Sentenced to Seven Years for Gun Offenses

By SHERI FABER
Staff Writer

Gary Irving, now 54, was convicted of attacking and raping three 16-year-old girls in Massachusetts in 1978 but fled the state before sentencing. He moved to Maine, married and lived with his wife and children for 34 years on South Street before being arrested in 2013 on the 1978 rape charges. Irving has been sentenced in Massachusetts to 36-40 years on those charges. His family does not believe he committed the rapes and they continue to support him, as do friends and co-workers. Irving lived in Maine under his brother's name of Gregg

and used Gregg's social security card. Irving was the longest wanted fugitive in Massachusetts and was on their 10 most wanted lists for years.

Irving has now been charged with aggravated identity theft, social security fraud and being a felon in possession of guns. When he was arrested in 2013, police found in his house four rifles, four shotguns (including two that were sawed off) and a 22-caliber pistol. He was sentenced to an additional seven years for the gun charges with the time to be served consecutively. He will not be eligible for parole until he has served at least 24 years on the rape charges but he will then still face the seven additional years on the gun charges.

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SPORTS

In the Zone

State Softball Champions: Four Gorham girls played key roles as the Southern Maine Frenzy softball team won the Amateur Softball Association (ASA) U14 Maine State Championship. Appearing in the picture, from left to right are **Shayla Harris, Grace McGouldrick, Carli Labrecque, and Noelle DiBiase.** McGouldrick pitched a two-hit shutout in the final while DiBiase, Harris and Labrecque all contributed key hits and defense as the team went 6-1 in the tournament.



Photo credit Phil McGouldrick

From left to right: Shayla Harris, Grace McGouldrick, Carli Labrecque, Noelle DiBiase

Gorham Anglers Compete at National Level: Alex Williamson and Joe Curtis of Gorham participated in the first Bass Anglers Sportsman's Society (B.A.S.S.) High School National Championships in Tennessee July 14-18 along with 60 other two-person teams representing 33 states. Williamson and Curtis finished 33rd after qualifying by winning the Maine state championship last fall. Both compete for the Windham Christian Academy Junior Bassmaster Team. Williamson attends Windham Christian Academy while Curtis attends Gorham High School.



Photo credit Molly Sposato

Gorham Grads Battle for Golf Championship: Mike Caron (GHS '13) won the Gorham Country Club Championship defeating **Kenny Tuttle** (an incoming senior at GHS this fall) in a 36-hole match on July 2.

From left to right: Alli LaFerriere, Abby Longstaff, Timmer Sposato

Gorham Swimmers Traveling to Olympic Training Center: Three Gorham swimmers will spend one week in August training in Colorado Springs at the Olympic Training Center: **Alli LaFerriere, Timmer Sposato, and Abby Longstaff.** Longstaff swims for Cheverus High School and is one of the top sprinters and backstrokers in the state. LaFerriere represented the State of Maine at the Eastern Zones meet and is one of the top distance swimmers in the state. Sposato lead GHS last year and holds seven school records. All three will train in the same facility that many Olympians train at.



Photo credit unknown

Michelle Rowe holding the Zero Gravity National Championship trophy.

Key Player at National Basketball Championship: Gorham's **Michelle Rowe** was a key member of the Blue Wave Basketball Team that won the Zero Gravity National Championship in June during a tournament in Massachusetts. About to enter GHS as a freshman this fall, Rowe had numerous rebounds and assists and shot 90 percent from the free throw line while also sinking several shots beyond the three-point arc—helping her team to a 6-0 tournament record.

Gorham Rec Summer Tennis Doubles Tournament Results: Aces girls, co-winners: Madison Morton & Julia Reed and Mayla Wilson & Jordan Anderson; second place: Sophia DiPhilippo and Avery Andrews. Aces boys, winners: Jackson Landry and Riley Ottoson; second place: Dylan Anderson and Lucas Ouillette; Coaches Award: Malachi Wilson and Logan Wilson. Lobbers girls, winners: Allie Light and Allie Myles; second place: Liza Klishch and Jada Emery; Topspinners, winners: Thomas Light and Cameron Myles; second place: Ethan Allen and Patrick Cyr; Coaches Award: Pat Bishop.

