WE LOVE GORHAM

Community Comes Together for Service Project

Andrea Morrell School News Editor

July 27, 2017

Great Falls Principal Becky Fortier and Gorham resident Travis Bush, also the Lead Pastor of South Coast Community Church in Scarborough, recently identified a need in the Gorham community...handicap accessible and inclusive playground equipment for elementary children.

Bush was instrumental in making sure that need, along with other needs within the community, were met by bringing Gorham church and community members together for one day that was dubbed 'We Love Gorham Day.'

"I have been part of the Gorham community for 48 years and have never seen anything like this," said Facilities Director Norm Justice. "We could not have asked for a better day all the way around. It was overwhelming in the best way."

On June 17, handicap accessible and inclusive playground equipment was installed at each of the three elementary schools, made possible by a service project grant given by Bush's colleague, Tom Thompson, from a sister church in Alabama.

With 4,000 members, the Alabama sister church is a very outwardly-focused church and typically does one annual service project stateside and one annual service project oversees.

The church brought volunteers for this day to help the communities of Gorham, Portland, and Lewiston. The



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Gorham community members, along with local churches, and volunteers from Alabama, worked together to help residents in need as well as install handicap accessible and inclusive playground equipment at the three elementary schools.

goal for Gorham, according to Fortier, was bringing all children, despite disabilities, together to play.

With the input of Special Education Director Kathy Hamblen, Justice, and the three elementary principals, the group decided on a zip line and a sand pit at each of the schools. A third phase in the future will include the installation of sensory boards with spinners, textures, a tic tac toe game, and incorporate more color and music.

Over 100 Alabama volunteers joined by over 300 Gorham community members wore "Loving is Serving" shirts as they worked side by side.

Volunteers were able to complete the installation of all playground equipment at the three elementary schools. The pea gravel at Village School was replaced with mulch. The gazebo in front of the Library was painted. Work was begun

at the Old Robie School and will be completed over the summer. Work was completed at the Arts Alliance building, and volunteers helped at a local farm as well as several individual homes.

The hope is to make this day an annual event with We Love Gorham Day becoming a non-profit, focusing on a service project benefiting Gorham and its community members each year.

"The organization of the day was awesome," said Bush. "The involvement from the community was incredible. I think one thing we would like to see in the future is to offer ourselves to more individual projects in the community. We are very excited about the energy that this created for our community and we are excited about future opportunities like this to get people together to love and care for each other," he added.



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High School Renovation Discussed

KATHY CORBETT Staff Writer

At a joint meeting of the Gorham Town Council and School Committee on June 27, Oak Point Associates, hired by the School Committee to conduct a feasibility study on upgrades to Gorham High School, reviewed their results. The company presented three options to address safety, parking, athletic spaces, and educational programing needs for the district's increasing number of high school students, estimated at 955 within ten years. A facility would be designed for 1,100 students. There is little possibility of state funding for the project.

The three options include build-

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Asst Principal at Gorham High Arrested for OUI

Sheri Faber Staff Writer

Kim Slipp, 61, a long-time administrator in the Gorham Schools, was arrested for OUI in Sebago by Cumberland County Sheriff's Office on the evening of June 22. Slipp was also charged with hitting another vehicle and leaving the scene of an accident. She had been driving on Rt. 114 in Sebago when she was reported to have hit a parked SUV as well as a utility pole.

She was treated at the scene for minor injuries and taken to Windham Police Department for a breathalyzer test. Courts have found that the breathalyzers used for roadside tests are not

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Highlight: Local Act of Kindness

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Budget Winners and Losers

SEN. AMY VOLK

The smoke is finally starting to clear following the chaos in Augusta that led to a brief government shutdown, and for many of us, the summer is finally underway. Simply put, disagreement over spending priorities for the state's two-year budget which needed to be signed by July 1, 2017- the beginning of the state's fiscal year- is what led to the shutdown.

A budget agreement was finally reached in the early morning hours of July 4, and the shutdown ended. What we are left with is a spending package that will fund state government services through Fiscal Year 2019.

As always, there is a lot to dislike about the state budget. The overall increase in spending, for example, from \$6.8 billion in the previous budget to \$7.1 billion in the current, one was a tough pill for most Republicans to swallow.

But this budget presented many unique challenges. Perhaps the largest was making necessary adjustments to the enormous tax increase created by the passage of Question 2 last November as a

way to increase education funding. While we can all agree on the benefit of spending more on our schools, the highest-in-the-nation tax on small businesses represented a dire threat to our economy, and one that needed to be addressed immediately.

Fortunately, Senate President Michael Thibodeau and Senate Republicans stood their ground during budget negotiations and were able to eliminate the surtax in exchange for providing an additional \$162 million for schools.

Because of the way the state's **Essential Programs and Services** (EPS) formula is structured, there are winners and losers in how the money will be distributed. Senate District 30, which I represent, has mixed results. Gorham's public schools, for example, will receive an additional \$735,683 in education funding, a development that will not only help the schools, but also those who pay property taxes in the town.

Lack of state funding is not a failure; it is a result of a formula that has been studied and judged to be one of the most fair in the

country. Convincing a majority of the Legislature to change the school funding formula in order to benefit an area with a strong economy and increasingly valuable property is extraordinarily unlikely because it means siphoning money from districts with less capacity to raise revenue. Twice now I have attempted to alter the formula to recognize locally approved debt to some extent, but to no avail. In fact, the only major tweaks to the formula have been in favor of more needy districts, particularly in areas impacted by mill closures.

Still, we have wonderful school systems, an unmatched geographical location and amazing opportunities for growth that are among many reasons to be proud and celebrate our communities.

Please let me know if you have any questions or if you wish to discuss anything further.



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Around Town

David Cole issued a 10-year service pin to Carol White of the Planning Department.

Knowles Industrial, a contractor based in Gorham, recently became an employee owned company. Founded in 1924, the company specializes in concrete and masonry work and employs 78 people.

Jim Boyle, Gorham resident and former Democratic Senator, announced his plans to run for Governor in 2018.

The Lady Stripper, a store offering refinished furniture, antiques and consignment items, is now open in the old Gorham Grind location on South St.



letter to the Editor

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Dear Gorbam Times,

Is there any wonder why the world cannot get along? That all peoples cannot live together in peace? Why should there be any wonder or room for doubt at all when we as individuals cannot even agree to disagree.

If there is a vote held on an issue, one side comes out ahead in the tally. What is the first thing that happens; protest, or even revolt by those who garnished the fewer votes.

In our legislatures, we have those of one opinion in one room or grouped together on one side of a room and those of another in the other side. Each by dictate it is apparent, shall "stick to their guns" it might be stated, in order that the opposition might not get a bit of credit for coming up with a suitable answer to the issue.

Why not that all be mixed together side by side, where in the first place they might get to know each other. In the second place get to work out a viable solution rather than being in opposition merely because their coats are of different colors?

Of course according to man's records, this is the way it has been since the time of Adam and Eve and their first two offspring.

