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Daytime Burglary and Assault on Huston Road

SHERI FABER
Staff Writer

On July 19 at about 4:15 p.m., Gorham officers responded to a Huston Road residence where there had been a burglary and an assault of the resident as the suspects forced their way inside through the back door to the home. The men stole various items from the home and fled on foot toward Route 237 and in the general direction of Hannah Drive. Both suspects, white males in their 20's, were wearing white T-shirts and blue jeans. One had short black hair and the other had short brown hair. Any witnesses are asked to contact Detective Steven Rappold at 222-1660 with any information.

"At this time, this appears to be an isolated incident. While we don't have any specific information suggesting the public is at risk, we encourage residents to be vigilant and safety conscious," said Detective Sergeant Dana Thompson.

Main Street Construction Water mains and road to be upgraded

SHERI FABER
Staff Writer

The Maine Department of Transportation (MDOT) notified the town of their plans to repave Main and State Streets from Johnson Road to just past the entrance to USM on Route 25.

The original road was built with concrete slabs--a now obsolete method. In the late 1980's, those slabs were breached when the road was dug up to install trenches for sewer pipes. This left the road nearest the sidewalks in poor condition, as this was the section built over the new trenches.

After discussions with all parties, the town voted for a referendum in November to obtain voter approval to spend \$600,000, Gorham's share of what will be a \$2.2 million state

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Daniel Jones of Kennebunk Named New Police Chief

SHERI FABER
Staff Writer

Daniel Jones, currently the deputy chief for the Kennebunk Police Department, was recently named the new chief of police for Gorham.

Jones previously served as the detective, supervisory constable and lieutenant in Kennebunk before becoming the deputy chief in 2014. Prior to that, he worked for the Saint Lucie County Sheriff's Office in Fort Pierce, Florida and was a task force officer with the United States Drug Enforcement Administration and with the United States Customs Service. He also worked for the Fort Pierce (Florida) Police Department.

Jones has an Associate Degree in Criminal Justice and expects to earn his bachelor degree this December. He is also a 2012 graduate of the FBI National Academy. Leaders and managers in law enforcement are selected for the FBI Academy by invitation only.

Originally from Long Island, New York, Jones moved to Maine after vis-



Photo courtesy of Daniel Jones

Daniel Jones, the new chief of police in Gorham

iting several times--summer and winter. "Maine is like coming home for me as Kennebunk is like my hometown was 40 years ago."

Jones has four children: the older son and daughter are grown while the two younger boys still live at

home. One is training to be a firefighter/EMT and the other is a senior in high school.

"I am excited about this opportunity to be the next Gorham police chief. The Gorham community, municipal government, and Gorham Police Department all have great people. Law enforcement is all about relationships and people." Jones went on to say, "Before I decided to apply for the position, I learned what I could about the Police Department and the citizens of Gorham. Everything I heard was positive. The fact that Gorham is the fastest growing community in Maine is a testament to that. The growth itself will present challenges for the Police Department, but challenges are why we go to work each day. The Town Manager and Town Council obviously believe in my ability to run the Police Department and I appreciate that. My goal is to earn the trust of the officers so we can work together to serve the community."

Jones will begin his job as chief with the Gorham Police Department on August 24.

State Budget Details Finalized

SHERI FABER
Staff Writer

Following a tumultuous legislative session with legislators from both political parties voting to override many of Governor LePage's vetoes, a new budget has been finalized with revenue sharing for municipalities maintained at \$62.5 million. Revenue sharing is the amount the state returns to local communities from income, sales and other taxes paid to the state by those communities. Gorham will receive approximately \$1.8 million again this year.

Specific changes in the budget include:

- The standard deduction is almost doubled increasing to \$11,600 and gets phased out starting at \$70,000 in income for single filers. And gets completely phased out at \$140,000. This is designed to help low and middle income earners.

- The Homestead Property Tax Credit increases from \$10,000 to \$15,000 in 2016 and to \$20,000 in 2017. This tax credit has been underutilized and should be used more often by homeowners. The Homestead credit can save homeowners several hundred to several thousand dollars annually.

- General Purpose aid to schools across the state increases by \$80 million.

- Sales and use taxes stay the same (5.5%). The tax on restaurant meals increases to 8% and the lodging tax increases to 9% as of January 1, 2016.

- The mortgage deduction remains the same.

- A new sales tax credit was created to offset the sales tax costs for low income Mainers.

- State income tax was reduced with the top bracket lowered to 7.15%.

State Representative Andrew McLean noted, "The focus of the bud-

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Senior Games To Be Held at New Pickleball Courts in Little Falls

CHRIS CRAWFORD
Staff Writer

Word is spreading fast, proving that if you build it, they will come. Gorham has three new state-of-the-art courts dedicated specifically for pickleball, making it a Mecca-of-sorts for the growing number of pickleball enthusiasts in the greater Portland area. In fact, on August 15 and 16, Gorham will host the Maine Senior Pickleball Games which will draw close to 100 players from all over the state, New England, and beyond.

The new courts, adjacent to the Little Falls School on Route 202,

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The *Gorham Times* asked our three state legislators from Senate District Six, House District 129 and House District 130 to provide us with "News from Augusta." We publish their articles on a rotating basis. The submissions are devoted to updates of legislative and administrative news, proposed and passed bills and laws, and developments and events that are of interest and have an impact to Gorham residents. The *Gorham Times* reserves the right to edit the submissions and it further reserves the right to reject any submission, in its sole discretion.

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A Principled Objection

SEN. AMY VOLK

This year, my third term in the Maine legislature, marked the third biennial budget I have voted on-- the first I voted against. You, my constituents, deserve to know how I arrived at my decision. It was a decision I did not take lightly, even knowing the budget would ultimately pass.

Appropriations Committee members on both sides of the aisle spent countless hours combing through numbers, taking testimony from the public, working with policy committees, talking to interested parties and negotiating, often late into the night seven days a week. In spite of their hard work over many months, Appropriations Committee members were unable to come to a unanimous agreement. This resulted in the final portions of the budget being negotiated by legislative leadership.

I did vote for this state budget the first time it came before the Senate. I was relieved we had a budget compromise and pleased it appeared to have some tax reform in it.

As a member of the "Gang of 11," the bipartisan group which got the state seriously talking tax reform in 2013, I campaigned on reform. I felt very optimistic that with the governor proposing an ambitious plan to eliminate income tax, both parties talking reform, and major organizations such

as the Maine State Chamber finally on board, we could accomplish some meaningful change.

My initial impression of the budget compromise was that, in addition to a slightly lower income tax, there were things to support, such as maintaining revenue sharing, increased homestead exemptions and increased funding for education, all of which should help control property taxes. The new budget also lowers the estate tax, linking it to the federal level, which is very important to family businesses, farms and landowners. It also offers a modest refundable sales tax credit to residents, an idea originally proposed by the "Gang of 11" in 2013.

Though I certainly am pleased with those aspects of the budget, I felt I needed to record my opposition to other aspects of the compromise. For example, I do not believe there is enough tax relief for job creators and many small businesses. In fact, several business tax credits are eliminated and there was no reduction in the corporate income tax. Additionally, I was not comfortable with certain provisions that will put new limits on how much people claim for charitable deductions.

Furthermore, I felt we were leaving money on the table by not exporting more of our taxes to Maine's 30 million annual tourists. We could have gone further in broadening the sales tax and

increasing the meals and lodging taxes to capture some of those tourist dollars.

My decision to vote to sustain the governor's veto is not one I made lightly. My vote does not indicate support for the initially proposed LePage budget. However, I believe we missed the best opportunity we have had in years to transform our economy for the better. Casting a vote against the budget was my last chance to take a stand.

Without major tax reform, my fear is Maine will continue to limp along economically. It saddens me that Maine cannot seem to embrace changes to build a stronger economy for the long-term. We cannot stand to see more young people leave Maine and never return because of a lack of opportunity.

As your State Senator, I will continue to support legislation to grow our economy, increase job availability and invest in future generations. My final vote on the budget was one way of standing publicly in support of my beliefs about economic policy and the need for reform.