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Village People Tri for a Cure



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Nine Village School teachers and staff participated in the Maine Cancer Foundation Tri for The Cure that took place July 20th. Each year, over a thousand women gather in South Portland to swim, bike and run as they Tri for a Cure in Maine's only all-women's triathlon, which is also the largest triathlon in the state of Maine and travels along the shores of Cape Elizabeth and South Portland. The event consists of a one-third mile swim, a 15-mile bike ride and a three-mile run. Each of the three-person "Village People" teams dressed in matching shirts with the names of co-workers, friends and family who have battled cancer. In total, the Village People Team raised \$6,350 for the Maine Cancer Foundation. Pictured above, front row from left to right: Beth Kellogg, Sue Adams-Thompson and Marcia Smith. Back Row: Jodi Mezzonotte, Kim Meggison, Nancy Owens, Andrea Hyland and Karen Carlson. Missing from the photo is Deidre Hamblen. Support for the Village People teams can be given by donating to the Maine Cancer Foundation at [www. http://triforcure.org](http://triforcure.org).

Twins Tri For the Cure



Photo credit Michele Cushing

Competing in the Tri for the Cure is the Twins Tri-ing team, which consisted of, from left to right, **Meghan Cushing**, who did the running portion of the event; **Emily DeLuca**, swimming; and **Morgan Cushing**, biking. The team name, Twins Tri-ing, was a play on words since each of the girls is a twin. The trio decided to participate in the event when their GHS English teacher, Ms. Herlihy, approached them about it in the winter. They each needed a minimum of \$350 in fundraising, but ended up raising a combined \$1,615. DeLuca said the event was an amazing experience.

sports Etc.

The Gorham Boosters meet the second Monday of every month at 6:30 p.m. at the GHS Library. The next meeting takes place July August 11th. Anyone wishing to help can contact Lenny Holmes at gorhamboosters@gmail.com.

33 Gorham Residents Tri for a Cure to Beat Cancer

More than 600 individual competitors and 227 teams consisting of three competitors each gathered in South Portland July 20th to swim, bike and run in the Maine Cancer Foundation Tri for a Cure—Maine's only all-women's triathlon. Founded in 2008, Tri for a Cure has become the largest triathlon in the State of Maine, traveling along the shores of Cape Elizabeth and South Portland. The event consists of

a one-third-mile swim, a 15-mile bike ride and a three-mile run.

Among the 16 individual competitors from Gorham, Anne Lapierre finished first and 56th overall. Among the six relay teams from Gorham, Deidre Hamblen, Nancy Owens and Sue Adams-Thompson were tops while finishing 70th overall. Below are all the Gorham residents who competed and helped raise funds to contribute to the fight against cancer.

INDIVIDUALS

Place	Name	Time	Place	Name	Time
56	Anne Lapierre	1:31:17	339	Amy Wyatt	1:50:36
93	Angela Leclerc	1:34:22	356	Tina Bellino	1:51:43
112	Maria McInnis	1:35:36	410	Kerry Herlihy	1:55:47
143	Elin Brown	1:37:57	421	Natalie James	1:56:42
156	Victoria Reynolds	1:38:42	520	Andrea Gooch	2:09:50
170	Mary Green	1:39:43	530	Sue Durst	2:11:42
297	Jennifer Rush	1:47:40	558	Kelly Kirkpatrick	2:19:20
337	Kristin Foster	1:50:27	561	Pollyanna Hardy	2:20:26

TEAMS

Place	Names	Time
70	The Village People 1: Deidre Hamblen, Nancy Owens, Sue Adams-Thompson	1:40:56
72	RKM JAK: Jody Langelier, Kaitlin Roy	1:41:35
113	Twins Tri-ing: Emily DeLuca, Morgan Cushing, Meghan Cushing	1:47:46
125	The Gaudesses: Karen Gaudette: Julia Gaudette: Ashley Gaudette	1:50:41
172	Mothers Against Cancer: Kristen Lehmann, Patricia Aceto, Kristin Larkin	2:02:37
210	Shirl's Girls: Jennifer Barrows, Alicia Barrows, Megan Bremermann	2:17:54

Bill Enck Captures Fourth Place in Peaks to Portland Swim

Seven Gorham residents were among the nearly 400 swimmers who competed in the 2.4-mile Peaks to Portland swim on July 12. Leading the way for Gorham was Bill Enck, who finished fourth overall and first among men ages 40-49. Other Gorham swimmers that finished near the top of their gender-age group included Ashley Clark and Blanca Monsen, who finished third and fifth respectively

among U19 women. Following are the results of all Gorham swimmers:

Place	Name	Time
4	Bill Enck	42:55
84	Ashley Clark	56:10
103	Blanca Monsen	57:16
168	Christophe Dodd	1:03:34
228	Jenny Skolfield	1:10:01
321	Samantha Langley	1:23:47
354	Lisa Royland	1:56:48

Correction

In the July 3, 2014 edition of the *Gorham Times*, we wrote that Dexter Jenks graduated from Gorham High School in 2008. To clarify, Jenks left GHS in 2008, his junior year, and graduated from Hyde School in Bath in 2010. We regret the error.

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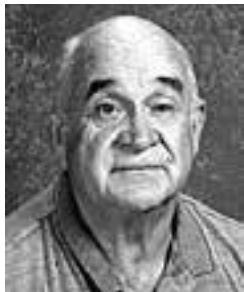
Gorham School Department Says Goodbye to these Familiar Faces

Photos courtesy of the Gorham School Department

COMPILED BY ANDREA MORRELL
Staff Writer

At the end of the 2013-14 school year, the Gorham School Department said goodbye and good luck to these five retiring teachers.

Fred Adams retired from Gorham after being at GHS for 17 years. He first joined as an ed tech (paraprofessional) in 1997 after retiring from the Coast Guard and started teaching in 1999.



Fred Adams

He taught physical science; physics, chemistry, and earth/space science.

Adams remarked that he loved the kids and, for the most part, they loved him. He said even though he spoiled the kids they still learned a lot in his classroom. He thinks he'll be remembered most for his fires, especially the "hydrogen booms."

The most rewarding part of his experience was dealing with peo-

ple. Not just the kids but the other teachers and ed techs. As Adams says, "They are among the most extraordinary and talented people imaginable."

Retirement has already started a bit rocky as he and his wife, Meri, who also retired in June, unexpectedly became elder-care providers in the beginning of July.

Denise Asselin, the library/media ed tech for Narragansett and Great Falls schools, retired after 28 years in Gorham.



Denise Asselin

Asselin has worked as an ed tech in the resource room, then in the computer lab at Village School, and for the past few years she has performed a variety of duties in the library.

Over the years, Asselin collaborated with classroom teachers and became familiar with the Gorham curriculum in order to keep up with the needs of the students. She said

in her current position she had to read a lot of books so she was familiar with children's literature.

During her retirement she plans to garden, go for walks, and spend more time with her grandchildren. She and her husband are planning some mini-vacations over the summer before she begins looking for a part-time job in the fall.

She has enjoyed her time in the Gorham Schools and will miss everyone very much.

After 13 years in Gorham, Jackie Leeper retired as a special education teacher at Great Falls.



Jackie Leeper

Leeper began her career 37 years ago in Somers, CT teaching in various positions from a first grade classroom to special education resource rooms-kindergarten to fifth grade.

Her husband, Michael, was transferred 23 years ago to work at Unum in Portland. They looked at moving

to various communities and chose Gorham for its friendly feel, school reputation, and convenience to everything.

Leeper worked in Saco for eight years teaching at Fairfield School in the resource room in kindergarten through third grade.

In 2000, she left Saco and began teaching in Gorham, which were the best years of her career; especially the time spent at the Little Falls Kindergarten Center before it closed. She had the opportunity to work at Village School sharing space with treasured colleagues in the portable classroom and finished her career at the new Great Falls school, also in the special education resource room position.

The most rewarding part of her job has been seeing the children become successful contributing members of our community and knowing that she may have had a part in that.

It is also rewarding to see her daughter, Kathryn Leeper, following in her footsteps. They had the bonus opportunity to work at the same school for the last three years. Katy

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will be continuing to teach third grade at Great Falls school.

Leeper's son, Shaun, his wife Alyson, along with her four-year-old granddaughter, Maddy, also live in Gorham. Maddy will be attending kindergarten at Great Falls in 2015.

Her retirement will be filled with doing what she wants, when she wants including reading, gardening, volunteering, traveling and spending time with family.

Steve Small retired from his position as a fourth grade teacher at Narragansett School after 28 years of service in Gorham.