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The Funny Thing about Ian Stuart



CHRIS CRAWFORD Staff Writer

Ian Stuart (GHS 2004) is an upstanding, up and coming, stand-up comedian. He also produces and organizes comedy shows around the state like the one he recently headlined in at Bissell Brothers Brewery at Thompson's Point, where all proceeds from ticket sales and bar tabs went to support Camp Sunshine.

Stuart is the founder of the Portland Maine Comedy Festival, held early in July, featuring national and regional comedians. He is also keeps busy teaching stand-up comedy classes at Empire, a performance venue in Portland.

Stuart is a funny guy. He thinks maybe he was born that way since he has been interested in comedy for as long as he can remember. As a kid, he says he had every Farside and Calvin and Hobbes book ever released. He was also obsessed with Mel Brooks and Monty Python films and got a taste for performing when he auditioned for a play in junior high because it had a scene from The Holy Grail. The first albums he bought with his own money were John Pinette's "Show me the Buffet" and Chris Rock's "Born Suspect." Now he has released a comedy album of his own called "Day Drinker" on Acuity Records.

Stuart is hoping that his mother is not going to read this, but while in high school, he snuck in to the Comedy Connection to watch local comedians try out material. "Senior year, I occasionally performed at bars I shouldn't have legally been in," he said.

After graduating from GHS, Stuart attended Franklin Pierce College in New Hampshire, majoring in business, but entertainment was never far from his thoughts. He performed occasionally at the Comedy Connection in Portland while completing his degree and then worked in group homes after college, before deciding to pursue comedy full-time.

Stuart has performed all over New England and Canada, at colleges and comedy venues in Chicago, Texas, Ohio and New Mexico. He loves traveling and he loves making people laugh, adding, "I like to give people a temporary distraction from a long work week."

To Stewart, comedians are storytellers and he honed his skills hanging

around a campfire with family and friends as a kid. He believes that being from Maine has definitely put a stamp on his style of comedy. "People from Maine have a natural wit and a talent for storytelling, it's hard to find someone from Maine that doesn't have a funny story to tell," he said. Stuart is constantly working to perfect his craft, seeking help and feedback from many of the comedians who perform in the area. "If you ask questions and are interested in the response, you'll get help from everyone," he said.

Stuart loved growing up in Gorham. Participating in school plays was a highlight for him. In drama club, he was first introduced to improvisation, an important comedic skill. He enjoyed being in garage bands, and still has a tape-deck demo made in the 8th grade. He was also one of the skateboarders who helped facilitate the skateboard park behind Narragansett school, "It was a great lesson in planning and executing an idea at a young age," Stuart said. It is a skill he uses in his professional life, too.

Stuart also appreciated many of his teachers at Gorham High: Mr. Weed, a man who helped Stuart understand the meaning of "DIY"; Mr. Bond, who had a fabulous speaking voice; Mr. Bell, who taught him to think for himself; Mr. Strout, an amazing English teacher and drama coach; and Mr. Benet, the best math teacher whose dry-wit made math class fun. He loved Mr. Mathieu's band class and is still friends with kids he met

While Stuart likes to find humor in everyday life, he also knows how to handle adversity. When his girlfriend, Sarah, was diagnosed with stage-two Hodgkin's Lymphoma, he accompanied her to every treatment, even though his night-time work frequently took him out of town.

Thankfully, Sarah is now healthy and cancer free. They live in Portland with a dog, three cats and a ghost that haunts their various rooms. Stuart likes to hike with his dog and enjoys directing and editing videos made with his comedian friends.

Stuart is the son of John Stuart, a musician and producer, and Anne Stuart, a teacher in the Gorham school system. Sister Charlotte (GHS '06) is also a teacher.

To contact Stuart, visit DelaBookings@gmail.com.

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Fabulous Fungi



The Presumpscot Regional Land Trust recently sponsored a mushroom walk on the Black Brook Preserve in Windham. Led by Ian Seamans of the Maine Mycological Association, the group learned about different types of mushrooms, how local and seasonal conditions determine species, and which common mushrooms are edible.

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Skip the Fats, Aim For Balance

ANGELA VERRILL

As a dietitian, I often hear statements such as "I can't eat carbs" or "I follow a fat free diet" or "I am trying to lose 10 pounds this week." While these efforts are commendable, none of those diets tend to work long term. Fad diets are a billion dollar industry that relies on people hoping for a quick fix. Any diet that is overly restrictive is difficult to maintain and can lead to dangerous health problems. The promise of fast weight loss without exercise is not sustainable and any weight loss is usually water weight which will return as soon as the dieter is properly nourished.

Fad diets promise fast weight loss with no exercise. They often restrict a particular food group or reduce calories to unhealthy levels. They can be expensive if they require you to

purchase their meals, powders or pills. A sure sign that a diet will not work is the promise of results that are too good to be true.

We all need carbs, fat and protein in our diets. Carbohydrates supply short term energy and regulate blood glucose. Carbs are found in grains, dairy, fruits and vegetables in small amounts. Fats are important for brain function, absorption of some nutrients and energy storage. Fat comes from nuts, oils, meat, fish and dairy. Protein, the building block of the body, provides energy and supports the immune system. Protein is found in meat, fish, eggs, beans and plants.

The truth is, there is no one food that must be avoided completely. You can have cake, ice cream and cookies. The trick is to enjoy these guilty pleasures in moderation. If weight loss or

disease management is the goal, it is important to know that moderation is the best way to reach those goals.

That means that, in general, all foods fit into a diet that focuses on lean meat and fish, whole grains such as brown rice, whole oats and whole wheat, and whole fruits and vegetables. The foods that should be limited include those that are deep fat fried, overly processed, or high in added sugar such as candy, soda, and desserts.

The other factor in the weight loss equation is exercise. Daily activity is important to support a healthy body at any age. It does not have to be extreme, but it should be some form of activity 4 to 5 times a week, for at least 30 minutes per day. The benefits of a little bit of activity are huge. A little bit of cardio activity combined with strength training can maintain

bone health, build muscle and aid in weight loss efforts. Exercise also helps to lower blood pressure, improve sleep and mood, improve blood glucose control and much more.

Food is important for life, but it is also an important part of our culture. Food brings family and friends together, provides comfort and creates memories. A healthy plate should include a variety of foods from all food groups. If every now and then you want cake, go right ahead. If your focus is on a healthy diet most of the time along with regular exercise, there is always room to enjoy a bit of your favorite guilty pleasure. Enjoy!

Angela Verrill is a Registered Dietitian and mother of two from Gorham with 12 years' experience in the field of nutrition and healthcare.

High School Renovation Discussed CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

ing on to the existing GHS structure and potentially moving athletic fields off-site, building a new high school with athletic fields at a new location, or "flip-flopping" GHS with Gorham Middle School and renovating both buildings.

The feasibility study made clear that the least expensive option would be to build on to the existing high school structure and to potentially move some athletic fields off-site. The most

expensive option would be exchanging use of GHS with GMS, followed by the option of building a high school and athletic fields at a new location. The purpose of the study was to examine the options and narrow them down to one that can be examined more closely.