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Fresh garden produce requested at Pantry

DIANE O'NEILL

President, Gorham Food Pantry

Local gardeners are beginning to harvest summer vegetables, and the Gorham Food Pantry (GFP) would like to thank area growers for all the fresh produce received so far this summer.

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each month from 6 to 7 p.m. GFP is located at 299B Main Street, next to Saint Anne's Church.

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Emma Wojtal, a Caring Nurse Practitioner in Inner City New York

CHRIS CRAWFORD
Staff Writer

For the past three years, Emma Wojtal (GHS '04) has been a dedicated health care professional, caring for children as a pediatric nurse practitioner (NP) at a large teaching hospital in the Bronx, New York. She also frequently rotates over to a smaller pediatric emergency department. At both city hospitals, she takes care of a largely underserved population. Wojtal said, "I strongly feel that health care should be a human right and not a privilege. I work very hard to take care of my patients the way I would want my own children to be taken care of."

Nurse practitioners have master's degrees in specialty roles that entitle them to take on more advanced duties than those given to a standard registered nurse. An NP works with patients to create a treatment plan to manage or improve the patient's health. NP's usually work independently and can order tests or prescribe medication. When necessary, a nurse practitioner works alongside another health professional, such as a doctor, in order to better treat the patient.

Wojtal graduated in 2008 from the University of Maine Orono with a Bachelor of Art in Psychology with a zoology minor. "I got a fabulous education at UMaine and regularly advise people to consider the really amazing programs offered by public universities," she said.

A turning point in her career path occurred when she participated in a summer internship working with delirium patients in the ICU at Maine Medical Center prior to her fourth year at college. She worked closely with a critical care attending physician and also with the registered nurses who took care of the patients in her study. "I realized during this internship that I wanted to work closely with other people, caring for them and applying science to practice, not just doing research behind a computer," said Wojtal.

After graduation, she looked into both pre-med and nurse practitioner (NP) programs and decided she wanted to be an NP. "I loved the nursing role and have always loved kids," she said. She liked the idea of being autonomous after her schooling and she also wanted a program that would allow her to be out of school and working in fewer than five years. "I knew I eventually wanted

a family and didn't want to be in med school, residency and fellowship for eight to 10 years," she said.

In 2009, she graduated from Columbia University's Entry to Practice accelerated nursing program with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing, earned a Masters in Nursing there in 2012, and then passed the national board exam to become a certified pediatric nurse practitioner.

The cost of her nursing and NP program continues to be a big challenge for her financially. Although Wojtal worked full time as an RN through her graduate programs to help pay for some of the costs, she still graduated with a large debt.

Challenges in her work include the general emotional stress of a career in the medical field with its incumbent pressure to avoid all mistakes or unintentionally causing harm. "The weight of what I do everyday can be hard to handle. Even after three years as a nurse practitioner, I still have daily struggles with feeling confident I've made the best decisions for my patients," she said.

Wojtal also works in a level 1 trauma center where she sees everything from colds and ear infections to car accidents, gun shot wounds, and assaults. While her work is generally stressful, the hardest part for her is dealing with the death of a child and the grief of parents. "It is easy for me to go into emergency mode and help during a trauma, but on the fortunately rare but no less terrible occasion when a resuscitation isn't successful, finding ways to support a parent who just lost their child is the hardest thing I have to do," she said.



Photo credit

Emma Wojtal, CPNP, MSN is a pediatric nurse practitioner at a hospital in Bronx, New York.

Wojtal has relied on countless mentors throughout her nursing and medical education. "You get very comfortable with asking questions in this field, especially of those who have a lot of experience. I am fortunate to work with many wonderful and skilled people," she said.

When asked about her educational experience in the Gorham Schools, Wojtal said, "I loved school as a kid. I had so many fabulous teachers

that I almost feel bad listing only a few." Cathy Bryson was her favorite elementary school teacher. "I was a very sensitive kid, very curious and engaged. Ms. Bryson really helped me to come out of my shell," she said. Wojtal also fondly recalled Sarah Needleman, her eighth grade homeroom, language arts and science teacher. "She encouraged my compassion and caring and treated me not like a middle-schooler but as another human being. I feel like I grew so much as a person the year I had her," said Wojtal. She also recognized the many high school teachers who helped shape the critical thinking skills she employs daily as an NP.

Wojtal loves being from Maine. "Mainers are a hard-working and caring bunch. That work ethic has really helped me in the medical field," she said. Wojtal has fond memories of taking dance classes at the Dance Studio of Maine and competing in dance teams which helped her to work well in a group and also honed her listening and memory skills--all important skills in her current field. She also fondly remembers the snow tube run her family used to shovel out in their backyard, which was enjoyed by neighbors and relatives alike.

Wojtal currently lives in Manhattan. She enjoys running and is an avid reader. She is the daughter of Ann Withington and Michael Wojtal. Her brother Andrew is a GHS '07 graduate.

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Six Steps To Speed Up Windows Computer Performance

RYAN BREault

In our fast paced world, we are always looking for the quickest way to get things done. We barely have time to wait for our coffee to brew and our microwave popcorn to pop, so who has time for a slow computer?

One of the first steps to help speed things up is to empty the Recycle Bin. First, check the contents of your Recycle Bin to ensure there are no files you really want to keep. After that, it is easy. Just point your cursor to the Recycle Bin icon on your desktop, right-click, and select "Empty Recycle Bin."

Next, open your web browser and delete the Cookies and Temporary Internet Files (cache). The steps for this are different for each browser so search for the best way to do this for your particular browser.

These two procedures are the low hanging fruit, the quickest and easiest items to do first.

Next up, is a Disk Cleanup. To do this, click on Start, All Programs, Accessories, System Tools, Disk Cleanup. The Disk Cleanup tool will begin calculating how much space you will be able to free. Once finished, it will give you a list of files

to delete. It will already have some files selected, however, you can go through the list and check off the files you want to delete. Finally, click OK.

Next in line is disk defragmentation. This can be a long process so you should probably set this up during a time when have time to kill or when you can just walk away for some time. To begin, go to Start, All Programs, Accessories, System Tools, Disk Defragmenter, and click Analyze. If you are lucky, the message will read, "You do not need to defragment this volume," but more than likely, you will have to click on "Defragment" and go do something else for an hour or two. If you are running Windows 7 or 8, you will not need to follow these steps as these operating systems run defragmentation automatically.

Now it is time to run a spyware scan. Most people do not realize how easily your computer can be infected with spyware, so running frequent scans is highly recommended. You may have had spyware running on your computer without knowing it. You can use any anti-spyware program you choose yet be aware that no one program gets rid of every-

thing. To play it safe, you should run two or three different programs.

Once the scans are complete and any spyware is taken care of, it is time for the last step: running an anti-virus scan. It is highly recommended you have an anti-virus program installed on your computer. This scan could take anywhere from 20 minutes to a couple of hours depending on how many files you have on your hard drive so, once again, run it and go grab a cup of coffee and come back in about an hour.

Now, restart your computer. You will be surprised at how agile it now feels. It is a good idea to follow these steps at least once per month. Some steps can even be configured to run automatically. By doing this, you will keep your computer performing almost as it did when you first bought it.



Ryan Breault owns Omni Technical Consulting, based in Gorham, which helps small and medium businesses increase productivity and reduce technology costs. He has worked in technology for over 17 years and is a life-long, proud Maine resident.

Main Street Construction

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road improvement project. The plan includes breaking up the cement underneath the blacktop and replacing the water mains, which are over 100 years old. Portland Water District's share of the project will be \$500,000. The MDOT will fund the remaining \$1.1 million as Main and State Streets are both part of the state owned Route 25.

If the town of Gorham does not approve these funds, the state will just resurface the road and will not upgrade the water pipes, nor replace the crumbling cement sections.

