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Class of 2018 Graduates Reminded to Make their Own Futures Bright



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ABBIE VANLULING
GHS Graduate Intern

On the afternoon of June 10, the street behind Merrill Auditorium was filled with joyous smiles, congratulatory hugs, and proud tears, as over 200 students appeared together for the first time as the Gorham High School (GHS) graduated class of 2018.

Just an hour and a half earlier, students had marched in to the theater to the applause and laudation of their family and friends, excited to receive their diplomas and set off on a new chapter of their lives.

The ceremony began with opening remarks by principal Brian Jandreau who then introduced class president and salutatorian Aaron Farr. He shared a story about academic experience, highlighting his own tendency to suppress his love for learn-

ing for fear of seeming too much like a “try-hard.”

Farr noted that he was happier when being a so-called overachiever, because he was doing what he loved, and encouraged the class of 2018 to always find what they love, be inspired, be adventurous, and most importantly, to be a “try-hard,” because being motivated comes from working hard regardless of others’ perceptions.

Next, valedictorian Alex Ousback encouraged his classmates to put their focus on what is important to them in life, and to forget about the pressures that pit students against each other. He emphasized that comparisons and rankings should not be motivation for success, but rather that graduates should focus on personal improvement.

After Ousback completed his speech, the senior chorus members

performed “Benediction: May We All Find Home,” and then keynote speaker, Andrew Wojtal, took the stage after being introduced by class secretary Kate Gilbert.

Wojtal is a 2007 GHS graduate who has led a life of performance, most notably in “Hamilton,” which he is currently touring as his second Broadway musical. In his speech, Wojtal focused on two things: imagination and enthusiasm. He encouraged the soon-to-be graduates when facing a struggle or difficulty to “do it the way you wish you could do it,” and therefore accomplish the success which you picture in your head. He noted that enthusiasm will always get the job done.

Following the keynote address, the class was presented with their diplomas by Jandreau and vice principal Christina Cifelli, and congratulated with handshakes and

hugs by vice principal Ryan Watts, senior class advisor Kerry Herlihy, superintendent Heather Perry, assistant superintendent Chris Record, School Committee members, and senior class officers Farr, Emma Cousins (vice president), Jessica Dusseault (treasurer), and Gilbert.

The class performed “Back Home,” by Andy Grammer, turned their tassels, and were sent off with well wishes by Jandreau to celebrate their commencement. Many graduates gathered at the high school for one last evening together, Project Graduation. The event continued through 5 a.m. at St. Joseph’s College and consisted of bowling, laser tag, swimming, massages, a hypnotist, and more.

Members of the Class of 2018 will continue on to college, the military, take gap years, or enter the work force.

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Being Present for Those Who Are Struggling

REP. MAUREEN TERRY

At my core, I am a chef. Before I became a wife, I was a chef. Before I became a mother, I was a chef. Before I became a business owner, I was a chef. Before I got involved in politics, I was a chef.

And before all of those things, I am a friend.

I am deeply saddened by the loss of one of my colleagues and for my friend, whose brother took his own life this week.

For the most part, we all put on a brave face before we head out each morning. It's a kind of coping mechanism we are taught at an early age. Fake it till you make it, right? Suicide happens when you can no longer fake it.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control just released a study on suicide rates over the last 20 years. Rates in nearly every state have risen alarmingly. The rate in Maine has gone up by more than 27 percent since 1999.

It's a common misperception that only clinically depressed people end their own lives. The CDC report tells us that more than half of American suicide victims have no history of mental illness. For these victims, a problem with their relationship, job, finances, physical health or sub-

stance use disorder seemed too big to overcome.

How do we help the people in our lives who are struggling? For starters, I think that empathy is key. Sure, sometimes that fake-it-till-you-make-it attitude is mastered by people who are in crisis. But, a lot of times, seeing that someone is struggling is clear – if we are watching.

My family is working on spending more time together; being present and having empathy for each other. We are a lively bunch for the most part and schedules sometimes get lost if we are not conversing together. At one point after dinner this week, all of us were sitting in the living room. I noticed no one was saying a word, but I could still feel everyone's presence. When I looked up, we were all glued to our phones, myself included. It is a difficult task to be empathetic if we are not seeing past our screens. We need to do better. Tonight, we'll do the hour before and the hour after dinner hangout device free.

We as a society are virtually glued to our devices. We read about celebrity suicides and repost calls to help find suicidal loved ones. But we still stigmatize mental health issues as someone else's problem, as weakness, as made up. We need to do better.

There was a time after the suicide of a famous comedian that news coverage and public service announcements littered our devices to help us understand suicide. But after a very short period of time, those stories disappeared. We need to take these lessons to heart and take the time to be present for the people we care about. If we do, we can demonstrate that no challenge is too big if we have the help we need from our friends, family and community.

If you or someone you know is struggling and needs help to keep going, please call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 1-800-273-8255 or the Maine Crisis Hotline at 1-888-568-1112. Thanks for reading and be well.

As always, please feel free to call or e-mail me if you have any questions or concerns.



Rep. Maureen "Mo" Terry is serving her first term in the Maine House of Representatives. She is a chef and small business owner with more than 25 years of experience in the food service industry. She serves on the Taxation Committee. (207) 712-9735, (800) 423-2900, maureen.terry@legislature.maine.gov

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Dear Editor:

I got a chuckle out of the letter to the Editor published in the last issue. I found it ironic that it reminisced about one room schoolhouses, but called out a dependence on health-care and automobile experts. A car built in 1960 was very different from the computerized, fuel injected, emission controlled Subaru mentioned in the letter. New technology and new medicines are responsible for improvement in healthcare and increases in life expectancy. Try teaching Coding or Molecular Biology in a one room schoolhouse!

My late grandfather attended a one room school in Southern Maine. He was the only person I've ever known who could recite the alphabet backwards. He was a capable carpenter who could add fractions of an inch faster than a calculator. He did, however, rely on me to reset his watch for Daylight Savings Time.

His education equipped him for success in his world. My education equipped me for success in my world. It's our responsibility to provide the education the next generation needs to be successful in whatever the world looks like in 2020, 2040, and beyond. We're going to rely on them to reset our watch, repair our Subaru, cure our illness, or address problems we haven't identified yet. If

they need a parking lot because they are involved with after school activities, that's fine with me. If they need a School Resource Officer to keep them safe, that's fine too. The world is different and change is inevitable.

I encourage your readers to support the schools and to invest in our kids. A \$100 increase in your taxes is cheaper than an hour of tech support to pull your pictures from the cloud and certainly less than hospital visit that could be prevented with a new vaccine.

Jeremy Stevens

Around Town

Ephrem Parschak recognized Public Works Dept. employee, Fred Lambert, who recently retired with over twenty years of service to the Town of Gorham.

Gail Platts of the Gorham Recreation Department recently achieved the Certified Park and Recreation Professional (CPRP) certification, one of the leading professional certifications in the field.

The bridge that carries Mosher Road (Route 237) over the Little River in Gorham is now permanently posted with a maximum weight of 38 tons. Vehicles over 38 tons should use Route 25 (Main Street) and Route 4 (Gray Road).

Seedlings to Sunflowers, a non-profit childcare & family center, is now open at 11 South Gorham Crossing.

TAKING A SUMMER BREAK

To honor the hard work of our staff and volunteers, the Gorham Times will enjoy a short break after the June 28 issue. The next issue will be dated July 26.

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Goodwill Buy the Pound: A Unique Shopping Experience

JOHN ERSEK
Contributing Writer

Many Gorham residents may be unfamiliar with the second Goodwill store in town, which is nothing like the traditional, smaller Goodwill store in the center of town. The second store called Goodwill Buy The Pound has been open since 2012, and is located in the Gorham Industrial Park at 34 Hutcherson Drive. It is in the same large building that contains a Goodwill recycling center, distribution center, and offices.

Goodwill Buy The Pound is a far cry from any typical retail store, even by Goodwill standards. An enormous, echoey warehouse-like room with very basic fixtures is where all the picking and selling takes place. This gives the Buy The Pound store an atmosphere somewhere between a permanent indoor flea market for society's unwanted items mixed with some old-fashioned dump picking.

The first thing a customer notices when walking in is that most of the space is occupied by twenty very large waist-high moveable bin tables on wheels, each about a foot deep. About once an hour, a line of employees emerges from the back room, each pushing one "table" slowly and carefully in a kind of grand, choreographed circuit into the public area. The bin will remain for about an hour, before it is wheeled out again, to be replaced by yet another container with similar cargo. Every 45 minutes, before the employees switch the bins around, a loud alarm buzzer goes off. All customers have to immediately drop what they're doing and move behind a red line while employees move the bins.