After discussion and suggestions that included closer examination of the proposed components, such as the size of a competition stadium and the possible use of part of Robie Park for athletic fields as well as the amount of parking needed for a stadium, all Council members expressed a preference for renovating and enlarging the existing high school, the least costly option.

The cost is estimated to be between \$53.7 and \$63 million depending on enhancement options. Although the Town Council did not vote on any option, in a July 10 letter to the Council, Superintendent Heather Perry stated that she believed we "have now narrowed the scope of our work to the option of building onto the existing GHS site."

According to Perry, the next step should be to hire professional architectural and engineering services to work with the GHS Building and Athletic Committees in completing more

detailed designs for the potential project. This will require requesting some "seed money" from the Town Council.

Once funding for the design work is secured and a firm is selected, a draft design would be brought back to the School Committee for feedback and revisions. The School Committee would then request a joint meeting with the Town Council to share the draft design and solicit feedback and additional revisions.

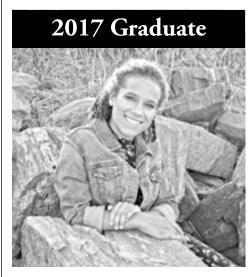
"I look forward to continuing this important work in a methodical and transparent manner to insure that any proposal brought to the voters of Gorham to approve does its best to meet the long term educational needs of our children while balancing the needs of our taxpayers for efficiency," said Perry.

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Congratulations Sophia on your High School Graduation. We are very proud of your honorable accomplishment. We have been monitoring your school achievements in elementary, middle and high school. You have blossomed into a very beautiful young lady and we love you very much. Congratulations to your parents for the wonderful job they did in raising you.

Love and best wishes from your family in San Antonio, Texas. Grandma Wilma, Dad, Aunt Stacev, Uncle Ken, Cousins Tristan, Nicholas and Baby Everett.

Postcard from the Past: A Grand Old Hotel

From the collection of Greg Cuffey



Overlook Inn, circa 1920, was once located on the top of a treeless Fort Hill Road in Gorham. Advertisements of the day boasted inspiring views of Casco Bay and the White Mountains. Anyone with additional information about this hotel is welcome to share it on the Gorham Times Facebook page and/or to contact Greg Cuffey at SPHOmaine@hotmail.com.

Summer Music Series

Gazebo concerts continue in August. All concerts run from 6:00-7:30 pm at the Gazebo next to Baxter Memorial Library. Bring a picnic, a blanket or chair, and enjoy the show.

Tricky Britches ~ August 1 Don Roy Trio ~ August 8

Town of Gorham

NOMINATION PAPERS AVAILABLE **MONDAY, August 14, 2017**

PORTLAND WATER DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES SCHOOL COMMITTEE and TOWN COUNCIL

The Municipal election will be held on Tuesday, November 7, 2017 for the purpose of electing:

- One (1) person for the Portland Water District Board of Trustees to serve a 5 year.
- One (1) person for School Committee to serve a 1 year term due to a resignation.
- Three (3) persons for School Committee to serve a 3 year term
- Two (2) persons for Town Council to serve a 3 year term

Nomination papers are available from the Town Clerk's Office beginning on Monday August 14, 2017. Completed nomination papers must be submitted to the Town Clerk's office no later than 1:00 p.m. on Friday, September 22, 2017.

Any registered voter of the Town of Gorham, who is interested in running for any of these positions, must submit nomination papers with no less than 35 or more than 50 signatures of persons who are registered voters of the Town of Gorham.

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

The Portland Water District Board is comprised of eleven members who serve staggered 5 year terms. The board generally meets twice monthly; a workshop session is held the 2^{nd} Monday of each month, and a regular business meeting is held the 4^{th} Monday of each month. <u>Trustees receive a stipend of \$100 per meeting, up to \$2400 per year.</u>

Fort Hill Accident Sends Driver to Hospital

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A vehicle operated by Vicky Leclerc, 26, of Sebago, went off Fort Hill Road on July 15 at about 1:23 a.m. The vehicle was traveling northbound through a slight curve to the left on Fort Hill Road, and went off the roadway and onto the right shoulder. Leclerc overcorrected to the left, which caused the vehicle to enter into an uncontrollable skid. The vehicle continued in a sideways skid and crossed the center line before going off the left shoulder, colliding with the ditch and the guide wire to a utility pole before coming to a stop.

There was significant damage to the vehicle and damage to the

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always reliable so police departments frequently maintain breathalyzers that give more accurate readings at local police stations. She was taken to jail where she posted bail. Slipp's blood alcohol content was not released.

The penalty for an OUI conviction is a 90 day loss of license for a first offense and can include a fine of \$500 to \$1000. Many first time offenders plead to lesser charges such as driving to endanger which is a misdemeanor.

Slipp has worked for the Gorham Schools for 39 years. She was initially a gym teacher at the former Shaw Jr. High School, later becoming an assistant principal there before moving to Gorham High School 12 years ago, also as an assistant principal. Typically, a person facing any serious charge is placed on paid administrative leave during an investigation of the incident

by School Superintendent Heather Perry or her designee. Because school is not in session, Slipp is not on leave over the summer.

The consequences for Slipp from the Gorham School Department may range from a letter of reprimand to termination of employment depending upon the outcome of the investigation. "We're going about the process of investigating and determining the appropriate consequences in a methodical, fair and comprehensive manner," said Perry.

When investigating employee misconduct, Perry talks to the employee and anyone else who could add information about the situation, and at the end of this process, she will write a final report with her conclusions and determine the appropriate discipline. Details of the discipline imposed would be confidential.



JULY 2017

Planning Board

60 Hutcherson Drive, LLC's request for approval to construct two buildings with multiple units to lease for general commercial and industrial uses on property located at 61 Hutcherson Drive in the Gorham Industrial Park was discussed and moved to future consent agenda.

Maine Coast Kitchen's request for approval to construct a 7,150 square foot condo-plex including parking, access ways, sidewalks and landscaping on Little Wing Lane on property located off New Portland Road was discussed and moved to future consent agenda.

An amendment was added to the Land Use and Development Code (Section 1-21) in order to rezone the Olde Canal Industrial Park from the Industrial Zone to a new Olde Canal Industrial Zone. Item was dis-

cussed and moved to next available Planning Board meeting for a public hearing.

An amendment was added to the Land Use and Development Code Zoning Regulations (Section 1-22), Agricultural/Industrial District, to provide areas for agricultural uses to occur in close proximity to industrial uses/operations was discussed and referred to the Ordinance Committee for review.

A pre-application hearing for Kasprzak Land Holdings, Inc's proposal for 120 dwelling units with 60 buildings on 76.97 acres in the Pheasant Knoll Condominium development on property located off Fort Hill Road was discussed.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Anderson for his years of service on the Board and wished him well.