State Budget

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get was on providing tax relief for low and middle income earners. The bipartisan state budget is a big win for Maine families and our economy. While not perfect, it is an example of what can be done when members of both parties work together. This budget provides the largest benefit to middle class and working families, while investing in our economic future. The budget targets income tax cuts to middle-and low-income families, doubles direct property tax relief for all families and invests in students and workers. It also includes meaningful welfare reform, eliminating the so-called welfare 'cliff' to ease the transition from welfare to work for struggling families."

JULY 7, 2015

Town Council Report

JACOB ADAMS
Staff Writer

- David Cole reported that he gave a 15-year service pin to Danielle Grady of Baxter Memorial Library. He also reported that the town received the prestigious Certificate of Achievement in Financial Reporting for the eleventh year in a row and thanked Finance Director Sharon LaFlamme.

- Town Council approved an application for a BYOB Permit for Terri Caldwell to host a GHS class reunion at the Harmony Masonic Hall, 33 Cressey Street. (7-0)

- Town Council authorized a referendum for Election Day, November 3, to borrow and expend up to \$600,000 for its share of a project to reconstruct Main Street in Gorham Village with town funds to be combined with funding from the Maine Department of Transportation and approximately \$500,000 from Portland Water District for a combined project estimated at \$2.2 million. Also, Town Council will sched-

ule a Public Hearing for October 6. For more information, see page 1. (6-1, Robinson)

- The Town Council accepted an offer from Rocky Achroyd on a small parcel of land (Tax Map 111, Block 83, Lot 3) located between his property at 838 Gray Road and Tow Path Road for \$3,600. (7-0)

- Town Council authorized a Trash Bag Tag program as an option for the Town's Solid Waste Curbside Collection Program. The price of each tag will be \$1.25/tag (\$12.50 for a packet of 10 tags) for commercial trash bags up to 15 gallons and \$2.50/tag (12.50 for a packet of 5 tags) for trash bags up to 33 gallons. (4-3, Robinson, Shepard, and Moulton)

- Town Council approved the revised Collection Development Policy for Baxter Memorial Library, as recommended by the Trustees of the Library. (7-0)

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Gorham Under Construction



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Work being completed on Preble Street will include improvements to the storm drain system. The street will be reconstructed and paved, and there will be improved sidewalks and granite curbs. The end result will be very similar to the work completed on Lincoln Avenue last year.



Photo credit Roger Marchand

At 109 Main Street work is well underway for the new commercial space built where the old Mobil Station was.



Photo credit Roger Marchand

The area in front of the Public Safety Building has been leveled and foundation work has recently begun.



Photo credit Roger Marchand

Ridgewood, part of Avesta Housing, is expanding to create a multi-level housing complex between School Street and their current apartment buildings.

CLERK'S CORNER

Summertime Reminders

JENNIFER ELLIOTT
Town Clerk

Hopefully everyone is enjoying their summer. Here are a few reminders:

The warm weather has finally arrived! Remember the inside of your car can reach extremely high temperatures, so please do not leave pets inside your car unattended.

You can register your ATV or boat and get your fishing license at the Town Hall or online at our website.

The Municipal election will be held on Tuesday, November 3 for the purpose of electing two (2) people to the Town Council and two (2) people to the School Board

for three-year terms. Nomination papers will be available on Monday, August 5 at the Town Clerk's office and must be returned no later than Friday, September 18 at 1 p.m.

We are always looking for election workers. If interested, please contact Jennifer Elliott or Laurie Nordfors at 222-1670.

Enjoy the rest of your summer.



Jennifer Elliott can be reached by e-mail at jelliott@gorham.me.us or by phone at 222-1674.

Fundraising for Firefighter Memorial

ROGER MARCHAND
Staff Writer

Over the past ten years, the Gorham Fire Department has been fundraising to erect a firefighter memorial in remembrance of those who have been or still are part of the Gorham Fire Department. The fundraising committee has raised over \$30,000 toward the final cost of approximately \$55,000. The goal is to raise all the money by the time the new Public Safety complex is completed.

The memorial will be located in an alcove between the new police headquarters and the refurbished fire department building. The monument

will have a 6-foot-5-inch statue of a fireman in full gear in front of three granite tablets that will contain information about the fire department, as well as the names of firefighters who have lost their lives while on duty. The members of the Memorial Committee have not fully finalized the content of the tablets at this time, yet the statue has been ordered and is currently being developed by Collette Monuments of Lewiston. The memorial will also have four benches surrounding the monument: three in honor of three fire department members who died while in service, and one for a live-in student volunteer who died in a tragic incident.

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The Gorham Fire Department is currently selling brick pavers to be placed around the monument. These pavers will commemorate past and present members, or their families, of those who served on the fire department. The goal is to have as many names as possible on the memorial. Pavers can be purchased through the town website, www.gorham-me.org, or by calling the Gorham Fire Department at 222-1660.

The Gorham Fire Department is currently selling brick pavers to be placed around the monument. These pavers will commemorate past and present members, or their families, of those who served on the fire department.

Since the project is being done with private—not town—money, fundraising has been an important aspect of the project. Generous donations have been received from families of former firefighters and local businesses have also been involved. A raffle, in which Cabella's donated all the prizes, is currently taking place. The Fire Department held and is planning to hold future spaghetti suppers. Fundraising will continue until the final cost has been reached.



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The firefighter memorial will be located in an alcove between the new police headquarters and the refurbished fire department building.

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JASON SIMPSON
GHS Outing Club Advisor

The week before final exams at GHS can be difficult for students if they do not manage their time and stress levels. The GHS Outing Club, newly founded this school year by staff and students, wanted to finish strong, and they did.

Ten students took part in kayaking and stand-up paddle boarding. Each day after school during the week of June 8th, the students hit the water either at the East End Beach in Portland or in Cape Elizabeth's Kettle Cove. Both students and their advisor staff raved about how it was the perfect end to the school year. Student leader Alyda Twilley said, "It was so much fun to get out on the open ocean and see what we could do."

The Teens to Trails and Portland Paddle organizations provided generous funding toward guides and instruction for three days of exploring the harbor and learning two new sports. With the added risk inherent in water sports, the group could not have done this without Portland Paddle's expertise.

While the Outing Club at GHS is still an unfunded club in terms of the school budget, the group has found support outside the community. Teens to Trails awarded a \$500 grant this year and a free week's rent of an equipment trailer donated by the Maine Winter Sports Center that included six sea kayaks and six stand-up paddle boards.

Overall, the Outing Club had a good first year. The group hiked, did indoor

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JULY 13, 2015
Planning Board Results

SHERI FABER
Staff Writer

The following items were discussed or approved in the July 13 Planning Board meeting:

- The Board discussed and sent to the Planning Board Ordinance sub-committee an amendment to establish a conditional multi-use zone for the McLellan/Sampson House at 77 South Street.

- The Board approved with conditions Reali Realty's request for approval to demolish the existing building at 21 Main Street to create additional parking for Amato's.

- The Board approved with conditions Douces Wild, LLC Thirsty Turf Irrigation facility's request for approval to build in the Industrial Park a pre-engineered 10,700 square foot building and a 2,700 square foot building with parking and storage.

- A site plan amendment for additional maintenance and storage for DDI/Susan Duchaine corporate office property at 166 Narragansett Street was discussed and tabled.

The following items were tabled due to time constraints and were scheduled to be heard on July 20:

- A four-lot subdivision on 17.13 acres at 108 Shaw's Mill Road

- Matthew Libby's request for a 600-foot private way to serve one family off 340/342 Fort Hill Road

- Greg and Sue McCormack's request for approval of a private way off Maplewood Drive

- Guy Gledhill dba Gledhill Group LLC proposal for a 10 unit residential condominium located on four acres off Bramblewood Estates

- STJ, Inc. request for amendment to a 1996 Village Crossing subdivision to construct a six-lot subdivision on lot one of Village Crossing on 2.17 acres on Cumberland Lane.

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The Municipal election will be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2015 for the purpose of electing:

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Nomination papers will be available from the Town Clerk's Office beginning on Monday August 5, 2015. Any registered voter of the Town of Gorham who is interested in running for either of these offices must submit nomination papers with no less than 25 signatures and no more than 100 signatures of persons who are registered voters of the Town of Gorham. Completed nomination papers must be submitted to the Town Clerk's office no later than 1:00 p.m. on Friday, September 18, 2015.

