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Gronk Visits Gorham!



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The Gorham community was treated to a bit of fanfare on July 20 when Rob Gronkowski of the New England Patriots made a surprise visit to members of the Gorham Youth Football program on behalf of the Gronk Nation Youth Foundation and top sporting line manufacturer Riddell. Spearheaded by parent board member, Kristina Westbrook, Gorham was awarded a grant valued at \$15,000-\$20,000 and now has new uniform equipment for over 150 youth football players from grades 2-8 to kick off the 2016 season.

Man Injured in Gorham Crash

SHERI FABER
Staff Writer

Arthur Rickett, Jr., 24, of Portland, went off the road and into the woods surrounding the Bernard Rines Bypass at 3 a.m. on July 8. Rickett, who was thrown from the car, used his cell phone to call dispatch.

First responders were not able to locate the vehicle which had traveled about 100 yards into the woods and was not visible. Officers used their air horns and Rickett told dispatch when they were getting closer to him. Once they got closer, Rickett and officers called back and forth until they located him in the woods.

Rickett was taken to Maine Medical Center with serious injuries. He was conscious and able to talk with hospital staff. The crash remains under investigation.

Railroad Ave. Project Moving Forward

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Jon and Cindy Smith released a new design of the current elevation for the proposed building at 7 Railroad Ave. in Gorham. According to Smith, "Cindy and I have spent many hours with our team developing the proper balance between the building, its different uses, and the associated parking required to support its activities."

Tom Poirier, Town Planner, confirmed that they are working on the details of a contract zone for the Town Council which includes details about residential density, building



Drawing courtesy of Jon Smith

design, height of the building, parking and landscaping. The Planning Board will be holding a public hearing on the project and will send a detailed draft of the proposed contract zone to the Town Council.

The proposed building has a railroad theme, including a 53-foot clock tower, as the old Portland and Rochester Railroad ran through Gorham. Sebago Brew Pub now occupies the former Gorham Train Station.

Analyzing Gorham's Housing Start Rate

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Staff Writer

Many residents of Gorham have noticed an increase in the construction of new homes and housing developments throughout town. Whether it's a new neighborhood in the village or houses popping up in a field in North Gorham, it's undeniable that home construction has become a common sight. Thus, it may not come as a shock to learn that Gorham is leading the greater Portland area in housing starts, a statistic that indicates the number of new houses that have begun construction.

From April 1 to September 15, 2015, excluding Portland, Gorham's housing starts totaled 64 new single-family homes, second only to Scarborough. In this report, the average cost of each of Gorham's housing starts was \$188,098. For comparison, Scarborough began construction on 66 single-family homes with an average cost per start of \$308,627, 164% higher than Gorham's. In fact, of Gorham's neighboring towns, Westbrook is the only town with a lower average cost per start.

Although the average cost is not equal to property value, it does provide a ballpark figure of the value of the new houses. As of 2014, Gorham's median home value was \$240,100. With the average cost per start more than \$50,000 below the median, Gorham seems

to be building and investing in more affordable housing.

The town's desirable location, good schools, and thriving downtown village are enough to draw new residents to town. When comparing Gorham to its southern neighbor once again, Gorham proves to be a more cost-effective place to live with nearly as much economic potential as the more expensive Scarborough. However, with this new availability of affordable homes and a concurrent increase in population, it can become difficult to judge the costs and benefits of Gorham's popularity.

Housing starts are often used as an indicator of the economic strength of a town. Local businesses, financial institutions, and practices receive a boost with this influx of new customers, making Gorham a profitable place to work. Restaurants and grocery stores in towns with higher housing starts receive more daily business, while stores selling long-lasting products such as furniture and appliances benefit from new customers. Gorham's busy downtown village, rife with newly opened restaurants, stores, and salons, demonstrates the correlation between Gorham's population growth and its economic success.

However, popularity comes at a cost. Property taxes are affected by an increase in housing starts. When determining the mill rate, the amount taxed for every \$1,000 in property value, when new houses are built,

Town Assessor Mike D'Arcangelo said, "We have to figure out if we've got enough new value to offset increases in the budget. If the budget goes up more than the new value does, the mill rate increases. Unfortunately, that's what tends to happen." Many factors affect the mill rate, but it is likely that Gorham's lower valued homes will play a role in the determination of the next fiscal year's mill rate.

The cost of education can also be affected by an increase in the number of families with children moving to Gorham. According to Superintendent Heather Perry, Gorham's per pupil expenditure for the 2016 fiscal year was \$10,800. With property taxes funding the school district, Gorham will likely be reaping fewer tax dollars from these new homes to pay for the education of more children.

The Gorham school district is anticipating these changes. "Right now the Gorham School Committee is keeping a very close eye on enrollment trends," said Perry. "We have worked closely with the Town of Gorham's planning offices as well as with a company called Planning Decisions out of Portland that is well-known for their enrollment projection work to try and produce models for growth that allow us to project these trends. This is an inexact science, however, and only allows us to estimate what may occur. Right now, the projections tell us that

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The Importance of Welfare Reform

SEN. AMY VOLK

During my two terms in the House and during my two years in the Senate, reforming Maine's welfare system has been a priority for lawmakers. Over the past six years, we have handled dozens of bills on the subject, and the executive branch has also undertaken many reforms that do not require legislation.

Among the reforms that have been made is a bi-partisan prohibition on using welfare benefits to purchase alcohol, tobacco, and lottery tickets. Also, an EBT card can no longer be used to withdraw cash from an ATM at an adult entertainment facility, and no longer can welfare benefits be used to pay for bail.

Municipalities are now able to deny benefits to people who are not making a good faith effort to pay back fraudulently received General Assistance, and there is a 60-month limit on receipt of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families cash benefits (TANF). Recently, the Department of Health and Human Services also announced that continuous requests for replacement EBT cards will now be questioned and investigated to prevent trafficking of the cards, as law enforcement often recoup them at the site of drug busts, having been traded for drugs.

Able-bodied, childless adults who receive food stamps in Maine must also now work or volunteer at least part-time, or be in a training program, to continue qualifying for benefits. This is a federal requirement that Maine, along with most states, received a waiver from until 2014. At that time, 16,000 able-bodied, childless adults were receiving food stamps. Now, the number is down to 1,500. After the waiver was removed in 2014, nearly 7,000 Mainers did not comply with the requirements and subsequently left the food stamp program. A study by Maine's Office of Policy and Management found that after leaving the food stamp program, this group's earnings jumped by 114% within a year.

These are the kind of reforms we should be encouraging and that I support – a pathway out of poverty, not simply handing out benefits. Mainers are generous and want to help those who truly need it, particularly the disabled and the elderly, but they feel those who are capable of work should be doing so. The work, volunteer, or training requirement pushes people to help themselves and to either find a job, or be positively working toward a career. Work means dignity, and dignity means self-esteem.

One woman, Jill Rothrock, a former drug addict, has been very vocal about her story and how welfare

reforms forced her to find a job and overall improve her life. She currently holds a full-time job with the state of Maine, and attributes her success in recent years to welfare reforms no longer encouraging lifelong dependency.

In addition to benefitting welfare recipients who are able to transition into self-sufficiency, the populations who absolutely need assistance are benefitting. Because of savings from reforms, lawmakers have been able to provide additional funding to ensure that our most vulnerable populations receive the care they need. We have provided funding to those on waitlists for crucial services, and have also been able to bump up funding for long term care institutions.

If you have thoughts or ideas about welfare reform, or any legislative or state matter, please do not hesitate to contact me. I am always happy to discuss issues with constituents.



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Letters to the Editor

Letters must be less than 300 words, signed with a first and last name, typed or e-mailed and include a phone number. Letters are solely the opinion of the writer and not that of the Gorham Times. They are published at the discretion of the Gorham Times and are subject to editing.