Local Organizations Sponsor "National Night Out"

GORHAM TIMES STAFF

The Gorham Police Department, Gorham Parks & Recreation, Windham Police Department, Windham Parks & Recreation, and the Cumberland County Sheriff's Office invite the public to a National Night Out picnic with police, neighbors and community organizations on Tuesday, August 1, from 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm at Shaw Park, 55 Partridge Lane, in Gorham. There will

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JUNE 11, 2017

Town Council

JACOB ADAMS Staff Writer

The June 6 Town Council (TC) minutes were amended to include Councilor Hager stating that his son works for the School Department and asking if it would be a conflict of interest for him to vote. The TC voted to allow Councilor Hager to stay and participate in the vote.

David Cole reminded citizens that the bridge in Little Falls on Rte. 202 will be closed for repairs until October.

The TC discussed the Town's open space impact fee which helps to preserve open space in the community. In 2003, the Town passed the Recreational Facilities and Open Space Impact Fee and, in 2006, the Town adopted the Development Transfer Overlay District. Both the Development Transfer Overlay District and the Open Space portion of the impact fee identifies the conservation of land by either acquiring the land or conservation easement to protect significant natural resources, conserve scenic values, preserve the community's agricultural heritage, conserve the remaining supply of viable farmland and working forest, provide for low intensity recreational activities such as walking, bird-watching, fishing, biking, cross country skiing, hunting, and similar activities that are consistent with the primary use of the property as open space or farmland.

The Overlay District Ordinance was set up to promote higher density growth in areas of Town supported with public infrastructure (public water and sewer) and protect developable land currently being used as agricultural land, forest land, and wildlife habitat in the rural areas of Town from ever being developed. Parcels located within the Development Transfer Overlay District are allowed

greater density if developments are approved under the overlay district's standards and pay the required Development Transfer Fee.

The applicant pays the fee to the Town for each dwelling unit allowed above the number of maximum dwelling units that could be developed on the site based on the underlying zoning. The Development Transfer Fees are required to be used to acquire fee interest in land or conservation easements on potentially developable land in areas where the Town desires to discourage growth.

The open space provisions of the Recreational Facilities and Open Space Impact Fee is designed to allow the Town to maintain a ratio of 0.0438 acres of community open space per capita. Any residential development activity that creates new dwelling units shall pay this impact fee based upon the expected population of the project. The fee applies to the construction of any new dwelling unit whether or not such a unit is part of a subdivision.

The purpose of this policy is to rank properties on developable and natural resource attributes to ensure the Town is purchasing the land with the highest preservation value to benefit all citizens of Gorham.

Applications for land to be considered for preservation will be accepted on a continuous basis throughout the year. Applications will be reviewed for completeness by Town Staff and when deemed complete will be evaluated, scored, and ranked based on the Land Ranking System. For more details on the Land Ranking System, please visit the town website.

The Town Council renewed a liquor license for Southern Maine Community Recreation Center, DBA Gorham Sports Center, located at 215 Narragansett Street.

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Gorham High School Fourth Quarter Honor Rolls 2016-17

Grade 9 - High Honors Elizabeth Blanchard Laura Bolduc Haley Burns Faith Dillon Madison Firmin Ryan Gaudreau Maeve Higgins Paige Hume Elyssa Johnson Aaron Jones Ethan Mercier Abigail Miller Peyton Morton Jillian Nichols Abigail O'Brien Lauren Preis Ryan Reno Gianna Romatis Camden Sawyer Veronica Steiner Madisen Sweatt Andrew Tinkham Quinn Young

Ethan Allen
Grace Andrews
Daniel Bachner
Joshua Ball
Carson Battaglia
Celia Begonia
Anthony Booth
Jordan Bretton
Westley Brinegar
Neila Cairnduff
Emma Callahan
Evan Chambers
Vicky Chen
Brandon Chhoeung
Colby Christakis

Rachel Collomy

Emily Crepeau

Kaitlyn Crockett

Grade 9 - Honors

Kasey Cummings Garrett Devoe Hannah Dimick Jax Dol Meredith Donisi Connor Donnelly Ryan Doughty Lydia Drew Raechel Edwards Tyler Farris Sawyer Gagnon Lauren Green Kyle Hamblen Jacqueline Hamilton Joseph Hansen Sophie Hemingway Ashleigh Hotham Erin Hume Makenzie Huntington Noah Jalbert Cortnie Jones Iris Kitchen Cassandra Kovacs Henri Kuntz Lucas LaMontagne Halev Lowell Nolan McCullough MacAllister Moss Cameron Myles Anna Nault

Lindsey Nygren

Samuel Orlando

Kyle Ouillette

Aidan Owens

Marin Perry

Ava Pitman

Andrew Rent

Peter Richards

Chloe Russell

Kendall Smith

Ursula Steiner

Quinn Sommers

Seth Richardson

Margaret Rimkunas

Gage Stuart
Julia Sturgis
Kiana Tracey
Katrina Tugman
Sarah Tuttle
Lydia Valentine
Isabella VanZandt
Samuel Waggoner
Kacie Walton
Isabelle Wareham
Alana Weed
Jade Wu
Jacob Zelmanow

Grade 10 - High Honors Kyren Bettencourt Maiya Christiansen-Carlson Spencer Keating Matilda McColl Libby Mitchell Katherine O'Donnell Olivia Paruk Anna Rathbun Alice Riiska Colette Romatis Simon Roussel Sara Slager Sarah Stevens Sarah Walker Erin Wentworth **Brooke Woodbury**

Grade 10 - Honors Isis Adams Maggy Aube Lauren Barden Lily Barden Fatima Batool Aaliyah Biamby Lexa Bibeau Kevin Blake Courtney Brent Mackenzie Buteau

Bruce Wyatt

Isabel Courtney **Brandon Cummings** Gavin Cupps Ryan DeSanctis Brittany Desjardin Caroline Dowdle Jacob Dupuis Riley Ferrigan Emma Forgues Gabriella Gagne Jayden Gaudreau Avery Germond Brinn Hall Jeremy Harris Joshua Hayward Autumn Heil **Emaly Howard** Tucker Humiston Isabella Jones Evelyn Kitchen Michael Knight Libby Knudsen Isabelle Kolb Kate Larkin Abigail Leonard Griffin Lord Lila Lovley Kathrvn Lundin Lvdia McCrillis Hailey Morrill Margaret Munkacsi Thomas Nelson Samuel Pocock Samantha Rockwell Callie Russell Leah Scontras Hallie Shiers Jacob Sladen Caelyn Smith Mariah Stout Ian Stultz McKayla Taft Grace Terry

Haley Thompson

Payton Thorpe Jayde Trafton Brenden Waterman Bryce Womack Mackenzie Young

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Grade 11 – Honors
Asal Bahmani
Molly Barr
Clayton Bassingthwaite
Conor Battaglia
Jessica Bennett
Vanessa Berrill
Lindsey Boylen
Nolan Brown
Isabelle Burke
Matthew Campbell
Marisa Collins
Courtney Cushing
Claudia Daigle
Michaela Desrosier
Benjamin Eichner
Emily Emmons