During the middle of a normal, busy day (weekends are the busiest) there can be as many as a hundred or more customers carefully picking through all twenty containers.

There is a huge variety of items including the sad, discarded decorations of Christmases long, long ago, electronic detritus documenting America's love-affair with wired and wireless gadgetry going all the way back the 1970's, and an endless supply of kitchen ware such as mugs, frying pans, utensils, and an occasional dish with a fine English china label on the back.

If one is in the mood for entertainment, it's usually easy to find enough of an assortment of used movies on



Photo credit John Ersek

Numerous bins and boxes await those who are willing to invest time searching for treasure.

VHS tape and a smaller number on DVDs, as well as music CDs, paperback novels, and well-used children's books. Speaking of children, many come here with their parents to find used books, used toys, used clothing, and other useful items. Buy The Pound is a place where families on an extreme budget can spend an afternoon shopping together, without spending much money.

Refurbished laptop and desktop computers, furniture, books, and appliances are on display along the walls. Certain specialized items such audio-visual equipment, cameras, and power equipment are located in a glass case next to the cashier's station.

Most of the customers know to wear latex gloves while picking. Everything is pre-sorted in an effort to remove actual trash and hazardous items, but considering the high number of items processed on a given day, the employees can only do so much.

Some people may wonder where unsold items end up if they are never purchased by one of Buy The Pound's bargain hunters. According to Goodwill, extensive efforts are made to ensure that very little is actually thrown in the trash. Discarded items are mainly things that should not have been donated in the first place, due to being filthy or dangerous. Goodwill has developed relationships with bulk buyers for just about every specific commodity imaginable, including stuffed animals, pots and pans, plastic DVD/CD cases, computer parts, and electrical cords. Metal, paper, and plastic material is recycled. Altogether, Goodwill-NNE calculates that their operations in Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont divert about 60 million pounds of materials from the waste stream every year.

Anyone considering shopping at Goodwill Buy The Pound for the first

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Food Pantry Works with Farmers

GORHAM TIMES STAFF

The Gorham Food Pantry took part in Happy Healthy Gorham festivities at the Farmers' Market on May 19. The Food Pantry's Executive Director Deb Tanguay and Board President Diane O'Neill were pleased to play a role in the day's events, seeing it as an opportunity to showcase some of the ongoing ways the Pantry is trying to guide its clients toward healthier eating habits.

Some of these efforts include working with Emily Beagle of Chapman's Farm (140 New Portland Rd.) and Josh Haiss of Landscape Revolution (formerly Silver Brook Landscape), as well as members of the Gorham Garden Club, to give away approximately 40 tomato plant seedlings to those clients interested in growing a bit of their own produce at home.

Thanks to the generosity of Happy Healthy Gorham, the Pantry also held a free drawing, giving one interested client a 4' x 4' raised garden bed. Other ongoing efforts include more labeling of fresh summer produce, educating both clients and volunteers as to the type of produce offered, and giving preparation tips.

The Pantry also continues to inform clients of an increase in low-sodium, whole-grain, and gluten-free options, and to foster relations with the gardeners/farmers from Smiling Hill Farm, Ossipee Trail Garden, Idexx, Chapman's Farm, and the GMS garden, who donate regularly throughout the growing season.



Photo courtesy of Gorham Food Pantry

The Food Pantry's Executive Director, Deb Tanguay, began passing out tomato seedlings recently, courtesy of the combined efforts of local farmers/businesses as well as the Gorham Garden Club and the Seiferth family, who donated sunflower seedlings.

The Pantry will be open extended hours to receive donations of produce from local gardeners: Wednesdays from 5-6:00 p.m. and Thursdays from 7:30-9:30 a.m. beginning June 20 through Sept. 26.

For more info. about summer produce donations, please call 222-4351 or e-mail director@gorhamfoodpantry.org. For more details on the new Five for Food fundraising campaign, please visit gorhamfoodpantry.org.



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Keeping Gorham Clean



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Gorham Village Alliance's "Sparkle Project" volunteers collected 117 pounds of trash from Village streets during a clean-up event on May 5. The organization which is made up of business owners, residents, and town representatives is leading the effort to revitalize Gorham's downtown. Pictured (left to right): Dede Perkins, Thom Courtney, Kathy Garrard, Steve Garrard, Holly Carter, Doug Carter and Dan Nichols.

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time is advised to read the store's official list of rules and policies, which can be found at <https://goodwillnne.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/02/Buy-the-Pound-shopping-policy-1.8.pdf>. Yes, there's a helpful list with such reminders as "Please do not remove any items from another shopper's cart and "Destruction of property before it is purchased is not allowed."

Shoppers will be given a verbal warning for any violations like pushing, shoving, and foul language and then asked to leave for a second

offense such as causing personal injury or fighting with other customers.

Some people may go to Buy The Pound to find a needle in a haystack, an unappreciated heirloom, or even a treasure, if only to the buyer. It can be said that Mainers are thrifty and appreciate finding a good bargain as well as the pursuit of one, and Goodwill Buy The Pound certainly proves that.

The store's hours are 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Saturday, and 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sundays.

FINANCIAL FOCUS

Lessons About Money Can Be Priceless Gifts to Children

PETE WATT

Father's Day is almost upon us. If you are a dad, you certainly may enjoy getting cards and gifts. But, over time, you will gain even greater satisfaction by what you can give your children – such as some valuable financial lessons.

These lessons can include the following:

Setting goals – If you are contributing to an IRA and a 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored plan, explain how you build these accounts now, while you are working, so you'll have enough money to enjoy a comfortable retirement someday. And you can bring your children into the picture, too, by telling them that another financial goal is saving enough to help send them to college or to further their education in other ways.

Value of understanding the financial markets – You may actually be quite surprised at how interested your kids are in investing, especially the concept of "owning" companies through stocks and stock-based vehicles. Depending on their ages, you might even want to show them the progress of your own investments and describe, in general terms, how different events can cause the markets to rise and fall, especially in the short term. You could even discuss the difference between the basic types of investments, such as stocks and bonds.

Putting time on your side – You might want to emphasize the importance of patience, and how investing is not a "get-rich-quick" scheme, but a process that requires decades of diligence and persistence. Let your children know that it is of great value to start invest-

ing as early as possible, so you can put time on your side, giving investments a chance to grow.

Living within your means – We all know that you can't always get what you want. Stress to your children that you can not just splurge on big purchases whenever you feel like it, because such behavior can lead to bad outcomes. Use concrete examples: If you have a car that is several years old, tell your children that it would be nice to have a new one, but you simply must wait until you can afford it.

Paying debts on time – Tell your children that, no matter how good a saver you are, or how thrifty you try to be, you still have debts, such as your mortgage payment, and it is important to pay these debts on time. You may not want to get too detailed about the consequences of missing debt payments – bad credit scores may not be that easy for children to understand – but you can certainly mention that if you are always late on payments, you might find it harder to borrow money when you really need it.

By sharing these principles with your children, you will, at the least, give them something to think about, and you may well find that you have helped start them on the path to a lifetime of making solid financial moves. Who could ask for a nicer Father's Day gift?



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Town Council JUNE 5, 2018

JACOB ADAMS
Staff Writer

Councilor Hager reported that the Finance Committee met on May 31 and discussed being slightly ahead on revenues and under on expenses in this quarter. The next Finance Committee meeting is on June 25.

Councilor Stelk stated that the Senior Land Use planner has been invited to attend the workshop on growth in Gorham and will hopefully give a brief presentation on a new 3-D software program to help get a handle on our projected growth in Gorham.

Chairman Hartwell reminded everyone about the new recycling rules and a new fact sheet on what is recyclable is available in the Town Clerk's office or online at www.gorham-me.org.

Councilor Hager asked the Council if it was a conflict of interest for him to participate in the Vote for the School Budget as his son is an employee of the School Department. The Council voted to let Councilor Hager participate in the School Budget Vote.

The following school budget items will be adopted and approved for 2018-2019 fiscal year:

\$17,411,436	Regular Instruction
\$5,978,034	Special Education
\$50,000	Career/Technical Edu.
\$907,355	Other Instruction
\$2,982,067	Student/Staff Support
\$1,182,852	System Administration
\$2,037,631	School Administration
\$1,887,848	Transportation/Buses
\$3,551,735	Facilities Maintenance
\$2,707,688	Debt Service/Commitments
\$0	All Other Expenditures

\$38,696,646 was appropriated for the total cost of funding Gorham public education from K-12 and \$13,378,358 will be raised as the municipality's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from K-12.