Dear Gorham Times,

I am moving to Berea, KY to take a collegiate teaching job and wanted to say goodbye and to thank the town of Gorham for the opportunity to work with their children in the school system for 12 years and to thank them for their support of Gorham's Got Talent and other educational programs I have been in charge of.

Gorham has so much impacted my life...I will miss the town, my colleagues and especially the young people.

Thank you,
 Jeffrey Carpenter, M Ed.

Dear Gorham Times,

It is concerning to me to hear of welfare fraud occurring so often. Time and again, politicians have campaigned on the fact that they would go to Augusta and fix that problem, but I have not seen that change take place in Maine's welfare system. This year, our leaders in Augusta heard from voters like me that it was time to follow through on that promise. Amy Volk, along with her Republican colleagues, made it their top priority to fight for true and lasting

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Around Town

Mike Gradone of the Gorham Recreation Department has left his position as the Director of Recreation Programs. A search for his replacement has begun.

The Draft Comprehensive Plan that will be discussed at the Town Council Public Hearing on August 23 is now available online at www.gorham-me.org under News and Announcements.

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Goodfellas Barbershop

MALLORY CAMPBELL
Student Intern

Gorham got a new addition to the in-town village early this summer. Goodfellas Barbershop moved into the space behind Gorham Growl. The shop has settled in nicely with hopeful ambitions and support of loyal customers. "It's kind of like a storybook town," Gorham shop owner, Chad Gervais, said while describing Gorham.

Goodfellas Barbershop started with one shop in Westbrook. Four years later, they expanded and opened a second shop in Gorham after Jon Smith, a devoted customer, brought up the idea.

There are currently three barbers in this Gorham location. Gervais expressed his hopefulness with Gorham's strong community vibe, "We're excited to be in Gorham. We already feel welcome, and are very grateful," said Gervais. "Our hope is to provide Gorham with a traditional barbershop, but a bit more modern. Reintroducing barber tradition, but also something for kids."



Photo credit Mallory Campbell

Owner Chad Gervais puts the finishing touches on customer Joseph Hachey at the new Gorham location.

Goodfellas Barbershop is located at 2B Main Street. The shop is open Tuesday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday from 7 a.m. to 12 p.m.

The Deans Sisters

CHRIS CRAWFORD
Staff Writer

Like most sisters, Jessica, Rachel and Emma Deans (GHS '01, '05, and '07 respectively) have a lot in common. All three are dedicated, hard-working and have earned advanced degrees in their fields. They are adventurous world travelers who love the outdoors and they have each chosen a unique career path that makes use of their individual skills and talents.

The eldest, Jessica, has taught K-2 in the Scarborough Schools for 10 years. She earned a B.S. in Early Childhood Education at University of Maine at Farmington in 2006 and an M.S. in Ecological Teaching and Learning in 2010 at Lesley University. She also studied in Oxford, England and completed a field geology class in Newfoundland, Canada.

Jessica knew from an early age that she wanted to be an educator. "My first students were a variety of stuffed animals propped up with pillows and sometimes my younger sisters when they felt like playing along. A lot of kids 'play school' when they are young and I just never outgrew it." She added that she thrives on the challenges and "the small moments of wonder" that occur throughout each school day.

Middle sister, Rachel, is the Logistics Coordinator for the Arizona Conservation Corps (AZCC) which connects youth, young adults and recent era military veterans with conservation work projects on public lands. Rachel is responsible for making sure that the field crews are supplied with the tools, vehicles, and equipment required to complete their projects. "A typical day has me in our shop re-handling tools, fixing chainsaws and ordering supplies," she said.

Rachel earned a B.A. degree in Film and Video from Columbia

College in Chicago in 2009. During her junior year, she attended the National Outdoor Leadership School, spending a month backpacking through the Cascade mountains in Washington. It changed her life. During her senior year, she moved to Los Angeles to pursue film, but found that she missed the outdoors. After graduation, she served as a crew leader with the Utah Conservation Corps and fell in love with the conservation world. "I liked the hard work, long hours and working throughout the National Parks and forests of the southwest," she said.

Youngest, Emma works in Marketing & Communications at Thornton Academy. She writes and produces multimedia projects for the school's website, social media, admissions publications, and the alumni magazine. "I work with several different departments within the largest secondary school in Maine. I have to remain flexible and learn new skills every day," she said. She also advises the Student Media Team. "There are students from over 20 countries. It's wonderful to learn about their cultures," she added.

Emma earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Creative Writing from UMaine at Farmington in 2011 and a M.S. in Multimedia Journalism in 2014 from the University of Oregon. While an undergrad, she earned a certificate in Documentary Writing at the Salt Institute, attended an exchange program at Humboldt State University in California, and studied photojournalism in England and Spain.

After her undergrad degree, she became an AmeriCorps volunteer, serving as a crew member for the Montana Conservation Corps. She worked on trails in backcountry wilderness areas in western Montana

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welfare reform, and I know that she will continue to work on reforming Maine's welfare system. That is why I will be supporting Amy Volk in November.

Amy Volk is running for her second term in the Maine Senate to represent the people of Scarborough, Buxton, and Gorham. Please join me in voting to send Amy back to Augusta.

Carolyn Gilman

Dear Gorham Times,

As a business owner, I believe that when one Mainer succeeds in the job market we all do. A healthy and thriving economy is good for all of us and we can all do our part to help Maine people and business. This fall I will be casting my vote in the Senate District #30 race for Senator Amy Volk because I believe she does exactly that. She works to help Maine businesses.

Senator Amy Volk has worked hard to ensure that we keep good jobs in Maine. She does this through her work on the labor committee, ensuring policies are in place to support Maine's businesses by reducing burdensome regulations and reforming

worker compensation laws to stimulate job growth.

Senator Amy Volk is good for business and that means good jobs in Maine, join me in voting for her reelection in November!

Thank You,
Carl Loomis

Dear Gorham Times,

A baseball team of 9 year-olds from Gorham had just scored the game ending, tournament winning run and the players, parents and fans jubilantly rushed onto the field in triumphant celebration. The outfielder who retrieved the winning hit threw the ball into the infield where it bonked the 3rd baseman causing him to fall to the ground. Suddenly a Gorham player shouted "take a knee," the indication that someone had been injured, instantly the entire Gorham team fell quiet and kneeled in respect and concern for their opponent. A couple of minutes later adults determined the player was fine and the rejoicing fully resumed. Stand proud Gorham, these are the children we're raising; champion sportsmen.

Gary Dube


Analyzing Gorham's Housing Start Rate CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

we will continue to grow at a somewhat steady pace at the elementary levels for the next few years and then we will stabilize." If these projections hold true, Gorham's schools will allot the proper funding and resources necessary to sustain these increasing enrollment figures without too much burden on the taxpayer.

Gorham's high housing start rate has presented a unique set of challenges and opportunities to current residents, changing the economic and physical landscape of the town. If you would like to learn more about the Town's plan for growth, you can review the Comprehensive Plan by visiting <http://www.gorham-me.org>.


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Take a Hike!

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Staff Writer

Gorham is blessed with many great trails for you and your family to explore. Over the next few months, why not try a heart-healthy hike on a trail new to you. You can discover parts of Gorham that are still wild, beautiful and offer abundant wildlife to observe. Some even provide a chance to get on or in the water. Get up, get out, get hiking, but don't forget the bug spray, sunscreen, and water. Always remember to Leave No Trace and to let someone know where you will be hiking.

The first two hikes being highlighted are owned and maintained by the Presumpscot Regional Land Trust (PRLT). Pets on leash are welcome. No fires, overnight camping, hunting, motorized vehicles, structures or cutting are permitted. For those interested in nearby Geocaches to these properties or for more information, visit the PRLT website at www.prlt.org.