Abigail Emerson

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Ashley Thurston

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Brandon Verrill

Morgan Walton

Asa Wareham

Caleb Waterman

Aiden Warren-VanHorn

Makayla Summerson

William Stein

Nola True

Lyndsey Estes

Meadow Fortier

Alexis Fotter

Olivia Garand

Grade 12 - High Honors Jordan Allen Katherine Andrews Kelly Aube Katherine Bennett **Delaney Burns** Jamie Carter Kathryn Christianson Haylee Dahlborg Grant Hamblen Ryan Hamblen Whitney King Samuel Martel Thomas Matthews Kyle Peoples Lauren Poirier Haley Poitras Samuel Roussel Emma Smith Raymond St. Cyr Tiril Wiig

Grade 12 - Honors Mary Adams Elsa Alexandrin Avery Arena Sally Aube Trystan Bates Lucas Brvant Tess Buzzell Nariah Cavarretta Benjamin Clark Tony Cooper Kristen Curley Jordan Currier Brandon Desjardin Kara Doane Alyssa Dolley Ethan Donnelly Logan Drouin Kara Ellsmore Emily Esposito Erin Esty Ryan Firmin Abigail Flint

Jackson Fotter Bennett Gasowski Jordan Gaudreau Bligh Godin Rhiannon Hatch **Emily Hayward** Sophia Hendrix Cameron Holmes Ethan Joyce Diana Kolb Carli Labrecque Carter Landry Eric Lane Hannah LeBlanc Narissa Libby Sarah Lorello Samantha Low Keegan Luce Kaylea Lundin Thomas Macomber Demitri Miner Taylor Nygren Emily O'Donnell Miles Obrev Ethan Orach Padraic Owens Athena Pappalardo Kent Piazzola Brady Rioux Julia Roy Caroline Smith Nathanael Smith Molly Sposato Cameron Stevens Alexandra Stresser Connor Sweatt Benjamin Swift Amanda Thompson JennaMarie Webster Dylan Weeks **Emily Yager** Marc Yankowsky Alex York

Gorham Middle School Fourth Quarter Honor Rolls 2016-17

Grade 6 - High Honors Julia Altham Hayden Anderson Christian Butler Klarha Cajuste Lexi Caron Hannah Caron Miranda Chasse Faith Connolly Jasper Crane Rachel Cummings Annie Cunningham Patrick Cyr Angela Dellasala Jonah Doucette Abby Fiore Noah Flynn Tv Gammon Brooke Gordon Tedi Gould Marin Graham Owen Harmon Josephine James Grace Johnson Ella Kitchen Samantha Kovacs Alexis Landry Erin Lawrence Kevin Luo Trevin Macomber Kate Martin Isabella O'Brien Claudia Peterson Qasim Rabbani Sarah Rathbun Tyler Reynolds Abigail Rosingana Kate Sands **Brady Smith** Alexandra Sutton Rylee Tenuta Wyatt Thomas

Grade 6 – Honors Waeil Ahmed Brady Alexander Benjamin Allison

Madison Toronto

Megan Wentworth

Elizabeth Willette

Kieran Wilkins

Hailee Willey

Peter Wu

Avery Andrews Anthony Arsenault Emelia Bailey Owen Ballard Hayden Battaglia Lucien Beardsley Wyatt Bennett William Benson Cole Bishop Ava Bryant Olivia Bryant Junbei Chen Morgan Cole Amelia Connor-McCov Ryan Cooper Joseph Cowan Makenna Delaney Zoe Diffin Quinn Dillon Maeve Donnelly Madeline Downey Owen Dugas Sadie Fiore Rylan Flagg John Frank Nash Gagnon Andrew Gaudreau Kathryn Gooch Corinna Hahn Kyra Hamblen Addaline Hemingway Graham Henderson Rose Hepler Olivia Honkins Jude Huckaby Aryahna Hulit Kelsey Jalbert Braeden Johnson Eden Johnson Nolan Landry Madeleine LaPierre Samuel Larkin Jacob Lehmann Riley Lopez Savannah Lyon Samuel Munkacsi Ella Novak Hannah O'Reilly Lucas Ouillette Cameron Parker Mikaela Pellerin Kate Pelletier Trinity Phillips Nicholas Phinney

Kyla Piacitelli

Jayden Racine

John Reidy Lauren Rioux Keira Rosario Chloe Ruane Lillian Ruane David Russo Emma Sands **Christopher Sargent** Andrew Scribner Malachi Scribner Cody Sellick Eli Sjostedt Mason Sommers Joshua Sparrow Ryker Spear Damien Taylor Madison Woodcock Wyatt Woodsum Delaney Wright Lillian Zidle

Grade 7 - High Honors Colin Albert George Allison Natalya Asali Drew Baber Lauren Bachner Noah Badeau Curan Bassingthwaite Gavin Begonia Mallorie Bergquist Landon Bickford Brylee Bishop Caroline Bisho Allison Bishop Robert Boylen Callahan Connor Erin Castonguay Morgan Chapman Ainsley Christianson Kayleigh Cloutier Sydney Connolly Nathan Corey Calvin Cummings Kaitlyn Cushing Samuel D'Amico Mary DeWitt Nathan Doane Katherine Dupuis Morgan Edenbach Hailey Edwards Asa Farley Andrew Farr

Samuel Farr

Annie Frey

Charles Gav

Riley Grant Ainsley Gray Kylie Green Rachel Gross Sydney Haskell Madisson Hatch Kiara Hodge Julia Kratzer Stephanie Labrie Alexandra Light Elisabeth Loranger Bryce Lumbert Andrea Mitchell Dylan Morrell Jillian Morrill Emma Mullin Alexandra Myles Anna Nelson Julia Ordway Phoebe Richards Quentin Riiska Vanessa Russell Thaddeus Shain Devan Sherry Benjamin Shields Clara Shvets Kyle Skolfield Emma Stevens John Sutton Nicole Walker Alexandra Waterman Megan Wentworth Elijah Wyatt

Grade 7 - Honors Patrick Baker Ryan Bechtel Trevor Bennett Gisele Berry Sean Boylen Aaja Breton-Jalbert Kiely Burns Nikita Butenko Nathan Chase Bode Coleman **Hunter Connors** Kiah Curtis Sadie Cyr Izabella Densmore Aiden Dever Alden Dimick Tessa Dol Quinn Doyle Sarah Duff Sadie Dyer

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GMS Students Pitch an Idea for Gorham Teen Center at Inaugural LaunchPad Junior Event



Representatives from Mary Ridge's seventh grade social studies classes recently pitched their idea for a Teen Center in Gorham at Gorham Savings Bank's inaugural LaunchPad Junior event on June 6. Pictured (left to right) are Mark Thibodeau, Brooke Guimond, Dylan Morrell, Aiden Dever and Mrs. Ridge.



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Junior Achievement (JA) and Gorham Savings Bank (GSB) reached out to seventh grade social studies teacher Mary Ridge in the beginning of the year and invited one of her classes to represent Gorham Middle School in the first-ever LaunchPad Junior Program.