\$618,409 will be raised and appropriated for the annual payments on debt service approved by the municipality's legislative body for non-state-funded school construction projects, non-state-funded portions of school construction projects in addition to the funds appropriated as the local share of the municipality's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from K-12.

The School Committee is authorized to expend \$38,696,646 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018 and ending June 30, 2019 from the municipality's contribution to the total cost of funding public education from K-12, non-state-funded school construction projects, additional local funds for school purposes under the Maine Revised Statutes, unexpended balances, tuition receipts, state subsidy and other receipts for the support of schools.

The Town will appropriate \$245,860 for adult education and raise \$75,822 as the local share.

\$5,989,411 will be raised and appropriated in additional local funds which is required to fund the budget recommended by the School Committee.

The School Committee recommends \$5,989,411 for additional local funds and gives the following reasons for exceeding the State's Essential Programs and Services funding model by \$5,989,411. The State's funding model does not support all of the costs of the schools because it includes only those costs considered essential by the new State Essential Programs and Services (EPS) model.

Explanation: The additional local funds are those locally raised funds over and above the municipality's local contribution to the total cost of funding public education from Kindergarten to grade 12 as described in the Essential Programs and Services funding Act and local amounts raised for the annual payment on non-state funded debt service that will help achieve the School Department budget for educational programs

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Election Results

GORHAM TIMES STAFF

Gorham voters passed the \$38.9 million F19 budget approved by the Town Council 2431 to 1664. This represents a 3.5% increase over the F18 budget and adds \$255 to the taxes on a house assessed at \$250,000.

Faced with balancing taxpayer concerns with the need to accommodate a growing school enrollment, the Town Council reduced the budget proposed by the School Committee by \$346,000 on June 5. Although by law the Council may not tell the School Committee how monies are to be allocated, the Committee had informed the Council that further reductions would result in eliminating funds for additional instructional personnel. The reduction cut monies for busses, supplies, computers, professional development, and building maintenance, but it preserved funding for essential student services and keeps elementary class sizes within the acceptable range.

Residents also voted to retain ranked-choice voting for primary elections for state and federal officials, as well as for general elections of U.S. Representatives and U.S. Senators. The vote was 2158 to 2010.

Republican and Democrat primary voters used ranked-choice voting to select candidates for governor. Shawn Moody received 82% of the vote in Gorham, and more than 50% of the vote statewide to take the Republican nomination. As no democratic candidate received more than 50% of the vote, the final counts could be delayed for nearly a week as the State allows three days for municipalities to send in results.

Gorham's unofficial election results are as follows. For more details, visit www.gorham-me.org.

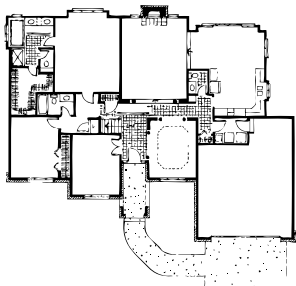
Democratic Primary Results

U.S. Senator: Ringlestein, Zak	1222
Rep. to Congress: Pingree, Chellie	1568
State Senator District 30: Sanborn, Linda	1560
State Rep. District 26: Terry, Maureen	717
State Rep. District 27: McLean, Andrew	834
Judge of Probate:	
Aranson, Paul	567
Kahill, Charles	385
Segal, Ruben	311
Sheriff: Joyce, Kevin	1425
District Attorney:	
Gale, Jon	510
Levy, Seth	320
Tarpinian, Frayla	527
Governor:	
Cote, Adam	462
Dion, Donna	20
Dion, Mark	120
Eves, Mark	223
Mills, Janet	530
Russell, Diane	40
Sweet, Elizabeth	246
Vachon, Martin	11

Republican Primary Results

U.S. Senator:	
Brakey, Eric	1063
Linn, Max	259
Rep. to Congress: Holbrook, Mark	1405
State Senator District 30: Volk, Amy	1607
State Rep. District 26: Hoyt, Kenneth, Jr.	683
State Rep. District 27: Densmore, Roger, III	794
District Attorney: Bates, Randall	1360
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Fredette, Kenneth	38
Mason, Garrett	133
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Moody, Shawn	1443

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Town Council CONTINUED FROM PAGE 5

The Town Council adopted the 2018-2019 Fiscal Year Budget with the following departmental totals:

\$1,644,874	General Government
\$4,362,213	Public Safety
\$2,716,969	Public Works/Solid Waste/Engineering & Insp Services
\$57,600	Health & Welfare and Social Service Agencies
\$550,487	Recreation/Community Center/Cable
\$489,261	Libraries and Museum
\$79,153	Development
\$1,800,707	Debt & Interest
\$178,431	Capital Items
\$2,501,608	Insurance and Employee Benefits
\$411,710	Other Town Services and Unclassified
\$14,793,013	Subtotal
\$1,169,303	Cumberland County Property Tax
\$15,962,316	Total
\$6,776,222	Non-Property Tax Revenues

The Town Council adopted the Capital Budget Part II in the amount of \$2,104,048 to be funded from the town's undesignated fund balance.

All taxes on real estate and personal property shall be due and payable upon approval of this Order and that one-half of all real estate and personal property taxes that remain unpaid on November 15, 2018 shall commence bearing interest on November 16, 2018, and that the final half of all real estate and personal property taxes that remain unpaid on May 15, 2019, shall commence bearing interest on May 16,

2019 at the interest rate of 8.0% per annum as authorized by Maine Law until paid and collected and the Tax Collector and Treasurer are authorized to collect and receive thereof.

The Town Council authorized the Finance Director to accept prepayment of real estate and personal property taxes.

An interest rate of 3.0% per annum to be paid on all real estate and personal property taxes rebated due to overpayment of taxes was established.

The Town Council now requires that any tax payment received from an individual as payment for any property tax be applied against outstanding or delinquent taxes due on that property in chronological order beginning with the oldest unpaid tax bill, provided, however, that no such payment shall be applied to any tax for which an abatement application or appeal is pending unless approved in writing by the taxpayer. The order will remain in effect until rescinded by the Municipal Officers. (5 yeas, 2 nays: Smith, Phillips)

The Town Manager was nominated for a year term on MMA's Legislative Policy Committee.

The Town Council asked the Ordinance Committee to consider developing an amendment to the Land Use & Development Code, which would increase the minimum lot size for new lots in the rural district. (4 yeas, 3 nays: Smith, Hartwell, Phillips)

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

Food Trucks in Gorham

EDMUND RICKER
Contributing Writer

Mobile Vending Units (MVU), commonly referred to as food trucks, were approved for Gorham in March. To date, only one permit has been pulled for the operation of a mobile vending unit in Gorham. The permit holder's name is Brian Foudriat and he operates Brian's BBQ Grill. Foudriat grew up in Gorham and now resides in Standish. He has been in business for four years and has operated in Portland, Lyman, Waterboro and other surrounding towns. Foudriat's opening day in Gorham was May 22 and he's excited to be operating in the town.

Currently located at 397 Ossipee Trail in the parking lot of the former Nicely's Market, he said business has been strong. In fact, he closed early on opening day because he sold out of product. For now, Foudriat plans to be open daily for lunch but suggested people check his Facebook page as his schedule may change.

Tom Poirier of the Planning Board shared some background details about

the ordinance's origination in Gorham. "Mobile Vending Units have seen a resurgence in the Greater Portland area and they feature more than just hamburgers and hot dogs. The Town Council was interested in the possibility of allowing them to operate in Gorham. Previously the only operation of this type allowed in Gorham had been a hot dog stand at White Rock Marina. In November 2017, the Town Council forwarded the idea to the Planning Board. There was a vast discussion on whether to allow MVUs to compete with brick and mortar establishments in the Village. It was decided to allow MVUs to operate in the Commercial and Industrial Districts first with the possibility of adding the Village Center and Urban Commercial zones at a later time."

Food trucks are required to be licensed by the Maine Department of Health and Human Services as well as to be in compliance with applicable provisions of the Town's victualer's ordinance. The Town Council recently voted to set the annual food service permit fee at \$150 versus the original proposal of \$500.

Planning Board JUNE 4, 2018

Following a public hearing, the Board recommended that the Town Council allow the utilization of sandwich board/A-frame signs.

The Shaw Family Foundation's request for approval of a site plan to begin the initial earthwork at 600 Main St. was approved.

Mega Industries, LLC's site plan

amendment at 28 Sanford Drive on property located in Gorham Industrial Park was approved.

Design Dwellings' request for preliminary approval of Douglas Woods Subdivision, a 14-lot subdivision located on South St., was discussed.

The next Planning Board meeting will be held on July 16.

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Senior Scholarship Night – May 30, 2018

The Gorham community recently awarded the class of 2018 seniors \$95,370 in scholarships.