Please contact the Town Clerk's Office at 222-1670 if you have any questions.

Gorham Youth Baseball and Softball Champs

U10 Babe Ruth Softball



Photo credit Amanda Landry Photography

The Dance Studio of Maine Team—front row, left to right: Anna Dumais, Lillian Zidle, Michelle Meacham, Annie Cunningham, Jayden Warren and Haley Tufts. Back row: Coach Katie Hazel, Coach Roni Bretton, Amber Bretton, Caroline Morrell, Marin Graham, Zoe Diffin, Kaci Mollison and Coach Kristin Mollison

U10 Cal Ripken Baseball



Courtesy photo

The 320ink Team—front row, left to right: Coach Lee Smith, Brady Wintle, Willem Eiten, Austin Stoddard, Caden Smith. Back row Coach Mike Wintle, Cody Sellick, Hayden Anderson, Asa Farley, Peter Wu and Coach Brian Sellick. Missing from photo are Ethan Homa, Luke Goodwin and Isaac Pressey.

GMS Students Go Solar

TERRY BARTICK
GHS teacher and STEM coordinator
for Gorham Middle School

If you were anywhere near Gorham Middle School on May 28, you might have wondered if they were having a fire drill when you saw how many students were out on the basketball court—at a time when they should have been in class. In actuality, those students were participating in the Junior Solar Sprint Challenge, a solar-powered vehicle race sponsored by the Army Educational Outreach Program.

Eighth grade science students worked in teams to design, build and race solar-powered cars. On this sunny day each of the science classes brought their creations out to

the basketball court to see how they would perform.

The Maine Energy Education Program set up a six-lane race track. Each lane was made from 20 meters of fishing line raised just off the ground, and the cars had to complete the course staying attached to this line. Each car had to meet design criteria, such as carrying a payload and connecting to a removable solar panel.

Students had the chance to do a practice run on the line before their official heat. Many students took advantage of the repair table set up nearby to make last-minute improvements before being called to the starting line.

The races were exciting, in some cases surprising, and perhaps a little nerve-racking. Many cars made it to the finish line, and although some did

U12 Babe Ruth Softball



Courtesy photo

The Auto Buying Assistant Team—left to right: Coach Seth Ionta, Steffers Meachum, Kiana Tracey, Amalia Ionta, Delaney Seed, Grace Bradshaw, Sadie Scholl, Sydney Fox, Morgan Roast, Tatum Philbrook, Tatyanna Biamby and Coach Mike Seed. Missing from the photo are Riley Grant and Coach Lea Ann Roast.

U12 Cal Ripken Baseball



Courtesy photo

The Allstate Insurance (Jane Bell) Team—front row from left to right: Pug Puglionesi, Trevor Bennett, Dom Garcia, Hunter Evans, Nick Williams and Trey Rosario. Second row: Griffin Lorananger, Ian Obrey, Matt Reno and Matt Norris. Back row: Coach Reno, Coach Garcia, Ryan Reno and Coach Evans.

GHS Outing Club

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rock climbing, and worked on winter camping skills as the enthusiastic advisors donated their time to provide these opportunities. Other advisors included GHS teachers Rachael Grady, Brigid Franey-Smith, Sally Reynolds and Darren Panagakos as well as community volunteers Ray Ronan and Dervin Grady. Over the course of the

recently completed school year, 20 students participated at various times.

Transportation proved to be a difficult issue for which the club hopes to find funding during the 2015-2016 school year. With funding for transportation, the Outing Club will be able to get more Gorham kids into the wilder parts of Maine.

not, it was great to see the students working together to solve problems. For some races it was sunny enough for the students to rely on the solar panel for power, but because of some intermittent clouds, there were groups that raced using battery packs instead.

There was more to the project than how the cars raced, though. Cars were also judged on Innovation in Design, Craftsmanship, and Best Use of Recycled Materials. At the end of the day, 17 teams of students were invited to advance to the state championship at the Owl's Head Transportation

Museum on June 6. Two teams went on to compete their solar-power cars—eighth-grade students Julia Downey and Matilda McColl as well as the team of Caitlyn McLellan and Emaly Howard.

The GMS community extends a special thanks to the many organizations that helped make this competition possible: The Maine Energy Education Program, The Gorham Educational Foundation, Ruth's Reusable Resources and the GHS AP Physics class as well as guest judges—Doug Carter of Carter's Auto Service and Shawn Moody of Moody's Collision Centers.

Pickleball Courts at Little Falls CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

were refurbished from a former enclosure for basketball, which had been in a serious state of disrepair for many years. The courts will have lines marked specifically for pickleball dimensions, roughly the size of a badminton court, and will also have permanently installed nets at the regulation 34 inches height in the middle.

Funding for the striping and overlay came from the Town's Recreation Department. A local paving company, Stone Paving, completed the pavement and Maine Tennis and Track did the color sealing and line striping. The three permanent nets and posts for the new courts cost approximately \$1,200 and were paid for by the ever-growing group of drop-in players who, during inclement weather, play regularly at Shaw Gym on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 9 to 11 a.m. and Friday from 6 to 8 p.m. Pickleball has been played in Gorham for over three years. The pool of players who participate has grown from six to 60 during that time.

Of course now that the weather is nice, most pickleball players will be outdoors on the new courts. And, if the weather permits, the Senior Games tournament will be held on the new dedicated courts as well as on several courts that will be lined across the street on the Little Falls Recreation tennis courts.

Cindy Hazelton of the Rec. Department said, "While at Little Falls Rec. area this week, I watched some older active adults playing pickleball and they had an audience watching them. It's great to see so many people enjoying the facility. Gorham Recreation has something for all ages and all seasons."

Just what is pickleball? One of the fastest growing sports, it has actually been around since its invention in the 1960's, and is supposedly named after the inventor's dog, Pickles, who liked to chase the balls.

There are 200,000 players in North America and the number grows weekly. Rocky Clark, the Atlantic Regional Pickleball director for the USA Pickleball Association (USAPA) and organizer of the Maine Senior Pickleball games said he believes much of its appeal is due to the fact that new players can become profi-

Tournament Specifics

August 15, 8 a.m.
(Men's and women's doubles)

August 16, 8 a.m.
(Mixed doubles and singles)

The tournament will be played as a round-robin, so all teams will play an equal number of games, win or lose. In case of rain, the tournament will move indoors to Shaw Gym.

cient at the sport fairly quickly. "It is really a sport for all ages. Strategy and finesse are more important than physical strength," he said. That is why you can see women playing competitively with men, as well as with players of various ages. And while it is a great whole body workout, it is relatively non-taxing on the body.

Equipment for the game is fairly inexpensive, too. The paddles are usually made of a high-tech composite material and are shaped like a super-sized ping-pong paddle. They range in price from \$50 to \$99. The balls are similar to a whiffle ball. Gorham Rec. has paddles available for newcomers to use.

Want to learn more about the game? Visit the USAPA website, www.usapa.org. You will also find hundreds of action clips of the sport on YouTube, or better yet, come play on the days listed above or come cheer on local Gorham participants, like Karl Frank, in the Senior Games. Bring chairs and water.