Ridge would only accept if all of her classes (102 students) could participate. "I believe firmly in equity and needed all of my talent there to be part of the exciting experience," said Ridge. Thus, it became Ridge's own personal

Two other local schools were given the opportunity to participate (Lincoln Middle School of Portland, and Mahoney Middle School of South Portland) but they chose just one class to represent the school. All three schools were assigned the task of creating a Teen Center. Each of the three schools came away with a \$1,000 check to start making their Teen Center a real-

"My four amazing social studies classes brainstormed lots of creative ideas and worked diligently in small groups. The combined efforts eventually merged into our all-inclusive model we voted to use," said Ridge.

"The collaboration, teamwork, innovative contributions, and positive

energy resulted in our 'Just 4 Teens Community Center' and I absolutely loved our logo and tagline...'The Only Missing Piece Is You,' " said Ridge.

The must-have components included the proposed Teen Center, a welldevised pitch, and student representatives for a Q&A session during intermission of GSB's fifth annual \$50,000 LaunchPad business competition.

Throughout the endeavor, students kept noting the important characteristics they would like to see in a Teen Center. Support, passion, encouragement, and a welcoming environment were all considered necessary.

"I am thrilled with the presence and depth these inspiring young people achieved. My hope is for them to become their personal best and to continue to be an integral member of so wonderful a community," said Ridge.

Ridge hopes that the partnership these students had with GSB and JA has motivated them to morph from what she refers to as "Juniorpreneurs" into entrepreneurs who may compete in the LaunchPad program one day themselves

After the event, Ridge met with 36 of the participating students who worked on the Teen Center to ponder where they go from here. The meeting resulted in a plan to hopefully make the Teen Center a reality by the time they graduate in 2022.



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Gorham to Receive Subsidy Increase

KATHY CORBETT Staff Writer

Gorham schools will receive an additional \$549,616 in subsidy (total of \$735,683) as a result of the budget passed by the State Legislature on July 3. Although towns had the option of using some of these funds to increase their school budgets, the Gorham Town Council had previously voted to use all of the money to reduce property taxes.

"With these additional monies," Superintendent Heather Perry said, "the schools' impact on the local mil rate will drop from what was anticipated to be an increase of 67 cents to now just 32 cents."

Nearly half of the State's school districts saw subsidy increases of \$40,000 or less. Some larger districts with more administration and students with special needs, or living in poverty, saw larger increases.

GMS Students Giving Back



At the end of the school year, the Gorham Middle School Student Council (SC) walked over to Village Elementary School to read to K-2 students. Council members shared "Pete the Cat" books with the students in eight classrooms. Funds from dance concessions held during the school year helped to purchase the books for Village students in honor of Read Across America Day, which was celebrated in March. Each class received a set of books after Council students finished reading them to the students. The students were well received and enjoyed sharing their love of reading with the younger students. For some SC students, they also had a chance to reconnect with previous teachers. A quick detour to "Cumby's" afterwards rounded out the fun and was a great reward for all.

GMS Hosts Maine Naturalization Ceremony for 60 Candidates



Photo courtesy of Gorham School Dept.

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) naturalized 60 candidates for citizenship during a naturalization ceremony at the Gorham Middle School (GMS) on June 7. Cindy Lembarra, USCIS acting field office director, administered the Oath of Allegiance, to Maine's newest citizens. Susie Hanley, GMS assistant principal, provided the welcoming remarks and the keynote speaker was teacher Heather Flanders. Students at GMS also participated in the ceremony by performing the National Anthem, along with other special musical selections, and led the Pledge of Allegiance. The 60 candidates originated from 34 different countries.

National Night Out CONTINUED FROM PAGE 6

be games, food, K-9s to pet and conversation.

National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live. National Night Out enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while

bringing back a true sense of community. Furthermore, it provides a great opportunity to bring police and neighbors together under positive circumstances.

The event is free and open to the community. For more information, please contact Gorham Rec at 222-1630. Windham Rec at 892-1905 or visit facebook.com/cumberlandcountyso/.



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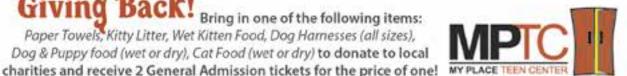








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The Town Council approved an employment contract and appointed Ephrem Paraschak as the Town Manager for the Town of Gorham. Paraschak will start September 1.

Murray Drive, located in Sanborn Meadows Subdivision, off of Mighty Street, is now a public road, and will be locally classified as a Rural Access Road.

\$42,888.28 was appropriated to the County Road Project from the completed New Portland Road Project.

The Town Council appropriated funds to be placed in a reserve account to pay towards the Town's \$500,000 local share of a road project on South Street, which was approved by the voters on June 13, 2017. The following amounts were approved to be moved: \$230,000 from the Road Project Account; \$8,437.39 of unallocated Capital Part 2 Funds from FY 2014, 2015, and 2016; \$12,037.65 from Rt. 25/114 Sidewalks; \$4,002.65 from New Portland Road Account; \$50,000 from Bond Cost in FY 2018.

A proposal to amend the Land Use & Development Code's definition of Day Care Home and Day Care Centers, to allow adult day care, was sent to the Planning Board for a Public Hearing and its recommendation.

Marla Stelk was appointed as the Council's Representative to the Gorham Village Alliance, which is a Committee to assist the Gorham Economic **Development Corporation's efforts** to join and implement the Maine Downtown Network Program.

The Town Council partially abated taxes in the amount of \$1,196.86 for property at 14 Woodside Drive and in the amount of \$817.07 for property at 16 Woodside Drive for the 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 fiscal years as detailed by the Assessor in his memo dated June 6, 2017, to correct an error in the assess-

The following people were appointed to a Steering Committee to assist and advise METRO Bus develop their new bus route to Gorham: Councilor Benner, Michelle Belhumeur, David Galbraith, and Tom Ellsworth.

The Town Council will ask the Ordinance Committee to consider developing an amendment to the Land Use & Development Code, to make it easier for Food Trucks and Food Carts to operate in Gorham.

The Town Council rescheduled its next meeting to August 8.

Complete minutes are available on the town's website at www.gorhamme.org.

Public Safety Agencies Looking to Expand CodeRED

SHERI FABER Staff Writer

Cumberland County Public Safety Agencies are hoping to increase the number of citizens who sign up for CodeRED, a nationwide emergency alert system used to notify residents of emergencies in their area. The app can be downloaded onto cell phones.

If there is a traffic accident or a fire that leads to a road closing, or any other emergency or threat to the safety of the public, citizens will receive an automated call notifying them of that issue.

While CodeRED is an existing program, the agencies are hoping to increase participation by an additional 80,000 people by August 5. The Town of Gorham as well as Westbrook and Scarborough and a number of other community organizations are expected to sign up. The more people who participate, the more effective the program will be.

To sign up, go to www.cumberlandcounty.org/130/regional-communications-center or Cumberland County.org, and click on the government tab and then choose regional communications under Departments.

Fort Hill Accident

utility pole as well. Fort Hill Road (Rt. 114) between Spiller Road and Dingley Springs Road had to be shut down for several hours due to the damage to the utility pole. Leclerc was transported to Maine Medical Center by Gorham Rescue with non-life threatening injuries.