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Isabella Solari

MITCHELL SCHOLAR:
Garrett Higgins

GHS PRINCIPALS AWARD:
Aaron Farr
Garrett Higgins

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS: TIMOTHY STICKNEY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP:
Emily Chapin

JULIE P. BURNHEIMER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP:
Michelle Rowe
Keltan Tanguay

DANIEL S. CLARK MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP:
Angelina Meserve

BENNETT AWARD:
Abigail vanLuling
Aaron Farr

DAWN YORK MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP:
Clayton Bassingthwaite
Haley Bickford

ANN MASON-OSANN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP:
Samantha Langevin

STEPHEN GORDON WARD MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP:
Aaron Farr

DANA ALLEN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP:
Michelle Rowe

BECKY HARDY PHILBRICK SCHOLARSHIP:
Caitlin Callahan
Kayla Stickney
Keltan Tanguay

MADOLYN H. QUINLAN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP:
Shayla Harris

ARTHUR & JANE FOGG MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP:
Owen Smith

THOMAS FOGG MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP:
Lucas Gowen

GORHAM TIMES – MARTHA T. HARRIS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP:
Nolan Brown
Owen Smith

GORHAM TIMES SCHOLARSHIP:
Abigail vanLuling

GORHAM LIONS CLUB/ED JOHNSON MEMORIAL:
Nolan Brown
Derek Kuusela

GORHAM WOMAN'S CLUB IN MEMORY OF: FRANCES MESERVE COTTON:
Courtney Cushing

ELIZABETH FOX:
Bridget Rossignol

LENA DAY: Shelby Leach

GORHAM WOMAN'S CLUB IN MEMORY OF EDWARD A. TABER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP:
Lindsey Boylen

GORHAM SAVINGS BANK SCHOLARSHIP IN MEMORY OF CARROLL WENTWORTH:
Kate Gilbert

JOHN D. PHINNEY/GORHAM SAVINGS BANK SCHOLARSHIP:
Alexander Ousback

D. BRENDA CALDWELL/GORHAM SAVINGS BANK SCHOLARSHIP:
Jonathan Scribner

CHAIRMAN'S SCHOLARSHIP – DANIEL G. WILLETT/GORHAM SAVINGS BANK:
Kaitlyn Jodoin

BERTHA BRIDGES WILLIS & RALPH "RUSTY" WILLIS SCHOLARSHIP:
Michelle Rowe

WILLIS REAL ESTATE-DIRIGO AWARD:
Kyle King

GORHAM BUSINESS & CIVIC EXCHANGE VIRGINIA WILDER CROSS BUSINESS AWARD:
Alexis Fotter

GORHAM BUSINESS & CIVIC EXCHANGE VIRGINIA WILDER CROSS CIVIC AWARD:
Aaron Farr

JANE BEEVER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP:
Shelby Leach

GORHAM HOUSE OF PIZZA SCHOLARSHIP – IN MEMORY OF AL EDWARDS:
Deidra Perreault

GORHAM HOUSE OF PIZZA SCHOLARSHIP – IN MEMORY OF DANA ALLEN, JOHN REED, MARTHA T. HARRIS:
Emily Goriss

FALMOUTH DENTISTRY SCHOLARSHIP:
Aaron Farr

KIWANIS CLUB OF PORTLAND KEY CLUB SCHOLARSHIP:
Kayla Stickney

GORHAM TEACHERS ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP:
Conor Battaglia
Lindsey Boylen
Saoirse Herlihy
Kyle King
Kayla Stickney
Abigail vanLuling

GORHAM HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP:
Camryn Morton

GORHAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY:
Lindsey Boylen

WESTBROOK GORHAM COMMUNITY CHAMBER SCHOLARSHIP:
Conor Battaglia
Michaela Desrosier
Deidra Perreault

VILLAGE PHYSICAL THERAPY ALLIED HEALTH SCHOLARSHIP:
Rylie Wareham

GORHAM ATHLETIC BOOSTERS:
Hunter Poitras
Bridget Rossignol

WINDHAM CENTER STAGE THEATER SCHOLARSHIP:
Nathan Bachner

GORHAM KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SCHOLARSHIP:
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Derek Kuusela
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Nora Susi

DENNIS HAWKES MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP:
Conor Battaglia

ERNIE HAWKES MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP:
Kayla Stickney

WILEY P. CHANDLER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP:
Alexis Fotter

JOHN N. REED MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP:
Shayla Harris
2018 WESTBROOK – GORHAM

ROTARY CLUB MOST IMPROVED STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP:
Payton Northcutt

RAM PRIDE AWARD:
Brooke Greatorex
Andrew Harjula

CHANDLER HAMILTON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP:
Conor Battaglia

GORHAM EDUCATION SUPPORT PERSONNEL ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP:
Jessica Dusseault

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Vanessa Berrill

THESPIAN SOCIETY SCHOLARSHIP:
Abigail vanLuling

STUDENT COUNCIL SCHOLARSHIP:
Meadow Fortier
Haley Keefe
Emily Murray
Benjamin Nelson
Anna Slager
Josephine Smith

EARLY COLLEGE FOR ME SCHOLARSHIP:
Matthew Davis
Sydney Levesque
Angelina Meserve

CASCO FEDERAL CREDIT UNION SCHOLARSHIP:
Karalyn Kutzer

WHITE ROCK FRIENDSHIP CLUB:
Keltan Tanguay

MAINE 4-H FOUNDATION – GLADYS CONANT & FARM CREDIT EAST SCHOLARSHIP:
Keltan Tanguay

CUMBERLAND COUNTY 4-H LEADERS ASSOCIATION:
Keltan Tanguay

WATSON FAMILY TRUST:
Meadow Fortier

MAINE STATE GOLF ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP:
Ryan Kaczmarek

FRANCES H. BOOTHBY SCHOLARSHIP:
Lindsey Boylen
Kayla Stickney

GWENDOLEN FLANAGAN SCHOLARSHIP:
Samantha Langevin
Marie Walton

MALCOLM SMITH MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP:
Anthony Chase

CHARLES C. SHAW SCHOLARSHIP:
Caitlyn Beaulieu

HARRY SHEVIS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP:
Alexander Ousback

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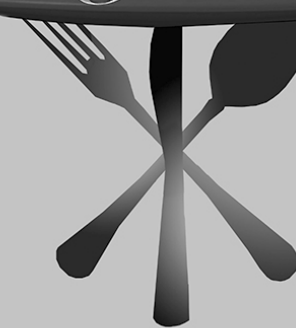
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Front Row (l to r): Claire Valentine, Hannah Beliveau, Hayley Bickford, Lauren Nagy, and Saoirse Herlihy. Back Row (l to r): Alexander Ousback, Meadow Fortier, Aaron Farr (class president), Garrett Higgins, Emma Cousins (class vice president), and Olivia Bowley.

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Front Row (l to r): Abigail vanLuling, Madeline Rossignol, Kate Gilbert (class treasurer), Clayton Bassingthwaite, Michelle Rowe, and Jessica Dusseault (class secretary). Back Row (l to r): Keltan Tanguay, Lily Whitten, Nathan Bachner, Andrew Harjula, and Stefan Street.

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Front Row (l to r): Nathaniel Hotham, Holden Edwards, Rose Verrill, Lydia Roberge, Sarah Shields, and Sarah McKnight. Back Row (l to r): Cameron Caron, Hunter Poitras, Colby Gould, Nicholas Sturtevant, Bennett Donohue, and Isabella Solari.

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Front Row (l to r): Drew Collins, Zachery Cagle, Owen Smith, Derek Kuusela, Benjamin Nelson, and Grace McGouldrick. Back Row (l to r): Maxwell Harvey, Emaan Yaqub, Meaghan Couillard, Tommi O'Neil, Allyssa Doughty, and Kaytlin Baker.

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Front Row (l to r): Lindsey Boylen, Emily Murray, Vanessa Berrill, Payton Northcutt, Jonathan Messer, Christian Hubbard, and Damian Cobb. Back Row (l to r): Rosemary Wood, Isabelle Burke, Sarah Bragdon, Kali Perry, Isabella Sawyer, and Kayla Stickney.

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Front Row (l to r): Karalyn Kutzer, Emelia Nejezchleba, Brittney Reed, Vanessa Therrien, Heather Jordan, and Rachel Jean. Back Row (l to r): Matt Davis, Jeremy Harmon II, Isacc Emerson, Jacob Guerrette, Sean Miller, Lucas Gowen, and Carlos Monsen.