The Recreation Department would like to pass along some important rules for use of these new pickleball courts. Please park at Little Falls School, not along the side of the road when using the new courts. There is parking at the Robie School for the tennis/pickleball courts at the Little Falls Rec. area. Chairs are not permitted on the court surface at either facility. When the weather is warm, the chair legs can sink holes in the surface. Benches will be installed as the fundraising continues. Bathroom facilities are unavailable at this time

SPORTS

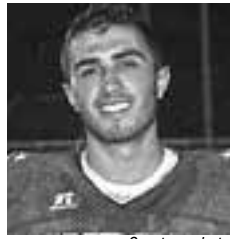
In the Zone

Gorham Doctor Goes Extreme Mountain Biking: Gorham resident Dr. Rob Lavoie, who is chairman of the Gorham Conservation Commission and owner of Chiropractic Clinic of Gorham, competed in the BC Bike Race in Vancouver June 28 to July 24. The seven-day mountain bike stage race covered a total of more than 200 miles ascending over 32,000 feet and required approximately 27 total hours to complete. "Dr. Rob," as he is called by his patients, burned more than 35,000 calories and finished 296th out of 620 finishers who came from all over the world and battled scorching temperatures. "My strengths were being able to ride the technique terrain in Vancouver as it is much like the northeastern US, with lots of roots and rocks," Lavoie says. "My challenge was all the climbing. Living at sea level, it was hard to train. Each day had long climbs, sometimes two or three times, and I would climb for over an hour at a time. Every day there were times when my entire body was telling me to stop, but I just had to keep pedaling!"

National Volleyball Champion: In June, The Maine Juniors 16-Gold Volleyball team, consisting of local players, including Gorham's Diana Kolb, won the Gray Division in the Classic Bracket at the AAU Junior National Volleyball Championships in Orlando. Kolb played middle blocker and is one of the team captains. During the tournament, she totaled 12 aces, 39 kills and 20 digs. The team won eight of 13 matches including its last seven in a row.

Spring Athlete of the Year: Gorham's Abby Biegel, a recent graduate of Cheverus High School, was named the Cheverus female Spring Athlete of the Year. Playing for the girls' lacrosse team, Biegel was an SMAA All-Star second-team team selection as well as an SMAA All-Academic Team selection. This year she was the top offensive threat for Cheverus, scoring 23 goals, and as a sophomore, she helped Cheverus win the Class A State Championship by scoring a goal. She will attend Plymouth State in New Hampshire next fall where she plans to play lacrosse.

Football All-Star: Recent GHS grad Zach Mills represented Gorham at the 27th-Annual Maine Shrine Lobster Bowl Classic football game June 18th in Biddeford. Playing defensive back, Mills helped the senior all stars from Western Maine defeat the senior all-stars from Eastern Maine, 45-21.



Zach Mills

Gorham's Golfing Family: Sydney Caron, entering her senior year at GHS, finished second in the girls' 15-17 division of the Maine State Golf Association (MSGA) tournament at Brunswick Golf Club. She also just finished 8th in the Maine Mixed-Team Championship at Boothbay Country Club July 12th. Her brother Mike Caron (GHS Class of 2013), who plays for the Saint Joseph's College of Maine the men's golf team, was one of 15 Maine golfers to qualify for the four-day New England Amateur Championship July 21-24 in New Hampshire, where he missed the cut after the second round. Mike also competed in the Maine Amateur at Waterville Country Club July 7-9 and finished 29th out of 132 golfers. Mike and his father Jim Caron were one three father/son groups to qualify for the event. Mike also placed fourth in the MSGA tournament at Naples Country Club July 17th, shooting a 1-over par 72.

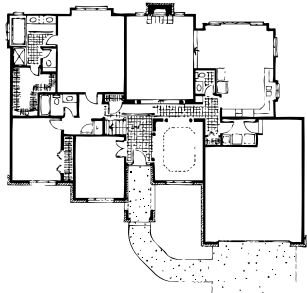
UNH Recruits Gorham Grad to Coach Field Hockey: The University of New Hampshire field hockey team recently hired Hannah Prince (GHS Class of 2010) as assistant coach. Chosen as the Miss Maine Field Hockey Player of the Year during her senior year in high school, Prince was a standout player as a defender for the University of Massachusetts. She is currently a member of the U.S. Women's National Team from which the team to represent the US in the 2016 Olympics will be chosen.

SportsEtc

Downing Family Organizing 10K Race in Support of Proposed National Park: Gorham's Downing Family, one of the most active running families in town, is helping to coordinate the Wild Maine Weekend event at Shin Pond August 22 and 23 to help raise funds in support of Teens to Trails and to show people what the Mt. Katahdin Region, including the proposed National Park land, has to offer. Sponsored by the Katahdin Woods & Waters and the Baxter Outdoors organizations, the event includes a 10K trail race and a runners' breakfast at the Mt. Chase Lodge as well as hiking, swimming, mountain biking, disc golf, beer tasting, BBQ, camping and yoga. To register, visit www.baxteroutdoors.com/events/2015_summer6.html. FMI, contact Mike Downing at 749-1029 or newmiked@gmail.com.

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Gorham School Department Retires Teachers, Principals and a Superintendent in 2015

COMPILED BY ANDREA MORRELL
School News Editor

At the end of the 2014-15 school year, the Gorham School Department said goodbye to a superintendent, two principals, and four teachers, lending to big changes for the 2015-16 school year.

Ted Sharp retired from Gorham after 11 years as superintendent of the Gorham Public Schools.



Photo credit Roger Marchand

Ted Sharp

Sharp earned an A.B. from Gettysburg College, majoring in American and Chinese history and earned his M.Ed. at Bridgewater State University in History and Educational Leadership. He engaged in advanced graduate study at Harvard University, concentrating his focus on educational leadership and ethics. He has also attended Oxford University in the U.K. on a summer fellowship.

He has been a professor in the International Master's Degree Program at Framingham State University for 14 years. This program offers the opportunity for expatriate and foreign nationals teaching in American International Schools with the opportunity to earn a master's degree in teaching or in educational leadership. The program has over 30 sites around the world.

He has served as headmaster of two independent schools and one international school and was superintendent of the Falmouth, Maine Schools for eight years. Sharp served as assistant dean of the School of Education at Boston University and during that time chaired the management team that had administrative responsibilities for the Boston University/City of Chelsea Schools Partnership--the most comprehensive educational reform initiative to date in the United States.

He also served on the senior staff of former U.S. Secretary of Education William Bennett as executive assistant, deputy undersecretary for Intergovernmental & Interagency Affairs. He has served as a consultant on projects and proposal assessments for the National Humanities Council, the National Endowment for the Humanities, and the National Trust for Historic Preservation at Montpelier, Virginia, the former residence of President James Madison.

Presently, Sharp serves on the Board of Trustees of North Yarmouth Academy, the Maine Humanities Council and the Executive Committee of MSSA (Maine School Superintendents Association). He has consulted with educators and education ministries in Europe and

the Middle East. He has served as a consultant for the New England Association of Schools & College in the U.S. and Europe, focusing on the status of accredited schools.

The most rewarding part of his job in Gorham has been: working with highly dedicated administrators, teachers and staff; establishing a district mantra: five schools, one district; integrating the Code of Conduct throughout their work in the district; successfully navigating the challenges of the recession; the privilege of serving as the superintendent; and watching students as they progress through the grades and their respective graduation.

On July 13, Sharp and his wife, Sharon, left for Beijing, China where he will assume a two-year position of interim head of school of Beijing City International School.

Polly Brann retired as principal of Narragansett School after 27 years in Gorham.

Brann received her B.S. in physical education and biology from University of Southern Maine in 1969. She taught physical education for three years and then stayed home with young children. She was hired in Gorham by Sandy Prince in 1986 and taught two years at Shaw Jr. High School in the self-contained (FLS) program.

She received her M.S. in exceptionalism from USM in 1988. She then transferred to Narragansett's (K-2) self-contained program in 1988 and piloted the Special and Regular Ed Inclusion Program with Sally Loughlin's third grade class.

Her career highlights include: presenting the "Integrating Regular and Special Education: A Formula for Success in Science and Social Studies,"

at the Fifth Northeast Symposium on Exceptional Children and Youth, Bangor, Maine 1991; team-taught science with two second grade teachers for two years; two-time recipient, UNUM Corporation/USM Assessment Award, "The Narragansett Habitat Study," 1992-1994; presented "The Narragansett Habitat Study" at the National Science Foundation Conference, Philadelphia, 1995; taught multiage second/third grade classroom, 1994-1996; teacher Scholar, 1996-1998; USM Clinical Faculty, 1996-1998; returned to multiage classroom, 1998-2003; Master of Science plus 30 credits, USM, 1999; leadership for Tomorrow's Schools program, USM, 2001-2003; grade two classroom teacher, three years; promoted to assistant principal at Narragansett, 2006, three years;



Photo credit Hockmeyer

Polly Brann

Certificate of Advanced Study, USM, 2007; assistant principal at White Rock and Narragansett K-2, 2009-2010; principal at White Rock and Narragansett K-2, 2010-2011; and principal at Narragansett K-5, 2011-2015.