SPORTS

GT's Russ Frank Delivers



The Gorham Times team of founder Maynard Charron, Board President Mike Wing, and Distribution Coordinator Russ Frank played in the Gorham Business Exchange golf tournament last month, and it was Frank who won the prize for closest to the pin with his shot on the par 3 13th hole at GCC. 3 feet 11 inches! Frank is practicing for a hole in one for next year.

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Linda (Hamblen) Fraser, 61, of Waterville. A private memorial was held on July 8.

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Tara McGarvey Sommers, Bachelor of General Studies, Humanities, Roger Williams University, Bristol, RI

McKenzie Meserve (Magna Cum Laude), Bachelor of Science, Interior Architecture and Design, Mount Ida College, Newton, MA

Evan Peoples, Bachelor of Art, Business Administration, McDaniel College, Westminster, MD Taylor Porter (Cum Laude), Bachelor of Science, Interior Architecture and Design, Mount Ida College, Newton, MA

Kristin Ross, Bachelor of Art, Biological Sciences, Binghamton University, State University of New York, Binghamton, NY

Victoria Sandeno, Bachelor of Art, Nursing, Luther College, Decorah, IA

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OF INTEREST

Gorham Lions Club will hold their 10th Annual Classic Car Show on July 30 in the Gorham High School Parking Lot, 41 Morrill Ave., from 6:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Show cars enter at 6 a.m. Car registration \$5. Food and beverage available for sale by Gorham Boy Scout Troop 73. Admission is free; donations are appreciated.

Gorham High School Class of 1977 will hold their 40th class reunion on August 26 at 4 p.m. at Ocean Gardens Restaurant, 390 Main St. \$40 pp. FMI, Holly Merriman Pride, hpride58@yahoo.com or Kim Bickford Goodrich, Kimberlygoodrich@gmail.com.

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

A Rosary Rally event will be held with Bishop Deeley and Father Lou Phillips on the lawn of St. Anne Parish on August 12 at 12 p.m. FMI, 615-0575.

Gorham's Community Theater production of "James and the Giant Peach" will be held on Friday, July 28, at 7:00 p.m. and Saturday, July 29, at 1:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. at the Community Arts Center, 34 School St. Tickets must be purchased in advance by calling 839-3755. \$10/adults, \$5/children.

Lakes Region Senior Center will present "Living Well for Better Health", a six-week course sponsored by SMAA that will start September 18. Each two-and-a-half hour session will be geared toward seniors dealing with ongoing health conditions. Free. Space is limited. To reserve your spot, call Blanche at 892-5604. Members of the public are welcome to participate.

Gorham resident and artist Kristine Biegel recently wrote and illustrated a children's book called "I Love You To Ten," a colorful, rhyming book for emerging readers that uses Maine inspired images for counting from one to 10. The book is available at local bookstores including The Bookworm, and Baxter Memorial Library will hold a reading and book signing on September 6 & 7 at 10:00 a.m. during Toddler Time. For more information, visit www. iloveyoutoten.com.

Maine Knights of Columbus Councils raised over \$85,000 in 2016 and 2017 during "Campaign for People with Intellectual Disabilities". Gorham resident and the community director for the Maine State Knights of Columbus Anthony Alfiero said, "In the last year, 57 of our 75 councils in Maine participated. We just want to help people."

Tim McCarty of Gorham has joined Clark Insurance as the Director of Loss Control Services. McCarty has decades of national experience in the safety field and has twice been recognized by his peers as the Maine Chapter Safety Professional of the Year of the American Society of Safety Engineers.



Knowles Industrial Services Corporation, one of New England's leading specialty contractors, recently announced the Gorham-based company has established an Employee Stock Ownership Plan and is now 100 percent employee owned.

The West Gorham Union Church, 190 Ossipee Trail, will hold its annual yard and bake sale on August 12 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sale also includes Rada Cutlery knives. FMI, 839-5946.

Safeco Insurance recently honored Chalmers Insurance Group Account Manager Darcy Spaulding with the Award of Excellence, in recognition of an outstanding agent who has developed a solid underwriting partnership with the company.

Neil Lamey and Jared Lamey of SERVPRO of Portland located in the Industrial Park were recently recognized during an Awards Extravaganza event at the recent SERVPRO(r) Annual Convention in Seattle, WA. SERVPRO of Portland received the Chairman's Gold award.



Jump in a canoe or kayak to explore the nature and history of the Hawkes Preserve. Geographer and hydrologist Maggie Burns who works for FB Environmental will lead this two-hour event on August 5 at 10 a.m. Free. Bring your own boat. Space is limited. RSVP is required at the Presumpscot Regional Land Trust website, www.prlt.org/events.

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 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 at the Little Falls Activity Center, 40 Acorn Street, is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Join them daily for coffee, tea and socializing. Ongoing 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 second and fourth Wednesday of the month. FMI, David 892-5604; Thursday Table Games at 10 a.m. and Friday Art Workshop at 9 a.m. 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.

CLOSE TO HOME

Windham Christian Academy offers tours of the school campus and facilities every Tuesday 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. throughout the summer. WCA is a pre-k through 12th grade private Christian school located at 1051 Roosevelt Trail, Windham. For an appointment or FMI, 892-2244 or office@windhamchristian.org. Walk ins welcome.

Scarborough Free Baptist Church, 55 Mussey Rd., will hold a homemade bean supper on August 5 from 4 to 6 p.m. Two kinds of beans and hot dogs, chop suey, cole slaw, biscuits, brown bread and dessert. Half of the proceeds will go to the Youth Group trip to Kentucky. FMI, 423-5851.

GHS GRAD NEWS

If you, or your son or daughter is a GHS graduate, we would like to share your achievements in the Gorham Times Of Interest section or in a Where Are They Now feature. Submissions should include the year of GHS graduation and should be no longer than 75 words. Contact Chris Crawford at ckck5@maine.rr.com, Kathy Corbett at ktcorbett@aol.com or Cindy O'Shea at coshea2@maine.rr.com.

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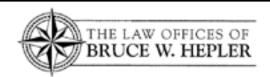


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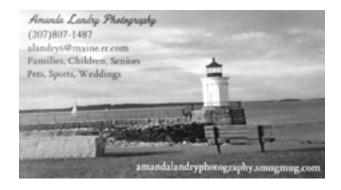
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Ossipee Trail caller reported a dispute over a breakfast sandwich that was not prepared properly as the paper had melted into the sandwich. She complained and was asked to leave the store. Peace was restored after the manager spoke to her.

Caller reported a suspicious person with a black hooded sweatshirt in the the cemetery. No one was found.

Suspicious person was someone who had pulled over to await a phone call. He told officer he did not like to drive while on the phone.

Caller reported a vehicle was littering on Ossipee Trail. Vehicle was stopped but driver denied it was him.

North Gorham Road caller asked officer to make contact with subjects who were harassing her. They were warned not to return to the property.

Officer was flagged down and told there was a used needle on the ground near Huston Road. Officer collected it and disposed of it.

Welfare check on North St. revealed subject did not live there anymore.

Two roommates on State St. were upset over music. They apologized to each other and all was calm.