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Front Row (l to r): Christopher Tucker, Kyle King, Noah Lambert, Jack Niles, Garrett Babineau, Michaela Desrosier, Cameron Roberts, and Jon Meyers. Back Row (l to r): Wilkins Rossignol, William Blanchard, Brogan McDonald, William Prescott, Samuel Burghardt, Jarod Heddeshheimer, Adam McKenney, and Harrison Nijkamp.

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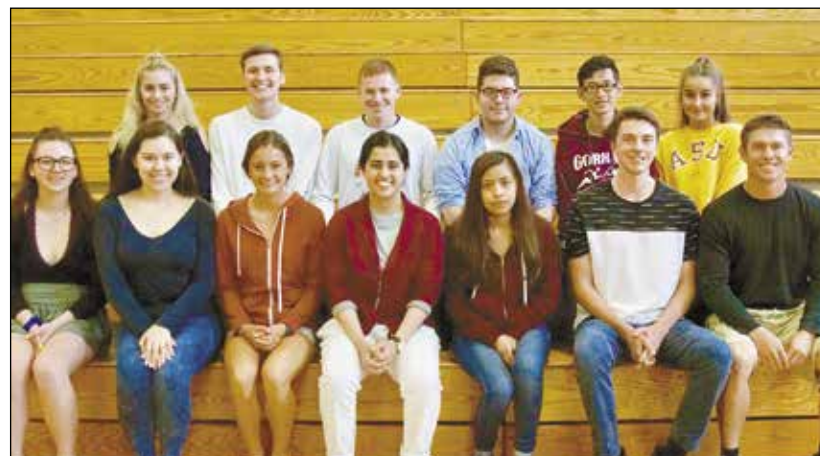
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Front Row (l to r): Allison Tanguay, Caitlin Callahan, Shayla Harris, Lucas Roop, Nolan Brown, Amanda Thompson, and Sydney Levesque. Back Row (l to r): Emily Emmons, Marie Walton, Deidra Perreault, Lyndsey Tucker-Estes, Alexis Fotter, Haley Keeffe, and Molly Barr.

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Front Row (l to r): Gabriella Fisher, Jillian Worster, Anna Slager, Asma Sayed, Clara Santos, Ryan Kaczmarek, and David Drew. Back Row (l to r): Olivia Garand, Nathan Brown, Conor Battaglia, Fernando Melo, Vy Duong, and Asal Bahmani.

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Front Row (l to r): Nora Susi, Madison Hincer, Camryn Morton, Jacob Estey, Josh Rowe, Angelina Meserve, and Sarah Nugent. Back Row (l to r): Brooke Greatorex, Emily Goriss, Courtney Cushing, Grace DeWitt, Bridget Rossignol, Hillary Robbins, and Emily Chapin.

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Front Row (l to r): Kyle Mason, Andrew Garcia, Stephen Klatt, Sean Pocock, Jonathan Scribner, Zachery McGouldrick, and Griffin Lappin. Back Row (l to r): Owen Basinger, Andy Pham, Matthew Mayberry, Shawn Crosby, Codie Deering, Kyle Grass, and Josh Landry.

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Front Row (l to r): Marisa Collins, Megan Polchies, Rylie Wareham, Jessica Bennett, Caitlyn Beaulieu, Josephine Smith, and Madison Mitchell. Back Row (l to r): Kaitlyn Jodoin, Claudia Bridget Daigle, Shelby Leach, Samantha Langevin, Babou Gatete, Teona Sok, and Colby Lewry.

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Front Row (l to r): Hannah Libby, Sarah Johnson, Sierra Lumbert, Benjamin Eichner, Ryan Norris, Jack Richards, and Devin McCaffrey. Back Row (l to r): Alekzander Porter, Chase Messer, Zachary Turner, Adam Petrin, Ian Butler, and Grace Libby.

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The following list of graduates are missing from the above photos:
Zachery Young, Derrick Burnham, and Mark McShane III.



Gorham graduates of local private high schools will be featured in the next edition.

GRADUATION

Valedictorian, Summa Cum Laude



Alexander Ousback
Son of: Erik and Holly Ousback

Salutatorian, Summa Cum Laude



Aaron Farr
Son of: Ronald Jr. and Jane Farr



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2018 Graduate

Congratulations Sean Pocock!

You are a wonderful son, brother and friend, and we are very proud of your hard work and dedication.

Love, Mom & Sam



Summa Cum Laude



Kaitlyn Jodoin
Daughter of: Jeff Jodoin and Jeanette Pretorius



Hannah Libby
Daughter of: Erin Libby and Jennifer Spear



Abigail vanLuling
Daughter of: Robert and Heather vanLuling



Magna Cum Laude



Caitlyn Beaulieu
Daughter of: Kari Beaulieu and Lori Sands



Emily Chapin
Daughter of: Ted and Chris Chapin



Caitlyn Cushing
Daughter of: Stephen and Ann Cushing



Claudia Bridget Daigle
Daughter of: Fred and Tracey Daigle



Meadow Fortier
Daughter of: Ed Fortier and Nicole Hopkins



Kate Gilbert
Daughter of: David and Kathryn Gilbert



Garrett Higgins
Son of: Tim and Maureen Higgins



Madison Hincer
Daughter of: Clark and Lisa Hincer



Grace Libby
Daughter of: Erin Libby and Jennifer Spear



Sierra Lumbert
Daughter of: Douglas and Janet Lumbert



Camryn Morton
Daughter of: Samuel and Samantha Morton



Emily Murray
Daughter of: Richard and Julie Murray



Emelia Nejezchleba
Daughter of: Lisa Nejezchleba and Kimberly Clark



Benjamin Nelson
Son of: Chris and Sara Nelson



Sean Pocock
Son of: Douglas Pocock and Sara McLaughlin



Madeline Rossignol
Daughter of: Lee Rossignol and Dyana Dubay



Michelle Rowe
Daughter of: Matt and Marie Rowe



Jonathan Scribner
Son of: Dana and Kirsten Scribner



Anna Slager
Daughter of: Joel and Barbara Slager



Josephine Smith
Daughter of: Benjamin and Sandra Smith



Claire Valentine
Daughter of: Vinton and Beth Valentine

2018 Graduate



Aaron Farr, Congratulations on this milestone and the exciting journey ahead. We love you very much.

Dad, Mom, Ryan and Andrew Best Wishes to the Class of 2018!

2018 Graduate



Emily, You are funny, beautiful, strong and smart. Remember that always. We are so proud of you and love you so much, Mom, Dad & Michael Chapin

2018 Graduate

Congratulations Matthew!!

We are ALL so proud of you! Good Luck at SMCC!

LOVE, Mom & Dad, Grammie & Grampy, Grampa & Pam, Grammie & Harry, Joni & Kenny, Pammy & Rich, Shannon & Parker, and Austin



2018 Graduate

We are so proud of you Ben! Continue to be brave, humble and kind. You are surrounded by love.

“And, when you want something, all the universe conspires in helping you to achieve it.”

— Paulo Coelho, The Alchemist



Cum Laude



Asal Bahmani
Son of: Ali and Renee Bahmani



Clayton Bassingthwaite
Son of: Craig and Tracey Bassingthwaite



Conor Battaglia
Son of: Brett and Kellie Battaglia



Jessica Bennett
Daughter of: Ted and Elizabeth Bennett



Hayley Bickford
Daughter of: Todd and Carolyn Bickford



Lindsey Boylen
Daughter of: Robert and Jennifer Boylen



Marisa Collins
Daughter of: Heather Collins



Bennett Donohue
Son of: Edward and Stacy Donohue



Alexis Fotter
Daughter of: Jeffrey and Cheryl Fotter



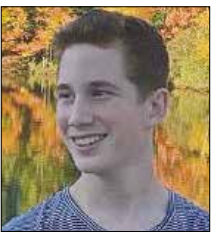
Olivia Garand
Daughter of: David and Mikel Garand



Brooke Greatorex
Daughter of: Todd and Renée Greatorex



Andrew Harjula
Son of: Michael and Lynda Harjula



Maxwell Harvey
Son of: Johnathan Harvey and Victoria Kahan-Harvey



Saoirse Herlihy
Daughter of: Kerry Herlihy



Sarah Johnson
Daughter of: Harold and Patty Johnson



Kyle King
Son of: Tim and Elizabeth King



Karalyn Kutzer
Daughter of: Robert and Kristen Kutzer



Zachery McGouldrick
Son of: Phil and Heidi McGouldrick



Deidre Perreault
Daughter of: Corey and Donna Perreault



Andy Pham
Son of: Kelvin Pham and Thao Nguyen



Lucas Roop
Son of: Matthew and Suzanne Roop



Clara Santos
Daughter of: Michael and Irma Lapham



Asma Sayed
Daughter of: Ghulam Ali and Fawzia Sayed



Sarah Shields
Daughter of: Robert and Polly Shields



Kayla Stickney
Daughter of: Christian and Tina Stickney



Trevor Stout
Son of: Natasha Stout



Stefan Street
Son of: Dean Street and Victoria VanSyckel



Nora Susi
Daughter of: Scott and Carolyn Susi



Christopher Tucker
Son of: William and Ann Tucker



Simeon Willey
Son of: Ron and Marjorie Willey



Jillian Worster
Daughter of: Larry and Bea Worster



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. Of Interest 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 kcorbett@aol.com or Cindy O'Shea at coshea2@maine.rr.com.