Hawkes Preserve offers a chance to hike through 41 forested acres or to get on the Presumpscot River from a carry-in boat launch. The hike is an easy, one mile loop partly along the scenic Presumpscot River and includes some of the historic Cumberland and Oxford Canal. Informational kiosks tell

more about the natural area. This is a cool and shady summer hike. The trail can be accessed from two trailheads: Tow Path Road off Route 202 in the Little Falls/So Windham area is also the location of the boat launch; or Great Falls Elementary School on Route 237, at the bottom of the hill near the outdoor classroom. If you go during school hours, please check in at the front desk.

Little River Preserve's 28 acres offer an easy to moderate 1.2 mile hiking-only trail with several color-coded loop trails to choose from. It winds through an aspen and hemlock forest and usually takes about 45 minutes to complete. The River Trail above the sign marked "Up River Down," is a little more challenging with steep, uneven earthen stairs leading to narrow bridges which cross the numerous gullies. The rest of the trails offer very gentle grades and woodland tranquility with lush ferns. The trailhead with parking is off Route 202 near Little River Drive (on the left if coming from Gorham, or on the right if coming from Little Falls). The beginning of the trail takes you across a meadow to Aspen Lane, a rural small neighborhood where the trail continues on the opposite side of the road about 100 yards to the north (right).

FINANCIAL FOCUS

How Can You Declare Your Financial Independence?

AL TARKINSON

We just observed the 4th of July with sparklers, picnics and parades. Living in a country that offers so much freedom, we have a lot to celebrate. But on a more personal level, you may still be working toward another type of independence – financial independence. Here are some ideas to help speed your progress toward this goal.

Free yourself from excessive fear. As an investor, it is not hard to find something to fear. Oil prices, interest rates, political squabbles, even natural disasters – at any given time, each of these factors (and many more) might be blamed for volatility in the financial markets. In response, many people take a "time out" from investing. Don't let fear hold you back. It takes discipline and some mental toughness to stay invested in all economic environments. If you are constantly jumping in and out of the market, you are almost guaranteed to miss out on the kind of continuity and opportunities you need to move toward your financial freedom.

Liberate your investments' growth potential. Many investors avoid investing too aggressively, wishing to lower their risk level. While that is certainly not a bad idea, you can also slip into investing too "safely" by keeping the bulk of your portfolio in investments that protect your principal but offer so little in the way of return that they may not even keep up with inflation. So, try to always maintain a reasonable percentage of growth-oriented vehicles in your portfolio. The exact amount may depend on your age and tolerance for risk, but at virtually every stage of your life, you need some growth potential.

Avoid the tyranny of debt. Staying out of debt is not easy, but carrying

a heavy debt load is truly a burden. Not only do you have to make the payments, but you are also depriving yourself of dollars that could be used to invest for your future. Do everything you can to live within your means to avoid racking up more debt than is necessary. And when you do whittle down your debts, put that "found" money to work. The more you put in your investment portfolio, the more opportunities you have to reach your objectives.

Free your thinking about the future. Short-term thinking is another roadblock on your journey toward financial independence. Instead of seeking quick gains (which are notoriously hard to achieve), strive for steady growth. Instead of reacting to the news of the day by making impulsive moves, chart a long-term strategy that is appropriate for your needs, and stick to it. Instead of focusing on the losses you might see on one month's investment statement, look back over the progress you've made over the last five or 10 years. In short, worry less about today – and plan for tomorrow.

It will take a lot of time, effort and patience to ultimately achieve your own Financial Independence Day. But once you do, you will have reason to rejoice – and you won't even need the fireworks.



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Police Dept. Adds New Position of Deputy Chief

SHERI FABER
Staff Writer

Effective July 1, Lt. Christopher Sanborn was promoted to Deputy Chief of the Gorham Police Department. Sanborn has been with the Gorham PD for 27 years and has been the Lieutenant (second in command) for the past 10 years. He is "looking forward to his new role as Deputy Chief."

Sanborn will supervise the new Lieutenant who will replace him. The Deputy Chief will also supervise the administrative assistants, the Detective Sgt. (who supervises the detectives) and be responsible for the evidence/property room. Additionally, Sanborn will be the training co-coordinator, will conduct internal affairs investigations, review and update standard operating procedures to reflect changes in municipal, state and local laws. Sanborn will be responsible for budgeting, grant writing, purchasing and all aspects of public and/or media relations.

A new Lieutenant/Patrol Commander will also be hired. The Lieutenant will supervise the sergeants, the patrol officers, the school resource officers and the part-time Animal Control Officer.

Chief Jones determined that most police departments the size of Gorham have at least one additional officer with responsibility for administrative work. In Gorham, the Lieutenant was not able to do all the necessary administrative work and it got "pushed down to the sergeants or it didn't get done," said Jones. The sergeants were not always available to do regular police work because of the amount of administrative work that needed to be done. Chief Jones believes an administrator will be more helpful than another patrol officer and take some of the burden off the sergeants.

Jones expects to fill the position from within the department, and ultimately will be able to hire a new officer to replace the Gorham officer now working with and being paid by the Maine DEA.

Gorham Police Officers Trained in the Use of Narcan

SHERI FABER
Staff Writer

Heroin and other drug use has increased in Maine in recent years and along with this increase, has come a concomitant increase in overdoses. While Gorham Rescue had carried Narcan for several years, Police Chief Dan Jones has now had all Gorham police officers trained in the use of Narcan as well.

Officers will have Narcan in the form of a nasal spray and will insert an eyedropper filled with the drug into the person's nose and squeeze. It will not be administered unless the person's respirations are very

low (taking a breath every 8-10 seconds), the officer sees a needle, the officer is told it's an overdose, or the person appears to be dying with no apparent trauma.

Narcan counteracts the heroin in a person's system. There are no negative side effects to administering Narcan. If given to a person who did not use drugs, it will simply have no effect.

Gorham Rescue administered Narcan 19 times between 7/1/15 and 6/30/16. The cost is about \$40 per dose. The Maine Attorney General is providing Narcan free of charge to Maine Police Departments.

Grand Jury

The Grand Jury returned the following indictments in July:

Victor McLeod, 36, of Gorham, was indicted for domestic violence criminal threatening with a dangerous weapon and violating conditions of release on charges brought by Gorham PD.

Raul Ros, 30, of Westbrook, was indicted for three separate incidents: 1. domestic violence criminal threaten-

ing, 2. domestic violence assault, aggravated assault and violating conditions of release and; 3. domestic violence terrorizing and violating conditions of release. All charges were brought by Gorham PD.

Eric David Sawyer, 21, of Gorham, was indicted for aggravated assault, domestic violence assault, criminal restraint and obstructing report of a crime or injury on charges brought by Gorham PD.

JULY 5, 2016

Town Council Report

JACOB ADAMS
Staff Writer

• David Cole reported that the Town received a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting. The town has received this award every year since 2003.

• The Election held on June 14, 2016 had an approximate turnout of 10%, which is 1244 voters.

• Greg Jordan from METRO bus made a presentation about a possible expansion of service to Gorham in the near future.

• A renewal liquor license was approved for Gorham Sports Center - located at 2115 Narragansett Street.

• The Town Council indicated preliminary support for a Tax Increment and Financing District, based on a 15-year term and approximately 50% of the captured revenue returned to the developer to support a project to develop a 24,000 square foot destination brewery on lower Main Street, subject to the final development plan and negotiated terms.

• The Town Council authorized an application for a Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) grant to hire an additional Police Officer with the grant providing 75% of the base wages and benefits for the position for three years. The position will be fully funded by the Town after three years. (see story on page 6)

• Bramblewood LLC's request to construct a paved roadway on an unimproved public easement was approved. The roadway will connect

the end of Water Street to Dogwood Lane - a proposed roadway to Glenwater Village Subdivision.