Small attended college in Maine



Steve Small

and earned his degree in special education but chose to enter into the business sector in Massachusetts for ten years.

In 1985, he renewed his certificate and was hired at Village School as a sixth grade teacher in 1986. He taught sixth grade for a number of years and then taught fourth grade for the remainder of his teaching career.

The most difficult part of being a good teacher, according to Small, is meeting the needs of all the students. Each year the kids come in with a variety of abilities and interests, as well as deficits and strengths.

An important part of any teacher's job is getting to know their students well, and making the necessary adjustments to provide the best education that they can for each of them.

Small's future plans include substitute teaching and traveling with his wife, Sue, who retired from teaching last year.

Great Falls Students Build Wigwam



Photo credit Bonnie Harlow

First grade students from Great Falls Elementary studied Native Americans this spring as part of their social studies curriculum. With the help of a Gorham Educational Foundation grant, students helped create a wigwam/garden structure. Students participated by digging holes for the poles to tying off the smaller twigs. The structure will be enjoyed as a place to read and grow climbing flower vines.

Correction

In the July 3, 2014 issue, Dean Carrier should have been acknowledged as having received Grade 9

Honors for Gorham High School Fourth Quarter Honor Roll 2013-14. We apologize for the omission.

school note

The library at Great Falls Elementary is happy to be able to offer summer hours this year. Every Tuesday 9 to 11 a.m. and Thursday 5 to 7 p.m. parents and students of all three K-5 schools can visit and take home books of their choosing. The hope is for every child to stay engaged in their learning even when school is out. Reading over the summer has proven to increase student learning and prevent summer losses.

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Samuelson Retires from Air Force After Twenty-Four Year Career



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Newly retired from a career in the military and Air National Guard, Lt. Col. Eric Samuelson stands in a hangar with his family. From left to right are Joshua, Kim, Emma, Eric, Hannah, and Kirk Samuelson.

BY SETH DAVIS

Recently three Air Force F-15 Eagles seemed to appear from nowhere to streak across the Portland Jetport. The jets put on a fifteen-minute air training exercise where a few hundred spectators stood nearby. This was the beginning of the end of a twenty-four year career for Lt. Col. Eric Samuelson of Gorham.

Along with being a newly retired pilot in the Air National Guard, Samuelson is the senior pastor at The Rock Church, where he is known as Pastor Eric. He has been leading The Rock Church since 2005. For the past nine years, he has balanced his Air Guard responsibilities and his other vocation as a pastor. In 2005, Samuelson assumed the role of senior pastor when his brother-in-law, Kirk Winters, started a second Rock Church

in Bangor. When Samuelson became senior pastor, the church had 78 members; today over 700 people attend Sunday services.

Samuelson's passion for flying originated in Syracuse, New York with his father who flew privately. He took that passion to greater heights after he graduated from Gordon College in Wenham, Massachusetts. He joined the Air Force and was commissioned an officer in 1990. In the Air Force he began training, which prepared him to fly the A-10 Warthog to protect troops in combat missions and conflicts in both Kuwait and Iraq. In his 10 years of active duty, Eric was stationed in Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, and North Carolina.

The Samuelsons live in Gorham with their four children Joshua, Kirk, Hannah, and Emma.

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time to listen to their concerns and find common ground. This is leadership, and we need more of it in Augusta.

When Andrew first campaigned in 2012, he worked hard to earn people's votes. He is working equally as hard to earn your vote this year. He has demonstrated the capacity to work with others, listen to all sides of issues and bring people together to find common ground. In today's political climate, we don't need more closed-minded, ideologically-driven legislators who aren't willing to work together. Andrew is just who Gorham and Scarborough need back in Augusta. I am excited to support Andrew McLean's re-election and I hope you will join me in supporting him.

Judy Ringo

a difficult time. Over the past 15 years they have been so accommodating, always there when needed. Thank you Dr. Mulski, Dr. Niedermeyer and your wonderful staff.

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The Amell Family

Dear *Gorham Times* Editor:

On Tuesday, July 8 our family had to make the painful decision to put our beloved Whitey dog to sleep. This devastating loss took place a month and a half after losing our sweet beagle, Raleigh. For pet lovers, this is the most difficult decision you make. It would have been worse had we not had such a great veterinary team. The doctors and staff at the Animal Hospital in South Gorham treated us all with care, compassion and respect during such

Dear *Gorham Times* Editor:

We have been visiting Gorham for 12 summers and really enjoy the area's beauty. This summer our favorite daily ritual was a walk and swim in Shaw Park with our dog. What a great park for dog lovers. If you too love this privilege, please remember to pick up after your dog. See you next summer!