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*Congratulations to Gorham Rams
Class of 2018! Don't forget those who
gave you roots and wings.
-Senator Amy Volk*

Portland Arts & Technology High School (PATHS) Awards Night

MAY 31, 2018

NATIONAL TECHNICAL HONOR SOCIETY
Jessica Bennett (Commercial Art)

BETTY MAE GRANT SCHOLARSHIP
Adam Petrin (Auto Technology)

Class of 2018 National Honor Society

Nathan Bachner	Sierra Lumbert
Clayton Bassingthwaite	Grace McGouldrick
Vanessa Berrill	Camryn Morton
Lindsey Boylen	Emily Murray
Emily Chapin	Benjamin Nelson
Courtney Cushing	Jack Niles
Claudia Daigle	Deidra Perreault
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Garrett Higgins	Kayla Stickney
Madison Hinchler	Nora Susi
Kaitlyn Jodoin	Christopher Tucker
Haley Keeffe	Claire Valentine
Kyle King	Abigail vanLuling
Karalyn Kutzer	Marie Walton
Grace Libby	Lily Whitten
Hannah Libby	Jillian Worster

Gorham Times Announces Scholarship Winners

GORHAM TIMES STAFF



Abbie vanLuling was the recipient of the Gorham Times Scholarship this year. vanLuling began interning with the Times in the fall of 2016 and contributed greatly to the newspaper during her two years with the paper.

School Editor, Andrea Morrell, commented, "Abbie has been instrumental to the Gorham Times as an intern. She attended production meetings, took on any assignment that I asked her to do with eagerness and enthusiasm, met every deadline, and excelled at her writing and journalism skills. We wish her good luck as she begins a new chapter and have no doubt she will be successful in all that she does." vanLuling will be attending Babson College in the fall.

This year, Owen Smith and Nolan Brown were the recipients of the Martha T. Harris Memorial Scholarship. Harris, a lifelong Gorham resident who passed away from complications during chemotherapy in 2013, was a founding member of the Gorham Times. The scholarship is intended to keep her memory alive and honor Gorham seniors who



Photo courtesy of Jen Banks

Two Martha T. Harris Scholarships were awarded at the Senior Awards Night. Pictured from left to right is Nolan Brown, Jennifer Banks and Owen Smith.

would have had a connection to her, a love for things that she loved, or faced challenges that were handled with resolve.

Smith was selected for following his passion and his heart even when it's not the easiest nor most inexpensive route. Harris' daughter Jennifer Banks said, "He has given a lot of thought to his future and has chosen to stay in Maine and pursue the challenging field of mechanical engineering while studying and learning in a seacoast Maine town that would make my mother smile and grab her camera! This student's high school career

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WRVC Awards Night MAY 24, 2018

OUTSTANDING STUDENT BY PROGRAM:
AUTOMOTIVES: Derek Kuusela (Tools Awarded)
ELECTRICITY: Jared Foss
EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECH: Conor Battaglia
MARKETING: Asma Sayed

OUTSTANDING STUDENT BY SENDING SCHOOL:
Derek Kuusela

WRVC RESPECT AWARD:
Jared Foss

WESTBROOK GORHAM CHAMBER OF COMMERCE SCHOLARSHIP:
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Gorham Adult Education 2018 Graduates



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Gorham Adult Education congratulated its 2018 high school graduates at a ceremony on May 31 at Gorham Middle School. Pictured (left to right): Mikayla Guimond, Natalie Pratt, Elyse LaSalle, Abigail Gaudet and Jack Crockett. Missing are Luke Morgan and James Kimball. Gorham Adult Education wishes them success in all their future endeavors.

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was challenged with a cancer diagnosis in his family. I have, from a distance, watched the family be strong, rebound and focus on what is most important in life." Smith will attend Maine Maritime Academy.

Brown had a strong family connection to Banks and her mom since he was born. Banks said, "He shares her love of Maine, the outdoors, the changing sports seasons and she would be so

proud of him for continuing his sports career at the college level, while taking his academics, attendance and his family so seriously. She would have been proud of his perseverance and how aggressively he commanded the fields that he played on." Brown will study nursing at Husson College this fall.

The Gorham Times wishes these graduates much success in their future endeavors.



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Dancers Show Grit, Determination and Dedication

DESTINY COOK
Sports Editor

If you are on social media, you may have recently seen a flood of proud parents posting their children's pictures after dance recital weekend. Seeing the incredible costumes and videos of different routines had me wondering what goes into recital weekend and dance in general.

I was the epitome of a tomboy growing up. I had three brothers who I tussled with when we weren't playing pickle on the front lawn. My children weren't dancers, and watching "Fame" or "Flashdance" wouldn't exactly make me an expert on the subject.

What I did have was a true appreciation for the sport. My Irish twin was a gymnast and eventually a coach. I saw his dedication and what he put into that sport. I decided to do a little digging and ask some of the Gorham children and young adults who I had seen in these posts and who so willingly put in their time in for the sport of dance. What I found was inspiring.

RYAN COOPER:



Photo credit Raina Cooper

Cooper (GMS-7th Grade) started dancing five years ago at the age of eight. His sister was a dancer and he thought it looked fun, but didn't want to be the only boy in the class. A local dance studio started an All Boys Hip Hop class and he's been hooked ever since.

His instructor April, has shown him moves like tripods, pinwheels, dive rolls, and so much more. Cooper said, "I really like the costumes she picks out for us each year because they're like real clothes."

Having a great audience and family support is a key part to each dancer's success. Ryan's mother Raina Cooper, said, "His brother (Tony) and sister (Julie) have been to every one of his recitals. I love how supportive they are and how dedicated Ryan is." She also said she is beyond proud of him and his accomplishments.

Tony said, "You can tell he's having fun and enjoys what he's doing when he dances. I'm very proud of him and it takes a lot of courage to get up on stage in front of all those people."

His sister, who no longer dances, said, "Ryan's dedication to his dance

class has always been superb. He works so hard, going to class every week and practicing."

Like many of the other dancers, Ryan said, "I have made good friends in the classes and even though one of my friends moved away, I still remain good friends with him because he is the class."

AIDEN AND ABIGAIL FORTIER:



Photo courtesy of Fortier Family



Photo courtesy of Fortier Family

Dance is a family affair with Aiden and Abigail Fortier. For Aiden (GMS-6th Grade), his mother Becky said he wanted to sing, dance and perform since he could walk. "When he started kindergarten, we signed him up for soccer, flag football, basketball, and tee ball. Little did we know that Aiden's true pleasure came from making up dances to the music from his favorite Disney shows. Knowing nothing about the performing arts, we kept Aiden in sports until grade 2."

When he was in second grade, his parents saw an opportunity to sign him up for hip hop dance through Gorham Rec. From there he was encouraged to sign up for dance classes and she said, "The rest is history!" As he grew, he attended many dance conventions taking classes with well known choreographers in the industry. Aiden has been honored to receive recognition at every convention along with exceptional training and feedback.

Currently he performs in the genres of jazz, contemporary, ballet, hip hop, acro, tap, and musical theater. He has also competed a solo and duet performance for the past few years with great success. When asked what he loves about the sport, he said, "I love dance because I can show my true personality through movement. It is hard for me to be myself at school but I feel so comfortable with my dance family. With dance, I can be 100% me."

He said he would dance all day every day if given the chance. "I train for 15 hours a week at the studio." This summer, Aiden will be attending Joffrey Miami Summer Intensive and No Boundaries Summer Dance Program in Massachusetts. "I want to keep pushing myself to get better and better," he said, adding that his big aspirations include dancing in college and being part of a ballet or contemporary dance company. "And, of course, being on Broadway would be amazing!" he added.

Abigail (Great Falls, 4th Grade) is not only a dancer, but she also plays soccer and basketball. Her mother said, "She is a fierce competitor and loves to dance as well as playing sports." Like her brother, she has attended numerous dance conventions and competitions, also receiving various recognition, awards and scholarships.

When asked what her favorite part of dance is she said, "I love that I can express how I am feeling through dance. I like to feel the music and movements. I also like being part of a team and love my dance friends."