• The Town Council approved the Capital Improvement Planning Document dated July 5, 2016.

• An Internet Safety Policy was approved for Baxter Memorial Library, as recommended by the Library Board of Trustees. This should help limit access to inappropriate material and limit malicious network usage.

• The Town Council authorized placing net revenue derived from the sale of tax acquired property and from the sale of the McLellan/Sampson House into the Land Acquisition Reserve Fund.

• Town Council will ask the Ordinance Committee to review and provide recommendations on a proposal to allow the Fire Department to provide an option to conduct reviews and issue construction permits of building plans that currently require review and approval by the State Fire Marshall's Office.

• Shawn Babine and David Cole were voted to become representatives to the Maine Municipal Association Legislative Policy Committee.

• The Town Council accepted an offer from Tammy B Stiffler to purchase Town owned property at 4 Briarwood Lane (Tax Map 39, Lot 40).

Complete minutes are available on the town's website at www.gorham-me.org.

JULY 11, 2016

Planning Board Results

• Preliminary subdivision and site plan for Bramblewood LLC plans for Glenwater Village subdivision with 20 single family lots and 10 apartment units off Glenwood Ave. and Water St. was approved.

• Construction of an additional 5,200 sq. ft. one-story addition for service equipment and supplies for ServPro at 9 Hutcherson Drive in the Industrial Park was approved.

• Susan Duchaine's request for approval of Ward Condominium, a 14 unit project at 346 Main St. was discussed.

• A request to divide lot G of Bartlett Subdivision at 40 Longmeadow Drive into two lots was approved.

• A one lot gravel private way requested by Kerrmez Development LLC off Burnham Road was approved.

• John Peters, LLC request for approval of a 7 lot residential development on 12.14 acres on Clay Road was discussed.

• W. W. Wood Properties, LLC request for approval of an 11 lot subdivision off Dingley Spring Road was discussed.



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Town Applying for Community Oriented Policing Services Grant

SHERI FABER
Staff Writer

Chief Dan Jones has applied for a COPS grant that would provide a position specifically for community oriented policing. Currently, Officer Ted Hatch does much of this work, but having a Community Resource Officer as a dedicated full-time position would enable much more community work to be done as well as free up patrol officers who are trying to do this work while also working patrol.

The total cost to the Town over four years would be \$160,723. The grant would fund 75% of the position for the first three years with the Town required to pay the total cost in the fourth year. After that, the community can decide whether or not to continue the position with the Town paying the full cost.

Gorham currently has two community programs. Triad is geared

toward providing services to older adults. Triad sponsors crime prevention and public education for older adults, as well as recruiting and training volunteers to assist local law enforcement departments, identifying community resources and making referrals to help reduce fear and to lend moral support and involving people in identifying problem areas in their communities. The second, VIPS, stands for Volunteers in Police Service. These volunteers act as citizen patrols, doing property checks, traffic surveys, radar monitoring, administrative duties and the Senior Neighborhood Awareness Program known as SNAP providing "an extra set of eyes and ears thus enhancing safety efforts in our community" according to Chief Jones.

The Town also has a limited neighborhood watch program known as America on Watch which Chief Jones hopes to expand in Gorham.

Real Estate Transfers November 2015

Address	Buyer	Seller	Price
123 BUCK STREET	EMERSON, DANIEL W	TARANTINO, STEPHANIE	\$247,000
7 CANTERBURY PINES DRIVE	FECTEAU, JEAN C	BROWER, DAVID	\$250,000
9 MARTIN DRIVE	FLETT, MASLEN C & ERIN	DESIGN BUILDERS, ASSOC.	\$383,000
104 GATEWAY COMMONS DR.	MAFFEI-OKEEFE DANIELLE & O'KEEFE, DANIEL	EDWARDS, ROBERT	\$305,000
38 WOODSPELL ROAD	CROTEAU, MEGAN E & KEITH	NORMAND BERUBE BUILDERS	\$326,300
35 WOOD ROAD	BALZANO, DAVID & NATASHA	CURTIS, MARK	\$423,000
256 SEBAGO LAKE ROAD	POLAND, SCOTT W & AUTUMN	MECAP LLC.	\$190,500
35 JORDAN DRIVE	COLLIER, KARL & BRIANA	LANG-THIBEAULT, SUSI B	\$342,000
3 LEVI LANE	BERG, LINDSAY N	LABONTE, JASON	\$218,500
15 WINTERGREEN DRIVE	SCHILLER, COREY A & DALE-SCHILLER, BETHANY	LEFEVRE, TODD	\$272,500
59 SHAW'S MILL ROAD	SEWARD, CHELSEA M & SLEFINGER, ANDREW	HOWARD, JOSH RICHARD	\$199,978
12 MATTHEW DRIVE	THIBEAULT, BRUCE A & LANG, THIBEAULT, SUSI	PORTER, ROBERT	\$280,000
23 FAITH DRIVE	WOODMAN, ROBERT J & JESSI	WILLIAMS, JOHN C.	\$359,000
27 KEMP ROAD	BUTTS, JEAN M & ANTHONY	FED. NAT. MORTGAGE ASSOC.	\$421,000
2 BLOCKHOUSE RUN	CYR, CHRISTOPHER J & NICOLE	STICKNEY, PAUL	\$327,500
226 FORT HILL ROAD	GAVITT, CAROLYN B	STODDARD, ELLEN	\$195,000
28 WINSLOW ROAD	GOFF, LENDALL & KRISTAL	GARDNER, BERNARD	\$192,500
32 AUTUMN BROOK WAY	HAYDEN, JUSTIN K & ALISON	LACHANCE, MARC	\$299,824
15 SKYLINE DRIVE	RUCKER, BRADLEY H & CORY	WORSTER, DURWARD B.	\$180,000