The most rewarding part of her job has been influencing children and adults to be learners and leaders.

In her retirement, Brann plans to spend more time with grandchildren, give back to her local community of Freeport, and pursue hobbies of gardening, reading, collecting. She says she is open to opportunities.

Jane Esty retired as Great Falls principal after 34 years in Gorham.



Photo credit Becky Fortier

Jane Esty

Esty did her student teaching in 1981 at Charlotte Millet School, which was replaced by Narragansett School. That fall, she was given her first teaching job at Narragansett School the year it opened as a brand new facility. She has been in the Gorham School System ever since.

Her jobs have included: teaching fourth grade, multi-age four

through five, and sixth grade. She was released from classroom teaching duties to serve as a site liaison during Gorham's ATLAS school reform grant years, and then served as a K-12 teacher leader.

Esty became assistant principal of Village School in 1999 and then principal of Great Falls Elementary School the year it opened as a new facility in 2011.

She has many fond memories of students and their families and has had the privilege of serving side-by-side with numerous talented and dedicated staff. She has been positively influenced by her many unique experiences, both as a professional and as a person.

Her tenure at Great Falls School has been infinitely rewarding. It has been her honor to build this school community from the ground up with the many skilled and energetic staff there. She is proud of the work they have been able to accomplish together. It is an impressive school, not just because of the beautiful building, but because of the excellent work that happens inside of it.

She is thrilled to pass the torch to former assistant principal, Becky Fortier. Even though she is retiring from the Gorham School

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Department, she does not feel like her participation in the field of education is done. She is excited to see where that will take her. Additionally, she plans on spending more time with her family and traveling to explore new places.

Kathy Baker retired after 41 years--all in Gorham and all as a kindergarten teacher.

She started at Charlotte Millett School (replaced in the early 80s by Narragansett), and ended at Village School for the last four years, moving from building to building seven or eight times.

Baker says it has been an amazing journey through huge changes in education, and she was very excited to be able to end her career teaching all-day kindergarten.

Kindergarten kids are still young enough to still have a sense of wonder about their world, which is why Baker says the most rewarding part of her work has been watching and helping them grow and learn.

She feels so fortunate to have worked at a job that she has loved for all these years and feels it has been a privilege to work with wonderful staff, children, and parents.

In retirement, Baker and her husband plan to do some traveling. Her primary goal is to spend more time with their family, which includes: three children, a daughter-in-law, son-in-law, and three beautiful and very young grandchildren. She plans to be a way-more-involved Mimi!

Robert Clark retired after 28 years teaching Spanish at Gorham High School.



Photo courtesy of Kathy Baker

Kathy Baker

He received his first M. Ed. in guidance and counseling in 1972 and thereafter began teaching. After a Peace Corp job from 1978-80 in El Salvador, Clark returned to Maine and completed a second M. Ed. in adult education under the leadership of James Whitten, a long-time resident of Gorham. He then taught in the private sector at the Elan School in Poland Springs prior to accepting his Spanish position in Gorham.

Throughout his many years in the World Languages Department of GHS, Clark has continued an interest in the events of Central America. His school student trips to both Mexico and Spain brought him in touch with actual places that "bridge" European culture. He always enjoyed relating information from outside the classroom into a format that students can grasp without actually being in another location.

The positive learning impact from having students write Spanish pen-pal letters to a few Maine high schools, who are also studying the Iberian language, has been most rewarding.

Clark says it was his extreme good fortune to be part of the GHS faculty. He found it personally enriching to serve with other educators who share a vision and a passion to help raise youth in southern Maine.

Clark will continue to teach in some capacity. The State of Maine also has a reciprocal relationship economy with Brazil--a sister country--and he may look into that area as a place to continue interests that help our state department. In addition, he plans to continue to visit Mayan pyramid sites in Central America and travel in sequence to those constructed through the three Pre-Columbian eras. The next stop will be the pyramid Uxmal in the Yucatan Peninsula.

In the tradition of Longfellow and Frost, he will also continue writing poems for his book, "The Hitching Post." Many verses reflect the beauty and uniqueness of Gorham and the New England area.



Photo credit Cassie Gao

Robert Clark

Kathy Marquis retired as the library media specialist at the Gorham Middle School after 23 years.

She started at the Shaw Junior High School and had the opportunity to plan and move into the new media center at GMS.

Her library career began in MSAD #55 as the district librarian. She worked with students of all ages from kindergarten through high school and was also director of the Baxter Memorial Library. In this position, she enjoyed interacting with Gorham residents of all ages.

The most rewarding part of her job has been introducing the wide variety of young adult literature to middle school students. She has also enjoyed the process of working with teachers and helping students with the research process.

Marquis says she will miss the high energy and enthusiasm of middle school students. The many friends and colleagues that she has made throughout the Gorham school district will always be with her.

Marquis is looking forward to spending more time with family and friends. She plans to volunteer and



Photo credit Terry Dawson

Kathy Marquis

travel in retirement as well. And, of course, she will be reading, reading, reading!

She feels very fortunate to have had a career that she has loved. She will have mixed feelings and probably tears when she sees the school buses on that first day of school in the fall.

Gail Thibodeau has retired after 16 years teaching in Gorham.

Previous to teaching music in Gorham, Thibodeau taught in Bangor for four years at Garland St. Jr. High, two years in the Provo, UT school district, nine years in SAD 55, and one year in Spokane, WA.

She has taught general classroom music from grades K-9, Jr. High and Middle School choruses, Elementary Band and High School Band. And she taught childhood developmentally delayed children in a special school.

Thibodeau feels there have been many rewards: seeing children develop skills from year to year; enjoying the rewards of students' hard work as they perform; loving the subject area that she taught; and mingling with dedicated and diligent fellow teachers.



Photo courtesy of Gail Thibodeau

Gail Thibodeau

North Yarmouth Academy Second Semester Honor Rolls 2014-15

Grade 12 – Highest Honors

Eleanor Sato

Grade 9 – Honors

Rachel Hooker

Grade 6 – Highest Honors

Nathan Cook

Tellie Stamaris

School Note

The class of 2015 summer send-off barbeque will be held at the central office second floor classroom (near the technology office and same floor as superintendent's office) on August 4 from 4 to 6 p.m. There will be a raffle of college starter kits as well as prizes, and dinner will be provided. Come share some fun with peers before future plans begin. RSVP kimberly.bedrosian@gorhamschools.org.

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On the Fourth of July, off the Portland Eastern Prom, the fireworks began early when **Mike Foley (GHS '09) dropped to one knee and proposed to Jess Taylor (GHS '09)**. A champagne toast with family members aboard followed.