Success for Abigail can be attributed to her dedication to the sport. She stated, "I dance all the time... even when I am not in classes. I take around eight hours of class every week and love competitions and conventions. My favorite style is contemporary and I really like to perform solos." She has successfully performed a solo since age seven.

She has thought about her future and her mother said she plans to dance for many years to come. Abigail would like to be on the Jazz/Contemporary senior company team at her studio. She said, "The older girls at the studio make me work harder and I dream of being where they are!"

HALEY HAMANN:

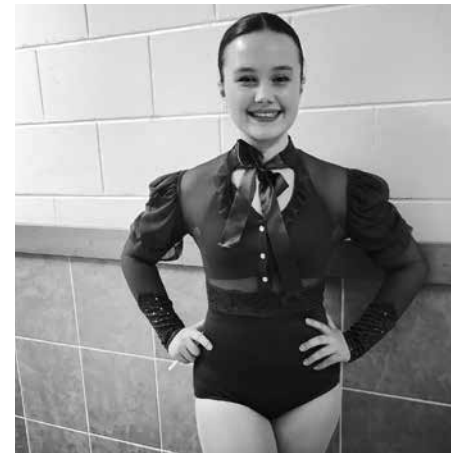


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Hamann (GMS-7th Grade) always loved dancing. Her interest was piqued when she went to a recital that her friends were performing in. She said, "That made me want to try taking classes. My first classes were tap and it is my favorite."

The amount of time Hamann devotes can vary from one dance season to the next. Not only is she a dancer, she is also an assistant to her teacher, helping during two pre-school classes. "This past year I took ballet, musical theater, tap and jazz classes," Hamann said, "so this was about eight hours a week and some-

times we work on the weekends. I also take classes and intensives (meant to accelerate skills, explore the dancer's abilities and push their boundaries) in the summer which is part of being on the company dance team."

Hamann, who dances year round, has been dancing for seven years and has been inspired by many of the older dancers in her studio. "They are great role models and they are so good. I see them dancing a lot and I want to work up to the level that they are at." She said she is very inspired by her teachers and would someday like to be a dance teacher herself. "They have taught me everything I know about dance and I can tell that they really believe in the kids that they work with."

MAEVE HIGGINS:



Photo courtesy of Crystal Arsenault

Higgins (GHS '20) started dancing when she was only two years old, but had always been around dance as her older sister started when she was young. She said, "I have been dancing for about 13 years now and couldn't imagine doing anything else." Higgins spends approximately ten hours a week on dance. She added, "I got serious about dance when I was about eight or nine years old and started competing when I was ten. As a studio, we attend about three regional competitions and one national competition per year." Her favorite part of dancing is the competitions because she loves spending time with her team and performing on stage.

Higgins finds dance to be a major stress reliever, despite the fact that it can be fun and tiring. She really enjoys choreography and has been given the opportunity to choreograph her own solo for competition which was a very rewarding experience. She said everyone is supportive when trying out new moves or stepping out of their comfort zone.

Higgins said, "Another important aspect about dancing is the community and friendships that I have made from being on such a close knit team." The dancers come from many different towns so she has been able to expand her network of friends. She shared, "I am planning to continue dancing competitively throughout high school and hopefully I will be able to find a way to dance in college, as well."

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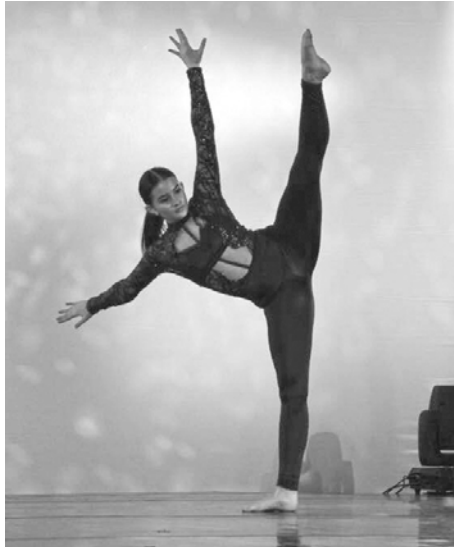


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GRACE PERRON:

Perron (GHS '19) began her dance career when she was about three. Both her mother and grandmother were dancers so, of course, her mother started her in creative movement classes. "As I got older it got more serious and the show So You Think You Can Dance definitely got me a lot more interested in it." When Perron was seven or eight, she wanted to be a bigger part of the

dance scene and was asked to be part of the competition team.

There are many reasons Grace enjoys dance. Being with her friends is the first reason but the end of year recital, she said, is such a rewarding time for the team.

"Recital is our time to just have fun and do all of our dances for the last time. Dancing on stage with my best friends in front of all of our friends and family is one of the best times of my life," she said.

Perron devotes a lot of time to dance. It's not like regular sports teams where there are "seasons," rather, dance is a year-round sport. She said, "We only have school vacations off and one week after recital before auditions for the next season. We dance all summer. I am usually at the studio every day of the week except Friday and Saturday. A lot of hours are put into it which can get super exhausting!"

Perron also loves the feeling of going on stage to perform. "As far as the competition scene goes, my favorite part is standing backstage right before I go on for a routine. I live for that feeling, the adrenaline of the seconds before you go on stage is amazing."

MARISSA WILSON:

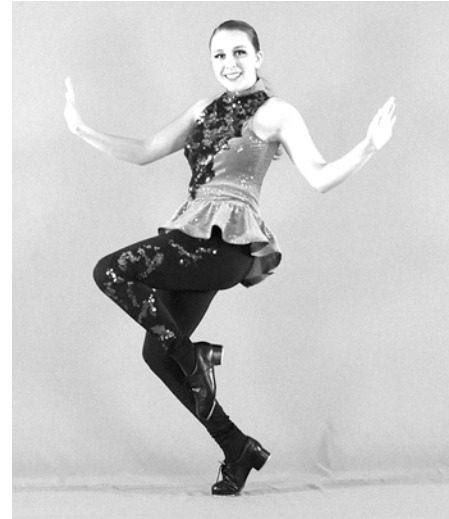


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Wilson (GHS '21) has been dancing since she was four years old. She said, "It all started with my mom dragging my sister and me to dance every Tuesday." Wilson has been dancing for 11 years now and this year, she is committed to dancing 15 hours each week.

She stated, "Every year we do about three regional competitions with three or four extras that are optional. Then at the beginning of summer, we do one national competition." She said the fun

part about competitions is being with all her friends and the bonds they form while working together.

Wilson said dancing is certainly an adventure, "It is also really fun going through the emotional roller coasters with one another and it always feels like we are one big family!" Her biggest inspiration is Mariel, her instructor, because she has shown her that she can do whatever she wants, that she should set her mind to it and try her best.

Finally she said, "I have continued to dance because it is a really good way for me to let out my stress, express my emotions and it is also a great way for me to stay in shape. I also love dancing because I am always with my dance family!"

There are many reasons to dance, whether it's because your mom "dragged" you, as a way to stay in shape, or maybe reduce some stress. But one thing is very clear, it's a big commitment. Some children will stop dancing altogether, some will go on to college and dance, and a few might even go on to Broadway; but in the end, it's like a family and some of the best friends and greatest accomplishments these children have made is through their dance community.

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Play by Play: GMS Girls 7th Grade Softball



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Kaci Mollison slides into home during a recent game against Scarborough.

DESTINY COOK
Sports Editor

The Gorham Rams 7th grade softball team defeated the Scarborough Storm for the second time this season on May 21. Coach Lisa Curley shared the play by play.

The first inning Gorham gave up a disappointing six runs, but then they got their bats moving and scored six runs to even it out. Abby Cloutier hit a double knocking in Lillian Zidle and Elisabeth Willette.

Katie Martin had one RBI and then scored herself putting the Rams ahead 7-6. Miranda Chasse came up in the second with two outs and hit a solo home run and the beginning of a rally.

Elizabeth Ward and Rylee Tenuta both had singles and scored to make the score 10-7.

Kaci Mollison pitched the first three innings and ended on a strong note with three up/three down in only four pitches in the third. In the fourth inning, Miranda Chasse took the mound and held Scarborough to one run and Gorham scored Kaci and Miranda. Gorham was up 13-8.

The final inning saw Scarborough earning two runs but it wasn't enough to overcome. Zoe Diffin hit a single to get the ball rolling. Chasse hit a triple to get the RBI and score Diffin. Elisabeth Ward had a sacrifice single to score Chasse. Final score Rams 15, Storm 10.