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322 GRAY ROAD	VENENGA, THOMAS F & WATTS, KATHERINE	BROWN, BRIAN	\$285,000
2 HANNAH DRIVE	BUTLER, SEAN WILLIAM & SARAH	POWELL, RICHARD	\$201,500
667 GRAY ROAD	GADALLAH, ALAWYA	FED. NAT. MORTGAGE ASSOC.	\$115,000
1 SHAD GULLEY ROAD	ROLLINS, JACOB B & LACY	PHINNEY, SUSANNE	\$240,000
20 DEWAYNS WAY	STEINBACK, MATTHEW M	MCCLOUD, MICHAEL	\$317,000
13 LEDGE HILL ROAD	STEVENS, LARRY S & PATRICIA	LEDGE HILL PARTNERS LLC	\$355,000
37 WOODSPELL ROAD	WILKINS, CHAD K & TRISHA	NORMAND BERUBE BUILDERS	\$375,450
9 SANBORN STREET	HARMON, AARON & CHRISTINE	ZUBIK, MICHAEL	\$215,000
213 GRAY ROAD	CLARK, RALPH D III & YOUNG, TRAVIS	HILL ST. APTS. LTD	\$355,000
279 NARRAGANSETT STREET	JEWETT, NICHOLAS & CHUTE, MARGARET	MCKEOUGH, PETER	\$271,000
9 ALDEN LANE	KEEFFE, BRIAN T & MISTY	SUSAN DUCHAINE, LLC	\$275,000
146 SHAW'S MILL ROAD	WRIGHT, COLIN W & NICOLE	GOULD, MELISSA	\$292,000
12 GREEN STREET	FARRINGTON, DAVID W & STACEY	PETERSON, ROSEANNE	\$265,000
366 MAIN STREET	PTG INVESTMENT TRUST	HANNAFORD, CHARLES B. III	\$125,000
143 NARRAGANSETT STREET	STROM, JENNIFER L	SMITH, JENNIFER	\$134,300
46 GREAT FALLS ROAD	PERREAULT, CHAD R	MGM BUILDERS	\$220,000
31 CALISA LANE	LEWIN, AMEY L & MICHAEL	NOSER, PAUL	\$290,000
680 MAIN STREET	PAUL, PAULINE A	GUIMOND, JOSEPH	\$152,000
106 SOUTH STREET	FARNHAM, FREDERICK G & MARTHA	COOK, BRYANT	\$180,000
186 NARRAGANSETT STREET	RAYMOND, DYLAN R	HALEY, MARTHA	\$156,000
107 BARSTOW ROAD	WOODCOCK, ASHLEY L & ALBERT ET AL	TUCKER, SHANNON	\$186,000
35 DAY ROAD	JARA, RYAN & CLAIRE	ROSENBLATT, JEFFREY	\$216,000
342 NEW PORTLAND ROAD	ROUSSEAU, ERIC M	ESTATE OF CHARLES GERALD	\$165,000
187 BURNHAM ROAD	HILL, KAROL & BURNHAM, MARK	WHITE, DENNIS	\$227,500
62 ANNIES WAY	ARNETT, CHRISTY	SIERRA CONSTRUCTION	\$85,000
15 HACKMATAK WAY	NICELY, KYLE C & MELISSA	CHOINIERE, PAUL	\$249,000
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18 GATEWAY COMMONS DRIVE	MAHONEY, DAVID J & PATRICIA	VIEL, JEFFREY	\$295,000
12 CARNATION DRIVE	BISKUP, M ROSALIE TRUSTEE	SUSAN DUCHAINE, LLC	\$330,000
10 WINDING BROOK WAY	TAYLOR, ERIC & SHANNON	KEEFFE, BRIAN	\$350,000
11 BRAMBLEWOOD LANE	WILDER CROSS, VIRGINIA	CROSS, DONALD	\$277,000
47 WATERHOUSE ROAD	SPILLER, SETH W & KALLIE	LEMIEUX, CRAIG	\$289,987

New Gorham High School Interim Principal Appointed

GORHAM SCHOOL DEPARTMENT
Office of the Superintendent

The Gorham School Department (GSD) is pleased to announce that Brian Jandreau has been selected as the interim principal at Gorham High School for the 2016-17 school year.

Jandreau has served as the assistant principal at GHS for the past three years, and before that he served as the assistant principal at Massabesic Middle School in Waterboro for two years.

He came into administration after having served as a high school English teacher for almost 10 years at South Portland High School in South Portland.

Jandreau holds a Certificate of Advanced Study in Educational Leadership and a Masters of Science in Education from the University of Southern Maine as well as a Bachelor of the Arts in English and Political Science from the University of New Hampshire.

The GSD believes Jandreau is uniquely poised to lead and help guide GHS through the next

school year. He is familiar with the staff, students, parents, and the community. He understands the various new initiatives that are being worked on at GHS and the vision behind these initiatives.

He will have the support of veteran assistant principal Kim Slipp, a strong leadership team, and Dr. Chris Record, former GHS principal who is now the Assistant Superintendent of Schools.

The GSD will hire an interim assistant principal to fill Jandreau's original role for the coming school year. The full position of GHS principal will be re-posted in the winter of 2017.

The GSD is pleased and thankful that Jandreau has stepped up to assist them in continuing to lead the great work being done at GHS for the coming year.



Photo courtesy of Lifetouch

Teen Trendsetters Provides Literacy Support

MALLORY CAMPBELL
Student Intern

For the second year, Gorham introduced Teen Trendsetters, a literacy tutoring program sponsored by Barbara Bush Children's Literacy Foundation. The program was designed to match older mentor readers with younger readers, as a way to instill the love of reading while constructively boosting literacy skills.

Sophomore English students at Gorham High School served as mentors to second graders at Village School who were chosen to participate in the program.

"Both mentors and mentees will tell you that they increased their self-esteem and enthusiasm for reading. High school students developed an awareness of literacy development and leadership skills. Second-grade students improved their literacy scores and self-confidence," commented program coordinator Luci Bowers.

Village students were chosen to participate in the program by reading support teacher, Jacquie Lortie. The younger students worked on develop-

ing literacy skills through one-on-one time with their teenage mentor.

"Our students love working one-to-one with the high school students. Younger students are in awe of teenagers, and having time with their buddies is very special. They see that reading is something even teenagers

value," said Lortie.

The Teen Trendsetters literacy program is grant funded. Barbara Bush Children's Literacy Foundation provides an assortment of books and resources for young readers.

"I'd like to

thank Denise Marcoux Nelson for bringing the program to my attention, Superintendent Heather Perry for her support of the program, the Village School administration, second-grade teachers and Jacquie Lortie for their participation. And to Heather Flanders and Amber Hatch for volunteering to take their students to Village each week to participate in the program. Mostly I'd like to thank the awesome high school literacy tutors and their second-grade buddies for making the program such a fun and successful experience," said Bowers.

"Both mentors and mentees will tell you that they increased their self-esteem and enthusiasm for reading."

LUCI BOWERS
Program Coordinator

Caitlyn Duffy Photo on Display at the State House

MALLORY CAMPBELL
Student Intern

Caitlyn Duffy, a 2016 Gorham High School graduate, recently had one of her photographs chosen for the Scholastic Art Awards. It was originally displayed at the Maine College of Art (MECA) this spring and is now on exhibition at the State House for one year.

Her work frequently "revolves around womanhood and the truth of conveying it in its natural state,"

said Duffy. This particular photograph is meant to challenge people's normal expectations of beauty and features a subject who is curvy and scarred.

When a woman approached Duffy at MECA and told her the picture made her feel disturbed, Duffy knew the piece was "doing

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Omission

Tristan Brunet's name was not provided to the Gorham Times as a cum laude student at Gorham High School. His name should have appeared within the list of students that were recognized as cum laude graduates in the issue dated June 16. Brunet is the son of Michel and Mary Kroth-Brunet. We regret the omission and congratulate Tristan on his achievement.



Photo courtesy of the Brunet family

Welcoming Gorham's Incoming Kindergarteners

Narragansett School and the Gorham Schools Dining Services Program invited next year's incoming Kindergarteners to eat lunch at the school. Half of Narragansett's future students and their families accepted the invitation. The experience was overwhelmingly positive for the parents and children. It gave the families a first-hand look at the lunch program and helped to ease some of their worries. Pictured is incoming Kindergartner Kaleb Dyer with his father, Jon Dyer.



Photo credit Raina Lee Cooper

A Visit Back in Time



Photo credit Tracy Burns

The Gorham Educational Foundation (GEF) sponsored a field trip for Gorham third graders to visit Willowbrook, a 19th century village in Newfield, Maine, designed to enhance students' learning of colonial America. The students rode an antique carousel, watched a blacksmith work, visited a colonial kitchen, and spent some time in a 1800s schoolhouse. The third grade students and teachers are grateful to GEF for providing the grant for this experience. Pictured are students from Mrs. Burns' and Mrs. O'Donnell's classes from Narragansett. Top row (left to right): Emma Miramontes, Haley Frie, Vanessa Walker, Cam Gasbaronne, Leigha Buteau, and Sophia Hutton. Middle row (l to r): Cam Crepeau, Connor Hennessey, Ashley Connolly, Lauren Fredette, Mina Sayed, and Matthew Clark-Young. Front row: Laura Burt.

Students at Village to Receive Access to Thousands of eBooks Thanks to Grant

JACQUIE LORTIE
Village Literacy Specialist

The Reading Room at Village School has been awarded a grant from the Gorham Education Foundation that will fund a one-year subscription to the educational website, Big Universe. This website offers students access to over 10,000 eBooks.