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WEDDINGS

Samantha Francis-Taylor (GHS '05) and **Maximillian Taylor** were married on Jan. 1, 2014, followed by a small ceremony in Edinburgh, Scotland this June. Both Sammie and Max are graduates of Bowdoin College and reside in Portland, Maine. Sammie is the daughter of Gain and Jackie Francis and an English teacher at Brunswick High School. Max, an email analyst for L.L. Bean, is the son of Patricia Taylor of Milford, CT and Scott Taylor of Bridgeport, CT.



DEAN'S LIST

Libby Andreasen (GHS '13), Mount Ida College
Annie Brewer (GHS '12), Plymouth State University

Travis Bucknell (GHS '13), New England School of Communication

Courtney Burns (GHS '12), Harding University
Shannon Follan (GHS '13), Plymouth State University

Rachel Hall, Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences

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Evan Peoples (GHS '13), McDaniel College

Taylor Porter (GHS '13), Mount Ida College

Mia Rapolla (GHS '11), Merrimack College, Psychology major

Bridget Stillson (GHS '13), Marist College

Allie Sturgis, Gettysburg College

Evelyn Viernes (GHS '13), High Point University in High Point, North Carolina

Michael Walsh (GHS '10), New England School of Communication (NESCom), Communications Technology

Cameron Willette (GHS '13), Ithaca College's School of Health Sciences and Human Performance

The following students were named to the Dean's List at **Maine Maritime Academy**: **Kenneth Estes, Peter Frager, Abraham Kilborn and Benjamin Seale.**

The following students were named to the Dean's List at the **University of Maine Orono**: **Morgan Briggs, Abegayle Brown, Rachele Burns, Ashley Corbeau-Hasenflu, Joseph DeRoy, Johna Doyla, Chelsea Eagan, William Eldridge, Molly Folan, Leah Keene, Christopher Nystrom, Jesse Orach, Christa Para, Eric Plourde, Benjamin Pomeroy, Garrett Raymond, Marissa Roberts, Michael SeeHusen, Lindsey Smith, Matthew Southard, Rachael Webster and Lisa Wong.**

The following part-time students were named to the Dean's List at the **University of Southern Maine**: **Tiffany Amoroso, Emily Carle, Samantha Chapin, Daniel Fecteau, Dane Grondin, Rebecca Henderson, Laurie Holmes, Patricia Kaczmarek, Jennifer Koenig, Tatiana Levashova, Tony Molina, Jennifer Neal, Jessica Pao, Alex Whitaker and Nathaniel Wineriter.**

OF INTEREST

Rebecca Winslow has been promoted to Senior VP, Director of Sales at Gorham Savings Bank. Winslow, who is the past president of the Gorham Business Exchange and current member of the Gorham Economic Development Committee, has over 25 years of experience in retail banking and business development.

Gorham High School Class of 1964 will hold their 50th Class Reunion on Saturday, Oct. 11 at The Roost in Buxton. A social hour from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. with buffet dinner at 6:30 p.m. Searching for class members **Barbara Deering, Paul Dodge, Amy MacLeod, Marie Mercier, Dorothy Wight, Sandra Herrick Keith, Cheryl Morin Martin, Peter Erskine, Sharon Borge Martin, Sharon Metayer Mayberry, Sharon O'Brien Day, Richard Bryant, Suzanne Hayes, Diane Coombs Hamilton, Kathy Walker Silke and Reed Pelletier.** FMI, email chooper@fairpoint.net or swatson222@gmail.com or call Sue Morton Watson at 318-9722.



The **West Gorham Union Church** on Rt. 25, 190 Ossipee Trail, Gorham, will have its **Annual Blueberry Gala on Saturday, Aug 9 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.** featuring pies, breads, cookies, whoopie pies, jams and fresh blueberries by the box. Hot dogs for lunch, silent auction and yard sale.