DEAN'S LIST

Steven Albanese (GHS '12), University of Delaware
Connor Bell (GHS '11), UNH
Rachel Blattstein (GHS '14), UNH
Amanda Foster (GHS '13), University of Rhode Island
Lauren Garrard (GHS '11), University of Rhode Island
Joseph Graff (GHS '13), UNH
Lincoln Gray (GHS '12), Tuft's University
Rachel Hall, MCPHS, Doctor of Pharmacy
Sara Harvey (GHS '11), St. Lawrence University, Government and Sociology
Allison Matthews (GHS '11), Lafayette College
Hannah Shorty (GHS '10), University of Rhode Island
Abigail LaPorte (GHS '14), UNH
Samuel Mosher (GHS '12), Rochester Institute of Technology
Victoria Parker (GHS '12), University of Rhode Island
Evan Peoples (GHS '13), McDaniel College

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Ashley Brown, Shelby Bryant, Celeste Carpenter, Kaitlin Flanders, Austin Hayes, Conor Kirby, Maeghan Sloat, Patricia Smith, Emily Thompson, Melissa Walls: University of Maine Farmington

GRADUATIONS

Rebecca Auger (GHS '11), Stonehill College, Bachelor of Arts degree
Megan Creeden (GHS '11), Tufts University, Bachelor of Arts, History, magna cum laude
Kelly Devoe (GHS '11), The College of New Jersey, Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Business
Andrew Ernest (GHS '11), Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering
Lauren Garrard (GHS '11), University of Rhode Island, Bachelor of Arts in Communication Studies, Minor in Public Relations
Allison Matthews (GHS '11), Lafayette College
Alexandra Tracy (GHS '11), Ithaca College School of Health Sciences, Physical Therapy
Cameron Smith, Stonehill College, Bachelor of Arts
Rebecca Smith, Roger Williams University, Bachelor of Science in Finance
Lars Sunnell (GHS '11), Hobart and William Smith College, Bachelor of Arts Environmental
Colin Walker (Cheverus '11), Stonehill College, Bachelor of Arts

OF INTEREST

Emily Lewis (GHS '15) was one of 50 Hannaford employees to receive scholarships that totaled approximately \$200,000 for all recipients combined. Lewis, who was also an intern for the Gorham Times, is attending Northwestern University in the fall.



Matt Palmer of Gorham was recently promoted to vice president, credit administration and collections manager at Gorham Savings Bank. Palmer has been in banking for 17 years, most recently with TD Bank.

Sylvia Burnham of the Gorham House turned 105 years old on Wednesday, June 24, and fulfilling her craving for Kentucky Fried Chicken was her only birthday request. Gorham Hannaford was generous enough to make a birthday cake to celebrate her milestone.



Julia Hubbard of Gorham was recently promoted to assistant vice president, payroll and benefits at Gorham Savings Bank. Hubbard has 22 years of experience in human resources.

Maine author Marilyn Weymouth Seguin, will explore the unusual, mysterious and sometimes weird layers of Sebago Lakes Region history on Thursday, July 30, 7 p.m. at the North Gorham Library, 2 Standish Neck Road, Gorham. Free and open to the public. FMI, www.north-gorham.lib.me.us

Gorham resident Colby Wyatt, M.D., Ph.D. of Maine Medical Partners Pediatrics Specialty Care – Pulmonary Division, was recognized as “Pediatric Subspecialist of the Year” at Maine Medical Center. A graduate from Dartmouth Medical School, Wyatt completed his residency and fellowship at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center.



Abigael Dean (GHS '12) was recently selected for The Ohio Certified Public Accounting Foundation's Student Ambassador Program at Hiram College. The program selects high-performing students from colleges around the state to encourage peers to consider accounting as a major.

The West Gorham Union Church, 190 Ossipee Trail, Gorham, will host its Annual Yard Sale on Saturday, Aug. 8 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Estate items, gift baskets, baked goods, candy and more.

The Baxter Memorial Library will present “Cornerstones of Science: Water, Water Everywhere,” on Friday, Aug. 7 from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. Using a Cornerstones of Science trunk, the library will explore hands on activities that raise awareness of one of the most abundant and important resources on our planet, water. Activities include What Is Water, The Water Cycle, Breathing Underwater, Frogs of Maine, Fish Printing – the art of Gyotaku, Groundwater Activity/Demonstration, and Water Science Jeopardy. All ages. No registration required.

Goodwill Industries of Northern New England will offer a behind the scene tour of their warehouse at 34 Hutcherson Drive in Gorham on Thursday, Aug. 13 from 2 to 3 p.m. Visitors will see how goods are sorted and prepared for aftermarket sales and recycling. Children must be accompanied by an adult. FMI, ken.christian@goodwillnne.org or (207) 774-6323.

Come Taste the Music! Fiddle-icious, Maine's largest fiddle orchestra, will host a benefit concert on Sunday, Aug. 9, 3-5 p.m. at PineCrest Inn, 91 South Street, Gorham. BBQ feast will be provided for donation to benefit the Gorham Arts Alliance. Cash bar. Concert is free. FMI, www.fiddleicious.com.

ON-GOING EVENTS

A Support Group for Living and Eating Healthy will take place every Wednesday evening from 6 to 7 p.m. at Martin's Point Healthcare, 510 Main St., Gorham. FREE and open to the public every week. This not-for-profit group is not affiliated with Martin's Point. FMI, call Pauline 839-2092.

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 to 11 a.m. and the second and fourth Wednesday of every month from 6 to 7 p.m. Free for Gorham residents in need. FMI, 222-4351 or visit www.gorhamfoodpantry.org.

The Lakes Region Senior Center, located in the former Little Falls School on Acorn St., is a great place for daily socializing, independent activities and good conversation with 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

The 5th Annual Woodard & Curran Foundation 3.14 mile “Easy as Pi” Road and Trail Race will take place on Saturday, Aug. 29 at 41 Hutchins Drive, Portland. \$20 pre-register/\$25 day of race. Pie for runners and walkers at the end of race. FMI, amasterson@woodardcurran.com or www.woodardcurranfoundation.org or 774-2112.

The world famous Herrmann's Original Royal Lipizzan Stallions of Austria will be appearing at Hearts & Horses Therapeutic Riding Center in Buxton from Aug. 28 to 30 and Sept. 4 to 5. Meet the stallions up close all week before the shows. Tickets are available at the door and in advance by calling 929-4700. FMI, www.hlipizzans.com & www.heartsnhorses.org.



The Tate House Museum in Westbrook, the only pre-Revolutionary home in Greater Portland open to the public, will present an interactive puppet show on Saturday, Aug 8 on the half hour between 1 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. Watch the Schoolmaster instruct Captain Tate's young sons in the disciplines of penmanship as well as the rules of behavior. \$5 per child, or a maximum of \$20 per family. Reservations advised. FMI, 774-6177 or info@tatehouse.org.

Presumpscot Regional Land Trust Hires New Executive Director

ANDREW COLVIN

Presumpscot Regional Land Trust (PRLT) announced today that it has hired Gorham native Rachelle Curran Apse (GHS '95) to be its new executive director. Apse has worked with a number of Maine environmental non-profit organizations and has a deep commitment to land conservation. Apse most recently managed a successful campaign to open the community-owned Portland Food Co-op.

"We are lucky to have someone with Rachelle's skills, experience, and passion to serve in this impor-

tant position for our growing land trust," said PRLT Board President Mike Parker. "She is uniquely equipped to provide leadership to the Land Trust while it pursues new opportunities to acquire lands along Westbrook's Mill Brook, coordinate the 28-mile Sebago to the Sea Trail, and steward over a thousand acres already in conservation."

Apse has worked with a number of Maine environmental non-profit organizations, including Maine Audubon and the Environmental Health Strategy Center. Most recently, she was project manager for the Portland Food Co-op,

leading a successful campaign to open a community-owned marketplace that supports a healthier, more sustainable food system. She was instrumental in recruiting over 1,500 new member-owners and raising the \$1.6 million in capital funding needed to open the co-op last fall.

"I am excited and honored to serve as the executive director of PRLT. Having grown up a nature enthusiast in the heart of the Presumpscot region, I feel a deep connection to the area," said Apse. She has also seen firsthand the disappearance of many of its open and accessible places, so she understands the urgency to conserve land in what has become the fastest growing region of the state. Apse added, "I am impressed with what the Land Trust has already been able to conserve for wildlife, agriculture, and recreation, and am excited about its new opportunities. I look forward to helping lead the Land Trust's growth into the future."

Presumpscot Regional Land Trust's mission is to conserve and protect outstanding lands in Gorham, Gray, Sebago, Standish, Westbrook, and Windham to preserve the character of the Presumpscot River watershed for the benefit of people and wildlife. Learn more at www.prlt.org.



Photo courtesy of the Presumpscot Regional Land Trust

Meet the Staff

Kathy Corbett recently joined the Gorham Times as a staff writer, but she takes a unique position; she is also a member of the board of directors. The bulk of Corbett's articles have appeared in the School section.