Two parties on Elm St. were again told to stay away from each other.

Great Falls Road resident reported items missing from the cemetery. She was advised to contact police if she saw more suspicious activity in the area.

Two horses were reported loose on Farrington Road but caller managed to contain them before the police arrived.

Mountainview Drive caller reported their mailbox had been damaged.

Caller reported a traffic hazard on Spiller Road. Officer found a tree that was rooted but leaning on other trees.

Officer spoke with company worker whose equipment was blocking a travel lane on Spiller Road. They had no signs or flaggers and traffic was backed up for a mile.

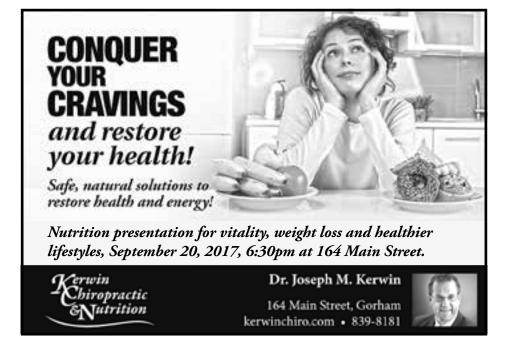
Suspicious person on Main St. was someone who tiles floors and was working late.

Disturbance on Brackett Road was a verbal disagreement about family members. Everyone agreed to stay calm.

Report of drunk juvenile girls who were yelling on Deering Road was two adult women who were having a loud conversation. They were asked to move along which they did.

Trespass notice was issued to a subject doing donuts on Ball Park Road.

Buck St. caller had questions about vehicles left on his property for several months. He was advised of the abandoned vehicle laws and told it was a civil matter.



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CALENDAR

THURSDAY, JUL. 27

- After School Board Games with Crossroads Games: Games will be provided or bring your favorite. North Gorham Public Library, 2 Standish Neck Road, 3-4:30 p.m. Free. FMI, 892-2575 or libng@north-gorham.lib.me.us.
- The Baxter Museum, boyhood home of James Phinney Baxter, is open for visitors on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. or by appointment. FMI, 839-3878.
- Art in the Park: Paint outside on the lawn. Paint, brushes, paper provided. Bring a lunch. 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m. Baxter Memorial Library, 71 South St. FMI, 222-1190.

FRIDAY, JUL. 28

• Blow off some STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, and mathematics) at Baxter Memorial Library's STEAM station. Learn about circuits, measurements, microscopes, engineering, etc., 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Baxter Memorial Library, 71 South St. FMI, 222-1190.

SATURDAY, JUL. 29

• Greater Gorham Farmer's Market, 8:30 a.m.-12 p.m., 71 South Street (Public park adjacent to Baxter Memorial Library).

MONDAY, JUL. 31

- Gorham House Itsy Bitsy store, 1:30-3:30 p.m., Gorham House lobby, 50 New Portland Rd. FMI, 839-5757.
- ST-ART, 30-minute class to introduce toddler (18 months-3 years) to various art mediums, 10-10:30 a.m. Baxter Memorial Library, 71 South St. FMI, 222-1190.

TUESDAY, AUG. 1

- The Gorham Cancer Prayer and Support Group meets the first Tuesday of every month at 6 p.m. at the Cressey Road United Methodist Church. All are welcome. FMI, 321-1390 or 839-3111.
- The Baxter Museum, boyhood home of James Phinney Baxter, is open for visitors on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. or by appointment. FMI, 839-3878.

THURSDAY, AUG. 3

- The Baxter Museum, boyhood home of James Phinney Baxter, is open for visitors on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. or by appointment. FMI, 839-3878.
- Reader's Theater: "Caps for Sale", 10 a.m. Baxter Memorial Library, 71 South St. FMI, 222-1190.

FRIDAY, AUG. 4

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SATURDAY, AUG. 5

- Greater Gorham Farmer's Market, 8:30 a.m.-12 p.m., 71 South Street (Public park adjacent to Baxter Memorial Library).
- Paddle the Presumpscot River, Hawkes Preserve, 10 a.m. RSVP at www.prlt.org/events.

MONDAY, AUG. 7

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TUESDAY, AUG. 8

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- Gorham Lions meeting, Old Elmwood School House on South Street (Rte. 114), 6:30 p.m. New members always welcome. FMI, 929-9182.
- Baxter Memorial Library Volunteer Appreciation Day, 7 p.m. Baxter Memorial Library, 71 South St. FMI, 222-1190.
- Steven Rowley, author of "Lily and the Octopus", 7 p.m. Baxter Memorial Library, 71 South St. FMI, 222-1190.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 9

 Cornerstones of Science/Water, activities to bring new awareness to the most abundant and important resources on our blue planet. 10-11 a.m. Baxter Memorial Library, 71 South St. FMI, 222-1190.

THURSDAY, AUG. 10

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- The Baxter Museum, boyhood home of James Phinney Baxter, is open for visitors on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. or by appointment. FMI, 839-3878.
- Gorham Memorial Post 10879, Veterans of Foreign Wars meets in the Gorham Fire Department training room, 270 Main St. at 7 p.m. All interested veterans are welcome.
- Friends of BML Meeting, 6:45 p.m. Baxter Memorial Library, 71 South St. FMI, 222-1190.
- Art in the Park: Paint outside on the lawn. Paint, brushes, paper provided. Bring a lunch. 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m. Baxter Memorial Library, 71 South St. FMI, 222-1190.

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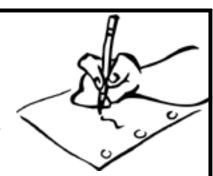
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Helping to Feed Our Neighbors



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Gorham Middle School students Kylee Keene and Kenisha Beeler are shown with fresh asparagus, rhubarb, and lettuce being donated to the Gorham Food Pantry from the GMS garden. Local gardeners are encouraged to share their summer harvest with neighbors in need by dropping off fresh produce on Wednesday evenings from 6-7 p.m. at the Pantry through late September. For more information, call 222-4351 or visit www.gorhamfoodpantry.org.

Gorham Boys Raise Money for MS



A group of GHS students participated on the Atlantic Fund Services team in the MS Plane Pull, a fundraising event organized by the MS Society, on June 10, at the Portland Jetport. The event is a giant tug-of-war between a team and a huge Fed Ex aircraft weighing more than 127,000 pounds. Sixteen teams participated in this unique event which raised over \$25,000 dollars to help find a cure for MS. Team Atlantic Fund Services won first place for most dollars raised, over \$4,000. The 25-member team included employees from the company, trainers from Iron Will Strength Studio and the "real" muscle from Gorham, GHS students (pictured left to right): Seth Richardson, Wes Brineger, Sam Orlando, Noah Jalbert, Cam Myles, Travis Matheson, and parent Keith Orlando.



Gorham Sightings

Do you know where in Gorham this photo was taken? Join our visual trivia discussion by entering your best guess on our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/gorhamtimes or email us at gorhamtimes@gmail.com. The photo in the June 29, 2017 edition is the house on the corner of Water and Church Streets.

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