Visiting students, ages 15-18, from Germany, Spain, Switzerland, and Thailand are seeking host families in and around Gorham for the upcoming 2014-2015 academic school year. FMI, contact Maine representative, Joe Bissell at j.bissell@international-experience.net or call 517-388-8948. Host families may review prospective student profiles online at iE-USA.org. Families interested in hosting this year must apply by August 15, 2014.

Country Music Night at Spire 29 on the Square with the Tina Kelly Band on **Friday, Aug. 1 from 7-11 p.m.** Doors open at 6 p.m. \$10 in advance/\$13 at door. FMI, 222-2068.

The **Gorham Arts Alliance (GAA)** summer theater camp recently presented "The Wizard of Oz" at the Gorham Middle School. Pictured are **Corinne Ulmer, Amelia Yahwak, Quintessa Bissonnette, Chloe Cyr, Matilda McColl, Melanie Wright, Amy Cropper, Gianna Stevens, Nathan Bachner, Jackson Robbins, Maeve Donnelly, Autumn Heil, and Julia Downey.** Directors were Benjamin Potvin and Sara Valentine.



ON-GOING EVENTS

The **Gorham Food Pantry**, located at 299-B Main St. (parking lot of St. Anne's Catholic Church), is open every Thursday morning from 9 -11 a.m. and the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of every month from 6 - 7 p.m. Free for Gorham residents in need. FMI, 222-4351 or visit www.gorhamfoodpantry.org.

The **Lakes Region Senior Center's** new summer location will be at the **White Rock Grange at 33 Wilson Road (off Rt. 237) in Gorham.** The LRSC is a great place for daily socializing, independent activities and good conversation. Mahjong lessons on Monday; poker, crafting and card games on Tuesday; Chair Yoga with a Nutrition and Weight Support Group on Wednesday; and Bingo on Thursday. FMI, call Cheryl 892-9879 or Blanche 892-5604.

The **Gorham Medical Closet** located at the Municipal Center, 75 South St., is free and available to Gorham residents in need of portable wheelchairs, hospital beds, shower seats, commodes, walkers, canes and more. FMI, call 839-4579, 839-3630 or 839-3936.

CLOSE TO HOME

VNA Home Health Hospice is offering an **open grief support meeting** on the first Tuesday of every month beginning Aug. 5 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the North Windham Union Church, 723 Roosevelt Trail, Rt. 302, Windham. FMI, Linda Hopkins at 400-8714. This is a free community outreach service.

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Gorham-Grown Hops for Sebago's New Brew

BY NOAH MINER
Staff Writer

In case you have not noticed the tall poles and vines on the east side of Gray Road just south of Little Falls, the Hamblens are growing hops. Large cedar poles support an elevated wire from which a string made of coconut husks is suspended allowing hop vines to climb for the sky.

Charlie Hamblen's family has owned farmland in Gorham since 1783 and, until last year, has produced hay. Now he is in his second year of growing hops, an aromatic ingredient in the beer brewing process. According to Sebago Brewing Company's G. Scott Harvey, who prefers to be called "Harv," some of these locally grown hops will be used to brew a beer called Local Harvest.

According to Hamblen, the craft beer industry is taking off. The Hamblens currently have two acres dedicated to hop production with plans to expand to seven acres.

Before prohibition, hop farming was prevalent in the northeast. After prohibition, hop farming moved west to Oregon and Washington and never rebounded in the northeast. Now, with demand from local breweries and farmers looking for ways to maintain Maine's agricultural tradition, hops are getting another chance.

Hops are flowers about the size of a small grape that contain oils and aromatics, which help preserve the beer and add to its bitter taste. They

are perennial plants that reach maturity in three years.

Picking hops is a labor-intensive process. The entire 22-foot vine is cut from the trellis and laid flat for hand picking, or run through a mechanical harvester. The hops are then dried, pelletized, and frozen to maintain quality. Harvest is a busy time; there is a short window in which to perform the harvest in order to maintain optimum flavor and aromatic qualities of the hops.