Teachers can choose books that will be of interest and that will be at the appropriate reading level for each individual student. The books are placed on each student's virtual bookshelf to be read any time, any place, and on any computer or tablet. In addition, students and parents can also go into the Big Universe library and choose any of the thousands of books to place on their bookshelf to be read.

Through this grant, students who receive services in the Village Reading

Room will have many more books to read through the summer, as well as during the school year. Having thousands of eBooks to choose from will allow students to practice their reading without the need for parents or teachers to purchase books.

Because the books are available on home computers and tablets, students will be able to choose books they want to read. Parents and teachers will be able to assure that the books are at the student's reading level. Students will also be able to read throughout the summer. This will help limit loss of reading skills during the summer. What a wonderful opportunity.

The Village School Reading Room sincerely thanks the members of the Gorham Education Foundation for their continued support of Gorham teachers and their students. They feel very fortunate to have this organization in Gorham.

Poet-Tees at GHS



Photo credit Amy Wyatt

On May 27, ninth graders at Gorham High School celebrated poetry by wearing their unique and colorful "Poet-Tees" t-shirts covered with poems and artwork.

Caitlin Duffy Photo on Display CONTINUED FROM PAGE 7

the job it was created to do." She wants people to look at her photos and wonder why they feel so uncomfortable.

As an artist Duffy said she "wants to challenge society's ideas and hopefully create a more honest

and realistic representation of humanhood."

Duffy will be attending the School of Visual Arts in New York City as a photography and video major. You can find examples of her work on catduffy.com.



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Career Day at Great Falls



Photo credit Melissa Mullin

John Palme, from Idexx Marketing, talked with students Dash Coolong and Lucy Mason at the 5th Annual Career Fair.

MELISSA MULLIN
Fifth Grade Teacher

Research shows that the earlier children start thinking about their future careers, the more time they'll have to explore the many options that are available. For this reason, Great Falls Elementary School hosted its 5th Annual Career Fair in the spring.

Thirty presenters came to share their careers with the students. The students were able to ask questions, see demonstrations, play games, and try out various tools. It was an interactive, educational, and fun afternoon.

The staff and students of Great Falls Elementary would like to thank the following presenters for coming to their school and sharing their knowledge and time with the students and staff: Todd Lyons, Masiello Realty; Doshu Allan Viernes, Jukado Martial Arts; Sheri Faber, The Bookworm; Jason Yahwak, Pulmonary Critical Care Doctor; Dave

Hebert, Moody's Collision Center; Michelle Belhumeur, Social Worker; Heidi Wheelan, Baxter Memorial Library; Jean Fecteau, Cardiac Technician; Felicia Mazzone, Animal Refuge League; Ben Moreland and Mike Coffin, Gorham Police Officers; Brian Rancourt, Seimens Engineering; Lori Perez Morse, Travel Agent; Heather Perry, Superintendent of Gorham Schools; Scott Martin, Sports Copy Editor, Portland Press Herald; Michael Smith, Physical Therapist; John Krouse, Keller Williams Realty; James Beardsley, Lawyer, Lowry Associates; Brett Sedenka, Web Developer; Karen MacDonald, Port Resources; Bob Cotta, Manufacturing Engineer; Melissa Mullen, Professional Photographer; Trish Moulton, Dance Studio of Maine; Emma Stanley, Musician; John Palme, Idexx Marketing; Jenn Grant, Findview Farms; Katie Towns, Dental Assistant; Terry Mooers, RN; and Natasha Williamson, Nurse.

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Congratulations to the 2016 Gorham Youth Baseball/Softball Association Champions



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U10 Baseball Champions - iSpoon Front row (L-R): Quinn Dillon; Middle row: Griffin Gammon, Anthony Jordan, Dylan Cummings, Ethan Castonguay, Luke Burns, James Stigman, Trevor Krouse, Joshua Polchies, Ethan Sadowski; Back row: Coaches Todd Castonguay, Brian Sadowski, and Bob Burns.



Photo courtesy of Lisa Sjostedt

U10 Softball Champions - Stonecraft Front row (L-R): Payton Thibodeau, Alivia Howlett, Samantha Hutchinson, Evelyn Hill, Chloe Ruane, Julia Edgar; Middle row: Elsie Bradshaw, Evelyn Rush, Miranda Chasse, Lillian Ruane, Annika Edgar, Audrey Shaw; Back row: Coaches John Bradshaw, Troy Thibodeau, and Scott Chasse.



Photo courtesy of Lisa Sjostedt

U12 Baseball Champions - TDI Front Row (L-R): Bryce Lumbert, Aiden Dever, Dan Mckeeage, Aidan Farley, John Sutton, Brady Hale, Nathan Doane; Back row: Coach Stan Skolfield, Coach Darren Corey, Asa Farley, Nate Corey, Macen Mitchell, Kyle Skolfield, Shawn Mckeeage, and Coach Jay Sutton.



Photo courtesy of Lisa Sjostedt

U12 Softball Champions - Port City Front row (L-R): Hannah Reed, Amalia Ionta, Morgan Roast, Caroline Morrell, Abby Cloutier; Back row: Delaney Seed, Riley Grant, Tatum Philbrook, Tatyanna Biamby, Grace Bradshaw. Missing: Janessa Wilson

In the Zone

Gorham Athletes Chosen as Spring All-State Selections: Gorham High School lacrosse goaltender **Carter Landry** and Gorham High School Senior tennis player **Thomas Brent** were named to the Maine Sunday Telegraph Spring All-State Team in their respective sports. Landry posted a .670 save percentage during the regular season and led the boys' lacrosse team to the Class A South final. In tennis action, Brent went 13-0 in team play this spring to push his career record to 50 wins and only 5 losses. Brent reached the quarterfinal in mens' singles action in the state tournament.

Maine High School Baseball Pitchers Restricted by Pitch Counts

MARTIN GAGNON
Sports Editor

Starting next spring, Gorham High School baseball coaches will have to approach pitching decisions differently. The National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS), which establishes playing rules for high school athletics across the country, announced that Maine will restrict pitch counts rather than innings pitched in high school baseball.

A concern for player safety, partly because of the rise in ligament-replacement elbow surgeries (known as Tommy John) among adolescents was the main force behind the rule change. A 2015 study by the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons showed that more than half (57 percent) of the 790 Tommy John surgeries performed between 2007 and 2011 involved high school pitchers aged 15 to 19, with an average annual increase among that age group of nine percent.

"We've had an inning rule for a number of years," said Mike Burnham, an assistant executive director of the Maine Principals' Association, "but during any given inning the number of pitches can fluctuate so much that this is just a better way of protecting those young arms." The MPA will be required to come up with a detailed policy concerning the number of pitches that a player can throw in a game. Under the NFHS guidelines, each state will be allowed to come up with its own policy.