McGouldrick named Maine Gatorade Player



Photo credit Janice Drew

The Gatorade Company, in its 33rd year of honoring the nation's best athletes, announced Grace McGouldrick (GHS '18) as its 2017-2018 Gatorade Maine Softball Player of the Year on June 4. McGouldrick is the first Gatorade Maine Softball Player of the Year to be chosen from Gorham High School. The award, which recognizes not only outstanding athletic excellence, but also high standards of academic achievement and exemplary character on and off the field, distinguishes McGouldrick as Maine's best high school softball player. She is now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Softball Player of the Year award, which will be announced later this month.

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OF INTEREST

The Gorham Cooperative Preschool is celebrating its 50th year this year, and founder Betty Lou Banks, stopped by to say hi to some of the current students. Pictured (from left to right) in the front row: Olivia Johnson, Mia Crockett, and Jeremy Stover. Back Row: Betty Lou Banks, Karen Lin, Orion Provencal, Lilly Crockett, and Mary Mathieson.



Great Falls Construction will be holding a Station Square Family Day for those who would like to tour the construction site and ask questions about the project on June 16 from 10:00 a.m. to noon. All are welcome. Coffee, tea and water will be available.



The North Gorham UCC will hold a Bean-Hole Bean Supper on June 16 from 4:30 – 6 p.m. serving beans baked overnight in the ground, homemade pies and brown bread, hot dogs, coleslaw, and potato salad. 4 Standish Neck Rd.

Pack 85 Wolf Scouts cleaned graffiti off the wooden bridge near Village Elementary and picked up three bags of trash along the stream as part of its community service assignment. Pictured (from left to right) are Nicholas Harrington, Wyland Herrick, Jaxson Chestnut, Connor Kenniston, Camden Curtis and Jack Feldhaus.



The Gorham Lions will meet on June 26 at 6:30 p.m. at the Old Elmwood School House on South Street (Rte. 114), New members always welcome. FMI, 929-9182.

Jasmine Keenan will present on the "Essence of Oils" and the use of oils in everyday life on Friday, June 29, at 10 a.m. at Lakes Region Senior Center, 40 Acorn Street. Admission is free and refreshments will be served. FMI tday1@maine.rr.com.

Critter Camp is back at First Parish Church! Children from pre-K to 5th grade are invited to join us for a week of outdoor exploration, games, and nature crafts. Join leader Allie Rimkunas and a crew of excited volunteers on July 2, 3, 5, and 6 from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. for a free, fun-filled week! For more info and to register, call 839-6751 or email admin@firstparishgorham.org

The Girl Scouts of Maine Troop 618 partnered with Paula Smeltzer, Vice President of the Gorham Garden Club, to complete their Community Take-Action Project. The flower bed, located in front of the Baxter House Museum facing South Street, is bee and butterfly friendly to help the dwindling populations of these very important insects. The girls will be taking turns throughout the summer and into fall watering and maintaining the flower bed.



Gorham Rec is sponsoring a new social club for dads looking for ways to be more engaged with their kids. First meeting is June 18 from 7-8 pm in the multipurpose room. Come join the discussion and explore ways we can connect with our sons and/or daughters. For more information, contact Jim Karcanes at 222-1636 or email at jkarcanes@gorham.me.us.

"Shipwrecked" Vacation Bible Camp will take place June 25-29 from 8:30-11:30 a.m. at Cressey Road United Methodist Church. At Shipwrecked, children will discover that Jesus rescues them! Open to children age 4 through finishing 5th grade. Register on-line at www.cresseyrdumc.org. There is no cost. Donations accepted. Register now and venture onto an uncharted island where kids survive and thrive!

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White Birch Lane caller reported someone had stolen her vehicle. Officer located the vehicle and the person had a bill of sale as well as the title to the vehicle so it had not been stolen.

North Gorham Road caller reported someone she knew was threatening her.

Public Works reported a vehicle parked at the end of White Birch Lane. Officer found a male and a female sleeping in the vehicle. Officer checked out both occupants and then asked them to leave.

Man on Main St. was made aware that his vehicle was being repossessed.

Officer made contact with a woman outside a store and told her to move off the property if she wasn't shopping.

Caller found a kayak on the side of Ossipee Trail. She was advised to hang on to it and police would contact her if someone called looking for it.

Fort Kent man reported his vehicle had been damaged in the Hannaford parking lot. Officer determined damage was old as damaged area was covered with dirt and salt.

White Birch Lane caller reported that someone had been at front door, attempting to kick the door in but left before police arrived. No threats of assault had occurred and woman did not want to pursue charges.

Caller reported a suspicious person on Main St. acting weird and carrying a big bag. Caller quickly called back to say person had been waiting for a ride and had been picked up.

Officer went to Maple Drive in response to a harassment complaint. Woman admitted to texting and saying things in the texts. She was warned for harassment.

White Birch Lane caller reported her cell phone stolen. Officer returned the following night and noticed she had the missing phone. She told officer she had misplaced it and the battery was dead.

Male and female were reported arguing on Fort Hill Road near Pheasant Lane. Officer found the male near Fort Hill Park. He said his brother and his girlfriend had gotten into an argument but no one was hurt or in danger. Man was very intoxicated so officer dropped him off at 7-11 and called his mother to pick him up.

White Birch Lane caller said her son's cat, which he had taken, had been peeing blood. She was advised it was up to her son to take care of the cat.

Subject wearing dark clothes was walking from Portland to Dow Road at 5:40 a.m. Officer gave him a ride home.

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Gorham Adult Education Watercolor students, taught by local artist, Maddie Lou Chaplin, hosted the annual Watercolor Art Show & Reception at Baxter Library on Friday, May 18. The event was attended by students, family members, friends and local residents. Artwork will be displayed through Friday, June 15. Pictured (left to right) are Mikki vanSummern, John Jackson, and Carolyn Jackson.

The Gorham Food Pantry will have extended hours from June 20 — Sept. 26 to receive donations of produce from local gardeners. Donations can be dropped off on Wednesdays from 5-6:00 p.m. and Thursdays from 7:30-9:30 a.m.

SENIOR PROGRAMS

Lakes Region Senior Center, located at the Little Falls Activity Center, 40 Acorn St. 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 last Wednesday of the month. FMI, David 892-9604; Thursday Table games at 10 a.m. and Friday Art Workshop at 9 a.m. FMI 892-0299.

The Lecky Brown Center for Seniors will present part two of their "Let's Talk" series on "Basics of Dementia: Exploring Alzheimer's and other forms of dementia" on June 28 at noon, led by Bill Jenks, president of Home Instead, Inc and the Maine chapter of the Alzheimer's Association. Please feel free to bring your lunch and join us. The Lecky Brown Center is located on the 3rd floor of First Parish Church. FMI: 839-6751 or firstparishoriginals@gmail.com.

The Town of Gorham Senior Mealsite hosts lunch every Wednesday at St. Anne's Church. Social time 11:30 a.m., meal is served at 12:00 p.m. Suggested donation \$4. Volunteers are also needed to help in the kitchen. FMI 222-1630.

The Gorham Medical Closet located at the Municipal Center 75 South St is free and available to Gorham residents in need of portable wheelchairs, shower seats, commodes, walkers, canes and more. FMI 839-3859, 329-4976, 632-2178, 839-3630, 839-2484, 839-3228, 839-6682, or 839-3494, 839-6450.

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CALENDAR

THURSDAY JUNE 14

- The Baxter Museum open for visitors, 10 a.m.–1 p.m. or by appointment. FMI 839-3878

SATURDAY JUNE 16

- Greater Gorham Farmer's Market, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., 71 South Street (Public park adjacent to Baxter Memorial Library).
- Bean-Hole Bean Supper, 4:30-6 p.m., UCC at North Gorham, 4 Standish Neck Rd.

TUESDAY JUN 19

- The Baxter Museum open for visitors, 10 a.m.–1 p.m. or by appointment. FMI 839-3878
- Last Day of School, Gorham Schools

WEDNESDAY JUNE 20

- Spring Into Summer: Summer reading program kick off, 2-6 p.m. Baxter Memorial Library

THURSDAY JUNE 21

- The Baxter Museum open for visitors, 10 a.m.–1 p.m. or by appointment. FMI 839-3878

FRIDAY JUNE 22

- Animal Refuge League, 10-10:45 a.m., Baxter Memorial Library.

SATURDAY JUNE 23

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

TUESDAY JUNE 26

- Kevin Hawkes: Fantastical Beasts, 10-11 a.m. Baxter Memorial Library.
- The Baxter Museum open for visitors, 10 a.m.–1 p.m. or by appointment. FMI 839-3878
- Gorham Lions Meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the Old Elmwood School House on South Street (Rte. 114), FMI, 929-9182.

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