Beer brewing at Sebago Brewing Company is a multi-stage process. It starts with mixture of barley and water that is mechanically mixed in the "mash tank." The sugar water or "wort" is extracted from the barley in this process leaving behind spent grains that are used to feed the deer at Applegate Deer Farm in West Newfield. The wort is sent to the kettle where it is boiled to sanitize it and breakdown proteins. During this boil the hops are added, which, in some brews, occurs four times during a 90-minute boil. When the hops are added determines the flavor and aroma of a brew. Hops added early in the boil have their aromatic quality boiled off leaving behind oily residue that adds a mouth feel. Hops added midway into the boil contribute to flavor, and hops added late in the boil contribute to the aromatic quality of the brew since the aromatics do not get a chance to boil off. After the boil, the wort is moved to the fermentation tanks where yeast



Photo credit Amanda Landry

Charlie Hamblen stands with his nephew Calvin Kuntz among the hop vines growing on his newly expanded hop farm off Gray Road.

is introduced and carbon dioxide and alcohol are produced. Once the desired alcohol content is reached, the fermentation process is stopped by rapidly cooling the fermentation vessel. It is then moved to the "bright" tank for forced carbonation and packaging.

Sebago Brewing Company does all its brewing at its 18,000 square foot facility in the Gorham Industrial Park. This non-descript building only lends itself to being a brewery by the logo on the grain silo adjacent the building. The facility employs 15 people and brewed 7,800 barrels of

beer last year. Their beer is available at four Maine restaurants and distributed throughout New England. They have four year-round beers and another ten that alternate according to the season and brewery schedule. The Local Harvest brew, using barley from Aroostook County and Hops from Gorham, will be available sometime in September.

Free tours and tastings are available Monday through Friday at 2 p.m. Call ahead to confirm. Half-gallon bottles, known as "growlers," can be filled Wednesday through Friday from 3 to 5 p.m. for seven dollars.



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Gorham Times Goes International




Photo courtesy of Jeff Clark

Recently a group of Gorham residents went on a mission to build a house in the village of El Playón, Honduras. Pictured with a local resident reading the Gorham Times are Pete and Kathy Walker, Kristin Uhlig, Dianne Nason and Jeff Clark.

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Vehicles can be Hiding Spots

Officer spoke to a girl located under a vehicle at her place of business. He tried to advise her of the situation, which had nothing to do with criminal intent towards her building or vehicles. She wanted no part of this idea in conversation because she was convinced it was an attempt by two females and a male to steal her \$30,000 GPS system.

Officers responded to a possible domestic violence incident on Narragansett Street from caller who reported her ex-girlfriend had tried to run her over. She was actually hiding under vehicle. Officer gave her a ride to Buxton line where Buxton Police Department drove her to Toll Rd.

Suspicious person on Fort Hill Road had pulled in to smoke a cigarette and play Words with Friends. He smokes here so his family will not know he is smoking.

Ball Park Road caller told officer her neighbor has helped her with yard work etc. for around five years. Now she feels uncomfortable about it and wants him to stop.

Man stopped on Buck Street and charged with OUI.

A Shaw's Mill Road couple is going through a divorce but no paperwork has been filed as yet. Husband found out that his soon to be ex-wife is seeing someone else and showed up to confront her about it.

Gray Road woman was upset that her daughter dumped out her alcohol. A verbal argument ensued. Daughter claimed that mom is an alcoholic and it needed to be done.

Officer stopped man doing 74 in a 50 mph zone on Fort Hill Road. Driver smelled of alcohol and his eyes were red. He was arrested for OUI and speeding.

Woman told employees at Farrington Road business that she was being followed by 15 vehicles. All 15 vehicles belonged to customers of the business. Officer contacted woman's caseworker.

Marston Drive caller reported that a woman was holding his property hostage and want-

ed \$15 to return it. Officer told her to return property and advised her that if male party made her uncomfortable, officer can do an escort to keep to keep the peace.

Caller stated that his son is incarcerated but did not give permission for his ex-girlfriend, who lives in Gorham, to take and possibly sell his vehicle.

Caller requested assistance with her 16-year-old daughter. The mother didn't want her seeing her boyfriend and daughter was refusing to say at home.

Timber Ridge Road woman advised that she followed her ex-husband across Gray Road and observed him operating erratically. She last saw the vehicle headed toward Main Street.

Maple Ridge Road woman was advised that she would not be arrested after giving her estranged husband three weeks to remove his marijuana plants. He subsequently came into the Police Department and was advised it was a civil issue but that he should remove his plants since he is no longer living there. Man insisted he still lives at that address.

Ridgeway Avenue man came to Police Department to report that he and his family were currently being harassed. He requested the police serve a harassment notice.