Photo courtesy of www.summitpost.org

The Pleasure of an Accident Free Hike: Safety Tips for Any Hike

MARTIN GAGNON
Sports Editor

A month ago, my son and I made a voyage to Chimney Pond in Baxter State Park. It was a wonderful trip with breathtaking scenery and many memories. A

week after our visit, a 20 year old female hiker fell and was evacuated from the trail after a serious leg injury. It took nearly 10 hours and more than 40 people to get the hiker down the trail where an ambulance was waiting. Her trip

was memorable for very different reasons than those of my son and myself. Although accidents can occur no matter how well you are prepared,

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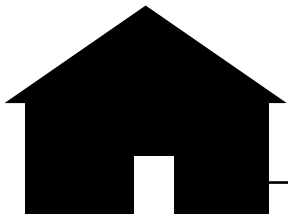
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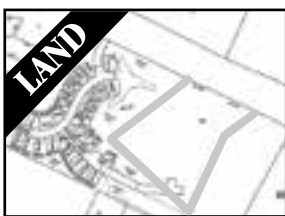


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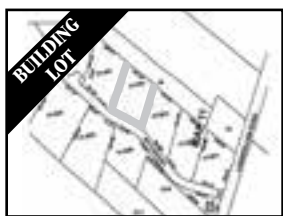
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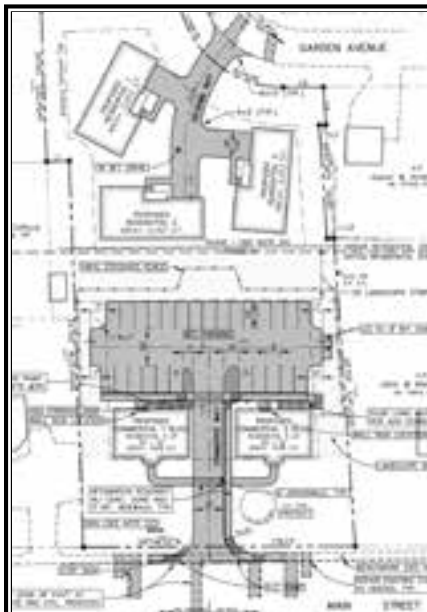


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GRADUATIONS

Adam Bourgault (GHS '12), Susquehanna University, Digital Journalism and Political Science, summa cum laude.
Lincoln Gray (GHS '12), Tufts University, Bachelor of Arts and Sciences in Music, Summa Cum Laude.
Alexandra Sturtevant, Delaware Valley University, Bachelor of Arts in Counseling Psychology.
Amelia Whitten (GHS '12), Simmons College, Bachelor of Science, Business Administration, magna cum laude.

OF INTEREST

Audrey Adkison (GHS '12), a Harding University Women's Track and Field team member, received Academic All-Great American Conference honors. Adkison is a Health and Kinesiology major.

Kate Fasulo (GHS '00) is an Executive Producer of the recently released crime film "The Infiltrator" starring Bryan Cranston and Diane Kruger.

Knights of Columbus members Bill Cassidy (L) and Mark Andrews (R) installed a new sign at Our Lady of Sebago Catholic Chapel off Route 114 in Sebago. Not pictured was Mike Chabot who also helped with the installation.



Cressey Road United Methodist Church will hold a Baked Bean Supper on Saturday, July 30. Seatings at 5:00 p.m. & 6:00 p.m., 81 Cressey Road, Gorham. There will be beans and hot dogs as well as American Chop Suey. Proceeds to benefit Maine Salem Economic Ministry. \$8/person.

The West Gorham Union Church, 190 Osippee Trail, Gorham will hold their Annual Yard & Bake Sale on Saturday, Aug. 6, from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Join the PRLT on Saturday, July 30, at 10 a.m. for a guided walk to learn about prehistoric cultures that lived along the Presumpscot River. Led by Nate Hamilton, Professor of Archaeology at USM, and Dick Doyle, Trustee with the Maine Archaeological Society, see the remains that have been collected from the outlet of Sebago Lake and the beginning of the Presumpscot River. This event begins at the head of the Presumpscot and is free, but space is limited. RSVP required by going to www.prlt.org.

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Vision 3 Architects of Providence, RI announced that Brittani Fleury (GHS '06) has earned her National Council for Interior Design Qualification certification by the Council for Interior Design Qualification. Fleury was recently selected to win a scholarship through International Interior Design Association New England to attend NeoCon 2016 in Chicago where new products as well as business and design trends are forecast for the upcoming year.



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, located at the Little Falls Activity Center, 40 Acorn Street in Gorham is open Monday – Friday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Join them daily for coffee, tea and socializing. On-Going daily activities include Mahjong on Mondays - beginners welcome. FMI, Diane 892-9529. Tuesday crafts and card games. FMI, Avis 892-0298. The Memoir Writing Group meets the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month. FMI, David 892-5604; Thursday Table Games at 10 a.m. and Friday Art Workshop at 9 a.m. and Pickle Ball at 9:30 a.m. for beginners FMI, 892-0299.

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, 839-2484 or 839-3859.

The Baxter Museum, boyhood home of James Phinney Baxter, is open for visitors on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. or by appointment through August. The museum has artifacts from Gorham residents and pieces from the Baxter family. Admission is free but donations are welcome. FMI, 839-3878.

CLOSE TO HOME

Continuum for Creativity, 863 Main Street, Westbrook, will host "Burning a da Vinci to Cook a Meal" on Friday, July 29 from 5 – 8 p.m. This art show will feature painting, fiber arts and sculpture to express opinions of the earth today. Show runs through Aug. 13. Wed – Sat from 12 – 6 p.m. FMI, 839-4463.

Windham Center Stage Theater will hold auditions for their fall musical, Little Shop of Horrors, on Wednesday, August 3, 6, 9 & 13 for ages 13 and older. FMI, www.windhamtheater.org or 893-2098.

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The West Gorham branch of Casco Federal Credit Union, located at 393 Ossipee Trail, celebrated its grand reopening with a ribbon cutting ceremony on July 13. Pictured from left to right are Ted Desveaux, Paul Gore, Joe Kerwin, John Zerillo, President/CEO Jim Stone, Branch Manager Patty Kenney, Dee Mathews, Bill Yates and CFO Katie O'Brien.

The Deans Sisters CONTINUED FROM PAGE 3

and northern Idaho with the aid of sledgehammers, crosscut saws, and pack mules and became a featured blogger for their organization. She served as the Multimedia Director for Kingsley Pines, a residential summer camp for kids in Raymond, Maine, before moving to Portland, Oregon, to attend graduate school. Emma's culminating project about the Presumpscot River can be viewed at www.presumpscot.com.

The Deans have fond memories of growing up and going to school in Gorham. Jessica recalled, "My sisters and I built forts together, collected daisies and dandelions for our mother and had campouts in the backyard. The time I logged outside as a child greatly influences my life today," she recounted. Emma went on to say, "Being raised in a place where authenticity is valued over superficiality has shaped the way I approach storytelling."

The Dean girls loved playing field hockey while at GHS, and Jessica and Emma continued to play while in college. Rachel said, "My work involves a lot of dedication, leadership and teamwork, all skills I acquired while playing sports in Gorham."

Jessica loved the positive, supportive learning environment created by her art teachers, Cindy Smith and Lisa Witte. She strives to create a similar environment for the children she

works with. Rachel's favorite teacher, Mr. Roy, influenced her choice to focus on film. Emma learned a lot from Social Studies teacher, Rachael Grady, and Latin teacher, Michael Lawrenson. Emma also enjoyed writing for the school newspaper and for the Gorham Times, as a student intern.

Jessica and her husband, Chris, live in Freeport where they spend time in the woods and the sea. They like to "bop around Casco Bay" in their little boat and cook up the fish and lobsters that Chris catches. "We like to grow vegetables, share good meals, listen to live music and spend time with friends and family. It's a good life," she said.

Rachel and her wife, Ellen live in Flagstaff, Arizona where they enjoy backpacking, reading and exploring. They have travelled and hiked throughout Australia, New Zealand, Peru, Patagonia area of Chile, Hawaii and all over southwestern U.S.

Emma and her fiance, Kyle Joyce (GHS '05), currently live in Gorham. They also love the outdoors and studying filmography, an interest they share, as Kyle is finishing up a degree in Media Arts. This summer, Emma is teaching a creative non-fiction class at the Longfellow Young Writers' Workshop, a writing camp at the UMaine Farmington.

John and Sis Deans are the parents of Jessica, Rachel and Emma.

Hiking Safety CONTINUED FROM PAGE 10

the National Park Service offers some hiking tips that could make your adventure into the Maine wilderness a positive experience.