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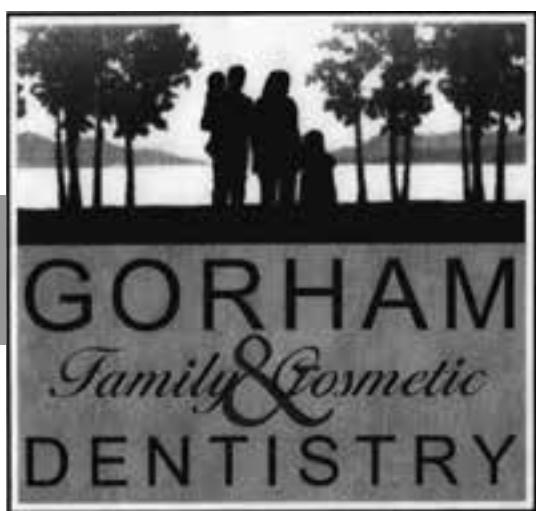
No stranger to writing or education, Corbett is a published author and taught at universities in Missouri. She was historian for the Missouri Historical Society where she headed the education program and was later responsible for exhibition research and interpretation.

Although she grew up in New Jersey and lived for 30 years in St. Louis, Missouri, she is no stranger to Maine. She visited every summer, and, in 1952, her parents bought a camp on Sebago Lake that is still in the family.

Corbett retired to Maine in 2000 and currently lives in a house her aunts built for their retirement on North Gorham land. She has a long family history connected to the area: her great-grandfather, a Portuguese immigrant to Maine who fought in the Civil War and returned to marry a Standish woman, was a Gorham farmer. Her son, Tom, and his wife, Laurie, also live in Gorham, while her other son's family lives in St. Louis.

Corbett was the librarian for the North Gorham Public Library from 2010 to 2015.

Always a history buff, Corbett says writing for the Times helps her to continue to be involved in history, education, and the greater Gorham community.



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No. Waterboro woman slipped in the mud and hurt her knee on County Road. She felt the property owner was uncaring.

Two callers reported two male skateboarders creating a traffic hazard on Fort Hill Road near Mighty Street. Officer made contact with them and transported one of them to jail on outstanding warrants.

Deering Road caller reported the theft of his kayak from his barn.

Caller could hear yelling and a disturbance at Samuel's Way above the garage. Couple were arguing because male was mad that female had bought half a gallon of alcohol instead of a liter. Both were warned for disorderly conduct.

Officer responded to report of an intoxicated person on Main Street. Person was not intoxicated.

Barstow Road caller reported phone calls trying to scam her for money. She was advised to contact her carrier and have the number blocked.

Officer checked on suspicious pedestrian. Gave pedestrian ride to Dunkin Donuts and two band-aids.

Duck found on Wood Road was transported to game warden.

Report of disabled vehicle was home health care worked parked on side of road using her laptop to enter her notes.

Following a single car accident where vehicle went off Day Road, driver was charged with OUI.

Suspicious person on Wagner Farm Road was picking lilacs.

Officer checked on subject outside vehicle who was vomiting on Main Street. Subject was passenger in vehicle. Driver was not intoxicated.

Driver stopped on Main Street and Carnation Drive and charged with OUI.

Suspicious person on Ossipee Trail was donut man who fell asleep in parking lot.

Driver stopped on Fort Hill Road was charged with OUI, operating after suspension and violating conditions of release.

Disturbance on State Street was a verbal argument between siblings where one called the other a cheater. All parties had been drinking.

Officer spoke to woman on Jordan Drive about normal behaviors for porcupines and gave her the name of a person who would trap it for a fee.

Suspicious person on Mercier Way agreed to stop doing things to purposely irritate the caller.

Newborn kitten escaped from its box and got itself stuck in the cable hole of an entertainment center. Owner was able to bend back the opening and free the kitten unharmed.

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CALENDAR

THURSDAY, JUL 30

- Summer Story Time, Baxter Memorial Library, 10 a.m. All ages. This week's theme: Chickens. (Bring your favorite chicken jokes).
- Casablanca Comics Event, Baxter Memorial Library, 6:30 p.m., geared for teens and adult audience. Free.

SATURDAY, AUG 1

- Greater Gorham Farmer's Market, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Located on Route 114, next to Baxter Memorial Library.

MONDAY, AUG 3

- Crafternoon, Baxter Memorial Library, 1:30-3:30 p.m., all ages. No registration. Pinwheels!

TUESDAY, AUG 4

- Gorham House Itsy Bitsy store, 1:30-3:30 p.m., GH lobby. FMI, 839-5757.
- The Gorham Cancer Prayer and Support Group Meeting, 6 p.m., Cressey Road United Methodist Church. All are welcome. FMI, 321-1390 or 839-3111.

WEDNESDAY, AUG 5

- Town of Gorham Senior Lunch Program, St. Anne's Church, Gorham. 12-1:30 p.m. \$4. FMI, 839-4857.

THURSDAY, AUG 6

- Summer Story Time, Baxter Memorial Library, 10 a.m. All ages. No registration.

FRIDAY, AUG 7

- Cornerstones of Science: Water, 11 a.m.-12:00 p.m., Baxter Memorial Library. Includes What Is Water, The Water Cycle, Breathing Underwater, Frogs of Maine, Fish Printing – the art of Gyotaku, Groundwater Activity/Demonstration, and Water Science Jeopardy. All ages. No registration required.

SATURDAY, AUG 8

- Greater Gorham Farmer's Market, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Located on Route 114, next to Baxter Memorial Library.

MONDAY, AUG 10

- Crafternoon, Baxter Memorial Library, 1:30-3:30 p.m., All ages. No registration. Sunflower Weaving!

TUESDAY, AUG 11

- Pre-school Pool Party and Picnic, 11 a.m., Baxter Memorial Library. All ages. No registration req.

WEDNESDAY, AUG 12

- Town of Gorham Senior Lunch Program, St. Anne's Church, Gorham. 12-1:30 p.m. \$4. FMI, 839-4857.

THURSDAY, AUG 13

- Summer Story Time – Kindergarten, Baxter Memorial Library, 10 a.m. All ages. No registration req.

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GORHAM BUSINESS EXCHANGE SPOTLIGHT

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BY VENISE MINKOWSKY

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At this year's 25th anniversary celebration, keynote speaker First Lady Ann LePage shared her passion for caring for Maine's elderly and veterans. LePage complimented the entire team on the consistent care, unwavering support and dedication to the full

spectrum of care that Gorham House continues to provide.

Five employees of Gorham House were recognized for their 25 years of service: Kathy Breiding, Isabelle Cail, Mary Miller, Edith Sturgis and Diane Talbot.

Fire Chief Lefebvre shared warm words from both a personal and professional perspective when he addressed the audience. Lefebvre spoke of the initial building design and the innovative concept to provide a broad spectrum of care. He concluded by saying, "We are very lucky to have such a professional and compassionate team here at Gorham House, they are a first rate crew."

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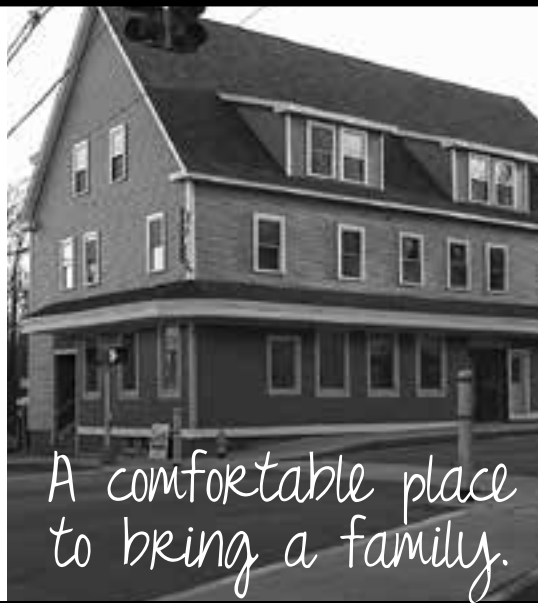
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