Barstow Road caller received a check in the mail for \$1,400. It was followed by an e-mail that was an obvious fraud. The e-mail asked her to cash the check and send the extra money to a "sick mother" in another country.

Cashier at an Ossipee Trail business triggered her hold up alarm. While in route to the store, dispatch advised officer they had made phone contact with cashier who wanted to report the theft of a six pack of beer.

CALENDAR

THURSDAY, JUL. 31

• ABC's of Summer Art – Books and Brushes, 10-11:30 a.m., Baxter Memorial Library.

SATURDAY, AUG. 2

• Greater Gorham Farmers Market, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., South St. next to Baxter Memorial Library.

SUNDAY, AUG. 3

• Cressey Road United Methodist Church Praise and Bagels Service. 9-10 a.m., 81 Cressey Road. FMI, 839-3111.

TUESDAY, AUG. 5

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

• Cornerstones of Science – Aerospace for ages 5-11, 1-2 p.m. Baxter Memorial Library.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 6

• Chill Out with Stories and Popsicles, 1:30-2:30 p.m., Baxter Memorial Library.

THURSDAY, AUG. 7

• Teddy Bear Picnic for ages 0-36 mos., 11 a.m. Baxter Memorial Library.

• Baxter Junior Tanglers for ages 8 and up, 1-2 p.m., Baxter Memorial Library.

FRIDAY, AUG. 8

• Friday Crafternoon, all ages, 1:30 p.m., Baxter Memorial Library.

SATURDAY, AUG. 9

• Greater Gorham Farmers Market, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., South St. next to Baxter Memorial Library.

MONDAY, AUG. 11

• Bedtime Math with Diane Caswell, all ages, 6-6:30 p.m. Baxter Memorial Library.

TUESDAY, AUG. 12

• Cornerstones of Science – Aerospace for ages 5-11, 1-2 p.m. Baxter Memorial Library.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 13

• Yoga for kids, ages 5 – 11, 1 – 2 p.m. Baxter Memorial Library.

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Iris Society Auction at Treworgy Gardens

BY HARRIET B. L. ROBINSON
President, Maine Iris Society

The Maine Iris Society held a very successful auction on July 19 at the Treworgy Gardens.

Participants at the auction, both Iris Society members and the general public, enjoyed seeing the gardens and bidding on the plants donated by Society members.

Irises, including tall bearded rhizomes and potted Japanese, Siberian and species, went to the highest bidder. Hostas and day lilies were also included in the auction. Some plants went for high prices to serious collectors while many went for more modest prices. A bargain table was set up at the end for those who wanted a few choice plants but did not want to pay top dollar.

Iris Society members were particularly pleased that many people

came to the auction who had never participated before. Some gardening enthusiasts left as new members of the group while others were simply happy to have a few new plant purchases.

The auction is a yearly tradition. The garden's founders, Phyllis and Audway "Stubby" Treworgy were members of the Iris Society but also raised many different kinds of shrubs and perennials in their five-acre garden. Their daughter, Linda Faatz, now tends the garden and has added her own personal touches. The auction is a chance for the public to see the five-acre prize-winning garden as well as a chance to buy plants to add to their collection. Next year's auction will be held in July.

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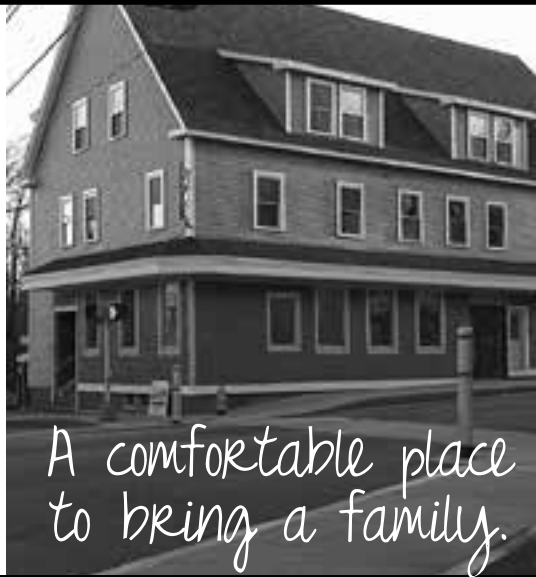
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