Carry a headlamp on every hike, even short day hikes in case you are injured or lost and have to be in the woods after daylight. Follow the Park Service recommendation to drink a minimum of one quart of water every two hours to stay hydrated. The third tip is to make sure you are wearing sturdy foot-

wear with good traction to prevent possible slips and falls. Other tips include knowing your limits and paying attention to how you're feeling and staying on the trail. Finally, when hiking in a group, each member of the group should carry some water and food in case the party becomes separated, and the group should make a plan for where to meet up (at the vehicle, at the trailhead, etc.) if the members become separated.

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Visit the Stay in Touch section of www.gorham-me.org for program guides for Gorham Government Education TV (Channel 2 on Time Warner Cable) and Public Access (Channel 3 on Time Warner Cable). Live streaming and video on demand is available.

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TIME TO MAKE THE DONUTS

Suspicious person parked near the back of a Main St. lot with headlights off was a donut delivery driver taking a break.

Officer spoke to Gray Road couple and they agreed to stay away from each other for the night.

White Birch Lane caller reported stolen items. Items had not been stolen and had been found in her residence.

Man called from Texas wanting to know if a cell phone store was required to notify police when someone trades in a cell phone.

Main St. caller wanted police to record that a man had been removing surveying stakes. Caller was concerned as he had evicted someone and thought there were going to be issues in the next few days.

County Road caller reported a disturbance. Woman was yelling at her brother on the phone. She was very upset as her brother had been telling her mother "things" about her.

Officer responded to report of a disturbance on Maple Drive. Officer checked with the three people at the residence and they were all in a good place at that point.

Primrose Lane caller reported his soon to be ex-son-in-law took his daughter's van without permission. Son-in-law was charged with hindering apprehension and arrested on five outstanding warrants for failure to appear and failure to pay fines.

Hollis man was arrested on Main St. for OUI.

Caller advised two people were in a SUV with the motor running on School St. and had been there for a while. Both parties were charged with possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia and one with possession of alcohol by a minor.

Water St. woman was advised that she needed a burning permit. She told officer there was no need for everyone to be there. She then started screaming at officer telling him he had no right to be there and then she began yelling at her boyfriend. She was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct.

Driver stopped on Brackett Road was issued a summons for illegal transportation of liquor by a minor and a speeding ticket for going 20 mph over the posted limit.

Worm Composting with Jock Robie

MALLORY CAMPBELL
Student Intern

Jock Robie began worm binning, composting with worms, in 2008. Starting with only 50 worms, Robie's initial investment expanded into an ongoing 8-year enlightening experience.

Jock's father, John, composted using worms in the 1980's and taught his son about the benefits and importance of composting. After reading up on vermiculture, Robie was hooked. With more research and positive feedback, Robie, a retired chemical engineer, and his wife became an innovative worm-binning duo. Experiments with the worm castings began in the Robies' own garden and as his success grew, he expanded his number of bins.

Worm binning requires individuals to recycle their kitchen vegetable waste for the worms. The principles of husbandry are used to keep the worms thriving: maintenance, feeding, control of moisture and insects in the bin, temperature control, and ventilation. The bins are plastic and can be various sizes.

The harvested castings are full of beneficial microbes, nutrients, and plant growth hormones that support plant growth and productivity, and can fight against garden diseases and pests when used as a soil amendment.

Robie is currently working on efficiency. "As my worm farm has expanded, I've needed to find ways to cut down on the time involved in all aspects of what I do," said Robie.



Photo credit Mallory Campbell

Jock Robie demonstrates the process of composting with worms.

He is still experimenting with different methods of feeding.

Composting, done year round, takes wet trash out of the waste system. Ecomaine burns trash to create electricity, so taking the wet trash out of the production makes the process run smoother and more efficiently. Gorham is a member of Ecomaine, so composting benefits the town directly.

Robie's passion for his hobby allows him the opportunity to share his craft with others and he regularly gives talks, workshops and one-on-one coaching to schools, non-

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CALENDAR

THURSDAY, JUL 28

- Art in the Park, 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m., Baxter Library. Draw and paint outside! Bring your own lunch while waiting for art to dry. All ages.

SATURDAY, JUL 30

- Greater Gorham Farmer's Market, 8:30 a.m. – 12 p.m., 71 South Street (Public Park adjacent to Baxter Memorial Library).
- Baked Bean Supper, Cressey Road United Methodist Church. Seatings at 5:00 p.m. & 6:00 p.m., 81 Cressey Road, Gorham. \$8/person.

TUESDAY, AUG 2

- Gorham House Itsy Bitsy store, 1:30 - 3:30 p.m., GH lobby. FMI, 839-5757.
- Gorham Cancer Prayer and Support Group, 6 p.m., Cressey Road United Methodist Church. All are welcome. FMI, 321-1390 or 839-3111.
- Wand Making, 1 – 4 p.m., Baxter Library. Drop in to make a magic wand. Geared toward ages 3 to 18.

WEDNESDAY, AUG 3

- Story Time, birth – 3 yrs., 10 – 10:30 a.m., North Gorham Public Library.
- Draw with Cathryn Falwell, 10 – 11 a.m., Baxter Library. Story and drawings to be sent to children in New Zealand. All ages welcome.
- Town of Gorham Senior Lunch Program, St. Anne's Church, Gorham. Opens at 11 a.m. Lunch served promptly at 12 p.m. \$4. FMI, 839-4857.

THURSDAY, AUG 4

- Harry Potter Craft, 10 - 11 a.m., Baxter Library. All ages.

SATURDAY, AUG 6

- Greater Gorham Farmer's Market, 8:30 a.m. – 12 p.m., 71 South Street (Public Park adjacent to Baxter Memorial Library).
- Baby/toddler yoga with certified instructor Noele Lamarche, 10-10:45 a.m. Outside on the lawn at North Gorham Library, weather permitting. Bring a yoga mat and water bottle.

MONDAY, AUG 8

- Reel-to-Reel Movie Matinee, 1 – 1:30 p.m., Baxter Library. Ages 5 – 10.

TUESDAY, AUG 9

- Gorham Lions meeting, Old School House on South Street (Rte. 114), 6:30 p.m. New members always welcome. FMI, 298-9182.

WEDNESDAY, AUG 10

- Story Time, birth – 3 yrs., 10 – 10:30 a.m., North Gorham Public Library.
- Dog Tales Story Time, 10 – 10:45 a.m., Baxter Library. All ages.
- Super Hero Day at North Gorham Library. Come dressed in your best super hero costume and listen to super hero books! We'll provide the super hero activities and refreshments. All ages. No registration required.

THURSDAY, AUG 11

- Art in the Park, 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m., Baxter Library. Draw and paint outside! Bring your own lunch while waiting for art to dry. All ages.

FRIDAY, AUG 12

- Minute to Win It, 1 – 2 p.m., Baxter Library. Test your dexterity and complete tasks in 1 minute or less. Geared toward ages 10 to 18.

Worm Composting with Jock Robie CONTINUED FROM PAGE 14

profit organizations, individuals, Adult Ed, garden clubs, shows and conventions, civic groups, friends and family. He hopes to achieve an army of individuals "successfully composting with worms at homes and in schools by recycling their kitchen vegetable waste with worms and then harvesting and utilizing the worm castings to grow vigorous and productive, healthy plants, naturally, without chemical fertilizers, pesticides or herbicides."

"Kids in preschool to fifth grade are the perfect age to introduce to composting with worms," said Robie. "I have never had more excited and fun audiences as I find in our preschools and elementary schools. Parents and grandparents who

have kids in this age range will find a worm bin is a great family project."

Robie has helped elementary kids make their own ice cream carton worm bins, and often leaves bins in classrooms for students and teachers to take care of and learn from during the course of a school year. Robie has an impressive list of those he's guided on worm bins. "It's just me doing my thing," added Robie.

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